

Local Items.

Robert Mason was up from Williamsport over Sunday.

Bring your family to the big celebration at Laporte.

A fine new horse has been added to the Carpenter livery.

Walter Beck of Picture Rocks was in town Thursday of last week.

Miss Mabel Moran has been visiting relatives at Kettle Creek for some time.

John Minier has been giving the street crossings a much needed overhauling.

Wolf Socks, our enterprising clothier, made a trip to Kettle Creek Sunday.

L. L. Ford and family of Philadelphia have arrived in Laporte for the summer.

Attorney E. J. Mullen attended the sale of the Schaad hotel property in Mildred Tuesday.

Dr. W. T. Randall and J. H. Thayer of Dushore were business callers in Laporte last week.

Be sure to spend the Fourth in Laporte. Everything possible will be done for your amusement.

James Moran Jr., returned to Muncy Valley Tuesday, after spending a few days in Laporte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kelly of Binghamton are visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Moran.

Mrs. E. P. Ingham and son Donald of New York City have arrived in Laporte for the summer.

The Schaad hotel property was sold on Tuesday to D. E. Carroll of Dushore for a consideration of about \$5,700.

Earl Garland and Mr. Warner of Harrisburg are enjoying a few weeks camping on the banks of Lake Mokoma.

Miss Eunice Ingham has returned from Central State Normal School at Lock Haven for her summer vacation.

You will not miss it if you come to Laporte on the Fourth. It will be one of the best celebrations ever held in this section.

Jos. Carpenter, F. M. Crossley, Wm. B. Ritter, John Hassen Jr., and B. M. VanDyke were business men in Dushore Tuesday.

Miss E. Jessie Wrede attended commencement exercises and reunion of her class at the Millersville State Normal School last week.

Wm. R. Collins of Mildred is erecting a new dwelling opposite the Schaad hotel property which will be occupied by Morris Leverton when completed.

E. S. Philips of Kennett Square, superintendent of the American Road Machine Company and secretary of Lake Mokoma Company was in town part of last week.

In this issue will be found the announcement of Mr. W. T. More as candidate for the office of County Commissioner. Mr. More is one of the best known men of Western Sullivan.

The Village Improvement Society will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smith this (Friday) evening. On account of making arrangements for the Fourth of July celebration, members are specially requested to be present.

Lake Mokoma is an ideal place for a Fourth of July celebration. Merry-go-round the big boat and swim, and lots more sport for Kate or Jim. There'll be lemon sour and ice-cream sweet, and any amount of things to eat. Everything from marbles to base ball; we could talk all day and not name it all. So if you want to have some sport just spend your glorious in Laporte.

Who Owns The Grass?

Mr. Editor:
To a property owner who has a considerable amount of tax to pay, but who keeps no cow, the Borough's management of the grass question seems very imperfect. Last year the town sold the grass for a fairly large percentage of the whole amount levied. This money went into the general fund, and helped to reduce the taxes of each and every tax payer. This is as it should be. But this year it seems to be the idea of some of the cow owners, that the grass belongs to them, because they own cows, and is not the property of each individual tax payer. This is certainly wrong. The keeping of a cow does not give any person the right to take what belongs to others. If the people who own cows desire to use the grass for their cows they should be compelled to pay for it, and the money put in the common fund for the benefit of all tax payers. If the grass is worth anything to the cow owner it is worth just as much to the community, and it is the duty of the Council, whose business it is to protect the whole people, to see that the tax payers get what belongs to them.

Tax Payer.

Good Position for Sullivan County Boy.

Among the students of West Chester State Normal School who graduated this year is Frank Hartung of Lincoln Falls. Following his graduation Mr. Hartung received an appointment as Principal of Schools in Rutledge, Delaware County. His salary will be \$75 per month for a term of nine months.

The Daily Local News of West Chester says of the young man: Frank C. Hartung represented the class in presenting the gift to the school during the Class Day exercises. While here he has been an active Aryan, serving as President and Vice President of the school Y. M. C. A. He formerly attended Lincoln Falls public school and was graduated from Forksville High School. He did clerical work for a time after leaving the high school. While he will probably teach for a few years, Mr. Hartung looks forward to medicine as his career. He is a son of Mrs. Caroline Hartung of Lincoln Falls.

Horses Killed by Train.

Leslie Gardner, a farmer living near Unityville, is in the Williamsport hospital, suffering from three broken ribs, contusions on the face and arms and cuts all over his body as the result of an accident last Friday morning near Chipewa.

Gardner was driving a team, when a Williamsport and North Branch passenger train came along. The horses started to run and Gardner was unable to control them as they headed straight for the tracks. The engineer of the train saw the horses coming and blew his whistle, tried to scare them away but the horses ran in front of the engine, which killed one and injured the other so badly that it was shot at once.

The train was stopped and Gardner, who had been hurled from the wagon, was hurried to the hospital, by order of General Manager Townsend of the W. & N. B. railroad.—Hughesville Mail.

Candy Investigation.

Dairy and Food Commissioner Jas. Foust has ordered an investigation into the cheaper grades of candies sold throughout the State to determine whether color matters are being used in manufacture contrary to the provisions of the pure food laws. Samples have been taken in forty two counties of the State and in every city and most of the larger boroughs. These samples are now being analyzed at Philadelphia.

G. C. Featherby of Hills Grove was in town Thursday.

Big Celebration In LaPorte

The Fourth Will Be a Day of Big Dimensions--All Residents Will Participate--Many Excursionists Will Be in Attendance and Join in the Sport.

John C. Hottenstein.

John C. Hottenstein, one of Overton township's best known and most highly regarded citizens, is dead at his home in that place. Deceased had been in ill health for a long time, following a stroke of paralysis and death came as a gentle relief from suffering.

Mr. Hottenstein was a veteran of the Civil war, and practically his entire life was spent in Overton township where he was often honored by his fellow citizens, he having held nearly every local office, not because he wanted them but because he was chosen for his worth, and not once were those who elected him disappointed for he fulfilled every duty to the satisfaction of his constituents and to his every lasting credit.

He was an honorable, upright and conscientious citizen who did what was right, and lent his best efforts to make this a better world in which to live. A host of friends regret that this kindly man is no more.

The funeral will be held at the house this (Friday) morning at 10 o'clock and interment will be made in the cemetery at Overton. D. C. DeWitt, Esq., of Towanda a lifelong friend of the deceased, will conduct the funeral and make the remarks. It was one of Mr. Hottenstein's last request that Mr. DeWitt officiate at his funeral, and the request was refused. Then his daughter repeated the request and Wednesday a son of the deceased came to Towanda, and asked Mr. DeWitt to fulfill the request of his father, and he consented.—Towanda Review.

Larceny is Alleged.

According to the Williamsport Gazette and Bulletin of last week Friday, one of our former Laporte boys is having some misfortune. The article reads:

"William Taylor of Neece street was arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny preferred by James W. Minier, a salesman for S. H. Stanton, candy manufacturer. He was arraigned before Alderman Batzle and held in \$300 bail for a hearing today. It is possible that another charge will also be made.

Mr. Minier while riding a motorcycle between this city and Muncy last week, lost a wallet containing checks, \$40 in money and some papers. The purse was later found with the money and some of the checks missing. The charge against Taylor states that he found the wallet and took from it the money, although he knew that Mr. Minier had lost the money, as the loss was advertised in the local

Bride and Groom Captured.

Getting Married is one thing and getting back from the wedding trip is another, as Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Buckley of Williamsport, learned to their sorrow. Somehow or another, their young friends learned what train they were coming home on, and they were at the depot with an automobile to meet them. The bride and bridegroom had been too cute for the crowd the day of the wedding, and got away without much horseplay at their expense. Not so their coming back. They were captured as soon as they stepped off the train, handcuffed together, and pushed aboard the waiting automobile, which was very appropriately decorated for the occasion. A tour of the city of Williamsport was made.—Towanda Review.

Next Tuesday is July 4th.

The Fireworks Industry

Every Year We Demand \$10,000,000 Worth of Fun.

By WILLIAM BRETT

THE term "money to burn" need not be regarded as an unqualified vulgarity. As applied to the fireworks industry it is strikingly pertinent. It is estimated that the citizens of the United States alone burn \$10,000,000 worth of these patriotic luxuries on every Fourth of July. There are, in point of fact, few nations too poverty stricken to find "money to burn" whenever the provocation is sufficient.

In the United States this industry seems to be the only one which is busy all the year in preparing something that is to be consumed in a single day. The retail trade necessary to manage this enormous output does not become active until a few days before the dawn of Independence day, and before midnight of that anniversary the business relaxes into somnolence. On the following day the dozen or more fireworks factories in the United States begin to prepare the stock for the next year. As far as possible everything begins de novo. Nothing must be left over.

By January the makers begin to make shipments to the middlemen. It is now that inventive genius is racked for ideas that will win during the few moments that they glow and illuminate the heavens. All the changes that can be rung upon the old time foundation of shooting stars, revolving wheels and showers of colored fire are made effective. If there has been a new president, a new war, a popular subject of interest of any kind, the counterfeited presentment ingeniously sheltered in an innocent looking pasteboard cylinder until such time as it is sent out to spread its glories on the evening sky.

After Memorial day is safely over it occurs to everybody that the fireworks season is approaching. The annual discussion concerning the impending danger from the cannon firecracker is revived, and proclamations to restrain the too robust enthusiasm of young America are made all along the line. Presently the \$10,000,000 begins to pour into the money drawers of the retailers. The stream of boarded penes grows daily until at last the embargo is lifted and all America bursts into a fusillade. It is only for a day, but it is unparalleled while it lasts.

There has been great progress in the manufacture of fireworks during the last decade, and most of it has developed in America. The enormous advance in chemical and electric science has been utilized in the business, and the result is a marked increase in gor-

The Fourth will be fittingly celebrated at Laporte and there is every indication of a big crowd and a big time. The exercises of the day will open with a street parade. Promptly at 10 o'clock the parade will start from the High School building. Flags and bunting will be provided for all the children. Headed by the Hughesville Band, which has been engaged to furnish music for the day, the parade will pass through town and back to the school building where the following program will be carried out:

Invocation, Rev. C. H. Doupe; Reading of Declaration of Independence; Singing by the children; Recitation, Joe Ingham; Music by the Band; Benediction, Rev. William Davidson. F. W. Meylert, Esq., will act as presiding officer.

At two o'clock a game of base ball will be played between the LAPORTE and HUGHESVILLE teams. A fine game is assured. At Lake Mokoma following the ball game there will be a full program of amusements, races and dancing.

At eight o'clock the display of fire-works will begin at the lake. A large and beautiful display has been secured for this occasion.

The special excursion train on the Williamsport and North Branch Railroad will leave the lake at nine o'clock.

Dr. Dixon's Warning.

Dr. Samuel G. Dixon again gives out his annual warning to people in regard to the treatment of wounds on the Fourth from explosives. Sixty-seven stations are provided in the State for the free distribution of anti-toxin. A. H. Buschhausen of Laporte is the distributor for Sullivan County and in any accident of this kind he should be immediately applied to. Powder burns are among the worse and often life depends upon a hasty treatment.

The Cannon Cracker

By MARY M. PARKS.

It was a Chinese cracker,
All clad in glowing red,
Lay trembling in a wooden box
Beside our Tommy's bed.

"Tomorrow," sighed the cracker,
"Unless I swiftly fly,
Long ere the shining sun is up
I shall most surely die!"

Out of the box he clambered,
With many a glance of dread
Where Tommy, dreaming of the Fourth,
Lay tossing on his bed.

The cracker, trembling greatly,
Then hid him to a wood
And sought a dark and lonely dell
Where drops of moisture stood

On the flowers and grass. He chuckled,
"This is the place for me,"
And sat down on a cold, damp stone,
Beside a mossy tree.

The woodland creatures gathered
And gazed with startled eyes
And listened to his tale of woe
With murmurs of surprise.

Said the selfish, boastful cracker:
"You see, I used my wits,
My brothers in that fatal box
Will all be blown to bits."

"While I, because I reasoned
And dared to act"— Per BANG!
A terrible explosion
Throughout the woodland rang.

It was a frisky firefly
Toyed with that dangling one,
And into countless pieces
The cannon cracker flew!

Died on Visit to Sister.
Joseph P. Splane, an attorney of Los Angeles, Cal., is dead at the home of his sister in Pittsburg, Pa., from appendicitis. He was on a visit.



THE FIREWORKS "INDUSTRY" ON THE FOURTH.

geousness of coloring and perfection of detail. Quite as remarkable has been the improvement in artistic quality. The crude designs of former years have been succeeded by real works of art. Some of the recent masterpieces of pyrotechnic art have been so admirable in their way that one could but regret their evanescence.

It is a fact also that America has supplied the fireworks used to celebrate every great event in Europe during recent years. The Spanish government, undeterred by its recent experience with American gunpowder, procured the fireworks used to light Alfonso to the throne from a New York manufacturer. At the coronation of the English king the ancient city of London was ablaze with fireworks made in America. Not only were these universally admired displays designed and constructed in American factories, but they were fired under American supervision.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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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*

WANTED—Wool; will pay 16 cents cash or 18 cents in trade. Wolf Socks, Laporte, Pa.

WANTED—A man or woman of character and intelligence, having about \$250 with which to furnish and equip an office; can secure control of a pleasant and profitable business in this County. For particulars, address, Rooms 208-209, Traders' National Bank Bldg., Scranton, Pa.

LaPorte Township School Audit for 1911.

George Karge, in account with Laporte Township as Collector of School and Building Tax for the year ending June 5, 1911.

To amount due Township by Audit, 1910.....	17 55
To amount of School Tax Duplicate.....	1269 90
By Exonerations.....	47 20
Land Returns.....	9 71
Treasurer's Commission.....	45
Receipt.....	750 00
Rebate.....	39 47
Commission 2 per cent on \$50.00.....	11 00
Treasurer's Commission.....	6 00
Treasurer's Receipt.....	326 71
Commission.....	16 35
Treasurer's Receipt.....	80 53
	1287 45
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BUILDING TAX ACCOUNT.

To amount Building Tax Duplicate.....	381 39
By amount due Collector by Audit of 1910.....	4 31
Exonerations.....	6 21
Land Returns.....	3 20
Treasurer's Commission.....	1 00
Receipt.....	345 47
Due Township.....	22 04
	381 39
	381 39

Morgan Gavitt, Treasurer of School and Building Funds of Laporte Township for year ending June 5, 1911.

To amount due by Audit of 1910.....	76 75
Amount received of Geo. Karge, Collector.....	1502 71
Amount received of State.....	578 15
Amount received of Mrs. Mary Walsh Overp'd in st.....	1 50
Amount received of Co. J. Treasurer.....	1120 00

By Orders Redeemed:	
Teachers' Salary.....	1890 00
Teachers attending Institute.....	60 00
Supplies.....	126 32
Freight and Express.....	3 57
Fuel.....	159 50
Auditing and Advertising.....	12 00
Judgments and Interest.....	702 37
High School Tuition.....	81 50
Secretary's Salary and Postage.....	35 70
Rent and Repairs.....	91 65
Attending Convention.....	25 86
Supt. Election.....	6 42
Attorney Fee.....	10 00
By Treasurer's Commission.....	61 00
Due Township.....	310 12
	3579 11
	3579 11

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Resources:	
Amount due from Collector.....	22 04
Land Returns.....	12 91
Due from Treasurer.....	310 13
Liabilities in excess of Resources.....	33 67
	378 75
Liabilities:	
Amount Ernest Botsford Note.....	125 00
Ambrose Walsh Order.....	253 75
	378 75

We, the undersigned Auditors of Laporte Township, find the foregoing account true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.
HOWARD C. HESS,
JACOB H. FRIES,
Auditors.