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Laporte: Past and Present.

In looking over the file of the News Item, we find in the issue of May 7, 1897, the following letter to this paper:

My dear LaPorte:

'Tis said you had a summer school last year and expect to have another this Summer.

Surely no place has a better right, if you behave yourself seemly. Now, as much as I love you I must say a word.

You do at times have more tumbled down fences, trees, chicken-coops etc., to the square—than any place with your possibilities, to be found.

Why not now spruce up? If you can't paint your houses and fences you can clear the rubbish out of the yards and beautify them by flower plots, and cover the back sheds with green vines, chop up and haul away the down trees, burn the pile of brush lying along the streets. Have a place to say to your cows: "So far shalt thou go and no farther." Could you not part with a few of your dogs? You might use that money to beautify your park. Rustic benches and rustic arbors there would be an idea of the artistic.

Some former guests criticize you because you offer no modern amusements. You certainly can if you wish. With a little bodily exertion and less expense, you can offer a fine bicycle track on the ball ground, where amateurs who have been accustomed to asphalt tracks, may exercise on their wheels. You also can offer many tennis courts. You have a lake; a sheet of water far more beautiful as to variety of outline than Eagles Mere. Why not have several boats to let to the Summer School and other summer guests. You surely can have no better advertisement as a summer resort.

Hoping to not be misunderstood, I am Your devoted admirer,

Miss—

The above letter was no doubt written with well meant effort to better the town of Laporte. Let us see if our critical Miss wrote in vain.

Take first the matter of tumbled down fences, trees, etc. This was indeed a sore spot to the welfare of the town at one time but thanks to the Village Improvement Society and the efforts of the citizens in-

dividually there is seen no more these marks of carelessness, at least not to any extent. Then take the admonishment to the authorities in regard to allowing the village green to suffice for the general use as a cow pasture. Does this condition exist today? Echo answers "Nit". Should an unruly specimen of the bovine species go so far as to nibble a few juicy bits from the public green she is at once taken to task by Pound master Higley and the owner caused to pay for bossy's unladylike action.

In the matter of supporting an overdose of worthless dogs the town has not yet entirely recovered, but this is a minor fault anyway for if dogs have a right to live, where could be a better place than on top of this old mountain where chasing birds and rabbits and other amusements of dog life abound, and where the atmosphere is such as to cause rabies to be an unknown disease.

Next we would like to take you for a look at the park. See those neat new benches? You would be surprised at the comfort they give weary pleasure seekers in the good old summer time. And the general condition of the park. Isn't that a soother for sore optics? Yes, the ladies are responsible for the neat condition of this property.

Our writer mentions making a bicycle track on the athletic grounds. This we do not have. The bicycle is a thing of the past to a certain extent, and there is no longer call for this manner of amusement.

In the line of modern attractions Laporte is up to the minute. Besides the boats to let and the tennis courts mentioned in the letter we have a fine bathing beach at Lake Mokoma, a merry-go-round, a motor boat, beautiful paths through the woods, and many other means of pleasure and amusement. We have an up to date athletic park and some ball players who can play the game. In the sports line, taking most any class into consideration, Laporte certainly shines. The Lake Mokoma Company deserves credit for this and many other features that make the town an ideal place for the summer visit of pleasure seekers.

In the line of general improvements and accommodation facilities we have two excellent hotels, Laporte and Bernard which are up to date in every respect and of sufficient capacity to accommodate a large number of guests. Then there is the "Mountain House" which, each summer, is filled with city guests. The Mokoma Company have recently erected several cottages and prospects are that more will be built in the coming season.

The water service problem, which has been a subject of discussion for several years past, is to be remedied. A company has been formed and in the course of a year it is expected there will be running water in the majority of Laporte homes. This is one of the most commendable improvements the people have ever undertaken.

Taking all in all we think the writer of the above letter can feel that she has been many times repaid for her effort to induce the people of Laporte to "spruce up" for in addition to all the things she mentions that could and should be done, the town has made gigantic strides in several ways until today we have an ideal summer resort, healthy, pleasant and not overly expensive. The best quality the Laportians can brag of is the excellent health embracing atmosphere which, were the town devoid of all other inducements to summer boarders, would be sufficient to make it a place much sought by this class.

Much more could be said in praise of our neat and attractive village and some pointers could still be given for additional improvements, but for the present we will let well enough alone and trust to the ability of the various improvement societies and each individual to make every effort possible along the improvement line

The Game Commission of the State is endeavoring to pass an act to require resident hunters to secure a license before hunting. The license will be given them for the sum of one dollar and with this only will they dare go out for the purpose of hunting game with a gun. Numerous attempts have heretofore been made to pass such a game law but have proved futile, lacking as they did, the support of the farmers and hunters of moderate means who think it would be encroaching upon their rights as free and independent citizens.

As reasons for passing the gun license act, the Commission in a special bulletin distributed throughout the State, says that the passage of the act will increase bird life and other kinds of game; means additional lure to out-door recreation and exercise and thus will promote better health; that it will eliminate the small boy with a gun; means increase food supply, means protection to land owners; extermination of vermin through bounties, and various reasons, some of which are no doubt true, some are doubtful and some are too far fetched to be thought seriously of.

This act may be alright and it may not, however it looks to us like another of the many flimsy game and fishing laws that compel the little hunter and fisherman to take a back seat while the genuine "sport" goes in for the spoils. There is much need of action to increase the game and fish in this State but it seems to us that a better way to gain this end would be to close the season on such game as is scarce for a few years instead of crowding the poor man, who can ill afford to pay a dollar for a few hours sport, out of the ring and let the rich one, who is really the best marksman and has better facilities for bagging the game, have full play. It looks to us like a mighty poor way to increase game for the city hunter generally makes a pretty clean sweep when he scours the country and takes home much more game than is killed by the country hunter in the same length of time.

In this issue of the News Item will be found some timely articles on poultry raising by C. M. Barnitz. Mr. Barnitz is one of the best authorities on poultry in the State. He is well known to the farmers of the country, having lectured at the farmers' Institute held at Estella and Muncy Valley and we trust that the articles from his pen will meet with favor. We invite the readers to write us concerning these articles and if they are properly appreciated we will make this line a permanent department of the paper. We also have opportunity to secure matter pertaining to farming and fruit raising and would be glad to have the farmers express their opinion as to the use of it through these columns. Speak up gentlemen. We wish to make this paper what you wish it and will consider all suggestions as to its betterment.

Rev. Emory M. Stephens, District Superintendent, will preach in the M. E. church at this place on Monday evening, at 7:30. Quarterly Conference will immediately follow preaching services.

until in a few years this record of our "good things" will look as does the letter of fourteen years ago, to the observer of the present state of our thriving village.

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Tanneries Being Closed Down.

A large number of the tanneries owned by the Elk Tanning Company are being closed down entirely or the force of employes greatly reduced. At the Roaring Branch plant an order has been received to lay off a number of the employes. The Ralston plant has been closed temporarily. Orders were recently received to start up the large plant at Costello, Potter County, but within seven hours after the men had gone to work another order was received to shut down for an indefinite period. Work in the Galeton tannery has also been discontinued. The tannery at Hillsgrove has closed and that at Powell is running slack. The Laporte tannery has not ceased operations but is running light handed and will no doubt close in a few weeks at the longest. This means quite a blow to the people of Laporte and it is hoped that the machinery will not be silent long before orders are received to resume work in full force.

Accuse Senator of Buying Seat.

Charges of bribery, attempted bribery and other corrupt practices, both in the senatorial primary election and in the election of a United States senator by the legislature of 1909 were preferred against United States Senator Isaac Stephenson at Madison, Wis.

The charges are made in a statement filed with Governor F. E. McGovern by the committee appointed in 1909 by the state senate to investigate the primary campaign and the charges preferred while Stephenson's election was being fought out in the joint convention of the two houses of the legislature.

The committee declares that, in its opinion, both the nomination and election of Stephenson, who is a multi-millionaire lumberman, were fraudulent and void. It urges that a copy of the report be sent to the United States senate, with the request that that body make a full investigation of Stephenson's right to retain his seat.

Senator Stephenson is charged with violating the statute which requires that an account under oath of campaign expenditures be filed, and it is also charged that such violation was premeditated.

Seven Dead in Gas Explosion.

As the result of an explosion of natural gas in the basement of the five and ten cent store of J. C. McCrory & Co., at Conneville, Pa., seven persons are believed to have perished. Five charred bodies have been recovered, only one of which was positively identified.

The second body taken from the smoldering ruins was declared by the parents to be that of Miss Christabel Smith, aged nineteen years. Mabel Wagner, fifteen years old, and Minnie Mulac, aged fifteen years, are known to have perished. Of the bodies recovered four are girls. The fifth is that of an unidentified man, supposedly a customer.

Attempting to change meters without shutting off the gas at the curb is held responsible for the tragedy, and Coroner Bell promises a thorough investigation to fix the responsibility.

That any of the twenty-five persons in the store escaped is regarded as miraculous. Within a few moments the entire two-story brick building was a mass of flames. Within fifteen minutes after the explosion the walls collapsed.

Famous Picture Slashed.

Rembrandt's most famous picture, "The Night Watch," was badly damaged by a discharged naval cook by the name of Sigrist, who entered the Rijks museum, at Amsterdam, and with a knife deliberately slashed the masterpiece.

Sigrist, who was arrested, declared that his vandalism was an act of vengeance against the state because of his discharge from service in the navy.

The cuts traverse the principal figures of Captain Franz Banning Cocq's company of arquebusers, but art experts express the opinion that the damage is not beyond repair.

Didn't Speak in Fifty Years.

Phillip Burkhardt, ninety years of age, is dead at English, Ind. Burkhardt had been insane for about fifty years and had not spoken a word in that time. During the Civil War he lost his mind and became superstitious on the question of witches. He believed witches were always trying to put burs in his horse's mane and tail and he kept his gun loaded with needles to shoot the witch.

Taft Wants Canal Fortified.

President Taft sent to congress a special message urging the fortification of the Panama canal.

The president recommends that an appropriation of \$5,000,000, to start the work on the proposed defenses, be made at the present session of congress.

Youtsey Denied Pardon.

Governor Willson, of Kentucky, refused to grant a pardon to Henry E. Youtsey, convicted of the murder of Governor William Goebel. The governor says he believes Youtsey guilty of a cruel murder and therefore refuses to grant the pardon.



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Trial List, February Term, 1911.

Return Day, February 13, 1911.

1.—Thomas D. Rouse vs. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; No. 46 December Term, 1910. Trespass. Plea—"Not Guilty."

Scouten Thomson

2.—William Landhack vs. W. J. McCartney; No. 2 May Term, 1910. Defendant's Appeal. Plea—"Non Assumpsit" and "Set-Off."

Scouten Mullen

3.—William Landhack, Jr., by his next friend, William Landhack vs. W. J. McCartney; No. 3 May Term 1910. Defendant's Appeal. Plea—"Non Assumpsit" and "Set-Off."

Scouten Mullen

4.—Patrick Connor vs. Margaret Connor, Administratrix of John Connor, Deed. No. 38 May Term, 1910. Assumpsit.

Thayer Walsh

5.—George B. Sellers vs. M. J. Devaney; No. 73 May Term, 1910. Defendant's Appeal. Plea—"Non Assumpsit."

Meylert Scouten

6.—Thomas Knecht vs. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; No. 8 September Term, 1910. Trespass. Plea—"Not Guilty."

Scouten Thomson

7.—George Terry, by his next friend, Sylvester Brown, vs. John N. Walker and Ada Walker. No. 35 September Term, 1910. Trespass. Plea—"Not Guilty."

Mullen Walsh

8.—John F. Hunter vs. The Township of Laporte; No. 44 September Term, 1910. Trespass. Plea—"Not Guilty."

Scouten Mullen

Prothonotary's Office. LaPorte, Penna. January 2, 1911.

ALBERT F. HEISS, Prot'y.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To the Tax Payers of the several boroughs and townships of Sullivan County:

Take notice that the County Commissioners will hold an Appeal in their office at LaPorte, Pa., on February 6, 1911, at 10 o'clock, a. m., to hear such as may feel themselves aggrieved by the late assessment and to make such charges as may seem to them just and proper.

County Commissioners.

Commissioners' Office, Dec. 30, 1910.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of Administration having been granted the undersigned on the estate of Hannah Buck, deceased late of Davidson Township, notice is hereby given to all persons owing said estate to make payment to, and all persons having claims against the estate to present the same to L. H. BUCK, Administrator. Sonestown, Pa., Jan. 2, 1911.

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Brewers Grain	25.00	1.30
Oyster Shells	10.00	.60
Choice Cottonseed Meal	32.50	1.75
Beef Scrap		3.00
Oats	per bu.	.45
Charcoal	50 lb sack	.60
Oyster Shells	"	.35
140 lb bag Salt coarse or fine		.55
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