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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Like thieves, in the dark. With an electrical spark. 'Twas done in the night by Spain! In God's broad daylight. In square open fight. We make them remember the Maine.

This is a great war for mileage. Spanish ships float better than her debt.

Cervera's fleet is just out for the benefit of the voyage.

The umpire will soon begin to call strikes on Sampson.

Admiral Cervera of the Spanish fleet hain't lost a man.

Grass is growing almost while you look at it these days.

Will Kiess of Sonestown was a caller in town on Sunday.

Judge Dunham is holding court in Wilkes Barre this week.

Mrs. M. C. Lauer and son Ernest were callers in Eagles Mere Sunday.

Constable A. E. Tripp was in Jamison City on business Monday.

Ex-Judge Phillips was a pleasant visitor at the county seat Saturday.

Thos. E. Kennedy and F. W. Gallagher were callers in Bernice on Tuesday.

W. A. Cole and J. P. Kennedy of Jamison City were callers in town Tuesday.

Geo. C. Birdsall and wife of Estella were county seat guests on Monday.

John J. Webster of Jackersville was transacting business in town on Monday.

Harry Paulhamus of Williamsport was transacting business in town the early part of the week.

Harry Crossley and Geo. Rance of Benton, visited with F. M. Crossley and family over Sunday.

John Hileman of Dushore is at work dressing stone this week at the court house, for bases of the windows in the building.

Messrs. Frakk Herdic and Fred Payne of Williamsport are the well entertained guests of Gallaghers Hotel this week. The gentlemen are on a fishing expedition.

A base ball team has been organized at this place with Chas. Lauer at the head. It is to be hoped that they play better games than the diamond dandies did last season.

The P. O. S. of A. at this place have purchased a new flag and have it flung to the breeze from their hall window.

Silas Henry of Eagles Mere was a pleasant caller in town Sunday and a welcome visitor to the I. O. O. F. Saturday evening.

Mrs. Mary Kline of Shunk was in town Saturday attending to the legal matters in the estate of Patroclus Kline deed. late of Fox twp.

Found, on Saturday, May 14, a sum of money comprising one bank note, in the woods near Lake Mokoma Owner can have same by calling on John Minnier and proving ownership.

Proverbial wisdom is again justified. Numbers of marriage licenses are being issued to soldiers. None but the brave deserve the fair.

If it's so that the Havanese are eating mules it means the obstinacy in that city will be less when it comes to a demand for surrender.

Lost, strayed or stolen, a fleet of alleged fighting ships belonging to the little King of Spain. A liberal reward will be paid for information of its whereabouts. Address, Sampson, High Sea.

The Eagle Hotel one mile from town is opened to accommodate court guests at 60 cents per day.

In the absence of a stable government in Cuba, they have a stable diet in the shape of horse flesh.

That Spanish fleet is about the fleetest thing out in evading Sampson.

As further evidence of martial spirit the new baby that is christened Dewey is likely to be immediately up in arms.

The newly appointed postmaster John C. Scher, accompanied by Chas. Lawrence of Dushore was shaking hands with friends in town Saturday.

Spain's Cabinet is rather upset. But when a nation is about finally moving from one continent to another that the furniture should be broken is only natural.

When a man is on the up grade the world falls behind and pushes. When he is on the down grade the world again falls behind and kicks him farther down. The world is bound to help a man going either way. This is a friendly world after all.

The boarding house conducted by Mrs. Andrus at this place will be prepared to take court boarders next week.

The editor recently started out in real estate speculation and purchased a lot on Muncy street, and is now sinking his capital in the hole. Geo. Smith of Cambra, is engaged in blasting a well, assisted by Wm. Finkle and Sam Mahaffey. They are driving our real estate up at a rapid rate but the (8) mark-et is suffering however. We want to sell.

Keep at work. War is not going to ruin the country. It will not paralyze business. It will not stop the mills. It will not keep people from eating. It will not destroy the necessities. It will not remove the demands for clothes. The world will move along about as usual, and the man who works will not be the one who will complain of hard times and the tightness of money.

The Spanish fleet must be ubiquitous. We hear of it in every quarter,—now at Cadiz; now at the Verdies; now going through the Suez Canal; now off Nantucket; now rounding Cape Horn; now tucked away among the Canaries; now—

good gracious, what's that! Coming up the Big Sock already. Well, never mind, Lauer's base ball team is mobilizing,—they will take care of the Dons. A few swift curves will blow them out, and then Madrid can rejoice over another Spanish victory.

It would appear as if adversity in the shape of disastrous fires cannot disturb the equanimity of temper or ruffle the spirits of that prince of good fellows "T. W." Beahen. He has purchased the Lamoreux property on Main street and will soon appear among us again as a landlord with greater vitality and buoyant spirit than ever. The house is being remodeled into a hotel which will be ready for his occupancy by court week. The Associate Judges, last week, transferred the license granted to the late Laporte Hotel.

The proudest man in town just now is Rev. Patton, pastor of the M. E. church. He is proud because his church is prospering, and his congregation have manifested, renewed and increased confidence in, and attachment to, their pastor; proud because the American warriors are knocking all the empty pride out of Spanish enemies; and exceedingly proud because he has composed a beautiful song in relation to the present war, entitled "Uncle Sam's Rallying Song." It will be published in sheet music and put on the market soon, and we believe it will become deservedly popular.

Jerome Reed on Wednesday moved from this place to the house built by Merritt Schaffer in Laporte township.

John Minnier has moved into the residence vacated by Jerome Reed.

Peter McDonald is on the sick list suffering with rheumatism.

Having his hands full of domestic trouble is another reason why Spain is slow in the use of its arms.

Since there's talk of making a trade of the Philippines with England what's the matter with exchanging them for Ireland.

Don't talk on the war question unless you carry a pocket geography.

BERNICE ECHOES.

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which sapped out her vitality until at last she succumbed. Premature old age, bring the chief causes of her death. She is survived by three sons Micheal, John and Daniel, and four daughters, Mrs. Rosa Hoffa, Mrs. Frank McMahan of this place, Mrs. Frank McMahan of Dushore and Mrs. Cornelius Dorigan of Waverly, N. Y., and 10 grand children. Interment at the St. Francis cemetery Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock May 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hannon visited friends in Dushore Saturday.

Miss Alice Gilligan of Lopez visited friends here Sunday.

Standing on the corner may not mean any harm but it does not look good in the eyes of the bachelors.

Some of our readers seem to think that we write too much society news. For their special benefit we would say that any secret society news seen in this column is written by special request, also that we are glad to get any society news that may be of interest to the reading public. Please don't try to make fun of us, for we do the best we can, though our efforts at journalism may be improved. We don't claim to be a Mark Twain or a Bennett.

H. E. Watson attended the Great Council of the I. O. R. M. at Honesdale Pa. this week, as representative of Katonka Tribe No. 336 of Bernice.

A number of capitalists from Pittston are opening a coal mine on what is known as the Jackson tract one mile west of Bernice. G. W. Gunton of Pittston is general manager and engineer. The above coal field has been operated by the S. L. & S. R. R. Co. previous to 1885. In the Spring of that year the Jackson heirs raised the royalty and the company refused to pay the increased royalty and suspended operations. This led to a lawsuit which was fought through the several courts of the state resulting in a judgment in favor of the Jacksons of nearly \$1800. This money laid in the Towanda banks for years and is there yet. We think as the heirs refused to accept it, in the mean time the company had removed all their roads and other machinery from the mine and it is now in a delapidated condition. The new company are putting in their opening in the north western corner of the property and will ultimately reach the old workings. They have begun the erection of a new breaker which will be finished as soon as possible. At the place of the new opening there is nine feet of good coal, but this will not last, as the average height in the old workings was less than six feet. They estimate that there is about 350,000 tons of coal on the tract but this is doubtful, as the vein is very irregular and may run out at any time. There is only about 12 feet of covering over it and in some places not that much.

Owing to the exceedingly brilliant victory of Admiral Dewey so early in the war, the events which have occurred since then have appeared tame and it has seemed to many that no progress has been made. This is only apparent however. Such an opportunity of achievement as that which confronted Admiral Dewey at Manila does not occur every day, and should not be expected. Since then the work of preparation has been going on, the levy of 125,000 volunteers is almost ready for service, arrangements are now completed for sending an army to the Philippines to finish the work so well begun by Admiral Dewey, and as soon as the matter of the Spanish fleet can be attended to the men and materials will be ready for a descent upon Cuba. The fleet will in all likelihood, be located this week, so that whether a naval battle takes place or not it will no longer be an uncertain factor in future operation, and will scarcely interfere with the main movement of the war—the occupation of Cuba.

Those who think the latter movement an easy one, to be undertaken on the spur of the moment, should remember that not only have we the task of reducing the island to possession and of maintaining the army necessary to accomplish that task but that we will immediately have to maintain the insurgent army, feed the reconcentrados and ultimately, when we take them prisoners, feed the Spanish army itself. We will have to be prepared, in a short time after our occupancy, to practically provision all the people of the island. This is no light task in itself leaving out the problem of conquest. The war will be only a month old on Saturday next. As its beginning found us with an army of only 25,000 men, scattered over thousands of miles of territory, it cannot be said that we have done so badly.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for rubbers, blankets, carpets, clothing and dressgoods at December low prices. High est prices paid for butter and eggs.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorable John S. Line and Conrad Kraus Associate Judges of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General J. J. Dillinger, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 30 day of March 1898, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the borough of Laporte on Monday the 23d day of May 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 those offices to 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., Apr. 14, 1898.

Trial List, May Term, 1898.

- 1 Henry McDermott vs Thomas Mahaffey, No. 56. May Term 1897. Trespass, Plea, "not guilty". Dewitt | Collins & Inghams.
2 H. J. Shayler, vs Stewart Chase, No. 33. Sept. Term 1896. Replevin, Plea, "Property & C". Hill | Downs & Crawford.
3 Mitchell, Young & Co. vs A. J. Hackley, No. 104 Sept. Term 1885. Scribe's Plea, "Payment, payment with cause". Hill, Inghams.
4 Frank Middendorf, vs The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, No. 60 Sept. Term 1896. Trespass, Plea, "not guilty". Mullen & Walsh | Thomson & Streeter.
5 James McFarlane, vs W. C. Mason, No. 92 Feb. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea, "Non Assumpsit, payment, payment with leave to set off. Hill, | Inghams.
6 R. H. Brewer, vs The County of Sullivan, No. 47 May Term 1897. Trespass, Plea, "not guilty". Mullen, | Bradley & Inghams.
7 A. C. Haverly, vs Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr. No. 71 May Term 1897. Trespass, Plea "not guilty". Mullen, | Bradley & Inghams.
8 Merritt Shaffer, vs Josephine FitzPatrick, No. 98 May Term 1898. Fugitive Issue. Plea "Payment". Mullen, | Bradley & Inghams.
9 Durward Saddleire, vs C. H. Jennings & B. W. Jennings, trading and doing business as the Lopez Manufacturing Company, No. 51 Sept. Term 1897. Trespass, Plea, "not guilty". Hill, | Inghams.
10 Martin Markle, vs E. V. Ingham, No. 152 Sept. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea "Non Assumpsit Payment, payment with leave & C. Hill, | Inghams.
11 E. M. Lewis, vs J. W. Ballard, No. 5 Dec. Term 1897. Defendants Appeal. Plea, "Non Assumpsit Payment, payment with leave & C. Mullen, | Walsh.
12 Viola Jennings, vs George H. Moore, No. 42 Dec. Term 1897. Interpleader. Hill, | Mullen.
13 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.
W. M. J. LAWRENCE, Proth. Prothy's office, Laporte, Pa., April 9, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between Smith Boudman and John Manuel, of Shrewsbury twp., Sullivan Co., Pa., under the partnership name of Boudman & Manuel have dissolved, by mutual consent. All debts owing to the said partnership are to be received by said John Manuel, and all demands on the said partnership are to be presented to him or his attorney.

SMITH BOUDMAN, JOHN MANUEL, A. J. BEADLEY, Atty. Laporte, Pa., April 1, '98.

Register's Notices.

Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office viz: First and final account of Joseph Pardoe, Executor of Joseph Pardoe, deceased, docketed. First and final account of August Hartung, Admistrator of Eva M. Traband, deceased. First and final account of A. L. Smith, Guardian of Jennie Benton.

First and final corrected account of Jasper Clark, Administrator of Mary Clark deceased. Also following widows' appraisements have been filed: In the estates of D. D. Dieffenbach, decd.; Daniel Porter, decd.; and William Waddell, deceased.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.

By virtue of an order issued by the Orphans Court of the county of Sullivan, Pa., dated the 7th day of March, A. D. 1898, and supplemented by an order of the Orphans Court of Sullivan county, Pa., in the above entitled matter, there will be exposed to public sale, at the Court House, in the Borough of Laporte, Sullivan county, Pa.,

Saturday, May 28, 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 Elkland township, Sullivan county, Pa., known as the "Highway Lot," bounded by the end of said lot, and all of said "Highway Lot," after reserving thirty-five acres on the east side, bounded by the James Bryan tract on the north, the coolly owned by Mrs. Kinsey and her husband on the south, and the reserved part of said lot on the east, and being part of the John Bryan survey.

TERMS OF SALE: As fixed by order of the Court. Ten per cent in cash on the day of sale, which shall be considered and retained as stipulated damages on failure of the purchaser to pay the balance money, which balance is to be paid upon confirmation of the sale by the court and tender of deed by the administrator, and possession of the premises to be given immediately.

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

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between John J. Webster and M. A. Warburton under the firm name of Webster & Warburton was dissolved on the 30th day of April 1898, by mutual consent. All debts owing to said partnership are receivable by said John J. Webster to whom also all claims and demands against said partnership are to be presented for payment.

JOHN J. WEBSTER, M. A. WARBURTON, Estella, April 30, 1898.

Executor's Notice.

Estate of Edward R. Phillips, late of Davidson Township, Decd. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay to the undersigned.

Executors' Notice.

Letters Testamentary have been granted to A. B. Kilmer and C. N. Porter on the estate of Daniel Porter, late of Fox twp., decd. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same duly authenticated to the undersigned without delay.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R TIME TABLE.

Table with columns: Northward, Southward, p.m., a.m., p.m. Lists train times for various stations including Halls, Pennsada, Hughesville, etc.

All trains daily except Sunday; "r" flag stations. Connections with the Philadelphia & Reading at Falls, for all points north and south, and the Fall Brook and Beech Creek railroads. At Satterfield for all points on the Lehigh Valley railroad. At Sonestown with the Eagles Mere railroad.

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