

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

So that there is But Little Scepticism about the Value of

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County Seat Indices.

There is considerable Lagripp in this vicinity at present. Wm. Kennedy was in Titusville, this week. Judge Dunham is holding court in Williamsport this week. Wm. Hartt, of Campbellsville, was a business man in town Tuesday. The Messenger house owned by E. M. Dunham is receiving a new coat of paint. Dr. W. T. Reedy, of Hughesville, is in town practicing dentistry this week. Mrs. F. H. Ingham, daughter Eunice and son Fritz are all on the sick list. Mrs. Frank Grant visited friends in Warren Center, Bradford county, this week. The County Commissioners held their monthly meeting the early part of the week. Mr. Albert Conklin attended the Baptist Sunday School convention held at Muncy, last week. A child of Mr. and Mrs. John Keeler, of Nordmont, died on Tuesday, May 8th of pneumonia. Mrs. O. W. Bennet, located on the Mason farm, has just received an up-to-date line of spring Millinery goods. F. M. Crossley and son Ellery, and T. M. Kennedy took in the Sells-Forepaugh show in Williamsport, last week. Kansas is to organize a farmer's trust. This is certainly running the octopus into the ground where it belongs, deep down. Seven skidways of logs aggregating in value about \$3000, belonging to Bennett & Peal of Eagles Mere, were burned Monday. Prof. L. L. Ford kindly extends his thanks to the people of Laporte for fighting the forest fires from his summer house at Mokoma Place. Roaring Branch will have a new tannery in working order within sixty days more, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. Forest fires extending from head of Muncy creek to Cherry run are making interesting times for Sutton, Peck & Company and the Lyons Lumber Company. Martie Gallagher's son, William, fell from a fence on Tuesday and sustained a very bad cut on the right cheek. Dr. Willson was called to dress the wound. While at work at one of the rollers in the tannery Monday night Wm. Heim Sr. had the misfortune to get his right thumb so badly crushed as to necessitate amputation of a part of the injured member. At present he is doing well. Mas or LaRue Bird, of Estella, is now part of the News Item force, serving his apprenticeship which has the distinguished title of "devil". The dynamiters who tried to destroy the Welland Canal, failed to do so because they were drunk. There is a great temperance moral in that, but we are not quite sure just how it bears. Stones, large and loose, and ditches deep and dangerous in great abundance in the public road to Eagles Mere. Stew Chase, if here, might excite the authorities to do better.

The Sullivan Publishing Company stockholders met at the office of the secretary, T. J. Ingham, on Monday, and re-elected the officers of the previous year. A dividend of five per cent was declared for the stockholders.

On Tuesday the state treasury passed into the hands of Colonel E. Barnett, who succeeds J. J. Beacom. The balance in the general fund at the time of the transfer was \$3,500,000.

The intimation that a team with a loaded wagon going down the Ingham hill got fast in one of those water crossings and was unable to extricate the load, is probably a mistake—in the direction the team was going.

Orator Pull, who speaks from the smokestacks of manufacturing and commerce, will make speeches night and day all over the country in the coming campaign. For full particulars address his advance agent Wm. McKinley, Washington.

The saw mill of E. F. Ives, located near Eagles Mere, was totally destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, entailing a loss of about \$5,000. It is said that no insurance was carried. Forest fires is likely the cause of origin.

Miss Julia O'Donovan completed her term in the second grade of the Borough school on Thursday. Owing to loss of time the other grades will continue for several days longer.

Master Herman Yeager left on Monday for Freeburg, Pa., where he will attend the spring term at the musical college, devoting his time to the piano.

The Ladies Society of the Baptist church, will serve ice cream in the Baptist Church parlors every Saturday evening during the summer, commencing Saturday evening May 12.

All the big States that have recently been holding Republican convention are out strong for expansion. They want to extend the markets for American farm and factory products.

Exports of American manufactures will pass the \$400,000,000 mark for the fiscal year ending with next month. In 1895 they only amounted to \$183,595,743. And yet, there are a few people who still opposing protection and commercial expansion.

It was in 1895 that Senator Hoar delivered a speech in which he said, speaking of the tree planted by the first American settlers: "Its boughs hang over the Pacific; and in time—in good time—it will send its roots beneath the waves and receive under its vast canopy the islands of the sea." Why, this must be that good time.

Europe affords the best market for American farm products and manufactures, buying from us almost to the extent of a billion dollars a year. Why not keep on terms of friendship with our best customers.

A Kansas editor has referred to the Honorable Champ Clark as "a diamond pin in the shirt front of freedom". Those who have witnessed the manner in which the gentleman from Missouri hops about from issue to issue are disposed to regard him as a sort of a lynch pin in the shirt front of freedom.

What Lincoln was to his country in his day, McKinley is to the country to-day; and the nation which expressed its endorsement of Lincoln by re-electing him to the presidency, will set a similar mark of approbation on the latest of his distinguished successors.

The trust problem will soon be solved even if Congress does not adopt any law on the subject. The individual states are rapidly passing laws controlling the operations of trusts incorporated in other states and practically confining them to their own homes. This will soon turn the tide in favor of smaller corporations, as few states are large enough to support trusts all by themselves.

Judge Metzger, of Lycoming County, and legal circles in other parts of the State have considered considered the expediency of separating "amateur" offenders from the hardened criminals who are confined in the prisons. It has been the experience of jail wardens that where youthful offenders, held or convicted for a trivial crime, have been allowed to mingle with adult culprits, the association has always been detrimental to the morals of the younger prisoners.

Is it not about time for the Democratic party to call upon the country to put them in power, so that they may reduce the dangerous surplus in the United States Treasury? That is one of the few promises made by it that was faithfully fulfilled, and, in doing so, it also reduced the surplus of almost every citizen in the Union. As a surplus reducer and a deficit creator that party has a record that can not be successfully assailed.

A peculiar circumstance connected with the accidental death of Joseph Walterhouse, at Muncy, was related Monday. Walterhouse saw Thomas G. Swenk, the Western Union operator, receive a telegram from his wife, Walterhouse's wife in Wilkes-Barre, addressed to his parents, telling them she has heard that her husband was dead and requesting to be told when the funeral was to take place.

At this moment Walterhouse heard a freight train approaching, and exclaiming that he was the liveliest corpse they ever saw, made a grab for a handle, missed it, fell and was ground to pieces.

The Reporter Journal, (Republican) of Towanda, has divulged the secret of its great success to its brother publishers of financial contraction by publishing the following:

"A gentleman who is a candidate for political honors asks if the Reporter Journal will publish a sketch of his life in the interest of his candidacy. To which we reply, that we will be glad to do so—at the regular advertising rates of the paper. So plain a business proposition involves no doubt in the mind of the publisher and can have but one answer. Inasmuch as we have been asked the same question by several other candidates for office a few words on the subject may not be out of place at this time.

"The Reporter Journal is a newspaper whose object, primarily, is to make a living for its publisher. The publication of the news and matters of general interest are incidental to that end. The publication of matters calculated to advance personal interests or the private gain of its readers or the public does not come within the scope of this policy, and all communications or articles of this nature must be paid for. They are clearly and properly a legitimate source of revenue to the publisher who does the work.

"The foregoing statement is made for the benefit of a large class of persons who have a very crude conception of the functions of the newspaper and who seem to think that it should do for nothing a work that has a definite pecuniary value to those for whom it is performed."

The NEWS ITEM will not attempt to figure up the amount of this class of advertising and labor it has given away. Were it now to be paid us in one lump we would feel like contributing \$10,000 of it to the National campaign fund.

Judge Thompson, of the United States District Court at Cincinnati, has decided that the law does not require any revenue stamp to be fixed to bonds of notaries public.

A party of pupils of the Vera Cruz State Normal School will leave Jalapa, Mexico, to-day to visit Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Washington and other cities.

A Denver despatch says that it will take two weeks and \$200,000 to repair the damage to the roadbed of the Colorado and Southern Railway in Platte Canon by the recent floods.

The converter and billet mills of the Illinois Steel Company's plant at Joliet are closed indefinitely, as the result of the closing of the American Steel and Wire Company mills. About 2,500 men are idle.

At Ysletta, Tex., Pablo Alvarez, a jealous lover, while attempting to shoot his sweetheart, Miss Logan, accidentally wounded two young men. The young lady is dead from the effects of shock.

The system of registering letters by mail carriers was on Saturday extended to 163 postoffices, and there now remain less than 100 cities having free delivery where this system is not in operation.

It is current talk in Yokohama that 30,000 Japanese will leave their native country this summer for British Columbia; and, it is believed, that the number coming to the United States will be enormous.

The wedding of His Imperial Highness Crown Prince Yoshihito, of Japan, and Princess Sada Ko, daughter of Prince Kujo, which is to take place May 10, will be attended with great rejoicings at Yokohama.

The survey for the Japanese Railway from Seoul, capital of Corea, to Fusan, has been completed, but it is not likely that operations will be begun, as the Japanese Government hesitates to guarantee a subsidy.

Alexander Sabiston, the head of the Sabiston Lithographic and Publishing Company, shot himself, presumably by accident, in the offices of the company, in Montreal, Saturday, and died a few minutes after.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says that the Czar has ordered the Chief of Police of Moscow to cease all extraordinary precautions for his safety, saying: "I have come to see my people, not the police of Moscow."

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will sell ice cream Saturday night every two weeks, beginning May 12, at the residence of Mrs. C. E. Grimm.

Famous Maryland Men's Clothing. Made to Order, Express and Guaranteed to Fit. The stylish kind of Suits, Overcoats and Trousers, made by best city merchant tailors, are made in our workrooms at about one-half what you have to pay at retail.

The Famous Maryland Carpets. We publish a 16-color illustrated book, which shows Carpets, Rugs, Portières, Lace Curtains and Bed Sets, Table and Piano Covers, etc., in their exact colors, styles and designs, so that by looking at these color plates you can tell exactly how the fabric itself appears.

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DUSHORE, Pa. At close of business, Dec. 2, 1899. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$163,975 98 U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation 12,500 00 Premium on United States Bonds 1,000 00 Stock Securities 15,151 00 Furniture 1,200 00 Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt 86,790 31 Reimburse Fund U. S. Treasurer 72 00 Specie and Legal Tender Notes 18,888 19

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss. I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. M. D. SWARTS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2d day of May 1900. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

The Northwestern Yeast Co. of Chicago, Ill. are out again this year distributing free samples of their now famous Magic Yeast. There is hardly a man, woman or child in the United States not familiar with the good qualities of this favorite bread raiser.

Have you seen Buschhausen's wall paper? It's up to date and prices are right too.

FOR SALE.—A Saw Mill in first-class condition. Capacity, 40,000 to 50,000 feet per day, in hemlock. Can be seen in operation until June 1st, 1900. Practically new. For further particulars, address CHAS. W. REEDER & Co., Laporte, Pa.

The business of the town in canned goods is at Buschhausen's. Wall paper at popular prices at J. W. Bucks, this week.

The old reliable Towanda shoes for sale at Buschhausen's. Mr. James McFarlane is agent for the Celebrated Pitkin Paint and Specialties. This is the oldest mixed paint manufactory in America and their goods are guaranteed not to chalk, crack or peel off when properly applied and to last longer than any mixture of Trust Lead and Oil.

COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorables John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer 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 Mar. 1899, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 28th day of May 1900, at 2 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 seats at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions 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.

ASK YOUR DEALER FOR THE Creighton Shoe For Ladies. WARRANTED. \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 PER PAIR. Perfect Fitting, Best Wearing and Most Reliable Shoe sold. For seventeen years our product has been a Standard Shoe for Women, and is to-day conceded to be one of the most reliable and thoroughly honest lines of Ladies' Footwear on the American market. Sold through our authorized Agents. All styles, sizes and widths.

Creighton Shoe For Ladies. Sold exclusively by Mrs. D. H. LORAH, SONESTOWN, PA. MADE BY W. J. Creighton & Co., LYNN, MASS. THE CREIGHTON SHOE WARRANTED. None genuine unless they bear this TRADE-MARK stamped on Sole.

Campbell, The MERCHANT, SHUNK PA.

LADIES. I have just returned from the city with a magnificent new line of Spring and Summer Dry Goods, Notions and Ladies Furnishing Goods.

Everything of the Latest Please call and examine, the prices are right. Don't fail to look over the Bargain Counter, it will interest you.

GENTS. I have just received a car of seeds, consisting of Garden, Red-top, Orchard Grass, Timothy and Clover Seed, also a car of Bowlers Fertilizer and the prices are very low. When in need of a plow I can supply you with the best made "THE WIRAD." If you want anything in General Merchandise I can supply you at the lowest possible price.

HIGHEST Market Price paid for Butter and Eggs. Yours very respectfully A. E. CAMPBELL.

What \$12.00 will buy.

The above named price on several hundred Very Swell, Very Pretty, Very Excellent Suits.

The fabrics are pure wool in fancy patterned clothing as well as plain and blue; shapes of coats are single or double breasted, and the entire appearance and serviceability of these suits are equal to any which you may have made to measure at \$25. There is a reason why we sell these suits at this low price, but it concerns you not, it has no bearing on quality or price. There are rich pickings for early comers. This is an opportunity which should not be lost. J W CARROLL, Hotel Carroll DUSHORE, P. Block.

LAPORTE Clothing Store.

Our New Fall and Winter Goods. Consisting everything you want in

Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Ladies' Capes, Skirts, Wrappers, Shirt Waists, Corsets, Etc.

We Can Save You From Two to Three Dollars on Each Suit. From 25c to 1.00 on every pair of shoes and from 20 to 40 cts. on every article you buy of us. We sell our goods at very small profits. We have no extra expense and are satisfied with the

Small Profit System JOE COOPER, The Clothier.

CLOTHING! A. A. Baker, Of LAPORTE.

Desires to call the attention of buyers of clothing to the fact that he represents The American Woolen Mills Company, Chicago, in this locality, the World's Largest Tailors, and that he has a full line of Fall and Winter Samples of suits, pants and overcoats, in all styles and at prices that will defy competition. Also a full line of ladies' and gentlemen's Water proof Goods. Call and examine his line of goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. All orders filled promptly. Perfect fit and satisfaction guaranteed. Correspondency solicited throughout this section. ADDRESS, A. A. BAKER, LAPORTE, PA.

Wright & Haight, Furniture AND Undertaking.

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