

County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

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T. J. Keeler was in Dushore on business, Monday.

Ed. Schrader and O. W. Bennet are on the sick list.

M. E. Reeder and family spent Thursday last at Hughesville.

Ulysses Bird of Estella, was a county seat visitor on Monday.

No NEWS ITEM published next week, it being printers' vacation.

Judge Ingham had business engagements in Sonestown on Monday.

Lawrence Lavelle of Dushore, was doing business in town on Monday.

A. E. Tripp of New York was a town visitor the latter part of last week.

Marian Osler was taken seriously ill on Saturday, but is now improving.

Mr. Horton, of Washingtonville New Jersey, is visiting his uncle, Judge Ingham.

Several of our citizens attended the sale of the Taylor estate at Muncy Valley on Thursday last.

Miss Mamie Heim has a severe attack of tonsillitis, but is improving under the care of Dr. Willson.

Mrs. H. T. Downs came up from Williamsport on Saturday to spend the holidays in town.

Miss Willo Miller of New York, is at this place to spend the holidays with her father and sister.

A. T. Armstrong of Sonestown, was a busy bidder at the Orphans' Court sale of the Spencer estate on Saturday.

Atty. S. B. Karns of Benton, had business in town on Saturday. Mrs. Karns visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Keeler at the time.

The suit of Ralph K. Magargel vs The Township of Laporte was tried in court last week and excited considerable interest because it involved the much mooted question, can supervisors lawfully issue interest bearing orders on the township treasurer. Magargel, the plaintiff, had purchased about \$200 worth of interest bearing orders drawn by the supervisors of Laporte twp. in 1897 to be paid by the treasurer, out of the road funds in his hands. These orders were never presented to the treasurer for payment, and not presented to the succeeding supervisors until August 1899. His demand for interest was then refused, but the supervisors offered to pay the face of the orders, which Mr. Magargel refused to accept. He then brought suit on the original claims for work and used the orders in evidence. The Court charged the jury that orders drawn by the township supervisors on the township treasurer payable out of road funds in his hands cannot draw interest. The words, "with interest" when added to the order after the words "and this will be your voucher on the settlement of your claim," are illegal and ineffective. No act of assembly either directly or by judicial implication authorizes the supervisors to issue such orders, and no interest can be secured upon them.

The jury was instructed by the court to find a verdict for the plaintiff for the amount of the original indebtedness with interest only from the time the demand was made by Mr. Magargel for payment, which was the same time the supervisors offered him the face of his orders.

December Court Notes.

Geo. W. Jackson vs Addie Jackson, subpoena in divorce awarded.

James H. Frear is sworn and admitted as an attorney at the bar.

Court orders sale of real estate of Mary McLain, decd.

Judgment of non suit directed to enter in the case of Dushore Water Co. vs Boro. of Dushore.

Comth. vs Parvin Kile; "not a true bill" found by grand jury. Prosecutor, Susannah Hess, to pay costs.

Fred Manley vs Aaron M. Brown; rule granted for interpleader.

Ransom Thrasher Admr. vs Warren and Wm. May; rule granted to show cause why judgment should not be stricken off; proceedings stayed, returnable at next term.

Bill of costs approved in inquest on body of Barney Hank.

Upon petition of Martin Cavanaugh to recover damages by laying of public highway through his land, James Connor, Geo. Gorman, I. T. Lowe, G. W. Golder, George Kiess and E. J. Rogers are appointed viewers to assess damages.

The following accounts are confirmed N. S. Philip Tubach Admr. of Balbina Tubach, decd.; C. E. Hinze Exr. of Frederick Hinze, decd.; A. C. Bower Admr. of Elizabeth Bower, decd., James Thomson, Exr. of Joseph Jackson, decd.

Sale confirmed absolute in sale of real estate of Henry Haverly, decd.

Report of road view from Ganoga Lake to Jerry Donovan's, confirmed absolute.

Report of road in Laporte Twp. leading from Enos Peters to Minard Peterman, confirmed absolute.

Auditor's report in sale of D. W. Persun real estate, confirmed N. S.

John H. Cronin is appointed auditor to pass upon the exceptions filed in the estate of Balbina Tubach, decd.

Comth. vs Geo. Yanney. True bill found. On motion, indictment is quashed; Deft. is directed to give bail for his appearance at next term.

Comth. vs Edward Montgomery; tried and found "guilty in manner and form indicted."

Comth. vs Wm. Reader; not a true bill.

Comth vs Griffith Phillips; nolle prosequi entered upon payment of costs.

Ralph Magargel vs the Twp. of Laporte. This suit was brought to recover interest on purchased orders. Verdict for plaintiff, including face of orders and interest, for the sum of \$214.67.

Holmes & Passage vs John Obert, et al; upon petition a feigned issue is awarded and Ella Collins Exr. of B. S. Collins decd. to be plaintiff.

On petition Henry Swank, John Shaffer and John Mosier are appointed viewers to run line between Laporte and Davidson townships. There is a dispute as to which township is to receive taxes on the acid factory near Nordmont.

L. S. Burch & Co. vs Josiah Hembury and J. G. Scouten. A rule is granted to show cause why judgment should not be opened; all proceedings stayed in meantime.

Comth. vs Daniel Willson; nolle prosequi entered upon payment of cost. Court orders jury wheel filled for the year 1900, also dismissing the second week of court in February term 1900.

Lillie Mosier vs Wm. Reeser et al; On motion of J. G. Scouten the order for judgment against him is annulled and stricken off.

Laura B. Waddell vs Sam Cole. Counsel for Plff. allowed to file an amended declaration, to which Deft. excepts and by request a bill is sealed.

W. S. and Sarah Betts vs J. G. Scouten. Deft. allowed to file a new petition and affidavit of defense.

In re: Road from Double Run bridge on road up Loyal Sock creek to Laporte, to intersect with public street near Chautauqua grounds in the Boro. of Eagles Mere, the Court appoint W. C. Mason, Dewitt Gritman and J. C. Pennington as viewers on same.

L. R. Gumble vs E. Finkle, Deft. and John Hassen, garnishee. Judgt. directed to enter against Garnishee, to be ascertained by Proth.

Report of sales in the estates of D. Scanlin, decd. and Wm. Sherman decd. are continued until next term.

A. P. Taylor vs Jennie Cronan. Rule formerly granted is amended and made to open judgment.

In re: Petition of James Gilligan guardian of minor children of A. Farrell decd. said guardian is to pay Mrs. Hannah Farrell, mother of said children, the sum of \$2.00 per week for their support.

February term of Court will convene on Monday the 26th.

The story given currency in Philadelphia to the effect that the Secret Service Bureau has had under surveillance a number of officials of the United States Treasury and Sub-Treasuries in connection with the Lancaster county counterfeiters is denied by Chief Wilkie. Mr. Wilkie said Ellery P. Ingham and Harvey K. Newitt, who were implicated in the conspiracy after the arrest of Kendig and Jacobs, were not taken into complete confidence of the gang. Only a part of the scheme was revealed to Ingham and Newitt, and that was confined to the counterfeit revenue stamps. In this branch of the scheme there was small chance for discovery, and Chief Wilkie believes this fact alone was what led Ingham and Newitt into becoming a party to the conspiracy. In regard to the approach of United States Treasury or Sub-Treasury officials by the ring-leader, Jacobs, for the purpose of bribery, and thereby making the Treasury a distributing agency for the bad notes, Chief Wilkie said that in this there was no truth. It was known that Jacobs had set aside \$35,000 for the purpose of bribery, but he did not succeed in getting that far with his scheme. The scheme of the conspirators was to counterfeit a Treasury note, the one known as the Lincoln head, and place \$10,000,000 of them through a confederate in some United States depository, receiving in return gold or gold certificates. —Gazette & Bulletin.

If the whole truth had been told it would have been added that Ingham and Newitt were never informed that Jacobs and Kendig were making or using counterfeit revenue stamps, and that they had no connection whatever with the conspiracy to defraud the Government. The statement that there was less chance for detection in counterfeiting cigar revenue stamps than in counterfeiting money is absurd. As soon as a counterfeit revenue stamp is found on a cigar box it tells its own story as to who put it in circulation. There can be no doubt that the now exploded lie about the \$70,000,000 scheme was put in circulation by the same persons who concocted the scheme to ruin Ingham and Newitt, but the last lie was too big for the public to swallow.

Local Necrology.

William Hull, a resident of Hills-grove, Sullivan county, for eighteen years, died Monday morning at his home in that place, aged 69 years. Heart disease, from which he had suffered for only two days was the cause of his death. He was formerly superintendent of the Hills-grove tannery. He leaves a wife and one son. The remains were taken to Jewett, Green county, Pa., Thursday, for interment.

Mrs. Francis Beinlich of Elkland township, passed from this life to the great beyond last week. Funeral services were held on Sunday and was largely attended by sorrowing friends.

Ex-Sheriff John Utz, of Dushore, after suffering poor health for a long time, died at his residence, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Utz has been long and prominently identified with Sullivan county interests and will be greatly missed by many. Funeral was held on Wednesday. Interment in Thracher's cemetery.

Farmers' Institute.

First session called to order by J. W. Rogers, chairman; Address of welcome by Ulysses Bird; C. D. Northrop was then introduced and responded to the address of welcome. O. L. Molyneux was then appointed to act as secretary and J. C. Bird in charge of the question box. Hon. N. B. Critchfield was then introduced and spoke on fruit culture for profit. Remarks by Mr. Northrop and others. Which is the best time to plough for corn or oats? Mr. Critchfield said he had best results from fall ploughing, but all soils are not alike. Dr. Wm. Frear was introduced and spoke for some time on wheat, flour and bread. Meeting then adjourned until 7 p. m. evening session opened by singing. Prayer by Rev. Dickerson. The questions box was opened and the following discussed; Do pumpkin seeds eaten by hens injure them? What is the best egg producing food? Prof. M. R. Black then gave an address on what kind of an education ought country people have? Discussed by Mr. Critchfield and Mr. Northrop. Essay, study of natural objects, by Miss Bertha Grange. Dr. Frear then addressed the institute on natural history by using the hon-

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ey bee as his subject; Question box again opened; Solo by Miss Fannie Rogers; Institute adjourned until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning; Meeting opened Tuesday morning by singing, the chairman being sick, John Pardoe was elected to fill his place. Address on soil culture and moisture by Dr. Frear; Corncrop and silo by Mr. Northrop; Future for the farmer, by Hon. N. B. Critchfield; Ad-journed till 1:30 p. m. Afternoon session opened by singing, the following questions were then discussed does winter dairying pay in Sullivan county? Does ensilage make good butter? Can you feed cows to make milk richer? Music by the choir; Clover as a fertilizer, by Dr. Frear and E. R. Warburton; Care of farm horses, by Hon. N. B. Critchfield; Song by Misses Rogers and Grange? The principle of stock feeding, Dr. Frear; Adjourned till 7 p. m. Evening session called to order by J. K. Bird; Singing by the choir; Prayer by Rev. Dickerson; The question box was again opened; Making a home in the country, was then discussed by Mr. Northrop. Music by the choir; Our boys and girls, by Prof. Meylet and Mr. Critchfield; Music; A vote of thanks was extended to the speakers from a distance, to the choir and all others who helped make the institute a success. This was said to be one of the best institutes ever held in this part of the state. Average attendance 250; The institute closed by singing America. O. N. MOLYNEUX, Sec'y.

The County Institute.

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.

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