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## Business Cards.

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OF DUSHORE, PENNA.  
CAPITAL \$50,000.  
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Warm meals and lunches at all hours.  
Oysters and game in season.  
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Connected with the Commercial Hotel. First-class Horses and Carriages.  
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A hotel of established reputation.  
Strictly first class in all of its appointments.  
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This large and well appointed house is the most popular hostelry in this section.

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One of the largest and best equipped hotels in this section of the state.  
Table d'hot. Rates 1.00 dollar per day.  
Large stables.

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Collections, conveyancing, the settlement of estates and other legal business will receive prompt attention.

**A. J. BRADLEY,**  
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NEAR COURT HOUSE.  
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Monday of each week at Forksville.

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Having retired from the office of United States Attorney and Assistant United States Attorney, will continue the general practice of law in the United States courts, and all the courts of the City and County of Philadelphia.

**HENRY T. DOWNS,**  
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OFFICE IN PUBLIC BUILDING  
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**BLACKSMITH AND WAGON SHOP**  
Just opened at the Laporte Tannery.  
Custom work solicited. All work guaranteed.  
O. W. BENNETT, Prop.

## From the Keystone.

### STOP YER KICKIN'.

Stop yer kickin' 'bout the times—  
Git a hustle on you;  
Skirmish 'round and grab the dimes  
Ef the dollars shun you.  
Croakin' never bought a dress,  
Growlin' isn't in it.  
Fix your peepers on success,  
Then go in to win it.  
Times is gittin' good agin—  
Try to help them all you kin.

Don't sit 'round with hangin' lip;  
That is sure to floor you.  
Try to git a better grip  
On the work before you;  
Put some ginger in yer words;  
When you greet a neighbor;  
Throw your troubles to the birds,  
Git right down to labor.  
An' you'll notice ev'ry day  
Things is comin' right yourway.

Stop yer kickin', git a-hold  
Of the wheel and turn it.  
You kin never handle gold  
'Less you try to earn it.  
Brush the cobwebs from your eyes  
Stop your blam'd repinin'  
An' you'll notice that yer skies  
Allus'll be shinin'  
If you hain't the nerve to try  
Sneak away somewhere and die.

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YES, STOP YER KICKIN'. THIS  
EVERLASTING KICKIN' HAS GOT TO  
BE AN INTOLERABLE NUISANCE.  
GO TO THE OLD RELIABLE  
JEWELRY STORE FOR WHAT  
YOU NEED AND BE HAPPY.  
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High Grade Fully Guaranteed	\$25 Wheels	\$40 Wheels
	Large tubing, Flush Joints.	Large tubing, Flush joints.
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**BICYCLE REPAIRING and SUNDRIES.**  
Handlebars, Saddles, Lamps, Bells, Locks, Brakes, Peddles, Cranks, Spokes, Rims, Tires, both single and double tube, a full line of Bicycle Supplies.  
New and Complete Assortment of all Staple Goods in the Hardware Line . . . . .

**PLASTICO**  
and heavy and shelf Hardware. All kinds of Tin Work and Spouting done by competent workmen. Write for prices or give us a call whenever in need of Hardware.

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Allow us, if you please, a short disquisition on these very important adjuncts of woman's dress. It's just the season when everybody is looking after nicest dresses. Hence our showing the large assortment.

### LADIES' WRAPPERS,

The very thing for the coming warm weather which will soon be here.

### SHIRT WAISTS,

All prices, from the low priced ones to the silk.

**Full Line of Staple and Fancy Goods.**  
Remnants in Organadies and Dimeties.  
Dress Goods in Wash Fabricks, Worsted, are given our best attention. A big line, complete in every particular.

### CLOTHING

At popular prices. **BOOTS and SHOES.**

### Grocery Stock

More complete than ever before.

**Highest Price Paid for Butter and Eggs.**

## A GLORIOUS VICTORY FOR AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Commodore Dewey's report is said to be in President McKinley's hands. The navigation bureau has a long cipher cablegram from Dewey which is being translated.

**SPAIN IN A STATE OF REVOLUTION.**  
LONDON, May 4.—Special dispatch from Brussels says a high Spanish diplomatist there declares Spain practically in a state of revolution. The end of the regency has begun.

**MADRID, May 4.**—Full strength of police called out and troops kept in barracks under arms. There were scandalous scenes while Sagasta was speaking. Republicans and Carlists hurled insulting and abominable epithets, filling moderate members with shame.

**BLOOD RIOTS IN SPAIN.**  
MADRID, May 4.—Blood riots are reported to have occurred in Seville, Valencia and Barcelona.

**LONDON, May 4.**—Dispatches from Gibraltar say: Minister of Colonies Moret and General Martinez Campos are reported to be assassinated in Madrid by the mob. Sagasta is a refugee at the British embassy. There are riots in Madrid. The dynasty is nearing the end.

**HONG KONG, May 4.**—Manila has fallen. The Stars and Stripes wave over the Philippines. A provisional government forming  
WASHINGTON, May 4.—An army of 5000 men will be sent from San Francisco to hold the Philippines against any attacks.

Commodore Dewey's Shooting Squadron Completely Destroys the Spanish Fleet at Manila. Great Marine Battle.

London May 3.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times describing the engagement at Manila says:  
"The Olympia, the Boston, the Raleigh, the Concord, the Petral and the Monocacy entered the bay under cover of darkness by the smaller and safer Bocachica channel. The forts of Corregidor Island gave the alarm by firing on the intruders, but they seem to have inflicted no serious damage. The American squadron moved up the bay, and at 3 o'clock in the morning appeared before Cavite. Here lying under the shelter of the forts was the Spanish squadron.

"Soon the Americans opened fire. The Spaniards replied vigorously, and the combat continued without interruption for four hours, during which the Don Antonio de Ulloa was sunk, the Castilla and Mindanao were set on fire and the Reina Maria Christina and the Don Juan de Austria were seriously damaged. One or two of the smaller craft were scuttled by their crews to escape capture.

The Spanish fleet was completely destroyed, while so far as can be learned not a single American vessel was lost.

The Spanish losses were heavy, one report stating that there were 250 killed and over 400 wounded. The victory for Commodore Dewey and the American fleet is a brilliant one. Before the fleet could get at the city of Manila it had to make its way past two fortified islands at the entrance to the bay and past the fortified naval station of Cavite. Cavite is built upon a small peninsula in the bay, south along the shore from the capital, seven miles distant from Manila across the water, fifteen around the curve of the shore. Cavite lies somewhat on the inner side of the peninsula on which it is built.

Commodore Dewey's squadron left Subic bay, a few miles from Manila about 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon and proceeded toward Manila. Under the darkness he entered the harbor of Manila, passing the forts. The batteries at the forts announced his arrival. Both fleets lined up for battle about daybreak. For several hours the harbor resounded with the roar of guns, the shrieks and groans of the wounded, while thick clouds of smoke at times obscured the opposing fleets from each other. A shot from an American vessel reached the iron cruiser Don Juan de Austria. Instantly there was a terrific explosion and the ship was blown into a shapeless mass. Nearly all the crew including the commander were killed.

During the engagement the American ships were under way, their manœuvres being intended to render the marksmanship of the Spanish gunners less effective.

About 9 o'clock in the morning the American squadron drew off to one side of the bay, and after some hasty repairs returned to the conflict. In the interval between the two engagements Commodore Montejó moved his flags from the Christina to the smaller cruiser Isla de Cuba. To the fact that he made this change he doubts owes his life, for shortly afterward the Christina was seen to be on fire and was completely burned. Her commander was killed. The cruiser Castilla next to the flagship the largest and most powerful of the Spanish squadron was burned soon afterward.

Spain Conducts the War on the Plan of Comic Opera.

Blanco sends impossible yarns to Madrid as official reports. His story of the alleged repulse of the American ships at Mantanzas was a specimen falsehood for Spain Consumption. Prisoners go into hysterics and imagine that they are to be shot. It is not necessary to say that they have no sense of honor; all is explained when shown that they have no sense of humor. For instance here is a late dispatch.

Key West, May 4.—Havana is celebrating the "Yankee defeat" at Manila by torch light processions, banquets and balls. The army it being lionized. General Blanco ordered wine carried to garrisons and maudlin crowds fill the streets.

Washington, May 3.—The day passed without a single word from the American fleet in the Philippines, and in view of the long continued interruption in cable communication the officials are beginning to resign themselves to the belief that they must await for their official news until a boat arrives at Hong Kong. This will not necessarily be a naval vessel, for it is not believed that Commodore Dewey, who will be Admiral as soon as he can be reached by cable, could have spared any of his ships, even the McCulloch, to carry dispatches before the bombardment. In ordinary times there is plenty of communication by steamers as well as by native vessels, between the Philippines and the mainland, and the officials will be rather surprised if some news is not coming by this means by to-morrow.

### Eagles Mere.

Benj. G. Welch has taken charge of the Eagles Mere R. R. as Superintendent for this season and is making a good deal of improvement along the line having put on a gravel train with a large force of men both Americans and Italians.

The Railroad Co. has put their portion of the station grounds in good shape and have had Mr. Alvice Dunham plant a lot of fine maple trees for its ornamentation.

The new steamboat is evidently to be a seaworthy craft of which Capt. Chase is properly very proud. She will be armored and fitted up with rapid fire guns if the Spaniards invade this country. She will be ready for service about June 1st. Perhaps the war will be over by that time.

Mr. A. C. Little is organizing his forces and will commence this week on the erection of several very pretty cottages at Chautauqua.

Florist Dunham has planted a large number of trees along Chautauqua Ave. Mineral Spring Ave. and other streets in Chautauqua Park and is ready to begin work on the flower beds like those that did so much to add beauty to the Park last summer.

Miss McCormick of Milton is already in the woods with her rifle.

The members of the Land Co. arrived on Friday evening and stayed with Landlord Vanbuskirk until Saturday afternoon when they very reluctantly returned to their homes.

Capt. Chase is having a lot of willows planted in the low ground in front of the pavilion. In a year they will add much to the beauty of that locality which so badly needs beautifying.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT AT FORKSVILLE.

Class of '98 Acquires Itself Creditably. Their Orations Showed Careful Preparation.

A class of three young men have completed their public school course and have passed the occasion which severs their connection with the Forksville High School as pupils and sends them forth into the world as future citizens or to some higher institution of learning.

The sky all day Friday had looked threatening, but it did not prevent a large and appreciative audience from various sections of the county, gathering in the M. E. church to honor the class of '98.

The exercises opened shortly after 8 o'clock. As the music from the organ floated on the air there was disclosed a scene which always gladdens the hearts of a Forksville audience—The opening of their High School Commencement. While the march was being played the faculty, members of the school board and class of '98 filed in and took seats on the platform; the class on the right, the faculty—Prof. F. J. Wandall and Miss Geneva Huffman—on the left, and Rev. Frasier, County Supt. F. W. Meylert and School Board—M. R. Black, W. E. Miller, John Fleming, Isaac Rogers, Robt. Lancaster—taking seats in the centre. Over them hung the motto of the class,—"Step by Step."

The class consisted of three intellectual young men who seemed to feel the importance of the occasion and were as noble and manly as though the class was not without its usual and most attractive feature— young ladies in all the beauty of young womanhood, attired in such a way as to make them more attractive—to join with them in reaping honors.

The orations were of a high order, containing excellent and original thought with careful and thorough research, rendered as follows: Salutatory and Oration,— "There is no Royal Road to Learning"—George F. Miller; Oration,— "Secret of Success"—Wm. F. Clarke; Valedictory and Oration,— "Ideal Citizenship"—John T. Molyneaux.

Rev. Frasier invoked the blessings of God upon the exercises of the hour. The program was just long enough to hold the undivided attention of the delighted audience. There was an abundance of flowers and useful books presented to the class respectively after each had delivered his oration. As we left the church we heard the remark by those well qualified to judge that the occasion ranked among the very best in the history of the school. The smile of Providence seemed to rest on the labors of the class, the faculty and their numerous friends.

The Salutatory and Oration which was so pleasantly rendered by Mr. Geo. Miller was in part as follows:

It is said that none but the rich can obtain an education such as an American of today should have. If such were the case what would we say of Franklin, of Lincoln, of Grant, of Garfield, and of the President of this glorious republic, McKinley; these men were not born with any special gift of knowledge nor were their parents rich, but by their own industry and perseverance they reached an eminence which perhaps not all but at least some may attain. Franklin stole his hours of study from his meals and sleep and for years with inflexible resolution, strove to make himself what he finally became.

J. Q. Adams to the last day of his life was an economist of times striving in every spare moment to further his knowledge. Learning never came to any one by waiting. It is not an instinct but an acquisition and we shall never get beyond the need of having more and more knowledge. There is a saying that "knowledge is power," but there is no such saying as power brings knowledge. Labor alone secures it. Thaddeus Stevens, America's "Great Commoner," was born in very humble circumstances. He was sickly and lame when a child but had a great desire to obtain an education. By the aid of his mother he was enabled to enter the University of Vermont which was afterwards closed on account of the war of 1812 and he entered Dartmouth

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