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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Just two weeks from Sunday. —The shoppers are on the rush line. —One blizzard doth tread upon another's heels. —A. E. Tripp had business in Dushore on Saturday. —Hon. M. J. Phillips was a county seat caller on Saturday. —Proth. Lawrence was a business visitor in Dushore Saturday. —Chas. R. Lauer was in Williamsport on business Wednesday. —Altogether it is a pretty good taste of an old fashioned Winter. —N. C. Maben made a business trip to Muncy Valley on Monday. —The merchants' pocket book will now do a little in the expansion line. —Atty. A. J. Bradley was transacting business in Towanda Tuesday. —Charles Cane, the popular liveryman of Dushore, was in town last Friday. —Joseph Pardoe and Thos. McCarty were in town Saturday on business matters. —Sheriff-elect H. W. Osler and brother Dr. Osler of Dushore, were in town on business Friday. —L. E. Wells, one of Dushore's genial favorites, was in town shaking hands with friends Tuesday. —Miss Katie Whalen of Montrose, is the well entertained guest of her cousins Misses Anna and Katie Beahen this week. —Miss Margaret Kutz, of Hughesville, was pleasantly entertained the early part of this week by her friend Miss Mabel Spencer at this place. —The weather for the past few days seemed like a revival of old time severity. Sunday it was of decidedly tempestuous character, —in fact at one time it seemed as if there would be a second edition of the blizzard of 1888. —Strayed or stolen, an intelligent bird dog of medium size, black with white spots on body and on one side of head. Parties knowing of his whereabouts will confer a great favor by reporting same to Mr. George Kiess, of Sonestown. —An exchange says: "A minister who frequently expressed surprise at the appearance of typographical errors in newspapers, recently had printed a program for religious services in his church. When the program was ready for the press, he stipulated that, in order that there should be no errors in it, the proof should be submitted to him. It was done, and corrected according to his marking. After the job was delivered, a friend called his attention to the following line in the closing hymn: 'Jesus resigns and heaven rejoices!' The preacher nearly fainted, but he doesn't think he is half as smart as he used to think he was."

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TEACHERS WILL CONVENE.

The County Institute to be held December 20-30, 1898. The thirty-third annual teachers' institute for Sullivan county will convene in Garey's Hall, Dushore, December 26, 1898. Supt. Meylert has engaged the following instructors: Dr. A. E. Winship of Boston, Dr. Byron W. King of Pittsburgh, Dr. C. C. Rounds of New York, Supt. J. M. Coughlin of Wilkes Barre and Prof. C. M. Parker of Binghamton. Evening lectures and entertainments will be given by Dr. Winship, Dr. Byron W. King, Dr. Rounds and the C. M. Parker Concert Company. No previous institute has been favored with such a strong array of talent and the coming meeting will unquestionably be of great interest and value. The official announcement will be given next week.

Frank Farrell of Dushore, return judge of this County to the Congressional election, returned from Sunbury Friday and stopped a few hours at this place. While at Sunbury he copied from an old court record a remarkable sentence imposed which was one of many similar modes of punishment found within the book. It read as follows: "Northumberland, August Sessions, 1781. At a Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Sunbury for the County of Northumberland, the 4th Tuesday of August, 1784, before John Guyers Esq. Respublica vs Joseph Gusberry Indicted for felony, the defendant pleaded not guilty and jury drawn and being sworn upon their oaths respectfully do say that Joseph Gusberry is guilty of the felony whereof he stands indicted. Judgment, that the said Joseph Gusberry receive thirty-nine lashes between the hours of eight and nine o'clock to-morrow, to stand in the pillars one hour, to have his ears cut off and nailed to the post, to return the property stolen or the value thereof, remain in prison three months, pay a fine of thirty pounds to the Honorable the President of the State for the support of the government and stand committed until fine, fee and cost are paid."

Bernice Echoes.

Charles D. Linskill, the well known circulation manager of the WilkesBerry Record was doing business in town Tuesday of last week. He is also agent for the family book entitled, "Travels in Land Beyond the Sea." Mr. Linskill is a very pleasant gentleman and well versed in conversation. Miss Nettie Roberts last week for Hallstead, where she expects to stay for some time. Mrs. P. L. Merthiew visited with friends in Monroeton last week. M. A. Scureman, insurance agent of Dushore, was doing business in town Thursday. Katonka Tribe No. 336, I. O. of R. M. will give a supper at Hotel Schad to its members Saturday evening, December 10. All members are cordially invited to attend and bring their wives and sweethearts. Skating is the latest out, and the young people are enjoying the opportunity. Miss Minnie Bently of Towanda is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Bently. Mrs. H. E. Watson visited friends at Towanda last week. The Presbyterian Sunday School scholars are preparing for a Christmas entertainment. Miss Dieffenbach of Dushore, was the guest of Mrs. Julius Vogel last week. Another blizzard struck town Sunday which made it a beautiful day to stay at home. John Hayman of Dushore and a number of gentlemen of this place held a shooting match at Mildred Saturday. A number of cracked shots were present and Mr. Chas. Lauer of Laporte killed the greatest number of pigeons and carried home the prize. What the prize was we did not learn. John Thayer visited friends at Forks on Saturday. Some mean miscreant poisoned a valuable watch dog belonging to our townsman Martin Wright, last week. Patrick Hannon and H. E. Watson were doing business at Dushore on Saturday. China's military cadets will have to pass an examination in stone slinging and archery before they can graduate as officers. Poor old China! She expects to stop 13-inch shells with pebbles and arrows, and is going to keep out progress with measures just as forcible.

Forksville.

Dr. W. F. Randall, Sam Cole and Chas. Cane of Dushore, were in town last week. The Literary Society debated the question last Wednesday evening, "Resolved, that machinery is detrimental to labor." Mrs. C. B. L. Rothrock's new house is nearly completed. We are glad to hear Mrs. O. J. Little is recovering from her sickness. The following persons visited the school last week: Harris Collins, Myra Rinebold, John Collins, Fanny Rogers and Sadie Huckell. Messrs Chas. and S. L. Bryan killed a very large bear last week. Sheriff Swank of Laporte was transacting business in town last week. Miss Wellie Birdsell of Estella is visiting Miss Jennie Miller. Geo. Miller and W. E. Randall visited friends at Overton Thursday. Gordon Wrighter and Marion Ingalls gave a motoscope entertainment in the M. E. church Saturday evening. The local institute was held in town last week. Several of the teachers from different parts of the county were present. Rev. Ward Mosher and wife attended the district M. E. conference at Elmira last week. Supt. Meylert and wife of Laporte were in town Saturday. James Parrish visited his parents on Green Mountain Sunday.

Sonestown.

Mrs. Philip Rider and children are visiting the former's parents at Montoursville. Mrs. C. J. Brink returned to Eagles Mere last week after a few days spent with relatives here. Miss Anna Minsker on Tuesday started for Blossville the home of her parents. Byron Campbell is building his new house on the hill overlooking town above the railroad station. A T. Armstrong has moved his mill from Muncy Valley to the "hill field" near his tryst mill. Miss Edna Gray of Strawbridge, visited her sister Mrs. A. T. Armstrong on Tuesday and Wednesday. Editor Wing of the NEWS ITEM called in town last week. Miss Jane Gritman of Nordmont, visited her sister recently. Joseph Mencer has left town after a few days visit to his brother. The Christmas service in the M. E. church will be held on Saturday night. George Kiess' dog has been gone since Monday of last week, and Mr. Kiess is very much concerned about it. The dog is black with white spots. At the Literary next Friday the question to be discussed is, "Resolved, that the United States acquire and hold the Philippines. Chiefs—W. J. Trump and Myrtle Edgar. There is still considerable stir made in Democratic circle to inaugurate a contest but as yet the petition being circulated has not been filed and there is but one day more, Dec. 8, left to have the matter brought up. The Republican party surely can endure another Democratic contest if the taxpayers can. It would be very interesting to see where Cochran's barrel did its leaking and who all got \$2 to vote for Cochran, Poke and Walsh that the party workers were offering, and doing it publicly so that all could plainly understand what their ideas of "better government" meant. The Republican party has nothing to fear, let the ball begin, and those who dance pay for the music.

The mushroom life is measured by the number of mushrooms that spring up on the lawn and the number of them that are left to rot on the edge of the woods.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., at close of business, July 14, 1898.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 127,899 85
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation.....	12,500 00
Premium on United States Bonds.....	1,000 00
Stock Securities.....	15,200 00
Furniture.....	3,200 00
Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt.....	75,107 16
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer.....	562 50
Specie and Legal Tender Notes.....	16,662 53
	\$ 250,192 04
LIABILITIES:	
Capital.....	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus.....	10,000 00
Undivided Profits.....	3,624 24
Due National Banks.....	1,593 74
Circulation.....	11,250 00
Dividends Unpaid.....	66 10
Deposits.....	173,724 06
	\$ 250,192 04
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 6th day of Dec. 1898.	
JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.	
Correct—Attest: ALPHONSO W. WALSH, JNO. D. REESER, W. J. LAWRENCE, Directors.	

Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of a writ of Levari 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 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., the following described property viz: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying and being situated in the Borough of Laporte, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded as follows: Beginning at the south-west corner of Cherry and Muncy streets, thence south sixty-six feet along Muncy street to the north-east corner of John Weiks lot, thence along said Weik's north line and center line and sixty feet to a corner in Blackberry Alley, thence along said Alley north sixty-six feet to a corner in Cherry Street, thence bearing date on the 25 day of Sept. 1898, along Cherry Street East two hundred and six feet to the place of beginning, containing sixty-three perches be the same more or less. Land all improved and having erected thereon a two story framed dwelling house and out buildings, fruit trees etc. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Anna Hill and said Hill at the suit of T. F. Kolason and H. E. Metcalf. ELLIS SWANK Sheriff.

Bradley Atty. Sheriff's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 21, 1898. For gum boots and rubbers go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown. COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, HON. E. M. DUNHAM, President Kreis Associate Judges of the Courts of Over and Terminer and Jail Deliverer, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept bearing date on the 25 day of Sept. 1898, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 12th day of Dec. 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 offices at the time and place aforesaid, to receive, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances to those things 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 and there to prosecute against them as will be just. ELLIS SWANK, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.

J. W. Buck has some of his holiday goods on hand already. Trial List, December Term, 1898. 1. A. C. Haverly, vs Benjamin Kuykendall, Jr. No. 71 May Term 1897, Trespass. Plea "not guilty". Mullen, Thomson. 2. Mitchell, Young & Co. vs A. J. Hackley, No. 104 Sept. Term 1896, Scire Facias, Plea, "Payment by check with cause &c. Hill, Ingaham. 3. James McFarlane, vs W. C. Mason, No. 92 Feb'y. Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea, "Non Assumpsit, payment, with leave to set off." Hill, Ingaham. 4. Merritt Shaffer, vs Josephine Fitzpatrick, No. 28 May Term 1898, Fugitive Issue, Plea "Payment." Ingaham, Mullen. 5. Martin Markic, vs E. V. Ingaham, No. 142 Sept. Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea "Non Assumpsit, payment, with leave to set off." Hill, Ingaham. 6. F. M. Lewis, vs J. W. Ballard, No. 5 Dec. Term 1897, Defendants Appeal, Plea "Non Assumpsit, payment, with leave to set off." Mullen, Walsh. 7. F. H. Tomlinson vs Jacob A. Meyers and William L. Taylor, No. 1 Feb'y. T. 1898, Ejectment, Plea, "not guilty." Hill, Mullen. 8. J. Wm. Allen and Martha Allen vs Taper Hunsinger and Rush J. Hunsinger, No. 99, May T. 1898, Ejectment. Mullen and Thomson, Hill and Platt. 9. J. Wm. Allen and Martha Allen vs Taper Hunsinger and Rush J. Hunsinger, No. 99, May T. 1898, Ejectment. Mullen and Thomson, Hill and Platt. WM. J. LAWRENCE, Proth. Proth's office, Laporte, Pa., Oct. 31, 1898.

Powder, shot, caps, and a full line of hunter's ammunition including buckshot shells at J. W. Buck's. Incorporation Notice. Notice is hereby given that an application for the incorporation of the Borough of Eagles Mere was presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions, in and for the county of Sullivan, on the 21st of September 1898, and an order then made by the Court that the same be filed with the Clerk, and notice thereof given in one newspaper of the said county for a period of not less than thirty days immediately before the next regular term of the court following the presentation of such application and the filing thereof; and that a hearing will be given to said application at the next regular term of said court. WM. J. LAWRENCE, Clerk. INGHAM'S ATTORNEYS, Oct. 20, 1898. Administratrix Notice. Estate of Walter Spencer, late of Laporte Borough, Sullivan county, deceased. Letterson 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. Register's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office, viz: First and final account of August Marshall, Executor. First and final account of Carl F. Heess, Guardian. First and final account of Chas. L. Little, Administrator. First and final account of Peter L. Messersmith, Executor. First and final account of Hannah Brobst and Lyman B. Speaker, Executors. Also the following widow's appraisement: In the estate of Miles A. Burns, deceased. And the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Sullivan county on Monday, December 12, 1898, at 3 o'clock p. m. for confirmation and allowance. WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register. Register's office, Laporte Pa., Nov. 14, 1898. Executor's Notice. Estate of Frederick Heinze, late of Elkland township, deceased. Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary upon the estate of said deceased have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to CHRISTIAN E. HEINZE, Executor. Lake Run Pa., Oct. 11, 1898. 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 Muncy Sts., Laporte.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE. In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward.		Southward.	
pm. a. m.	a. m. pm.	pm. a. m.	a. m. pm.
5:25	10:23	9:45	4:40
5:55	10:58	9:15	4:33
6:30	11:28	9:32	4:23
6:58	12:08	9:25	4:13
7:51	12:52	9:22	4:03
8:54	1:05	9:20	4:06
10:02	11:04	9:14	3:59
10:12	11:14	9:08	3:47
6:16	11:17	9:01	3:42
6:20	11:21	8:58	3:40
6:28	11:30	8:52	3:32
6:45	11:49	8:38	3:15
7:01	12:08	8:21	2:57
7:04	12:11	8:19	2:54
7:20	12:30	8:05	2:33
7:35	12:45	7:55	2:20
pm. p. m.		a. m. p. m.	
All trains daily except Sunday; "f" flag stations.			
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