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FOR SALE

A good fresh cow, also a team of good driving horses, weight, about 900. Inquire, Joseph Carpenter, Laporte, Pa.

Woman's Leg Cut Off

By W. & N. B. Locomotive

With her left leg severed by the Williamsport & North Branch locomotive that took her to Williamsport, Mrs. Earnest Thorbe, age forty, of Sonestown, was admitted to the Williamsport Hospital Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock. An operation was performed shortly before noon Monday.

Death made it impossible for Mrs. Thorbe to bear the approach of a freight as she was walking on the track in a cut near Sonestown. The engineer blew his whistle and the bell of the locomotive changed. The woman stepped off the track and then back again oblivious to the approach of the engine.

Mrs. Thorbe's left leg was cut off above the ankle. The crew of the freight got an order from Hughesville to cut off their engine and caboose and make a run for life to Halls and then to Williamsport. The Philadelphia & Reading gave them a clean block to Pine street station, where the hospital ambulance was waiting. Dr. H. K. Davis, of Sonestown, accompanied the wounded woman to the hospital.

We have been informed that she is getting along nicely.

FOR SALE

One team of Matched Black Horses 4 and 5 years old, weight, 2,000 lbs. Will sell together or single. Inquire of John Hassen, Hotel Bernard, Laporte, Pa.

NORDMONT ITEMS

Mrs. D. Dietrick and Mrs. Manley both of Williamsport, spent Thursday, with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley and family.

Rev. Jarret, former pastor of Laporte, and wife are rejoicing over the advent of a daughter born April 22.

Mrs. Manley, Amy Kanouse, F. M. Crossley and daughter Marguerite visited friends in Eagles Mere Thursday.

Harry and Robert Hunterboth, of Nordmont visited their sister Nellie of Laporte Thursday.

Among those from Nordmont who attended church Sunday evening were Miss Alice Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. Traugh, Harry and Robert Hunter.

Miss Olive Keeler, Ida Hartung and Rex Eddy spent Sunday with friends in Nordmont.

Prof. Leahy visited friends in Nordmont Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Kanouse, visited his father at Benton Saturday.

COOK WANTED

A good girl or middle aged woman as cook at the Laporte Hotel, Joseph Carpenter, Prop.

County Seat Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

Michael Flynn spent part of last week in Masten.
Clinton Walton of Muncy spent Friday in Laporte.

Edward Burke of Sonestown was in town last week.

Ben Speary of Nordmont was in town last Saturday.

Michael Walsh of Cherry was in town last Thursday.

Mr. John Knouse spent a few days at Benton, Clinton County.

E. U. Biggers of Onieda, N. Y. was calling on Laporters Friday.

Brady Smith of Unityville was in town the latter part of the week.

Mrs. F. H. Ingham and daughter Jean spent Monday in Dushore.

Earnest Botsford of Crosby McKean Co. was in Laporte on Friday.

Wm. Walsh of Dushore gave the News Item a welcome call on Monday.

'Hod' Sherman of Williamsport spent Monday night at Laporte.

Alfred Ritchlin and Henry Zitzelman of Dushore, were in Laporte Tuesday.

Rex Eddy, Ida Hartung and Olive Keeler drove to Nordmont on Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Kraus spent a few days at Wilkes Barre and returned on Monday.

Hattie Trough, Fay and Nellie Hess spent Sunday at their homes near Nordmont.

Jerry Cox of Lancaster was a pleasant caller at the News Item office on Friday.

John Aumiller of Eagles Mere was shaking hands with his friends in Laporte last week.

Mrs. Jos. Gibbons and two children of Larksville Pa. were guests of Mrs. Llynn, last week.

Mrs. Henry Stepp of Binghamton is spending this week with relatives and friends here.

Ed. C. Potter returned from Bingham on Wednesday, and will take up his work here again.

Morgan Gavilt who was in town on Saturday says if the weather clears up he is going to farm.

Mrs. N. C. Maben who has spent the past three months at Fostoria, Ohio, returned home last week.

Toney Murrey autored to Laporte on Sunday and attended services in the church of the Sacred Heart.

Will Rogers went to Williamsport, on Monday where he is engaged in working at carpenter work.

Rev. Doupe held church at Nordmont Thursday evening April 25. Mr. Doupe is an earnest worker.

Mr. John Leahy with a party of pedestrians went to Nordmont on Friday, and was making business calls in that vicinity on Saturday.

Miss Olive Keeler, Hattie Traugh, Fay Hess, Ida Hartung and Messrs John Leahy and Rex Eddy of this place, spent Sunday at Nordmont.

The 10th verse of the 37 chapter of Genesis was used for his text, and from it an excellent sermon was derived. A special choir furnished the music.

Oliver Rose who has been attending school at Mt. Hermus, Mass. returned on Saturday, to spend his summer vacation at home. Expecting to return in the fall.

G. W. Jockson of Dushore m'fg of the Elite Cigar was in town on Saturday. George says that he manufactures other cigars but the Elite is the cigar to smoke.

The Bacca-Laureate sermon was preached to the Seniors of the Laporte High School, Sunday evening, April, 28, in the Methodist church. Rev. Davidson delivered a very able discourse on attaining high ideals.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Traugh and daughter Ruth and Miss. Alice Pennington of Nordmont attended the Bacca-Laureate sermon which was preached to the graduating class of the Borough High School, Sunday evening.

The following of Nordmont attended the Commencement exercises held in the High school Building Tuesday evening. Mr. Bert Snider and wife, Horris Edgar and Miss Estella Snider and Harry and Robert Hunter.

SONESTOWN ITEMS

Mr. George Morris and Thomas Starr walked up to Eagles Mere for their health on Sunday last.

Mr. Russel Confer of Picture Rocks was in town a little while on Sunday.

The L. W. Welliver Heading Factory are going to put in a stove mill along with the heading factory, also a saw mill in connection.

A. T. Armstrong has bought the Daniel Rea Oxen and some other stock in the cattle line.

Mr. James Fiester has moved his family from Cottage Lookout to A. T. Armstrong's farm at Muncy Valley.

We seen in the Lopez News that Buff Steinbach had moved to Sonestown some time ago and that Lopez was at a loss, but they said what was their loss was Sonestown's gain. Now Buff has left Sonestown at present and we hope they have gained their loss of some weeks ago.

Harry Basley of the Basley Touse caught a eleven and a half inch California trout in the outlet of Eagles Mere Lake last Wednesday. Smith Boudman the same day caught a 11 1/2 brook trout in the old splash dam above town. This is the place to fish if the people would only think so, for a fish that would bite for Boudman would bite for any one, for he says he never fished any and don't know how. But he says if it were to haul slop and feed hogs and have all of the green flies after him in Eagles Mere he would know just how to catch them.

THE DANGER OF USING FOREIGN POTATOES FOR SEED.

Large quantities of European potatoes are at the present time being received into this country. Their fine appearance and reasonable cost in comparison with the high cost of home-grown seed have fed growers to consider the advisability of using them for seed in place of home-grown stock. This should under no circumstances be done.

A wide experience in testing a large number of foreign-grown varieties has demonstrated that, with few exceptions, foreign stock is not adapted to the climate and soil conditions obtaining in this country. The Department of Agriculture during the past seven years has tested more than 100 foreign varieties, with the uniform result that the yields during the first year were not equal to the yields of our best American sorts. These results have been repeatedly corroborated by American growers and seedmen.

The few fairly satisfactory varieties of the many tested have required from two to three seasons to become acclimated.

(1) Foreign-grown potatoes should under no circumstances be used for seed purposes.

(2) Such potatoes are not adapted to our soils and climate, and will not return profitable yields.

(3) Several serious diseases not now prevalent in this country are almost certain to be introduced if such stock is used for seed.

Why They Want Change in Reading Train Schedule

W. & N. B. Opposed to Change

William Ellis Haines, principal council for the petitioners for a change in the schedule of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, opened for the petitioners before the state railroad commission at the court house, Williamsport, Friday of last week.

Judge Ewing and Milton J. Brackett, the surviving members of the commission, occupied chairs in front of the prothonotary's desk and the attorneys and others taking part in the hearing grouped themselves about tables within the bar. There was a fringe of others, mostly witnesses in the forward part of the spectators' section of the court room. As council for the petitioners, Thomas Wood appeared with Mr. Haines. John G. Reading was in charge of the legal array of the Philadelphia & Reading.

WHY HE WANTS SCHEDULE CHANGED

John A. Whitney, the new occupant of the Round-Top dairy farm at Halls Station, was called by Mr. Haines as the first witness for the petitioners and was questioned as to the reasons for desiring a change in the time of the morning and evening trains of the Reading. Mr. Whitney thought a change would be beneficial. When Mr. Reading got at the witness it became plain that the railroad company was strenuously opposed to putting on additional trains or changing the time of those now in the service.

Mr. Whitney testified among other things that in order to get to Williamsport on the present early train it was necessary for him to leave home at ten minutes of 6 o'clock, and in response to a question by Mr. Haines, said that this hour was before daylight during the fall, winter and early spring. He declared that he knew of none of his neighbors who considered the present train service satisfactory.

NOT CONVENIENT FOR MILK SHIPPERS

William F. Coleman, a clerk in the prothonotary's office, the second witness, said that he had a farm at Fritz station and that to his knowledge many farmers used the station and that a large quantity of milk was shipped from there, some of it being from his farm. He said that the present train time was not convenient to the milk shippers.

Deputy Prothonotary G. M. Sones, swore that the present schedule interfered with the business of the courts and that witnesses and jurymen from the lower end of the county were put to inconvenience. Mr. Sones said that he owned a farm in Wolf township and was unable to live there and attend to his duties at the court house on account of the present arrangement of trains. Mr. Sones declared the present train schedule was generally unsatisfactory. He referred to the holding up of the license court last month by the failure of witnesses to arrive in time on train No. 25, scheduled to arrive at Pine street at 10:08 a. m., on account not only of the lateness of the time fixed, but also on account of an unusual detention of the train.

W. & N. B. OPPOSED TO CHANGE

General Manager Townsend, of the Williamsport & North Branch, took a hand in the quizzing of the witness at this time. Mr. Townsend prefaced his examination by a statement that the proposed change of schedule would necessitate the putting on of other trains on his road. He declared that passenger traffic was not a paying proposition and that he already had too many passenger trains on his tracks as it was. The question of the profit of passenger traffic was much to the fore in the questions asked by Mr. Reading of the witness.

Mr. Sones declared that if a morning train on the Reading were scheduled to arrive at 8:15, people from out of town would have as much time to do business as they now have in case they come to the city by the early train reaching here soon after 6 o'clock, for the reason that the stores do not open till 8 o'clock anyway and that shoppers who come to town had to wait until the stores open.

GENERAL MANAGER DICE CALLED

The commission heard much other testimony on the side of the petitioners at the morning session. The commission adjourned at 1 o'clock and resumed its sessions at 2, when Mr. Haines introduced twelve affidavits and two letters which he was allowed to file.

General Manager A. T. Dice, of the Reading, was called by the railroad as the first witness on that side. His testimony concerned the necessity for making up the schedules as they stand.

WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THE TIANIC HORROR?

It is all summed up in one word of six letters:

"PROFIT"

A long time ago our fore fathers were in bondage to an old fellow named "PHARAHOH". His heart was hardened by God for our own good. He was crazy for what? To make a long story short. For the same reason that sank the Titanic with its fearful loss of lives.

PROFIT.

The old chap got so mad when his servants cut and ran away-and by so doing put a stop to his 'Profits'

That he and his men drove pell mell after them, and every mother's son of them got drowned. The mad race in both cases was for Profits.

I assume that you, as you read these lines are satisfied that the God of Gods-started every thing-and keeps every thing a going.

Well! wouldn't it be wise for you and I to try and practice his way of doing things.

He knows what is for our good, and what will make us prosper. (See the first Psalm.) Just take a look at the ten commandments.

But do not hedge on the forth command, by switching off on to a bungling man made day.

God won't stand any of your fooling with his word.

It will cut deeper and faster than a circular saw.

What will it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his life Jesus.

A. C. Jenkins.

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") History, School Subjects for Professional Classes, and Course and Method in Grammar for Intermediate and Grammar Grades.

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

TERMS:

For full term of five weeks, \$6.00.
For less than full term, \$2.00 per week with a minimum charge of \$3.00.

M. R. BLACK, Principal.

LITZLEMAN--DAVIS

Mr. Harry Littleman of Forks Twp., and Miss Davis; daughter of Jewelleryman Davis, of New Albany, were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents, on Wednesday of this week. Both are popular young people of this section. We wish them a happy and prosperous married life.

Educational Notes in Brief By State Board of Education

CODE REQUIRES PLAY GROUNDS

The State Board of Education has decided that hereafter it will approve no plans for school houses unless proper provision is made for play grounds. This seems to be a move in the right direction. The physical activity of the child must be provided for in order to secure an all round education. If children are given an opportunity to express themselves in play, they will not resort to practices which interfere with the good order of the community in which they live. No educational movement in the last ten years has attracted as much attention as the movement for the welfare of the child as it can be best conserved in giving it opportunity for proper physical expression.

OPEN AIR SCHOOLS

The State Board of Education has received a very interesting report from Supt. Chas. Lose of Williamsport, Pa., concerning the establishment of an Open Air School in that city. About 20 children are provided for in this school and the results predict that the children are gaining in physical strength as well as making rapid strides in their studies. The children greatly enjoy the work and the prejudice on the part of the parents, which was considerable at the outset, has been entirely removed. There is no doubt that schools of this character will be greatly multiplied and that children who have some physical affliction, who are anaemic or tubercular can be well taken care of in this way.

PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL FUND

Pennsylvania is the only state in the Union that does not have a permanent state school fund. If the wishes and hopes of the State Board of Education are realized, that deficiency in our educational system will soon be provided for. Under the new Code provision is made for organizing such fund. The state of Kansas has a fund of \$9,000,000, the income of which cannot be used for any other than school purposes. This amounts to \$6,000,000 per year. In the early history of the state, Pennsylvania had a fund of \$1,500,000, but that disappeared many years ago.

CARE OF DEFECTIVES

One of the very serious problems confronting the school communities is what to do with the defective children. Pennsylvania has a number of schools taking excellent care of many defectives but the accommodations for the whole number in the state are entirely inadequate. When medical inspection is completely established throughout the state, it will no doubt be found that there are between 12, 0 and 13,000 pupils who ought to be especially cared for. The State Board of Education has been asked to consider the matter of making adequate preparation for the care of these children.

POOR DISTRICTS

Last year there were in Pennsylvania 24 districts, represented by 149 schools, in which the minimum school term of 7 months could not be maintained by levying the minimum amount of tax under the old law. Many of these schools are in mountainous regions where there are few people and where the value of property is very low. The State Board of Education will ask the next Legislature to give consideration to the question of providing proper educational facilities for these unfortunately situated districts.

Commencement Exercises

An entertainment was given Tuesday evening by the grades, and High School pupils of the Borough school. A very entertaining program was made up which consisted of speaking, solos, songs by the grades and a play given by five girls of the High School. The play was entitled "The Butlar". After much fright over the supposed burglar in the house, it was found that it was only a cat. The auditorium was tastefully decorated with the colors of the Juniors, Cherry and White.