

THURSDAY, SEPT. 29, 1898.

Ignorance is the mother of scepticism. Ignorance does not abound to any great extent in Sullivan County.

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# The News Item

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Steady there, Jenks.  
 —Forksville fair, Oct. 4, 5 and 6.  
 —To stimulate trade try an advertisement in the NEWS ITEM.  
 —Lawrence Bros. has Gallagher's new hotel ready for plastering.  
 —Chas. Ballard of Towanda, is visiting Laporte friends this week.  
 —Judge Dunham presided at a suit tried in Towanda on Friday last.  
 —Miss Sallie Reed of Unityville, is the guest of Mrs. T. J. Keeler this week.  
 —Joe Cooper was calling on his parents in Elmira the early part of this week.  
 —Harry Paulhamus of Williamsport was a business man in town on Monday.  
 —Atty. S. B. Karns, wife and family of Benton, are visiting Laporte friends this week.  
 —Samuel Cole and family of Du-shore, were registered at Hotel Gallagher, on Wednesday.  
 —All the candidates were in town this week shaking hands with their numerous friends.  
 —Autumn is a young thing yet, but from the way it starts off nobody would suspect its immaturity.  
 —Vote for Doctor Christian for Member. He is a representative of a young, honest professional man in politics.  
 —With something near \$250,000,000 of it in the Treasury, McKinley should have taken Bryan there on a visit to see what his present views on gold might be.

—A. F. Heess, County Auditor, will occupy the Prothonotary's office during the present campaign, while Mr. Lawrence will be engaged in calling on his many friends throughout the county.

—The voters of Sullivan county will make no mistake if they elect H. W. Osler for Sheriff. He is capable of making a worthy officer whom the people can be proud of.

—E. V. Ingham, Frank Buck and Dr. Randall were the conferees from Sullivan county who assisted in the nomination of N. H. Culver of Williamsport, for State Senator, at the conference held in Bloomsburg on Monday.

—Wm. J. Lawrence's record in the Prothonotary's office has elevated Sullivan county in the official scale. Democrats and Republicans will unite in returning him to this important station.

—The new bell presented to the Baptist church at this place by Miss Ambrewster, was hung in the belfry one day last week. The bell has an excellent tone, and has inscribed upon it the name of the donor, the pastor E. R. Powell, and the trustees Messrs. T. J. Keeler, F. W. Meylert, R. A. Conklin.

—Colonel Stone's reply to Dr. Swallow is pleasing to the thousands of friends of the Republican candidate. Dr. Swallow has been claiming that he is in possession of evidence of all kinds of official malfeasance, and Colonel Stone very gracefully informs the Doctor as to his duty under the circumstances. But the Doctor has no such evidence, and all his talk is merely for political effect.

**Estella.**  
 U. G. Little formerly of this place, lost a valuable horse last week. Ulysses Bird spent a few days with his uncle at Hillsgrove, who has been ill for some time.  
 Walter Webster has returned home. Miss Cora Brown spent the past week at Hillsgrove.  
 R. F. Bartoe and wife have returned home.

**Eagles Mere.**  
 R. W. Bennett, Smith Boudman, Chris Little, Alfred Bennett, Clarence Bennett and Harry Little went out to R. W. Bennett's bear traps on Saturday last, and to their surprise found a large bear in one of the traps. It did not weigh quite four hundred pounds dressed.  
 Jerry Stackhouse and wife were called to Unityville on Sunday last by the illness of his mother who is well advanced in years.  
 P. G. Kiesinger is growing into a horse jockey. He traded twice last week, and says he would like to trade again.  
 W. J. Taylor lost another fine horse the other day, and the mate to him about two months ago. Treven says, all that he has cleared has gone in the hole.

**Sonestown.**  
 Pierce Schug of Hughesville came up on business last Tuesday.  
 Clarence and Floyd Dunham of Eagles Mere, were in town Sunday night.  
 Miss Anna Shoemaker of Laporte, visited friends here last week.  
 Dunning Lockwood who has been quite sick is able to be out again.  
 Burnley Fiester, a returned soldier and Howard Edkin of Strawbridge Thompson of Muncy Valley, attended services here on Sunday evening.

Thomas Laird of David-on, is in town going to school.  
 Charles Morrison is again home after a summer's absence.  
 Mrs. Wilson Starr is sick.

Among those to attend the Hughesville fair were: Mrs. A. T. Armstrong and children, Mrs. Harry Kapler, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rider, Walter Hazen, Misses Anna Hazen, Myrtle Edgar, Celia Magargle, May Simmons, Mrs. T. R. Houseknecht, Mrs. A. Edgar, Mrs. A. Converse, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Bostian, H. L. Lockwood, Mrs. Chas. Starr, Misses Myrtle and Nora Christ, Jerry Watts and many others.

Mrs. Walter Woods and Miss Amanda Woods from Fishing Creek, were the guests of friends here lately.  
 The E. M. R. R. train men slipped off from Supt. B. G. Welch who wished to accompany the night train Saturday and remain over Sunday at Eagles Mere. On their return they found him still waiting, and were obliged to make an extra trip up the mountain that night. "The best laid plans of men and mice" — and practical jokers "oft gang a-gley!"

**The Smallest Republics.**  
 Goust is the smallest republic as to area, but Tavolara is the smallest republic as to population. Goust is only one mile in area. It is located on the flat top of a mountain in the Pyrenees, between France and Spain, and is recognized by both of those countries. It is governed by a President and a Council of twelve. It was established in 1648 and has 120 inhabitants. The President is Tax Collector, Assessor and Judge. Goust has no church, clergyman or cemetery. The people worship in a church outside of their own territory, and the dead bodies are slid down to a cemetery in the valley below. In that valley all the baptisms and marriages are performed. Tavolara is twelve miles northeast of Sardinia. It is an island five miles long by a half mile wide. Its total population consists of fifty-five men, women, and children. The women go to the polls with the men, and elect every year a President and Council of six, all serving without pay. The inhabitants support themselves by fishing and raising fruit and vegetables. The republic has no army and no navy.

**CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa.**  
 At close of business, July 14, 1898.  
**RESOURCES:**  
 Loans and Discounts.....\$ 122,837 83  
 U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation..... 12,500 00  
 Premium on United States Bonds..... 1,000 00  
 Stock Securities..... 15,200 00  
 Furniture..... 1,200 00  
 Due from Banks Approved Reserve A/c..... 73,703 09  
 Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer..... 562 50  
 specie and Legal Tender Notes..... 10,152 34  
 \$ 237,156 37

**LIABILITIES:**  
 Capital.....\$ 50,000 00  
 Surplus..... 10,000 00  
 Undivided Profits..... 2,672 00  
 Due National Banks..... 189 51  
 Circulation..... 11,250 00  
 Dividends Unpaid..... 66 00  
 Deposits..... 162,978 97  
 \$ 237,156 37

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 26th day of Sept 1898.  
 JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
 ALPHONSUS WALSH, } Directors  
 JNO. D. REESER, }  
 W. J. LAWRENCE. }

## WANAMAKER EVADES A JOINT DEBATE.

He Declines to Meet Chairman Elkin on the Platform.

COL. STONE ANSWERS SWALLOW.

**He Points Out What Should Occur to Any Sensible Man, That the Charges Proposed for Debate Charge Crimes and Misdemeanors Under the Laws of the Commonwealth, and That the Proper Place to Deal With Them is the Criminal Court, Where It is Swallow's Duty to Present Them.**

(Special Correspondence.)

Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—The two significant events of the week, politically, aside from the satisfactory consummation of the Republican harmony program in Philadelphia upon the lines predicted some weeks ago in this correspondence, were John Wanamaker's avoidance of a joint debate with State Chairman Elkin in Media on Saturday and Colonel Stone's crushing rejoinder to Swallow.

The crank candidate for governor issued a public challenge to the Republican candidate to hold several debates with him on a carefully prepared list of charges. In the main they are the same old charges which he published in his newspaper last winter, for which publication he was convicted of criminal libel and is now awaiting sentence.

He was then unable to produce any evidence in support of them, even enough to acquit him of malicious intent in publishing them, and Colonel Stone promptly turned his letter over to the district attorney of Dauphin county, properly holding that if the charges were true the only effect of a public debate, with an exhibition of the testimony, would be to give warning to the defendants in advance of arrest and enable them to escape justice. Following is Colonel Stone's letter:

Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1898.  
 Rev. S. C. Swallow:

My Dear Sir: My attention has been called to a published letter dated Sept. 21 and addressed to me in which you challenge joint discussion upon what you claim to be the issues in this campaign. I am not surprised that you have omitted prohibition as an issue, but I am surprised that the Prohibition party which nominated you upon that issue should so soon forget the purposes and objects of their organization and follow you in a crusade which entirely ignores prohibition. You challenge me to discuss 12 declarations, or charges upon the stump. All of your 12 declarations charge crimes and misdemeanors which may be severely punished under the laws of the state.

You do not name the offenders nor the time when these crimes and misdemeanors were committed, but claim to have evidence to substantiate them. I have no such knowledge, except your unsupported statements which you have heretofore made, but have been unable to sustain in the courts. If you have such knowledge of crimes committed, and have such evidence, it is your duty, not only as a good citizen, but as a Christian minister, to lay the evidence before the grand jury of your county. The witnesses which you propose to call in joint debate will be sufficient to obtain an indictment if they are sufficient to convince an intelligent audience of the truth of your charges.

That is the proper tribunal to hear and determine the truth of these charges, and that is the proper course for you to pursue, instead of undertaking on the stump to prejudice the people against candidates whom you do not charge with committing the crimes or with knowledge of them. I have, therefore, taken the liberty to refer your letter to the district attorney of Dauphin county, where you reside, for such action as he may take in the matter, assuring you that if I am elected governor of Pennsylvania I will heartily co-operate in all cases to bring guilty parties to justice and punish all crimes against the state.

Truly yours,  
 WILLIAM A. STONE.

The care with which Mr. Wanamaker avoids public cross examination upon the reckless assertions he has been making since he missed the United States senatorship and the gubernatorial nomination is succinctly set forth in the following report of the committee, which sought to arrange a joint debate on Saturday:

William L. Mathues, Esq., Chairman  
 Republican Executive Committee of Delaware County, Media, Pa.

Dear Sir: At a meeting of your executive committee, held in the court house, Media, on the evening of the 21st inst., the following resolution was unanimously adopted:  
 "Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this committee that an independent meeting has been advertised to take place at the courthouse, Media, Pa., on Saturday evening, Sept. 24, at which the Hon. John Wanamaker has been invited to speak and discuss the issues of the campaign; and  
 "Whereas, There are questions at issue in this campaign in which all are interested; therefore, be it  
 "Resolved, That the chairman appoint a committee of three (3) to confer with the committee in charge of said meeting, and also with the Hon. John Wanamaker and the Hon. John P. Elkin, chairman of the Republican state committee, and arrange, if possible, to have both gentlemen appear at said meeting and discuss the issues of the campaign in a joint debate, in order that the people may have an opportunity of hearing both sides."

The undersigned were appointed in pursuance of the above resolution as a committee to wait upon Mr. Wanamaker and Mr. Elkin and arrange for the joint discussion at the time stated. On Thursday morning, the 22d inst., your committee went to the city of Philadelphia and called at the office of Mr. Wanamaker. He was absent and

it was reported that we could not see him until Friday morning. On Friday morning, at 10 o'clock, we again called on Mr. Wanamaker at his office. We found him in and made known to him the wishes of the Republicans of Delaware county in the matter of having a joint discussion. He then asked if the state chairman was willing. We informed him we would see. We immediately went over to the Republican headquarters and found the chairman at his desk. We made known to him our desire that he would meet Mr. Wanamaker in joint discussion at the courthouse in Media, as per the resolution. He promptly accepted the invitation and addressed the following letter to your committee:  
 Gentlemen: I am in receipt of your invitation to meet the Hon. John Wanamaker in joint discussion of the political issues of the present campaign at the courthouse in Media on Saturday evening, the 24th of September. I hereby accept the invitation. It would afford me much pleasure to meet Mr. Wanamaker at that time or any other time during the present campaign to refute the charges that he has been making against the Republican party of this state. Very respectfully yours,  
 JOHN P. ELKIN, Chairman.

Your committee then reported the acceptance of Chairman Elkin to Mr. Wanamaker at the office of the latter. Mr. Wanamaker replied that he would not enter into a discussion of this kind unless the committee of his friends having in charge the mass meeting at Media so directed. We then called up by phone Captain Albert Magnin, of Darby, who was the committee appointed to make arrangements for the Wanamaker meeting. When told that Chairman Elkin had accepted the invitation to enter into the joint discussion with Mr. Wanamaker and that Mr. Wanamaker referred the matter to him, Captain Magnin refused to make arrangements for the joint discussion on the grounds that he had no authority to do so.

We have labored faithfully to carry out the instructions of your committee and arrange for a joint discussion of the issues involved between the parties above mentioned. It is due to State Chairman Elkin to say that from the first he expressed a hearty willingness to meet Mr. Wanamaker and discuss the Wanamaker meeting at Media, as well as Mr. Wanamaker himself, showed a disposition to evade the responsibility of a joint discussion at that time. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Committee—John L. Hawthorne, chairman; Edward S. Hickman, Charles M. Wagner.

The committee of Lackawanna Presbytery appointed to superintend the sale of the Laporte Presbytery church property has been authorized by the congregational meeting held Sept. 16, to extend the time for the reception of written bids to Oct. 15, 1898. These bids may be left with Miss Hattie Crocker, Laporte. Several bids have already been presented and time is asked for presenting others. The Congregation reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. After the 15th of October the successful bidder will be informed by the Committee which bid they decide to accept.

Rev. P. H. Brooks,  
 On behalf of the Committee.

Fish and ham, prices right, at J. W. Buck's, Sonestown.

### Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward.		Southward.		
p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	
5:25	10:23	Halls.....	9:45	4:40
5:30	10:28	Pennsdale.....	9:41	4:35
5:40	10:40	Hughesville.....	9:32	4:25
5:48	10:48	Picture Rocks.....	9:25	4:15
5:51	10:52	Lyons Mills.....	9:22	4:08
5:54	10:55	Chamouni.....	9:20	4:06
5:52	11:04	Gen Mawr.....	9:14	3:59
5:52	11:14	Strawbridge.....	9:05	3:47
6:16	11:17	Beech Glen.....	9:01	3:42
6:20	11:21	Muncy Valley.....	8:58	3:40
6:28	11:30	Sonestown.....	8:52	3:32
6:45	11:49	Nordmont.....	8:38	3:15
7:01	12:08	LaPorte.....	8:21	2:57
7:04	12:11	LaPorte Tannery.....	8:19	2:54
7:20	12:30	Ringdale.....	8:05	2:32
7:35	12:45	Satterfield.....	7:55	2:20

All trains daily except Sunday. "P" flag stations.

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R. E. EAVENSON, Gen. Manager,  
 Hughesville, Pa.

### CIDER MILL IN OPERATION

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### 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.  
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### Administratrix Notice.

Estate of Walter Spencer, late of Laporte Borough, 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, AUY. 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 Bernice, 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 Bernice, Pa., and to have a permanent organization to be known as "The Citizens' Military Band," of Bernice, Pa.  
 A. J. BRADLEY, Solicitor.  
 Laporte, Pa., September 7, 1898.

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