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Graduating Exercises

On Friday evening of last week the Graduating Class of this place held their exercises in the High School, commencing at 8:00 p. m. A very entertaining program was made up, consisting of speaking, which was very ably done by the following graduates: Fay Hess, Hattie Traugh, Freda Armes and Estella Vough. Prof. Gartner, of Susquehanna College, made a very impressive speech on "Keeping the Boys and Girls in School". Immediately after the exercises they held a dance on the second floor of the News Item building, which was attended by a large number and proved very delightful.

FOR SALE

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

COUNTERFEIT \$10 BILLS ARE IN CIRCULATION

New counterfeit \$10 national bank notes, crudely executed, and drawn on the Fourth National bank of Philadelphia and the Bank of New York, are now being circulated throughout this part of Pennsylvania, according to Matthew Griffith, head of the Secret Service office.

The counterfeit bills show poor workmanship and are apparently made by tracing the lines and figures of genuine notes through carbon sheets. The transfer lines are then gone over with ink or indelible lead pencil.

FOR SALE

A good bargain in a Two Seated Second-hand Spring Wagon. Also a good Second-hand Buckboard. Inquire of T. J. Keeler, Laporte, Penn'a. x 5-31

Confessed Lyncher Acquitted

Westchester, Pa., May 4.-Lewis Denithorn of Phoenixville, who was placed on trial in the Chester county court charged with second degree murder in connection with the lynching of Zach Walker at Coatesville last August, was acquitted by a jury, although he pleaded guilty. He was considered weakened.

MILLINERY

We cordially invite you to come and inspect our millinery display of rich and handsomely designed Ladies trimmed dress hats, and ready to wear hats. Misses and childrens trimmed hats, baby bonnets and automobile bonnets. Also a nice assortment of ribbon, flowers, and ornaments of various kinds.

LIZZIE McNEILLAN

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER CASE

President McCormick Makes a Reply to Charges.

HE DEFENDS THE ORGANIZATION

Statement Issued in Connection with the Government's Suit to Dissolve International Harvester Company.

The government filed a dissolution suit in the federal court at St. Paul, Minn., April 30, against the International Harvester company, alleging violation of the Sherman law and making the general charges that are customary in a bill of this kind, and asking for whatever reliefs are considered necessary by the court. The bill is a very long one and therefore cannot be reproduced, but it sets forth, in effect, that the Harvester company is a monopoly in restraint of trade, has used oppressive methods in forcing its agents to handle its goods exclusively, etc. To these charges President McCormick has made the following reply:

"The International Harvester case differs radically in its facts from all the so-called 'trust' cases heretofore decided under the Sherman law. The International Harvester company was organized in 1902 for the purpose of securing economy in the manufacture and sale of harvesting machinery, and of increasing the foreign trade. It had no water in its capitalization, and it has earned only a reasonable return on its capital, less than 7 per cent per annum on the average. The prices of its machines are now substantially the same as in 1902, notwithstanding an increase of 15 per cent in raw material prices and 30 per cent in wages. The company has caused a large saving to American farmers in the cost of agricultural implements. It has increased the foreign trade in agricultural implements four-fold in nine years; its foreign sales in 1911 were over \$42,000,000. It has not sold cheaper abroad than at home. Its treatment of its customers, its employees, its agents and its competitors has been in accord with the highest standard of ethics and honorable business methods. To the farmers it has given better service and better machines; to agents and dealers, a less hazardous and fluctuating business and to its employees it has given higher wages, improved and sanitary working conditions, insurance against sickness, accident and old age, and a share in the profits.

"The charges of misconduct found in the bill have been met and disproved by the company in other cases; and they will again fail, because they are untrue. The supreme court of Missouri, in a suit in which those charges were fully gone into, said:

"On the whole, the evidence shows that the International Harvester company has not used its power to oppress or injure the farmers who are its customers."

"And again: "The price of harvesting machines has not increased in proportion to the increased cost of construction or the increased merit of the machines, and respondent has brought other farm implements into trade."

"The evidence also shows that the machines manufactured by the International Harvester company have been greatly improved in quality and the item of repair material has been reduced in price and placed within closer reach of the farmer."

"The organizers of this company acted under the advice of able counsel, and in the sincere belief that they were violating no law. If under later decisions it should be held that the law was violated, it could only be through the creation of a power to oppress which has never been exercised.

"More than six years ago the company asked for its investigation by the United States government, and opened all its books and records for inspection, and furnished all information requested. No suggestion of any change in its business methods has been made to it by the government at any time. Recently, a full and frank discussion of the whole situation has been had between the representatives of the government and the company, in an honest desire upon both sides to avoid litigation. Some plan may yet be found which will obviate the necessity of any protracted litigation by satis-

fying the claims made under the Sherman act without seriously impairing the economic advantages and benefits secured by the organization of this company. No form of reorganization, however, was suggested by the government which seemed practically possible.

"The government has been careful to avoid embarrassment to the foreign business from the litigation; the bill makes no attack upon, and seeks no change in, the export business of the company. The filing of the bill will in no way interfere with the company's carrying on its business the same as heretofore."

County Seat Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

F. M. Crossbey was in Dushore Tuesday.

Irvin Hattenstine of Dushore was in town Monday.

E. C. Burk of Sonestown was in town Saturday last.

Stanley May of Laporte, walked to Nordmont Sunday.

Joseph F. Ingham returned from New York on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Shoemaker, is spending the week out of town.

G. W. Ellison of Eagles Mere was in town Saturday last.

Geo. Broschart of Dushore called on friends in town Monday.

C. E. Taylor of Muncy Valley was a visitor in town Monday.

O. J. Wells of Syre was a guest at the Hotel Laporte Tuesday.

M. B. Labey of Norwich, was a business visitor in town Monday.

Harry Glass of Sunbury was a business caller in town Tuesday.

J. H. Thayer of Dushore transacted business in town Tuesday.

T. J. Keeler has put a cinder walk in front of the Baptist Church.

Jules Bahr and wife of Dushore spent several hours in town Tuesday.

Prothy. A. F. Heess, and daughter Alberta spent Tuesday at Dushore.

Mrs. Martin Saxe of Willmont is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Flynn.

John P. Hill of Wilkes-Barre was a guest at the Hotel Bernard Tuesday.

Gabriel Litzelman and wife of Dushore called on friends in town Tuesday.

Mrs. L. Coxert of Williamsport, is visiting friends in Laporte and Nordmont.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Holy Communion Sunday, May 12 8.30 A. M.

Herbert Keeler left on Tuesday for Lestershire, where he has received employment.

The V. I. S. will meet on Monday evening May 13, at the home of Mrs. Buschhausen.

T. J. Keeler has put down a concrete walk in front his property near the Catholic Church.

John Converse of Sonestown was a pleasing caller at the News Item office Tuesday morning.

Messrs James O'Neal, William Saxe, Rob. Strope, and F. L. Waples of Bernice spent Saturday at Laporte.

Mr. and Mrs. Higley have returned from Roselle Park N. J. where they have been spending a few months with their daughter Mrs. W. Finkle and family.

If Tony Murray's "Blue Flash" and Charlie Taylors "Jack" are going to come to Laporte again on the same day we want to know it in advance then we'll go to Deep Hollow fishing.

A. W. Murray of Murray was in town on Sunday with his "Blue Flash" racing machine. This machine is said to have a record of 1 mile in 55 7-10 seconds. We are no judge of racers but if noise is any indication of speed this machine must be going some.

Mrs. William VanBuskirk, of Williamsport, spent Sunday visiting relatives in Picture Rocks.

Among the list of honor students of the Central State Normal School Lock Haven numbering 14 appears the name of Miss Eunice H. Ingham of Laporte. All of the students have averaged grades higher than 90 per cent. Commencement day will be June 26.

Mr. Charles Taylor, of Muncy Valley, has purchased the large Jack of Peter Murry of Murray. Mr. Jack spent Sunday night in town and keep all the roosters quiet, or if they did say anything they were not heard. If noise is a sign of wool Charlie ought to have him clipped.

Among those from out of town who attended the commencement exercises last week were Mr. and Mrs. Traugh, Miss Ruth Traugh, Mabel Traugh, Mrs. Dewey, Mrs. Tarbox, Mr. and Mrs. Armes, Mr. Harvey Hess, and Mr. Horrace Edgar. Misses Dolly, Pearl, and Marie Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Snider, Harry, Robert, Irene, and Mabel Hunter of Nordmont, Mrs. Hazen, and son Mellross, of Sonestown, Miss Virginia Bennett, of Hunters Lake, Mrs. L. Covert, of Williamsport, Miss Helen Chase, Mr. Lovett, and Mr. Ellison, of Eaglesmere, and Mr. and Mrs. Vough of Forks.

News Item Under New Management

The Republican News Item has been leased to Mr. Charles S. Dauberman of Williamsport. Mr. Dauberman has had many years experience in the newspaper business, and comes well recommended.

Now if the gas engine, the press and the rollers will behave the Item should reach you regularly. F. H. INGHAM, EXP.

The lateness in getting the News Item to our subscribers last week was due to the breaking of the form roller. As we could not get one nearer than Philadelphia, we telegraphed on Thursday evening and got the roller on Saturday.

May Dance

At the Sonestown Hotel on Friday Evening, May, 17, 1912 there will be a dance. Everybody is invited to come and bring their friends, and have a good time. Refreshments, ICE CREAM AND CAKE will be served.

COOK WANTED

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

SONESTOWN.

Smith Boudman says that he wishes if the man that stole his buggy cushion out of the barn is in need of a buggy he can come and take that, but the buggy had ought to have new wheels, but if the same person comes for the buggy that got the cushion, if he gets his eyes on a new set of wheels he won't be anything out in particular, only a little of his time, I mean his or her time and such time to them kind of people is never nothing out but always something coming in. He says he has got a dog in one end of the barn and he thinks he will have to put a dog at the other end of the barn, and then stand on the driving floor with a shot gun, but he says all O. K., what is my loss is some ones gain.

Alfred Bitler and W. H. Dildine of the Heading Factory were in Unityville on Saturday transacting business.

Mr. Monroe Painton is very busy doing carpenter work for Frank Margale on his ice house and other repairs.

A. T. Armstrong, has brought up from Hughesville, a large drove of cattle and turned them in his different pastures.

Mr. Martin Shoemaker on Saturday caught a king fish with a four inch trout, and he would not wait until Mr. Shoemaker told him to halt, and up and shot him, and Mart says he has no more right with a four inch trout than he has, and he would learn him how to take a joke.

Smith Boudman and his sister in law, Mrs. Louis Boudman, were over to Unityville last Sunday visiting with the latters sister, Mrs. L. C. Sheets.

Mr. Geo. Kiess and grand-son, Herman Stackhouse, were on the North Mountain fishing in Hemlock Run and dady says he nearly caught his limit. His limit is two and he caught one.

Ben. C. Speary has been visiting his brother John of Young Dale Clinton county, for the past week, returned to this place on Saturday.

Mr. Wm. Laird of above town went through town Sunday on his way to Lairdsville.

Mr. Geo. Rea Jr., our ticket agent, has returned from a visit at Fairmont Springs where he was visiting his wife's parents.

SERIOUS CHICAGO STRIKE

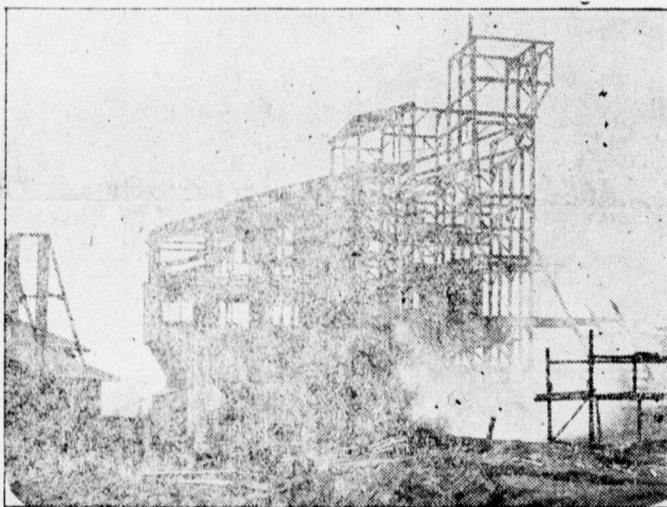
Morning Newspapers of Windy City Appear in Condensed Form Without Ads.

The strike of the pressmen on the principal Chicago daily papers took on a more serious aspect early Saturday morning, when the stereotypers in all the offices affected left their work in sympathy with the original strikers. This made the third union to join in the strike, the wagon drivers previously quitting work.

The walkout of the stereotypers compelled the publishers to condense the morning papers. Only one edition was issued and this without any advertisements. It was expected that the afternoon papers would act similarly and issue only one edition in condensed form.

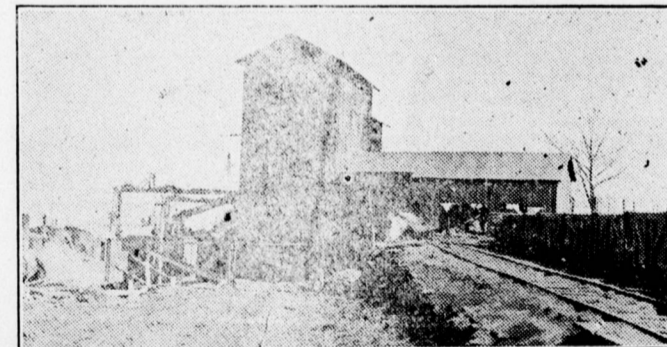
For the first time since the strike began shooting was resorted to Saturday. Several shots were fired in the street in front of one of the newspaper buildings at Madison and Dearbon streets. No one was injured, but the police made several arrests. Newspaper wagons, under the guard of policemen, were loaded at the time of the shooting.

MAMMOTH NEW BREAKER AT BERNICE MINE



The new breaker is 111 feet high at its highest point and has a frontage of 150 feet, and is 90 feet deep. It is estimated that approximately 1,250,000 feet of lumber have been used in its erection. Beyond clearing away the ruins of the old breaker, little was done towards the erecting of a new breaker within a month after it was burned down, Feb 2, 1912.

THE PONY BREAKER AT BERNICE



This little breaker which was erected by the Connell Anthracite Mining Co., within 18 days from the time the breaker at Bernice burned had done very well for a "pony."

It prepared 18,000 tons of coal within a month after completion, and up to the present time has prepared over 40000 tons. It was expected that a loss of tonnage for at least three months would follow the fire, but William L. Connell, president of the company, gave orders for a new structure to be started without delay, qualifying only with the statement "Get it done."

Under the supervision of Thomas V. McLaughlin, outside foreman of the mine, the work was pushed so rapidly that there was very little loss of production.

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.

Author Howells advises young men not to write for money. Well it rather depends on whom you are writing to doesn't it boys?

April must have pretty near cried her eyes out.