

**Republican News Item.**

THURSDAY, OCT. 17, 1901.

—Vote for Nelson Cox for Sheriff.

—Mrs. Zacharias of Lopez, is visiting her sister Mrs. Orin Bennett, at this place.

—Land Surveyor Ulysses Bird was a county seat visitor on Monday.

—Kemp, photographer will make his last day on Monday, Oct. 21, in Laporte.

—Rev. J. T. Bradford was called to Shamokin this week to officiate at a funeral.

—Vote for John D. Reeser for Associate Judge.

—Jerome Reed moved from Laporte township to the Green residence on Muncey street, Laporte.

—Butchers Henry Kraus and Jas. Thall dissolved partnership by mutual agreement, last week. The business is now conducted by Mr. Kraus.

—Mrs. Walter Spencer returned home Tuesday from a several weeks visit with her son Harry and family at Williamsport.

—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Funston left Wednesday morning for Philadelphia, where they will visit their son.

—There will be a social dance at the Kennedy hall, Friday evening Oct. 18. Supper will be served at the Commercial Hotel.

—Vote for James C. Deininger for Prothonotary.

—James Gansel is now completing his new house on Muncey street. Mr. Gansel expects to occupy his fine residence this winter.

Mrs. Sarah A. Speaker of Hills-grove died Oct. 7, at the age of 88 years and 11 months.

—The residence of Aaron Bennett, near Eagles Mere was burned to the ground Friday night of last week. The loss is covered by insurance.

—A very cleverly written ballad by W. J. Stevens, is growing quite popular. It treats on anarchy and appeals strongly for the extinction of the Reds from our land.

Mrs. M. C. Mercer died at her home in Eldredsville, Oct. 7, at the age of 69 years. Mrs. Mercer was a native of Athens, being a daughter of Rev. Samuel Jewett, and was married to Mr. Mercer on Feb. 22, 1853. She lived in Towanda until 14 years ago when Mr. Mercer moved to his farm near Eldredsville.

Besides her husband, six children survive: three sons and three daughters. The remains were taken to Towanda for interment.

The third District Convention of the Sunday Schools of Shrewsbury Township, will be held in the Rock Run Baptist Church, Oct. 24, 1901. An interesting program will be carried out by a number of prominent Sunday School workers.

Dr. J. W. Murelle of Athens, Pa., will be in town Oct. 19, for one week, prepared to do dental work of all kinds. Those desiring his services will please call early as his stay will be short. He will be prepared to do crown and bridge work as well as fillings of all kinds and artificial teeth.

**DEATH OF ETHLIN M. MASON.**

This community was exceedingly shocked Friday of last week over the sorrowful announcement of the death of Miss Ethlin M. Mason which occurred at the home of Mrs. Phyllida Mason in Towanda, Friday afternoon, after an illness of several months.

Miss Mason was taken to Towanda early in September in the hope that a change of climate would be of benefit to her recovery. She was attended by the best medical skill that could be procured, a specialist from New York being among the advisors, but all was of no avail. Her body was brought to Laporte Saturday morning.

The beautiful burial service of the Universalist Church was conducted by Rev. Graves of Towanda, at the Laporte Baptist church, Monday at two o'clock, where hundreds of her friends assembled to take a last look upon all that was mortal of endeared friend when in life. She was then tenderly borne to Mt. Ash cemetery.

Among the out of town relatives who attended the funeral were Miss Helen Mason and Mrs. Mrs. Watkins of Towanda, Miss Dimmick of Williamsport, Mr. W. L. Watrous of Johnsonburg, Pa., W. L. Stortment, New York City.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

Ethlin M. Mason, daughter of William A. and Mary A. Mason, died Friday, Oct. 11th. She was born at Monroeton, November 17th, 1842, and came with her father's family to Laporte in 1848, where she has resided since that time. Between these two dates is the record of a beautiful life, but without any of those striking incidents which give point to a biography.

We believe it may be truly said that the most Christ-like life that can be lived is a life devoted to the welfare of others, and such a life Ethlin Mason lived. She took no thought of herself; she never wearied of doing for others.

She was endowed with an unusually bright mind which was well cultivated by study and reading. She taught school with success for a number of years until her physical strength proved unequal to the task. After that she was appointed Post Mistress at Laporte, and conducted the business of the office with entire satisfaction to the people and the Post Office Department. Since then, residing with her mother and brother, she has given tender care to her brother's motherless children, and to her mother in times of serious illness. She had a cheerful disposition which made home happy, and in time of trouble or danger had an unflinching courage. Her good works were done so unassumingly that few noted them. All of her acquaintances however, recognized her sterling worth and held her in the highest respect and esteem. She had no enemies, and her loss is deplored by the whole community.

It may be said in Whittier's words:

"Another hand is beckoning us:  
Another call is given;  
And glows once more with angel steps  
The path that reaches Heaven.  
Our gentle friend whose pleasant smile  
Made brighter summer hours,  
Amid the frosts of autumn time  
Has left us with the flowers.  
Fold her, O Father! in thine arms.  
And let her henceforth be  
A messenger of love between  
Our human hearts and thee.  
Still let her mild rebuking stand  
Between us and the wrong,  
And her dear memory serve to make  
Our faith in goodness strong."

**Nordmont.**

On Monday at Weiland & Kessler's grist mill there was ground, sacked and loaded ready for shipment, seven and one half tons of chop in the remarkably short time of six and one half hours. They are grinding kiln dried corn and exchange oats. No surprise at all that their trade is growing.

Mr. and Mrs. John Botsford expect to leave for Athens, on Saturday to visit their son.

Arthur Miner who for the last two years has been employed by the Satten Peck Chemical Co., has accepted a position in the Bernice coal mines.

Mr. Wm. Laird has captured three bears this fall, the largest one weighing about one hundred pounds.

Ray Kessler is lamenting the loss of a Belgian hare which was the pride of the household. No explanation can be given as to how or where it left its happy home on the banks of the Muncey creek. It has been hinted however, by one whom we believe knows, that it left home in a basket. It probably, like the proverbial cat, will come home some day next May.

Mrs. Arch Morris is quite sick at this writing.

Mrs. Ray Kessler spent Thursday at Williamsport.

Misses Blanche and Verna Foust gave a party for their friends last Wednesday evening, and those present were Misses Maud Laird, May Mencer, Bessie Swank, Alma Horn, Jane Gritman, Myrtle Turney, Messrs Ernest and Harry Botsford, Arthur Miner, Walter Lorah, Scott Weiland, Ray Lewis, Glen Peterman, Murlin Small. All present had a pleasant time with music and games.

You ought to see the supply of new and crisp-like goods always being opened at Weiland & Kessler's store. They never hold onto old ideas as their line of merchandise goes to prove. Ask to see the new clerk as he is for sale.

**Shunk.**

Daniel Morgan is suffering from an attack of the dropsy. Dr. Woodhead is attending him.

The infant child of Francis Kilmer is very ill.

Mrs. Henry Tripp and daughter of Canton, visited relatives at this place last week.

Rev. J. T. Bradford of Laporte, delivered a temperance lecture at this place last week.

J. C. Deininger of Sonestown, was here last week, looking after his interests in the coming election.

Kemp, the photographer will open up his Gallery on Saturday, Oct. 25, for a short time at Sonestown.

**JAMES C. DEININGER,  
FOR PROTHONOTARY.**

Mr. James C. Deininger, the subject of this life sketch and one to whom the Republican county convention tendered the nomination for the important offices of Prothonotary, Register and Recorder and Clerk, is a young man in every way capable of filling these offices to the highest satisfaction of the public, and is, moreover, in every way worthy of their confidence and trust. His beginning like those of the country's best men, was starting early in life to shift for himself, and when only seventeen years of age was appointed to the responsible position of baggage master on one of the Williamsport & North Branch passenger trains. This was the occasion of his taking up his residence in this county and for several years before old enough to vote, claimed Sullivan county his home. The headquarters of his train was at Nordmont, then the terminus of the road, and there he resided until the extension of the road to Satterfield, when he made his home at that place for about a year. He cast his first vote in Laporte township at the Kohensparger polling place. Not feeling content with the remuneration the railroad situation provided and concluding it time he was earning more money his conclusion reached was to venture into a business life and concluded it would be the manufacture of cigars. He naturally, like all men desire to do, located his business where he considered his home and desired to live, and in company with M. W. Botsford established a cigar factory at Nordmont. This business was continued for about a year and a half, and employed nine men while in operation. Its product was known for its excellence of material and workmanship, and had not hard times struck the country about that time it is more than probable that the Nordmont cigar factory would still be one of the institutions of Sullivan county. The contraction of business and the want of capital forced the hustling firm out of business as they could not compete with firms of hundred of thousands of capital, who could both buy and sell at a much smaller margin than they. However, they closed their business entirely solvent, though it took years of hard earned savings, the debts were liquidated to the last cent and the two young men again faced the world not at all disheartened.

It was at the time of this business failure that the fine education and artful penmanship of Mr. Deininger aided in securing him a position in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth at Harrisburg, and it certainly is not to his discredit that he has filled that position so acceptably that he has been promoted from time to time and is now recognized by both parties as one of the ablest and most efficient men employed at the State Department. These were the qualifications considered at the county convention which placed him in the field. He is in the prime of life and it can thus be seen that in addition to his personal fitness he is pre-eminently equipped by education and training for the important offices for which he was nominated. The office is one requiring experience in public life and a conscientious regard for the rights of the public along with marked ability for skilled recording. Mr. Deininger brings all of these qualifications to his candidacy for the office.

Here, at his home, he numbers his friends by the score and he stands without offense to friend or neighbor. Mr. Robert Simmons with whom he has long made his home, lately moved from Nordmont to Sonestown, and Mr. Deininger has since recognized the latter place as his home, and has spent a part of each week in the county closely associating himself with friends and neighbors during the time he has been employed by the state. Having been obliged to engage in temporary employment out of the county for a time his political opposition assert that he is not a resident of the county. To this he has replied, "I cast my first vote in Sullivan county, and have never voted anywhere else. If I have not become a resident of the county during the eleven years and more that I have lived within its borders, then, indeed, I must be a man without a country." Mr. Deininger owns real estate at Sonestown and has always shared in paying taxes in this county. He is surely a most desirable citizen and his honorable canvass for office will lead to certain victory.

The only objection urged against Deininger is that he was not born in this county. In this respect his competitor has no advantage over him. If Boss Scouten and his adherents attach any consequence to a home record in Sullivan county we have them on our ticket.

JOHN D. REESER, was the son of Amos Reeser, who was the son of John Reeser who was born in Berks county, Pa., in 1790.

John Reeser came into what is now Sullivan county in 1821 and located on the farm long known as the Ellis Place. His son Amos Reeser was born on that farm in 1822. His wife, Rebecca Dieffenbach was born in Columbia county in 1826, and came with her father's family to this county in 1829.

John D. Reeser therefore on his paternal and maternal line is a Pennsylvanian of a hundred years standing, and a Sullivan County-ite in the third generation.

Now, Boss Scouten, if you attach any consequence to a long residence in Sullivan county, here is the man for you to support. He is a Sullivan county man; but that is not all, he is an honest, intelligent, obliging and trustworthy man. Upon the bench he would do honor to the place. Vote for him.

And Boss Scouten here is another Sullivan county candidate from way back.

NELSON COX was born in Sullivan county. His father came from an old Pennsylvania family of German descent, and was born in Montour county in 1826; he came to Sullivan county forty years ago. Nelson Cox is admirably qualified for the office of Sheriff. Vote for Nelson Cox.

But, Boss Scouten, with the candidates for Prothonotary you seem to be in a fix. Unfortunately they were not born in Sullivan county. According to your insinuation Kennedy, if elected, is to give the printing to Wing, and that would be dreadful. Deininger, you aver, would do the same. Trot out another candidate.

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