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The News Item has kept it before the people for some months that the debt of the county exceeds sixty thousand dollars. We have invited suggestions from correspondents as to the best manner of diminishing this debt. A prudent and economical administration of our county affairs is everywhere recommended, and we believe our present Commissioners are inclined that way.

To this must be added a well defined policy to reduce the debt.

It is certain that all of the loans, since the first issue of bonds, have been illegally contracted, and even the legality of the first issue of bonds may be questioned. The time has passed however when these illegal loans can be surcharged to the Commissioners who contracted them, and the obligations are mostly in the hands of innocent holders. There is, therefore, a feeling among many tax payers that it would be best not to raise the legal objection to the debt, but to pay it.

The News Item has taken no stand on this point either way, and what stand it may take depends on circumstances. If the debt is ever paid it must be funded in 4 per cent bonds, and provisions made for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest and also the principal thereof within thirty years. This can only be done with the assent of the electors of the county at a public election in such manner as is provided by law.

Is this funding practicable? We answer yes.

The bonded debt of the county is now thirty-eight thousand dollars, mostly in four per cent bonds. The interest bearing orders and judgments as shown in the last Auditor's Report are a trifle over twenty-five thousand dollars, mostly at six per cent interest.

Let it be submitted to the voters of the county, at the February election, whether or not they will assent to an increase of twenty-five thousand dollars in bonds to bear four per cent interest, and payable in thirty years, for the purpose of paying off the interest bearing orders and judgments outstanding. It could be provided that the interest bearing orders might be used in the purchase of the bonds. The annual interest on $25,000 at 4 per cent would be $1000; and $800 per year would exceed the amount required to pay the principal within thirty years. A special bond tax of $1800 would therefore have to be provided to pay the interest and pay off the bonds within thirty years.

Two mills on a dollar of the adjusted valuation of the county would raise something more than the $1800 needed to carry the new bonds.

The interest on the $33,000 of the old 4 per cent bonds would be $1320 and the interest on the $5000 old 5 per cent bonds would be $250, together making $1570 annual interest on the old bonds. This interest can be paid out of the ordinary ten mill tax and leave enough to pay the running expenses of the county.

We may add here that in funding the interest bearing orders and judgments into four per cent bonds, care should be taken that the Treasurer does not take three per cent for receiving and paying out the money. If it cannot be arranged with the Treasurer to do this business for one per cent, it can easily be arranged to do it through the agency of a bank for one per cent or less.

We are throwing out these suggestions to the tax payers and voters of the county, and our course hereafter shall be guided by their opinions.

The records of the Prothonotary's office show that Patrick Daly entered a judgment against Sullivan County for one thousand dollars on the 23, of August 1902, which was by virtue of a confession signed by the late Board of Commissioners. Interest at four per cent.

We suggest to the County Auditors, who are now in session, that this is a proper case for theirin vestigation.

First, is tnis a judgment for borrowed money?

Second, If for borrowed money, was it directly applied to the payment of six per cent interest bearing orders?

Third, If it was so applied, how much percentage did the County Treasurer receive out of the transaction?

Fourth, If the money was not directly applied to take up six per cent orders, and was a new debt incurred by the Commissioners, did they, at the time of incurring this indebtedness, provide for the collection of an annual tax sufficient to pay for the interest, and also for the principal thereof within thirty years, as required by the tenth section of the ninth article of the constitution of Pennsylvania?

As the County Auditors have judicial power, they may subpoena and examine withesses, and ascertain all the facts relating to this matter, and if it appears that the requirements of the constitution have not been complied with, may surcharge this judgment to the commissioners.

Administrators Notice.

In Re Estate of J. M. Breitmeier, late of Davidson Township, Sullivan County Penna., deceased.
of Pennsylvania, deceased.

Letters of Administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same will present them for payment. duly authenticated; and those indebted thereto, will please make payment to

(Mrs.) HANNAH BREITMEIER,
At Muncy Valley, Pa.

A. J. BRADLEY, Atty.
Laporte, Pa., Jan. 1, 1903.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Hiram J,Smith,late of Laport twp., deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration upon the estate of said decedent have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

(Mrs.) E. E. ANDERS,
Administratrix, Nordmont, Pa

MULLEN, Attorney, Laporte, Pa.

In Re: Estate of George Kunzman, late of Elkland Township, Sullivan Co, Pa., deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to

ADAM BAUMUNK, Admr.
Eldredsville, Pa.

A. J. BRADLDY, Atty.

To Whom it May Codcern:

Notice is hereby given that I have purchased at Sheriff's Sale on December 31. 1902, all the personal property of Mathew Taylor situated on his premises in Shrewsbury Township, Sullivan county Pa., and that I have left the same upon the premises subject to my removal at pleasure. Also that I have purchased at Sheriffs Sale on the same day, a pair of horses as the property of Philip Secules, and have left the same on his premises subject to my removal at pleasure.

All persons are hereby warned not to purchase any of said property as the same belongs to me as above stated.

W. I. TAYLOR.
Eagles Mere, Pa., January 5. 1903.

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I herewith announce myself a candidate for the office of supervisor of Laporte Twp. subject to the decision of the voters of Laporte Twp.

GEO. KARGE, Ringdale, Pa.

In re Estate of Leonard Maxson, late of Fox Township, Sullivan Co. Pa., Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed by the Orphan's Court of Sullivan County, as auditor to distribute the funds in the hands of A. B. Kilmer Esq., administrator of said estate, to and among the parties entitled thereto, notice is hereby given that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at his office in Laporte, Pa., on Thursday, Feb. 5, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. when and where all parties interested are requested to present their claims or be forever after debarred from coming in upon said fund.

F. W. MEYLERT.
Auditor.

Laporte, Pa., Dec. 31, 1902.

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To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or $1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York

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and this is what you want in the line of Comfortables, Blankets and Quilts, for this time of year when it is so cold. Have a fine line of Outing Blankets you would wish to look at, and the very best Wool Blankets that can be bought for the money.

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Carry a complete line in Dry Goods, Millinery, Boots and Shoes. Carpets, Rugs, Oilcloths, Curtains, Crockery and Groceries.

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DUSHORE, PA.

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In effect Monday. Nov. 17, 1902.

Read down — Read up — Flag stations where time is marked "f"

P. M.	P. M	P. M.	P M	P M	A M	A. M.	A M	STATIONS.	A M	A M	A M	A. M.	P M	P M	P M	A M
10 15	.....	12 50	5 20	4 20	.....	10 22	7 10	.....Halls...	6 55	9 50	.....	11 35	4 00	4 50	.....	9 40
10 20	.....	12 55	f5 25	f4 23	.....	f 10 25	f7 13	.....Pennsdale ...	6 50	9 45	.....	11 30	3 55	f4 45	.....	9 35
10 30	.....	1 05	5 35	4 32	9 10	10 34	7 22	..Hughesville...	6 40	9 35	10 55	11 20	3 45	4 35	6 00	9 25
		1 13	5 43	4 39	9 20	10 42	7 29	Picture Rocks.	.....	9 25	10 45	11 10	3 36	.....	5 48	9 16
		f1 17	.....	f4 43	.....	.....	f7 33	....Lyons Mills...	.....	.....	.....	f11 04	3 31	.....	.....	f9 10
		f1 19	.....	4 45	.....	.....	f7 35	....Chamouni ...	.....	.....	.....	11 01	3 28	.....	.....	f9 07
		1 26	.....	4 52	.....	.....	7 42	....Glen Mawr...	.....	.....	.....	10 54	3 22	.....	.....	9 01
		f1 34	.....	f5 00	.....	.....	f7 50	..Strawbridge....	.....	.....	.....	10 47	f3 13	.....	.....	f8 54
		f1 40	.....	f5 06	.....	.....	f7 55	...BeechGlen.....	.....	.....	.....	f10 43	3 09	.....	.....	f8 50
		1 43	.....	5 07	.....	.....	7 57	..Muncy Valley.	.....	.....	.....	10 40	3 07	.....	.....	8 48
		1 50	.....	5 13	.....	.....	8 03	....Sonestown ...	.....	.....	.....	10 32	3 00	.....	.....	8 40
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		.....	5 45	.....	.....	.....	8 37	.....Laporte.....	.....	.....	.....	9 52	.....	.....	.....	7 59
		.....	f5 58	.....	.....	.....	f8 50	.....Ringdale ...	.....	.....	.....	f 9 41	.....	.....	.....	f7 46
		.....	f6 05	.....	.....	.....	f8 57	..Bernice Road..	.....	.....	.....	f 9 30	.....	.....	.....	f7 35
		.....	6 09	.....	.....	.....	9 00	....Satterfield....	.....	.....	.....	9 25	.....	.....	.....	7 30
A. M.		P. M.	P M	PM.	AM	A. M.	AM.		AM	AM	AM	A. M.	P M	P.M	P.M	P.M

EAGLES MERE BRANCH.

A. M.		P. M.
8 10	Sonestown	2 40
f8 25	Geyelin Park	f2 20
9 00	Eagles Mere	1 50
9 10	Loyalsock Jc.	1 00

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