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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

Mr. Samuel Ritter is visiting with Towanda friends this week.

Miss Margaret Donovan is visiting her parents at Muncy Valley.

Mr. Percy Bivans of Pittsburg, was a guest at the Laporte Hotel last week.

Atty. and Mrs. E. J. Mullen spent Christmas with relatives at Overtown.

Chas. Coleman and wife of Newberry, Pa., visited friends in town on Christmas.

W. H. Lawrenson of North Mountain was a business man at the county seat Monday.

Mrs. E. V. Ingham and sister, Miss Josephine Colt of Eagles Mere spent Christmas with Judge Ingham and family.

The County Commissioners were at their office the early part of the week, settling up the accounts of the old year.

All doubts as to Bryan's sincerity will have vanished when he is known to exist on an editor's rations. The sacrifice is very great.

Mr. A. E. Tripp returned home last week from Ralston where he has been engaged at carpenter work for the past month. He was called to Shunk on Saturday by the illness of his father, Benj. Tripp.

Contractor Chas. Lawrence has completed the second story added to the clothing store to be used by A. J. Bradley as a law office. The building now presents a much finer appearance and adds greatly to the improvements of Laporte.

The entertainment in the Baptist church Christmas Eve was fully up to its usual standard of excellence. The tree was well filled with neat and tastefully wrapped packages and the entire school was treated. A large collection was lifted for the benefit of the State Baptist Orphans' Home.

Miss Lizzie Hassin of this place, was united in marriage on Wednesday of last week to Robert E. Little, by Rev. J. A. Enright, at Mildred. The young couple were attended by Miss Lizzie Jordan as bridesmaid and Warren Watson as best man. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Little went to their new home in Nordmont.

Too much Christmas enthusiasm placed John Hassin in the toils of the law last week, the offence being bad language used in an altercation with Mrs. A. Buschhausen over a purchase of some goods at the store. He was arraigned before Squire Keeler, given a hearing and found guilty. On payment of a small fine and costs he was liberated.

Christmas, New Year, New Century! Wonderful season! It found some of us glad, some of us sad, but all of us in hope. Whether those hopes are to be fulfilled during the future years or not, every one when in good health, has reason to be thankful for living and enjoying the advent of this most glorious twentieth century.

A merry load of young people of this place drove to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lowe in Laporte township last Saturday evening to give a surprise party to their son Walter, who is home on a vacation from the Scranton Commercial College. All those attending report an excellent good time.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will give an oyster supper at the home of Mrs. H. W. Osler on Friday evening, January 11. Those who are not fond of oysters will be served with a choice and tasty repast. An enjoyable evening is promised to all those who attend.

The New Item home almanac for 1901 consisting of about 50 pages of fine illustrations and interesting reading on the history of Greater New York has been issued and mailed to News Item advertisers and job printing patrons. To people not on the subscription list the price of the almanac will be 10c. Subscribers who wish the almanac mailed must send 4c to cover postage. When in town, call for one at the office.

Robert Guy of Mildred, formerly a mine foreman at Bernice has lately changed his occupation and opened a hotel at Mildred as will be seen by a business card in this issue. He has purchased the Collins hotel property and changed the name to Hotel Guy. Mr. Guy is the right man in the right place and will be glad to meet old friends and new ones too when in Mildred. One of the chief charms of his place will be the genial proprietor himself. The prestige of this hostelry will never grow dim while "Bob" is in charge and we predict a huge success for him in his new business.

Christmas services were held at the M. E. church Christmas night. The attendance was very large. Many stood, besides chairs occupied in the aisles and every available space. The Christmas trees and decorations were beautiful. The new platform for the choir made the exercises much more interesting because the audience was able to see the little children. No offerings were taken as it was the idea to furnish a Christmas treat for the public free. After the school had been treated to candy there still remained a large number of sacks which were distributed among the audience.

Miss Eva Lawrence came from Bloomsburg to spend Christmas with her parents at this place. Miss Jeannette Spencer of Picture Rocks, spent the holidays with her mother and sisters in Laporte. Miss Phoebe Coleman visited her parents at Benton, during the holidays. Miss Eliza Shant who is attending school at Towanda, spent her vacation with Judge and Mrs. Dunham.

Mrs. E. E. Wrede entertained a party of young people at a five o'clock tea last Thursday, in honor of her daughter, Miss Jessie, who is home on a vacation from Millersville State Normal School. Those present were the Misses Bessie, Jessie and Mollie Wrede, Ina Osler, Emma Ritter, Eva Lawrence and May Mason, Mr. Walter Lowe, Harry Landon, Parker Lowe, Saylor Lawrence, Joe Wrede.

The United States Army Recruiting Station, at 212 Pine Street, Williamsport, Pa., is now open to receive applicants for enlistment. Applicants must be of good character and habits, able bodied, free from disease, able to speak and write the English language, and must be between the ages of eight-teen and thirty-five years. Enlistments are to be made for Infantry, Cavalry and Artillery. Any further information required will be cheerfully furnished by Sergeant McGinnis, who is in charge of this Station.

Married on Christmas, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Eagles Mere, Pa., Miss Tollie Reese and Mr. G. W. Taylor, of Tivola, Pa., the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. T. Bradford of the First Baptist Church of Laporte, Pa. After the ceremony the friends were invited to a turkey dinner, with all the necessary adjuncts, which was greatly enjoyed by all present. Tender and loving congratulations were showered upon the happy pair by relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor will reside at Tivola, Pa. Our best wishes are offered to them for a very happy future.

The latest reports from Harrisburg shows that the great battle is decidedly in Col. Quay's favor. W. T. Marshall has been elected Speaker of the House and Dr. W. P. Snyder President pro tem. These are two of the three predictions made by Col. Quay the day after election; and they have come true. His third prediction was "There is no doubt of my own election as United States Senator."

Sudden Death of Estimable Young Lady.

It is the sad duty of the News Item to chronicle the untimely death of Miss Fannie E. Rogers, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rogers, of Forksville, Pa., which occurred early Saturday morning, in Philadelphia where she had been for several months pursuing musical studies. About three weeks ago she was stricken with typhoid fever. Her mother was at once summoned to her bedside and with the aid of a trained nurse administered to the sufferer, but in spite of skilled medical attention and tender ministrations, the end came. Her body was brought to Forksville and the burial took place on Thursday.

Miss Rogers was a young lady of rare personal charms. She possessed a bright, happy disposition and a kind heart. Her cheerful disposition and friendliness endeared her to all who knew her. She was gifted with a rich, sweet soprano voice and therefore had gained much popularity as a vocalist, to which several years of study had given promise of a brilliant musical career. In this case, the old adage, "Death loves a shining mark," is truly exemplified, as her life promised to be of great usefulness and success. She was past 22 years of age.

The sympathy of an entire community goes out to the bereaved parents and brothers in their sad and unexpected affliction.

On Monday night at the first Baptist church, Elder J. T. Bradford, pastor, a midnight service was held, watching out the old century and watching in the new century. Service occurred at 10:30 with a good congregation of townpeople irrespective of creed, and the meeting was very spiritual and enjoyable. The service consisted of song, prayer, and speaking by friends who were present, and a thoughtful and appropriate address by pastor Bradford, on the subject, "Standing between two centuries." The service was concluded at the proper time with prayer by Mr. Albert Conkling, and the congregation singing "Blest be the ties." Benediction by pastor Bradford.

A dozen farmers in the eastern part of Lycoming county, during the past week, have found them selves the victims of a shrewd swindling game, and it is estimated that the promoters of the scheme have garnered about \$3,000 as the result of their cupidity.

In the early part of the fall, when the buckwheat was beginning to head up nicely, several smooth-tongued strangers visited the farmers for the purpose of purchasing options on their buckwheat crops. The strangers, who appeared to be familiar with farming and crop growing, placed an estimate on a field of buckwheat, offered a certain price for the same and tendered a payment to close the bargain. In most of the cases heard from where sales were effected the buyers paid \$25 on the bargain. "As a matter of business," they said, a receipt for the amount paid was required, so that they could show to their employers how much and with whom the business was done. These "receipts" now turn out to have been "skin-tight" notes, and they have come back to the farmers raised to \$250. The buckwheat crop was harvested and garnered, but the "purchasers" failed to come for the grain. During the past week those who sold their fields have been notified by banks in this city and other nearby towns that notes bearing their signature had been sent to them for collection. Now the farmers are wondering whether they can catch the fellows who fleeced them.

Mr. Joe Cooper, the clothier, is spending a week with his parents in Elmira, N. Y.

At a regular meeting of Hills Grove Lodge No. 305 held at their hall Dec. 15, 1900, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst, after a brief and severe illness, our beloved brother, Elmer Kresge.

Resolved: That in the death of Brother Kresge this lodge has lost an esteemed friend and an honest and upright member. Resolved: That this lodge extends their heart felt sympathy to the widow and friends of the deceased. Resolved: That out of respect for our departed brother, this lodge room be suitably draped for a period of thirty days. Resolved: That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of our

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lodge and a copy be sent to the widow and friends. Wm. N. Harrison, Committee Elwood Labar, Joseph Bache.

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

Gallantry Caused His Death. SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Dec. 25.—William Carter of Paterson, N. J., a passenger conductor on the Erie railroad, is dead as the result of the loss of one of his legs which occurred in this place a week ago. He was injured while escorting an Oswego lady who had taken the wrong train at Binghamton to the train which would take her home. He had been in the employ of the Erie railroad for 30 years and was very popular. He was a veteran of the civil war and leaves a widow.

The Pacific Revenue Fleet. SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—Chief Engineer James A. Doyle of the revenue cutter service has completed his annual inspection of all the vessels in the revenue fleet on the Pacific coast, finishing his work here, where he examined the Bear, Grant, Rush and Perry. He has already issued specifications for the usual annual repairs to the vessels and is now preparing his full report. The present Pacific coast fleet, he says, is in fine condition.

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.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of DuShore, Pa. At close of business, Dec. 2, 1900. RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts, \$167,797.28; U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation, 12,500.00; Premium on United States Bonds, 1,000.00; Stock Securities, 15,100.00; Furniture, 1,200.00; Due from Banks Approved reserve A.C.T., 83,843.07; Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer, 625.00; Specie and Legal Tender Notes, 17,770.54; Review stamps, 225.41; Total, \$296,786.30.

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. M. D. SWARTS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Dec. 1900. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

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., dec'd. 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, dec'd. Letters of administration 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, Adm'r. Nordmont, Sullivan Co., Pa. A. J. BRADLEY, Atty. Laporte Pa. December 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 full 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.

Campbell, The MERCHANT SHUNK PA. Have just received my new Fall and Winter line of mens, youths and childrens' Clothing, consisting of: Mens' all wool Suits from \$4.50 to 11 25; Youths' " " 3 60 to 7 10; Children's " " 90 to 3 60. Over coats for all ages and sizes, both storm and dress. Call and examine goods and prices before going elsewhere, for I can save you from \$1. to 3.00 on a suit or overcoat. It is a pleasure for me to show our goods and give prices. Please call. Yours very respectfully A. E. CAMPBELL. HIGHEST Market Price paid for Butter and Eggs.

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