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County Seat Indices.
AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Mr. Bert Tripp of Canton, was the guest of A. E. Tripp on Saturday.

—Chas. Cheney, Mercantile Appraiser, was in town levying taxes on Saturday.

—Atty. S. B. Karns and family, of Benton, were in town the early part of this week.

—Mr. Frank Boyles, of Estella, made pleasant calls on friends in town Tuesday.

—The infant daughter of Charles Yeager, is recovering from a severe attack of croup.

—By resorting to incendiarism the Filipinos are practically leaping from the fire-pan into the fire.

—Vernon Hull, a prosperous merchant of Hillsgrove, hastily transacted business in town Friday last.

—H. T. Downs, Esq., served as Prothonotary and Clerk of Court Tuesday, in the absence of Wm. J. Lawrence.

—It is rumored that our worthy merchant, E. L. Place, will in a few weeks close his business at this place and open a store at Greenwood.

—J. H. Spencer, book-keeper for F. B. Thrall of Williamsport, was a guest of friends in town on Sunday.

—The attendance at court is fairly large this week. Complete proceedings will appear in our next issue.

—John P. Kennedy has moved from this place to Mildred, where he has opened a barber shop. Mr. Kennedy is a tonsorial artist of high skill and has many warm friends who wish him success.

—Dewey cables that he wants the Oregon "for political reasons." No doubt the Oregon would be a handy politician to have around. This town needs the same sort of a politician to work some very much needed reform.

—We wonder if either of the Second Ward Aguinaldos would object if Uncle Sam should choose to annex a portion of their territory to the United States. A majority of the heaviest tax-payers of the Borough, from the First Ward, would like to be liberated, if it could be done without too much strife.

—At the Sheriff's sale of the Ballard property on Monday T. J. Keeler purchased the blacksmith and wagon shops at a consideration of \$900; the dwelling house by Atty. Wm. P. Shoemaker, consideration, \$800. A tract of wood land containing fifty-six acres by Atty. F. H. Ingham, consideration, \$10.

—There were some who, before election, thought that the NEWS ITEM ought to take a hand in Boro. matters. These same people are now kicking about it. With the same bluntness which is not averse to calling a spade a spade, we must have dug rather hard, but where we were righteously justified in doing so.

—The news that the Philippine Navy, of which Aguinaldo is rear admiral—so far in the rear to be invisible—is fitting out at Hong Kong for an attack on Dewey, is gladdening. The sooner they come the better, the earlier they learn that Yankees are not Spaniards the better for them. We simply want them to work off their superfluous enthusiasm and prejudices and get down to soap and primers.

—The tie vote in this borough for the office of constable resulted in a warm issue between the two candidates. They were out early Wednesday morning with petitions, ruminated conjointly on the promises of their friends and the national holiday, wished that those friends had remembered the story of the hatchet and the cherry tree, made some of them "take water" when it came to a public vote, and placed some of the Democratic leaders in a sorrowful plight which was amusing to the extreme.

—Hon. Thos. J. Ingham writes home from Mt. Dora, Fla., that he is again enjoying good health, and on a recent fishing trip with Mrs. Ingham, caught the largest bass yet captured in that section this season. We, with hosts of others, are glad to learn that his late illness has taken a happy issue. He will enjoy the southern clime until about the first of April.

—Our young sports now have evening entertainment which wholly absorbs their attention. They have organized a club, rented the Kennedy hall, purchased boxing gloves and amuse themselves by initiating each other into the mystery of the whereabouts of the solar plexus and the art of reflecting shadows over the eyes, the latter being plainly visible on several.

—Not content with running the borough in a manner to gratify their selfish ambitions, the Second Ward leaders are now taking up individuals' private affairs to handle. One of them called on us lately and as we understood it, proposed to edit our paper. We couldn't view it his way and have consequently lost a subscriber or two. There is too much of that vertebral column in us to retain or build a circulation on such methods. We take pleasure in favoring such people with a final settlement.

—One never fully appreciates the privileges and blessings of health and strength until experience with sickness teaches him a lesson. So many homes have been invaded by sickness this winter,—and in not a few cases death has resulted,—that one cannot feel too grateful that his own health is spared, and that of his family. The ties of long standing friendship have called many of late to the bedside of sick friends who are held in high esteem. Among the many is the very sad case of Major Chas. Seeley of Forksville. From a robust, vigorous manhood, an injury and its accompanying pains have reduced the patient to a condition of prostrate weakness, painful to witness as well as to bear, and although we indulge a hope for his ultimate recovery, we cannot but appreciate his dangerous condition. How forcibly the truth of the words is impressed upon us:

"Tis but the wink of an eye, the draught of a breath,
From the blossom of health to the paleness of death."

We are not prone to indulge in doleful dissertations, but cannot refrain from giving utterance to the thoughts inspired by this sad case which is probably fatal, and that of C. E. Lawrence. We are all too apt to over-estimate our troubles and under-estimate the blessings that call for our fervent gratitude.

Hillsgrove.
The recent town election passed off very quietly. The Prohibitions succeeded in electing their candidate P. L. Huffsmith for overseer.

John Kirk, the color dispenser, has finished his extensive contract with J. H. Keefe.

Honest Nattie Clark was called upon to referee a fistie contest between two law abiding citizens of the Fourth ward last week. He awarded the heavy weight championship to Dobbs. Nat's decision is without appeal.

A number of woodsmen and local sports were celebrating Washington's Birthday nearly all last week.

Rev. Adams of Picture Rocks preached to a large and appreciative audience in the Union church Thursday evening.

A large number of our intellectual young people went to Bidego to a debate Wednesday evening. They report bouquets of orator scattered in great profusion.

John Brombeck and wife were visiting friends in Lopez and Monroeton last week.
Sheriff Osler was a business caller in town on Friday. H. W. has plenty of friends down this way.
We hail with joy the arrival of a pair of new boxing gloves in town. This place has sent out legislators, ministers, lawyers, doctors and men into nearly every profession in the past few years. Can't we have a pugilist?
Daniel Graffius is on the sick list.

GONE TO HIS REWARD.

Clinton E. Lawrence, of Lopez, Gone Out to Walk With the Immortals.

After a severe illness of one day, induced by a complication of heart and lung trouble, C. E. Lawrence, brother of Prothonotary Lawrence, with full possession of all his mental faculties and moral powers came abruptly to life's end at his peaceful home in Lopez Saturday morning at 8:30, surrounded by loving friends.

Mr. Lawrence had been complaining somewhat for the past three or four weeks but did not relax his duties as mechanic foreman for Jennings Bros., which station he has filled for some years past, until two weeks ago when he spent a few days in the Sayre hospital, returning to his labor, somewhat improved. Friday morning he remained in bed, his physical strength gradually declining. His friends from a distance were notified of his dangerous condition, by which Messrs. Wm. J. and Chas. Lawrence, Atty. and Mrs. A. J. Bradley of this place responded Friday afternoon, but with all that medical aid and loving hands could do he was taken from earthly environments to the rest and blessedness of the heavenly inheritance.

Mr. Lawrence was a man of about 35 years of age, of most courteous demeanor, and one whose heart and hand were not limited to any one who was under his supervision or control. A kind husband and a generous father to his three children, a good neighbor and true friend, and there are many persons who will read of his death with a feeling of regret that one possessed of his good qualities should be compelled to pay the debt that ephemeral man owes to nature while yet in the prime of life. His funeral services took place at Lopez on Tuesday at 9 o'clock a. m., officiated by Revs. Klingler and Spangler. Interment in Bahr cemetery, Dushore.

Major Seeley Dead.

Major Chas. Seeley, of Forksville, who was badly injured a few weeks ago by an explosion of a gas machine he was having placed in his house, died Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. He will be buried at Forksville, Friday by the Masons. His death is much regretted by the community generally.

Celebrated Their Anniversary.

The Patriotic Order Sons of America of Hillsgrove appropriately celebrated the second anniversary of their institution, also Washington's Birthday by public demonstration in the Union church, Wednesday evening, February 22.

The church was beautifully decorated with bunting and flags, a life size portrait of Washington adorned the pulpit. At seven o'clock the lodge, in full regalia, entered the church and were seated.

A select choir of local singers rendered some excellent music. After prayer by the chaplain, Pres. G. S. Speaker introduced Rev. F. E. Spooner of the home Camp, who delivered a masterly oration, subject—"Dead and Dying Nations." He was heard by a large and appreciative audience.

Shunk.

Whiz! How the wind blows.
M. J. Tripp of Canton was a caller in town Monday.

Miss Black of Canton, was the guest of Miss Anna Porter Saturday. John Porter has returned from a visit with relatives in N. Y. State.

C. P. Tinkham started Monday for Sayre, Pa., where he has employment in the car shops of that place. He expects to move his family in the Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. John Andrus of E. Canton were callers in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kilmer of Ellenton were visiting relatives here Saturday. Mrs. Mortimer Williams of Auburn N. Y., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Morgan.

O. J. Williams and wife spent Sunday with relatives at E. Canton. Ulysses Bird of Estella, was a business man in town Saturday.

J. H. Campbell Sundayed in Canton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Rightmire of Eagles Mere are guests of relatives here.

The house lately occupied by Dawson Wright and family on South St., and owned by Frank Warren, was burned to the ground at an early hour Saturday morning. By heroic work Mr. Wright succeeded in saving about half his household goods. No insurance.

Will and Herbert Foster made a business trip to Tioga county last week.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Murry Brown died last week. Messrs. A. B. Kilmer, J. P. Kilmer, Peter Brown, C. N. Porter are attending court this week.

Bernice Bohoes.

Mr. Wm. Meehem spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Towanda.

Rev. J. W. Klingler and wife, of Dushore, visited friends at Mildred Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dieffenbach's youngest daughter died on Friday. Aged, five months. Interment in Presbyterian cemetery at this place Saturday.

Mr. Harris Collins and Miss Cora Mortor, of this place, were united in the bonds of matrimony by Rev. Patton, of Laporte, at the residence of the bride's mother, Tuesday, February 21. Miss Lucy Helmsman acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Daniel Morter as best man. The bride was attired in cream cashmere. The wedding march was played by Miss Patton of Laporte. Supper was served to a number of invited guests. The happy couple left for Forksville for a short visit to the groom's parents. We extend congratulations.

Rev. J. W. Patton and daughters of Laporte gave an entertainment in the I. O. O. F. hall Monday and Tuesday evenings of last week, consisting of views of the Cuban war, phonograph selections and singing by the Patton choir. A large audience was in attendance both evenings and the young ladies received many encores, and the people were well pleased with the concert in general.

A surprise party was held at the residence of Simon Frumburg in Mildred Thursday evening, in honor of their daughter Anna. A large number of our young people were present and a very pleasant evening was spent.

A number of young ladies and gentlemen gave a party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wilmot, Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Bertha Gardner, of Towanda, who is the guest of Mrs. Wilmot. The young people all report a pleasant time.

John P. Kennedy, of Laporte, has opened a barber shop at Mildred, in Cunningham's gallery. Mr. Kennedy is a first class barber and should receive a liberal share of patronage.

Mrs. Edward Baumbartner and children, of Wilkes Berry, visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Walters of this place last week.

Miss Mattie Walters after spending some time at Pittsburg, returned home Friday.

Mrs. Eliza Enness, who has been at this place for some time, returned to her home in Rummerfield Friday.

Flags were all floating in town on Wednesday, in honor of the father of our country.

Frank Mathews, of Lopez, attended the party at Frumberg's Thursday evening.

James Waples visited friends at Overton last week.

Frank Crane was called to Franklindale the fore part of last week by sickness.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bahl, of Shinnerville, Thursday, a boy.

Judson Cummins was calling on friends in Lopez Sunday.

Misses Nellie McDonald and Mamie Haley were shopping in Dushore Saturday.

Miss Sarah McGee visited friends at Lopez Saturday and Sunday.

Division No. 1 A. O. H. will hold their fourth annual ball in the K. of L. hall Friday evening, March 17. Good music has been engaged and the well known reputation of this society is a guarantee that the affair will be a great social success. Bill including supper, 1.50 per couple.

Henry Tracy has removed his family from Mildred to Towanda.

Mrs. P. L. Merithew of this place had the misfortune of having a \$45 gold watch stolen from her bedroom on Thursday, while she was away from home. A liberal reward will be given for its return or any information that will lead to it.

A Presidents' Social.

The Baptist Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will hold a Presidents' social at the home of R. A. Conklin, Tuesday evening, March 7. Each one is requested to come bearing some where upon his garments a symbol that will hint at the name of one of the Presidents of the United States. Refreshments will be served and a silver collection taken.

The P. O. S. of A. Will Entertain.

An oyster supper and entertainment will be given by the P. O. S. of A. Camp in their hall at Estella on Friday evening, March 3, 1899. The Schomo, orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music. Let all the boys turn out and bring their best girls.

A daughter of Chas. Parish of Fox twp. saw a live snake at their spring on the 22 of February. It made its escape in the snow.

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