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Same per ton (1800)	19.00
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**REPUBLICAN NEWS ITEM.**  
CHAMES L. WING, Editor.

**County Seat  
Local and Personal Events  
Tersely Told.**

County Auditor A. P. Starr was a business man in town on Monday.

Ex-Prothonotary W. J. Lawrence was a county seat visitor on Saturday.

Harry Snyder left on Thursday for Martinsburg, West Virginia, where he has accepted a position as fireman on the B. & O. railroad.

A large crew of men have been put to work stocking the stove factory with logs. New arrangements are being made in the factory and a larger output of staves is the plans for next season.

A. L. Mulnix of Lincoln Falls, was a Laporte visitor on Wednesday. Last week Mr. Mulnix purchased the Estella creamery property and will equip the place with machinery for the manufacture of furniture and dressed lumber.

Mrs. Charles Brieger was badly injured by a fall on a slippery walk near her residence last Monday. Dr. Randall, who was called to attend her, found that the nerves of one hip were paralyzed by the fall.

Owing to the absence of Rev. S. B. Bidlack, who was visiting relatives in Luzerne county, Rev O. Biggs of Sonestown, officiated at the funeral services of Wm. Heim, Jr. last Thursday.

A little advertisement in the News Item last week brought buyers for the engine we have for sale. That Adv. would have sold three more engines if we only had them in stock. It pays to use the News Item columns when advertising. A new gasoline engine will be installed in our establishment within the next few weeks and our facilities in other ways increased to meet the growing demands upon the mechanical end of the enterprise.

On account of the inclemency of the weather the oyster supper given by the Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening was not largely attended. The proceeds amounted to over \$12.

The ladies of the Guild of the Episcopal Church had a fine display of both fancy and useful articles at their Fair in Odd Fellows Hall on Wednesday evening. Nearly everything on exhibition was sold and proceeds amounted to over \$24.

Our esteemed contemporary of the Review, in his last issue, comes down to business and says: "The regular expenditures of the county must be reduced to the old normal figure of from \$14,000 to \$15,000 annually. The commissioners can't do this alone. They must have the active co-operation of the court, the grand juries and all the other county officials. In the meantime the running expenses must be promptly met and jury-men must be promptly paid. The situation is bad, but it is not yet beyond recovery."

In this we fully concur. We believe the new Board of Commissioners are disposed to do their duty in this respect, but they must have back bones like a crowbar if they succeed. We hope "all the other county officials" will do the same.

The Review says jurors must be paid. That goes without saying. All legal debts of the county must be paid. The law provides a way for their payment. The commissioners are required to assess tax AND TO COLLECT IT. The auditor's report of January 1902 showed due from the collectors \$3889.33. The collectors all gave bonds to collect and pay over the amounts charged to them in their duplicates. The law provides a quick and sharp remedy for delinquents who do not do their duty in this respect. If the money due to the county is collected there will be no trouble about money to pay the jurors.

Services held in the M. E. Church of the Laporte charge, for the week ending December 14 are as follows: Midweek Prayer and Praise services held at Laporte on Thursday evening, Dec. 11, at Cherry Grove on Friday evening, Dec. 12. Preaching services at Cherry Grove on Sunday Dec. 14 at 11 a. m. At Laporte on Sunday at 3 p. m. a memorial service will be held in honor of Mildred, the diseased adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Reed, who died Nov. 25, of Scarlet fever. The pastor will also preach in the evening at 7:45.  
S. B. BIDLACK, Pastor.

**COURT NOTES.**

Report on bridge over Elk creek in Elkland twp. not favorable.

Order of Orphans' court sale in estate of John C. Bogart deed, is continued until next term.

Henry C. Pardoe, on petition to court is discharged as guardian of Chas. Norton. Administrators' accounts were confirmed Ni. Si. in the estates of Joshua Battin, Anthony Glockler, Leonard T. Maxson, and Samuel Norton.

Return of sale of real estate in assignment of John W. Buck confirmed Ni. Si.

John H. Lawrence is appointed commissioner to take testimony in divorce of Frank Lowrey vs Anna Lowrey; also of Estella Taylor vs Harry E. Taylor.

Ida Keper vs Arthur Keper; the sheriff is directed to make proclamation and John Cogadell is appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Ida Ryant vs Clarence Ryant; an alia subpoena is directed to issue.

Gilbert C. Lathrop vs Zephia Lathrop in divorce. Alias subpoena is ordered.

John L. Hartzig vs Jusan Hartzig, Jacob Bohn is appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Comth. vs John G. Scouten; case continued until next term there being no Judge to hear the case.

Proth'y is directed to register J. E. Rece Killgore as a law student.

Judson Harney admitted to practice law in Sullivan county courts.

Sale of real estate of Lucas Stentfather confirmed Ni. Si.

Road in Laporte twp near Daniel Keller saw mill confirmed Ni. Si.

Road leading from Rock Run to Glen Mawr confirmed Ns. Si.

**Church Conditions at Eagles Mere.**

We had almost written "Religious conditions in Eagles Mere" and then we thought ourselves that the two expressions are by no means synonymous as there might be a good deal of religion without churches and there might be many churches and very little religion.

We are impressed with the fact that there is considerable room for improvement in this regard right here in our community. With more than one church organization, with additional organizations planned, and with wandering missionaries of various sorts making this mission ground, the serious question presents itself whether we are doing for ourselves and our children the best that is possible to us. When Christianity as we have it will not make us charitable to each others faults and modest in our own claims it seems to be time for self examination.

In this enlightened day a community without real, vital, earnest Christianity is not doing justice to itself nor to God. The unprejudiced inquirer cannot but be impressed that the best much to be desired in our town and its surrounding neighborhood. As in many other matters we are so divided that we are failing to get for ourselves and our young people the good things that are for us in sincere servitude. Without waiting for judgment day to condemn us we cannot but condemn ourselves if we will be honest with ourselves.

Perhaps we are not singular in these respects, but there is cause for serious and profound thought. Doubtless this is true of other communities in other parts of Sullivan county but our first responsibilities are to ourselves. Is it not time for us to heal the breeches, to sink the differences and to recognize the fact that "in union there is strength?"

We are told of a town in California where there was Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists and recognizing the uselessness of such a division they agreed to take a vote on having only one church, agreeing that they would all be governed by the majority and they did so. Result one good strong church organization that is doing first class work and brings all the people together.

Some of our people believe in "a government by the people for the people." Why not try the principle of the Referendum on this question? Of course if it is done there should be universal faithfulness in standing by the decision. Then Eagles Mere Christianity would be strong enough to sustain an able minister who should live among us instead of depending on brief visits at intervals.

Co-operation of this sort need not interfere with the denominational convictions of any one. It does not prevent sermons from Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian or Episcopal preachers or those of any other evangelical denomination, but it does presuppose harmonious action for we who must live here and whose sons and daughters are here to

get the training that shall make their lives good and happy and useful or the reverse as their training in their youth may lead them.

Certainly there is no reason why thoughtful men and women such as we have should not reach such a conclusion after careful thought, divesting ourselves of passion and prejudice, and then faithfully stick to it.

Then we would have a right to expect a revival and to expect also conversions, not to a church but to God and His service that would bring to us harmony, peace and the well-being that are the natural and certain results of such conditions.  
B. G. W.

MR. EDITOR: Your article in a late issue of the News Item asking for a discussion of public ownership of railroads, had the effect of having sent to you a short article from Eagles Mere which is somewhat misleading. The writer seems to know very little about socialism or the New Zealand system of public ownership. In that country all the railroads, telegraph and telephone lines and insurance, with other things of prime necessity, are owned by all the people, and not by millionaires, to which they have access at cost price. The first reform that the socialists ask for is "direct legislation." This puts the power in the hands of the people. Canada and some of our states have "direct legislation." Last fall the people of the State of Illinois were allowed to vote for it and it was carried by ten to one. Now it is up to the legislature of Illinois to give the people the laws they ask for. "Direct legislation" is the entering wedge to socialism. We would as soon have reform come through the republican party as any other way, but reform we want. Study the working of "direct legislation". The present platform of the socialist party declares for the government ownership of all the means of production and distribution and the control of the same by the people and not by politicians. Whatever things the people join in the ownership and management of is socialized. We have the post office, navy, schools and public buildings socialized and some go so far as to want the insurance socialized and have put it into practice by starting co-operative companies. Even the critic from Eagles Mere wants to socialize the Eagles Mere railroad.

Besides New Zealand as an example to study, there is Glasgow in Scotland, has socialized property to the amount of 65 million dollars and makes things so cheap that competition has vanished, yet makes profit enough to pay all their running expenses and extend their holdings. Socialized public necessities is no longer a blind theory but a successful experiment.  
A. D.

Eagles Mere, Dec. 8, 1902.

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