

Republican News Item.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Oh for a breath from winter's frapped shore. Prof. L. L. Ford and family have returned to Philadelphia. C. J. Brackman, of Platt, was a business man in town on Monday.

Hon. E. P. Ingham and family left for Philadelphia on Wednesday. Holland is now like a good many men. She is bossed by a woman.

It was a red, white and blue Monday for Williamsport, labor day. No doubt many house-wives always find a good deal of labor on wash day.

Miss Grace Lawrence visited with friends in Nordmont over Sunday. Thos. E. Kennedy and family attended camp meeting near Benton last week.

Miss Anna Beahen returned home Saturday, after a year pleasantly spent in Virginia. Mrs. Phoebe Magargel of Sonestown, attended the funeral of A. L. Grim at this place Tuesday.

It is rumored that a marriageable young couple in town will soon be mustered into service. Outsiders who don't understand, must think we are very fortunate in having only one labor day in a year.

Atty. and Mrs. F. H. Ingham are enjoying a summer outing on the lakes and with friends in Buffalo. The morning train on the W. & N. B., Monday, carried over 300 passengers to Halls en route to Williamsport.

Mrs. Scott and daughter, Mrs. Freeman, of New York, are sojourning in town for a few weeks as guests of Mrs. N. C. Mahen. In spite of the fact that several of our citizens celebrated Labor Day in Williamsport, lots of us remained at home and labored the same as ever.

Married in the parlor of the Commercial Hotel, by Rev. J. A. Patton, Mr. Emory M. Schock and Miss Gertrude Beahm, both of Ricketts, Pa. Lawrence Bros. have commenced work on the new addition being attached to Gallagher's hotel. The large proposed hotel on the corner will not be erected.

Friends and neighbors of Proth. Wm. J. Lawrence at this place, are more than glad to see him in the field for re-election; it will be a pleasure, irrespective of party, to cast a vote for him. A Bible conference will be held in the M. E. church at Laporte, commencing on Thursday afternoon, September 8, and continuing for one week, or longer if proper interest is manifested. These conferences will be followed by special services each evening. Every body welcome.

Joe Cooper, a young man who has been identified with the clothing interests in town for the past few weeks, has decided to locate here permanently and has rented the Kraus building, next door to Gallagher's Hotel. Joe is a young man of good habits and excellent business ability. We are pleased to learn of his activity and progress, and bespeak for him the encouragement he merits from all who wish to promote local enterprise.

"I have taken the NEWS ITEM ever since it was first published," said a prominent resident of the county the other day to the editor. That is a good recommendation, for he is a man who wouldn't buy anything that isn't worth its price.

September is here and the Sullivan county fair is on the way, the dates being the 4, 5 and 6 of October. To make the exhibition a success everybody must do something, and the way to do it is to get at it. Don't put it off. Begin now to send in entries. This will help the secretary and save you trouble.

Our graded school with three departments opened on Monday, under very promising auspices. Prof. M. P. Gavitt, Misses Charlotte Miller and Mary Donovan enter upon these duties, and with increased facilities great success can be expected this term. The enrollment shows, 24, advanced; 28, intermediate; 36, primary.

There is a stir in county politics. The Prohibitionists are in the field with their candidates, the Democratic ring have listed theirs, and this week the Republicans put their men in the field. The questions this fall in regard to candidates will not be concerning the party they belong to, but solely in reference to honesty, sobriety and integrity. There are rasals in every party; there are honest men in all parties. The party that presents candidates who are true Americans, honorable, capable and sober men and who by their records have proven they are such will be the candidates the people will support. Look up the untarnished records of the gentlemen on the Republican county ticket. They are all, the people of the people, and the peoples' choice without a shadow of a doubt.

FOR SALE: A young Jersey cow. Inquire of Wm. J. Lawrence, Laporte, Pa.

Left-Handed Animals. It is well known that left-handedness has often been observed in animals. According to Verodort, parrots seize objects with the left claw by preference or exclusively. The lion strikes with the left paw, and Livingstone gave it as his opinion that all animals are left handed. Prof. Jordan has recently verified the statement with regard to parrots. He found that this bird makes a readier use of the left claw for climbing than the right.

Turkey's Postal System. Although Turkey some years ago engaged a German official to reorganize its postal system, it has not yet been able to win the confidence of foreign residents, who continue to make use of the Austrian, German, English, French and Russian postoffices in preference to the Turkish.

A physician who has given much thought to the subject says that so long as the patient can breathe with the mouth open he is entirely safe so long as he is not in a fever.

Salt Industry of Peru. The production of salt in Peru is an industry now carried on in the form of a government monopoly, the proceeds being devoted to the fund for redeeming the territory lost to Chile during the late war with that country. The exportation of this product for the year 1896 was very large. About 15,000 tons were sent to Colombia, 55,000 tons to Chile, and about 13,800 tons to Ecuador, making a total of 83,000 tons exported during the year. The amount utilized for domestic consumption was 78,145 tons, and the industrial consumption was 7,000 tons, making the total production for the year 168,945 tons.

Fuddy—Do you think it's possible for two persons to live on a dollar a day? Duddy—If a dollar is as big as it looks in the eyes of some men, I should say that two persons might live on it indefinitely and have plenty of room to walk around in.—(Boston Transcript.)

The members and adherents of the Presbyterian church of Laporte, Pa., are hereby notified that a congregational meeting will be held at Judge Dunham's home on the 16th day of September at 10 o'clock a. m., with a view to receive bids for the church lot and building and furniture, and take action to sell the same if the way is clear.

Committee of Presbytery of Lackawanna, authorized to sell.

Rev. P. H. BROOKS.

Administratrix Notice. Estate of Walter Spencer, late of Laporte Boro. Sullivan county, deceased. Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same will present them for payment, duly authenticated; and those indebted thereto, will please make immediate payment to.

EMMA SPENCER, Admrx. A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte, Pa.

Public Notice. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Honorable Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, on the 30th day of September, 1898, for the charter of a corporation, to be called "The Citizens' Military Band," of Berne, Pa., the character and object of which are the acquiring a knowledge of the art and science of music, to furnish music and entertainment for the public of Berne, Pa., and to have a permanent organization to be known as "The Citizens' Military Band," of Berne, Pa.

A. J. BRADLEY, Solicitor. Laporte, Pa., September 7, 1898.

PETER'S BRAVERY.

PROVED IT BY FACING BOTH FIRE AND DYNAMITE.

With Death Threatening the Soldier With Two Comrades Cut the Ropes Attaching a Barge of Explosives to a Burning Pier at Sandy Hook.

All our heroes are not on Cuban soil, or on the waters that wash the Cuban shores. Robert Peter, who is a private in Company A, Third regiment, New Jersey volunteers, is the hero of deeds that prove the truth of that statement. Peter longs for an opportunity to have his bravery tested in the midst of actual warfare. He has no fear of sharpshooters or Spanish marksmanship.

Private Peter has come face to face with a dangerous situation, and has demonstrated that he is made of the material that gives us our heroes. During a heavy thunder storm a pier at Sandy Hook was set on fire. At the pier was moored a float loaded with high explosives. Peter realized that a destructive explosion was imminent unless the float was removed to a place of safety. On the pier were two mines, each containing 102 pounds of dynamite, which further added to the danger of the situation.

Peter discovered the fire when the tongues of flame were almost licking the barge. He ran to Lieutenant McGregor, of the Engineer Corps, and breathlessly exclaimed: "Lieutenant, the pier is on fire. The float, with explosives, is fastened there."

"Yes, I know it," the lieutenant replied, "but the fire has made such progress that nothing can be done."

"Yes, something can be done," Peter replied, saluting. "We can cut the hawsers and set the float adrift."

"That's impossible," the lieutenant replied. "It would mean death to the man who attempted it."

"Can't I have permission, sir?" the private pleaded. "To cut the ropes and save the float?"

Lieutenant McGregor hesitated, and Peter continued: "Give the order, sir, I'll do the job."

"No, I shall give no orders to that effect," the lieutenant replied.

Peter only listened long enough to understand no order would be given and then determined to act. He got Arthur Crowell and Thomas Ortell to come to his assistance.

Peter leading the way, the three men ran onto the pier with open knives in their hands. They threw themselves on the string-pieces and began hacking at the hawsers that held the float.

One after another the severed ropes dropped into the water, and the float, released, moved silently out of danger.

Then the three men ran off for their lives. The float was at a safe distance when suddenly there was a terrific explosion. The dynamite bombs had exploded, and the heavens were lighted with a blinding flash. Peter and his two comrades were safe; so, too, was the float and its cargo. They still talk of Peter's bravery down at Sandy Hook, and Lieutenant McGregor is lavish in his praises of the heroism of Peter, Crowell and Ortell.

Peter was born in Dundee, Scotland, on November 30, 1863. He would have joined the British army when he was seventeen years old, but his parents objected and pleaded with him not to. It was his mother's entreaties that led Peter to say: "All right, mother, I won't join the army, but I would like to become a soldier." It was soon after this that Peter left home. He kept his promise to his mother, and now for the first time he is ready, as a soldier, to meet an enemy.

Peter has faced death three times. His life was nearly crushed out a few years ago when he stopped a runaway, to save from harm, perhaps death, two women who were taking an afternoon drive. Peter has a scar on one of his cheeks. It was caused by a bullet.

Peter is an expert horseman, and acted as orderly to Colonel Lee and Chaplain Glazebrook, who are now at Pompton Plains. He would like to be with the Rough Riders in Cuba. He is a modest fellow and will not believe that anything he has done thus far has exacted any great amount of heroism.

Harbor Defenses. The American naval victories early in the war removed all fear of Spanish invasion which had been felt in the Atlantic Coast cities; but then there was never very great danger. This illustration is of the Zalinski fifteen inch pneumatic dynamite gun at Sandy Hook, at the entrance of New York Harbor, and is a sample of our coast defenses.

On Sentry Duty. It is related of an Irish recruit on sentry duty at Chickamauga one night that he challenged a figure in the darkness with the usual "Who goes there?" The reply, "The officer of the day," was something he was not prepared for, so he responded, "Then what the devil are yez doin' out here at night?"

An Irish sentinel of the Fifth Missouri at Chickamauga was sharply reproved by the officers of the day for permitting persons to approach without giving the countersign. The Irishman listened patiently and was then about to walk away when the officer called sharply: "Well, you haven't asked me for that countersign yet." Quick as a flash the soldier thrust his bayonet point uncomfortably close to the officer's breast, while he grily ejaculated: "Lave us have that countersign, thin, and be doin' it quick abt ut it."

FOR SALE.—Stock of goods in country store, also good will. Cause of selling, death. For particulars inquire of A. E. Tripp, Laporte.

Want to loan some money on first mortgage on real estate? If so, address, P. O. box 10, Estell, Pa.

LOST.—On August 26, along the road between Laporte and my place, a small purse containing a ten dollar bill. The finder will be rewarded by returning the same to E. C. PETERS, Nordmont.

CIDER MILL IN OPERATION John M. Converse will be prepared on and after Wednesday, Sept. 14, to fill orders on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays of each week until Nov. 11, 1898, at his mill in Sonestown, Pa.

Boarders. John V. Finkle has opened his large and comfortable house for the accommodation of court boarders, and also for regular boarders by the day or week, at reasonable rates. Corner of Maple and Muney Sts., Laporte.

Register's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office, viz: First and final account of Mary E. Kline administratrix of Patrick Kline deceased. First and final account of Emily E. Anders administratrix of John H. Anders deceased. First and final account of Milton Battin and H. B. Burt executors of Joseph Battin deceased. First and final account of A. J. Bradley Esq., administrator of Cyrus B. Miller deceased. Also the following widows' appraisements have been filed: In the estates of W. W. Boyle deed, and Solomon Haverly deed.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register. Register's office, Laporte Pa., August 29, 1898.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate. By virtue of an order issued by the Orphans' Court of Lycoming county, Pa., dated the 7th day of March, A. D. 1898, and supplemented by an order of the Orphans' Court of Sullivan county, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in the borough of Laporte, Sullivan county Pa., on

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1898 at 1 o'clock p. m. The following described premises of the estate of Charles D. Eldred, deceased: A strip of land, situated in Eldred township, Sullivan county, known as the "Ridgeway Lot," being the west end of said lot, and all of said "Ridgeway Lot," after reserving thirty-five acres on the east side, bounded by the James Bryson tract on the north, H. Cooey on the west, Bowers, Kneiper and Tolan on the south and the reserved corner of said lot, thence south 34 west 34 perches, thence south 55 east 24 perches, thence north 34 east 53 perches, thence north 55 west 24 perches to place of beginning, containing 81 acres, 4 perches.

Terms of sale as fixed by the order of court.—Ten per cent in cash on the day of sale, which will be considered as retained as stipulated damages on failure of the purchaser to pay the balance of the purchase money, which balance is to be paid upon confirmation of the sale by the court and tender of deed by the Administrator, and possession then given to the premises.

DAVID W. BUFFINGTON, Admr. of the Estate of Charles D. Eldred, deceased.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County and to me directed and delivered there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House in Laporte, Pa., on

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. the following described property, viz: All that piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Davidson, County of Sullivan, and State of Pennsylvania bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the center of the road near the school house, thence north 12 1/2 degrees east along road 195 perches to a stone on right bank of outlet of Lewis Lake, thence down outlet south 37 degrees east 24 1/2 perches to a post on left bank of outlet, thence south 30 degrees east 18 1/2 perches to a post, thence north 57 degrees west along Riley Steinhack lot and church lot and school house lot 22 perches to the place of beginning, containing two acres, and four perches, more or less. Land all improved and under a good state of cultivation, with a two story framed dwelling house, stable and other out buildings, well watered and with fruit trees thereon. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Mary Jane Patton at the suit of Mead D. Detweiler, et al.

ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff. INGHAM'S AUCTION. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., August 9, 1898.

Trial List, September Term, 1898. 1. Mitchell, Young & Co. vs. A. J. Hackley, No. 104 Sept. Term 1898. Seire Facias, Etc. Payment, payment with cause Ac. Hill, Inghams. 2. James McFarlane, vs. W. C. Mason, No. 92 Feby. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit" Payment, payment with leave Ac. Hill, Inghams. 3. A. C. Haverly vs. Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr. No. 73 Feby. Term 1897. Plea "not guilty." Mullen, Thomson. 4. Merritt Shaffer vs. Josephine FitzPatrick, No. 98 May Term 1898. Feigned Issue. Plea "Payment." Inghams, Mullen. 5. A. L. Smith vs. Robert McEwh, No. 139 May Term 1897. Deft. appeal. Plea. Payment with leave and set off. Bradley, Inghams. 6. Durward Saddleire, vs. C. H. Jennings & B. W. Jennings, trading and doing business as the Lopez Manufacturing Company No. 31 Sept. Term 1897. Plea "not guilty." Hill, Inghams. 7. Martin Markle, vs. E. V. Ingham, No. 152 Sept. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit" Payment, payment with leave Ac. Hill, Inghams. 8. F. M. Lewis, vs. J. W. Ballard, No. 5 Dec. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea. "Non Assumpsit" Payment, payment with leave Ac. Mullen, Walsh. 9. James McFarlane vs. Josiah Hembury Dft. and Henry McElbains and John G. Scoutei, Garnishees, No. 7, Dec. T. 1897. Seire Facias, Plea, Payment. Hill, Inghams. 10. Viola Jennings, vs. George H. Moore, No. 42 Dec. Term 1897. Interpleader. Hill, Mullen. 11. Russel Karns, vs. Harry Paulhamus No. 59 Dec. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit" with leave to give special matter in evidence. Karns, Bradley. 12. F. H. Thomson vs. Jacob A. Meyers and William I. Taylor, No. 1 Feb. T. 1898. Ejectment. Plea, not guilty. Hill, Mullen. 13. John W. Buck vs. John Stackhouse and Wm. Stackhouse vs. John J. Thompson, et al. vs. Geo. C. Jackson, Garnishees, Attachment, Plea, Nulla Honna, by R. J. Thomson. Walsh, Thomson. Wm. J. LAWRENCE, Proth. Proth's office, Laporte Pa., Aug. 6, 1898.

COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DENHAM, President Judge, Honorables John S. Linn and Conrad Kraus Associate Judges of the Courts of Over and Terminus and General Jail Deliverer, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and County Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 18 day of July 1898, to be directed for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 19th day of Sept. 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m.

Therefore, notice is hereby given to the Coroner Justices of the Peace and Constables within the county, that they be then and there in their proper person at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, with their rolls, records, inquisitions examinations and other remembrances to these things, which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognition to prosecute against prisoners who are or shall be in the jail of the said county of Sullivan, are hereby notified to be then and there to prosecute against them as will be just.

ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Aug. 11, 1898.

Williamsport & North Branch Railroad TIME TABLE. IN EFFECT TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 1898.

Table with columns for NORTHWARD and SOUTHWARD, listing stations and times. Stations include Halls, Pottsville, Hughesville, Pottsville, Lyons Mill, Chamouni, Glen Mawr, Strawberry, Beech Glen, Muney Valley, Sonestown, Nordmont, LaPorte, Laporte Tannery, Ringdale, Birch Creek, Satterfield.

EAGLES MERE RAIL ROAD.

Table with columns for a. m. and p. m. listing stations and times. Stations include Sonestown, Whidock, Gwynn Park, Kewahlan, Ringdale, Castle Rock, Eagles Mere.

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