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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

- Bad colds are prevalent. -The nine-tenth century is drawing to a close. -Miss Winnie Keeler is ill with tonsillitis. -The ship subsidy bill seems to be sailing a rough sea. -Mr. Henry C. Pardoe and wife of Millview, were county seat visitors Monday. -Joseph Newman of Nordmont, was transacting legal business in town, Saturday. -Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Willson were visiting friends in Williamsport, the early part of the week. -The M. E. Sunday School will entertain the public with exercises and a Christmas tree on Tuesday night. -Chas. R. Lauer of Dushore was very ill with the grip, last week. His sister, Mrs. Barrows of Laporte, is attending him.

-A bill will be introduced into the Vermont legislature calling for the loan of \$10,000,000 to be expended entirely on the roads in that state.

-A. P. Wieland and Ray Kessler the new firm of Wieland and Kessler, general merchants of Normmont, were business men in Laporte, Friday.

-New lamps of a modern improved style have been placed in the court room which will greatly improve the much needed change for a better light.

-If you have made a will and expect it to stand the test of law, you must be careful on all occasions not to make improper observations about the weather. A preoccupied mind may, in a will contest, be considered an evidence of mental incompetency.

-Following the usual custom there will be no issue of the News Item next week, it being Christmas vacation for the printers. Our next issue will appear Jan. 3, 1901. We will now extend to all News Item readers our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Century.

-Atty. A. J. Bradley has purchased of Mrs. C. E. Grimm the corner lot on Main and Muncy streets, and is having the store building thereon, now occupied by Joe Cooper, raised to a two story structure, the top floor to be occupied as his law office. Chas. Lawrence with a crew of workmen is rushing the work to an early completion as Mr. Bradley's present office in the county building will be turned over to the newly elected district attorney on the first of the new year.

Stolen Diamond Returned. CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.-The one missing diamond of the 20 stolen by Express Messenger Hoffman from the Adams Express company was returned to Deputy Police Superintendent Rowe Sunday evening. The deputy superintendent had guests at home Sunday evening, and just after the last of them had left a rap came at the front door of his residence. A small boy handed the officer a brown envelope and, stating that there was no answer, disappeared. Deputy Superintendent Rowe opened the envelope, and in it was the missing diamond. On a slip of paper were the words, "This is the Adams Express company's diamond." The identity of the small boy is not known, and who sent the diamond to the deputy superintendent is also a mystery.

Court Notes.

Comth. vs Thos. Mahaffey et al; Comth vs Chas. Hess et al: Nol pros to be entered in these cases on payment of costs.

Frank C. Bird vs Cinda Bird; rule for alimony, continued to next term. Comth. vs Grover Brown, Frank Molyneux; true bill. Verdict, not guilty and prosecutor A. T. Molyneux to pay costs. Not a true bill in 2d count of larceny. 3d count of burglary, not guilty.

W. L. Woodruff vs W. W. Jackson et al: rule granted on plaintiff to show cause why he should not give security for costs.

John O. Connell is discharged as guardian of Timothy O'Connell's heirs and surties released from liability.

H. W. Hill vs Chas Pfbaum; execution stayed upon petition and rule granted to show cause why Fi Fa should not be stricken off.

Comth. vs A. C. May, true bill, selling liquor without license. Not answering to call in open court his bail D. Brown and H. A. Kramer of \$800, is forfeited. Attachment is directed to be issued for the Deft.

Comth. vs Geo. Brown, not a true bill and prosecutor A. T. Molyneux to pay costs.

Petition of John Weisbrod et al: vs The School Directors of Forks Twp. Upon petition the facts set forth in supplemental petition to be answered within 15 days.

The division line between Davidson and Laporte townships confirmed absolutely.

Frank Cox vs Dushore Water Co. report of viewers to assess damages confirmed ni si.

Report of viewers for damage on Big Bottom Road through lands of G. Lamber and also bridge over Lick Creek in Forks Twp. confirmed ni. si.

F. H. Tomlinson vs E. E. Webb; Continued until next term; testimony of both parties to be taken before T. J. Keeler at Laporte on January 2, 1901.

Dissolution of Sutton, Peck & Co., approved by the Court and liquidating trustees are discharged.

Catherin Kinnerman vs Albert Kinnerman; divorce granted.

Hayes Pitcoe & Co. vs W. B. Snider; a rule for an interpleader is granted.

Comth. vs Chas. Terry, selling liquor without license; true bill found Court direct attachment to be issued against defendant.

Edward Warburton trustee vs J. W. Norton; verdict for plaintiff.

Orval Fritz vs Howard Lyons; verdict for plaintiff in sum of \$27.04. Rule granted to show cause why a new trial should not be granted.

Wm. B. Foster vs Hattie Foster; Sheriff is directed to make proclamation in divorce.

Grand jury did not concur in report of viewers for bridge over Mill Creek in Hills Grove Twp. and recommended that said township erect the bridge.

Assignment of John W. Buck; inventory of appraisal filed and approved, bond on file.

Philip Secules vs Howard Lyons; Verdict for defendant; reasons for new trial allowed to be filed.

Robert E. Keeler vs Ida Keeler; subpoena in divorce directed to issue.

Teachers' County Institute.

Thirty-eights Annual Teachers' Institute for Sullivan County will be held in Kline's Opera House, Dushore, Pa., Dec. 31, 1900 to Jan. 4, 1901.

The session will open at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday and close Friday at noon. The following instructors will be present: Hon. Nathan C. Schaeffer, Supt. of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, Pa.; Dr. J. H. Harris, Pres. Bucknell University; Prof. J. W. Moyer, Philadelphia; Prof. C. M. Parker, Binghamton, N. Y. Evening entertainments.-Monday, Dr. Schaeffer; Tuesday, Dr. Harris; Wednesday, L. B. Cake and wife; Thursday, Metropolitan Concert company, N. Y.

The law requires that all schools shall be closed during the week and provides that teachers shall be paid for the time spent at the institute. No teacher who values his professional reputation can afford to absent himself from the County Institute. Persons holding certificates, but not at present engaged in teaching, prospective teachers, and teachers in private schools, are cordially invited to enroll as members.

The enrolling committee will be at the hall from 9 a. m. Monday until the opening of institute. Teachers are requested to enroll immediately upon their arrival. Reserved seats are to be selected at the

time of enrollment and all confusion and delay will be avoided by attending to this matter before noon. Those who come first will have the choice of seats. The fee for teachers is one dollar, and enrollment cards admit the holder to all entertainments.

The Sullivan County School Directors Association will meet with the Institute at 1:30 p. m. Wednesday. Every School Director in the County is cordially invited. The convention will be addressed by the State Superintendent.

The best talent available has been secured for the Institute. The entertainment course is the best ever before offered in the county. A cordial invitation to attend all the sessions of the institute is hereby extended to all who feel an interest in the cause of education.

F. W. MEYLER, Co. Supt.

Muncy Valley.

One day last week some of the sporting men proposed a hunting match and the losers were to pay for a supper. It was decided to let the Ladies' Aid Society prepare the game supper and charge 25c a plate. J. L. Derr and C. J. Secules were chosen for the leaders. Mr. Derr chose Frank Magargel, A. P. Starr, Geo. Hopper, Harvey Johnson, Thos. Moran, Herbey Bennett and Hurley Fenstermaker. Mr. Secules chose A. Anderson, Clayton Gower, Ulysses Johnson, Geo. Meyers, D. Palmatier, Jos. Moran, Harl Bigger, Elmer Bigger and Birdie Miller to help him. On Friday the boys struck out and when night came they returned some with game, others with none.

Derr's party came in first, with their game. When Secules' party came in they received a call from the other side, and much to their surprise found that Mr. Secules had a turkey, supposed to be a wild one, this discovery left Derr far behind, and not wishing to be out done some of his boys went to W. A. Warner and bought a turkey, thoughtlessly cutting its head off, this was done with the intention of having a wild turkey to their account, but this ruse failed to work, and seeing they were beaten eight points, they went home feeling sore over their defeat. The Ladies' Aid gave their supper the following Saturday evening, when every one called for a piece of that wild turkey. The Ladies were complimented on the excellence of the supper, of which the proceeds were \$16. Some one said, it made A. P. sick, but we do not know whether they meant the hunting or the big supper he ate.

WANTED.-Twenty good teams to haul lumber from Forksville to Laporte. Apply to Paulhamus and Sones, Williamsport, Pa.

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 immediate 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.

Estate of Martha J. Sinclair, late of Laporte Township, Sullivan County, 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 JOSEPH S. NEWMAN, Admr. Nordmont, Sullivan Co., Pa. A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte Pa. Dec. 14, 1900.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, Wm. B. Foster vs Hattie A. Foster. No. 3, September term, 1900. In Divorce

To Hattie A. Foster, respondent in the above case, you are hereby notified, in pursuance of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, to be and appear in said Court at Laporte, on the fourth Monday of February, next, at two o'clock p. m. to answer the petition or libel heretofore prepared by the libellant Wm. B. Foster your husband, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Wm. B. Foster should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Hereof fail not, under the penalty of having said petition heard and a decree of divorce granted against you in your absence.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., Dec. 18, 1900.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.-With the largest foreign Christmas mail ever dispatched from the New York postoffice the Lucania of the Cunard line sailed at noon Saturday for Queenstown. There were 2,043 sacks, containing more than 20,000 registered packages, distributed among all European countries.

The Kentucky Leaves Smyrna. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 18.-The United States battleship Kentucky, Captain Chester M. Colby, has sailed from Smyrna on her way to Manila. Mr. Lloyd C. Griseom, United States charge d'affaires, gave a concert to the members of the diplomatic corps.

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CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The first issue of the London Sun under the editorship of Rev. Dr. Parker has appeared.

The agrarian provinces comprising 200 square miles around Leutschau, Hungary, are famine stricken.

A red haired Italian girl was the first immigrant to land at the new depot at Ellis Island, New York harbor.

The French government has ordered cases of Chinese loot sent to President Loubet embargoed at Marseilles.

A Lehigh Valley coal train dashed into an electric car at Luzerne, Pa., completely wrecking it and injuring seven people.

Monday, Dec. 17.

The discovery of magnificent waterfalls in the Canadian Rockies was announced at Winnipeg.

Oswald Ottendorfer, editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, died after many years of suffering.

William J. Bryan announced that he would establish a new weekly, to be called The Commoner, to uphold the Chicago platform.

Telephoning without wires was successfully accomplished at Minneapolis. The distance was over 1,000 feet across the Mississippi river.

The antique golden vase given by orphans of Lima, Peru, to orphans of the Galveston flood reached New York and will be exhibited for sale.

The official report of the finances of the Paris exposition shows a loss of \$400,000. The total of expenditures is \$23,300,000. The receipts amounted to \$22,900,000.

Representative Boutelle's physician announced that he showed improvement, leading to the hope that he might be taken home, but that he would never be fitted for work.

Saturday, Dec. 15.

The Taft Philippine commission has passed a liquor license law for Manila. Hamilton Harris, former counsel of the New York Central railroad, died in Albany.

Professor G. W. Tyrrell has discovered rich forests on the so called barren lands of northern Canada.

The Order of Chosen Friends, a fraternal insurance association doing business in 30 states, has failed.

The skeleton of a man was found in the hull of the American line steamer St. Paul at Cramps' shipyard.

In New York city Alexander Stewart, a 14-year-old boy, was sentenced to 20 years in prison for murder.

Miners in the Shamokin region will receive this month over \$275,000, the largest pay roll ever known there.

The jury in the case of Jessie Morrison, on trial at El Dorado, Kan., for murder of Mrs. Olin Castle, disagreed.

Friday, Dec. 14.

Michael C. Mulhall, the statistician, died in London.

Ernest Brenner of Bale has been elected president of Switzerland.

The Alaskan and Klondike gold output for the year is estimated at \$25,725,000.

A woman who lived near Rochester committed suicide by taking three kinds of poison.

Four masked men robbed John Doerschuck's private bank at Shanesville, O., of between \$3,000 and \$4,000.

Patrick F. McCabe, an aged man, committed to the New York almshouse, was found to have \$900 pinned to his shirt.

A number of electors in Caribou, B. C., agreed to let a jackpot decide whom of three parliamentary candidates they would vote for.

Thursday, Dec. 13.

The Illinois circuit court upheld the antitrust laws.

Professor Marshall Henshaw of Amherst died suddenly at Springfield, Mass.

The river and harbor bill will carry \$20,000,000 and authorize \$35,000,000 more.

It has been discovered that the Portuguese settlement of Macao is a point of Filipino insurgent activity.

The official canvass showed that McKinley's plurality in New York state was 143,906 and Odell's 111,126.

General Alger, former secretary of war, was thrown down by a thief whom he found in his house in Detroit.

A nonunion telegraph operator was driven from the Santa Fe station at Sedalia, Colo., and shot in the arm.

The report of the New York Lying In Hospital society showed a birth rate of a child every ten minutes on Manhattan Island.

Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The government's side of the Neely extradition case was presented to the supreme court.

It was officially announced at the Hague that the trouble with Portugal was not serious.

W. J. Bryan will be guest of honor at inauguration of Governor Elect Jennings of Florida on Jan. 1.

Supreme court has dismissed contempt proceedings brought against Standard Oil company by the attorney general of Ohio.

Former Queen Liliuokalani listened to a Thanksgiving sermon devoted to the blessings of annexation in a Honolulu church.

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