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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Some typical winter days last week.

Mrs. E. J. Mullen visited Towanda friends the early part of the week.

Chas. L. Wing spent several days of recreation with New York friends, last week.

Chas. R. Lauer and B. F. Crossley, of Dushore, made their regular semi-monthly visit to Laporte, Sunday.

Mrs. H. T. Downs returned from Williamsport last week. She will spend some time in Laporte, where she has a host of friends.

Geo. Jackson, Fred Wilcox, Geo. Caubach and Chance Cunningham, of Dushore, were visitors in town, Sunday.

Mrs. H. W. Osler, Miss Anna Shoemaker and brother, Frank, who were visiting in Philadelphia several weeks, returned to their homes in Laporte, last Saturday evening.

The man who boasts after election of what he achieved with money at the polls, is simply putting a "portrait of his character" on public exhibition.

Frank Grant, who is fireman at the tannery, was painfully burned last week by accidentally falling into part of the furnace while cleaning out the grates. He is unable to work at present.

Michal Downs and wife, of Jamison City, were thrown from a carriage by a runaway horse near their home last Friday morning. Mr. Downs sustaining fatal injuries. Their young child who was in the carriage, escaped unhurt.

Schrock and Gamble's Phonographic Concert Company gave an entertainment in Kennedy's hall Tuesday evening to a crowded house. The entertainment was excellent throughout and equals many high priced shows.

The young people of Laporte, enjoyed themselves at a very pleasant social at the home of Rev. J. T. Bradford, last Friday evening. A large number were present who spent the evening with games and music. Dainty refreshments, consisting of salads, cake and coffee were served. Mr. and Mrs. Bradford and daughter, Miss Grace, have the faculty of making all who come into their home, feel welcome and happy.

The pension department has ruled that "Any pensioner, the victim of strong drink and dissipated habits, who makes a public nuisance of himself, may be investigated by Uncle Sam, and if found guilty is likely to be dropped from the pension rolls.

Max L. Mitchel, was Monday appointed Judge of Lycoming county. The appointment will hold good until Jan. 1, 1902. The election of a Judge for that district will take place next November. Mr. Mitchel was born in 1866, while his father was President of Dickenson Seminary, and is the youngest Judge in the State. He is a graduate of Dickenson College, and is considered one of the brightest young men in Lycoming county.

Mr. H. A. Karnes, who was recently commissioned Notary Public, has opened an office in the law office of S. B. Karns, northwest corner Second and Church streets., any one desiring the services of a magistrate will have prompt and careful attention by Mr. Karns. Special attention and consideration will be given to the filling out of vouchers or other pension papers of soldiers by Notary Public, Karns.—Benton Argus.

Married.—Mr. Albert F. Hess, and Miss Lizzie Rogers both of Elkland, Sullivan county, Pa., were married at the bride's home Wednesday, Nov. 14, 1900. Mrs. Hess is a sister of our newly elected representative, Ed. Rogers and was very popular in Western Sullivan. Mr. Hess is one of the county's rising young men, and is at present employed in the Census Department, at Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hess left immediately after their marriage for Washington, where they will make their home for some time. The News Item joins with the many friends of the young couple, in wishing them a happy voyage through life.

The saw mill along the Loyal Sock creek, near Snyder's camp, owned by Chas. W. Reeder of Hughesville, was burned to the ground at an early hour Sunday morning. The fire started near the end where the boiler was located, but how, no one knows. The mill had been run for a few hours Saturday morning, after which it was shut down for the remainder of the day. James Conner, who lives near the mill, was aroused Sunday morning about five o'clock by the noise of steam escaping from the safety valve of the boiler, and on investigating the cause, discovered the mill in flames. About 1,000 feet of lumber was also destroyed. The mill was estimated at \$2,500, carrying \$1,000 insurance. It is thought that with some repairing, the engine and boiler may be saved. The mill will be rebuilt at once, near the site of the former one.

The Hughesville furniture factory, owned by Boak Bros. was destroyed by fire, early Friday morning, Nov. 16. The factory was one of Hughesville's leading industries, and employed more than one hundred men. The destruction of the factory is a serious loss to Hughesville. The fire started in the ware rooms and was first seen by a small boy, whose father communicated the discovery to the watchman, the alarm was quickly given and the entire population of the town were soon aroused. The firemen worked heroically but the fire was soon beyond their control. Boak Bros. estimate their loss to be over \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

The Ladies Auxialry of the Williamsport Hospital, are contemplating the erection of an addition to the Hospital to be used as a Children's Ward, and invite all pupils of the public schools in Lycoming county to contribute ten cents at Thanksgiving and again as an Easter offering, towards this worthy cause. If there are any who feel unable to contribute ten cents, a less amount will be thankfully received. A Children's Ward is a much needed addition to the Hospital and Sullivan would do well to follow the example of her sister county. If teachers would co-operate with pupils, and parents teach their children a little self-sacrifice, encouraging them to give their mite to a charitable purpose, many of them would be surprised to see what interest and pleasure it affords the young folks to be participants in a good work. Help it along.

Sonestown. Miss Ada Hall has returned from a week's visit to friends at Strawbridge.

Rev. E. B. Dunn is holding protracted meeting at Nordmont.

J. B. Magargle has a new roof over his saw mill.

Miss Anna Shoemaker of Laporte, was the guest of friends in town, Saturday.

J. H. Buck of Strawbridge, is clerking for A. T. Armstrong, in his store below town.

Miss Mary Buck spent a few days at Strawbridge, recently.

Harry Kapler, Ed. Hazzen, Harry Starr and C. Breach have gone to Potter county to work. The I. O. O. F. gave a supper to the members of that order from Hughesville, last Saturday night. After attending lodge at which there were several initiations, the guests were treated to a full supper, including oysters. A very pleasant evening was spent. The gentlemen returned to their homes at 12:30 on a special train.

A show appeared in Lorah's Hall, last Friday evening. Those present report a good time.

Will Kiess and Mrs. Dora Cook spent Sunday with friends at Picture Rocks.

Miss Anna Buck and Mr. Boyd McBride, of Hughesville, were the guests of relatives in town, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Donovan have returned from a short wedding tour. They are making their home with the bride's father, having been unable to find an unoccupied house in town.

Miss Laura Taylor of Tivola, spent Sunday with Miss Nora Crist.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Welch are in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Andrew Edgar made a shopping tour to Williamsport, Monday.

Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, transacted business in Laporte, last Thursday.

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About the Man Who Cl... as to Boss Fox Township

The Scouten paper as well Democratic papers are having a terrible time just now about "Salt Trust". It seems somewhat strange, does it not, that Scouten folks, should just at this time, so exercised about the cost of salt? and yet there is cause to be. It is said that Scouten's boastful heeler, (who coldly claims to have a peculiarly made harness with which he can pull the voters of Fox township, and make them perform as gracefully as ever did trained bear for greasy Italian,) did not intend taking the Salt River trip this fall. He had planned differently. He was sharp enough to know that he would have something to do with and water, but hoped to escape the nauseous and expensive trip up the well known river. Strange to relate! he found along about noon on election day an "empty barrel" in the vicinity of his head quarters in Fox. This he took with him to his home in the quiet valley up the Loyal Sock. He then engaged the Scouten slave he captured in Forksville, after dark on election night, to bring him water from a stagnant pool of the "sock." It was his intention to souse himself every twenty four hours, in the barrel brought from Fox, after filling it with Sock water and rock salt. By these baths he hoped to escape the Salt river trip, and to also keep the three cents left from the Scouten fund, for his very, very, own. However it was clearly demonstrated that several tons of salt would be needed to keep this cute braggart of the West from being fresh, and on learning that the Salt Trust was to be in control he feared the cost would be too great, and so the Cute Bold Boss of Fox has decided to take the trip with the sly, upright Boss of Dushore. It is to be hoped that the managers of the Salt River boat will be kind to these travelers, for look! see! how near they came to carrying the United States for Bryan. But there stands on the back porch an empty barrel, and a white slave treads the peaceful streets of Forksville bleating for his master. SHUNK.

Uncle Sam is able to hire men cheaper than the greatest trust on earth. Perhaps the most remarkable case on record has recently been called to the attention of the Postmaster-General. It is the custom of the Post-Office Department to mail checks to various fourth class post-offices once each quarter, and at the end of July the usual batch of checks was made out. It was then discovered that Frank Lynch, who carries the mail between Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and Mineral Point, nine miles away, had not received a check in the three previous quarters and hence it became necessary to include the amount for a year's work in his check. The amount was exactly one cent, and as our currency does not boast of quarter-cent pieces, Mr. Lynch was unable to collect his salary quarterly, and it will be another year before he gets his second check for one cent. Curiously collectors have offered him as much as twenty dollars for the one cent check.

This remarkable contract with the Government, to carry mail nine miles each day at one cent a year, was made a little over a year ago. Mr. Lynch took the contract at this extremely small salary in order to secure the route as the passenger traffic nets him a snug sum. When the bids were opened in Washington it was found that the three lowest offers were 1 cent, 39 cents and \$1.50.

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Return day, December 10, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. 1 George M. Thrasher vs John Biddle and Wm. Weaver, No. 168 May term 1899. Ejectment. Plea, not guilty. 2 F. H. Tomlinson vs David Mark, No. 144 Sept. term 1897. Felony issue. 3 Henry L. Middendorf vs Mrs. Winifred Sturdevant, No. 49 December term, 1899. Pliffs appeal. Plea non assumpsit. Mullen, J. Inghams. 4 Edward Warburton, trustee of the estate of Margaret Norton vs John Ward Norton, No. 41 December term 1899. Ejectment. Plea, "not guilty." Bradley, J. Platt. 5 Orval Fritz vs Howard Lyon doing business as the Lyon Lumber Co. No. 8 February term 1900. Defendants appeal. Plea, Non assumpsit. Payment, payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. 6 Philip Secules vs Howard Lyon doing business as the Lyon Lumber Co. No. 1 May term 1900. Defendants appeal. Plea, Non assumpsit. Payment, payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. 7 Samuel M. Mott vs W. W. Jackson Admr. D. B. N. C. F. A. of the estate of Geo. D. Jackson decd. and Rodney A. Merour, No. 50 May term 1900. Assumpsit. Plea, Non assumpsit, payment with leave to give special matter in evidence. 8 The Lake Mokoma Land Co. vs James McFarlane, No. 67 May term 1900. Trespass. Plea, not guilty. W. M. LAWRENCE, Prothonotary. Prof. h. office, Laporte Pa., Oct. 27, 1900.

A. L. Smith's communication which appeared in the Herald last week describing the western section of the county as a cesspool of corruption needs no explanation or comment from the News Item. It speaks for itself and reads as follows:

CHAIRMAN SCOUTEN. We all rejoice with you in the over-throw of Quayism in Sullivan county, and if the Republican party can stand four years more of taxation and war we will try and endure it with them.

Well, I went to Fox Monday evening, November 5, and listened to some very able speeches on the "Liquor Question" and I had to endorse the most that was said. The people out there, at least most of them, gave me a hearty welcome. I stopped at Hotel Porter and they kept right on putting up such meals as we got when you was there with me—good enough for a king. I arose bright and early Tuesday morning and went down to the office that our friend Hiekok gave me full control of for the day, and opened up our fire on the enemy. The first twenty votes were ours. By the way, the Doctor also had an office over Campbell's store, and Campbell got down his books early and commenced giving the "boys" credit with different amounts. They kicked some on that as they wanted the cash and did not care if it was a silver dollar. At 11 o'clock it was evident we had them "knocked out" and I ordered up twelve good dinners—we got good ones, too.

I started for home about three o'clock and met Adam on his way home. The moment I saw him I knew our boys had "done" them and as I neared the election house at Eldredsville I saw three figures struck dumb—Henry Fawcett, Esquire Bird and the boy who came home from Washington to vote.

Reached home at dark to find they had stolen one of my men and sent him hunting. But I got on another hustle and landed him all safe. I had three cents left and was so sorry that Crossley did not have that to buy Wing with. Wing said something about my being a "balance wheel;" well, I am always glad to become a balance wheel in a good cause. He also said something about my losing my "caste." When he looks over the returns from Fox he must think I had taken on something. Our wise Sheriff told me last May that I was "a dead duck politically." He too must think that I am a lively duck yet, because he spent more time in Fox than I did. Surely the Quayites did the star dirty trick—forged names and had their prothonotary send out statements when and where Meyers once went, his brother's bondsman, etc., etc.—but all of no avail, for which we are very thankful.

Yours, A. L. SMITH. Administrator's Notice. Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned upon the estate of Mrs. S. H. G. Pardoe late of Forks Township, Sullivan County, Pa., decd. All persons indebted to said estate are required to make no delay in payment; and all persons having claims against said estate are required to present same duly authenticated for settlement to H. C. PARDOE, Administrator. Millview, Pa., Nov. 7, 1900. Estray Notice.—Come to my premises in Eagles Mere Boro', Sullivan county, Pa., on Oct. 28, 1900, a yearling albany heifer, right side of face is white, no other mark on her.

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