

County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

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Court is in session this week. Dr. Willson made a business trip to Williamsport on Friday. Silas Henry of Eagles Mere, spent Sunday with town friends. Lumberman Ed. F. Ives of Muncy, was a business caller in town on Saturday. Prof. M. R. Black of Forksville was transacting business at the county seat on Saturday. Architect A. S. Wagner, who drafted the plan for the court house at this place, died at his home in Williamsport on Monday. The Laporte Hotel and residence of M. E. Reeder had long distance telephones connected with them this week. Artie Willson, a young man of Pietre Rocks had his right arm shot off at the shoulder last week while out gunning. The same old tale, accidental. A business meeting of the Epworth League is called for Thursday evening immediately after prayer meeting. HARRIET E. GRIMM, Pres. Mrs. E. M. Dunham received word on Friday, of her mother's sudden death. The Judge and Mrs. departed for Towanda on the evening train. "The Good Samaritan" is the subject of a lecture to be given by the I. O. O. F. of Forksville, in the M. E. church at that place on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1899. Rev. B.H. Hart of Lock Haven, will be the addressor, and will be of great interest to his audience. The severe wind and heavy rain storm that passed over this section Monday night, blockaded the road with fallen trees between this place and Eagles Mere, which prevented the stage from making its usual trip, Tuesday. Theo. Mencer of Galeton, Pa., spent Thursday last pleasantly in town while on business. Mrs. Mencer's health has been very poorly the past year and has survived three painful operations. The prices on paper has advanced 30 and 40 per cent. since the trust has formed. Surely the paper trust is "benevolently assimilating" the county editor. With this trust and his subscription trust, he will have to trust in God, if he keeps his body and soul from separating. The new Laporte Hotel is filled to overflow with court guests this week and is evidently meeting the public ideal of a stopping place. The rates are so regulated that rich and poor alike are highly satisfied with their accommodation and the price asked for it. At this house guests feel themselves well cared for and have all the privileges and comforts that a first-class house can possibly give. The Williamsport Sun says, Hughesville now has fourteen mails a day to handle, under the new rail road schedule. Laporte, one of the county seats of the Keystone state, has only one outgoing mail daily, South, except the one sent on the freight which gets as far south as Sonestown and is then brought back to get another start the following day. What does our contemporary think of that?

Judge Lynch of Wilkes Barre presided over our court Tuesday in the absence of Judge Dunham who was able to take his seat Wednesday. The Court was opened on Monday by Associate Judges Line and Kraus. Alvice Dunham was appointed foreman of the grand jury which was discharged on Tuesday, after acting upon four pills.

A government by the people and for the people is exactly the kind of a government that should own and operate all its railroads, telegraphs and all means of communication the same as it operates its postal system. The profits would then go to the people and not to men who have already made many millions. The postal business last year would have paid for itself and had a balance on hand of \$15,000,000 had the railroads not been doubly paid for hauling the mail. They set their price, what's to prevent it. Public enterprises in a country like ours should not be conducted on private capital with the sole purpose of greedy gain at the public's expense, discomfort and jeopardy of life, as has too often been shown. How long are the people going to wait before they push this issue to the front with vigor?

Since the noon passenger train has been taken off this end of the line, the county seat finds itself sorely dealt with in regards to the U. S. mail service, and judging by the general feeling it will not take long deliberation of the public to decide what they propose to do about it.

The exorbitant tribute drawn by the railroads from the Post-office Department is \$35,000,000 a year. Half of that amount would be an extravagant figure. Since the weighing of all mail matter by postmasters during the month of October it was learned that the average rate paid to the rail-roads for hauling the mails was \$40 per ton per hundred miles. That is 40 cents per ton mile; think of it. The question now arising is, are the railroads going to make their own prices and carry the mail when they so please. If such be the case, have pity on Uncle Sam. He will have to watch out or the combines will get him. The closed pouch service on the freight train is worse than no service at all; no one knows its hour of coming or going. The stage driver whose compensation is not commensurate with the service he performs is now obliged to wait at the station three or four hours at a time waiting for his mail. We do not know whether these conditions are expressed in his contract or not, but we hardly believe he will accept the reward of ignorance.

Hillsgrove.

On Monday, Dec. 4, the grim destroyer Death visited our community and removed John H. Rogers, an aged and highly respected citizen. Mr. Rogers was born Oct. 19, 1826 on the farm where he was living at the time of his death, and has spent nearly his entire life on the banks of the Loyal Sock. About the year '58 he was afflicted with palsy which prevented his enlistment in the civil war. He acted as enrollment officer for Sullivan county during the war, discharging the duties in a very commendable manner. Though suffering constantly from palsy since early manhood, Mr. Roger's life has been a useful one. He was a natural mechanic, a firm friend of education, a supporter of the Baptist church, and a life-long Republican; though unable to walk without assistance for the past 16 years, he has voted at every election except the last.

He was an unmarried man and though ever kind and courteous, he showed some aversion to the fair sex but was a great lover of boys, and was never so happy as when directing them in some useful occupation. His character was without reproach and though an invalid he possessed marked business ability by which he was enabled to earn for himself a comfortable fortune, the bulk of which he willed to his brother, Robert, and his niece Miss Anna Ives. The funeral occurred at the Union church on Wednesday. Rev. Frazier officiating. Interment in Hillsgrove cemetery.

A FRIEND.

A public entertainment will be held in the Christian church on Saturday evening, Dec. 16, '99, by the P. O. S. of A. to celebrate the fifth anniversary of their organization. J. Harry Shoemaker Esq., of Montoursville, will deliver the address. A banquet will be held at the residence of W. A. Gumble; the cost of which will be 25c for each plate. All are cordially invited to attend.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Telegraphic Gleanings From All Parts of the World.

Mrs. Edward Lahey, wife of a prominent contractor of Danbury, Conn., died in a dental chair from heart disease.

A movement is on foot in Arizona to have that territory admitted to Statehood at the present session of Congress.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller, of New York will build a trolley line from Spokane, Wash., to Republic Camp on the Columbia River.

Ex-Governor Altgeld of Illinois, is said to be bitter against the new currency bill to be introduced early in this session of Congress.

T. F. Callahan, superintendent of the Cleveland and Eastern Railroad, was run down by a car on a switch at Chardon, Ohio, and instantly killed.

The negroes of Kentucky have presented to Governor Bradley a gold watch, chain and charm, as a token of appreciation of what he has done for their race.

General Otis reports from the Philippines that Aguinaldo the leader of the native forces is completely surrounded and that his capture is only a question of a few days.

Texas has admirers of W. J. Bryan who have offered to purchase the Nebraska a home if he will agree to reside in that state. Mr. Bryan has not yet replied to the proposition.

It is said in Washington that the second and third wives of Congressman-elect Brigham H. Roberts will probably be subpoenaed in order to prove the polygamous charges made against him.

Miller and Waller won the team race in the six-day bicycle contest in Madison Square Garden, New York. They covered a distance of 2,733 miles and 4 laps, and only received \$1,000 of the purse—\$500 each.

Thirty-two miners were killed by an explosion of gas in a coal mine near Spokane, Washington. There were a hundred men at work in the mine when the accident occurred and only sixty-eight of them were taken out alive.

The steamer Niagara, which was caught in the gale on Lake Erie last Thursday has been given up for lost together with her entire crew of sixteen men. Wreckage from the Niagara has been picked up on the Canadian shore.

Admiral Kautz has transferred his flag from the battleship Iowa to the cruiser Philadelphia at San Francisco.

Venezuelan Government troops have moved against Maracaibo, where it was said the insurgents would surrender.

The Kentucky Election Board is said to stand two to one in favor of seating Gen. Taylor, the Republican candidate for Governor.

Clyde Mattox, the slayer of five men, has been convicted at Newkirk, I. T., of manslaughter and sentenced to the penitentiary for twelve years.

Lieut. Ledyard, the American officer killed in the uprising in Negros, in the Philippines, was a son of the president of the Michigan Central Railroad.

Work has been resumed in the Diamondville coal mines in Wyoming, with a force of 175 non-union miners. The union miners feel their defeat keenly.

Miss Mary Halliday, of New York, will have a \$10,000 drinking fountain erected in Cairo, Ill., in memory of her father, Captain William P. Halliday.

Gen. Young routed the Filipinos under Gen. Tino after a five hours' fight in the mountain pass between Narvacan and San Quinto in the Philippines.

The Mormon leaders are said to have decided to order Roberts to give up the fight for his seat in Congress, fearing the effect on the church of a full investigation.

James F. Keeley, who gave his name as James Johnson, has been arrested in Milwaukee on suspicion of being implicated in the shooting of the Cheneys at Racine.

President John McNeill of the Amalgamated Federation of Boilermakers, says that the strike of boilermakers in the Union Pacific shops is ended and that work will be resumed at once.

John Curtis, son of Robert Curtis, a rich white man, who married into the Cadco Indian tribe, killed Pete Thompson and fatally wounded Henry Smith at Reno, I. T., Friday.

Relatives of Frank Langin of Kenosha, Wis., who had been searching for him for years, have learned that he was sentenced to life imprisonment under the name of James Longegan.

The Stuck River Valley, in Washington State, is reported one vast sheet of water.

Secretary Gage will ask Congress to authorize the building of an additional gold vault in New York City.

The natural gas interests of twenty Indiana and Ohio towns have been consolidated, with a capital of \$8,000,000.

Owing to scarcity of white paper in Canada, 700 mill owners and large directors in the trade are withdrawing their price lists.

The internal revenue collectors have organized a movement to advocate a new and separate cabinet office for their department.

The Northwestern Life Association of Chicago has decided to transfer its business to the Northwestern Life Assurance Company.

The hosiery mill of the Nolde & Hoist Company of Reading, Pa., was destroyed by fire Thursday entailing a loss of \$250,000. Miss Louise Clay, an employe of the mill was burned to death and about sixty others were more or less seriously injured. There was an insurance of \$150,000 on the mill.

At Maysville, Ky., a mob of fully 1,000 people took Dick Coleman, the colored murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrook from the officers and burned him at the stake. The negro was frightfully tortured by the mob before the match was applied by the husband of the murdered woman.

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The thirty-seventh annual teachers' institute for Sullivan county will be held in Garey's Hall, Dushore, Pa., during the week commencing January 1, 1900. The institute will open at 2 o'clock Monday and close Friday noon. The law requires that all public schools be closed during the week and provides for the payment of teachers in attendance at the institute.

The instructors are as follows: Hon. Henry Houck, Deputy Supt. of Public Instruction; Dr. O. T. Corson, Columbus, Ohio; Dr. A. T. Smith, Prin. Mansfield Normal School; Dr. Byron W. King, Pittsburg.

The list of evening entertainments is as follows: Monday, Dr. O. T. Corson; Tuesday, Hon. Henry Houck; Wednesday, Dr. Byron W. King; Thursday, The Parker Concert Co.

The enrollment clerk will be at the hall to enroll teachers at 10 o'clock, Monday, and it is earnestly hoped that every teacher in the county will be enrolled by 2 o'clock. To receive pay for Monday teachers must be present.

Wednesday, January 3, will be observed as Directors' Day. The Sullivan County Directors' Association will meet with the institute at 1:30 p.m. when addresses will be delivered by Deputy Supt. Houck, ex-State Supt. Corson, and Dr. Smith. A large attendance is desired.

A cordial invitation to all the sessions of the institute is extended to all who are interested in the cause of education. F. W. MEYLER, Co. Supt.

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Express Companies as Brokers.

Washington, Dec. 12.—A delegation of bankers, representing the American Bankers' Association, and an attorney, representing the American Express Company, have had a hearing before Attorney-General Griggs. The hearing was held on account of the complaint of the Bankers' Association that the express company is practically evading the recent decision of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The bankers represented that since the commissioner declared that express companies selling foreign exchange and letters of credit were liable to pay taxes as brokers at each office where such business is conducted, the American Company has transferred all its foreign exchange business to a few offices. This, the bankers say, avoids the payment of a large amount of taxes.

The attorney for the express company argued that it had the right to transact its business in its own way as long as the laws and its charter are not violated. Attorney-General Griggs withheld his opinion.

Government Treasury Statement.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The official statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$287,266,130; gold reserve, \$240,828,642; net silver, \$9,230,052; United States notes in the Treasury, \$15,889,927; Treasury notes of 1890, \$1,260,194; total receipts this day, \$1,965,360; total receipts this month, \$16,296,347; total receipts this year, \$254,330,737; total expenditures this day, \$1,750,000; total expenditures this month, \$13,720,000; total expenditures this year, \$228,517,000. Deposits in national banks, \$82,968,266; silver bullion, \$201,428.

Died in a Dentist's Chair.

Danbury, Conn., Dec. 11.—Mrs. Edmund Lahey, 42 years old, the wife of a prominent contractor, living at 7 Clark street, dropped dead here as she was taking a seat in a dentist's chair. The excitement of the visit to the dentist and probably the dread of the ordeal brought on an attack of heart disease.

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