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The average man earns about \$1,100 a year. He works 40 years and earns a total of \$44,000 in a life time. The average day laborer gets \$2,000 a day or \$600 for a year of 300 days. He earns \$24,000 in a life time. The difference between \$44,000 and \$24,000 is \$20,000. This is the minimum value of a practical education in dollars and cents. The increased self-respect cannot be measured in money. Why not stop plugging away at a small salary when the International Correspondence Schools, of Scranton, Pa., can give you an education that will make a high salaried man of you? No matter what line of work you care to follow, this great educational institution can prepare you in your spare time and at a small cost to secure a good-paying position. Our local Representative will show you how you can triple your earning capacity. Look him up today. He is

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Come and test the truth of our talk.

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Concerning Fall Suits

There is a great demand and sale this season for medium priced Tailored Suits. We are making a specialty of this class of Suits and can show more styles than you would expect to see. While we show a good line of the medium price Suits we have some handsome gowns in the finer and more expensive grades.

THE NEW FURS

Are here. Our showing is the best in years—every piece was carefully selected from only the best of skins. New coats and fancy neck pieces with muffs to match in all kinds of furs that will be stylish this season.

KID GLOVES

Of course you will want new Kid Gloves to go with the new suit. We are showing an excellent line of Kid Gloves in a splendid range of colors. We have the gloves to match your new gown. They are at the right price.

Wool Dress Goods

Have you given them their share of attention? Is the Winter dress still unbought? Our assortment of plain and fancy mixed fabrics is now at the best. Of course you expect to find the prices right, so will say nothing about them.

CHILDREN'S COATS WASH FLANNELS

We have just received a new lot of Children's Winter Coats. They come in the plain red, tan etc. Some are neat and plain, others are trimmed.

Not the old-fashioned heavy weights, but medium fine woven fabrics in new designs and fancy colorings for house wear and waists for 40c a yard.

Good Warm Blankets

Either white or colored, or fancy plaids, in all qualities. You cannot go wrong in buying your Winter supply here if you want the best qualities your money will buy.

Shopbell Drygood Company.

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SUCCESSFUL

Hunting Moose and Deer in Maine Woods.

Dr. W. F. Randall and Lawyer J. H. Thayer Return From The Eastern Forests.

Dr. W. F. Randall and lawyer Thayer, of Dushore, returned home last week from a hunting trip in the Maine woods. Accepting their own word for it, they were the most successful hunters who have visited the Eastern forests this season. The tally book carried by the doctor shows the record of one big moose, which the guides claim was the finest they had ever seen; four deer, four dozen ducks, five dozen pheasants, and a round dozen jack-rabbits. The tally book score is attested to by Lawyer Thayer, so there is no question of its accuracy. Aside from the large amount of game captured, the gentlemen, it is noticed, accumulated considerable energy and reserve vitality, both looking hale and robust.

Their journey by rail was to Princeton, Maine. Here they were joined by two guides and continued their travel by stage eleven miles, as far as it was possible to drive, when they started on foot to cover a distance of ten miles when camp was made and the fun began. The first day in the woods a deer was the object of the doctor's aim and was successfully captured.

THE NEW CONGRESS.

The Republican majority in the House of Representative for the sixty-first Congress will be 47 as against 57 at present. With a good working majority in the House and a Senate whose Republican members will outnumber the Democratic two to one that harmony between the legislative and executive branches which is indispensable to active and constructive political life is guaranteed. At the same time the strength of the controlling party in Congress is such as to quicken the initiative and make robust the peculiar capacities of that great department of the government.

There have been times when a party having but a small majority in the two Houses has done great and efficient work, indeed, in some cases, with one branch Republican and the other Democrat, something more than routine legislation has been enacted. The Bland-Allison bill was not only passed by a Democratic House and a Republican Senate, but was passed by heavy majorities over the veto of a Republican President. But these are the exceptions to the rule, and when either house is nearly balanced politically it often loses much of its strength.

Congress in the last 20 years has grown stronger, not at the expense of the executive and the legislative, but by the steady increase of federal functions brought about by the growth of the country and the accruing demands of our complex social and political structure. And this strength, we may believe will impress itself during the next administration—not by contrariety but by the wholesome co-operation of positive counsels. The House will lose nothing of that power which, when in the hands of a forceful speaker, and then only, enables it, when necessary, to make headway against the Senate. And into the Senate will be ejected a new element liberalism which will tend to enhance its Democratic efficiency. Great is the work which the new Congress will have to do, and most responsible. No more important duty could confront a Congress than that with which this one will be charged at the very outset—the revision of the tariff. And that this work and all that is to follow will be well done, we may legitimately hope. The efficiency and the sense of a great public obligation that are born of conscious and unchallenged strength, should insure it.

North Dakota has doubled the residence period required for a divorce, so that now instead of securing a divorce between trains you have to stay all night.

LAPORTE--A

TOWN WITH A FUTURE.

Wounded Bear Fights Hunter.

The first actual fight with a bear to occur in this section during the present hunting season was experienced on Thursday near Hills Grove by a Montouville man, Charles Slangenwhite, who after wounding bruin had a lively time with the infuriated brute.

A dog that was with Slangenwhite ran the bear into a hole and the hunter did not at first know where the bear had gone. As he passed the place where the bear was concealed, however, bruin struck at him. The hunter lost no time in firing at the big creature, striking it on the head but not inflicting a vital wound. At this juncture the bear started to pursue the hunter, who ran until he could turn and get a good shot at the animal. The second shot ended the bear's life.

CATTLE PLAGUE

Now Affecting Two Big States. Fears That Disease May Travel Westward.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is greatly alarmed over the spread of the foot and mouth disease among the cattle of Pennsylvania and New York. Late this afternoon he issued an order extending the quarantine to cover the whole area of these two States.

Secretary Wilson is fearful that the disease will spread to the West and infest the great herds West and South. It has gone as far as Buffalo N. Y., and the rigid restrictions imposed to-day are with the hope of preventing it traveling any further. The Secretary would not adopt these drastic measures if he did not believe a serious disaster menaced the whole cattle industry.

Seventy-five of the most skilled veterinarians in the service of the Department have been rushed into New York and Pennsylvania for immediate and thorough investigation of the origin and extent of the disease.

The only point in New York affected as far as the officials know is the stock yards at East Buffalo, which were ordered closed pending a general cleaning up and the quarantine against the State was deemed imperative for the protection of adjacent States.

The outbreak of the disease in Pennsylvania seems of a grave nature. The officials here believe the infection was brought into this country in recent months with foreign merchandise.

The disease first appeared in the United States in the winter of 1902 and 1903, when it affected portions of Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Rhode Island, but by prompt action on the part of the department and State authorities the infection was stamped out.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Alarming results following the outbreak of a contagious foot and mouth disease in New York and Pennsylvania, causing those states to be quarantined against interstate shipments of cattle and etc., were shown today in advices which reached Secretary of Agriculture Wilson stating that five children in Danville, Pa., had contracted the disease.

A rigid investigation is in progress in Danville and elsewhere to determine whether others have become similarly affected. The officials believe that the spread of the contagion will be checked, although admitting that the situation is grave and will require energetic and concerted action by the state and federal authorities.

At Muncy a dog of more than ordinary value died last week, and the owner, Nathaniel D. Green, who made every effort to save the valuable animal considers his loss a heavy one. The dog was of the bull species and was valued at \$3,000. It was given to Mr. Green by Mrs. Vanderbilt, now Mrs. Edwin P. Young of Pittsburg, just prior to her departure for Europe. The dog was born in the kennels of Windsor castle during the reign of queen Victoria.

LAPORTE TANNERY COMING TO THE FRONT.

Real Estate Values are Advancing
Rapidly at County Seat.

GOOD NEWS SPREADING.

Extensive Plans will Be Executed
By Lake Mokoma Company.

BANK COMPANY ORGANIZING.

A New Era of Progress Has Taken Firm Hold Upon the
County Capitol. Vigorous Life Manifested on Every Hand.
Marvelous Strides Made During Past Year.

Impetuous activity is much in evidence around the Laporte tannery these days and the large and busy force of mechanics during the past few weeks have created many noticeable improvements throughout the entire establishment. In order to facilitate this work that has evidently been extensively planned, a large shop is being erected near the main building and when completed will be fully equipped with new tools for both carpenters and machinists as well as being supplied with an engine to furnish power for saws and lathes.

The company buildings have all been painted. The dwelling houses are receiving a coat of red, trimmed in white. The tannery buildings have received a liberal coating of white. With all these extensive improvements under development there is no small amount of speculation in outside circles as to its true significance. A feeling of assurance prevail that the permanent establishing of a tanning business at this point is fully settled. While it has not been learned from any official source, yet it can be stated with a reasonable margin of certainty that the tannery is to be greatly enlarged and the output increased to equal that of the largest tannery owned by the Union Tanning Company.

All the best machines from the dismantled tannery at Muncy Valley has been shipped here and added to the equipment. Large shipments of bark continues to arrive daily from various points and the stacks throughout the extensive bark yard are growing long and numerous as the result.

Two expert draftsmen are at present engaged in drawing plans of the plant. Complete measurements of all the various buildings, their location and the arrangement of machinery within are carefully incorporated in the draft they are making. The surrounding grounds are being surveyed to a considerable distance and grade stakes set. In fact, all the usual preliminary work requisite to the establishing of a plant of vast proportions has already been executed and remarkable development about the tannery will soon be seen to follow.

While the tannery management is making things hum in general the Lake Mokoma Company are losing none of the early energy displayed when they first secured control of the lake. Development continued briskly until within the past few days when climatic conditions checked progress and will necessitate a holdup until spring. Their large ice house is nearing completion and will, when the crop is ready for harvesting, be filled with the pure crystal cakes of rarest quality, matured by a temperature of 40 below zero.

The sale of lots continues and as a result the diversity of interest is daily widening and drawing new investors into the field. Many new cottages will be erected next spring and a large hotel is promised.

The Commercial Hotel will be enlarged to double its present size.

Landlord Gallagher is contemplating improvement of the Laporte Hotel before the next summer season opens.

Real estate values at the county seat have doubled within the past nine months and the trend is marked with demands growing stronger. More dwelling houses is the crying need at Laporte. Some of the houses are occupied by two families and the plea for more houses is constantly heard. Nowhere can a better place be found for the profitable investment of capital in real estate and dwellings than right here in Laporte.

The Lake Mokoma Company have completed plans for the building of a reservoir upon the elevation above the Cold Spring where pure water can be piped to any part of town. A syndicate of gentlemen who are favorably impressed with the financial project of establishing a bank at Laporte have about completed their plans and the breaking grounds for a bank building at the county seat is an occurrence of no distant date.

Serious Gas Explosion.

Henry Middendorf, who formerly resided at Laporte, was seriously injured by an explosion of acetylene gas in the cellar of his brother's hotel at Wyalusing Pa. Thursday afternoon of last week. A leaky gas jet was responsible for the terrible explosion that did considerable damage to the hotel. Mr. Middendorf went into the cellar to place a keg of beer in the cellar, and lighting a match at the time of opening the door of the concrete cooler the explosion instantly occurred.

Mr. Middendorf was hurled across the cellar, and although he was terribly injured, he did not lose consciousness and was able to call for help. He was removed to a room in the hotel, and Dr. Boswell hastily summoned.

Examination showed that Mr. Middendorf had been burned in a terrible manner about the face, head and arms. Nearly all the hair was burned from his head, eyes and lips badly blistered, and the arms were both badly burned, the sleeves being burned from his coat and shirts.

Some idea of the force of the explosion is to be had in the fact that one of the 20-inch walls of the cooler was blown out, and the interior of the cellar badly wrecked. Many cans of fruit and other stores in the cellar were ruined by the explosion.

In the upper part of the hotel two floors were racked from their hinges, the tables in the dining room were raised from the floor about 18 inches, coming down with a crash. A man sitting in the hotel office was transferred to a place half way across the room without leaving his chair. Persons in other parts of the hotel were bowled about like ten pins.

The force of the explosion was felt all over the borough, windows shaken as if an earthquake was at work.

The advance in freight rates may be an evidence of returning prosperity, but naturally shippers do not relish the prospect.