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County Seat Indices.

AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Cool days, for August. School vacation is on the last lap. Don't let the blanket wander from your own bedside. We need money. You need printing. Let's exchange. Harry A. Karus of Benton, was calling on friends in town, Saturday. U. G. Little of Estella, was a business man in town Wednesday. Mrs. C. Wackenhuth and son Charlie, went to Will'sport on Monday. Some of our people took in the large excursion to Shawnesse Lake on Sunday. Mrs. S. F. Colt and children, of Buffalo, are at Laporte for a few weeks' visit. Harry Achenbach and brother Cal, of Williamsport, spent Friday night in town. D. M. Speary and John Hains of Nordmont, transacted business in town on Saturday. After a vacation of several weeks Miss Jennette Spencer returned to Picture Rocks on Monday. Mrs. Erwin came up from Wat-sontown on Saturday, to visit her daughter Mrs. M.E. Reeder. Saylor Lawrence has joined the great army of bicycle riders, having traded his pony on a wheel. Rev. Frasier of Millview, dis-coursed a very able sermon in the M. E. church at this place Sunday evening. Mrs. M. P. Gavitt has so far recovered from her illness last week, as to be able to journey to Strawbridge where she will spend a few weeks. Mr. Mm. Stormont and family, of New York, arrived here on Monday, where they will spend a summer vacation. The freight traffic on the W. & N. B. has never been as large as it seems at present. Laboring engines are frequently heard passing here. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gregory and son Master Frederick, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brewster, have returned to Washington, D.C. A close and exciting game of ball was played last Friday between the "Has Beens" of Laporte and the regular club, resulting in a score of 8 to 6 in favor of the Has Beens. On the homeward journey from the excursion to Shawnesse Lake on Sunday, a young man of Ricketts was killed at that place by jumping from the train before it had stopped. I. O. Blight of Towanda, and for many years Supt of the Bernice mines, is reported dead. He passed to the great beyond Monday morning. His death was sudden, resulting from heart trouble. Sheriff Osler lost one of his valuable steeds Tuesday morning, with colic. The animal was taken sick Monday night, but with all that could be done he passed to the flyless land of everlasting grass, causing a great loss to the Sheriff, as money can hardly replace the faithful beast. The Warren Watrous house, occupied by Wm. Lawrence, has received a coat of paint, greatly enhancing its beauty. C. R. Funston and Frank Lewis were the artists. There are a number of other buildings in town that greatly needs their labor.

Dist. Atty. Bradley, is on a business trip in the West, including the cities of Cleveland and Chicago. Mrs. F. J. Grant and Miss Anna Beahen drove to Eagles Mere Tuesday afternoon. Miss Mollie Keeler, who has been spending a few weeks at this place, has returned to New York City. Miss Freda Miller of New York, is spending an enjoyable vacation with her father and sister at their pretty villa on Muncy street. General Alger is getting a great deal more sympathy now than any body thought of tendering to him when he really needed it. The people of Belleville, N. J., tried to carve a pair of captured burglars with a rip-saw the other day, which is a new one on lynching. Misses Ollie and Inez Woodin, of Akron, Ohio, and Prof. P.S. Woodin, of Phila., are visiting their sister Mrs. Ford, at Mokoma place for several weeks. Late arrivals at the Mountain House are Miss H. A. LaPierre, Camden; Dr. A.T. Smith, Mansfield; Mr. and Mrs. J. Gable, J. W. Shea, G. C. Archenbach, H. D. Archenbach, Williamsport; Misses Weed, Philadelphia.

Another interesting game of base ball on the Laporte diamond attracted a large and noisy crowd on Saturday. The contesting teams were Laporte vs Lopez. It was not until nearly the end of the game that our boys got interested, when their playing was remarkable and sent their score up like a sky-rocket. It was as follows: Lopez—2 0 6 1 2 0 0 0 1 12 Laporte—0 0 1 0 0 0 1 3 4 9 Chas. R. Lauer, of this place, has entered into partnership with Val Holcomb in the furniture and undertaking business at Dushore. They have started out in their new enterprise in a thoroughly up to date style with two fine new hearses and a large store room filled with a carefully selected stock of elegant furniture. We predict a promising future for this firm as the young men at the head have able business ability and the necessary push to "get there." The Editor has a basket half full of old potatoes in his cellar that is yielding much better than many that have been planted, in town, and have big tops waiving in the sun shine. The potatoes took to sprouting early and were set aside un-molested until the other day when a full basket attracted our attention and was surprised to find that to each old potato was joined several young potatoes of sufficient size to use and large than those dug from the garden. We have no copy right on this story, any of our exchanges may copy. Get your photographs taken now, while you can see what you are getting before paying for them. I will remain a few days longer and will take negatives until and on the 13 inst. All work finished here. Respectfully, W. LaValle.

Sullivan County Sunday School Convention. The next convention of the county organization is to be held at Lopez, August 16th and 17th. Arrangements are completed for making this the best convention ever held in the county, some of the best talent in America has been secured to address the convention. A very interesting program has been prepared, and every indication is apparnet that the most enjoyable and profitable meeting that the county association has ever held is at hand. Ample provision has been made at Lopez for the entertainment of all who may attend. A rich treat is in store for all who may be fortunate enough to be there, so say the committee.

Shunk. A very hard shower passed over this place on Saturday, which was very much needed. J.H. Campbell spent part of last week in Elmira. A social dance was given at the home of Mrs. Ora Kilmer on Thursday evening. Messers Pane Shomaker, Dana Batin, Lee Voorhees and Lane Hickok were down the creek fishing, Thursday night. A large black bear has been visiting around here and has been seen by a number of persons, and seems quite tame. Delos Hoagland captured a fine mud turtle while fishing down the creek, last week. Lee Voorhees made a trip to Laporte on Saturday, he run from shunk to Forksville, in 58 minutes. Jack Walters, dentist of Canton, was attending the dental work here last week. Leon Campbell is digging the cellar for a fine new residence.

FIFTY PEOPLE ARE KILLED.

Trolley Party Meets a Frightful Slaughter in a Runaway Car at Stratford, Conn.

CAR JUMPS HIGH BRIDGE

Two of the Most Horrifying Accidents of the Year Happen to Excursion Parties.

Thirty Dead Bodies Taken From the Wrecked Car—Many Others Badly Injured—Two Hundred Thrown Into Deep Water by Breaking of a Gang Plank—Twenty Drowned.

Stratford, Conn., Aug. 8.—Thirty passengers were killed and a dozen injured near here, by a trolley car plunging over a trestle fifty feet high. The line had just been opened for travel, and evidently the car was not under control, as it approached the trestle at a high rate of speed. The wheels left the tracks immediately and bumped along the ties, then the car plunged over the side, the trestle not being protected by guard rails.

In its flight of fifty feet to the mud flats below the car turned completely over. As it struck the ground the huge four-ton motor was torn from its fastenings and broke through the floor of the car, crushing many passengers to death against the roof, which was imbedded deeply in the mud.

Five minutes before that the passengers on the crowded car, delighted with their first opportunity of seeing the beauties of the Housatonic River on such a lovely day, were laughing and singing. When found by men who hurried to their assistance they were simply jammed into a human mass beneath the great motor.

There was only one eyewitness to the scene. That was a young woman who had noticed the unusual speed of the car. When it toppled over the trestle and the shrieks of the passengers rang in her ears, she could bear no more and fainted.

The exact number of passengers on the ill-fated car is not known. Almost immediately after the accident, and while men were trying to rescue the living and extricate the dead, some employe of the road took away the register of passengers and secreted it.

Broken Gangplank Drowns Twenty.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 8.—While endeavoring to crowd upon a ferryboat at Mount Desert more than twenty persons were drowned and five times that number were pulled from the water in time to escape death. The victims were all excursionists, endeavoring to reach Bar Harbor to get a view of the fleet, which was expected here.

The point of the accident is eight miles from this place and is the terminus of a division of the Maine Central Railroad, in whose charge the excursionists were at the time of the accident. The crowd of 200 were thrown into the water by the breaking of a gangplank.

They had little more chance than if they had been thrown into a well, and that the death list is not a hundred instead of twenty is a miracle to all who saw the accident. The freight house at Mount Desert has been turned into a morgue. Twenty identified dead are in it, and how many more there are whose bodies have not been recovered is not known, as there was a strong ebb tide running at the time, and many are believed to have been carried out to sea. The accident indirectly was the result of the over-anxiousness of the excursionists to see the fleet. The Maine Central early in the week advertised excursions to Bar Harbor. The Central runs as far as Mount Desert, and at that point the travelers are sent to Bar Harbor by the ferry. It is an eight-mile sail. The distance from the terminus of the road to the ferry is only a few steps, and it was in these few feet that the score were drowned and some thirty injured. It is thought that of the injured about fifteen will die, and some of the others will be disabled for life.

Rapid Fire Guns For Otis.

Washington, Aug. 7.—General Otis has asked for a number of Sims-Dudley guns, Gatling guns and Hotchkiss 12-pounders. All are rapid-fire guns and are especially adapted to such a warfare as must be prosecuted in the Philippines. The Ordnance Bureau has been busy gathering the guns asked for by General Otis, as they have been scattered about the country in different forts and arsenals, but a sufficient number to meet the present demand has been procured and ordered shipped to Manila.

Capt. Train's Daughter Weds.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 7.—Miss Susie Train, daughter of Capt. Charles J. Train of the United States battleship Massachusetts, was married here to August Noble Hand, son of Richard E. Hand, of Elizabethtown, N. Y. The ceremony was at St. Saviour's Church, Bishop Lawrence officiating.

The President is Invited.

Dubuque, Ia., Aug. 7.—The Dubuque Business Men's League has invited President McKinley to visit this city during the carnival and jubilee, the first week of October. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson has accepted an invitation to address the Good Roads Convention to be held here this week.

Sonstown.

Miss Cora Myers, of Lairdsville is visiting her uncle, Ellis Swank. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Star spent Sunday with Lairdsville friends.

Mrs. Caroline Gray, of Picture Rocks, visited her parents over Sunday.

Mrs. L. Sheets, has returned from a weeks stay in Williamsport.

Mrs. D. W. Darling, visited Williamsport relatives, last week.

Mrs. Andrew Edgar, spent a few hours with relatives in Nordmont on Monday.

The Lowe Sunday School will hold a picnic and festival in Fiester's grove, on Saturday. A general invitation is extended.

Mrs. Dora Cook and Will Kiess, spent Sunday at Eagles Mere.

A number of people from this place attended the circus at Muncy Valley, last week.

John Brink, of Eagles Mere, is visiting his grandfather, John Hazzen.

The wash board factory is now running eleven hours a day.

Mrs. Dora Cook and Miss Annie Speary, are again at home since the close of the Laporte Normal School.

Miss Anna Hazzen is at Eagles Mere.

Miss Bertha McClintock, of Beaver lake, is visiting in town.

Miss Maud Laird, of Nordmont, visited in town on Thursday.

J.H. and J.W. Buck, made a trip to Waverly on Thursday.

Miss Anna Minsker, of Blosserville, is the guest of her sister Mrs. Wm. Miller.

Teachers' Examinations.

The examination of applicants for teachers' provisional certificates will occur as follows:

Laporte Boro, and Laporte Twp., at Laporte, August 10.

Colley Twp., at Lopez, August 16.

Cherry Twp. and Dushore, at Dushore, August 23.

Elkland, Forks and Hills Grove, at Forksville, August 24.

Fox, at Shunk, August 25.

Davidson, Shrewsbury and Eagles Mere, at Muncy Valley, Aug. 28.

All examinations will begin at 9:30 a. m. Teachers should be provided with 8x10 tablets and paper fasteners.

Applicants for certificates must be examined in the district in which they expect to teach or present a written permit from the president of the school board allowing them to be examined elsewhere.

No certificate will be issued to a person of immoral character if the facts be known to the superintendent. Directors are requested to report any such who may apply.

The examinations are public and all interested are cordially invited.

F. W. MEYLER, Co. Supt. Laporte, Pa., Aug. 5, 1899.

ADITOR'S NOTICE.—The undersigned having been appointed Auditor to ascertain and adjust the existing liabilities between the Road, Poor and School Districts affected by the erection of Eagles Mere Borough from Shrewsbury township, hereby give notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment at the Court House at Laporte on Monday, August 14, 1899, at 9 o'clock a. m. when and where all parties interested should appear.

JOHN H. CRONIN, Auditor, Dushore, Pa. July 12th 1899.

ESTATE OF H. T. DOWNS, decd. Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to 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, at the residence of Mrs. MARY A. DOWNS, Executrix A. J. BRADLEY, Atty., Laporte, Pa., July 10, 1899.

Trial List, Sept. Term, 1899.

Return day, Monday, Sept. 18, 1899, at 2 p. m. 1 Eugenia D. Welner vs. 1 orte township School District, No. 40 May term. 2. Ejectment Plea, not guilty. Thompson, J. 3. Michael Quinn, No. 3, Sept. term. 4. Def. appeal, plea, "non assumpti" with leave to give special matter in evidence. 1 Mullen. 5. Ralph Magareel (use) vs. The Township of Laporte, No. 107, Sept. term 1898. Def. appeal. Plea "non assumpti" payment, payment with leave to give special matters in evidence. Mullen. 6. The Dushore Water Co. vs. The Boro of Dushore, No. 1, December term, 1898. Assumpsit. Plea non assumpti, and set off, with leave to give special matter in evidence. Downs, J. Cronin & Hughes. 7. Eliza J. Robinson vs. J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker No. 25, Dec. term 1898. Feigned issue. Mullen, J. Hill. 8. George W. Robinson vs. J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker, No. 24, Dec. term 1898. Feigned issue. Mullen, J. Hill. 9. Thos. E. Kennedy vs. Laporte Twp., Poor Dis. No. 85, Dec. term 1898. Def. appeal. Plea, "non assumpti" payment payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen, J. Hughes. 10. Martha E. Dewaters et al. vs. William Kunkle, No. 2 May term 1899. Ejectment, plea, not guilty. Walsh, J. Platt.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorables John S. Line and Conrad Kraus, Associate Judges of the Courts of 1899 and former and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court, and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their process, bearing date the 24 day of July, 1899, to me directed, for holding the several courts in the Borough of Laporte, on Monday the 18th day of Sept. 1899, 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 things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognizance 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.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office, Laporte, Pa., Aug. 8, 1899.

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