

## Local Items.

Mabel Moran is visiting relatives in Ralston this week.

Dr. Daley of Dushore was a professional caller in Laporte Monday.

Miss Bertha Johnson visited relatives in Williamsport and Ralston Saturday and Sunday.

Samuel Kennedy has returned from Williamsport after spending a few weeks with relatives in that city.

The Village Improvement Society will meet next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. F. W. Meylert.

Miss Jean Ingham has been spending several days at the home of her uncle Ernest Ingham in Eagles Mere.

Mrs. E. L. Barrows and Miss Olive Barrows arrived in Laporte Tuesday evening, where they will spend the summer.

H. D. Harrison and C. C. Duffield arrived in Laporte Tuesday to take charge of the merry-go-round at Lake Mokoma.

The saw mill belonging to John Walsh at Ringdale has ceased operations. Work on the mill will be resumed in the fall.

Prof. Harry Brink of New Albany, Raymond Chase of Ulysses and Harry Rightmire of Eagles Mere are spending a few weeks camping on the banks of Lake Mokoma.

Ice Cream by dish, pint, quart or gallon; also ice cream cones. Will open Friday evening in Maben's ice cream parlors for the summer. J. P. Bahl. adv

Miss Irene Hunt of New York City was in Laporte enroute to Hotel Eagles Mere where she will spend several weeks, after which she will return to Laporte for the summer.

Grace Minnier, who has been employed as dining room girl at Hotel Bernard for some time has accepted a similar position in Williamsport. Miss Dora Crist of Sonestown has taken the former place.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley, son Ben and daughter Marguerite attended the funeral of Mr. Crossley's mother at Benton on Thursday. The lady, Mrs. Rachel Crossley, was 89 years of age.

There have already been over 700 tickets sold for the excursion to be run from Hughesville to Lake Mokoma next Saturday. The trains will arrive at the lake at 9 o'clock and will leave in the evening at 10 o'clock.

Mrs. Edward Ladley returned from a several weeks' visit in Kennett Square on Saturday evening. She was accompanied by Helen J. Phillips of that place who will visit in Laporte for sometime. Marion Pusey of Philadelphia who

Among those who attended the Habeas Corpus trial in this place Wednesday were Attorney Alphonsus Walsh of Dushore, J. A. Helmsman, Dr. G. Swope, Frank McMann, Ira Cott and Lawrence Lowry, Esq., of Mildred, Attorney Schnerr and Detective Killen of Wilkes-Barre, and Judges Charles E. Terry of Tunkhannock and Richlin and Kschinka of Dushore.

### Severe Electric Storm.

The electric storm which passed over this section Sunday evening was one of the most severe ever witnessed in these parts. Much damage by lightning and several fires resulted. A barn belonging to William Shaffer of Forks township was completely burned together with a team of fine horses and two cows. At Muncy Valley a barn on the farm of Taylor Brothers was struck by lightning but not fired.

### Birthday Surprise.

A. J. VanHorn was tendered a surprise on Wednesday evening of last week by his many friends in honor of the 54th anniversary of his birth. The evening was spent in dancing and music, furnished by the Laporte Orchestra. At a late hour the guests repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous feast was served. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. VanHorn, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moran, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Fries, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dewalt, Mr. and Mrs. John Fries, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fries, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Fries, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Fry, Misses Lizzie McNellan, Theresa Fries, Adda Ritter, Frances and Mabel Moran, Bertha Johnson, Sabina VanHorn, Messrs. Wm. Fries, Eugene McNellan, Malcolm Rogers, Frank Drake, Ott VanHorn, Leonard Fries, Burt Dewalt, Paul Fries, Donald Fries, John Ritter, Milton Fenstermaker, Macey Bugano, Anthony Coledo, Donald and Myron Dewalt.

### Dushore Planing Mill Damaged By Fire.

The Northrop & Covey planing mill at Dushore caught fire early Tuesday morning and before it could be extinguished nearly \$4,000 damage was done to building and machinery. The fire originated in the basement and by the time the water was turned on by the fire company it had burned through to the second floor. The two floors burned were full of finished stock which made it difficult for the fire fighters to get at the flames. Two streams were turned on the fire which was soon under control. A quick response and skillful work by the fire company saved Dushore from a repetition of the disastrous mill fire of a few years ago.

### Habeas Corpus Trial.

A habeas Corpus hearing was brought before President Judge Charles E. Terry and Associates, Richlin and Kschinka on Wednesday by Attorney Schmeer of Wilkes-Barre which resulted in the setting free of the prisoners, Tony Sharone and Charles Belli who have been confined in the County jail for some time charged with the murder of the Italian section boss at Bernice on the night of November 14, 1911. The case lasted about two hours and few witnesses were called to show the evidence under which the men were imprisoned, and which was not sufficient to warrant holding them for trial.

### Spend The Fourth At Laporte.

Active preparations are being made for a big day at Lake Mokoma on the Fourth. In the morning there will be appropriate exercises at the school house auditorium, including music and the reading of the Declaration of Independence. The afternoon will be given to amusements at the lake. The celebration will conclude with a fine display of fireworks at the lake at night.

### NORDMONT.

Ernest Bostford and Howard Hess are spending a few days at Sunbury.

A. L. Kilmer was a Hughesville caller Monday.

Miss Emma Carpenter of Dushore spent Monday with friends here.

Bert Snider and Lenna Fiester drove to Muncy Valley Sunday.

Mrs. W. B. Snider and daughter Dollie and son Ernest were Dushore shoppers Tuesday.

Mrs. H. Dewey spent last week with friends in Wilkes-Barre.

Cecil Bostford and Harry Hunter, who are attending summer school at Dushore, visited their parents here Sunday.

William Taylor of Hughesville, was a caller in this place Saturday.

Many from this place attended Children's Day services at Sonestown Sunday evening.

James McKern of Newbury spent Sunday with friends here.

You should prepare to picnic at Mokoma on the Fourth.

## AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON.

### CURRENT NEWS OF THE WEEK AND EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE IN WHICH PENNSYLVANIA FIGURES.

Special to the News Item.

There is one good Pennsylvanian who has confidence in the ability of President Taft, and that is Congressman Burke of Pittsburg. Mr. Burke has said: "I have no fear of the ability of President Taft to lead a great campaign next year, and his hold upon the people will be so great that so much strategy will not be necessary even in New York. It occurs to every member of Congress and to every Republican visitor interested in politics who visits Washington that President Taft has laid more substantial foundations—broader ones for the continued supremacy of his party and for the good of the whole people—than any president we have had since the civil war. When we speak of President Taft and have in mind his leadership for next year, there is immediate admiration for his moderation, fearlessness and consistency.

The subject of the parcels post threatens to become a live issue, and it is intimated that a number of the members from Pennsylvania are preparing to join in forcing the consideration of this subject upon Congress. During the coming week a big conference is scheduled for Washington, to take up this subject and among those who will be in attendance is a delegation from Pennsylvania. A number of bills are pending in reference to the matter and the Keystone delegation have been sounded as to their views with the probability that the leaders advocating this legislation will force the question before the country at this time.

The scolding of William Jennings Bryan to the Democratic House leaders on account of their decision as to the manner of fixing the tariff schedules on wool, have apparently had little effect, except to bring forth some spirited retorts from Democratic Leader Underwood and his supporters, who have very distinctly given Mr. Bryan to understand that he must keep his "hands off" The "Peerless One" commanded strong support in the Democratic House caucus, but was not able to muster sufficient strength to alter the pre-arranged program. The Democrats on Capital Hill are quietly counseling that there must not be a repetition of the empty treasury of Cleveland's Administration result from their legislation. This has been one of the main reasons why the members of that party have not harkened to the demand for absolute free wool.

News comes from Ohio to the effect that Governor Harmon proposes to make a bitter fight on Governor Wilson, William Jennings Bryan, and other stumbling blocks to his political ambitions. The woods are full of Democratic Presidential candidates, among whom might be mentioned in the order of their importance: Governor Wilson of New Jersey; Speaker Champ Clark of Missouri; Governor Harmon of Ohio, Senator Kern of Indiana; with Governor Dix of New York lagging along in the wake of the procession.

The great achievements of the Democratic Congress are pointed out as consisting in the reciprocity bill, the publicity act, popular election of United States Senators, and the farmers' free list bill, all of which with the exception of the last measure, were enacted by the last Republican House of Representatives.

President Taft has unquestionably been gaining support for his views expressed during his recent trip to Chicago, to the effect that the farmers of the country have been buncoed upon the subject of Canadian reciprocity, and that equal opposition to the treaty is traceable to the lumber trust and print paper makers.

## Farm and Garden

### PRUNE PEACH TREES OFTEN.

A Second Clipping In Summer Will Make Them Look and Bear Better.

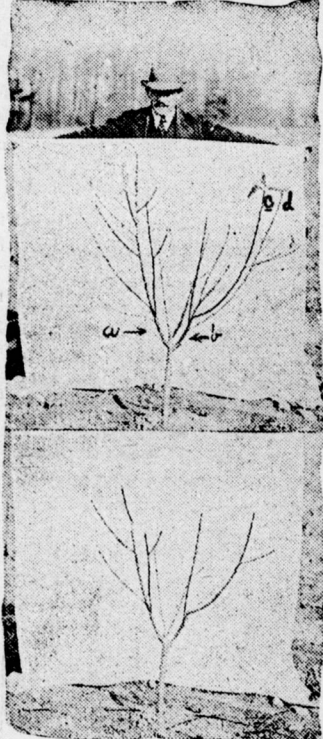
The first logical operation for the peach trees that have begun their second year of life in the orchard is pruning. This will reduce the amount of twig and branch surface to be sprayed for scale and leaf curl to a considerable degree, thereby reducing the expense of such work.

To secure successive yields of fine fruit there must be a proper balance between the processes of vegetative growth and fruit production. Excessive leaf and wood growth is always at the expense of fruit production. Abundant fruit production is a direct demand upon the vigor and life of the tree. Pruning during the dormant season encourages vegetative growth. Weak trees may be invigorated by proper pruning when dormant, but an excessive wood growth may be induced by too severe pruning.

Lack of pruning is frequently responsible for fruit of small size and indifferent quality, for an expensive type of tree for spraying and harvesting of fruit, for a lack of economy of the vigor and resources of the tree which can be directed toward fruit production and for premature old age and final destruction of the tree.

A certain amount of light is essential to the production of fine fruit. If the branches of a tree in full foliage are so numerous and close together as to shut out all the sunlight, all fruit in the center of the tree will be of inferior size and of poor color, and such a tree will soon fail to produce even inferior fruit in the shaded portion.

In pruning a one-year-old peach tree the first consideration is the selection of the main branches, the branches



UPPER PICTURE, ONE-YEAR-OLD PEACH TREE BEFORE PRUNING. LOWER ONE SHOWS SAME TREE PROPERLY SHORN AND SHOWING THE BEST OF FORM. (New Jersey agricultural experiment stations.)

that are to support the fruit bearing surface of the tree. These branches should be vigorous and well placed that we may develop a well balanced tree.

From two to three vigorous main branches are in most cases sufficient to form the basis of the head of a peach tree. Four may sometimes be allowed to grow, but more than this number is usually excessive, especially with varieties which make a dense habit of growth. The tree may appear too bare and open with only two to three main branches left at the beginning of the second season, but the space will soon be utilized by the development of vigorous side branches.

To prune a one-year-old tree, then, first select the best two, three or four main branches that tend to form the strongest, most symmetrical and best balanced tree. Cut off all other branches close to the trunk. Summer pruning is not a common practice among peach growers in general, but it is a very beneficial and profitable operation in young orchards. Peach trees set upon good soil and thoroughly cultivated will make a very rapid growth the second summer. Some of the leading shoots will commonly make a growth of from five to six feet if allowed to develop unchecked.

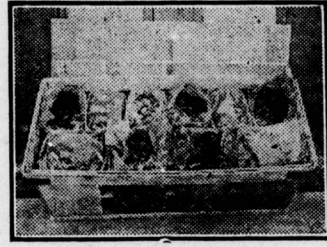
Where such a growth takes place the side branches on the leaders are often poorly developed and the tree has really grown out of bounds. A tree will also frequently develop too many of these long leading branches besides some smaller shoots, commonly termed "suckers," and the top of the tree becomes too dense and thick. Such a tree will require severe pruning the following spring to get it into proper form. A too severe winter pruning is what we wish to avoid in young peach trees, as it promotes vegetative growth and delays fruit production. Summer pruning has the opposite effect, and instead of forcing out still more vegetative growth its tendency is to check the tree and to promote fruit bearing.

### ART IN FRUIT PACKING.

Make Berries Look Like Poems and Reap a Worth While Reward.

Here is shown the way to pack raspberries for the high class markets. Selected and fixed as they are, they are poems of nature, and the short haired farmer who gets them ready often makes more on a crate than the long haired poet makes on a perfectly good set of verses.

First, of course, you must have your perfect berry, and after that no care is too great to send it to market in



BERRIES RIGHT FOR MARKET.

tempting fashion. Clean, crisp boxes; tissue paper, preferably of a light green tint; concentric arrangement of the layers and the packing of the boxes in crates to prevent a single berry being crushed will bring Standard Oil dividends to any fruit grower.

Education and wealth have made the average consumer most fastidious. He or she cares no more to have a lot of mixed up berries ladled out in bulk. The cost is no object. The quality is the thing.

### EDUCATED FARMERS.

Railroad King Says United States Can Never Have Oversupply of Them.

Few men in the world know more about farming as a wealth producer than does James J. Hill, the railroad king; hence this extract from an article of his in the Yale (college) News is well worth perusal.

"It seems probable to me," writes Mr. Hill, "that there are a good many hundred university graduates in this country every year who would be better off if they had shaped their studies with a view to agricultural industry and taken their diploma straight to the farm.

"There is not and never will be any oversupply of educated farmers.

"At the same time the man with a university education, supplemented by just such practical instruction as he would feel essential to any other occupation, is certain of success on the farm in proportion to his ability and industry.

"I do not think of any other occupation of which these sweeping assertions can be made. I do not know of any in which it is more possible to continue in connection with the main business of earning a living than enrichment and enlargement of the mind, which is the best gift of university life and its proper though seldom realized continuation after the university has been left behind.

"Except for those who have made the acquisition of wealth and power their definite aim in life I think the farm offers advantages superior to those of business or the professions."

Many things used in daily life have to be bought, but most of our troubles are homemade.

### An Effective Fly Trap.

Every garbage can and swill barrel can be converted into a fly trap by the device invented by Dr. Clifton F. Hodge of Clark university biological department be adopted.

The can or barrel is fitted with a loose cover which permits the flies to enter. At the top of the cover is an opening leading to a wire screen fly trap, and it is a peculiar fact that most of the flies entering the can in search of food will choose to make their exit at the top of the can and thus go to their death in the trap.

This method is not patented and therefore may be used by everybody.

### Orchard and Garden.

Don't sell all the good fruit. Keep some of the best for home use. Nothing is too good for "our folks."

The best remedy for pear and apple blight is to cut out and burn the affected twigs as fast as they appear.

Few persons realize to what extent fungous troubles are robbing the fruit grower and farmer of the profits of his labor. Spray.

In the absence of a heavy fruit yield in the peach orchard pruning should be done to insure new growth of wood for future fruiting.

Remember that there is no fertilizer for the garden that compares with well rotted barnyard manure. Application may be made any time during the fall, even if the ground is not to be plowed until late.

All flowers are kept in bloom much longer and the flowers are larger if not allowed to form seeds. Pinch off every flower as soon as it begins to fade. This is especially true of sweet peas and pansies.

The same sun, rain and dew fall upon the orchard of Mr. Careful as upon that of Mr. Slack, but Mr. Slack gets few marketable fruits. More depends on man and methods than upon Maine or Montana.

It is a very good plan to mulch the rhubarb plants with a lot of cornstalks or coarse grass. This will protect the plants during the winter and also keep weeds from choking the plants if kept on after cultivation in the spring.

## PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Attorney-at-Law.  
Office in Keeler's Block.  
LAPORTE, Sullivan County, PA.

E. J. MULLEN,  
Attorney-at-Law.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING  
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J. H. CRONIN,  
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NOTARY PUBLIC.  
OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.  
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EGGS FOR SALE—Buff Leghorn single or double comb. \$1.00 per setting of 15. M. J. Walls, Box 175, Laporte, Pa. Jul 1

LOST—Elgin watch; open face silveroid case; 15 jewel; has deer head on back of case. Liberal reward if returned to News Item Office.

EGGS FOR SALE—The famous E. B. Thompson strain, Ringlet Barred Rocks. \$1.00 per setting of 15. S. K. Brown, Ricketts, Pa. J\*

Anybody needing floor oil should inquire of John Hassen, Jr., at Hotel Bernard. In order to secure reduced rate on oil for his own use he ordered a half-barrel and will sell the balance in gallon lots at cost. This is an extra quality oil which he will guarantee to give the best satisfaction to every buyer. ad

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF First National Bank of Laporte,

at Laporte, in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business June 7, 1911.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	35,664.79
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	23.81
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	232.62
Bonds, securities, etc.	970.00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	8,418.46
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	500.76
Due from approved reserve agents	2,691.58
Checks and other Cash Items	108.67
Notes of other National Banks	1,990.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	150.73
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, VIZ:	
Specie	\$2,914.10
Legal-tender notes	600.00 3,514.10
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	1,250.00
Total	\$80,665.52

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Surplus Fund	1,250.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	472.74
National bank notes outstanding	25,000.00
Due to other National Banks	9,141.48
Individual deposits subject to check	19,461.49
Demand certificates of deposit	9,141.48
Certified checks	95.00
Cashier's checks outstanding	184.81
Total	\$80,665.52

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan, ss: I, Edward Ladley, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly affirm that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. EDWARD LADLEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and affirmed to before me this 12th day of June, 1911.

ALBERT F. HESS, Prothonotary.  
CORRECT ATTEST:  
A. H. BUSCHHAUSEN,  
F. W. MEYLERT,  
E. J. MULLEN, Directors.

### Notice of Transfer.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the Transfer of a Retail Tavern License heretofore granted to William Haley, in the township of Cherry, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, on premises known as the "Haley House" on the public road leading from Dushore to the village of Lopez, to WILLIAM BURKE, has this day been filed in my office, and the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Sullivan County, Penna., on Monday, June 26, 1911, at nine o'clock A. M. Clerk's office, ALBERT F. HESS, Laporte, Penna., Clerk. June 13, 1911.