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County Seat Indices.

AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

-A little touch of fall weather. -The leaves are assuming autumnal hues. -W. J. Lawrence was a visitor in Williamsport Tuesday. -Mrs. John Andrews, of Nordmont, is visiting at T. J. Keelers. -Miss Hattie Crocker is convalescing after a two weeks illness. -Mr. Will Donovan and sister May, spent Saturday at Dushore. -Lyman Harvey of Sonestown, was doing business in town Saturday. -Marcus Horn, of Nordmont, was a business caller in town on Saturday. -Miss May Funston has gone to Overton, to engage in millinery work. -School director Starr, of Sonestown, transacted business in town on Saturday. -Miss Bessie Wrede was calling on friends in Muncy Valley, on Saturday. -Mr. and Mrs. Orin Bennet, spent Sunday with the latter's parents, at Colley. -Politics will grow warmer as the days grow shorter and the weather gets colder. -Mrs. Chas. Brieger is confined to her bed at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Flynn. -Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Harris, of Monroeton, were the guests of Mr. Ed. Schrader, over Sunday. -Hon. E. P. Ingham and family, after a summers sojourn at Laporte, left for their home in Phila. on Friday last. -Mrs. W. B. Ritter, who has been spending a week with her brother, at Glen Mawr, has returned home. -Mr. J. L. Dunham of Kansas, son of Captain Henry R. Dunham, is visiting his uncle, Judge Dunham, this week. -The many guests who have been spending the summer very pleasantly in town, have nearly all left for their homes. -Mrs. Phoebe Magargel and Mrs. Converse of Sonestown, were entertained by Mrs. Chas. Wackenhuth Monday night. -Wm. Donovan of the Second Ward, left for Elmira Monday evening. Will has been offered a position by the Lehigh Valley R. R. -Lumberman Amos Little, of Nordmont, was transacting business in town Friday last. -Cornelius Vanderbilt expired early Tuesday morning at his home in New York, after a short illness. -Miss Anna Karge has gone to Eagles Mere, where she has been re-engaged to teach the public school. -If a paper is doing nothing for you or the cause of humanity, you are under no obligation to do any thing for it and VICE VERSA. -Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schrader spent the fore part of last week in New Albany, attending the funeral of Mr. Schrader's father. -To be out of work these days all of the time and loafing on the streets is positive proof that a man is either rich and doesn't have to work, or else he was born tired and wont work.

-Oct. 3, 4, and 5 are the dates of the Sullivan county fair. Be sure to add something to its exhibits. Each person in the county can contribute to either its success or failure. Don't condescend to the latter. -Rev. E. R. Powell has accepted a charge at Warrensville and will move to that place in the near future. The best wishes of many friends go with him. -All three of the candidates on the Republican state ticket are sons of ministers of the gospel, but it is not expected that the fact will be urged by the Democrats as good cause for voting. -Trying to overcome the prejudice of an ignorant person is like trying to turn a shallow stream into a new channel-by the time you have changed the current the water is wasted. -With Bryanism feeding on populism and calamity, it would seem that Kansas, with her 300,000,000 to 400,000,000 bushel corn crop, worth at least \$100,000,000, cannot be considered even among the "possible" states for the candidate. -Wage earners in all parts of the country are receiving advances, and the farmers, this year are selling their live stock and produce at a price that enable them to pay off that Cleveland mortgage. Are we not RIGHT? -The coming Fair at Hughesville Sept. 19, 20, 21 and 22 will be one of the largest and best fairs ever held in Lyeoeming county. There will be balloon ascensions and parachute drops each day, rope walking, trick bicycle riding, and many other amusements. The famous Fisk Military band will be present. The exhibits will be more numerous than ever. -Six coaches filled with merry excursionists from Hughesville and intermediate points along the line of the W. & N. B. R. R. were unloaded at this place Saturday afternoon. It was a pleasant day for the outing and all parts of Laporte's streets for a time were filled with strollers, visiting the court house and business places, and making themselves generally agreeable as county seat guests. -Judge Metzgar of Lyeoeming Co. has launched a boomlet for a new court house. It is safe to assume that it will not arouse wild enthusiasm among taxpayers, as there will always be a sufficient number of patriots willing to sacrifice themselves to fill all the offices even if the court house is dangerous to health and life. -Logic proves and experience will also prove the inaccuracy Democratic anti-expansion views, as thoroughly as both logic and experience have proved the inaccuracy of the Democratic expansion views on the currency question. Three years ago the Democrats were expansionists, and events have since proved the utter fallacy of their theories. Now they are anti-expansionists, and time will as completely show their error in this particular instance. -"If you see it in the Review it's so." "The NEWS ITEM is a good paper." -Review. Yes, it is not only a good paper, but it is the greatest power in clean politics in the county. It serves news crisp from the griddle of events. It is ever in the lead to advocate its party principles and to denounce wrong. If you like these things the NEWS ITEM will suit you and should have your support. The NEWS ITEM is for thinking people; if you don't think you don't want it. If you are a thinker or want to be a thinker it will interest you. We want every thinker in Sullivan county on our list. All live Republicans want the NEWS ITEM. The dead ones don't feel the need of it. Wake UP! -Miss Charlotte Miller has opened a private school in connection with Mrs. Funston's kindergarten, at rooms in the dwelling recently remodeled from the Presbyterian church. Miss Miller is an accomplished teacher and has taught two successful terms at this place. She will also open a night school for advanced pupils, which is among the many needs of this place, and will no doubt meet with its deserved liberal support. Her terms of tuition are exceedingly low and many of the children of the primary department have already enrolled and most likely increase in number as the term advances.

-Another evidence of prosperity is that the cider mills have been put in full blast, "after a year's idleness". -Dr. Murrelle, of Athens, will be at Laporte Sept. 20, and remain till after court as guest at the Mountain House where he will engage in the practice of dentistry. The Dr. is well and favorably known throughout this place and his excellent work speaks more for its self than words in these columns could attempt. "Our esteemed brother journalist, Chas. L. Wing, of the Laporte News Item, should remember that the man who can't take a joke should never attempt one himself. Of course Charlie prints a nice little paper, and we have no intention of deprecating its excellence. We were merely joking, as was our brother when he began, and there is no occasion for either party to become dignified over the matter." -Sullivan Review. When our accomplished brother journalist of the Review states that the NEWS ITEM is a nice paper and that its excellence can in no way be depreciated he joins facts with his wisdom and sense of humor and ends the joke by unavoidably stumbling over the NEWS ITEM's many virtues. -No words are strong enough with which to condemn the military tribunal that on Saturday at Rennes rendered a verdict of guilty against Captain Alfred Dreyfus. The first trial and conviction five years ago was a travesty on justice, but the verdict rendered at the second trial was a crime for which there can be no shadow of an excuse, and doubly disgraces the French army and France as a nation. -The jury in the case of ex-Postmaster Bogart of WilkesBarre, that was tried in Williamsport last week, on a charge of embezzlement and opening letters, could not agree upon a verdict, and stated to the court there were ten for acquittal and only two for conviction. Seeing they were on the right course the Judge sent them out requesting a verdict, but of no avail. The case was then put on the list to be retried when called and it is believed that the case will never be retried. It was plainly proven to be another one of those affairs where over ambitious U. S. officers wanting to score a record for themselves and for some reason or consideration join in an engagement and operated a scheme to implicate some dangerous political opponent for no other purpose but to degrade their name in some imaginary crime. Justice, in conviction, in such cases would be parallel only to the result of the famous Dreyfus case in France. When there is nothing but circumstantial evidence offered in a case, the benefit of a doubt should not go to those that start it for some purpose of their own. Free of Crime. There being no grist of criminal cases to be put through the mill of justice at the next session, Judge Dunham has found it his privilege to have notices served on the jurors who were summoned to appear at the first week of court, September 18, to hear criminal cases, informing them not to obey their previous orders as there will be no court for them to take part in. It may be that people are too busy these good Republican times to commit crime, or it may be that they are too busy to make and pursue informations. It might be also that the morals of the county are improving in a wonderful degree. If the present improvement shown in the last year is kept up we may soon hope to see our criminal court abandoned altogether. We now have no practising attorney at the bar continually drumming up petit cases, which is ever an expensive and dangerous nuisance, and this may be the cause of the falling off, and we believe that the morals of the county is not suffering in the least, while hundreds of dollars are being saved for the taxpayers. Judge Peck Dead. Hon. Benjamin M. Peck, president judge of the courts of Bradford county, died at his home in Towanda, at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Thomas A. Richard late of Davidson township, Sullivan county, Pa., deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are requested to present same at once; and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to PHILIP SECULES, Adm'r. Muncy Valley, Pa., Aug. 18, 1899.

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Lecture by Miss Belle Kearney, of Miss, National Lecturer and Organizer. Freewill offering. Music. Adjournment. Anna F. Nye, Pres. Mary F. Snyder, Cor. Sec. Sunday School Picnic. A grand union picnic will be held by the Baptist, Methodist and Catholic Sunday Schools of this place at Lake Mokoma on Saturday next. Ten o'clock a. m. is the appointed hour for gathering. A cordial invitation is extended to all. By order of Com. We are prepared to take 10 cent boarders through court time at fifty cents a day. Henry Kohersbarger. A fine jersey cow for sale, for particulars inquire of Mrs. M. C. Lauer. Wanted, a middle aged lady or widow to serve as housekeeper in a small family. Good references required. Address Rev. E. R. POWELL, Laporte, Pa. -Lost, a tall black and white halstien cow, lately dry, left the premises of J. L. Kirk & Son, Eagles Mere six weeks past. A reward is offered. Register's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the following accounts have been filed in my office, viz: First and final account of Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Executor of Mathew Foran, deceased. First and final account of James Cunningham, Guardian of Francis McGuire, deceased. First and final account of Daniel Phillips, Executor of Edward Phillips, deceased. First and final account of T. J. Keeler and W. B. Snider, Administrators of F. E. Keeler, deceased. First and partial account of Joseph J. Parloe and Thomas F. McCarty, Administrators of Mary McCarty, deceased. Second and final account of Joseph J. Parloe and Thomas F. McCarty, Administrators of Mary McCarty, deceased. Also the following widows' appraisments have been filed: Widows appraisment in the estate of Henry T. Downs, deceased. And the same will be presented to the Orphans' Court of Sullivan county on Monday, Sep. 18, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m. for confirmation and allowance. WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register. Register's office, Laporte Pa., Aug. 19, 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. Weiner vs Laporte township School District, No. 49 May term 1897. Ejectment Plea, not guilty. Thompson, J. Mullen. 2. John E. Finan to use of Chas. F. Finan vs Michael Quinn, No. 5, Sept. term 1898. Deft. appeal, plea, "non assumpsit" with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen, J. 3. Ralph Magargel (use) vs The Township of Laporte, No. 107, Sept. term 1898. Deft. appeal. Plea "non assumpsit" payment, payment with leave to give special matters in evidence. Mullen, J. 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, J. Cronin & Inghams. 5. Ella J. Robinson vs J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker No. 23 Dec. term 1898. Feligned issue. 6. George W. Robinson vs J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker No. 24 Dec. term 1898. Feligned issue. Mullen, J. 7. Thos. E. Kennedy vs Laporte Twp. Poor Dist. No. 85, Dec. term 1898. Deft. appeal. Plea, "non assumpsit" payment, payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen, J. Inghams. 8. Martha E. Dewalters et al. vs William Kunkle, No. 2 May term 1899. Ejectment. plea, not guilty. Walsh, J. 9. W. M. J. LAWRENCE, Prob. Prothy's office, Laporte, Pa., Aug 2, 1899. COURT PROCLAMATION. WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. DUNHAM, President Judge, Honorable John S. Erie and Counsel State, Associate Judges of the Courts of over and Terminus and General Jail Delivery, Quarter Sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, have issued their precept, bearing date the 3d 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 well as just. H. W. OSLEER, Sheriff. 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