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Harrisburg, Feb. 19.—"Every promise
 of the Republican state convention
 and the Republican administration in
 regard to ballot reform will be faith-
 fully carried out," was the positive de-
 claration made today by Attorney Gen-
 eral John P. Elkin, who is regarded as
 one of the most influential Republican
 state leaders. "The matter of ballot
 reform has been given careful consid-
 eration by the party leaders," he con-
 tinued, "and the regular Republicans can
 be relied upon to advocate and pass
 such measures as will meet every re-
 quirement of the situation and fulfill
 the expectations of the people. Bills
 are now in course of preparation which
 it is believed will be satisfactory to
 those who regard a change in the bal-
 lot laws as necessary to insure a secret
 ballot, a correct count of every vote
 cast and a true and proper return of
 the ballots as cast."

Attorney General Elkin is believed to
 speak by the card when he predicts that
 the demands for ballot reform will be
 fully met.
 The elections committee of the senate,
 of which Benjamin K. Focht, of
 Union, is chairman, has had several in-
 formal discussions of the subject of
 ballot reform, and the measures in
 course of development will, it is de-
 clared, put into effect every reform
 desired.

After the revelations of the ring
 methods of the Flinn machine of Pitts-
 burg, as shown in the discussion of the
 reform charter bill in the state senate,
 people are likely to look with suspicion
 upon the so-called reform bills of Sen-
 ator Flinn, which the insurgents have
 been advertising and playing up at a
 great rate. Flinn, in the role of a re-
 former, with the real reformers of his
 home county branding him as an arrogant
 boss, will not be apt to impress the
 voters of the state as a desirable
 champion of ballot reform.
 Members of the elections committee
 authorized to speak last week aston-
 ished the Democrats by telling them
 that a primary election law would be
 introduced, as well as a general ballot
 reform law, that the bills would be
 good measures and so enacted as to be
 satisfactory to the Democrats, if they
 really desired honest election laws.

In accordance with this promise,
 Representative William S. Van Dyke,
 of Westmoreland, at the proper time,
 introduced in the house the Guthrie
 primary bill, which is "an act to regu-
 late the nomination of public officers,
 primary elections and the payment of
 certain expenses incident thereto and
 prescribing penalties for the violation
 of the provisions thereof or the com-
 mission of certain prohibited acts."
 Who is to prepare or who will intro-
 duce the general ballot reform bill the
 stalwart managers will not state.
 In regard to primary election laws,
 many members of the legislature say
 they are not sure that a satisfactory
 bill can be passed, one that would be
 acceptable to all the political parties.
 They think the bringing together of
 all political parties to hold primaries
 at the same place would have a ten-
 dency to disorganize political lines,
 and therefore be conducive of harm in the
 end.

There has been considerable discus-
 sion of the matter of reform in libel
 laws, no doubt due to the introduc-
 tion in Philadelphia of yellow journal-
 ism of the yellowest type, in which the
 reputations of citizens stand for nothing
 when the politicians back of the
 yellow sheet seek to ruin or destroy
 an opponent. There have been several
 bills introduced in the legislature on
 this subject, and it is believed that a
 satisfactory bill will be drafted which
 will be acceptable to publishers and
 of newspapers and those who wish to
 meet the introduction of yellow journal-
 ism, with due regard for the inter-
 ests of the legitimate newspaper pub-
 lisher.

RADICAL OLEO LEGISLATION.
 The senate committee on health and
 sanitation has had under consideration
 oleomargarine legislation, which re-
 sulted in the committee deciding to
 substitute for the bill already intro-
 duced a more radical measure.
 The new bill was presented by Sen-
 ator Snyder, who also introduced the
 measure which has been discarded.
 Senator Snyder's new bill provides that
 suit can be brought against violators
 of the law by any person in the name
 of the commonwealth. One-half of the
 penalty shall go to the prosecutor and
 the remainder to the state. Violation
 of the law is made a misdemeanor pun-
 ishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$300
 and not more than 30 days' imprison-
 ment for the first offense, and not less
 than \$300 nor more than \$500 fine and
 imprisonment not exceeding two years
 for the second offense.

Temporary injunctions shall be is-
 sued against dealers in oleomargarine
 where cases brought against them have
 been appealed by the defendant, and if
 it be found that he is still violating the
 law the injunction shall become per-
 manent upon successful determination
 of the case in court. The dairy and
 food commissioner and his agents are
 empowered to enter places of business
 and take samples of oleomargarine. Li-
 cense fees are provided for in the same
 manner as they are provided for in the
 existing law. The bill also prohibits
 the sale of oleomargarine from wagons
 and from house to house, requires
 dealers to display signs, and provides
 that all oleomargarine sold shall be
 properly marked.

TO PROTECT THE FORESTS.
 The house has passed a bill abolish-

ing the present bureau of forestry and
 creating in its stead a department of
 forestry. The bureau was a branch of
 the department of agriculture, and as
 such did excellent work, but the im-
 portance of forest preservation justifies
 the severance of the two, and the
 erection of the bureau into a separate
 department.
 The increased expense should prove
 a good investment. The commissioner
 of forestry will receive \$3,000 a year,
 and he will be required to devote his
 whole time to the work. This official,
 with four other citizens who are to
 serve without pay, will constitute the
 state forestry reservation commission.
 The bill authorizes the commission to
 buy lands for forestry purposes at a
 price not exceeding \$5 an acre, to make
 contracts for the sale of minerals and
 removal of brush from the forest reser-
 vations. When the state forest reser-
 vations are profitable they shall pay
 one-half of the profit to the treasurer
 of the township in which it is located.
 Otherwise these lands are untaxed.
 When public roads run through the
 reservation the state will pay \$25 a
 mile for the maintenance, repair or ex-
 tension of such roads. In townships
 having large forestry reservations this
 will result in a reduction of the cost
 of maintaining public roads to those
 owning the lands in the township out-
 side the reservation.

Register's Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that the following ac-
 counts have been filed in my office, viz:
 First and final account of Thos. Gahan, Adm-
 r. of Daniel Scanlon, deceased.
 First and final account of Thos. Gahan, Adm-
 r. of Henry Haverly, deceased.
 First and final account of Peter Albert, Adm-
 r. of Amos Kistner, deceased.
 First and final account of J. L. Molyneux and
 W. W. Warburton, Administrators of William
 Shindler, deceased.
 First and final account of Clydes Bird, Exec-
 utor of Richard Biddle, deceased.
 First and final account of Margaret Dieffenbach
 Admrx. of Delmer Dieffenbach, deceased.
 First and final account of Walter H. Lawrenson
 Guardian of William Wilson.
 First and final account of Mrs. A. T. Armstrong
 Admrx. of Mary McClain, deceased.
 First and final account of Irvin D. Haverly
 Assignee of John W. Lambert.
 First and final account of Mary A. Hauck Ad-
 ministratrix of Bernard Hauck, deceased.
 And the following widow's appraisal has
 been filed: Widow's appraisal of the estate of
 Joshua Battin, deceased.
 And the same will be presented to the Orphan's
 Court of Sullivan County, on Monday, Feb. 25
 1901, at 3 o'clock p.m. for confirmation and also
 a nance.
WM. L. LAWRENCE, Register.
 Register's office, Laporte, Pa., Nov. 12, 1900.

Assignee Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that J. W. Buck
 has assigned all his property, real and
 personal, to me for the benefit of his cred-
 itors. All persons knowing themselves
 indebted to him will please pay the same
 to me, and all persons having any claims
 against the said J. W. Buck will present
 the same to me duly authenticated for
 settlement.
L. H. BUCK, Assignee.

Incorporation Notice.
 Notice is hereby given that an application for
 incorporation of a Borough, to be called the
 Borough of South Laporte, has been presented to
 the court of Quarter Sessions of the County of
 Sullivan, setting forth, inter alia, that the Boro-
 ugh of Laporte includes within its limits two vil-
 lages and that a majority of the freeholders residing in
 the most southern of said villages, desire to have
 the same divided, and the part which they
 reside, and which in said application is fully de-
 scribed, set off and incorporated into a new bor-
 ough; which application by order of the Court has
 been filed by the clerk, and the same will be
 heard by said court at the next regular term fol-
 lowing the presentation of the application to wit:
 at the term commencing on the fourth Monday
 of February 1901, in accordance with the provi-
 sions of the Acts of Assembly in such case made
 and provided.
T. J. & F. H. INGHAM,
 Attorneys for Applicants.

Sheriff Sale.
 By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias
 issued out of the Court of Common Pleas
 of Sullivan County, and to me directed
 and delivered, there will be exposed to
 public sale at the Court House in Laporte
 on
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1901,
 at 10 o'clock a. m., all the right title and
 interest of the defendant of and in the
 following messuage, parcels, tracts or
 lots of real estate:
 All that certain tract situated in the
 Township of Laporte, County of Sullivan
 and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and
 described as follows: Beginning at the
 east corner of lot of land on the south
 side of the road, leading from Laporte to
 Lewis Lake of the lot conveyed by Mey-
 lert and Clymer to P. E. Armstrong, Sep-
 tember 27, 1850, thence west fifty-six per-
 ches; thence south twenty-eight and six-
 tenths perches; thence east fifty-six per-
 ches and thence north twenty-eight and
 six tenths perches to the place of begin-
 ning. Containing ten acres and one per-
 ches strict measure.

Also one other piece or parcel of land
 in same township, county and state,
 bounded and described as follows, viz:
 Beginning at the intersection of Second
 and Laurel Streets in the town of Celestia
 midway of said streets and running south
 eight perches to a corner; thence east
 ninety perches to a corner; thence north
 sixty perches and four tenths; thence
 west fifty-six perches and north twenty
 eight perches and six tenths; thence east
 thirty-four perches to the place of begin-
 ning. Containing forty acres and nine
 perches strict measure be the same more
 or less, excepting and reserving therefrom
 the following described lot, piece or par-
 cel of land sold to Clarissa A. Baker by
 Charles Thorpe by deed bearing date,
 June 17, 1887, as appears in Deed Book
 17, page 569 described as follows, viz:
 Beginning at a post in public road from
 Laporte to Eagles Mere adjoining land of
 P. E. Armstrong south eighty-eight and
 one-fourth degrees, east fifty-three perches
 to a bush; thence south one and three-
 fourth degrees, west twelve and eight-
 tenths perches to a post by public road;
 thence south eighty-four and one-half de-
 grees, west sixteen perches to a post;
 thence south twelve degrees, west eighteen
 perches to a birch; thence south thirty-
 two and three-fourth degrees west nineteen
 perches to a post; thence south fifty six
 degrees west twelve and eight tenths
 perches to a post; and thence west one
 and three-fourth degrees, west forty-four
 and five-tenths perches to the place of
 beginning. Containing thirteen acres
 and one hundred and fifty-seven perches
 of land, strict measure be the same more
 or less. Having erected thereon a two
 story frame dwelling house, frame barn
 and other necessary outbuildings. About
 five acres of this improved and the balance
 well timbered.
 Seized, taken into execution and to be
 sold as the property of Charles Thorpe at
 the suit of Emma Spencer, Admrx.
H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.
 Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., Jan. 31, 1901.

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| Read down | | | | Read up | | | | | |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| P. M. | A. M. | P. M. | P. M. | A. M. | A. M. | P. M. | P. M. | | |
| 5:20 | 4:18 | 12:55 | 7:45 | Halls..... | 7:35 | 9:55 | 12:00 | 4:00 | 4:45 |
| 5:25 | 4:23 | 1:00 | 7:50 | Pennsdale..... | 7:30 | 9:50 | 11:55 | 3:57 | 4:41 |
| 5:30 | 4:28 | 1:10 | 8:00 | Hughesville..... | 7:20 | 9:41 | 11:45 | 3:45 | 4:32 |
| 5:35 | 4:33 | 1:18 | 8:10 | Picture Rocks..... | 9:25 | 9:25 | 3:37 | 4:22 | |
| | 4:44 | 1:22 | 8:17 | Lyons Mills..... | 9:30 | | | 3:33 | 4:15 |
| | 4:46 | 1:24 | 8:21 | Chamouni..... | 9:28 | | | 3:31 | 4:11 |
| | 4:52 | 1:31 | 8:30 | Glen Mawr..... | 9:22 | | | 3:25 | 4:03 |
| | 5:01 | 1:39 | 8:39 | Strawbridge..... | 9:13 | | | 3:15 | 3:55 |
| | | 1:45 | 8:45 | Beech Glen..... | 9:09 | | | 3:10 | 3:50 |
| | | 1:48 | 8:50 | Muncy Valley..... | 9:06 | | | 3:07 | 3:45 |
| | | 1:55 | 9:00 | Sonestown..... | 9:00 | | | 3:00 | 3:37 |
| | | 2:00 | 9:00 | Nordmont..... | 8:56 | | | 2:56 | 3:34 |
| | | 2:05 | 9:05 | Mokoma..... | 8:52 | | | 2:52 | 3:30 |
| | | 2:10 | 9:10 | Laporte..... | 8:48 | | | 2:48 | 3:26 |
| | | 2:15 | 9:15 | Kingdale..... | 8:44 | | | 2:44 | 3:22 |
| | | 2:20 | 9:20 | Bernice Road..... | 8:40 | | | 2:40 | 3:18 |
| | | 2:25 | 9:25 | Satterfield..... | 8:36 | | | 2:36 | 3:14 |
| | | 2:30 | 9:30 | | 8:32 | | | 2:32 | 3:10 |
| | | 2:35 | 9:35 | | 8:28 | | | 2:28 | 3:06 |
| | | 2:40 | 9:40 | | 8:24 | | | 2:24 | 3:02 |
| | | 2:45 | 9:45 | | 8:20 | | | 2:20 | 2:58 |
| | | 2:50 | 9:50 | | 8:16 | | | 2:16 | 2:54 |
| | | 2:55 | 9:55 | | 8:12 | | | 2:12 | 2:50 |
| | | 3:00 | 10:00 | | 8:08 | | | 2:08 | 2:46 |
| | | 3:05 | 10:05 | | 8:04 | | | 2:04 | 2:42 |
| | | 3:10 | 10:10 | | 8:00 | | | 2:00 | 2:38 |

STAGE LINES
 Stage leaves Hughesville post office for
 Lairdsville, Mengew and Phillipsdale daily
 Wilson, Beaver Lake and Fribley on
 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 11.30
 Stage leaves Glen Mawr for Hillsgrove
 and Forkville at 11 02 a. m.
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 versity, North Mountain and Lungerville
 daily at 11 19 a. m.
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 and New York Central mileage will be
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 eling from Halls to Satterfield or Satter-
 field to Halls.
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B. HARVEY WELCH,
 President, Hughesville, Pa.
S. D. TOWNSEND, Gen. Mgr., Hughesville, Pa.

Administrator's Notice.
 Estate of Robert F. Rogers, deceased,
 of Hillsgrove Township, Sullivan County,
 Pa. Letters of administration on the
 above estate having been granted to the
 undersigned, all persons indebted to the
 said estate are requested to make pay-
 ment, and those having claims to present
 the same without delay, to
E. F. IVES, Administrator.
 Muncy, Pa.
 January 12, 1901.
A. J. BRADLEY, Attorney.

Trial List for February Term, 1901.
 Return day, Monday February 25, 1901 at 2 p. m.
 Wheeler H. Platts vs Geo. D. Warburton and
 Julius Derkes. No. 36. May term, 1899. Replevin
 plea, non cepit and property in themselves.
 Mullen & Walsh, Bradley.
 2 Henry L. Middendorf vs Mrs. Winifred Stur-
 devant. No. 49. December term, 1899. Pliffs ap-
 peal. Plea non assumpsit. Mullen, Inghams.
 3 The Lake Mokoma Land Company vs James
 McFarlane. No. 67. May term 1900. Trespass.
 Plea, not guilty. Mullen, Inghams.
WM. J. LAWRENCE, Prothonotary.
 Proth. office, Laporte Pa., Jan. 12, 1901.


Sheriff's Sale.
 By virtue of a writ of Testatum Fi Fa,
 issued out of the Court of Common Pleas
 of Lycoming County, and bearing test at
 Laporte the 14th day of February, 1901,
 to me directed and delivered there will be
 exposed to public sale at the Court House
 in Laporte Borough, Pa., on
FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 1901,
 at 11 o'clock a. m.

All that certain lot, piece or parcel of
 land lying and being situated in the town-
 ship of Davidson, County of Sullivan,
 State of Pennsylvania, bounded and de-
 scribed as follows, viz:
 Bounded on the north by land of Wil-
 liam Arms, east by land owned by Wm.
 D. or Esther Spearman, south by land of
 Henry Swank and west by land of Cath-
 erine Stroup and L. S. Wolverton, con-
 taining 248 acres and 48 perches, more or
 less, deducting therefrom about 70 acres
 owned by Catherine Stroup, being the same
 premises conveyed to said Stephen
 Phillips by Anna E. Phillips by her deed
 dated May 11, 1896, and recorded in Sulli-
 van County in deed book Vol. 23 at page
 240.
 Having erected thereon frame house,
 frame barn and other outbuildings. About
 30 acres cleared, balance in timber.
 Seized taken in execution and to be sold
 as the property of L. H. Phillips and
 Stephen Phillips at the suit of West
 Branch Building and Loan Association of
 Williamsport, Pa.
J. C. and H. R. HILL, Attys.
H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.

COURT PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DENHAM, President
Judge, Honorables John S. Line and Jacob
Meyer Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and
Terminer and General Jail Delivery, Quarter
Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Com-
mon Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued
their precept, bearing date the 13 day of Dec.
1899, to me directed, for holding the several
courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the
25th day of February 1901, 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 prop-
 er person 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 pertain 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., Jan. 14, 1901.

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