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Notice

Bids wanted for hauling coal for Laporte Borough School for seasons of 1911-12 or by the ton. Coal to be delivered at the school house.
James C. Caven, Secretary.

Notice of Postponement.

The meeting of the Sullivan County Teachers' Association advertised to be held at Bernice Friday and Saturday of this week has, owing to a conflict of dates, been postponed until Friday and Saturday, October 27-28.

Buck Carpenter, one of the best base ball players Laporte ever produced, and Miss Clara Cornelison enjoyed a pleasant ride to Sonestown last Thursday.

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JOSEPH A. HELSMAN.

Joseph A. Helsman the Republican candidate for the office of County Treasurer, is to be congratulated upon receiving the nomination without contest or opposition. From the time his candidacy was first announced, he was considered the proper and logical nominee.

Mr. Helsman is well known throughout Sullivan county as a man of integrity and excellent business qualifications. He was born in Scranton, Pa. in 1857, and is of German parentage. His parents came to Bernice over 30 years ago and Mr. Helsman has resided there almost continuously ever since.

"Joe," as he is popularly known began life for himself when a lad of only 15 years by working in the mines at Fall Brook, Tioga county. In the early seventies he came to Bernice where he continued work in the mines at that place. Later the State Line and Sullivan R. R. company placed him in charge of their barns and for many years he held the position. Later he became proprietor of the "Helsman House," one of the best conducted hostleries in the county.

Mr. Helsman, by his honesty, industry, good habits and perseverance has won success. If elected custodian of the county funds in November, he can be depended upon to fill the office with entire satisfaction to everybody. adv.

TRESPASS NOTICES, we have them for sale at this office, the best that can be printed containing the Act of Assembly of April 14, 1905.

They are printed on tough cardboard and will last for a long time. Price only 25 cents per dozen, if by mail ten cents extra. Other County papers are charging 50 cents per dozen.

This week we are giving our readers the story of the Peterman murder with the tragic history of the Peterman home in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county not far from Sullivan county line. The Peterman brothers are not strangers in Sullivan county, many people in this section are acquainted with them. It will be remembered that John was acquitted for the murder of Abe at Bloomsburg a few weeks ago.

FARMERS AND MERCHANTS—Will pay market price for wool. Address J. L. Wineman, Lewisburg, Pa.

WANTED:—Men to contract for cutting pulp and acid wood at once. Stony Brook Lumber Co., Lopez, Pa. 2012

T. J. Keeler is shingling his house occupied by Thomas E. Kennedy.

LOCAL NEWS

COUNTY SEAT NEWS TOLD IN BREEZY PARAGRAPHS.

Some beautiful weather this.

Jas. P. Magargel of Masten was in Laporte Tuesday.

Joseph E. Farrell of Lopez was in town Saturday.

Leo C. Heim was in town the latter part of last week.

Sheriff Brown was a business man in Dushore Wednesday.

W. W. Jackson of Williamsport autoed to this place Wednesday.

James F. Lang of Murray was a business man in town last Saturday.

M. Schmeer of Wilkes-Barre transacted business in Laporte Saturday.

Dr. Herman of Dushore was a professional caller in this place Thursday.

Jessie E. Camp, the New Albany Milliner was in town a week ago Thursday.

FOR SALE—Second-hand cook stove. Inquire of J. L. Smyth, Laporte, Pa.

Port McConnel of Pensdale was a business man in town a couple days this week.

Ellery P. Ingham of New York City is visiting old friends and relatives in Laporte.

Alphonis Walsh Esq., of Dushore was a business man in the County Seat Monday.

There is a place in North Carolina by the name of Kill Devil Life Saving station.

C. A. Starr of Sonestown candidate for County Treasurer was in the County Seat Monday.

Wm. Moran of Muncy Valley, Democratic County Chairman, was in Laporte last Saturday.

J. G. Cott of Elkland, candidate for Sheriff was in the County Seat the latter part of last week.

George Broschart of Dushore, candidate for County Commissioner, was in the County Seat Thursday.

Mrs. Phillip Houseknecht and daughter of Eagles Mere, were the guests of Mrs. L. R. Bussler Saturday.

John Hassen Sr. is recovering from injuries received from being kicked by one of his horses a couple weeks ago.

Michael McNellan Jr., and wife returned to Waverly Monday after spending a few days with the gentleman's parents at this place.

A. B. Kilmer of Wheelerville, candidate for Associate Judge was patching up his political fences in the County Seat the latter part of last week.

County Commissioners, F. M. Crossley, W. H. Rogers, Valentine Rohe, and solicitor, Alphonis Walsh made a trip to Athens Wednesday.

The Village Improvement Society is again prepared to sew one afternoon every week to raise money on the improvement fund. Will do plain sewing from 3 to 5 o'clock at the low rate of 15 cents per member. Orders taken and further particulars given by H. O. Ingham, Secretary.

SPELL OF TRAGEDY HANGS OVER HOME

Scene of Fatal Duel Between Brothers Long Noted for Deeds of Blood.

Bloomsbury, Pa.—The spell of tragedy hangs over the Peterman home in Sugarloaf township, where, only a few days ago, there was fought the duel that resulted in the death of one Peterman brother and the wounding of the other, who is recovering and will be tried for murder.

Since the hour when the news of the terrible affair at the Peterman farm became circulated over the quiet countryside the history of the Peterman homestead, with its tragedies began to be recited over and over.

Fifteen years ago, when the Peterman family was augmented by the marriage of John Peterman to a widow of the Sugarloaf district and the bringing of her three children under the Peterman roof tree, the family was one of the happiest of that picturesque section. One day Mrs. Peterman was boiling soft soap in a large kettle that swung from a crane in the old log house. It was a ponderous cauldron holding many gallons of the grease from the annual hog butchering, and the soap was to be of such quantity that it would answer the household all winter.

Somewhat—just how nobody seemed to know—one of the widow's children in playing about the blazing fire, knocked the boiling kettle from its fastening, and the mass of stizzling grease spilled over, and not only that particular child, but the two other children of the woman, scalding all so badly that they died in a few hours.

The tragedy so appalled the mother that for a long time it was feared she



Duel Between Brothers.

would lose her mind, and for a long time the old loghouse was shut up, not even used as a storeroom, the memory of the kettle tragedy being so poignant that the place was abandoned. Today it stands as a link between the hideous past and the more hideous present.

One day a few years after the terrible wiping out of Mrs. Peterman's little ones, her husband was at work in the fields not 200 yards from the house. A high wind, an accompaniment to a terrific storm, swept over the countryside, and just when Peterman was passing at a distance in which the limbs of the monarch caught and pinned him to the ground, a ponderous tree on the knoll was blown over and Farmer Peterman was killed. His grave was added to the row of little graves in the Sugarloaf cemetery, and alongside that of the first wife.

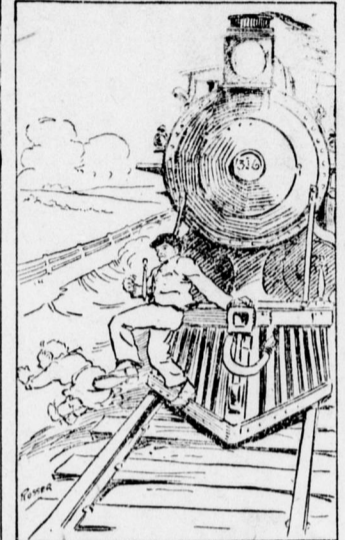
Always the history of the Peterman farm was referred to in tones of sadness, and the place grew to be associated with the community in sort of a weird way. But the capsheaf of its tragic history was that enacted somewhere in the house or out of it, with knife and a stone and fist, in the darkness the other night between the two brothers, who were equally interested in the property.

There were two-score knife wounds in the body of Abram Peterman when the undertaker came to lay out his body for burial, and the face and head were battered in as though done with a stone. His body had been found at the foot of a wall, or over-shot, near the Peterman farmhouse, and in the latter the brother, John, himself terribly wounded as though he had been attacked by a veritable madman, was found in a semi-unconscious condition. He acknowledged having slain his brother, but declared that if he had not killed Abram he himself would have forfeited his life.

KICKS CHILD OFF TRACK

Engineer Runs Out on Pilot and Saves Little One Just in Time.

Glenwood, Minn.—While running his train out of Dent, W. A. Beardsley, engineer on freight No. 71, saw what seemed to be a blue parcel lying between the rails about twenty car lengths ahead. But it turned out to be a child, who arose and sat down on one of the rails. The emergency brake was applied, but it was impossible to stop in time. Beardsley ran out on the pilot, intending to pick the



Kick Saves Child.

child up. He reached the pilot too late, but had to extend his foot and kick the child off the rail and down the embankment.

The train was stopped, the child picked up and brought back to the hotel at Dent. A doctor was summoned and it was found that the child was unhurt except that it had a bruise where the engineer's shoe had struck it.

LOCAL ITEMS.

Says the New Albany Mirror: Laporte has a clothing dealer by the name of "Wolf Socks" that sure sounds like warm feet!

No one around Laporte ever gets cold feet Freeman.

Soon those beautiful(?) little snow flakes will come drifting down, dropping, softly dropping, on the frozen ground. Then you will hear all good men say: "Is it cold enough for you today?"

Thomas Cavanaugh returned Saturday Evening from a visit to his brother James at Davis, W. Va., who has been suffering with typhoid fever. He reports his brother on the way to recovery.

Miss Iva Hess, a student at the Laporte High School, is ill at her home near Nordmont with appendicitis. She is under the care of Dr. Davis of Sonestown, who reports her condition favorable at present.

We would like to have a correspondent in the following places: Muncy Valley, Sonestown, Nordmont, Forksville, Hillsgrove, Lopez, Bernice and Mildred. Will send stationery to the first person sending us their name from the above named places.

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Last week two fine wild geese were killed at Lake Mokoma. W. R. Mason securing one, while Lawrence Gumble shot the upper story off the other. Sheriff Brown was also mixed up in the affray, wounding the goose killed by Mr. Mason. These are the first wild geese killed here in several years.

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