

Southern Lewis County Happenings

PORT LEYDEN

Local Talent Play a Success. The audience who were so fortunate as to witness the presentation of the drama "All the World Against Him," by St. Martin's Dramatic Club, at the opera house Saturday evening, were most agreeably surprised.

HAMBLIN-SCHULTZE.

Popular Young Couple United in Marriage at Port Leyden, April 9th. A charming home wedding took place in this village Wednesday, April 9th, at 5 o'clock, when Miss Bertha Maria Schultze, daughter of Heinrich and Margaretta Schultze, of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, Germany, became the bride of Roy C. Hamblin, of Port Leyden.

Pearl Street School. The honor roll for last week was as follows: Primary-Iva Hand, Dorothy Hamblin, Gladys Sears, Jennie Moore, Nellie Cook, Ida Salmon, Gertrude Thayer, Lillian Hale, Edna Brockway, Eva Redner, Edwin Smith, Harry Seane and Clarence Homan, Harry Mediate-Mae Dexter, Lulu Satterly, Hazel LaFave, Harry Longway, Marjorie Cox, Margaret Hale, Ethel Smith, Leonard Hale, David Satterly, Wilbert Satterly, Harold Cox, Edwin Smith, Mary Ella Hand, and Ada Brockway.

PORT LEYDEN BRIEFS.

Miss Loretta O'Berliels and F. Allen Dunn of Utica spent the week-end as the welcome guests of Mrs. Julia Dunn and family. James Hessler, of Lowville, has been the recent guest of his sister, Mrs. G. M. B. Williams. George McHale of Constableville was in town Tuesday. Miss Edith Williams is the guest of friends and relatives in Utica.

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Christian spirit and a faithful member of the Catholic church in Constableville. She has visited in this village many times and has a large number of friends among the older residents, who will be grieved to learn of her death. The funeral was held from St. Mary's church, Constableville, Thursday and interment was made at Constableville.

Dorothy Kennedy Players.

Jack Fritz and Frank Lawler, presenting the Dorothy Kennedy Players, in high class repertoire plays, will open their season at the Von-Hoyt opera house, Port Leyden, Thursday evening, April 24th, with the play "In the Heart of Tennessee." Prices 10, 20 and 30 cents.

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Turin friends are pleased to know that Rev. C. M. Smith is to be returned as pastor of the M. E. church for another year. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Holden, who have been spending several weeks at Doyer, Del., and New York, have returned home. Ernest Roberts of Hamilton College spent Sunday at his home in this village.

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WARLIKE ALBANIANS.

Quick to Shoot and Have Blood Feuds and Blood Fraternities. Albania has been compared to the highland of Scotland in the sixteenth century, when the clans were in constant feud one with another. "Many a time," says Foster Frazer, "I have thought of similarities between Albania and Scotland. There are parts of the country reminiscent of the highlands. The passionate love of country is characteristic of both peoples. The alertness of the Highlander to resent insult is equaled only by the quickness of the Albanian to shoot any one who may disagree with him. The gutted petition of the Albanian is certainly similar to the Highlander's kilt, and if you hear the wail of Albanian music in the hills you can without much stretch of imagination fancy you are listening to the shriek of the bagpipes."

JAPAN'S WEDDING SHRINE.

Where Western Marriage Rites Are Followed to Some Extent. The Hibuya Jingu, or great god shrine, near Hibuya park, Tokyo, is the most famous place in the empire for the celebration of marriages. A dozen or so years ago such a custom, that of performing wedding services at shrines, was unheard of, and it was Dr. Baron Takagi who established the practice, following that of the western marriage rites in most respects. Since this innovation the dalling wedding has become most popular, and it is seldom nowadays, says the Far East, that any bride or groom from a family of good standing is married in the old-fashioned manner with the ceremony of three times three cups of sake. When the bride and groom and the relatives have assembled at the shrine the head priest advances to the altar of the gods and says a prayer to the ancestors of the country and then makes the couple promise that they will never separate. The priest then serves the gods with sake, after which it is given to the bride and groom, who make a vow before the gods that they will be constant to each other, and to make such a promise before the gods is one that does not admit of any lapse on the part of either party concerned. Then the sake is given to the relatives, and the signal is made to repair to a western hotel for a foreign banquet or perhaps to a restaurant, where a purely Japanese menu will be served.

Browning and Votes For Women.

Robert Browning was at one period of his life an enthusiastic advocate of votes for women. "He approved of everything that had been done for the higher instruction of women," writes his biographer, Mrs. Sutherland Orr, "and would not very long before his death, have supported their admission to the franchise. But he was so much displeased by the more recent action of some of the lady advocates of women's rights that during the last year of his life, after various modifications of opinion, he frankly pledged himself to the opposite view." At one time, it appears, Browning contemplated writing a play in support of the movement. Had this design been carried out to effect, the poet would have been anticipated by about twenty years. -Westminster Gazette.

FIELD MICE IN FRANCE.

At Times They Overrun and Completely Devastate Whole Cantons. The average loss inflicted annually by field mice upon the cultivators of France is estimated at 2,000,000 francs—about \$400,000. From time to time, however, there is an enormous increase in the number of these pests and in the extent of their ravages. France has experienced about a dozen serious invasions by field mice since the beginning of the nineteenth century. The most disastrous was that which occurred from the summer of 1801 to the end of the autumn of 1802. On that occasion three departments were absolutely devastated. As an illustration of the prodigious numbers in which these animals appear it may be stated that, during the outbreak of 1822 in Alsace, within a single fortnight 1,570,000 were slaughtered in one canton—the French equivalent of a township—600,000 in another and 272,400 in another. The sudden appearance of these animals in such numbers is not due to a rapid migration, but simply to the astonishing rapidity with which they multiply when the weather happens to be favorable to their preservation. Under such conditions a field containing 150 animals—the females are about twice as numerous as the males—at the end of winter would have more than 20,000 in September. There are many ways of fighting the pests, including the use of various poisons, and asphyxiation of the animals in their burrows by means of noxious vapors, but the plan recommended by the French government is to spread a contagious disease among them by giving them a bacterial preparation.

Joke on Postmaster Gleason.

Postmaster Michael Gleason of Carthage has been the victim of considerable chaffing by a number of his friends the past week. The occasion of all this fun at Mr. Gleason's expense is the new lighting standard which has been erected in front of the office. The standard is adorned with large globes and has the appearance of a pawn broker's sign. The other day one of Mr. Gleason's friends stopped at the office and wanted to know how much he could get on his watch.

WATSON.

Henry Baker has gone to Utica, where he is employed for the present. Charles, William and Frank Williams and Mrs. Charles Puffer were called here by the death of their father, A. D. Williams. Ella Peiffer spent the week end with Mrs. Solomon Rennie. Miss Mary Higby has gone to Martinsburg, where she will spend some time. Mrs. Henry Canase and daughter, Daisy, spent the week-end with Mrs. Martha Ward. Mrs. Nora Hartley has returned from Old Forge. Mrs. Bert Waldron is very ill. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wilder spent Sunday at Lowville with L. C. Wilder and family. Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Rennie entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson, of Lowville. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson spent the week-end at Lowville.

SCHOLAR STATESMEN.

England's Distinguished List, From Bacon to Morley. For nearly three centuries there has been a close association between scholarship and statesmanship in England. From the time of Francis Bacon to that of Lord Morley of Blackburn there have seldom been wanting among the conspicuous leaders of one or the other of the great parties some men who were deeply interested in learning or letters and some who had earned distinction as writers or students. England's political history is rich in names, like those of Sir William Temple, Bolingbroke, Pulteney, Carteret, Burke, Fox, Canning, Derby, Gladstone, Beaconsfield and Salisbury; not to mention those of Swift, Addison, Grote, Macaulay and Mill, whose names would be remembered, or had at least the power to make themselves remembered, if they had never taken an active part in public affairs. Of England's prime ministers during the past hundred years one wrote brilliant satirical verse; another translated Homer; another was the author of the best political novels in the English language; another amused his leisure with classical scholarship and theological controversy; another occupied himself with serious scientific research; another has added to our libraries some charming historical and biographical studies.—Edinburgh Review.

PLANTING SPONGES.

Methods of Making Them Grow in Use on the Florida Coast. Biscayne bay, Sugar Loaf key, Anacote keys and Key West, on the Florida coast, are the principal places in this country where experiments in sponge culture have been made. The various methods are as follows: "Seed" sponges are cut into small pieces and, after having been attached by wiring or spindle to circular or triangular cement blocks, are dropped or lowered (depending upon the depth) to rest on the ocean bottom, where they remain for a year or two until they reach a size proper for commercial purposes. They are then taken by the hook, when new cuttings are attached and the cement blocks let down again. Another method was to string them on a wire held horizontal by stakes driven in the bottom. In doing this, however, various difficulties arose. The sponges became loose and rotted on the wire, enlarging the hole made through them, and the action of the salt water corroded and destroyed the wires until, after many trials and experiments, a lead wire with a copper core was successfully used.—St. Nicholas.

Always Ready to March.

"There isn't an army post in the United States whose garrison couldn't make ready inside of an hour to start off for any point," said an army officer. "Clockwork? Well, there's nothing mechanical about it. A man naturally is ready when he sleeps and lives with his equipment at all times. There would be no confusion. How could there be when a trooper has his clothes, his gun, his bandolier with its ninety rounds of ammunition, his well-

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No Reward For a Tin Mine. For some unknown reason there is a widely prevalent idea that the United States offers a reward for the discovery of a tin mine that can be worked at a profit. Many letters are received, at the geological survey every year, asking about this supposed reward. Where the rumor started is unknown, but it seems to be fostered by unscrupulous or ignorant persons who have mining stock to sell. The survey's officials say that the United States does not offer and so far as known to them never has offered a reward for the discovery of a tin mine or any other mine.

A Reasonable Favor. "So you have determined to sue me for breach of promise?" "Yes." "With damages?" "Of course." "Well, sure, I've got just one favor to ask of you. Don't sue me for less than \$100,000. I haven't got a dollar in the world that I can call my own, and it might help my credit."—Cleveland Plain Dealer. Belated. Sillicus—A man never bears the best things that are said about him. Cynicus—Nor he's dead then.—Philadelphia Record. Joys are not the property of the rich alone.—Horace.

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