

County Seat

Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

F. W. Mylert and wife are visit-friends in Philadelphia.

Henry Kraus recently purchased a fine team of long-eared horses.

Every farmer should take advantage of our bargain clubbing offer.

Services at the Episcopal church will be held every Sabbath at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. W. H. Randall spent part of the week with relatives in Williamsport.

T. J. Keeler and wife spent part of the past week with relatives in Benton.

Sam Mahaffey and family are visiting friends in Lairdsville part of this week.

Honore Edgar of Nordmont, drove the White family to this place Wednesday.

Adam Morey, proprietor of Hotel Schaad, Mildred, was a business man in Laporte Wednesday.

The Farm Journal 2 years, the News Item 2 years and one copy of "Horse Secrets" for only \$1.25.

Irvin Hottenstein and Ezra Vough of Forks, transacted business in the county seat Wednesday.

Mrs. H. M. Shaffer was recently called to her father's home near New Albany, on account of his serious illness.

Old L. A. Grippe has been hanging round our diggin' this week and we have a dum poor opinion of him as a companion. He very near pied our form once or twice, and only with the assistance of our friend Quinine could we keep him quiet. If you haven't met him, keep shady for he's no picnic.

The next "Mite" social will be held at the home of Mrs. Frank Ingham on Friday evening, March 4, for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society. Refreshments will be served and a collection taken. Some new games will be given. As it is one of the objects of the society to establish more social life in Laporte, it is hoped there will be a large attendance. All are cordially invited.

We have arranged with the publishers of the Farm Journal to give for a limited time, one copy of their new book, "Horse Secrets," 2 years subscription to Farm Journal and 1 year's subscription to the News Item, all three for \$1.25. This is an exceptional offer and we want every farmer and horseman to take advantage of it. Samples of the book and papers can be seen at this office. Renewals accepted on the same terms.

Entertainment and Spelling Contest.

On Saturday, Feb. 25, an entertainment and spelling contest will be held at Sugar Point Schoolhouse Nordmont. An interesting local talent program has been arranged consisting of songs, dialogs, one act comedies, etc. An admission of 10 and 15 cents will be charged. Proceeds will be used in increasing the number of volumes in the school library. Spelling contest will begin at 7:15 p. m.

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Saturday Night Talks

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CITIZENS AND ALIENS OF THE KINGDOM.

International Bible Lesson for Feb. 27, '10.—(Matt. 7:13-29.)

Every nation has its citizenry, those who speak its language, support its institutions, love its government, follow its flag. They sing, "My Country 'Tis of Thee." They rear their homes, and educate their children, and invest their money, in the land of their nativity. They were cradled in their fatherland and they expect to be buried among their kindred in the land they call home.

But in every nation there are to be found a class of people who are aliens and foreigners. They confess that they are strangers. They are far from home. For the purpose of trade, or the enjoyment of travel, or for educational purposes they sojourn for a time among those in whom they are interested, but they do not owe allegiance to the government, they do not invest their money, they do not take upon themselves any obligations, they hold themselves ready to pack up and depart at a moment's notice, they expect to return to their own land sooner or later. They live side by side with the citizens of the country, but so far as citizenship goes there is all the difference in the world between them.

So it is with the Kingdom of Heaven. There are citizens of that Kingdom, and there are those who are aliens and foreigners to it. The apostle writing to a certain class of people said, "Now therefore, ye are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets." And Christ in our lesson to-day says, "By their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven."

Church Not the Kingdom.

It is evident therefore that the church is not the Kingdom of Heaven. Church membership may be the same thing as citizenship and it may not. All church members are supposed to be natives of the kingdom, but their fruits show that oftentimes they are only aliens masquerading under the guise of citizenship for some personal reason. A life insurance agent joined the church in a certain place, and when he had succeeded in writing insurance policies for the most of the brethren he suddenly had a change of heart that took him off in another direction. He came in evidently in order to shear the sheep. Church membership will never save anybody. Creeds may be subscribed to, confessions of faith may be accepted, the pew may never be vacant in the house of God, and yet the individual be an utter stranger and foreigner to the commonwealth of Israel.

Infalible Tests.

There are two infalible tests of citizenship. The first test is character fruit. The test of all religions teaching is its practical result in the lives of those that receive it. The answer to modern eulogists of Buddhism and Confucianism is India and China; the answer to Mohammedanism is Turkey. When men sneer at Puritanism point them to New England; when they claim that "pure reason" is all that is necessary show them the Bible trodden under foot in Paris.

The Fruit Test.

And what is true in general is true in particular. Men do not gather grapes of thorns or figs from thistles. The tree that professes to be an orange tree must bear oranges. As a tree it may be beautiful, broad-branched, full of leaves, and birds, and blossoms but if it bears crab apples instead of oranges it is a fraud in the pomological realm. In other words, men are known by what they are rather than by what they say they are. A real professor of religion on the outside of the fence of the church is of more value to the world, so far as fruit goes than a sham professor of religion inside the fence of the church. And that is not saying anything against the church for without doubt the vast majority of real, genuine Christian fruit trees are within its gates. And all of them ought to be. Nevertheless, fruit is fruit wherever you find it, and you sometimes come upon it in unexpected places. All such do the will of God.

The Foundation Test.

Another test is the foundation upon which men build personal character. Christ said, "These saying of mine" are a rock foundation, and all other ground is sinking sand. The matter resolves itself into a selection of granite or gravel, on the rock or on the sand. Everything depends upon the kind of foundation you erect your soul structure upon, and the material you incorporate into the building. For faith makes a Christian, life proves a Christian and trials confirm a Christian. The providential afflictions of life may be likened to torrents of rain, the passions of men may well represent the impetuous floods, and the spiritual attacks from the invisible world of evil are often like the cyclones and whirlwinds that swoop down threatening to carry everything before them. In such hours of trial and tempest he who is built upon the rock will weather the gale, while he who is located on shifting, treacherous sand will be washed away in ruin.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF SULLIVAN COUNTY.

Expenses of Sullivan County for the year 1909.	
Assessing and registering	\$1,596.26
Agricultural Society	100.00
Auditing Prothonotary's account	1.50
Burial of soldiers	531.00
Books and stationery	20.80
County Institute	192.57
County costs	5.00
County bridges	2,577.29
County auditors	201.25
Court reporter	288.00
Court expenses	18.99
Constable's returns	297.04
Commonwealth's costs	508.01
Commissioners' clerk's salary, Thos. E. Kennedy	409.92
Commissioner's salary and expenses, P. M. Crossley	539.75
Commissioner's salary and expenses, Valentine Roho	537.25
Commissioner's salary and expenses, Wm. H. Rogers	537.75
District Attorney's salary	400.00
Log tags	22.50
Elections	1,645.39
Elections, primary	597.96
Feed and light	357.09
Freight and express	68.73
Fire wardens	1,323.45
Grand jurors	638.08
Horses	53.09
Interest	592.07
Interpreter	10.00
Insane asylums	260.61
Janitor's salary	249.97
Jury commissioners and clerk	63.38
Jail expenses	186.73
Penitentiary bills	336.30
Postage and telegrams	20.02
Printing and advertising	966.55
Public buildings and grounds	254.48
Prothonotary's account	324.03
Refunding account	866.33
Road views and township lines	172.21
Sheep claims	394.41
School Directors' Association	52.96
Solicitor's salary	360.69
Tipstaves	743.90
Traverse jurors	2,249.85
Temporary loan account	4,090.96
Telephone account	12.00
Locality register for 1909	11.25
Mad dog damages	210.64
Memorial Day	75.06
County order drawn in 1908	5.80
Total	\$25,629.48

COUNTY ORDERS PAID IN 1909.	
By amt. County orders redeemed in 1909	\$25,624.48
By amt. of State tax on interest orders and judgments	15.00
Total	\$25,639.48

LIABILITIES.		COUNTY ORDER ACCOUNT.	
To amt. of County orders outstanding	\$13,063.50	To amt. of County orders outstanding at last audit	\$ 5.90
To amt. of County judgments	8,940.00	To amt. of interest bearing orders during 1909	25,633.68
Total	\$22,003.50	To amt. of interest bearing orders outstanding at last audit	4,909.00
		Total	\$38,705.93

REDEMPTION FUND ACCOUNT.		REDEMPTION FUND ACCOUNT.	
To amt. of redemption money due from county	\$ 518.83	To amt. of redemption money paid out by County Treasurer in 1909	667.56
To amt. received during 1909	63.96	Total	\$1,186.39
To amt. of redemption money paid by county	602.60		
Total	\$1,186.39		

EDWARD L. SWEENEY, COUNTY TREASURER.

In account with the several Townships for Taxes received on Seated and Unseated Lands for Road Funds during the year 1909.

Boroughs and Twps.	Received in 1909	Due Treas. last au.	Due twp. last au.	Total	Paid by Co. Treas. Com.	Due Twps.
Cherry Township	\$2,222.34	80.55	2,702.91	1,130.00	35.50	\$1,553.40
Colley Township	805.12	43.03	848.15	660.00	19.80	168.35
Davidson Township	794.23	33.04	827.27	800.00	24.00	3.27
Eagles Mere Boro.	151.80	2.83	154.63	50.00	1.00	103.63
Edinboro Township	1,332.63	44.24	1,376.87	1,000.00	30.00	346.87
Forks Township	4.60	13.30	17.90	17.90		0.00
Hillsboro Township	222.54	49.08	271.62	143.00	15.00	113.62
Laporte Borough	82.14	51.65	133.79	100.00	15.00	18.79
Laporte Borough	10.34	4.47	14.81	800.00	26.70	16.11
Shrewsbury Township	967.82	55.14	1,022.96	800.00	26.70	196.26
Total	\$7,923.37	\$388.55	\$8,311.92	\$4,780.00	\$149.34	\$3,481.58

EDWARD L. SWEENEY, COUNTY TREASURER.

In account with the several Townships for Taxes received on Seated and Unseated Lands for School and Building Funds for the year 1909.

Boroughs and Twps.	Received in 1909	Due Treas. last au.	Due twp. last au.	Total	Paid by Co. Treas. Com.	Due Twps.
Cherry Township	\$2,233.16	118.59	2,351.75	550.00	28.50	\$2,173.25
Colley Township	2075.97	181.45	2,257.42	2,000.00	60.00	197.42
Davidson Township	1445.55	181.14	1,626.69	1,500.00	46.29	40.40
Eagles Mere Boro.	68.20	4.30	72.50	50.00	1.50	20.80
Edinboro Township	1,332.63	44.24	1,376.87	1,281.79	38.45	64.68
Forks Township	4.60	13.30	17.90	17.90		0.00
Hillsboro Township	222.54	49.08	271.62	225.00	22.50	24.62
Laporte Borough	82.14	51.65	133.79	115.00	15.00	13.79
Laporte Borough	10.34	4.47	14.81	10.34		4.47
Shrewsbury Township	967.82	55.14	1,022.96	800.00	26.70	196.26
Total	\$7,923.37	\$388.55	\$8,311.92	\$4,641.79	\$192.63	\$4,140.50

EDWARD L. SWEENEY, COUNTY TREASURER.

In account with the several Townships for Taxes received from Seated and Unseated Lands for Poor Funds during the year 1909.

Boroughs and Twps.	Received in 1909	Due Treas. last au.	Due twp. last au.	Total	Paid by Co. Treas. Com.	Due Twps.
Cherry Township	\$ 496.81	17.91	514.72	478.90	8.10	\$206.80
Colley Township	190.94	24.61	215.55	175.00	5.25	35.30
Davidson Township	463.14	22.24	485.38	600.00	18.00	65.38
Eagles Mere Boro.	68.20	4.10	72.30	50.00	1.50	16.80
Edinboro Township	35.91	7.4	43.31	30.65	1.00	11.66
Forks Township	267.32	41.27	308.59	250.00	7.50	51.09
Hillsboro Township	235.69	50.77	286.46	200.00	10.00	76.46
Laporte Borough	215.02	26.83	241.85	200.00	20.00	21.85
Laporte Borough	17.1	36	53.1	32.99		20.11
Shrewsbury Township	241.67	92.03	333.70	250.00	14.00	111.70
Total	\$1,857.54	\$73.91	\$1,931.45	\$1,468.88	\$43.05	\$718.85

EDWARD L. SWEENEY, COUNTY TREASURER.

In account with the County of Sullivan for the year 1909, officially ending January 3, 1910.

To amt. received from collectors for previous years	To amt. received from E. J. Mullen for office rent	To amt. received from E. H. Farrell for spring primary election 1908	To amt. received from Boyd P. Bennett for over payment of interest in 1909, \$467.56	To amt. received from W.C. Mason, refund	To amt. received from George Kargus for additional tax	To amt. received from E. J. Mullen for office rent	To amt. received from E. H. Farrell for spring primary election 1908	To amt. received from Boyd P. Bennett for over payment of interest in 1909, \$467.56	To amt. received from W.C. Mason, refund	To amt. received from George Kargus for additional tax
\$2,005.46	50.00	533.50	6.87	20.80	2.60	50.00	533.50	6.87	20.80	2.60
Total	\$2,620.23	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77	\$1,073.77

Statement Showing the Standing of the County Treasurer.		Wholesale Liquor Licenses.		Brewers and Distillers Licenses.	
To amt. due township and boroughs	\$5,717.17	To amt. of Wholesale Liquor Licenses	\$625.00	To amt. of distiller's license	\$160.00
To amt. of redemption funds due from county	518.83	To amt. of Wholesale Liquor Licenses	\$625.00	To amt. received from W. P. Shoemaker for costs, Proth'y, etc. on 13 1-2 acres, J. T. Brady	12.98
To amt. of county funds in treasurer's hands	687.00	To amt. of distiller's license	\$160.00	To amt. received from W. P. Shoemaker for costs, Proth'y, etc. on 13 1-2 acres, J. T. Brady	12.98
Total	\$6,923.00	Total	\$625.00	Total	\$172.98
Actual balance in hands of county treasurer	\$6,104.17	By state treasurer's receipts	\$592.75	By state treasurer's receipts	\$85.09
		By county treasurer's commission	31.25	By county treasurer's commission	5.90
		Total	\$625.00	Total	\$100.00
				By amt. of distiller's license	\$160.00
				By county treasurer's commission	5.90
				Total	\$325.90

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