

THURSDAY, FEB. 22, 1900.

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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Wm. Fraley is home from Ridgeway for a few days.

—Miss May Higley is visiting friends in Eldredsville.

The boys hit the union ticket with a 54 lb. shell. Dare them to do it again.

—Mrs. Frank Grant and Miss Dora Upman visited at Eagles Mere last Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gray of Picture Rocks visited the editor and wife on Sunday.

—Chas. Watson and Harry Basley of Bernice, were among our callers on Monday, while in town.

—Clarence Hess was in Hughesville on Saturday to have dentist Reedy relieve him of several aching teeth.

—Dr. Chas. Voorhees of Instanter, has located at Sonestown where he will practice his profession. He has purchased ground and will erect a residence there in early spring.

—Mrs. Maria Heileg died in Buffalo, N. Y. January 19, 1900, aged 47 years, 2 months and 7 days. Mrs. Heileg formerly lived at Laporte Tannery.

—The report of the First National Bank of Dushore appears in this issue. If Sullivan county is small it has resources sufficient to make a mighty good showing in its bank report. Look it over.

—The M. E. Ladies Aid will give a measuring party at the home of Mrs. Hiram Osler, Friday evening, March 2. A prize will be given to the tallest and shortest lady and gentleman present.

—The Herald is horrified over a \$175 counsel fee paid by the county last year. Has the senior editor of that journal any knowledge of a \$6,000.00 judicial contest bill paid by the county, and who the responsible party was in bringing it about?

—By the way, before we raise any more money for hospital funds for the British, it might be just as well to look over the newspaper files and find out how much the British sent us for similar purposes during our war with Spain.

—As we were going by Keeler's store, election night, on our usual dog trot, we discovered dense clouds of smoke issuing forth from the first floor. Hastening to the door to give the alarm of fire, we found it to be only a crowded room of Esq. Keeler's constituents smoking up his winter stock of cigars.

—Democratic Chairman Jones is connected with one of the greatest trusts in the country, the round bale cotton trust, and has been a stockholder and director in the American Cotton Company for years. Had Mr. Bryan forgotten that Senator Jones' company was incorporated in Jersey City when, in passing through New Jersey recently, he spoke of that state as "robbers' roost"?

—The finance bill has passed the Senate at last and has gone to a conference of the two Houses. An agreement should be reached and ratified within two weeks. After that it will be impossible for Mr. Bryan to throw the country on a silver basis even if he should be elected and should carry the House with him. Only the capture of all branches of the government can repeal this law.

—The Ladies Aid of the Baptist Church will hold a social at the home of Mrs. T. J. Keeler Thursday evening, February 23. A program has been arranged by the Society of young workers, consisting of music, recitations and tableaux. Tickets 10 cents. Refreshments free. Entertainment begins at 8:30. All are cordially invited.

Thos. Schell, of Mildred, while in town Monday made the editor a formal call and gave him some pointers in the lessons of political physiology. Thomas is, in fact, a graduate of the old school and none of his adversaries have turned the keen edge of his ambition.

—Prof. M. P. Gavitt has accepted the lucrative position of private secretary to Congressman Polk, and will leave week after next to take up his temporary abode in Washington, D. C. Mr. Gavitt has sent in his resignation to the school board, declining to hold the principalship of the Boro schools after this week. Mr. Polk being identified with a large iron industry at Milton, Pa., Morgan's political favor is considered a stepping stone to a comfortable berth with Mr. Polk after his term of office in the House, at Washington.

—Herman Knipe, Assistant Gen. Manager of the W. & N. B. R. R., and for a long number of years a conductor on same road, was a guest of the Laporte Hotel, Monday night. Mr. Knipe, in his new capacity, shows that he is not only a substantial man of affairs, but a gentleman of the Chesterfieldian order, as well. In particular he is a credit to the position he holds and to himself, and the kind of man the NEWS ITEM is glad to number among its friends.

—There are evidences on every hand that real estate is beginning to improve in value. Farmers are among the last to feel a depression in business and they are among the last to revive and recover from it. Real estate generally is becoming more valuable. This is particularly true of houses. It would cost at least one-third more to erect a dwelling at the present time than a year ago, consequently buildings on farms and in towns are worth more than they were.

—Lumberman M. E. Reeder has had his fill of local office holding so 'tis said. If this is so, it is to be regretted, though not at all surprising when considered. He is a man of large business affairs and capacity and believes in the survival of the fittest. He could have easily been elected councilman had he not quietly withdrawn his name from the nomination papers. It was a disappointment to many in not finding his name on the ticket when they voted.

—While it seems a hopeless task to clear away the clouds of Democratic misrepresentation, it may be asserted that Porto Rico will be helped and not hurt by the 25 percent tariff which it is proposed to place upon her products. This will give her a good income from her custom house, and will also give her 75 percent advantage over all the other countries of the world. That is, it frees her citizens from internal taxation and enables them to make a clear profit of 75 percent of the Dingley duties over and above the legitimate profit derived by them in common with other outside people.

—The Fourth-of-July is away off but the Dushore Herald, nevertheless, is having a jolly time shooting his penny fire-crackers and aiming his air gun loaded with sarcastic comment at public officials and respected citizens. Wisely, however, Sullivan county has learned to accept this jealous sneerer with a calm attitude toward his assailants. He complains bitterly at the council fees and the bills paid for clerical work. We trust that the public funds have been judiciously expended. The accounts were examined by the auditors and we believe these bills would have been surcharged had they not found sufficient service rendered for the money paid to have certain books in the commissioners office written up in a manner required by law which has not been done for a long number of years past as the clerks did not know the law or else carefully concealed their knowledge. We, too, believe that public officials should guard well the public funds, and we further believe that a newspaper should represent the needs and hopes of the people, and not spites, selfish ambitions, malevolence and sinister flashes of the editor's thoughts.

How They Voted in Several of the Towns Carried the Union Ticket. of But Two.

Up to the time of going to press the following returns have been made to the Prothonotary:

LAPORTE BOROUGH. Burgess, E. J. Mullen; judge of election, Arthur Miner; inspector, Wm. Heim; auditor, Jacob Fries; school directors, L. R. Gumble, Wm. Kennedy; overseer of poor, John Minnier; councilman, Ed. Schrader; justices of the peace, A. Buschhausen, T. J. Keeler; collector Wm. P. Shoemaker; inspector, Wm. Finkle.

DUSHORE. Burgess, J. H. Yonkin; judge of election, W. Howard Hill; inspectors D. A. Wagner, J. E. Finan; auditor, W. H. Carroll; school directors, C. T. Lawrence, W. F. Randall; overseer of poor, D. E. Mingo; councilman, Henry Obert, Jerome Ortlieb; high constable, Ira Cott; collector, J. H. Farrell.

LAPORTE TWP. Judge of election, Thos. Sheehan; inspectors, Lee Gavitt, J. A. Mosteller; collector, Geo. Karge; constable, K. C. Horn; clerk, E. C. Peters; auditors, Rush Botsford, M. Rouse; school directors, B. B. King, Milton Botsford; overseer of poor, Joseph Shaffer; supervisors, Jacob Jacoby, M. Peterman.

ELKLAND. Judge of election, J. B. Everett; inspectors Ira. Pardoe, Thos. Tompkins; road com., T. S. Kilmer; col., H. E. Fawcett; treasurer, Albert Kay; clerk, U. Bird; auditor, M. E. Wilcox; school directors, B. K. Luther, L. G. Rosbach, John Hart; justice, G. W. Glidewell.

FORKSVILLE BORO. Judge of election, S. L. Calkins; inspectors of election, J. B. Smith, C. A. Haight; burgess, E. C. Gibbs; auditors, H. D. Lancaster, M. D. Rogers, Geo. C. Wright; school directors, R. D. Lancaster, W. M. Calkins; councilmen, M. R. Black, J. N. Campbell; high constable, T. B. Gibbs; collector, John Pardoe; constable, A. A. Collins; justice of peace, J. W. Rogers.

SHREWSBURY Judge of election, Philip Kiesinger; inspectors of elections Ellis Kiesinger, Wm. Palmatier; treasurer, B. P. Bennet; auditors, S. P. Worthington; school director, E. B. Fulmer; overseer of poor, John Deegan; Clerk, Wm. Parsons; collector, M. Taylor; supervisor, Wm. Price.

—Atty. W. Shoemaker received 20 majority; a very complimentary vote for collector. Don't know how it would have effected him if it had been 50.

License Court was held on Monday and the following houses have been granted privileges:

CHERRY TOWNSHIP. Charles E. Jackson, Tavern License, Mildred, Pa. Frank F. Schaal, Distillers " " " " John C. Schaal, Tavern " " " " James Connor, " " " " John Daley, " " " " William Collins, " " " " Patrick McGee, " " " " Ernesta Seemann, " " " " John Gross, " " " " Lenard Hilbert, Wholesale " " " " Manning Gibson, Restaurant " " " " COLLEY TOWNSHIP. Henry McKibbin, Tavern License, Lopez, Pa. Julia Jackson, " " " " James McGee, " " " " W. J. Barry, " " " " William E. Steinfather, Restaurant, License, Lopez, Pa. John H. Yonkin, " " " " DAVIDSON TOWNSHIP. Cyrus B. Hess, Tavern License, Emmons, Pa. Lawrence Finlan, Restaurant, " " " " Daniel H. Lorah, " " " " Ellis Swank, " " " " DUSHORE BOROUGH. William O'Neill, Wholesale License, Dushore, Pa. Robert McGee, Restaurant, " " " " Margaret Connor, " " " " Patrick Daley, " " " " Anthony Bates, Tavern " " " " Michael Cummings, " " " " D. Keele, " " " " EAGLES MERE BOROUGH. William VanBuskirk, Tavern License, Eagles M. FORKSVILLE BOROUGH. James N. Campbell, Tavern License, Forksville, Pa. HILLSGROVE TOWNSHIP. George E. Walker, Tavern License, Hillsgrove, Pa. LAPORTE TOWNSHIP. George M. Fiester, Tavern License, Nordmont, Pa. LAPORTE BOROUGH. Thomas W. Beachen, Tavern License, Laporte, Pa. F. W. Gallagher, " " " " Thomas E. Kennedy, " " " " Four of the applicants were heard in court relative to why they should or should not be granted a license, and the same will be heard from next Monday. They were Messrs Moran and Middendorf, of Muncy Valley. Mr. Moran owns the house and rented it last year to Mr. Middendorf for a period of three years. For non payment of rent Mr. Moran applied for license and wants to occupy his house. At the time Middendorf took possession of the house he purchased a large quantity of liquors of Moran. The money he has paid to Mr. Moran in the meantime, he claims was for rent and wants a license to continue business according to their contract. Mr. Moran applied these payments on the liquor bill. Consequently there are two applicants for the same house. George Fiester of Nordmont, in making application brought a large number of remonstrators to town who were heard by the court. Dennis Keefe of Hillsgrove, is charged with minor offenses against the liquor law.

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In last week's Sullivan Herald an article written by Mr. Scouten, headed "Two lawyers and no client", comment is made on a business transaction of the firm of T. J. and F. H. Ingham. It would seem almost unnecessary to notice this article, except, by letting it go unanswered, some might believe the statement to be true. In justice to my father, as well as myself, I feel that a fair statement of the facts are proper for the public to know. The facts are as follows: In 1894, March 3rd, we received a letter from W. E. & C. A. Little, attorneys of Tunkhannock, enclosing a judgment to be entered against John G. Scouten for \$4000.00, with interest and costs which we duly entered to No. 12 May Term 1894, and thereby became the attorneys of record. In January 1899 my father left home and was absent for about three months. During his absence in looking over the docket to see what judgments, in our care, it would be necessary to revive that the liens should not expire, among others I found the judgment No. 12 May Term 1894, W. L. and Sarah Betts vs John G. Scouten, for \$4000.00 would expire.

As attorneys of record we would be responsible to the plaintiff if the lien was lost through our neglect, I immediately wrote Mr. Scouten, advising him that the lien was about to expire. I received no reply, and at the first opportunity I spoke to him personally about the matter, and ask him to sign an amicable revival or file his receipt if the judgment had been paid: He did neither, so I was compelled to issue Sci. Fa. to revive judgment. This was returnable to the next term, and duly served by the sheriff on Mr. Scouten. It is well known to all attorneys that "In all actions of Assumpsit or Scire Facias the plaintiff shall be entitled to judgment unless the defendant shall file a sufficient affidavit of defence thereto" on or before the return day. No affidavit of defence was filed, and in the regular course of business the matter came up in open court and we asked for judgment. Whether Mr. Scouten was present or not at the time of the taking of the judgment I do not know nor is it of any consequence, as the judgment was taken in open court, at a regular term, at the time of taking judgments, when there were other judgments taken, by other attorneys against other defendants.

On September 28, 1899, James W. Piatt, attorney for John G. Scouten, asked for a rule to show cause why the judgment should not be opened etc. On October 12 1899, Morgan Gavitt came into my office and said he had a paper to serve on me. I saw it was a rule to open judgment in this case and marked on the copy left with me "Served on me Oct. 12 1899," and no part of the paper has been torn off since that time nor changed in any manner. If I had torn the paper in two and thrown it in the waste basket, or destroyed it in any other manner, Mr. Scouten would have no reason for complaint as after the paper was given to me it was our individual paper, simply kept for reference. The paper shows on its face that it is a copy, and it also shows on its face that it is still intact, as on the bottom of it in Mr. Scouten's hand writing are the following words: "I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the original rule issued and granted by the court. (Signed) John G. Scouten, Defendant. (With seal) With the above statement of facts I drop the matter so far as any further newspaper controversy is concerned.

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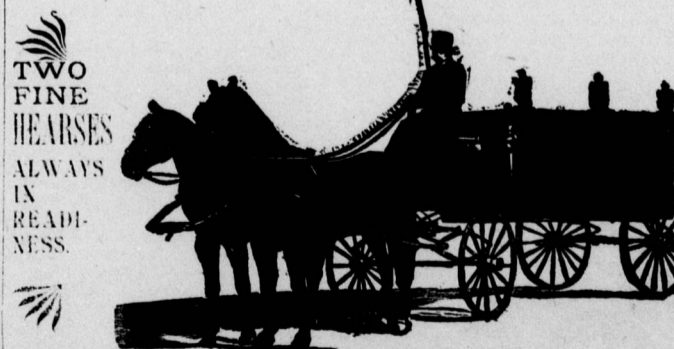
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