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County Seat Indices.

Forksville fair, week after next. Political commencement week. Judge Ingham is having a new porch floor laid at his residence.

J. H. Roberts, of Bernice, was doing business in town on Monday. Judge Ingham is having the brick house remodeled and repaired.

Griffith Phillips, of Sonestown, was in town a few hours on Monday. M. J. Phillips, of Munes Valley had business in the county seat on Monday.

A. A. Collins, of Forksville, transacted business with Atty. Bradley, Monday. Miss Fannie Meylert after a few weeks visit at Eagles Mere, has returned home.

Mrs. Beahen and Mrs. Frank Grant, drove to Forksville on Thursday. Mr. Lew Keeler has moved from Nordmont into the farm house at 2d Ward.

Mrs. Tom Keller and daughter of Lopez, were callers at J.W. Flinn on Sunday. Lew Lovelace, of Nordmont, was shaking hands with friends in town, Monday.

Mr. Alvin Hill has moved his family in the Keeler house, next the Catholic Church. Mrs. Chas. Breiger is again able to be around; much to the pleasure of her many friends.

Miss Fricklund of Williamsport, is visiting her brother Rev. Ernest Fricklund at this place. Judge Dunham is having his well drilled to a greater depth, Cole, of Dushore, is doing the work.

A life sketch of the Republican candidates to be voted for at this election will appear in these columns next week. The Mountain House, formerly known as Fairview Cottage, is having a fresh coat of white paint applied.

A large number from here joined the excursion to Shawneese Lake on Saturday. It was the largest excursion ever run over the W. & N. B. R. R.

Services in the Laporte M. E. church for Sept. 24 are as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Epworth League, 6:30 p. m. Preaching, 7:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Brewster, who have been spending the summer at their cottage in this place, returned to their home in Washington, D. C. last week.

Laporte was represented at the Williamsport fair, by the following persons; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mullen, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Chase, Dr. Wackenhuth and family, Wm. Shoemaker and sister Anna, and F. M. Crossly.

Oscar Snyder left for Catawissa, on Tuesday.

Rev. E. R. Powell will preach his farewell sermon next Sunday evening, at eight o'clock.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the entire program of the Hughesville Fair for Wednesday will be carried over until Saturday Sept. 23, thus giving everybody a good chance to see the entire Fair as originally intended.

The union picnic held at Mokonoma on Saturday by all the Sunday schools of this place, was favorably shown upon by old Sol, and a large crowd was present to enjoy the outing.

The NEWS ITEM speaks of its candidates in this issue. You need not take these facts for granted, but inquire of them as we have. You will then co-operate our statements.

The Democrats conceded everything to candidate Otto Behr in his home district. What better thing could be said of a candidate? It shows that those who know him best know well of him and have implicit confidence in him. Otto is a man, among all classes of men.

Meylert Brunner, a prominent attorney of St. Paul, Minn. formerly of Muncy, and well known to many citizens of this county, is visiting Laporte friends this week. He is accompanied by his son Master Mayall and still enjoys life in his old fashioned ways of younger days.

Chairman Scouten continues his campaign of mud and dirt slinging. Last week his attack was upon J. S. Taylor, this week he attacks the private character of Adam Baumunk. We have no reason to believe that the honest and reputable Democrats of this county are in sympathy with this kind of political warfare. Mr. Baumunk is well known as an honest, trustworthy, hard working farmer. If such a man cannot escape slander and detraction, who is safe? The answer Chairman Scouten will get to these attacks will be by the people at the polls.

The Prohibitionists of Sullivan Co. made the following nominations at their convention at Eagles Mere Sept. 14th. For County Treasurer, David Mullinaux, Millview; County Commissioners, J. H. Hoffman, Hills Grove, and H. C. Boatman, Sonestown; County Auditors, Wm. L. Johnson, Lopez, and Arthur Granger, Millview.

It was the eminently qualified and honest principles found in Otto Behr that placed him before the people as a candidate for Treasurer, and not any political aspirations of his own. He is deservedly popular where ever known because his good German qualities ever predominate. Make him County Treasurer and you will make no mistake.

Adam Baumunk, candidate for county commissioner, is one of Sullivan county's greatest respected citizens. He comes from honest, industrious German stock, and is one of the chief factors in developing the county's farming industry. Farming has been his study and occupation for life and no one better knows the farmers needs and how they should be represented than he. Mr. Baumunk is the proper man for this important office. Properly qualified men and not party issues should be the ruling features at the polls.

J. S. Taylor, candidate for county commissioner, is a business man with a business turn of mind and cultivated business habits. There is no county office that requires a thoroughly trained business man more than the office of commissioner. To properly transact county affairs is a huge business undertaking and requires a capable financier to successfully cope with the vast affairs and discharge business obligations in a competent, economical and honest manner. There is no better business man in the county than J. S. Taylor, and we add without any fear of denial that there is not a more honest, conscientious man, a man who adheres most strictly to the principles of right than Mr. Taylor, to be found in Sullivan county. He should be made commissioner by all means.

Enrapt in Flames.

A sad accident occurred near Dushore on Monday that resulted in the death of Mrs. John Deiffenbach. She was preparing breakfast and was taking a frying-pan from the stove, using her apron as a cloth to protect her hand, when the apron caught fire and in an instant her clothing was all ablaze. Mr. Deiffenbach tried to smother the flames with a blanket but life was extinct before his task was done. Deceased was past 72 years of age.

Bernice Echoes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wandall Sick, of Dushore, were the guests of John Cahill, Sunday.

Miss Mildred McDonald, was calling on her many friends at Dushore last Saturday.

Frank Lusch, of Dushore, was among the wheelman in town, Sunday.

Miss Mattie Walters visited relatives at Dushore, last week.

Miss Jennie Vaness is visiting relatives at Rummersfield.

P. H. McGee, town clerk, was among the business men at Dushore on Saturday.

Mrs. George Moiser, of Dushore, visited relatives at this place, Sunday.

Rev. J. C. Campbell has returned from his vacation trip to Wilkesbarre and Jersey City.

Miss Mattie Ditchburn, who has been visiting at this place for some time, returned to her home at Towanda, Friday.

The Helena Mission Club elected the following officers for the coming year, at their meeting Friday evening; President, Mrs. J. C. Campbell, Secretary, Miss Flora Thurston, Treasurer, Miss Mattie Walters.

While trying to jump on the passenger train at Mildred, Wednesday morning, Fred Cullen missed his footing and the wheels caught his foot smashing it so badly that the big toe had to be amputated, the doctor has hopes of saving the foot.

Miss Sadie Boland went to Philadelphia Thursday morning, where she will spend the winter. Wanted, the lid of a box on the ear, the handle of the cup of affliction, the cow that gave the milk of loving kindness, a leaf of the balm of consolation, the man that borrowed our fish basket.

David Shilde and Henry Millhimes took in the P. O. S. of A. excursion to Shawneese Lake, on Saturday.

A number of the boys attended the ball game at Dushore, last Saturday. J. S. Hibbard, a very prominent musician of this place, has been engaged to teach the new brass band at Lopez.

Michal Donovan and wife, were calling on friends at Albany, Sunday. Estella.

F. C. Kobbe has just completed an addition to his house. Chris Kobbe is now at Athens with his thresher.

Cyrus Rosbach's barn was burned to the ground with hay oats and farming implements, by the explosion of a lantern, small insurance. Messrs. Rogers have just sown fifteen acres of new groume with wheat and intend to put in ten acres of rye, also on new ground.

W. T. Keating intends to pay a visit to North Carolina and engage with a large lumbering concern there.

Miss Anna Kobbe, who was with Mrs. Woodward, has returned home to attend school. Dreyfus is Pardoned.

Captain Alfred Dreyfus was pardoned Wednesday by the council of Ministers. He will be released on Thursday. He will still, however, have the right to appeal to the Court of Cassation to have the judgment of the Rennes court-martial set void and his innocence proclaimed. This right he intends to use.

It is generally believed that the Captain will be given his liberty during night time and that the government has stranged to secretly get him away from France to avoid demonstrations. ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Alice Devaney late of Cherry 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 OWEN DEVANEY, Adm'r. Cherry Mills, Pa., Sept. 18, 1899.

Washington, Sept. 18.—Colonel Barr of the Judge Advocate's Department, who has been on sick leave, has returned to his station in Chicago. He said his visit to Washington had nothing to do with the Carter case. Suicided After Killing a Girl.

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State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swartz, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTZ, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of Sept. 1899. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: ALPHONSO W. WALSH, Director. JOHN H. CRONIN, Director. FISHER WELLS, Director.

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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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, Executrix of Matthew Foran, deceased. First and final account of James Cunningham, Guardian of Francis McGuire. 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 E. R. Keeler, deceased. First and partial account of Joseph J. Pardee and Thomas F. Mcarty, Administrators of Mary Mcarty, deceased. Second and final account of Joseph J. Pardee and Thomas F. Mcarty, Administrators of Mary Mcarty, 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, Sept. 25, 1899, at 10 o'clock p. m. for confirmation and allowance.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Register. Register's office, Laporte, Pa., Aug. 19, 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, Mullen. 2 John E. Finan vs use of Chas. F. Finan vs Michael Quinn, No. 5 Sept. term 1898. Debt, appeal, plea, "non assumpsit, with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen. 3 Ralph Magaree (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 Bero 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. Mullen, Hill. 6 George W. Robinson vs J. P. & T. H. Shoemaker, No. 21, Dec. term 1898. Feigned issue. Mullen, Hill. 7 Thos. E. Kennedy vs Laporte Twp. Poor Dis. No. 85, Dec. term 1898. Debt, appeal. Plea, "non assumpsit, with leave to give special matter in evidence. Mullen, Inghams. 8 Martha E. Dewalters et al. vs William Kunkle, No. 2 May term 1899. Ejectment, plea, not guilty. Walsh, Hill.

W. J. LAWRENCE, Register. Register's office, Laporte, Pa., Aug. 18, 1899.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, Hon. E. M. FISHAW, District Judge, Hon. J. S. LIME, and Hon. J. K. KRAS, Associate Judges of the Courts of Cass and Termination and General Jail Delivery, separate sessions of the Peace, Orphans' Court and Common Pleas for the County of Sullivan, In pursuance of their precept, bearing date the 2d 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 Clerks, 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 memoranda to those things to which their offices appertain to be done. And to those who are bound by their recognizance to prosecute must appear in person 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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