

THURSDAY, JAN. 4, 1900.

County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

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A. A. Baker is recovering from the sick list.

Miss Eliza Shaut is visiting Towanda friends, this week.

The county auditors are busy with official books this week.

Wm. Rogers and wife spent Christmas with Forksville friends.

Miss May Mason is in New York on a several weeks visit with friends.

Wm. Fraley is home from Johnsonburg for the holiday vacation.

The jury commissioners were in town Monday filling the wheel for 1900.

P. H. McGee and A. H. Roberts of Bernice were county seat visitors on Monday.

The cold weather of the past week has been testing the capacity of heaters.

Chas. R. Lauer and B. F. Crossley visited at their homes in this place on Christmas.

Sidney Osler of Lincoln Falls, is visiting his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Osler.

Atty. Mullen and wife spent Christmas with the former's parents at Overton.

W. C. Mason is home from his several weeks business engagement at Punxsutawney.

South Africa is the burial-ground for quite a number of first-class military reputations.

Editor Hugo and family of Dushore, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley.

Misses Mamie and Emma Gallagher are visiting with friends in Williamsport, this week.

Attorney F. H. Ingham is convalescing from his severe illness that threatened to develop into pneumonia.

Miss May Funston is home from Overton, where she has been engaged at millinery for the past few months.

Miss Eva Lawrence of Canton, and Miss Grace Lawrence of Lopez, spent the holidays with their parents at this place.

It was the morning after Christmas that a welcome visitor arrived at the Commercial Hotel. It is a real girl baby, and no Christmas doll baby.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gallagher, on Dec. 27 and died on the following day. Interment in Sacred Heart cemetery, on Friday.

Lumberman M. E. Reeder is remembering his friends and patrons with a very pretty calendar. The News Item has the pleasure to say, "thank you".

Dr. Murrelle and family spent the holiday season with their many friends here. The Doctor, through force of habit brought his dental instruments with him and consequently was kept busy combining work and pleasure.

Joe Kiess was a business man in town last Thursday. The Kiess Bros. have contracted with M. E. ... to peel a vast quantity of ... summer and supply his ... largest stock of logs ... undertaken to saw in ... Reeder will boom ... ness while the prices

Miss Jeannette Spencer, of Picture Rocks, spent the holidays with relatives here.

F. G. Lauer and family of Dubois Pa., brought Christmas cheer to the home of Mrs. M. C. Lauer. Their visit was necessarily made short by an engagement in Pittsburgh by their son, Roy, a musician of considerable renown, who recently returned from Berlin, Germany.

Liquidated enthusiasm and hard words caused an Eagles Mere pugilist and a Laporte sport to exchange some blows, in our streets on Christmas night, making one of them see more colors in a second than Joe ... 's sign shows in an hour.

At an early hour Friday morning the Ringdale Hotel was completely destroyed by fire with most of its contents. Mr. M. C. Miller, the proprietor, carried a very small insurance and his loss is heavy. The origin of the fire is thought to have come from a defective flue. The business of the post office that was conducted in the hotel has been taken to the residence of Mr. Walsh.

The United States mail service will now carry a letter seven thousand miles for two cents. The telegraph cable companies are still doing business, however, at the same old price. Can the public see a moral in this?

Mr. H. P. Hall has resigned his position as station agent at Sonestown. Mr. Hall has been a faithful employe of the W. & N. B. R. R. for the past ten years. Will Donovan succeeds Mr. Hall as agent and will no doubt give satisfaction as he has had considerable experience in this line of work.

Mrs. A. F. Wilson and son William of Warrensville, Pa. and Miss Mallie Crumm of Wellsboro, have been the guests of Dr. Wilson and family.

Probability makes the conjecture reasonable that when old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard for a bone it was not a day or two after Christmas.

The News Item appoints itself committee to thank assistant chief clerk, James C. Deininger, of the State Department, for Christmas wishes and a handsomely bound volume of Smull's hand book.

Mr. Philip Peterman and Miss Maud Erlston were married at Laporte, December 21, by Robert Stormont, J. P.

Though it's rumored the Boers are willing to treat for peace about the only sign they are sick of the war is their (throwing up) more entrenchments.

The dead letter sale commenced in Washington on Monday. This sale is of annual occurrence, and comprises the more or less valuable packages unclaimed or misdirected in the mails. Everything from a Bible to a diamond ring is included in the sale; and the greatest interest is manifested by the bargain hunters who bid, sight unseen for the packages. This year there are upward of 4,000 articles to be sold.

Prof. W. H. Budine, the well known eye specialist, will be at the Forksville House, Forksville, Pa. Jan. 9th and 10th; Hillsgrove House Hillsgrove, Pa. Jan. 11th and 15th and Hotel Maine, Laporte Pa. Jan. 13th and 14th. Eyes tested and examined free. All work guaranteed.

The Sunbury American, of December 22, says: "The entertainment given last night in Lyon's opera house, by the C. M. Parker Concert Company, under the auspices of the Teacher's Institute, was an exceptionally fine one. Mr. Apple, the county superintendent has been highly complimented on his good taste in making this selection for one of the entertainment course."

County Superintendent Meylert has likewise shown his good taste in selecting this talent, and all lovers of musical entertainment can enjoy the rare treat at Dushore, Thursday evening, Jan. 4th.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER. Christmas with its glad cheer has come and gone, and the great majority of people are the happier for the observance of the holiday. The day was quietly observed in Laporte. Many visitors were in the town and a number of home circles were completed by the presence of members who came here to spend the day with home and parents. The Baptist and M. E. churches held their usual exercises comprising short programs by the primary and intermediate pupils after which the fruit of the trees were distributed to young and old. Sociability and good cheer prevailed throughout both entertainments.

County Commissioners, Treasurer and Auditors Inducted into Office. Thos. E. Kennedy is Appointed Clerk.

The new county commissioners, Adam Baumunk, Reuben Brown and W. C. Graifley were sworn into office Monday afternoon and at once began to shake the "plum tree" under which stood many applicants for clerkship. The new county treasurer, Frank Lusch, also took oath, smiled and chatted with friends for a short time and left his office which is this week occupied by the auditors. The commissioners after taking oath set about their duties in a business like manner, meeting in private caucus for the purpose of settling the question of appointments to clerkship, solicitor and janitor. The result of their deliberation was Thos. E. Kennedy for clerk, at a salary of \$400 per annum; Judson Brown, janitor, \$250 per annum; Atty. E. J. Mullen for collector. The men chosen are capable in every instance and will no doubt fill the positions to the satisfaction of all.

County Auditors, A. P. Starr, Christian Caseman and James Sweeney, after taking the usual oath, began to overhaul public documents and examine the figures of the various accounts.

Desperadoes in the County Jail.

Thursday of last week two men were brought to the county jail by the constable of Bernice, the men having been captured by a posse of men after an exciting chase. These men who gave their names as John Dixon and James Murry in company with two other desperadoes entered the hotel of James Conner, in Mildred, on Thursday morning, drew their revolvers and demanded meals and drink. Resistance being made they opened fire and soon had the entire premises to themselves, where they ate and drank to their complete satisfaction and then departed. While they were thus, enjoying themselves at the expense of the landlord, there was an outside organization going on among the bravest men of the town, and before the outlaws had gone far in the direction of Dushore, they found themselves closely pursued by officers, two of the men were captured. They are supposed to be a gang of burglars that have been operating in this and Bradford counties, of late.

A Royal Dinner.

A number of invited guests enjoyed the hospitality of lumberman Chas. Reeder, who gave a sumptuous New Years dinner on Sunday at his camp, on the banks of the Loyalsock. Among those present were: Frank Reeder, Mr. Malony, Mr. Barto, Robert Reeder, Howard Kitchen, Mr. Busler, Mr. Buck, Mr. Butler, of Hughsville; J. W. Flynn, Ernest Hegel, W. B. Ritter, M. E. Reeder, C. M. Yeager, of Laporte; B. F. Crossley, of Dushore and Harley Edkin, of Satterfield. It goes without saying that all had a good time and did full justice to the following menu:

- Bouillon, Banquet Wafers, Zwickbach Fish, Fried Oysters, ROAST PIG, Cranberry Sauce, Celery, Olives, Mashed Potatoes, French Cabbage, French Peas, Baked Lima Beans with Tomato Sauce, Creamed Onions, Oranges, Malaga Grapes, Bananas, Imported Cheese, Mixed Nuts, Apple Pie, Caramel Ice Cream, Angels Food, Assorted Cakes, Cafe Noir.

Wed at Laporte.

On Tuesday, December 14th at the Baptist parsonage at Laporte, Pa., Mr. Jacob B. Getter and Mrs. Mary W. Young were united in marriage by Rev. J. T. Bradford, pastor of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Young was a member of Rev. Bradford's church when he was pastor at Shamokin, Pa. and held him in such esteem as to come to Laporte to have him perform the marriage ceremony. Mr. Getter has been a prominent citizen of Shamokin for a number of years. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Getter spent a few days with Rev. Bradford and family, a visit very much enjoyed by the family as they were old friends of the past. Mr. and Mrs. Getter returned home on Saturday December 17th. Friends here extend best congratulations, and many wishes for their future happiness.

Even the cotton manufacturers of New England are restoring way to the old scale. It will be a long time before the Free-Traders dare to make their Tariff ideas an issue. Since it is dead enough, but it is a corpse compared with Free-Trade.—Des Moines (Ia.) "State Register"

The mob swooped down and swept away his stock of pies. He made a furious outcry and was arrested. "See here," said the Judge, severely, "wasn't you one of the fellows who kicked up all that racket?" "No, Chudge," he earnestly protested. "I wasn't. I was chust an innocent bystander."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Much interest is daily manifesting itself over the English-Boer war as is readily seen by readers who anxiously receive their papers at the post office and at once begin to inform themselves and discuss the situation. They all, at this place, save one or two, sympathize heartily with the Boers, so heartily, indeed, that their victories awaken more interest and give more pleasure by far than news of Phillipino defeats does. While it is quite true that a new feeling of friendliness for Great Britain has been developed in America because of her attitude during our trouble with Spain, there should be no mistake about the view taken by our people of the South African business. Were Americans not to decide with the Boers they would be false to the principles and traditions which are at the heart of our national life. The cold facts of this struggle is that England is on a robber raid in Africa—on a raid to destroy a peoples' liberty in order that she may at leisure plunder them of their gold and diamond mines in the interest of the European Goulds, Rockefeller etc, who have made so many millions out of the country that they are inflamed by their greed to demand all. This colony of intelligent settlers bidding defiance to British dictation and taking up arms to fight and die in defense of their liberties is but the echo of Henry's words which still burns in the heart of an American, "give me liberty, or give me death." We would have to unlearn the Declaration of Independence and forget our own history with England before we could refrain from siding with these people who are fighting for their native land and liberty just as America did.

Twenty-five thousand pension claims have been filed as a result of the Spanish war and the pension agent resumes his oily smile.

An appeal has been made to the Postal Commission for a reduction of letter postage to 1 cent, and the establishment of a cheap parcels post. There is also a protest against paying the railroad an average of \$35,094 annually for each of the 921 cars used, whereas for passenger cars the amount is only \$10,520. The difference looks like a scheme to bleed the government.

When the people become enlightened enough to have the government operate the railroads under strict civil service laws, they can expect 1 cent postage rate on a paying basis and have their letters brought to their door in rural districts and villages, also.

AUDITORS NOTICE—In re Estate of Balbina Billian Tubach, deceased; In Orphans Court of Sullivan County; The undersigned auditor appointed by said Court, to pass upon the exceptions filed to the account of Phillip Tubach Administrator etc. and to distribute the fund as shown by his account filed; will attend to the duties of his appointment on Friday, February 2, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m. at his office in Dushore, Pa., when and where all persons, interested in, or having claims upon said account must present them or be forever debarred from coming in upon the same. JOHN H. CRONIN, Auditor.

The Good Old Quill. "The art of cutting a quill," said an old resident, "was dying when I began schooling. Steel pens had been known for some time, but were not in general use. The goose-quill pen died a hard death as a commonly used writing tool. My first schoolmaster was a first-rate hand at cutting a quill, and he could use it with wonderful effect in flourishes. It was his boast that he could fill the first page of a lad's school-book with name, age, date, and flourishes—in which were depicted wonderful swans and other birds—in such a fashion that none but experts like himself could tell where the quill pen was taken from the paper for a fresh dip. My last master could neither cut a quill nor use one with advantage. Quills as pens remained in use in some houses as the only writing tool up to a dozen to twenty years ago. "Those who can cut a decent writing quill are now few. People used to ask for 'a quill pen.'"

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