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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Fred Peale of Eagles Mere, was a business man in town Monday. Atty. Mullen, had legal business in Muncy Valley on Saturday. Albert Conklin spent several days in Picture Rocks, last week. Judge Line was transacting business at the county capitol on Monday. Mrs. W. B. Hill and son Raymond, of Hughesville, were guests in town this week. Law student A. F. Heess, of Dushore, was transacting business in town on Tuesday. Doctor Wackenhuth, attended the Lyecoming Medical Society at Williamsport, on Friday. A new post office has been established at Eagles Mere Chautauque, named Eagles' Lake. Mrs. J. H. Spencer and daughter Miss Mabel, of Williamsport, are visiting in town this week. Miss Emma Ritter returned home on Saturday from a three weeks visit in Union County. Miss Cramer, of Syracuse, N. Y. is visiting her sister Mrs. J. P. Kennedy, of this place. Jeremiah Kelley, one of Hughesville's leading merchants, was a business man in town on Saturday. Dewitt Bodine, one of Hughesville's prominent citizens, transacted business in the county seat on Saturday. John P. Kennedy, who has a barber shop in Mildred, spent a few days last week with his family at this place. Since the base ball battle at Lopez Tuesday, Manager John Beahen is as unapproachable as a defeated candidate. Mr. W. A. Coleman and family, of Benton, were called to this place last week by the death of their grandchild, Pauline Kennedy. Mr. C. E. Bivins, of Philadelphia, is spending the week with his mother and brother Percy, who are sojourning at this place for the summer. Mrs. H. T. Downs and daughter Mrs. N. C. Mabin, were passengers on the morning train, Monday, for Williamsport, where Mrs. Downs expects to remain for several months. J. J. Webster's residence at Estella burned to the ground last week. Fire broke out at midnight; the cause is unknown. A small insurance was carried. Mrs. E. R. Powell, who has been receiving medical treatment in Williamsport, returned home last Friday, but not improved in health, as her friends had hoped for. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheney, of Binghamton, who are visiting in this section, returned from Benton Columbia Co. on Saturday, where they spent a few days as guests of Hon. Russel Karns. A social will be held at the house of Mrs. T. J. Ingham, on Friday evening, Aug. 18th, for the benefit of Rev. E. R. Powell. Ice cream and cake will be served. A general invitation is extended to all. Mrs. R. A. Conklin met with a painful accident last Saturday by falling down a stairway, receiving several bad bruises which have enabled her to move about for several days.

This town was again visited by the Death Angel last week, and bore to the realms of Heaven, Pauline, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Kennedy. The child was taken violently ill with cholera infantum and lived but a few days after the attack. The funeral services were held on Saturday; interment in Sacredheart cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community, in their affliction. There is no vacation or summer outing that for genuine pleasure and beneficial results compares with a lively interest in one's daily work. If labor is a pleasure, and it ought to be to every one, it is delightful, healthful and full of the very best kind of compensation. For the enemies of Dreyfus to die hard is not so surprising as that they should at the same time want to kill those opposed to them. Rev. E. R. Powell, has tendered his resignation to the Baptist church at this place, much to the sorrow of his congregation and citizens of Laporte. We understand that his new field of labor has not yet been chosen. A runaway on Main street, Wednesday morning, created some excitement when James Gansel's horse which was tied in front of Joe Cooper's store, broke loose and started homeward. In turning the corner at Main and Muncy streets the carriage was overturned, throwing the horse violently to the ground, breaking the harness in several places and badly damaging the wagon. The horse was caught before he regained his footing for another start. The summer visitors in Laporte are glad to know that a plan has been devised which will enable them to unite with the community in their appreciation of Rev. E. R. Powell, and their sense of the loss which the town will sustain in his removal to a new field. The preparations for the entertainment of next Friday night are in able hands and all may anticipate a very pleasant evening. Wheeler Green, an aged and highly respected citizen of Hillsgrove died Saturday morning in his 85th year. Funeral services were held Monday in the M. E. church, of which he had been a member from early manhood. O. A. Baldwin, of Towanda, has been made general manager of the State Line and Sullivan Railroad Co. mines at Bernice, to succeed the late I. O. Blight. Mr. Baldwin has for the past ten years been secretary and treasurer of this company. Laporte Downed Again. Couldn't Hit the Pitcher. The Laporte base ball team got themselves very much disliked on Tuesday when they went to Lopez, taking with them almost the entire male population and many of the fair ones, promising to show them how it was possible to do-up Lopez in league-like fashion, but alas the sports of town are unanimous in denouncing the local team as "n.g." Each of the players have their woe to relate, but those who saw the game say the Lopez ditcher was too full of deadly balls for amateurs. The score favored Lopez 7 to 18. Victim to Dreyfus' Enemies. Maitre Labori the brilliant advocate for Dreyfus was shot and probably fatally wounded while on his way to defend the noted prisoner, Tuesday. The assassin after firing two shots at his victim escaped in a crowd of anti-Dreyfusites. This is but another black deed added to the long list of crime that has been committed in order to convict an innocent man. The shooting has created a profound sensation throughout the country. Nearly Four Score. Another aged mother passed away. Mrs. Rebecca Stroup, of Muncy Valley, Pa., died Aug. 8th, aged 77 years, 10 months and 16 days. She was born near the Newman school house at Hughesville, Pa. She leaves two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Amanda Leox, of Elmira, N. Y.; Mrs. Milla O'Brien, of Sayre, Pa.; Monroe, of Muncy Valley, Pa.; John, of Chicago, Ill. The deceased had suffered much during the past year, but passed away without a struggle. She was buried at Sonestown, Pa. Rev. J. J. Resh, officiating. Thanks are extended to all friends who so nobly stood by the deceased in her last illness, and especially to Mrs. Perry Johnson. No New Cases in Soldiers' Home. Washington, Aug. 14.—Official advices to Surgeon General Wyman are to the effect that there are no new cases of yellow fever and no deaths in the Soldiers' Home at Hampton, Va.

PLOT AGAINST REPUBLIC.

Eighteen Leaders of Nationalists Seized by the French Officers in Paris.

PEOPLE MUCH EXCITED.

Believed That a Plot For the Overthrow of the Government Was Discovered by Officials

Police Are Everywhere and Conflicts Are Frequent—The Belief Expressed That General Mercier's Testimony as Good as Acquitted Captain Dreyfus.

Paris, Aug. 15.—Just as the dramatic session of the Dreyfus court martial was ended news was received that Paul Deroulede, Marcel Habert, Jules Guerin and fifteen other Nationalist leaders had been arrested in Paris and its suburbs, and will be arraigned before the High Court, accused of plotting against the state.

Hearing this, excited people filled the streets, shouting, "Vive l'Armee!" or uttering counter cries, "Vive la Republique!"

Police are everywhere, conflicts are frequent, and more collisions between the partisans are expected.

The news is regarded as so important that many prominent men are hurrying to Paris. Telephone and telegraph offices are besieged.

These arrests follow the attempted overthrow of the Republican Government, to accomplish which Deroulede's coup on the day of President Faure's funeral was unsuccessful. Despite the verdict acquitting Deroulede and Marcel Habert of that attempted coup, Waldeck-Rousseau has conducted a secret investigation since he came into power. It has been rumored several times that a Bonapartist plot was discovered, but until now no action by the government showed it had proof of a revolutionary plot.

The Nationalists here regard Deroulede's sensational arrest as the final effort of the Dreyfusards to dictate the decision of the court martial. Men of other parties think the Ministers must have obtained evidence that a second coup was in preparation, and to stop the trial of Dreyfus, and so to escape revelations otherwise inevitable.

It is generally conceded here that the Captain was as good as acquitted at the second public session of the revision trial, and the day's events only were predictions. Gen. Mercier, the prisoner's most bitter enemy, took the witness stand to give in detail his alleged proofs of the Captain's guilt. Dreyfus listened calmly, but the witness was through, and then turned on him with such a roar of pent-up anger that it moved those present to cheers. It was an exciting and dramatic scene.

Mercier, who was Minister of War when Dreyfus was convicted, stands in the shadow of the arm of justice, and that arm is expected to fall. He had no proofs to offer, and his attitude and brutal manner toward the accused brought curses and hisses from those present. Soldiers were forced to stop the crowd from mobbing Mercier, and the last card of the anti-Dreyfusites and it was trumped by a stonger one.

It was evident from the manner of Casimir Perier, Minister of Justice, in telling the truth, and the former President will refute the testimony of his former minister.

Ready to Crush the Yaquis.

Hermosillo, Mexico, by the way of Nogales, Ariz., Aug. 14.—Information received from the headquarters of Gen. Luis Torres, in the Yaqui Valley, indicates that he may be ready to precipitate an engagement with the Yaquis at once. When Gen. Torres learned that his nephew had been killed by the Yaquis he promptly ordered that 40 prisoners who had fallen into his hands in the engagement of three weeks ago be put to death, and they were taken out and shot. Only 20 Indians were killed in the battle, but the official reports gave it as 60, accounting for the 40 prisoners as killed.

Commission Hands in Its Report.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The report of the Samoan Commission has been received at the State Department. Its essential features include the abolition of the kingship and the substitution of an administrator or governor general agreed upon by the three powers. The report was accompanied by a private letter from United States Commissioner Bartlett Tripp, summing up what had been done and giving light on personal phases of the history. None of the reports is in hand, it remains for the three governments to determine whether or not the recommendations of the commission are to be accepted.

Heirs Will Divide \$32,000,000.

Springfield, O., Aug. 14.—J. W. James, of this city, has received word that the Lloyd estate in Scotland has been settled, and that the heirs will receive a draft for their share within the next month. Mr. James' mother was one of the original heirs. James Lloyd, of Dayton, is another. Among the heirs are Mrs. Joseph B. B. of Columbus, and Mrs. D. J. Ryder, of this city. The estate is valued at \$32,000,000, and the original heirs will get \$8,000,000 each. Mrs. Ryder will receive about \$50,000 from her father.

Black Streak Formed With Death.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 14.—The 2-year-old child of Charles Reitz, while running barefoot in the grass was bitten, probably by a snake. As dissolution neared a well defined dark streak appeared on the child's body running from the bitten toe to a point in the region of the heart. The streak grew rapidly darker, and at the moment of death was a jet black.

Tom Burns to Resign.

Chicago, Aug. 14.—Manager Thomas Burns, of the Chicago Baseball Club, will retire from that position at the close of the present season. The unsatisfactory showing made by the Chicago team this year is given as the reason. Tom Lortus, manager of the Grand Rapids team, has been considered as his successor.

K. K. K. Revived in Old Kentucky.

Louisville, Aug. 14.—The Ku Klux Klan has been revived in Spencer County for the benefit of Mormon elders who persist in their efforts to win women and girls to the creed of polygamy. A meeting was broken up and the elders driven away with switches.

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Our esteemed contemporary, the Review, last week undertook to refute certain statements made in the NEWS ITEM, and endeavored to explain where we were mentally lame, which leads us to a ripe conclusion that our adversary is very deficient in comprehension. He says:

"Our dear brother, Charles Wing, of the Laporte News Item, says he did not attend the editorial picnic at Eagles Mere because he is too poor to stand the expense, or words to that effect. Now we have heard of Job's turkey, who became so poor that he sported but one tail feather and was obliged to lean against the fence to gobble, and we can understand how such a state of affairs might come about. But how any editor can get so poor that he can't ride on a railroad pass we really fail to comprehend. Charlie could certainly have afforded a free ride if he had only thought so, and as for dinner, he could have carried that along wrapped up in a copy of his paper."

It is true that we have a pass and could have carried our dinner in the same manner Bro. Newell does, but we are too badly in need of funds to leave home and disappoint an army of delinquents who always call to pay "when we are away" (?) We might, however, make it more vivid. When the good Lord was passing around the qualities that make large hearted, noble men, men who are a blessing to their fellows, men whose lives are a sweet benediction to those who come in contact with them and whose memory in death is a fragrant flower, one-half of our subscribers were behind the door, or evidently didn't want any, as they now seem to think that an editor can run a modern newspaper on promises of pay "to-morrow." To-morrow always finds us at our office ready to receive our well earned dues.

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 Hillsgrove, 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.

AUDITOR'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 creation 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 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. Weimer vs. Laporte township School District, No. 6, May term 1897. Ejectment. Plea, not guilty. Thompson, Mullen. 2. John E. Finan vs. use of Chas. F. Finan vs. Michael Quinn, No. 3, Sept. term 1898. Debt, appeal. Plea, "non assumpsit," with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen. 3. Ralph Mangard (use) vs. The Township of Laporte, No. 107, Sept. term 1898. Debt, appeal. Plea "non assumpsit," payment, payment with leave to give special matters in evidence. Mullen. Inghams. 4. The Dushore Water Co. vs. The Boro. of Dushore, No. 1, December term, 1898. Assumpsit. Plea non assumpsit, and set off with leave to give special matter in evidence. Downs, Cronin & Inghams. 5. Eliza J. Robinson vs. J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker No. 23, Dec. term 1898. Feigned issue. 6. George W. Robinson vs. J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker, No. 24, Dec. term 1898. Feigned issue. Mullen. Hill. 7. Thos. E. Kennedy vs. Laporte Twp. Poor Dist. No. 85, Dec. term 1898. Debt, appeal. Plea, "non assumpsit," payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen. Inghams. 8. Martha E. Bewalters et al. vs. William Kunkle, No. 2, May term 1899. Ejectment. Plea, not guilty. Walsh. Platt. WM. J. LAWREY, C. C. Court. Prob. Ct. office, Laporte, Pa. Aug. 8, 1899.

COURT PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. DENMAN, President Judge, Honorable John S. Line and Edward Kraus, Associate Judges of the Courts of Luzerne and Termination and General Jail Delivery, quarterly sessions of the Peace, Criminal Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan have issued their precept, bearing date the 25th day of July 1899, do 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 County, 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 bail books, indictments, 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 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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