

THURSDAY, DEC. 16, 1898.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Every shoe is a slipper now. —Winter has convened for a long session. —The mighty pen has ended the war at last. —McKinley is the greatest read author of the day. —Editor Strey of Dushore was in town on business Monday. —S. Frumberg of Bernice, was in town being business Saturday. —Mrs. J. W. Rogers of Forksville was the guest of friends in town this week. —Wednesday morning the thermometer was confirmed in its low tendencies. —Wm. Donovan and sister Maggie were in Muncy Valley one day last week. —Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hagel were in Williamsport the early part of this week. —Dr. Chas. Wachenhuth attended a meeting of medical men in Williamsport on Monday. —Mrs. W. B. Ritter and daughter Emma were in Williamsport on Thursday of last week. —Stewart Chase and Walter Spencer returned home from Oriskana, N. Y., one day last week. —Mrs. Chas. Tinklepaugh of Johnsonburg, was a welcome guest of friends in town last week. —Mrs. Chas. Coleman and brother Willie, spent a few days last week with friends at Dushore. —Court has a small attendance this week. Proceedings will appear in our next issue. —With ice on the lake and snow on the hillsides, it was unusually hard for the small boys to be good last Sunday. —Mr. T. J. Keeler was called to Benton on Saturday by the severe illness of his daughter Mrs. S. B. Karns, who is now improving. —The young man who has a cutter is likely these days to cut out the fellow who has none. We draw our conclusions from the fact that Joe Cooper each Sunday appropriates a swell cutter to himself that cuts a swell and some ice too. —Sam Ritter has resigned his position at the Mokoma R.R. Station for a more lucrative position clerking for Joe Cooper. Wm. Donovan now has charge of the Mokoma station, and good service is assured the public. —The petition for a Sheriff contest with a required number of signers and a very pretty program of what was to be done mapped out was circulating around the court house during the early part of the week, but the flesh is weak and a few days of intermitted apathy and activity, demonstrated a lack of legal cohesion and—in brief "fizzled out," died dead, and its epitaph might well read: If so soon I was to be done for, What in the world was I ever begun for. —Miss Manda Chamberlin of Towanda, who for the past three years has instructed classes in music at this place has presented several of her friends with a copy of "Queen of Hearts," a most beautiful piece of music composed by her nephew Mr. Chas. D. Passage, Jr., of Towanda. The sale of this music promises to be exceedingly large by its own merit.

Teachers' County Institute.

Notice is hereby given that the thirty-third annual teachers' institute for Sullivan County will be held in Garey's hall, DuShore, Pa., Dec. 26-30, 1898. The institute will open at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday and close Friday at noon.

The following instructors will be present: 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; Prof. C. M. Parker, of Binghamton. The evening entertainment course is as follows: Monday, Dr. Winship; Tuesday, Byron W. King; Wednesday, Dr. C. C. Rounds; Thursday, Parker Concert Company.

The law requires that all schools shall be closed during the week and provides for the payment of teachers in attendance. Last year only four teachers were absent. No teacher who values his professional reputation will remain away from the county institute.

The enrollment clerk will be at the hall from 9 o'clock until the opening of the institute. Teachers are urgently requested to enroll immediately upon their arrival. Much confusion and delay will be avoided by attending to the enrollment before noon. Reserved seats for the evening entertainments will be selected at the time of enrollment. Those who come first will have the choice of seats. The fee for teachers is one dollar and enrollment cards admit the holder to all entertainments.

The Sullivan County School Directors' Association will meet with the institute at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday, December 28. A cordial invitation is extended to every director and it is hoped that every district will be represented. Addresses bearing upon the work of school boards will be made.

The list of instructors includes some of the ablest school men in America. The entertainment course is exceptionally strong. The institute is expected to be of unusual value and interest not only to teachers but to the general public. A cordial invitation to attend all its sessions is hereby extended to all who are interested in the cause of education. F. W. MEYLER, Co. Supt.

Hills Grove.

Hills Grove tannery is about to resume work in all departments.

F. E. Darby of Sheffield, Pa., is a welcome guest in town. Micky likes to come back when the summer is over and the harvest passed.

Frank Zagowski (alia) Paul Galough a very clever forger, left our town very mysteriously Wednesday last.

The Sunday Schools at both churches are preparing to give excellent Xmas entertainments.

Our barber B. E. Green has removed his shop from his building to No. 41 Rural Ave.

Sam Freeman and Fred Marrvell of Towanda, were business visitors in town last week.

Chapman Bros. have finished their extensive contract with the Emery Lumber Co. and discharged their men.

Skating is the order of the day and our small boys are making good use of it.

District President John A. Gibbs and Rev. F. E. Spooner were welcome callers at Estella Camp, P.O.S. of A. Thursday evening.

Sonestown.

Miss Mame Ryan of Tivoli, and Myrtle Miller of Muncy Valley, visited the family of H. P. Hall last week.

Miss Lizzie Miller of Tivoli, is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hazen were Hughesville callers last Friday.

George Snyder of Forksville spent Sunday at the Magargel House.

The directors have had a new lot of seats placed in the school house and some other improvements have been added, making the building a much more pleasant place.

Miss Bertha McClintock has been called to her home at Beaver Lake by the illness of her mother.

Supervisor John Wilson has given a notable aid to travelers by erecting guide boards at cross roads in his part of the township.

A very good session of the Literary was held last Friday evening.

Estella.

Estella Union Sabbath School will give a grand Christmas entertainment at the church on Friday evening, December 23, consisting of recitations, songs by the children, solos and discourses. The Handle and Hayden Singing Society will render several fine Christmas anthems and the Schomo Family will give a fine orchestra exercise. Prof. Geo. Hensey will give one of his masterly orations. Every one is invited to come and bring their presents.

Muncy Valley.

As Mrs. Thos. Schug and her two small sons and Miss Myrtle Mosteller were on their way to town last Saturday while coming down Stroups hill, the harness broke and let the wagon run against the horse. The horse began to kick and run, some of the occupants jumped. The horse ran a distance of two miles to Frank Magargel's store where it ran against a tie post and tore loose from the wagon, breaking the fills, harness and singletree. Mrs. Schug received many bruises, but nothing serious. All the others were unhurt.

Quite a large snow storm visited our town on Monday.

J. Wm. and Thos. Moran returned home from Binghamton, last Wednesday.

Rev. J. J. Resh received a piano last Friday.

Mr. Jos. Gansel is carrying mail to and from the train this week while "Dad" the regular carrier is tending court at Laporte.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Magargel and son James, expect to start for Philadelphia, December 20, to spend the winter with Mr. Magargel's brother.

The M.E. church held a box social at the church last Saturday evening. A large crowd was present and a grand old time reported.

Sam Magargel moved in the Dan. Phillips house up above Sonestown last Monday.

Mr. A. P. Starr wears a great big smile, because it is a girl. We think he received his Xmas present a little early. Now set 'em up, A. P.

Hon. M. J. Phillips and daughter Murl were in Williamsport one day last week.

Bernice Echoes.

At the regular monthly meeting of the St. Patrick's C. T. A. society Tuesday evening the following officers were elected for the year 1899: Spiritual Director, Rev. J. A. Enright; President, Wm. Murphy; Rec. Secretary, James Bowles; Cor. Sec'y, Robert McGee; Financial Sec., Wm. Abbey; Treas., James Kane.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gilligan, Friday, December 2, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Taylor visited Mr. Taylor's sister, Mrs. Fred Price, at Arnot, Chemung Co., N. Y. Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. J. S. Taylor visited friends at Towanda Thursday and Friday.

Walter Hunsinger of Dushore was calling on friends in town one day last week.

A game and oyster supper was served to the members of Katonka tribe and a number of invited guests at Schaad's Hotel Saturday night. Thirty-nine couples did justice to the supper and every one enjoyed a good time. C. B. Watson carried off the leather medal given to the greatest eater.

The wedding bells will soon ring out.

Owen Devaney, assessor of Cherry township was in town last week looking for taxables and dogs. He found everything but dogs; they are a very scarce article about the time the assessor is due.

G. W. Bodie made a business trip to Dushore Thursday.

Forksville.

Mr. Latimer Schoms visited school last week.

The term examination occurs next week.

The program given by the Literary society last Wednesday evening was well rendered.

A number of the young people from Overton were in town Wednesday.

Prof Schomo and company gave a concert in town last Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society gave their second annual chicken supper at the home of J. W. Rogers' Wednesday evening. Quite a large number were present.

Sheriff Swank was doing business in town this week.

The young people are making good use of the skating.

James L. Leonard and G. W. McIntosh of Williamsport are staying in town a few days.

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

Table with columns for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES, listing various financial items and their values.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan: I, M. D. Swartz, 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. SWARTZ, Cashier. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Parsnip Complexion.

It does not require an expert to detect the sufferer from kidney trouble. The hollow cheeks, the sunken eyes, the dark puffy circles under the eyes, the sallow parsnip-colored complexion indicates it. A physician would ask if you had rheumatism, a dull pain or ache in the back or over the hips, stomach trouble, desire to urinate often, or a burning or scalding in passing it; if after passing there is an unsatisfied feeling as if it must be at once repeated, or if the urine has a brick dust deposit or strong odor.

When these symptoms are present, no time should be lost in removing the cause. Delay may lead to gravel, catarrh of the bladder, inflammation, causing stoppage, and sometimes requiring the drawing of the urine with instruments, or may run into Bright's Disease, the most dangerous stage of kidney trouble.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great discovery of the eminent kidney and bladder specialist, is a positive remedy for such diseases. Its reputation is world wide and it is so easy to get at any drug store that no one need suffer any length of time for want of it.

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Insurance Meeting.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sullivan county will be held at the office of the company in the Borough of Forksville on Saturday, January 7, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Surveyors and auditors will meet at the Secretary's office for the settlement of accounts on January 6, 1899.

M. R. BLACK, Pres.

R. D. LANCASTER, Sec. Forksville, Dec. 1, 1898.

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8 pounds Rolled Oats for 25c.
7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.
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2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.
8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.
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Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.
Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 50c.
Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.90.
Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 75c.
Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 85c.
Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 80c.
Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.
Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.
Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.
Flour per sack \$1.20.
Winter Roller per sack \$1.15.
Good Flour 90c.
Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.
Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.
Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.

Table with columns for Northward and Southward, listing train times and stations.

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See our men's overcoats, in black or blue, at 4.50 and 5.00. Children's overcoats with capes as low as 1.25. Ladies' coats at 2.00, 3.00, 5.00 and up to 13.00. Ladies' capes from 1.00 to 15.00. Ladies' skirts at 1.00 up to 6.00. Boys' knee pants 19c. Trousers—a line of worsteds, cassimeres and cheviots for 1.50 2.00, and 3.00. Best working pants only 50c. Good heavy working coats at 1.00 and 1.50. Children's all wool underwear 10c. Ladies' all wool underwear at 75c, are worth 1.00.

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