

# Republican News Item.

VOL. VIII. NO. 18.

LAPORTE, SULLIVAN COUNTY PA., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1903.

75 TS. PER YEAR

This Is the Place  
To Buy Your Jewellery.

Nothing in Town to Compare With  
the Quality that We are Giving  
You for the Low Price Asked.

Quality and moderate prices makes a force that  
irresistibly draws into our store the best patronage  
of this section. Many years here in business, always  
with a full line of goods above suspicion; chosen  
with a care and judgment commensurate with its  
desirability and adaptability to refine taste, makes  
our store a safe place to invest.

Repair work done on short notice and guaran-  
teed, by skilled workmen. Your orders appreciated.

RETTEBURY,  
DUSHORE, PA. The Jeweler.

COLE'S  
HARDWARE.

No Place Like this Place  
For Reliable

STOVES and RANGES,  
COAL OR WOOD.  
HEATERS;

ONE OF WINTER'S GREAT DELIGHTS.

House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every  
Description, Guns and Ammunition.  
Bargains that bring the buyer back.  
Come and test the truth of our talk.

A lot of second hand stoves and ranges for sale cheap.  
We can sell you in stoves anything from a fine Jewel Base  
Burner to a low priced but satisfactory cook stove.

Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and  
General Repairing, Roofing and Spouting.

Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,  
313 Pine Street,  
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Money Saving Chances.

Such chances as these are only possible at this season  
year, when every effort is being made to clean up  
mer stocks.

Wash Dress Fabrics. Good styles and colorings in Lawns  
worth 6c to 8c at  
31-2c  
Lawns and Batistes, all this season's  
styles, 10c and 12c qualities, at  
5c.

Lawns, Dimities, Batiste and Dotted  
Swiss Muslins in desirable styles and  
colorings, regular 12c and 15c qualities,  
8c.

One lot of Colored Striped Mercerized  
Madras in blue, red, green and black.  
This has been a favorable fabric for shirt  
waists and Shirt Waists Suits, reduced  
from 20c to  
121-2c.

Children's Wash Dresses,  
And Sailor Suits, made of plain and  
fancy striped Gingham or Chambray.  
Some are trimmed with embroidery,  
others have yokes of white pique. These  
were considered extra value at \$1.25 to  
\$2.00, prices changed now to  
85c to \$1.50.

Corded Wash Silks.  
The regular 50c qualities in pink, blue  
cardinal, yellow, tan, lavender and gray  
stripes on white grounds. Neat desirable  
designs reduced to  
35c.

THE SHOPBELL DRYGOOD CO.

Subscribe for the News Item

## SOLDIER AND JURIST

Interesting Career of Judge Thomas  
A. Morrison.

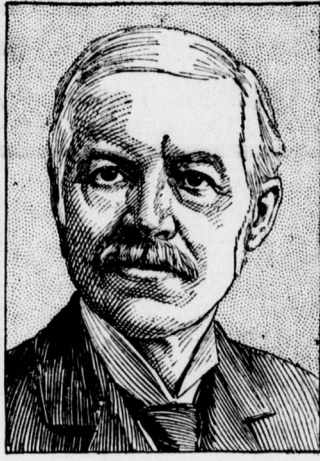
ON REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET

Candidate For the Superior Court, Who  
Has Fought Bravely For the Flag  
and Honored the Bench On Which  
He Has Served.

[Special Correspondence.]

Harrisburg, Sept. 8.—In view of the  
fact that neither of the Republican  
candidates for the superior court will  
appear on the stump in the campaign  
this fall to speak for himself, citi-  
zens of Pennsylvania will naturally be  
interested in reviewing the careers of  
these nominees.

Thomas Anderson Morrison, of  
Smethport, McKean county, Pa., one  
of the Republican candidates for the



Judge Thomas A. Morrison.

superior court, was born in Pleasant-  
ville, Venango county, Pa., May 4,  
1840. His paternal grandparents come  
from the north of Ireland, locating in  
Centre county, where his father, Wil-  
liam Morrison, was born in 1804. Wil-  
liam Morrison finally located at Pleas-  
antville and became a leading farmer.  
His mother was Elizabeth McMaster,  
of Scotch descent.

Judge Morrison received a common  
school and academic education at  
Pleasantville and a course at the  
Pennsylvania State Normal School of  
Edinboro, and a partial course at  
Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Later he taught  
school occasionally.

A BRAVE SOLDIER.

In July, 1862, he enlisted as a pri-  
vate in Company A, 121st Pennsylvan-  
ia Volunteers, and while serving at  
the front lost his left arm at the  
shoulder joint and received a severe  
wound in the left knee at Fredericks-  
burg, Va., December 13, 1862. After  
lying in a shelter tent near Fredericks-  
burg for two weeks after the battle  
he was removed to Washington and  
spent the winter of 62-63 in Armory  
Square Hospital, being unable to walk  
until the next spring. In April, 1863,  
he was discharged and returned to  
Pleasantville, and in 1864 and 1865  
held the office of justice of the peace  
in that place. He was treasurer of  
Venango county in 1868 and 1869.  
Later he was deputy internal revenue  
collector at Oil City and connected  
with the editing and publishing of a  
newspaper at that place.

Afterwards he engaged in business  
and read law, and in 1875 was ad-  
mitted to the bar. He practiced his  
profession at Pleasantville until 1879,  
when he removed to Smethport, where  
he was engaged in a successful prac-  
tice until September, 1887, when he  
was appointed by Governor Beaver  
judge of the 48th district, composed  
of McKean and Potter counties. In  
November of the same year he was  
elected to the same judicial office for  
10 years. So satisfactory was his  
term of service that in 1897 he was  
accorded unanimous nomination by his  
party in both counties, and in Novem-  
ber following was re-elected for an-  
other term of ten years.

During Judge Morrison's second  
term McKean county was made a sepa-  
rate judicial district, and on Septem-  
ber 10, 1901, he was commissioned  
president judge of the 48th district,  
composed of the county of McKean.  
The judge served on the bench until  
December, 1902, when he was appoint-  
ed judge of the superior court by Gov-  
ernor Stone to fill the vacancy caused  
by the retirement of Judge John I.  
Mitchell. On December 30, 1902, he  
was commissioned as a judge of the  
superior court until the first Monday  
of January, 1904.

Judge Morrison is now one of the  
nominees of the Republican party for  
judge of the superior court for the full  
term of ten years from the last men-  
tioned date.

During the 15 years of his service on  
the common pleas bench he establish-  
ed a reputation for prompt, efficient  
and fearless discharge of duty. He  
enjoys the distinction of never having  
been compelled to adjourn court for a  
single day on account of sickness dur-

ing nearly 10 years of service. He has  
never missed a session of the superior  
court since his appointment.

Judge Morrison has been an earnest  
Republican from his boyhood days,  
and never neglected voting for a Re-  
publican candidate for president, nor  
for a governor or any other important  
candidate of his party except in the  
fall of 1862, while he was at the front.

While the judge has not been an ac-  
tive partisan since he went upon the  
bench, yet he has been well known as  
an earnest supporter of the principles  
and policies of the Republican party.

## WAGES OF OUR WORKMEN.

They Are the Highest Paid in Any  
Part of the World.

It is a fact generally known that the  
American workman receives the high-  
est wages paid in any country in the  
world. Some statistics recently com-  
piled by the labor bureau at Wash-  
ington give a fair idea of the relative  
welfare of the British, French, Belgian  
and American workman from 1870 to 1902.  
The rate given is the average per day:

	Great Britain.	Paris.	Liège.	United States.
1870.....	\$1.30	\$1.06	69%	\$2.20
1876.....	1.40%	1.12	.63	2.18
1886.....	1.39	1.25%	.68	2.47%
1896.....	1.49	1.33	.65%	2.45%
1902.....	1.45	1.34	.65	2.50

The figures given are those obtaining  
in the large centers of population. They  
show that the American workman re-  
ceives much higher wages than the  
workman in either Great Britain,  
France or Belgium. While the Ameri-  
can workman may not be able to buy  
shoes and clothes as cheap as his Brit-  
ish cousin or live within \$20 a month,  
as can the British workman, his income  
is so much greater than theirs that he  
can afford to pay higher living ex-  
penses and still save a larger amount  
of money each month.

Official data gathered by the Massa-  
chusetts bureau of labor show that in  
Great Britain 90 per cent of the occu-  
pations in which men are engaged pay  
less than \$10 a week, while in the Uni-  
ted States this percentage is but 25 per  
cent.

The labor bureau's statistics show  
that the department store girls of Chi-  
cago average \$329 a year, which is  
more than is earned in a year even on  
the basis of 300 working days a year  
by Belgian bricklayers, carpenters,  
blacksmiths, house painters, teamsters  
or laborers. The sum is also larger  
than the amount annually earned by  
common laborers in Great Britain or  
France.—New York Commercial.

## The Essence of Service.

To go beyond the letter of any obli-  
gation and serve another freely, gener-  
ously, to give time and energy more  
than is expected, more than may be  
rightfully demanded, is the surest way  
to advancement. The essence of this  
kind of service is sacrifice.—Rev. Dr.  
Raymond, Schenectady, N. Y.

## County Teachers

Only Twenty-Five Per Cent.  
Able to Pass Examination.

A Higher Standard of Scholar-  
ship is Demanded.

## RESULT OF NEW LAW.

County Supt. M. R. Black held  
special examination in his office at  
the court house on Tuesday. Of the  
eight applicants whom were exam-  
ined only two passed. Strenuous  
efforts for a higher standard of schol-  
arship among teachers is the deter-  
mined purpose of the Superintendent  
and his course is at once commend-  
able. Last year he was distinct in  
making it thoroughly known that  
unless the teachers prepared them-  
selves for a higher standard of qual-  
ification serious results would likely  
follow the examinations. And so it  
did. The warning heralded a year  
previous was evidently little heeded  
and the natural consequence has been  
realized. The tension of a more con-  
servative marking and a tendency  
toward a better standard of efficiency  
in school management, proved to be  
a task in which a great number have  
failed. Only twenty-five per centum  
of applicants throughout the county  
have proved themselves worthy of  
the title and distinction they wish  
to bear. The new school law increas-  
ing the minimum wages of teachers  
demands that a higher standard be  
maintained and it is but the duty  
of the Superintendent to safe guard  
the directors from employing any  
but those qualified. Supt. Black is  
turning a deaf ear to the appeals  
for slackening his pace in endeavor-  
ing to elevate the efficiency of our  
teachers. There is but one hope for  
the incompetent—wake up, hustle,  
get ahead, keep ahead. How much  
more gratifying the results will be  
cannot be told in words.

## DEATH CAME SUDDENLY.

SAD CASE OF WELL-KNOWN YOUNG  
MAN OF DUSHORE.

PLAYED HARD AT BASEBALL.

Dane Carpenter Passed Away Tuesday.  
In Good Health Twelve Hours Before  
Death Claimed Him.

## DUSHORE NEWS ITEMS.

Dane Carpenter came home from  
Danville where he had been employ-  
ed, on Saturday evening, pitched a  
game of baseball on Monday, was  
taken with convulsions at 10 p. m.  
and died at 2 a. m. Tuesday. Dane  
was a very popular and an exemplary  
young man, 24 years of age. He  
served in the army during the Span-  
ish war seeing much service in Cuba  
and later in the Philippines. His  
sudden death is much regretted.

Miss Emma Connolly of Bingham-  
ton, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Bessie Rowe of Scranton, is  
visiting friends here.

Mrs. Minor Wilcox and daughters  
Jessie and Mina attended the Mel-  
ville family reunion at Greenwood,  
Pa., Wednesday.

Mr. Harry O'Boyle of Scranton, is  
visiting his friend Thomas Carroll.

Paul Corcoran of New Albany  
spent Sunday with friends here.

John Randall of Forksville spent  
Sunday with friends at this place.

## MUNCY VALLEY.

S. J. Ritter visited at Laporte  
Sunday.

Miss Nora Moran of Binghamton,  
is spending a few weeks with her  
parents at this place.

Miss Mabel Jarrett of Eagles Mere  
is visiting her sister Mrs. H. R. Ben-  
nett.

Messrs. James Moran, Chas. Taylor,  
James Magargle and Bert Miller at-  
tended the dance at Dushore Wed-  
nesday night.

Miss Myrtle Miller of William-  
sport visited her parents on Satur-  
day.

Mrs. H. E. Johnson and son How-  
ard spent the past week at Unity-  
ville.

Howard Ritter of Lairdsville spent  
Sunday in town.

Miss Blanche Miller returned to  
Bloomsburg Monday after spending  
her vacation with her parents at this  
place.

P. M. Taylor was a Williamsport  
visitor on Monday.

A number of people from this place  
enjoyed the excursion to Harvey's  
Lake Saturday.

F. H. Farrell of Dushore, was  
making business calls in town one  
day last week.

Miss Julia Conneston of Bingham-  
ton is visiting her cousin Miss Mabel  
Moran.

H. E. Johnson of Muncy spent  
Sunday with his family at this place.

## The Hughesville Fair.

Every endeavor has been made to  
make the thirty-third exhibition of  
the Muncy Valley Farmers Club on  
the Hughesville fair grounds, Sept.  
22 to 25 inclusive, the best in the  
history of the club, and from pres-  
ent indications the hopes of the most  
sanguine will be realized to the  
utmost extent.

Improvements have been made on  
the grounds and everybody awaits  
the morning of Sept. 22, when will  
be ushered in the greatest fair ever  
held in Lycoming county. The races  
will be hotly contested, as there will  
be a number of fast horses entered.

Low rate excursion tickets will be  
sold on all railroads.

## A Grand Opening at Hotel Magargle

F. H. Magargle, the enterprising  
landlord of Hotel Magargle at Sones-  
town, will give a grand opening ball  
on Thursday evening, September 17.  
Extensive preparation is being made  
to provide the occasion with every  
conceivable comfort and amusement.  
Everything will be of the best and  
the price marked down to \$1.25 the  
couple. A general invitation is ex-  
tended to all. September 17th.

## AN UNUSUAL ACCIDENT.

PROMINENT ELKLAND FARMER KILL-  
ED WHILE HAULING OATS.

LOAD PARTLY SLID OFF

Frank Darby Was Crushed to Death.  
Had No Chance to Escape.

## DIATT NEWS ITEMS.

On Friday of last week this com-  
munity was shocked and saddened  
by the sudden death of Mr. Frank  
Darby, the result of an accident  
while engaged in hauling oats. He  
was on a load driving to the barn  
and in going down a steep pitch in  
the road a portion of the load slid  
off in front of the wagon, taking Mr.  
Darby with it. He was thrown in  
such a manner as to be unable to es-  
cape a terrible death, the front wheel  
passing over his head, killing him  
instantly.

The funeral which was largely  
attended was held Sunday in the  
Deciple church at Hills Grove, the  
Rev. C. Delmont of Alba officiating.  
In the few years of residence here he  
and his family have merited the re-  
spect of the community, and deep  
sympathy is felt and expressed for  
the bereaved widow and fatherless  
children who have borne with  
christian fortitude this trying dis-  
pensation. The deceased was 46  
years of age.

The new school house is complet-  
ed. A teacher is now wanted.

Mrs. Lottie Bower of Jersey City,  
is visiting friends and relatives in  
this section of the county.

Able McCarty is out again after a  
few weeks illness.

Ellen McCarty called on Mrs. N.  
K. Woodward at Lincoln Falls last  
Friday.

A social at Philip Baumunk's last  
Thursday evening was enjoyed by  
many of the young people.

## MILDRED.

L. Lowrey was at Wilkes Barre  
attending the caeleonian games.

Samuel Herst the Mildred painter,  
is painting William Collin's house.

Chas. B. Watson, his daughter  
Junet, and son Charles, were in  
Wilkes Barre, Avoca and Scranton  
last week.

John P. Murphy is doing the paint-  
ing on F. J. Murphy's house.

Thomas Collins of Arcida, is visit-  
ing his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm.  
Collins.

W. B. Brown of Pittston is visit-  
ing his family and calling on old  
time friends at this place.

The Red Men committee is making  
arrangements for a big time on Oct.  
5th.

Mr. and Mrs. Adon Roberts and  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Donovan of  
Murray Heights were calling on old  
time friends in town Sunday.

The Mildred orchestra—John P.  
Murphy, F. J. Murphy, Chas. Cool  
and David Cook furnished music for  
the union dance at Lopez Friday  
night.

Patrick Daley of Dushore, was  
calling on friends here Sunday.

There is trouble brewing for son  
of our young sports and when it do  
happen there will be no one to blame.

Three pale faces for adoption  
Katonka Tribe No. 336, on Mond-  
evening, September 14th.

Ask F. W. Gallagher of Lapo  
how he likes to ride the goat.

The speakers of the Union Ja-  
day, September 7, were Messrs J.  
Fallon of Wilkes Barre, and Tho-  
J. Llewelyn of Avoca.

The Mildred orchestra played  
the Union dance at this place  
Labor Day. Their music was a  
good.

The Gunton mines run four  
last week.

Bernice High School will op-  
Monday, September 14th.

Maggie Watron who has  
visiting friends at Scranton  
Avocia, returned home on Mo-

## Prominent Lawyer Dead.

E. J. Jordan, a member  
Wyoming county bar, died M  
at his home in Tunkhannock,  
lingering illness of consum-