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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—A. A. Collins has moved from Forksville to Picture Rocks.

—Judge Dunham was holding court in Bradford county last week.

—The county commissioners were at their office the early part of the week transacting county business.

—Balmy breezes kissed the cheek of gentle spring on Sunday, April 1st, for the first time this season.

—Oscar Snyder left on Tuesday for West Virginia where he expects to remain for some length of time.

—The fair for which the Ladies Aid of the M. E. church has been arranging will be held Friday, April 27.

—Editor and Mrs. Victor Hugo of Dushore, were pleasant callers on friends and relatives in town, Saturday.

—Hon. John S. Line, our able and popular Associate Judge was at the county seat on Friday dealing out justice on legal matters.

—Is Kentucky trying to make a majority for next fall by imprisoning all the Republicans in the State on the charge of killing Goebel?

—Wages in the coal mines of this state has taken another raise, but this has been so common for the last three years that it is hardly worth remarking upon.

—A Chicago statesman shot his enemy twice in succession with great accuracy, and now pleads that the shooting was accidental. He ought to go to Kentucky.

—The Legislative committee of the Pennsylvania State Grange met at Harrisburg and decided to draft a new tax bill for presentation to the next Legislature.

—Over \$250,000 was realized in Luzerne county from the license granted to sell liquor this year. Certainly a big sum of money for the privilege of dispensing liquors in one county.

—S. K. Croman moved from his farm near Glen Mawr on Tuesday to Shanerburg, where he will operate Reeder's saw mill which has commenced work.

—The Ladies Aid of the M. E. church will serve warm sugar at the home of Miss Grimm, Saturday evening, April 7. Price, 10 cents. All are invited.

—Luzerne continues to be one of the centers for divorces. Sixty separations of married couples were granted by the court at Wilkes-Barre last year, and within the past two months the applications for marital dissolution have been filed on an average of three per week.

—Sheriff Gamble, of Lycoming county has been so besieged for permits to witness the hanging of murderer Hummel—over 1000 applications already being filed—that he has found it necessary to issue a card defining the law's restrictions.

—The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist church will do sewing by the afternoon or will take orders for work to be done at their homes. Those wishing work done, please leave orders with Mrs. Keeler. Muslim underwear a specialty. Prices reasonable.

—Wanted, fifty head of cattle and any number of swine to pasture in the streets of Laporte. If further information can not be obtained by applying to the town council, consult with your own desires.

—Baptismal exercises were held at the Baptist church Sunday evening. The church was crowded to its full capacity to hear Rev. Bradford's eloquent sermon and witness the baptizing of Mrs. Rose Andrews and two daughters, Misses Jennie Brink, Tola and Minnie Reese, all of Eagles Mere.

—The "open door" correspondence sent to Congress shows that the United States has secured the greatest possible benefit in China without in any way committing the United States to any policy whatever. This is the greatest diplomatic triumph of the century.

—Emma Gallagher narrowly escaped from drowning in Lake Mokokoma last Sunday while enjoying pastime on the ice, in company with her sister Mame and Winnie Keeler. About ten feet from shore where the water is quite deep, Emma broke through, but by clinging to the ice, prevented herself from going entirely under. Her two companions came to her rescue and pulled her out, quite as much frightened as wet and cold.

—Mrs. Kate M. Craus, of Cherry Twp., has received at the hands of M. A. Scureman, of Dushore, special agent of the Penn Mutual life insurance company, of Philadelphia, the sum of \$2000 the amount of life insurance carried by her late husband Judge Kraus. The Penn Mutual company always pays its losses promptly and in this case the checks were forwarded the next day after proofs of death were received.

—The person who contributes to the contentment between capital and labor does more for humanity than a whole army of talking politicians.

—Yesterday the miners in the hard coal region went out on a strike, not content with the several advances made in their wages during the past two years. More evidence that they can't stand prosperity. They now want the mines, and the labor agitators want an opportunity to raid the treasury of the organization, that has been replenished during the past two years of prosperity. Next.

The home of Mrs. A. L. Grimm of this place was the scene of a pleasant and enjoyable surprise party on Friday night of last week, the occasion being a reception tendered to Rev. Frycklund honoring his return to this place by the recent M. E. conference. Upon his return home from prayer meeting he walked right into the trap purposely set for him. He was exceedingly surprised in finding himself in the midst of a house full of friends so unexpediently, and after regaining his composure he set about entertaining his many guests, and scattering good cheer and welcome all around. Refreshments was appetizingly indulged in at a seasonable hour after which all departed for their homes leaving best of wishes for the genial pastor.

—Laporte—"a pearl cast before swine" or pearls of swine cast upon Laporte; in the former, a possibility, but in the latter a positive reality. We call them "pearls" because the drove that root about our streets are very much like the herds of cattle roaming them, they have been so long and closely associated with town society and summer guests upon our walks of life, excepting only when mothers, wives and daughters take the streets, giving cattle the sidewalks which they much prefer to travel on, that they have acquired remarkable intelligence—intelligence that in some instances far exceeds their owners. One day last week a number of our citizens, who enjoy the privilege of voting for Borough Councilmen, went to the woods to engage in a wood-cutting bee for the church. Our street "pearls" of course joined the crowd this time, being they are not allowed to go to church, which is the only place they are denied access. These intelligent street "pearls" journeyed along to the church wood-see evidently feeling equal to do their share of grunting. Coats and pails were laid aside when work commenced, but when the (would-be) laborers returned to their belongings they, found that the street "pearls" had demolished pails, devoured food, destroyed clothing and had an "annual picnic" of a general order. The good Book tells about "casting devils out of swine," and some of those who were obliged to return home without a coat, must have felt like wishing that the devil had taken those abodes of his along with him, but our council thinks differently, and the owners haven't the pride or ambition for enough respect for the town to take care of them.

—Hon. W. C. Rogers of Forksville is Associate Judge of this county, having received the appointment at the hands of Gov. Stone to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Conrad Kraus.

—There is no more valuable advertisement for a firm whose business covers a large territory than the excellent reputation which is enjoyed by the enterprising firm of Holcomb & Lauer, of Dushore, who deal extensively in furniture and carpets. Their large carpet room is filled with the latest and newest styles. If you are interested in low prices or would rather put down a new carpet when you clean house for less than it will cost to clean the old one don't fail to call on them. Their stock of furniture is said to be the largest in Sullivan county. Many Laporte buyers avail themselves of the advantages this firm offers to customers—old and new.

—Increase in wages continue to be fashionable. The National Tube Co. has just given its second advance within six months, of 10 per cent to more than 20,000 employees. Another instance comes from the York Cotton Mills, of Yorkville, S.C. "Open the mills," said Mr. McKinley in 1896. The sequel is "Good Work and Good Wages."

—An exchange says the country editor gives more to the churches of their community than any other citizen, considering the free advertising given. In looking over our file for the past year we find that the NEWS ITEM has given over \$48 to the churches in advertising. We are glad to have done this much and will do so again, but why not have our name on the subscription paper to that amount, paid up, so that the people can see the elasticity of our generosity.

The Duke of York has accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of shamrock seed, which will be sown upon the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

Announcement has been made that the lectures on "Public Affairs," to be delivered before the students of Princeton University by ex-President Cleveland, would be given on the evenings of April 9 and 10, in University Hall.

The Right Rev. Alexander Burgess, the venerable Bishop of Quincy, Ill. of the Episcopal Church, has for the third time asked for a Coadjutor Bishop.

J. P. Morgan & Co., of New York, announce that only a little over \$3,000,000 of the English war bonds will come to this country. Over \$50,000,000 were subscribed for.

Miner, Beal & Co., wholesale clothiers of Boston, who recently made an assignment, have made a proposition of settlement on a basis of 55 per cent. in five instalments.

The Government of Mexico has decided, in view of reports that the bubonic plague has appeared at San Francisco, that the city shall be regarded as suspicious in a sanitary sense.

James McBeth, master car builder of the New York Central Railroad, has announced an increase of 10 per cent. in the wages of the 1,000 men employed under him in the East Buffalo shops.

Lafayette Post, G. A. R., of New York city, has arranged for the transportation on the transport Summer of 500 United States flags to Manila, for free distribution among the native officials and citizens of that city.

The State Department has issued papers for the extradition of Nathan Musher, detained in London, England, charged with forging notes in New York city and securing \$20,000 on them.

Alexis E. Frye, Superintendent of the Cuban schools, has left Havana for Boston. He will go to Harvard to make arrangements for the trip of the Cuban school teachers to the United States.

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, in his Budget speech showed that the revenue collected last year was \$46,741,249, and the expenditures, \$41,903,500, leaving a surplus of \$4,837,749. There was added to the public debt during the year a little over two million dollars. For the current year Mr. Fielding estimated that the revenue would be over \$50,000,000, and that there would be on June 30 next a surplus of \$7,525,000.

It is reported in Chicago that notice has been given by the Michigan Central and other Vanderbilt lines that the Albany gateway will be opened and kept open. This means that there is little hope of settling the differences that have arisen between the Vanderbilt lines and the northern roads.

A graduate department of pedagogy and a summer school for teachers are to be established at Dartmouth College.

The State Bank of Hardy, Neb., has been visited by burglars. They blew open the safe with dynamite and secured \$4,000.

Assistant Treasurer Vanderlip has advised the House Committee on Coinage, that at most one additional Mint would suffice for all Government needs.

The negotiations looking to a parcels post convention between this country and Nicaragua, which have been in progress for several months, have been completed and the treaty will go into effect June 1.

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IN RE estate of Myron Alfred Peters, late of Laporte township, Sullivan county, Pa., decd. Letters of administration upon the above named estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons having claims against the same will present them for payment, duly authenticated; and those indebted thereto, will please make immediate payment to

T. J. KEELER, Admr.
A. J. Bradley, Atty. Laporte, Pa.
Feb. 15, 1900.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Sullivan county, at Laporte, Pa., March 1, 1900, to distribute the funds paid into court by the hands of the administrators, to and amongst the heirs of Mary McCarty, deceased, as exhibited by their last and final account, will meet all persons interested at my office in the court house, in the Boro of Laporte, on Wednesday, April 4, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.

WM. J. LAWRENCE, Auditor.

PRIVATE SALE.

I offer at private sale the corner lot fronting on Muncy St., fruit trees and good plank barn. MRS. GRIMM, Laporte, Pa.

TO THE PUBLIC.—WHEREAS, Jean Geautier, of Laporte twp., Sullivan county, Pa., is a pauper, who is at present chargeable to the Poor District of said Township, and whereas the Overseers of the Poor of said district have provided said pauper with the necessary means of subsistence by furnishing him with suitable and necessary wearing apparel together with boarding and lodging, in the family of John Rosencrans, in Laporte township; this therefore is to notify all persons not to give said Jean Geautier any credit or to harbor him at the expense of Laporte Township Poor District as said Poor District will pay no bills contracted by him.

JOSEPH SHAFER,
PHILLIP PETERMAN,
Overseers of the Poor of Laporte Township, Sullivan Co. Pa.
April 3, 1900.

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