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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Where did you get that cold?  
—Judge Ingham is confined to his room with a grip attack.  
—Miss May Mason was shopping in Hughesville Monday.  
—Jerry Kennedy of Titusville, is visiting relatives in town.  
—Institute proceedings in full will appear in our next issue.  
—Chas. R. Lauer has his ice plow in operation on Lake Mokoma.  
—Mrs. M. P. Gavitt spent last week with friends at Sonestown.  
—Nearly every one is on the sick list, more or less, these days.  
—Sheriff Osler fell very gracefully into business Monday morning.  
—Stewart Chase and family have moved to York State for the winter.  
—Miss Emma Gallagher visited with friends in Picture Rocks last week.  
—Miss Anna Rea of Sonestown visited with friends in town last week.  
—James Quinn of Satterfield was a business man in town one day last week.  
—Mrs. Wm. Cheney of Binghamton, visited Laporte friends last week.  
—The New Year gave us the cold shoulder. It marched in 20° below zero.  
—Harry Taylor of Strawbridge, was transacting business in town one day last week.  
—Orr Davis of Franklinville Pa., was calling on his many friends at this place last week.  
—Atty. E. J. Mullen has moved his business abode to the office room over T. J. Keeler's store.  
—Miss Grace Lawrence, who is teaching at Lopez, spent the holidays with her parents at this place.  
—Miss Miller of New York is enjoying a vacation with her sister Miss Lottie Miller at this place.  
—Jacob Perr of Hughesville, and Hayman Herr of Muncy Valley were business visitors in town last week.  
—Joe Cooper left on Monday for Elmira where he witnessed the marriage of his sister on Tuesday.  
—James Martin of Williamsport, is serving as postal clerk on this line owing to the illness of Chas. Yeager.  
—B. F. Crossley, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hugo of Dushore, spent Christmas with friends in town.  
—Atty. R. J. Thomson and Mr. Nathaniel Person of Dushore, were county seat business men on Monday.  
—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allis and son Bert, of Allis Hollow, Bradford county, are visiting relatives in town this week.  
—Mr. J. W. Ingham, who for the past several weeks been assisting Hon. Thos. J. Ingham in preparing a history of Sullivan county, returned to his home at Sugar Run last week.  
—The County Commissioners transacted business at their office the early part of the week. They appointed for the ensuing year, Robt. Stormont, Clerk; Atty. A. J. Bradley, Solicitor, and Jethro Battin, Janitor.  
—Atty. Wm. P. Shoemaker has moved his business to the office room vacated by H. T. Downs, Esq., who has moved into the Sheriff's office and will serve as his legal director.

—County Auditors A. F. Heess, Del. Brown and C. Caseman, are at work with the county audit. The County Commissioners have ruled that the auditors and jury commissioners must do their work without the assistance of a clerk as there is no law providing for it.

—Owing to sickness Rev. E. R. Powell has been called to Northumberland, and there will be no preaching services in the Baptist church Sunday evening. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor as usual.

**Yule-tide Celebrated at Laporte.**  
In remembrance of the Saviour's nativity a very appropriate program was arranged and passed off very pleasantly in the Baptist church on Christmas Eve. The pulpit was beautifully decorated which added beauty to the handsomely trimmed tree. The children of the Sunday school were each presented with a box of candy after rendering an interesting program consisting of songs and declamations.

**Christmas Entertainment.**  
The entertainment at Estella church Friday evening, December 26, was the best ever given in Western Sullivan as nearly three hundred persons will testify. A grand arch spanned the length of the chancel railing with a tree at each end loaded with glittering decoration, making that part of the church a wilderness of beauty. Prof. E. R. Schomo with his grand orchestra and a select choir together with a band of children furnished the music that the largest audience ever assembled in Estella church, drank in with delight.

**John Blair Linn Dead.**  
Belleville, Pa., Jan. 1.—Ex-Secretary of the Commonwealth John Blair Linn, one of the oldest lawyers of the Centre county bar, died today at his home in this city.—*Ec.*  
Mr. Linn is well remembered by the older citizens of our county being one of the early district attorneys of this county. His diligent attention to the interest of his clients secured for him business at our courts for years after his removal to Sunbury.

**Sonestown.**  
Benjamin Hess and Miss Linda Shaffer were married by Rev. E. B. Dunn, December 25, and have moved to Muncy Valley.

Saylor Lawrence was down from Laporte last week visiting relatives. K. C. Horn of Nordmont called in town last week.

Miss Ada Hall was the guest of relatives at Rock Run a few days last week.

The young people are taking advantage of the excellent skating occasioned by the last few days.

Orville Hall and sister Miss Mildred were in Williamsport during a part of vacation.

The following attended teachers' institute from Sonestown: Mrs. Dora Cook, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Snyder, W. B. Hazen and R. C. Starr.

Mrs. A. Edgar visited friends at Hughesville and Picture Rocks last Thursday and Friday.

A large number were in attendance from this place to the Christmas services held at Muncy Valley on Saturday evening. The following from here assisted in the singing with Miss Myrtle Edgar at the organ: Mrs. Dora Cook, Miss Maud Starr, Walter Hazen, Alvah Starr.

Mrs. Lon Converse shopped in Williamsport last week.

Bruner Magargel upon whose eye Dr. S. S. Koser recently operated, is home from Williamsport.

Miss Rose Simmons has gone to Hughesville.

Ex-Sheriff Swank has now taken possession of the Hagargel House. Mrs. P. E. Magargel and family will live with her daughter Mrs. C. A. Starr until further arrangements.

J. F. Hazen visited Dushore last week and was present at a number of institute sessions.

Lovelace's house caught fire on Sunday and burned a hole in the roof. Jesse stated that after he had extinguished the fire a shave was unnecessary.

Rev. J. J. Resh began his revival in the M. E. church on New Year's night.

The watch meeting to be held in the church proved a failure because of the storm, but Clint held his any way, in the parlor.

Among the presents received from the Christmas tree were the following by subscription: Money for each pastor; a silver sugar spoon and butter knife for George Hazen, Supt. of the M. E. Sunday school; a gold pen each for Walter Hazen and Myrtle Edgar, Supt. and Asst. Supt. respectively of the Junior Epworth League; a gold bracelet for May Simmons, organist in the E. V. church; and the Supt. E. V. S. S. a bible.

**Married at Estella.**  
KAYE-McINTIRE. Married at the residence of the bride's father, A. B. McIntire, Estella, Pa., December 25, 1898, Mr. Ernest A. Kaye and Miss Edna McIntire, by Rev. F. E. Spooner. The NEWS ITEM extends congratulations.

**Communication.**  
TO THE EDITOR:

In answer to inquiries as to why services were not held in the M. E. church at Laporte and Cherry Grove at the regular appointments, I reply: That failure on the part of the congregation to pay the salary, the Pastor was obliged to engage in other employment to raise money to support himself and family. For this reason he was absent two Sundays, returning for services at Sugar Hill and Laporte on Christmas. At Laporte Sunday morning he found the church cold and no fuel to make fire, hence no service was held.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference for Laporte charge will be held on Monday, January 22, at 1 o'clock p. m. Rev. J. A. PATTON, Pastor.

**Platt.**  
Nellie Heess spent last week with friends in Canton.

A number of people in this vicinity have recently recovered from the chicken pox.

Mr. Benjamin Jackson is reported on the sick list.

Mr. John Heess of Bloosburg spent Christmas with his parents at this place.

The Christmas tree at Shunk was largely attended by our young people who report the entertainment being fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Heess have moved on their farm near here.

Sumner McCarty captured a live opossum one day last week.

We are sorry to chronicle the sad death of Amy Williams which occurred last Thursday morning after an illness of two weeks. She was the daughter of John T. and Mary Williams of Shunk. To her parents she was a dutiful and obedient child and to her associates a good example. She was of a quiet, humble, retiring disposition; her religion was not one of show and mere profession, but this language may be applied to her: "Blessed are the pure in heart, they shall see God." The funeral held on Saturday was largely attended at the church in Shunk. Rev. Wm. E. Porter officiated. The deceased was about nineteen years of age.

**Farmers' Institute at Colley.**  
The attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes, to be held in this county this winter, by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by the local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are in the interest of all our farmers, and open to all. The expenses of conducting them is borne by the State. No collections are allowed or the advertising of any business. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. Arrange your business so as to attend and take part in the exercises. All classes of citizens are welcome, and interesting programmes have been prepared. The county chairman is John W. Rogers, Member of State Board, of Forks, who will be glad to send programs of information to any one who will make the request.

The State Speakers who will be present are Prof. S. B. Heiger, of York, Pa.; G. Heister of Harrisburg, Pa., and D. A. Fries, State College, Pa. The institute will be held at Colley Corners on January 20-21, 1899. Come out and bring your families and friends.

**Lincoln Falls.**  
Christmas and marriage bells were nicely blended and young glad hearts were made happy in the persons of Ernest Kaye and Edna McIntire; Rush B. Plotts and Dora Bird; Harry Day and Frankie Baumunk; C. Hines and Maude White.

Mr. W. T. Keating is happy over his Christmas gift, 'tis a girl weighing 12 pounds.

August Hartung is also smiling and dispensing choice cigars over a new girl. Mother and daughter in good health.

Mrs. N. K. Woodward met with a serious accident by falling on a slippery walk.

Jonathan H. Rogers has bought the farm owned by Nelson McCarty who has moved on his father's farm.

Roger Bros. expect to have from 500,000 to 600,000 feet of logs when all in that have been contracted for.

Twenty-four degrees below zero is the record for Sunday night.

**AUDITOR'S NOTICE.**  
The undersigned and auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Sullivan County to make report and if necessary restate account and do such other things connected with his appointment in the matter of the Executor's account of the estate of D. J. Brobst, deceased, will attend to the duties of his appointment at the Court House (in court room) in Laporte Pa., on

FRIDAY, the 3d day of February next, at 10 o'clock a. m., when and where all parties interested are requested to present their claims before the undersigned or be forever barred from coming in on said fund.

JOHN H. CROWIN, Auditor.  
December 28, 1898.

**Court Proceedings.**  
Court convened at Laporte, Monday, January 2, 1899, and discharged the following business:  
Transfer of license from Mrs. P. Magargel of Sonestown, to Ellis Swank.  
Appointment of R. S. Fanning and Frank Buck as tipstaves to serve in place of Ira Cott and F. C. Schaabacher.

**Bernice Echoes.**  
Mr. Gordon Saxon who is attending college at West Chester, spent Christmas with his parents at this place.

Miss Florence Thurston, student of the Mansfield Normal, spent her holiday vacation with her parents at this place.

John Fitzgerald spent Christmas at his home in Towanda.

Miss Mame Detrick of Towanda, was the guest of Miss May Barlow last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Taylor spent Christmas with Mrs. Taylor's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Boyd at Dushore.

Miss Nellie Haley of Philadelphia is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haley of this place.

The Presbyterian Sunday school of this place held a Christmas tree and entertainment Christmas Eve. It was a very fine affair and did credit to all concerned.

Mrs. James Rutherford spent Saturday at Dushore.

Mrs. Eliza Enege of Rummerfield, is staying with Mrs. J. S. Taylor.

August Bavant's house which stood on Sugar Hill, burned to the ground Wednesday night at 11 o'clock, with all the household goods. The family had retired for the night when the fire was discovered by a neighbor. The alarm was given, but too late to save anything. The family was driven out in the cold night scantily clad, but were soon taken care of by the neighbors. The house was insured at \$800.

A surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Friday evening, in honor of their daughter, Florence.

Saturday evening a surprise party was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Newell, in honor of their son, William, who is home on a vacation from Mansfield Normal.

Mrs. R. Dieffenbach of Rummerfield was the guest of Mrs. H. W. Taylor Thursday.

Mr. Walter Hunsinger of Dushore visited friends at this place Thursday.

The teachers from here attended the institute at Dushore last week.

Mrs. J. Fitzgerald of New Albany visited her son Thomas of this place last week.

Miss Katie Line visited her sister Mrs. G. B. Winters at Towanda Monday and Tuesday of last week.

The following officers were elected at the Presbyterian Sunday school for the ensuing year: Rev. E. J. Campbell, Superintendent; J. S. Taylor, Assistant Supt.; Lee Johnson Secretary; C. B. Newell, Treasurer.

Mrs. G. E. Kirkendall who has been ill for some time is convalescing.

Mrs. Campbell of New Albany was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Campbell last week.

Thomas Fitzgerald of Bay City, Mich., visited friends here this week.

Samuel Line of Sayre Pa., visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Line of this place Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Michael and Miss Nellie Enright of Allegheny, N. Y., visited their brother Rev. J. A. Enright during the holidays.

Misses Katie and Thress Leonard of Ithaca, N. Y., visited their parents Xmas.

Miss Maggie Pike of Binghamton, spent the holidays with her parents.

The Young Ladies' Bachelor Club tendered a surprise party to Mr. John O'Brian at the residence of Mrs. Gilbert Potter of Shiner'sville, Saturday evening, December 24. All report a good time.

Patrick Hannon and wife of Ransom, were the guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hannon of this place during the holidays. Mr. Hannon was married but the week before Xmas to an estimable young lady of Ransom, where the groom holds the trusty position as operator for the Lehigh Valley R. R. Therefore we join with his old friends in wishing them a happy life.

Miss Katie Brogan of Sayre, visited her parents at this place last week.

Woodward Keller had his toes mashed by being run over by a loaded mine car Saturday.

John Tunstall of this place and Miss Minnie B. Adams of Dubois, were married at the home of the brides' parents, Wednesday, December 28, 1898.

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