

## Local Items.

Pay up your subscription.

Brink's ad is corrected weekly.

John Smith of New Albany was a Laporte visitor Monday.

George H. Lilley of Forksville called at our office Monday.

Mrs. Harry Shaffer is very ill at her home with rheumatic fever.

The Misses Bahl of Dushore are visiting their father J. P. Bahl.

Miss Pearl Hunter of Dushore spent the past week in Laporte.

M. J. Wilcox of Dushore transacted business in Laporte Tuesday.

Miss Olive Keeler is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Cheney, in New York City.

J. H. Stackhouse of Eagles Mere was an agreeable caller at our office on Monday.

Fred Heaton had a finger smashed recently while working in Sones' mill at Celestia.

W. M. Robins and wife of Sonestown were in Laporte Monday and made our office a call.

Mrs. Rufus Decker and daughter of New Albany spent Tuesday with her sister Mrs. Harry Shaffer.

Charles Lovelace and Nelson Lawrenson left Monday for Williamsport where they will work.

The Ladies' Aid Society is making preparations to sell ice cream and refreshments on Memorial day.

Michael Meehan of New Albany and Scott Collins of Forksville are engaged in plastering the bank building.

Miss Teresa Fries is spending a few days at Mildred and Murraytown attending the wedding of Walsh and Bonci.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hackley have returned to their home here after an extended visit with their son in Susquehanna Co.

Mrs. Mabel Ritter is spending the week in Muncy Valley taking the place of Station Agent, A. F. Darling, who is attending Court.

Carl O. Bird, who has been Principal of the Laporte High School for three years, left last week for Mount Herman, Mass. where he will attend school.

Preaching in Laporte M. E. Church, Sunday morning, May 22, at 10:00 o'clock. Subject of sermon will be: "Life's Easiest Yoke." Everybody is cordially invited.

It is impossible to run a live town, or business, or any other institution with dead men. That explains very largely why so many places vegetate, businesses go to smash, churches fail, and other enterprises cease to be. Live men ever watchful to seize opportunities of building up can alone create and maintain life and bring success.

If there is any significance in the names that kings bear, that of George will not be of good omen to the people of England. The new monarch is George V and he will have to be a vast improvement over the preceding four monarchs of that name if he is to amount to anything at all. The first two Georges had little to commend them but their personal courage in battle. The third George, while of irreproachable moral life, was bigoted, narrow and, at times, insane, while the fourth George was a profligate of the worst kind. Fortunately, public sentiment in Great Britain is now so strong that no king dare go far wrong, and therefore when some future Thackeray or Smucker writes a "History of the Five Georges" he may probably be able to present George V in most pleasant contrast to the other Georges. This will be made easier by the evident better moral and intellectual quality of the new king.

## CHARLES KAHNI IS "NOT GUILTY."

### Judge Ricklin's Assailant is Insane. Acquittal Results From Convincing Evidence.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. Charles Kahni, who on January 17, 1910 shot Associate Judge Richlin seriously wounding him, was brought before the Court on Monday afternoon and after evidence was taken from several witnesses all of which considered the man insane the jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty on the Ground of Insanity."

Following is given the proceedings of the case:

Commonwealth vs. Charles Kahni: Indictment for assault and battery with intent to kill. Grand Jury returns True Bill.

Defendant having no counsel Court appointed Alphonsus Walsh Esq., to defend him. After consultation with prisoner the attorney informed the Court that in his opinion the defendant is insane. Court ruled that this could be put in as a plea and the question of insanity submitted to the jury in connection with the evidence in the case. Plea returned was "Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity."

A jury was selected as follows: E. C. Peters, Lawrence Miller, T. J. Clarke, Daniel Phillips, Fennie Atherton, Albert Foust, Maynard Phillips, William H. Kast, Porter Higley, David Boyles, P. J. Walls and Warden Bahr.

Jury sworn and case opened by District Attorney F. W. Meylert.

Henry Richlin called in behalf of Commonwealth, sworn and examined in chief. By Mr. Mullen:

Q. Where do you reside? A. Forks Township. Q. Where were you on the morning of January 17th, 1910? A. I was going to Dushore. Q. How far is your residence from Dushore Borough? A. About seven miles. Q. On the morning of January 17th, who accompanied you on your trip toward Dushore? A. Elisha Sayman. Q. Did you reach Dushore that morning? A. No sir. Q. Are you acquainted with the defendant in this case, Mr. Charles Kahni? A. Yes, sir. Q. Did you see him on the morning of the 17th of January last? A. Yes, sir; I overtook him at William Murray's house in Cherry Township, about half way between my home and Dushore. Q. In Sullivan County? A. Yes, sir. Q. Who was with Kahni when you overtook him? A. No one. Q. What were you driving? A. A horse and cutter. Q. Is Murray's House near the public road? A. Yes, it is probably as far as from here to the back end of the Court House. Q. It sets below the road? A. Yes, sir. Q. Just go on and state in your own way what occurred after you overtook Kahni. A. I overtook him, and turned the horse out, and I threw the lap-robe over to one side, and says, "Come get in, Charley, if you are going to Dushore." And he says, "Now, I am going to fix you, and pulled a revolver from his hip pocket. I said, "Don't you shoot," and he kept backing up in the ditch, and I seen him pull the gun out, and I jumped out and ran toward the house, and I had just run a little ways when he shot, and the first shot took effect.

Q. Where did it hit you? A. In the side, right here. (Witness indicates the left side of the small of his back.) Q. How far did it penetrate? A. I don't know; it went through the ribs. Q. Has it ever been removed? A. Never. Q. Go on? A. And when he shot I dropped, and when I was down I heard the report of another shot, and pretty quick another one. There was one bullet went through here (indicating) and I fell down, and one shot went through the stomach of my overcoat, I had on a heavy fur coat, and that hit a button and fell out, and then another one went in the snow. And I got up and

ran around the house, and he followed me and shot again just as I turned the corner of the house going towards the kitchen. I ran in the kitchen. The reason I did not run to the front door was that I was afraid if I got to the front door and found it locked, he would corner me and pump the whole business into me. When I got pretty nearly around the corner of the house and practically in the lower door he stopped, and when I went through the house to the front he was there looking for me in front of the house, waiting to give me the other shot, I suppose.

Q. Did he say anything else that you heard except what you have told? A. That is all that I heard. Q. Where was Sayman during this time? A. I don't know; he was in the sled when I jumped out. Q. The first person you saw in the house was who? A. Mrs. Murray. Q. Did you see Mr. Murray? A. I think he was in the side room. Just as I came in the door he came out into the kitchen. Q. How serious was this wound? Just go on and describe how it affected you. A. I was sixteen days in the hospital at Sayre, at the Packer Hospital. Dr. Herman and Mr. Murray went there with me. I was there sixteen days, and I had a fever of one hundred and one for six weeks, and my pulse was one hundred and twenty; and at the end of six weeks I had an abscess which discharged through the lungs. Four quarts of discharge came out through the lungs. Q. In all, how long have you been ill? A. I am not over it yet.

Commonwealth rested.

Alphonsus Walsh opened for the defense.

Adam Kahni sworn. He said: "I am a brother of the defendant. He had been out west and when he returned he acted strange. He threatened to shoot me. I think he was insane. He has been in bad health for 12 or 14 years. He said about two years ago that they would have to carry Judge Richlin out dead sometime. That was about the time he threatened to shoot me."

Charles Kahni sworn. Kahni said he shot Richlin because he had persecuted him, and was injuring him in such ways that he could not endure any longer; that he had to kill Richlin or die himself.

Alphonsus Walsh addressed the jury on behalf of the defendant, stating that if found not guilty on the grounds of insanity he would be sent to a hospital for insane criminals, where he would be taken suitable care of until such time as he should be found rational and safe to be released.

E. J. Mullen closed by a plea to the jury in which he urged them to consider the evidence well and if they believed the prisoner was not insane to convict him of misdemeanor; if insane that they should find him not guilty for the reason of insanity.

The charge of the Court was a clear explanation of the crime charged and the law which governs the case. He outlined the evidence and instructed the jury to consider the facts carefully. He said there was no dispute about the fact that Kahni had shot Richlin with intent to kill him, and there should be a verdict of "guilty" as indicted unless the evidence clearly indicated that the defendant was actually insane when he shot Richlin. If in the opinion of the jury the defendant was so positively insane as not to be conscious of the enormity of the crime he committed, the verdict should be "not guilty for the reason that the defendant is insane." If found not guilty for that reason it would be the duty of the Court to order the prisoner to be taken to a hospital for the insane there to be detained and treated as required by an Act of Assembly, until such time as he should be released in pursuance of the provisions of said Act of Assembly.

Jury returned a verdict of "Not Guilty on ground of Insanity."

## NORDMONT.

M. W. Botsford of Palmyra, N. Y., transacted business in town Wednesday.

Raymond Anders and Laura Fiester visited the former's parents in Powell last week.

Miss Katherine Peters has returned home after spending the winter in Palmyra, N. Y.

Wm. Moran of Muncy Valley was a caller in town Tuesday.

Miss Bessie Coxe has returned home after spending a couple of weeks in Philadelphia.

A. J. Krouse of Benton is spending a few days in town.

## Best Goods Right Prices

For Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Gloves and Mittens, Notions, Fancy Goods etc. call and examine my stock. You will find my goods and prices attractive.



James McFarlane,  
LaPorte Tannery

# JOB Printing

The best is good enough for anybody. It is not too good for you. You get the best

## At This Office

## Short Talks On Advertising By Charles Austin Bates.

No. 30.

It is a first-rate rule never to do any advertising from which it would be impossible to trace any results.

There is a great deal of talk about the mystery of advertisements and its uncertainty, but there really isn't any more mystery or any more uncertainty about it than there is about any other business undertaking.

A grocer may buy a box of soap and shove it under the counter, and leave it there until it gets so hard as to be utterly valueless. This same man can buy advertising space and so use it that he will derive no benefit from it. There is no need of his wasting the soap or the advertising.

Run your advertising with the same common sense that you do the rest of your business, and there will be no guess-work about it. It will pay every time and always, but do not buy space on billboards; do not buy little tin signs to tack up on back fences; do not hire some perambulating painter to disgrace the farmers' fences with your name and address. There is not one time in ten thousand that you can tell absolutely whether this kind of advertising pays or not. The chances are one hundred to one that it does not.

Put your hopes in the newspaper. Talk about some certain thing—and then get ready for the customers. If it is a good thing at the right price, and you have told about it plainly and forcibly, you will sell it—sure.

If your business isn't large enough to justify extensive advertising, better confine your work to the columns of the best paper in the town. It is a pretty sure thing that the best people in town—those whose trade is most desirable—are the ones who take the best paper. Its circulation is made up of the cream of the community, and you had better get all the trade you can out of that circulation before you turn to something else.

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