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News Items Contents.
The News Item has been enlarged it now contains 8 six column pages, just twice as large as formerly. It is the second paper in size and the neatest appearing paper in Sullivan County, we have enlarged on every feature but one, and that is the price, which still remains the same as usual, 75 cents per year.

Our location at the County Seat makes it convenient for us to obtain notes of public interest concerning the Sullivan County courts and reports of legal proceedings.

All important news of the county seat is published. This should be of interest to all in the county.

Our continued stories are receiving the highest commendation from high-grade fiction readers.

All the general foreign and domestic news is published weekly.

Our old soldier's column is greatly appreciated by the surviving veterans of the Civil War.

Each week a snapshot is taken at State News. All Pennsylvania gleaned for items of interest.

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HOW LATE CAN WE PRUNE?

This is a practical question asked at this time of year by many persons. State Zoologist Surface from his office at Harrisburg has issued the following statements:

"Pruning can be done at any time of the year, but the larger branches should be cut off when they are dormant or nearly so. If I had trees that really needed pruning, I should do this even after the time of full blossoming, but should prefer to do it before the blossoms open, and even before the growth has started much. The large subs should be painted with tar paint or oil paint. Be careful about burning brush near the trees as they are easily damaged by heat."

For those ritous State Conventions, the cure is presidential preference primaries.

In four months the net result of the congressional session has been an excess of investigations, and a paucity of important legislation.

SONESTOWN ITEMS

G. L. Norton of New Albany was in town last Tuesday.

Mrs. Sadie Fox, who has been working at the Sonestown Hotel, has returned to her home in Eagles Mere, as garden working is on hand.

Mr. Geo. Kess has returned from Florida, having spent the past six months there, and says it is too hot there now for him to enjoy good health.

Mr. Ben. C. Speary has returned to town again, having been to Youngsdale, Clinton county, with his brother John, who is on the sick list.

Smith Boudman was in Unityville last Monday buying potatoes and had the luck to get 18 bushels and that was all the potatoes there was in Jordan Twp.

Mr. David Myers of Milton, brother of James Myers, of Strawbridge, who owns the Novelty Works here, has taken charge of the same as foreman and moved his family here.

Mr. W. H. Dildine of Muncy, foreman of the Welliver & Bitler Heading Factory has moved his family in A. T. Armstrong's house at the Grist Mill below town.

Mr. George Rea, our station agent, is off on vacation for the next six weeks. He says he reckons he will have to stand with his back to the trout streams to keep the fish from jumping in his face.

Commencement Exercises

Commencement Exercises of the Laporte Borough High School will be held on Friday evening, May 3, 1912, at eight o'clock, in the High School auditorium. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Killgore's orchestra of Dushore, addresses will be given by Supt. J. E. R. Killgore and Prof. Gartner of Susquehanna College.

The pupils of the Laporte Schools will give an entertainment in the auditorium of the High School building, Tuesday evening, April 20, 1912, at eight o'clock.

The program will consist of recitations, music and a play, by the High School pupils, entitled "The Durglar." Admission 20 cents.

Proceeds will go toward Commencement expenses.

Ice Cream will be sold immediately after the entertainment, in the rooms on the first floor.

A PROMINENT LAWYER DEAD

B. Stuart Bentley died at his residence in Williamsport at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, aged 75 years and one month. He had been confined to the house only for the past two weeks.

Benjamin Stuart Bentley was born in Montrose, Susquehanna county, and practiced law in Montrose until 1886 when he took up his residence in Williamsport and continued the practice of law.

When the Superior court was created, in June, 1895, Mr. Bentley was appointed prothonotary for the Williamsport district and, continued to hold that office until death removed him.

At the annual meeting of the Village Improvement Society the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Edw. Ladley, Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Smyth, Treasurer Mrs. T. J. Keeler, Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Ingham.

Executive Committee, Mrs. F. W. Meylert, Mrs. I. L. Ford and Mrs. J. L. Smyth. The Society is in a flourishing condition and increasing its membership.

County Seat Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

Will Mahaffy is on the sick list. C. C. Duffield was in town over Sunday.

Miss Jessie Rogers spent Saturday in Dushore.

Iva Hess spent Sunday at her home.

Wm. Burles has moved his family to Sonestown.

Raymond Shaffer of Forks was at Laporte Tuesday.

Henry Jordan of Forks was at Laporte Tuesday.

H. O. Tarbox of Nordmont was at Laporte on Wednesday.

W. H. Middle of Estella was in town the fore part of the week.

The News Item force now consists of Willard Day, Charles Dauberman both of Williamsport, Pa.

J. G. Scouton was a business man at the Court House on Monday.

Z. E. Botsford of Nordmont was calling on friends in Laporte Tuesday.

Geo. Wanck of Cambelleville was a business man in Laporte Wednesday.

Earnest Speary of Nordmont was in town the beginning of the week.

Miss Irene Leahy is visiting her brother Mr. John Leahy of this place.

David K. Little of Forksville was a business man at Laporte Wednesday.

Helen Carpenter spent a few days with her mother at Sayre this week.

Mrs. E. S. Chase of Eagles Mere, who has been ill all Winter is some what improved.

Chester Gumble who has spent the Winter at Hills Grove, returned home this week.

We observed the familiar face of John Pardoe of Forksville in Laporte Wednesday.

Mr. John Leahy attended the wedding of John Pyne, and Alice Foley of Towanda.

E. E. Mecum, W. H. Taylor and J. W. Dickerson were at the Bernard Hotel Tuesday.

The V. I. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. J. L. Smyth, on Monday evening, April the 29.

Wm. B. Fellingner moved from the Association house No. 1, to a house at the Tannery.

A. S. Buckley, Supt. for the Elk Tannery Co. spent the day at Laporte Tuesday.

Misses Hattie Traugh and Francis Kennedy walked to the formers home, at Nordmont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Keeler, of Laporte, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Gumble of Picture Rocks on Monday.

W. E. and H. L. Crawford of Muncy were looking after the speckled beauties at Laporte the earlier part of the week.

Miss Helen MacDermott, who made her home with Mrs. A. H. Buschhausen, her cousin, for the past seven years, since the death of her mother, has gone to Mount Saint Mary's Seminary, Scranton.

There will be a Bake Sale on Saturday afternoon, April 27, beginning at 2:30, at the home of Mrs. T. J. Keeler, Ice Cream, Cakes and Candy beside the usual articles of food will be on sale that afternoon.

The Item is sending out a few sample copies this week, and if you receive one consider it as a personal request for your subscription. If you don't receive a copy and happen to read this in your neighbor's paper give it the same consideration. We want you on our list.

The high winds of the fore part of the week blew down the maple tree at the south west corner of the park. It is to be hoped that the Boro Fathers will have it removed before it is needed for fire wood next winter.

\$1.50 Coal Carries \$2 in Gold

An interesting feature about the coal mined in Cambria, Wyo., is that it is claimed to be gold-bearing. Some of the coal has contained as much as \$2.00 per ton in gold, and the coal was sold for \$1.50 per ton. When Coke made at Cambria was selling for \$3.50 per ton samples were taken from 31 cars during a period of three weeks and assayed. The samples showed an average of \$2.46 per ton in gold and \$0.28 in silver. The explanation offered for the presence of gold in this coal is that the sands which submerged the old peat bog and now form the roof of the coal bed were derived in part from gold-bearing alluvium. While the sand was being deposited the gold worked down into the underlying bog and is now found in the coal.

This is one of the interesting statements made in a report to be published in a few days by the U. S. Geological Survey. It is Bulletin 499, entitled "Coal near the Black Hills, Wyoming-South Dakota," by R. W. Stone.

What the coal will do under a boiler is shown by comparative tests made by the Cambria Fuel Co., at Cambria, by the Lincoln Traction Co., Lincoln, Neb., and by the Geological Survey fuel-testing plant at St. Louis. These tests are compared with similar tests made on competing coals. Besides a description of the coal field and coal mining operations at Cambria, which is 7 miles north of Newcastle, Wyo., the report contains a description of all known coal exposures around the Black Hills, extending from Sundance and Aladdin, Wyo., to the openings in the bank of Cheyenne River east of Edgemont, S. Dak. Four different coals, bituminous, splint, cannel, and "pine needle," are produced here. The conclusion reached is that none of the local localities around the edge of the Black Hills, except Cambria, will ever add to the State's record of coal produced and shipped. The report is fully illustrated.

The information contained in this report was collected by Mr. Stone at various times while he was examining lands for classification. It was not originally compiled for publication, but it proved to be so comprehensive and complete that it has been assembled under one cover. Bulletin 499 can be obtained free on request from the director, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.

Texas produced 3,000,000 barrels of petroleum in 1911, but still that isn't what they drink in Texas.

NOTICE

John B. English, lessee of the Republican News Item from July 1st 1911 to July 1st 1912, on the evening of April 1st, left the office and the town and has not been seen in either place since. The management of the Item had been entirely in his hands up to the time of his departure. By his failure to get out the issue of the Item for the first week in April his contract with the Estate of Thomas J. Ingham for the lease of the office became void, and his connection with the paper ceased.

We have been busy so far trying to get printers and get the regular issues out, and have not been able to get at the accounts. Mr. English claims that he is not of age and contracts made by him are void.

We presume that mail which was intended for the News Item office but sent in the name of John B. English has never reached the Item and that this may cause some confusion. If you have written the Item and not had a reply, kindly write again addressing your letter to F. H. Ingham, Esq.

The office is now in good running condition and we are ready to do your job work or take your subscription.

List of Jurors, May Term, 1912.

Name	Occupation	Residence
Grand Jurors.		
George Arey	Farmer	Cherry
Bowman Barrett	Blacksmith	Hills Grove
Edward Brown	Machineman	Bernice
George W. Bender	Farmer	Forks
Charles Cook	Miner	Bernice
Hartley Chason	Farmer	Hills Grove
Charles Coleman	Miner	Bernice
Christian Heinze	Farmer	Elkland
Frederick Holtz	Clerk	Dushore
Kimber Horn	Laborer	Davidson
Anthony Kiltner	Justice of Peace	Peace Fox
Sylvester Kiltner	Farmer	Elkland
Russel McCarty	Farmer	Elkland
George Meye	Merchant	Davidson
Frank Meyer	Merchant	Bernice
Charles McCarroll	Farmer	Colley
William Painter	Farmer	Elkland
Conrad Russel	Blacksmith	Shrewsbury
Robert Simmons	Machinist	Davidson
Oscar Snyder	Farmer	Cherry
Andrew Small	Farmer	Davidson
John Watson	Foreman	Davidson
Charles Webster	Farmer	Forks
George Whipple	Foreman	Ricketts
John H. Houser	Fireman	Ricketts
Charles Kaseman	Merchant	Fox
John Karge	Farmer	Ringdale
Samuel Kilmore	Farmer	Forks
Lawrence Laursen	Laborer	Laporte B.
James Lang	Laborer	Lopez
Frank Landon	Laborer	Dushore
Joseph McIntyre	Farmer	Laporte T.
Enos McGee Jr.	Laborer	Bernice
Daniel McCarty	Laborer	Bernice
Warren May	Farmer	Elkland
Melvin Mullen	Farmer	Elkland
Henry Richard	Farmer	Davidson
Denis Ryan	Farmer	Cherry
William H. Rogers	Contractor	Laporte T.
Sylvester Sullivan	Engineer	Lopez
Samuel Secules	Laborer	Jamison C.
William Shaffer	Farmer	Eorks
David Utz	Blacksmith	Dushore
John Walsh	Lumberman	Ringdale
Charles Weisbrod	Farmer	Cherry

TRAVELER OR PETIT JURORS

Archie R. Adams	Engineer	Ricketts
George Adams	Laborer	Lopez
Samuel Bird	Farmer	Forks
Brady Bennett	Laborer	Eagles Mere
John Bedford	Farmer	Elkland
Frank Bird	Farmer	Forks
George W. Bigger	Blacksmith	Davidson
Charles Brink	Contractor	Eagles Mere
David Cook	Laborer	Dushore
Henry Cummings	Farmer	Eagles Mere
John Cett	Farmer	Wilkland
Martin Cavanaugh	Farmer	Cherry
Matthew Glenmons	Mine Supt.	Bernice
Francis Coyle	Farmer	Cherry
George Diacoll	Laborer	Bernice
Henry Darby	Laborer	Hills Grove
Ira Edler	Farmer	Elkland
George S. Eddy	Teamster	Laporte B.
Warren H. Fanning	Merchant	Fox
Gearhart Fritz	Farmer	Davidson
Brady House	Motel k'pr	Davidson
Garfield Harrison	Laborer	Hills Grove
Porter W. Hunsler	Farmer	Cherry
Wilber J. Higley	Laborer	Laporte B.
Porter Higley	Farmer	Bernice
Brady House	Laborer	Dushore
William Hill	Laborer	Bernice

Corn Growing Contest

Benton, Pa., April 16, 1912
The Item,
Laporte, Pa.
Gentlemen:

I wish you would announce in the columns of your good paper the following committee which I have named to take charge of the corn growing contest:

Prof. W. W. Evans, Bloomsburg, Pa.
Prof. Reese Killgore, Dushore, Pa.
Prof. I. H. Mauser, Sunbury, Pa.
Prof. C. W. Derr, Washingtonville, Pa.
Mr. James C. Packer, Sunbury, Pa.
Mr. Alex. Billmeyer, Washingtonville, Pa.

Mr. Chas. H. Dandine, Orangeville, Pa.
I am selecting for this committee the County Superintendent of each of the four counties comprising this district and three prominent and disinterested farmers of the district making a total membership of seven.

The committee will announce their plans in full detail in a letter issued. For the immediate information of prospective contestants the contest will be based primarily on the highest net return from an acre of land planted to corn. Every contestant must be within the twenty year age limit. He may employ help if he wants to but must charge up such employment against his cost.

I have received a letter from one bright young boy who says he is going to specialize in potatoes - good for him. We will arrange also for a potato contest everybody can participate, who wants to, old and young, and suitable prizes will be arranged for same. With potatoes selling around \$1.50 per bushel in towns surrounded by fertile soil it means something to both the farmer and consumer that we should give more attention to this crop.

Very truly yours,
JOHN G. McHENRY.

Sullivan County Summer Normal School

In High School Building, Dushore. Five weeks' term beginning Monday, May 27, 1912.

FACULTY:

In addition to a large corps of local instructors we shall have with us Prof. Lister, a Palmer Method Writing expert, during the week of June 10. Also an expert in Primary Methods.

In addition to the stress placed upon Writing and Primary Methods the following will receive special attention:

Pennsylvania History (Required under the "New Code")
High School Subjects for Professional Classes, and Course and Method Grammar for Intermediate and Grammar Grades.

Every teacher in the county, regardless of the grade of the certificate held, should attend this school which promises to be the most useful in its history.

TERMS:

For full term of five weeks, \$5.00
For less than full term, \$2.00 per week with a minimum charge of \$3.00.

M. R. BLACK, Principal

Chicago woman has sued a beauty doctor for \$50,000 for spoiling her complexion. Just think of a girl with \$50,000 worth of beauty seeking the service of a beauty doctor.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

What the world needs is more advice and more good examples.

He is leaving a trail of ferns and foeman behind as he goes along the way.

The "C" count always shows the persons at a Pennsylvania county meeting the most in the world.