

Ignorance is the mother of scepticism. Ignorance does not abound to any great extent in Sullivan County.

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County Seat Indices.

Farmers are busy these warm spring days.

Editor Newell was in town on Monday taking notes.

Emma Gallagher is slowly recovering from an attack of appendicitis.

Will the Dewey campaign committee have a Board of Lady Managers?

Ireland shouldn't permit England to pull the shamrock over her eyes.

Mrs. Walter Spencer is visiting her daughter Miss Jennette at Picture Rocks.

Miss Ambrewster of New Jersey, spent Sunday at the Lauer homestead.

J. W. Ingham, of Sugar Run, is the guest of his brother Judge Ingham this week.

W. E. Porter and wife of Canton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tripp over Sunday.

J. W. Flynn and wife were Easter shopping in Williamsport last Saturday.

Max Frankel has accepted the position of bar tender at the Commercial Hotel on Main street.

Admiral Dewey suspects that he has already talked too much. This is the beginning of political and any other sort of wisdom.

Prof. O. L. Davis, of Franklinville, Pa., was in town Saturday night receiving a cordial greeting from his many friends.

Joseph Sick of Cherry Mills and J. W. McCarty of Lopez were pleasant callers and cheerful paying subscribers to the NEWS ITEM Monday.

All the British generals in South Africa seem pretty well satisfied with their locations. At least they manifest no desire for a spring moving.

Mr. Philip Karge is dangerously ill at his home in Laporte township. At times he has been very low during the past week.

Morgan Gavitt has moved his family to Sonctown where they will reside during his appointed term as secretary of Congressman Polk in Washington.

Our friend and good paying subscriber Henry Huffmaster made this office a call on Monday, in company with R.C.R. Kschinka who enlisted in our army of readers.

The fishing season opened on the 16th, owing to the fact that the 15th came on Sunday. Nevertheless some of the too ardent disciples of Izaak Walton baited hooks and cast lines on the good day.

Glorious weather on Easter was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of this cold section. The sun was undimmed, the air balmy and all nature seemed to rejoice and put on new life.

Mr. Shopbell, of the firm of Shopbell, Gamble & Co., Williamsport, died in Baltimore on Friday. He was a man of high standing in business and religious circles of his city.

Lumberman M. E. Reeder finds pleasure in dairying and was up in New York state again last week buying more head of high blooded stock. Butter of his manufacture is of the choice quality and meets ready sale.

Now the yellow journals are after Funston for meting out swift and deserved punishment to a couple of murderers whom he captured. Some people imagine that war can be carried on without bloodshed.

The Porto Rican bill does not go into effect until May 1, but its beneficial results will be evident at once. The men who have been holding back their sugar and other property from export will now abandon the hope of free trade and will get ready to ship them. This will make work and restore prosperity.

Otto F. Behr of Lopez and Miss Edith Heacock of Dushore were married on March 28. Mr. Behr is one of the best known and most highly respected young men of Sullivan county. The NEWS ITEM extends congratulations to the happy couple.

Secretary Gage has notified Congress that the revenues for the next fiscal year will be some \$70,000,000 in excess of the expenditures unless some abnormal expenses be incurred. If possible, some action will be taken to reduce taxation, but if this has to be postponed to next session, the country will at least have the consolation of knowing that a surplus is better than a deficit with an issue of bonds to save the Treasury from disaster.

The Ganuski family at the Taney who have been a town charge on this Borough for some time past, moved to Scranton last week where several of the well grown children have found employment. Their worthy example might well be followed by other charges who are idle and apparently have more than some self respecting citizens who support themselves and pay outlandish taxes to the poor fund.

The Lake Mokoma Land Co. have advertised the lake and surrounding land in their possession at public sale on May 2. It is rumored that a syndicate composed of professional medical men are contemplating the purchase of this property and develop it into a large sanatorium. Dr. Heberton of Hughesville who has a cottage near the lake and enjoys the climate there with invited guests whenever his business permits, is loud in his praise of the lake and the climate which he has found to be highly invigorating and of the kind most desirable for an invalid or over-worked person in recuperating. If the above mentioned syndicate should make the purchase it is an assured fact that Lake Mokoma will have her natural resources developed.

The audience that heard Webster Davis lecture on the Boers in Washington last Sunday night was not composed of anti-administration men who took up the cause of the Boers only in order to attack the President. On the contrary, it hissed down all anti-administration remarks and applauded only the parts of the speeches that dealt with the Boer question alone. In other words, it was a republican audience and it showed plainly that the Democrats have no monopoly of sympathy with the Boers in their struggle for independence, even though they do not see what the United States can do about it.

Jurors Drawn for May Term of Court.

- William L. Carrington, Mathew J. Burns, George W. Lawrenson, Robert Rosengrant, Lawrence Lavelle, Edward J. Flynn, Herman Behr, J. Reese Kilgore, Corneilus J. Harrington, Joseph Richlin, George Hartzig, William L. Jennings, Guy Baker, Bert Haazen, Henry C. Boatman, Andrew Edgar, John Litzelman, Thomas H. Gallagher, Frank Campbell, John Yonkin, Walter Lawrenson, Thomas L. Bedford, John Botsford, Asa G. Little, W. Lincoln Sheets, Oscar O. Barnes, John Bradley, Enos McGee, Jacob L. Snyder, William Boyles, Grant Little, John A. Speaker, Harry Kellar, George Suber, Abraham L. Kilmer, James Spence, Jr.

Albert Glidewell, James Sweeney, Gabriel Bowman, C. Murry Toyer, Roland Martin, McClellan Phillips, Henry Pritchard, Thomas S. Tomkins, Frank Shoemaker, Burton K. Luther, Bernard E. Bohn, Peter M. Whitacre, William Snyder, Charles M. Barth, William A. Leonard, Benjamin B. King, Levi Huffmaster, Valentine Rohe, W. Kerr Holmes, Henry E. Fawcett, Asa Fawcett, John Miller, Saddle S. Rogers, Daniel S. Phillips.

A Large and Harmonious Gathering of Party Representatives.

Monday's Republican county convention held at the Court House was perfectly harmonious throughout and its work was performed with promptness and dispatch. The attendance of delegates was almost complete and the voting at the primaries in many districts was large, which goes to prove the great interest taken in party affairs in the county.

The convention was called to order by County Chairman F. P. Vincent, at 2 p.m. John W. Rogers Esq., of Forksville was elected to preside over the convention. M. C. Mercur of Eldredsville, and Dan Schonover of Bernice were chosen vice-presidents. The secretaries were F. H. Ingham, Vernon Hull and J. J. Teevan.

Voting was all done by acclamation, there being no contesting for honors. Chairman Vincent was the unanimous choice for re-election by virtue of the excellent manner he conducts the duties of his office. The convention acted wisely in their choice of Walter L. Hoffman as delegate to state convention, and R. H. Guy as alternate. Congressional conferees are Robert C.R. Kschinka, and Ulysses Bird who have the power to choose their alternates.

The county delegates who so ably took part in this convention and upon whom will rest the grave responsibility of naming a county ticket that is able to win at the polls and one that will not cause dissension within the rank and file of the party are as follows:

- Bernice.—R. H. Guy, D. Schonover, Wm. Brown, Joel Saxon. Cherry.—Lawrence Lavelle, R. C. R. Kschinka, Jos. Sick, H. G. Huffmaster. Colley.—Davidson.—L. M. King, D. H. Lora. Dushore.—H. N. Osler, Dr. P. G. Biddle, D. E. Mings, James Cook. Eagles Mere.—C. F. Cheney Clarence E. Dunham. Forks.—Fox.—R. S. Fanning, S. U. Morgan, Sam Leonard, A. B. Kilmer. Forksville.—W. E. Miller, J. W. Rogers. Hillsgrove.—A. A. Ludy, S. E. Harrison, C. W. Saddler, Vernon Hull. Laporte.—F. H. Ingham, Wm. Shoemaker. Laporte Twp.—Ray Kesler Jr., Wm. Botsford. Lopez.—W. J. McCarty, J. D. Cooper, Wm. Snyder, V. D. Burgess, A. L. Parish, Tho Shunginger. Mt. Vernon.—Jamison City.—Ringdale.—Ricketts.—Henry B. Gary, John C. Cornell. Shrewsbury.—Charles Rohers, G. Henry Little. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the Hon. Galusha A. Grow for Congressman at large.

RESOLVED, That we deem it inexpedient to nominate the county ticket at this time, and therefore defer the nomination of Representative, Associate Judge, District Atty. Jury Commissioner and Coroner to an adjourned meeting of this convention to be held in the Court House at Laporte, at a time to be fixed by the Chairman of the Republican Standing Committee.

Following are the names of the standing committee.

- Bernice.—John C. Schaad. Cherry.—Robt. C. R. Kschinka. Colley.—O. O. Barnes. Dushore.—H. N. Osler. Davidson.—D. H. Lora. Elkland.—O. H. McCarty. Forks.—E. R. Warburton. Fox.—S. U. Morgan. Forksville.—John Randall. Hillsgrove.—D. Grafius. Laporte Twp.—Ray Kesler. Lopez.—Wm. J. McCarty. Shrewsbury.—R. W. Bennett. Ringdale.—S. Mead. Ricketts.—F. C. Kuns. Laporte.—W. C. Mason. Mt. Vernon.—Geo. W. Lawrenson. Jamison City.—Geo. W. Lilley. Eagles Mere.—E. V. Ingham.

Uncle Sam will accept the Delagoa Bay award rather than give arbitration a black eye by rejecting it. Yet the affair furnishes only one more proof that arbitration is not practicable where continental Europeans are the judges. These will always disregard abstract justice and strike an average between rival claims.

Fleishmans vegetable compressed yeast will be kept on hand at the store of Mrs. M. C. Lauer.

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WANTED—Some one to plant the garden on the John Green lot, on share. Apply to Mr. Brewster 707 6th street, N. E. Washington, D. C.

TO THE PUBLIC.—WHEREAS, Jean Gaetler, of Laporte twp., Sullivan county, Pa., is a pauper, who is at present chargeable to the Poor District of said Township, and whereas the Overseers of the Poor of said district have provided said pauper with the necessary means of subsistence by furnishing him with suitable and necessary wearing apparel together with boarding and lodging, in the family of John Rosencranz, in Laporte township; this therefore is to notify all persons not to give said Jean Gaetler any credit or to harbor him at the expense of Laporte Township Poor District as said Poor District will pay no bills contracted by him.

JOSEPH SHAFER, PHILLIP PETERMAN, Overseers of the Poor of Laporte Township, Sullivan Co. Pa. April 3, 1900.

Wall paper at popular prices at J. W. Bucks, this week.

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A Laporte lady remarked, but yesterday, that she thought Rettenburys the most reliable place to buy from she ever knew, as it was not necessary to go to the store and examine what you bought; simply send your order and the amount you want to pay, his judgment never fails in sending what will please you, the goods will be reliable and exactly what he tells you. Twenty years experience, as he says in his advertisement, has enabled Mr. Rettenbury to make all repairs to watches and clocks in a thorough workmanlike manner to which the NEWS ITEM and his many patrons can testify. He will tell you what the cause or trouble is with your time piece and the price at which it can be properly repaired and regulated so as to be reliable. As every one knows, a watch or clock that does not keep correct time is no ornament but a source of vexation. Many people would be glad to pay a few dollars a year to have their time pieces kept in order, but they don't know that J. V. Rettenbury is a competent horologist.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorables John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Associate Judges of the Courts of Over and Under and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 9 day of March, 1899, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 28th day of May 1900, at 10 o'clock p. m. Therefore notice is hereby given to the Coroner, Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper person at 10 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions and examinations and other remembrances to those things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Apr. 14, 1900.

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