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### Political Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, subject to the will and regulations of the ensuing Republican County Convention.

J. H. BOHN, Dushore, Pa.

### In the Mexican Household.

The arrangement of furniture is much more formal than in the United States. It is a very common sight to see a splendidly furnished parlor with a row of straight-backed chairs all alike with their backs against the wall and as close together as they can be placed clear around the room.

Heavy single doors, such as are used in the United States, are practically unknown in Mexican houses either at entrances or between interior rooms. All doors open in the middle and are fastened with bolts top and bottom. Exterior doors are always fitted with glass panels, for they also serve as windows. All such doors opening on the street or open court are fitted with solid shutters that are folded at the sides out of sight when not in use.

A good Mexican cook relieves the mistress of the house of worry and responsibility in a manner that is almost unknown in the United States. The cook is given so much a day, and with this amount she will purchase each morning all the provisions for the day, including even the staples that are usually bought in large quantities in other countries. On a dollar a day a cook will provide a very good table for a family of three or four, and get enough beans and tortillas and chile to set the servants' table besides. They can really do better than their mistresses, because they can usually drive sharper bargains with the marketmen of their own class, and they have more patience to haggle over the last penny.

### Mount Vernon's Guard.

Edward Parker, the little old colored man who occupies the sentry-box at the tomb of Washington at Mount Vernon, lives in Washington. That is, his family live here, and he comes over by special permit of the organization which has control of the old home of the first President of the United States. For years the tomb of Washington has been constantly before this old colored man's vision. He has never missed a day from that dingy sentry-box since Mount Vernon passed into the charge of the ladies, and before that, dating from 1841, he had lived on the place. He was a slave of John Washington, and is the last of the old servants now living.

Every other Saturday Parker comes over to Washington, always carrying with him an old-fashioned carpet-bag, so common in the days of reconstruction. The following Monday morning he may always be seen a half-hour at least before the first train starts for Mount Vernon, waiting around the corner of Pennsylvania-ave. and Thirteenth-st. He has never missed the first train since the electric cars began running to Mount Vernon. Before that the first boat to Mount Vernon, on alternating Monday mornings, always found him a passenger.

Parker is, indeed, a character. He assisted in burying the last person consigned to the vault in Washington's tomb. After that the key to the vault was thrown into the Potomac. This was in the early fifties.

### Something Like a Search.

A Welshman who was in London when extensive sewerage operations were in progress lost his watch. He reported the matter to Scotland Yard, and the officials said they would leave no stone unturned to find the missing timekeeper. Shortly afterward Taffy again visited the metropolis and saw street after street turned up. He was told that in all thirty-six miles of road were in the same condition. He rushed down to Scotland Yard and exclaimed to the wondering inspector:

"I didn't think I was giving you all that trouble. If you don't find the watch by Sunday, I wouldn't break up any more streets."

### Stone Boot Soles.

An inventor has hit upon a method of putting stone soles on boots and shoes. He mixes a waterproof glue with a suitable quantity of clean quartz sand and spreads it over the leather sole used as a foundation. These quartz soles are said to be very flexible and practically indestructible.

### Better Than Cats.

A savant has discovered how to slay mice and rats by means of a bacillus, which he has named after himself, and which is supposed to be far more fatal than the cat.

## FOUR-LEAVED CLOVERS.

Queen Hortense's Pastime Spoiled by an Abundance of Them.

An amusing story of Queen Hortense daughter of the Empress Josephine and wife of Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, has lately been told. After her exile from Holland the ex-Queen sojourne in a time in a modest habitation near Constance, in Switzerland. As her health was broken down by her troubles, her physician prescribed a visit to the mountains of Appenzell and the ex-Queen, accompanied only by a reader or female companion and two or three servants, went to a rustic neighborhood in the hills. There she and her companion found nothing better to do than hunt for four-leaved clover, and became quite excited in the search.

"To lend the matter interest," the Queen wrote in a letter which has been brought to light, "we would assume that each discovery of a four-leaved clover had some prophetic significance. The next one, if found so and so, meant that we would return to France; another meant that I was to receive a letter the next day from my son Louis and so on. In this innocent pastime we found positively the only excitement that was open to us in the place. "But soon it was noised abroad among the children of the neighborhood that we were continually hunting four-leaved clover, and consequently these children argued, we must war it very much. Then all the children and some of the grown people were out hunting four-leaved clover, and soon great bunches of it were brought to us for which we had to show ourselves very grateful.

"In another day our only resource for amusement was gone, for these kind but superserviceable people had stripped the neighborhood for a mile around of all its four-leaved clover!"

### Animal Instinct.

Gen. Banks was besieging Port Hudson, Louisiana, the Southern gateway to the control of the Mississippi river. A body of troops had marched into the back country to look for hovering Confederate cavalry, and were sleeping one moonless night behind stacked rifles in readiness for a night attack. The attack came in an unexpected form. Some six or eight army mules, getting somehow detached from the wagon wheels to which they were tied at night, were seized with a panic, and came charging down almost the entire line of the Fifty-second Massachusetts Volunteers. Every man lay covered with a "shelter tent," a piece of white cotton cloth about five feet square. As the mules rushed over each one of us he woke suddenly with a cry, and sprang up, raising his shelter tent in one hand or upon his front, so that he seemed like a sheeted and gibbering ghost. This successive rising of over four hundred apparitions added wildness to the panic of the mules, and they fairly flew down the line.

Now, the remarkable thing is that, while many a man had his side rubbed hard or his scalp abraded by the hoof or the leg of a mule, not a man was really stepped on or really hurt. It was for months a subject of comment with us that the mules, in their intensified panic, should nevertheless have been able to see where to step, should have cared where they stepped and in their speed should have been able always to step on the ground. The men presently lay down again, but for half an hour afterward a laugh at the ludicrousness of the experience would start somewhere among the recumbent forms and go pealing up and down the line.

### The Soule Stir in 1853.

The cause of the present quarrel between America and Spain is sufficient serious, but how many can recall the incident which created no little stir in 1853, in which the two nations nearly became embroiled—and dragged France into the dispute—over no less serious a matter than the cut of a lady's dress? The lady was the wife of the United States minister at Madrid, Mr. Soule. The French ambassador, the Marquis de Turgot, gave a ball in honor of the Duke of Alba, brother of the then Empress Eugenie, who is a Spaniard. Mrs. Soule's dress apparently did not meet with approval from the duke, who was overheard by the lady's son making an insulting remark about it. Whereupon young Soule broke up the ball by publicly denouncing the duke as a blackguard.

Next day the affair was the talk of all Madrid and Paris. Young Soule sent a challenge to the duke. Then it was reported that the insulting phrase originated with the Marquis de Turgot himself, and the American ambassador took up the quarrel and challenged the marquis. The two duels took place at once. The first passed without result, but in the second the French ambassador was severely wounded by a bullet in the knee.

### The Inexorable Sentinel.

The Second Louisiana was in a position where the most convenient route to reach it was through the camp of the First Alabama. One of the members of the Louisiana camp was out after hours, and as he came to the line of the Alabama camp he ran into a sentinel, who promptly brought his gun to a charge and shouted "Halt!" The Louisianian promptly halted, and the sentinel and he stood peering at each other for some time through the gloom. Finally the sentinel, in tremulous tones, said:

"You can't get through this line unless you say 'Hobson!'"

"Hobson!" the Louisianian promptly said.

The sentinel brought his piece to a present, the intruder saluted and the line was passed.

### Political Card.

I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for representative for Sullivan county, Pa., to make my botany bill, my jury reform bill and my free speech bill laws for the welfare of the people of the State. Fellow citizens, write my name on your tickets in the right column or place and you will thereby elect me when you vote. I solicit your votes and ask for your suffrages.

Dr. JOHN CORR, Herbalist.  
Dushore, Pa., July 18, 1898.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., At close of business, July 11, 1898.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 128,801 09
U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation.....	12,500 00
Premium on United States Bonds.....	1,000 00
Stock Securities.....	15,500 00
Furniture.....	1,200 00
Due from Banks Approved Reserve A/c.....	33,386 07
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer.....	562 50
Specie and Legal Tender Notes.....	12,939 23
	\$ 205,889 49

  

LIABILITIES.	
Capital.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus.....	10,000 00
Undivided Profits.....	2,207 00
Due National Banks.....	4,675 90
Circulation.....	10,620 00
Dividends Unpaid.....	297 00
Deposits.....	132,841 55
	\$ 205,889 49

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1898.

JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
ALPHONSUS WALSH,  
JNO. D. REESER,  
F. B. POMEROY, } Directors.

### Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Mary McCarty, late of Elkland township, deceased.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, Administrator in the estate of Mary McCarty late of Elkland township, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement.

Downs, Atty. JOSEPH PARDOE, Admors.  
THOS. McCARTY, Admors.

## Special Notice!

\$2700.00 worth of Clothing,

Shoes, Pants, Ladies' Skirts, Capes, Corsets, and Shirt-waists and everything in Men's Furnishing Goods.

Will close out the entire stock at nearly 50c on the dollar. This will be the greatest sale Laporte ever heard of. Every body should take advantage of the bargains I will offer. We will surely give you prices that you will surely be astonished. It will pay you to buy not only for present but for future use. I will be glad to give the Lowest Price to every body. It will be a special favor that every body should come and examine my stock even if you don't expect to buy.

Highest price paid for Ginseng.

JOE COOPER,

LaPorte, Pa.

Below I. O. O. F. Hall.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

### Farm for Sale

The undersigned — on account of failing health will sell his valuable farm situated on Muncy Creek about nine miles north of Hughesville, Pa. part of the purchase money can remain in property.

JACOB BECKS, Strawbridge, Lycoming Co.

### Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore existing between M. E. Reeder and E. F. Ives, doing business under the firm name of Reeder & Ives, has been dissolved this 14th day of July, by mutual consent. All debts of said firm to be presented to M. E. Reeder for payment, and all parties owing said firm to make payment to same.

M. E. REEDER,  
E. F. IVES.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, JOHN HOWARD HARRIS, President. College, leading to degrees in Art, Philosophy and Science. Academy, a preparatory school for young men and boys. Institute, a refined boarding school for young ladies. School of Music, with graduating courses.

For catalogue, address the Register, W. C. GRETZINGER, Lewisburg, Pa.

### FOR SALE.

I offer the following properties: 70 acres, hemlock timber, near Ringdale; 373 acres, virgin timber, Elk Run, North Mountain, close to railroad; 325 acres, coal lands, at Bernice, adjoining present workings; 8 lots (one entire section) at Eagles Mere, each lot 75 feet front on Pennsylvania Ave., with "Bradford" privileges and title; 1 lot 75 ft. front on LaPorte Ave.; several choice lots in LaPorte Boro.; also several warrants of stripped lands in LaPorte, Colley and Eox townships suitable for farming or grazing purposes.

H. T. DOWNS, Atty-at-Law,  
LaPorte, Pa.

### Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

## SORES.

"Running sores appeared on my leg and spread over the entire lower portion of the limb. I got no help from medicine till I tried yours. I was cured by one bottle of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

ISAAC ACKER, Cowans, Va.

### A Horrible Railroad Accident

is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with Consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs Call on T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hills Grove; B. S. Lancaster, Forksville; C. B. Jennings, Agt. Estella; Jno. W. Buck, Sonestown, and get a trial package free. Large size 50c and 25c.

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Ginghams, calicoes and dress goods, cash prices at J. W. Buck's.

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To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Do not say you can not afford to put up fruit for winter use—J. W. Buck sells glass jars, tumblers, jelly cups and tin cans so cheap.

PLACE'S New Grocery LAPORTE, PA.

Our Friendly Latch String Always Hangs Out.

## Shoes

an endless variety of high grade foot-wear is now on sale and for the next

60 Days

there will positively be No War Tax put upon my prices.

E. L. PLACE'S NEW GROCERY.

## Spring and Summer

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear.

We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

### Spring Weight Underwear

for Men, Women and Children.

In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

### Grocery Department

A new and fresh supply of Groceries have just arrived.

## Vernon Hull,

Hills Grove, Pa.

# W. L. Hoffman's

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Three Big Stores-- MUNCY VALLEY,  
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PRICES BLOWN TO ATOMS.

Two or three reasons for this--liberal supply, better qualities, less in price than found elsewhere.

### Ladies' Dress Wares.

They are the kind women want, and our prices will cause lively selling.

### CORSETS Selling at Corset Prices.

No other line in these stores has such decided growth as that of Corsets. Augmented sales each month demonstrates the superiority of brands.

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There is to be found a general line of seasonable goods constantly on hand.

### Remember the Place.

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We keep in stock at our mills a complete line of dressed lumber in hemlock and hardwood.

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Hemlock Flooring any width desired,  
Hemlock Lath both 3 and 4 feet long,  
Hardwood Flooring both Beech, Birch or Maple,  
The same woods in 3-8 ceiling.  
CORRESPONDENCY SOLICITED.

## Buy Good Goods!

And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and capes to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and neatest fitting garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

IN DRESS GOODS WE WERE NEVER BETTER PREPARED TO PLEASE YOU THAN AT THE PRESENT, AS WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT IN THAT LINE EVER DISPLAYED IN THE COUNTY.

Ladies and Misses, Boys and Men, you need not go half frozen this winter for we have plenty of underwear for you all, both in cotton or wool, red or gray and the prices are very low, so low that when you see the goods you will be astonished that we are able to give you such bargains.

### One word in regard to foot wear:

Our shoe department was never more complete and if you will favor us with your attention for a few minutes when in town we will convince you that we have the most carefully selected line of fine and heavy boots and shoes ever brought before the public. On crockery we have just received some very pretty designs in Decorated Dinner Sets to which we invite your attention. The buying of country produce has always been a special feature of our Business, and we still continue in paying the highest cash prices for Butter, Eggs and Wool.

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