

—Miss Emma Spencer is spending several days in Williamsport. Sheriff Osler is looking after his farming interests in Elkland Twp. this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Kiess of Sonestown, visited friends at Laporte, Sunday.

—Miss Vina Upman of Eagles Mere, is spending several days at her Laporte home.

—Farmers and candidates have been making good use of the fine weather we now enjoy.

—John Morgan of Hillsgrove, is visiting his aunt, Dr. Rose Morgan, at this place.

—Slaters from Hughesville are laying a slate roof on Judge Dunham's residence.

—Geo. Stackhouse and family of Sonestown have moved into Chas. Funston's cottage for the winter.

—Dr. Wilson returned home on Monday from a several days' visit with his parents at Warrensville, Pa.

—Judge Dunham returned home Tuesday from Tunkhannock, where he had been holding a two weeks' term of court.

—Atty. A. J. Bradley has moved from the Episcopal parsonage to the Warren Watrous residence, recently vacated by W. J. Lawrence.

Mrs. M. C. Lauer wishes to announce to her friends and patrons that the Mountain House will be closed to the general public from November 1, until June 1, 1902.

—Messrs M. E. Reeder and J. W. Flynn left on Wednesday for Mexico, where they will look after timber interests.

—On account of Quarterly Meeting services to be held in the M. E. church at this place next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., there will be no preaching at Cherry Grove.

—Mr. J. W. Finkle wishes to announce to the public that he will dispose of a portion of the M. E. parsonage furniture at private sale. Call at his residence for particulars.

—The Court House still stands. It has not tumbled down though the Herald declared six weeks ago that it was ready to tumble down. Neither has "Billy Lawrence" as the Herald calls him, tumbled down. Blow your ram's horn again, Jonnie.

Following are the names of those drawn to serve as grand jurors for December term of court:

J. M. Osler, Samuel S. Rogers, James Farrell, John Houseworth, Lawrence Lavelle, John Coyle, Conell Dunlap, Edward Travelute, M. J. Phillips, J. C. Pennington, John Hanny, James Spence, Jr., Asa Speary, Jackson Watters, Ruben Thrasher, S. D. Murphy, John Cogsdell, Frank Allen, Geo. S. Speaker, James Kunes, Richard W. Bennett, Samuel Kinchler, Chas. A. Starr, John Roberts.

List of names drawn to serve as traverse jurors.

Martin Wilcox, George Whipple, Frank Meyers, W. L. Dempsey, A. A. Miller, Jonathan S. Richart, H. C. Pardoe, Wm. Johnson, Nelson Zamer, Thomas Houseknecht, Walter H. Lawrenson, Thomas Canglely, Boyd Haverly, Geo. W. Houseworth, Charles B. Watson, Z. E. Botsford, G. A. Rogers, George Hottenstein, Dorson M. Speary, Frank Shoemaker, Philo G. Keisenger, M. R. Black, Parvin Kile, Robt. J. Kshinka, Wendell Sick, A. A. Schock, Wm. Kinsley, Fred Keeler, J. K. Bird, John L. Farrell, Chas. M. Boyles, Chauncy Fuller, Asa G. Little, H. R. Bennett, John A. Sick, Wm. Loeb, Edward Holms, Patrick Hannan, Frank Wilcox, Wheeler Starr, F. G. Waltman, Lee R. Gavitt.

We have been waiting patiently to see in the Herald some statement of the qualifications of James Walsh for a Judge. This is a high and honorable office, and the position demands a good man. In all good faith we have asked for some statements of his qualifications. We get no answer. We have had upon the bench such men as Judge Bedford, Judge Speaker, Judge Pomeroy, Judge Wright, Judge Rogers, Judge Deegan, Judge Colley and others equally honorable and trustworthy. Have we had any one upon the bench without character? Do we want such a man? We put the question to all voters, of all parties, who respect integrity and love virtue. We entreat you to investigate before you vote.

—The tax payers are waiting anxiously for Scouten to pay the three thousand eight hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifty-six cents which his action in starting the judicial election contest cost the county. All agree that he ought to pay it.

We stated last week that three years ago a petition was prepared in Scouten's office, and circulated by James J. Walsh to contest the election of Sheriff Osler, and that their failure to get the contest open was caused by a legal blunder. This statement has been before the public for a week and Walsh does not deny it. Mr. Osler was fairly elected and a contest must have resulted in an increased majority, for no doubt many of Jas. Walsh's votes would have been thrown out on well known grounds, but the tax payers would have suffered for it. They want no more \$3849.56 bills. Let the man who undertook to bring on this contest be buried so deep with tax payer's votes that he will not think of contesting the election.

Scouten has been making the statement that Walsh must be elected so that he can be reinstated to practice law. This, like nearly all the statements made by Scouten and the Herald, is not true. In the opinion of Judge Dunham disbaring him he used the following language: "When he can conduct himself in all respects, properly and respectfully, we shall cheerfully hear his application for re-admission and act favorably thereon." The Supreme Court in commenting on this case says, "This is a clear indication that the Court below * * * intended to treat the applicant (Scouten) with as much leniency as the preservation of necessary discipline would admit." Now, in the face of these recorded facts, Scouten says it is necessary for him to have "Big Jimmy" as he calls his candidate, elected. So that he could be reinstated, although he has never made any application to the Court to reinstate him. This statement of his is in keeping with his other actions and shows that he is merely making it as a catch penny to get votes.

That mysterious word "gang" has been repeatedly used in every issue of the Herald since, Reeser, Deininger and Cox were nominated. Neither of these men are, however, included in the "gang," because the Herald declares that the gang nominated them, and neither Reeser or Deininger were at the convention. Neither is Vincent one of the "gang" as the word is now used, because the Herald in its issue of the 2d inst. asserts that, "as soon as the machine decided to nominate Reeser for associate judge, Mr. Vincent declined the chairmanship for that reason." We have searched the files of the Herald to find out the names of the "gang" and in one issue we find it distinctly stated that the gang consists of Dr. Christian, Dr. Gamble and William J. Lawrence. Having found out the persons in the gang the next thing is to find out the meaning of the word. We have heard of a gang of thieves and a gang of laborers. In the yellow journal of Philadelphia which the Herald apes, the word is constantly used in the sense of a gang of thieves—meaning a gang looting the public treasury. The Herald can hardly mean to use the word in the sense of a gang of laborers, for there is nothing odious about that term. Must we come to the conclusion that the Herald means to call Dr. Christian, Dr. Gamble and Wm. J. Lawrence a gang of thieves? We call upon that paper to define what it means. Dr. Christian, Dr. Gamble and Wm. J. Lawrence are not candidates for office; they are honorable and trust worthy citizens. If they take an active interest in politics, it is their privilege. It is time the libelous Herald ceased its attacks upon good citizens.

What has the amount of the compensation for services rendered by Judges Line and Meyers, got to do with the prospective compensation of the successor to Judge Line? Absolutely nothing. The compensation to be received by associate judges is fixed by the State. No judge can get more than the law allows him.

John D. Reeser is an honest man, and will do his full duty as a judge, and no doubt accept from the State Treasurer the amount justly due him. James J. Walsh is not the man to accept less than the law gives him.

Offices are not put up at auction to the lowest bidder. Some are paid salaries by the year, some are paid

by the day for the time spent. In the latter class are associate judges. They are expected to do their duty and get their just pay for it.

It is not necessary for the Herald to re-hash the substance of its libel on Judge Kraus or try to apply it to Reeser.

In his Herald of Oct. 2, Chairman Scouten said, "It is a well known fact that Reeser has for several years conspired the political death of Mr. Vincent. He well knew that the defeat of Christian would be a heavy blow to Vincent, and when he entered the booth with the curtain behind him, the mysterious deed was done."

Again in the same paper he said, "It is with much delight that we view the decayed ruins of the old machine. Mr. Vincent, the best man among them has withdrawn; the editor of the party organ is up a tree, and the party assassin is their candidate for associate judge."

And further he said, "As soon as the machine decided to nominate Mr. Reeser for Judge, Mr. Vincent declined the chairmanship. Why was this? Simply because Mr. Vincent could not serve the party with a candidate at the head of the ticket, who he well knew sought its ruin. Now we ask you again, whose party is Mr. Reeser's party of which he speaks in his enticing letter to the voters of Sullivan county?"

We can imagine the pliant editor scratching his head with both hands, and walking the editorial sanctum to contrive some new misrepresentations to cover the exposed falsehoods in the article above quoted.

The Herald has characterized the News Item as a "character smasher." Our regular subscribers well know that this is misrepresentation. Our files are open to inspection from No. one to the present number, and we defy any one to find an article injurious to the character of any private person. Even candidates for office on the opposite side in politics have been treated with courtesy. During the present campaign we have made no attacks upon the characters of the opposing candidates. It may be asked "how about Scouten?" To this we say, it is true we have had a good deal to say about Scouten during this campaign, but always in answer to his unprovoked attacks upon our candidates or upon the News Item. And even in repelling these attack we have refrained from saying the worst that the truth would justify. In one of the proverbs it is said, "Answer a fool according to his folly." Scouten is no fool, but surely it is folly for him to say of an honorable, trustworthy and educated man like JOHN D. REESER, that "he has grown rich at the expense of his customers," that "he has an inordinate greed for money," that "he has never done any man a favor," that "he has no qualifications for the office," that "he pinches dollars until the eagle screams," etc. Scouten is the chairman of the Democratic standing committee, and is running the campaign in his own interest. We have therefore been compelled to answer him according to his folly.

Sheriff's 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 Obert House in Dushore Sullivan County, Pa., on THURSDAY, NOV., 21, 1901, at 10.30 o'clock a. m., the following described property, viz:

All that piece or parcel of land situated in the Borough of Dushore, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a corner of lot belonging to Elizabeth C. Thomson, thence by the same North thirty-three and one-half degrees West seven and six-tenths rods; thence North three and one-half degrees, West five and eighty-five one-hundredths rods to Mill lot; thence North sixty-eight degrees East eight and two-tenths rods; thence South forty-two degrees, East nine and seventy-six one-hundredth rods to an alley; thence by said alley South forty-eight degrees, West twelve and one-half rods to the place of beginning; containing one hundred and twenty perches of land, be the same more or less. Having thereon erected a large frame dwelling house, barn and other out buildings and fruit trees growing.

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H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Oct. 28, 1901. WALSH, ATTY.

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