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LAPORTE, SULLIVAN COUNTY PA., THURSDAY, JULY 16, 1903.

75 CTS. PER YEAR

RICKETTS.

Mr. Geo. Kitchen and Miss Dora Brown, daughter of S. K. Brown, were married recently and are now back in Ricketts.

Mr. Mat Buttles and Miss Gertrude Hess were married last week and are now living with J. C. Dyer.

A slight fire occurred at the stove factory Thursday evening but was put out before any damage was done.

A large portion of our inhabitants spent the 4th away from home.

Mr. H. O. Harvey, the Lehigh Valley agent is on a weeks vacation. Mort Pealer was at Lopez over Sunday visiting his wife who has returned from the hospital.

Mr. J. H. Terril and family are occupying their house for the summer.

The P. O. S. of A. elected new officers last week: Mr. S. K. Brown, Past Pres.; F. O. Kuhns, Pres.; J. D. Place, Vice Pres.; J. H. Houser, Master of Forms; David Place, Financial Sec'y.; A. A. Schock, Treas.; Theo. Sluyter, Recording Sec'y.; Arthur Knowles, conductor; Fred Bogart, Inspector; Ed. Snyder, Guard; Dr. Mintzer, delegate to State Camp, W. S. May, alternate.

Hon. W. C. Rogers Dangerously Ill.

Hon. W. C. Rogers, who has been under special treatment by Dr. F. H. Randall in Dushore, the past several weeks, was taken to a Philadelphia hospital last Saturday. He is reported to be a very sick man, suffering with kidney trouble. His many Sullivan county friends will await for a better change in his condition with much anxiety.

ESTELLA.

The 4th passed off rather quietly, a few of the stay-at-homes enjoyed a drunken stampede in the evening, but take it as a whole Estella did not do so bad after all.

Lincoln Falls had a Sunday school picnic on the 4th.

Trouble caused Mrs. Samuel Vargason Jr. to take a dose of laudanum recently, but by the prompt assistance of Dr. Davies her life was spared.

Geo. More spent the 4th at Athens and Sayer.

Floyd More, Will Maguire, Polly Birdsall, George Wheatley, Carl Bird and Molly Birdsall spent the 4th at Dushore.

Harry Green of Hillsgrove, was a pleasant caller at Wm. More's Saturday evening and Sunday.

Mrs. C. B. Wheatley visited her parents at Long Valley last week.

There was a very pleasant family gathering at the home of J. M. Osler at Lincoln Falls, on the 4th of July. Those present were H. W. Osler and family of Bernice, Dr. I. N. Osler and family of Dushore, Joseph W. and family of Pittsburg, U. G. Little and family, M. L. Randall and family and Boyd Osler who is unmarried and lives at home with his parents.

C. J. Fuller had his shoulder blade broken and otherwise badly shaken up by coming in collision with Arthur Kay's bicycle.

C. A. Boyles is sick with quinsy.

Thos. Tomkins Jr. was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Hunsinger, by Squire Tocvan, last week.

A jolly load of young people from Forksville, under the care of Mr. Calkins, picniced at the Falls Wednesday evening.

COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Readers

Columns of Interesting Items Gathered by Our Special Corps of Hustling Correspondents in Many Towns.

EAGLES MERE.

There is a cow in this town that while she switches the shortest kind of a tail, yet has the longest kind of a tail of woe which she sings at night commencing shortly after the Whip-poor-Will concert is closed, and ending at any old time. There is a law here to keep cows shut up, but it can't make this old cow keep her mouth shut up after her kind master ties her to a post and goes "away off" to his comfortable bed. The P. O. Club is at work trying to frame a law that will make the press gag law look like 30 cents, and her ladyship had better prepare for the worst. An influential member gets no rest at night and so has to "sleep day times, which seriously interferes with his usefulness as a day laborer. We have jobs here in town over which everyone connected with the work can sleep except the man who has to pay for the job. And yet another member of the Club who has read in some sort of a book about Gabriel's Trumpet is in trouble too. He falls asleep but when the tale of woe starts he is sure that it is the sound of the last trumpet, springs out of bed and starts for the hills, when another mournful sob from old shortly, in a different key brings him to his senses. Being a pious man he says nothing but his prayers, but he will vote for the gag law all right enough. The President of the Club who has made an examination says that it is the way the owner of old bossy votes which gives the poor old cow so much pain she just has to bawl.

Bogart has a telephone sign, a barber shop sign, a \$50 reward sign, a steamboat sign, a shirt manufactory sign and a laundry sign posted on the outside of his building, but there is not any sign readidg "Beware of the fresh paint.

Kehrer has cleaned up his yard back of the store and removed all boxes, barrels and unsightly things. The P. O. Club people are mad and there is a movement on foot to buy a peanut roaster for their very own.

Its going to take something besides faith to move that railroad track from Eagles Mere avenue.

The girls bathing suits for this season are modest little things. In fact one would hardly know they were there if it were not for the beautiful bright colors displayed.

The city horse with his "new fangled" bonnet is in town, and every old country plug wears a smile.

HILLSGROVE.

Archie Williams severed his big toe from the foot while peeling bark. Dr. Davies is in attendance.

Mrs. Isadore Vroman is in a serious condition. Heart trouble is the cause of her severe illness.

W. L. Hoffman has purchased an up to date phonograph.

The Elk Creek bridge abutments will be completed in several weeks providing no bad luck occurs.

Mrs. Chas. Saddle and sons are here for the rest of the summer.

Mrs. Vanderbilt of Picture Rocks, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Moran.

Clifton Rinebold is again tending bar at the Helmsman House.

Miss Edna Ludy spent the 4th and 5th of July at Laporte.

Miss Jennie Thrall left last week for Williamsport. She was accompanied by her cousins, Millie and Elden Hoffman.

Samuel Galough and bride (nee Bessie Peck) have returned from their wedding tour.

A dry time here the 4th, but at Proctor our ball team met the Proctor team and defeated them 27 to 9. They simply took a back seat, and the way Rinker and Bartow cleared things was something fierce. We are going to swoop down on Dushore's famous team before long.

SHUNK.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Liston Brown, a son, on June 26.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy of Elmira, recently visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Porter.

A. E. Campbell is on a trip through southern N. Y., looking after the lumber interest of Campbell and Letts.

Mrs. Mary Campbell and grandson of Elmira, are guests of J. H. Campbell and wife.

Brenchley Bros. have finished their bark job near cold springs.

Born, July 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kilmer, a daughter.

Mrs. R. S. Fanning is visiting her daughter in Elmira.

Fred Creighton of Laquin spent Sunday with friends in town.

C. V. Parrish and family of Caldwell, Pa., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Foster.

Miss Edna Letts is visiting relatives in Elmira.

Mrs. James Converse is very ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dumond.

The members of Camp No. 220 held a very enjoyable ice cream social at their Hall Saturday evening.

ELLENTON.

Miss Ella Tripp of Laporte, spent several days with her father at this place last week.

Mr. James Converse and wife spent the 4th with friends at New Albany.

During a severe electrical storm last Friday, lightning struck the house of Mr. John Kilmer, shocking Mr. Kilmer for a few moments. The bolt passed through the pantry making several holes in the bottom of a dish pan.

The railroad is progressing rapidly although as yet passenger trains are not running regularly to Ellenton.

The trestle at this place is finished and the ties laid.

The heavy rains recently caused a washout through Potters field which will delay track laying for several days.

Mr. A. E. Tripp and F. W. Eddy spent Sunday with friends at Shunk.

Only seven miles of track to be laid and the road will be completed.

LOPEZ.

Jennings Bros. started their hemlock mill on Monday after being idle for over two months. We are glad to hear the music of the saw again.

Mrs. B. W. Jennings, son and daughter are at the seashore.

Miss Learn who has been visiting friends in New Jersey for the past two months has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lissou of Wilmet, were in town Monday.

The K. O. T. M. of this place had their usual large crowd on the 4th. The net proceeds amounted to about \$200, for their bee hive.

R. W. White and family spent last week at Niagra Falls.

Miss Donna Sturdevant who has been attending school at Norrisstown, is home on her vacation.

Mr. F. A. Behr who has been sick for some time, is somewhat better at this writing.

Chas. Marsh is visiting at Hazleton, this week.

Master Earl Dunfee of Monroeton, is visiting with Richard Rice, this week.

Miss Kate Cummysky of Dushore, is taking the place of her sister Celia while she is away on her vacation.

Walter Wheatley and wife of Bernice, called on friends in town Sunday.

The Corn Cob Club had its regular meeting in Lewis' Barber shop on Sunday. They elected Lew for speaker for the next three months, the rest of the officers will be elected next Sunday.

Herman Schramm who has been in New York for the past year, is in town.

Miss Ethel Fawcett of Outlet, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Vesta Custard and Mary Brewer visited friends at Peckville last week.

Lightning Strikes Church.

The Steeple of the Episcopal Church Twice Struck.

DAMAGE APPRAISED \$189.76.

Insurance Expired Twenty Hours Later Adjusters Fix Amount of Damage.

During the heavy electric storm that passed over this section Friday July 3, the Episcopal Church was struck by lightning which badly damaged the upper part of the steeple and expended some of its forces about the interior knocking off wainscoting and slivering moulding in a few places. A peculiar incident about this misfortune was the fact that had it occurred twenty hours later the loss would have been severely felt by this denomination as the insurance expired on the following day at noon.

ANOTHER VISITATION OF LIGHTNING.

As the storm of this week seemed to be abating lightning again struck the steeple on the opposite side where first striking. The weather boards on the front of the building were splintered in several places, however, the damage is not great compared to the first stroke.

DAMAGES APPRAISED.

A. D. Lundy of Williamsport, the insurance adjuster, inspected the damaged property on Monday and took estimates from two local carpenters as to the cost of repairing the steeple. Wm. Rogers fixed the amount at \$300 which sum was satisfactory to the trustees. R. A. Conklin in making no close examination estimated the cost of repair at \$200 which met Mr. Lundy's approval. A compromise of \$225 was refused and the damage was again again appraised on Wednesday by Charles Landon of this place and A. H. Waltz a practical carpenter of Williamsport. These gentlemen were placed under oath to go over the building and note each item of expenditure for repair in detail and place a fair estimate of the cost on same. The total amount of these items made the sum of \$164.76 and \$25 was added for safe allowance, making the appraisal 189.76

Dwelling House Struck by Lightning. Little Harm Done.

The dwelling house of N. C. Mabon was struck by lightning during the heavy storm Friday afternoon of last week. The fluid entering the side of the building knocked off a strip of siding and engaged in some very strange freaks of movements about the kitchen where Mrs. Mabon, her two children and mother were seated. Running along the border of the wall paper cutting out small bits in various places, knocked the curtain pole from its bearing, passed over a framed picture melting the glass, then entered a cupboard breaking two choice china dishes, coming out struck into a wall paper rack and tore out a handful of paper, then taking to the floor made a course to the door and in passing close to Helen, a two year old child, knocked her off her feet and then tearing a hole through the screen door made a welcome exit. With the exception of the baby no one else felt the shock and Helen took it as a funny joke.

Swooned From Fright of Lightning.

Mrs. Mary Mitchel of Catawisa, who is visiting her son, George Snyder, at this place, collapsed from fright of a blinding flash of lightning which again struck the Episcopal church on Tuesday. She with Mrs. Snyder, who resides but a few yards from the church, were on the porch at the time at the time the flash occurred when she dropped in a fainting spell. Being afflicted with heart trouble she remained unconscious for several hours and is at present unable to leave her bed owing to the severe condition of her heart.

SILK MILL AT DUSHORE.

Enjoys a Good Game of Base Ball Now and Then.

Items of Interest About the Busy Town.

The silk mill people are expected here this week to locate the place for their plant.

Mrs. Geo. Woodley of Hillsgrove, visited at Geo. Streby's last week.

Sylvester Steafather and Mrs. Davy, of Mildred, were married at this place on July 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Leverton of Athens, are visiting their son, Morris Leverton, at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Shotts, of Binghamton, have been visiting at M. Leverton's.

Mr. W. L. King of Williamsport, district manager of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co., is in town, and in company with J. H. Thayer, is doing a thriving business.

Mr. J. F. David of Berwick, is visiting at Josiah Smith's.

On Friday afternoon lightning struck the big barn of Wm. D. Bahr, setting it on fire, but fortunately several neighbors were there who were able to extinguish the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lawrence of Waverly, N. Y. visited relatives here a short time ago.

Wm. Croll and wife and Miss Gertrude Croll of Athens, are visiting at C. M. Croll's.

Charles Messersmith of Waverly, was here for the 4th.

John Smith of Indiana, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Broschart.

Mrs. Chas. Shumway has returned to her home at Mansfield. Her sister, Mina Wilcox, accompanied her.

The Dushore base ball team went to Wyalusing last Friday—Friday is considered an unlucky day for Dushore. The Wyalusing team did them up seven to six. The captain of our nine says the boys got rattled. Anyway when they came home two horses owned by G. T. Deegan which had been driven to Wyalusing in single harness, were hitched double and to Charley Cain's wagon for the return trip. The double team had to be hitched single in order to bring the remainder of the club. One of the liveryman made things "rattle" when he discovered the change. One of the boys got some one else's hat by mistake. The hat seemed large for him but supposed his head shrank after the game. A lady from this place engaged in a fight with a lady at Wyalusing, and a lady from there called a gentleman from here a liar. Even our young ladies did not escape criticism. They were called "tough" and ever were told that they "do not wash their feet". Now we all know that our girls are tender, very tender, and the very best there are. Wyalusing is no judge of girls. Our girls are thinking up some awful things to say when that crowd comes here to play the next game.

The Dushore base ball team played the Towanda team on Tuesday at Towanda, score 4 to 1 in favor of the latter team. Dan Casey was injured in the ankle in last innings.

J. V. Rettenbury is on the sick list.

Geo. Scurman of Sayre is in town.

Chas. Pealer and family are visiting relatives at Emporium and other places.

Chas. Weed has accepted a position as engineer with the Connel Coal Co.

Caspar Kohler has accepted a position as blacksmith with the Coal Co. at Murraytown.

Mark Scurman of Wilkesbarre was in town over Sunday.

Geo. Coolbaugh has resigned his position at J. D. Reeser's store.

Ray F. Zaner has resigned his position in M. Leverton's store and has accepted a position with the great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co.

Wm. May of Ricketts was in town over Sunday.

The Colley telephone line is now connected in Dushore. Now Colley will boom.

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