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HILLSGROVE

Thos. Swank attended the ball
game at Muncy Valley Saturday.

T. F. Shug transacted business
at Muncy at Muncy Valley Tues-
day.

Mrs. Louise Decker of North
Mountain called on friends here
Monday.

William Stackhouse of Pleasant
Valley was among the business
men here last week.

George Brown was a business
man at Beaver Lake Monday.

Harry Brown of Emmons is vis-
iting his mother at this place.

Those who attended camping
meeting at Muncy Valley, Sunday
from this place were Mrs. M. J.
Phillips, Mrs. W. H. Bay, Earl
Phillips, Leon Shug, H. Masteller,
Edna Bay, Bessie and Anna Ful-
mer, Maizie Phillips, Howard Bay,
Helen and Muriel Phillips, Caro-
line and Lester Bay, Chas. Brown.

Chairman Wesley R. Andrews, of the
Republican state committee, who has
entirely recovered from his recent at-
tack of stomach trouble, has written
that he expects to open the headquar-
ters in Philadelphia about the middle
of the month. He is taking a brief vaca-
tion at Atlantic City, but even while
there he is keeping up his correspon-
dence with party men throughout Penn-
sylvania.

The recent circulation of reports by
the Democratic campaign managers
that J. Lee Plummer, Republican nom-
inee for state treasurer, would retire
from the contest has stirred up the
Republicans of the state, especially the
Republican editors, who are exposing
the source from which these absurd ru-
mors emanated.

They have served to arouse enthu-
siasm for Mr. Plummer and the entire
Republican ticket among many who
would not otherwise be interested in
politics at this early stage in the can-
vass.

Clean, Capable and Honest.

"J. Lee Plummer is clean, capable
and honest," says the editor of the
Herald. "There is no record of which
any official may be proud. There is
no reason why he should not receive
the earnest support of every honest
Republican in Pennsylvania. The
Democrats would no doubt like to
have the entire state Republican
ticket retire for the good of the
Republican party, but they will not.
They will remain in the field and be
elected by majorities that will empha-
tically demonstrate the sentiment of
the people in the interest of fair play
and good government."

"Mr. Plummer is the party nominee
for state treasurer, has a good public
record and is altogether an unexcep-
tional candidate," remarks the editor
of the Timesville Herald. "Mr. Plum-
mer will be elected, as will the whole
Republican ticket, by the customary
off-year majority."

Merits Closest Scrutiny.

"Hon. J. Lee Plummer will not re-
sign nor be withdrawn as the candi-
date of the Republican party for state
treasurer," says the Ebsenburg Moun-
taineer. "This is positively asserted
by Mr. Plummer and the leaders of the
party in the state. This conclusion is
a just and proper one. Mr. Plum-
mer was regularly nominated by the
state convention, which fairly expressed
the will of the party in the state and
there is nothing in his private life or
public career that should make him a
victim of the disclosures affecting the
integrity and prestige of certain Phila-
delphia politicians. On the contrary,
Mr. Plummer, as a public man, can with-
out fear invite the closest scrutiny and
investigation."

"If Plummer were displaced by an-
other man would the protesting Demo-
crats then vote the Republican state
ticket?" asks the editor of the Har-
risburg Telegraph. "They would not."
"Are all the Democrats who do most
talking about the impossibility of re-
form within the Republican party and
the necessity for a political revolution
that will land them in office actuated
by unselfish motives? We guess not."

"Attacks on J. Lee Plummer by the
Democratic enemy reveal only the en-
emy's fear of Plummer's success."

"There has at no time been any re-
ason why Mr. Plummer should with-
draw," says the Johnstown Tribune.
"As to his party fealty there is no ques-
tion, nor is there any that he was the
choice of the Republicans in the state
for the nomination. As to his ability
and honesty in public life no one has
dared to utter a syllable derogatory,
while no man in the service of the state
today has a cleaner record in private
life."

"Just why such a man should retire
from a political battle for the office of
treasurer of the state, or why he should
be asked to retire, is something that
has not been explained, even by those
who circulated the stories that such
was the case. He will stay in the field,
and will be elected by a majority that
will show the fallacy of such tales."

Laporte Athletic Grounds.

Laporte can now boast of the
finest Athletic field in Sullivan
county, in fact one of the best in
this section of the State. The
grounds are owned and controlled
by the Laporte Athletic Associa-
tion, an incorporated company
composed almost entirely of resi-
dents of Laporte. The field itself
is two hundred sixty by three hun-
dred twenty feet and has been care-
fully graded and leveled. An im-
mense amount of work has been
done and the organization proposes
to continue its labors until the field
is faultless as a ground for base ball,
tennis, croquet and other sports.
A magnificent grand stand, with a
seating capacity of over two hun-
dred has recently been erected. The
entire property, when contemplated
improvements have been completed
will be a great attraction in the
summer life of our town and a de-
cided advantage in booming La-
porte as a summer resort.

Trout Getting Scarce.

Some four years ago we observed
there was a falling off in the catch of
trout in our streams, and since that
"fisherman's luck" became less than
year to year until this season,
when it was less than ever. With
the millions of trout fry put into the
streams each year how will the fish-
eries department explain this absence
of the speckled beauties in our
streams? Millions of trout have been
put into the streams of this state from
the hatcheries, and along with the
natural increase, there should be an
abundance of these fish in those wa-
ters, instead of this gradual falling off
in all streams of Centre county and
the state. Hatchery stocking does
not seem to stock, is the experience
of the Centre Democrat angler. Can
State Superintendent of Fisheries
explain the cause of this
scarcity of trout in spite of all the
stocking of the streams and the natu-
ral increase? This summer's catch
of trout, with a few exceptions, has
been found by anglers not worth the
trip to the stream. To say that il-
legal fishing is the cause would seem
to be begging the question—and we
know that is not the cause. For
every trout illegally caught a thou-
sand and over have been sent from
the hatcheries and planted in the
streams. Centre county creeks, to
the smallest of rivulets, once were
rich with speckled beauties, long be-
fore there were any hatcheries and
when there was no law against il-
legal fishing. The very strict law now
on the statute books against illegal
fishing has had the effect of prevent-
ing nine-tenths of fishing by illegal
methods, yet the fish are getting
scarcer with each year. In the years
of "free fishing" trout were plenty,
but now under stringent fish protec-
tive laws and the liberal stocking of
the creeks every year by the hatch-
eries, trout almost bid fair to become
extinct.

RICKETTS.

The infant daughter of A. J. Barn-
hart has been quite sick but is im-
proving.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Waring are re-
joicing over the birth of a daughter.
Both mother and daughter are doing
well.

Trexler and Turell are building
several new sheds at the Stull factory.

The L. V. railroad Co. are laying
new rails, east of the station.

Mr. Philip Bates died very sud-
denly Saturday afternoon. He was
doing his work as usual and seemed
to feel well. He rested a few min-
utes from his work and was talking
to his fellow workmen when without
any warning he dropped on the
ground and was dead in a few sec-
onds. He leaves a large family.
The remains will be taken to Quick
Bend for burial.

Wanted a Few Pointers.

It is barely possible that Mr. Bryan's
object in calling on the president last
Saturday was to obtain a few pointers
as to the most effectual method of re-
organizing the Democratic party.—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Big Corporation Strong in Motive Power. Has Over Five Thousand Locomotives.

The Pennsylvania leads all other
railroad companies of the world in
the world in the number of locomo-
tives owned. This company has in
service on its lines east of Pittsburgh
3,700 and west of Pittsburgh 1,600, a
total of 5,300 locomotives. Besides
these, it placed with the Baldwin
Company an order for 525 new en-
gines and it is building at its shops
at Altoona 168 more. All of these
will be completed within the present
year. The Baldwin Company has
turned over 275 to the railroad com-
pany. This company too, has many
thousands of freight cars and clearly
leads all other roads in the number.
The Midland railroad of England
comes next to the Pennsylvania in
the number of its locomotives. With
all these locomotives the company
now has and is building, it is still
likely to be pushed for motive power
later in the year. The officers of the
company say that never was as much
business handled as is being at pre-
sent, and they believe the traffic of
the fall and winter will exceed that
of any other period. When the
grain crop begins to be moved the
company, as well as other railroads,
will be pressed for cars.

Coles for Month of August.

Coles for August says: "The out-
look for the month of August is not
at all encouraging. For the first
time in many months the 'high flood'
and 'low ebb' vital forces of all hu-
man, animal and vegetable life will
be on a balance and it will take
thoughtful, steady action on the part
of us all to stay off the many dis-
turbances which will occur, as the life
forces will be on the verge of a col-
lapse and the planets are in position
to encourage evil thoughts and
doings."

Earth is opposed by Leon, the Lion
the king of the Low Ebb forces, who
will cause epidemics, diseases, de-
structive vegetable microbes, etc., to
afflict the earth. Business men must
stand firm and not "crowd" each
other in order to avoid a panic.
There will be many sudden deaths
this month and all those in poor
health should not exert themselves
on the following 'low ebb' days: 1st,
2nd, 3rd, 13th, 14th, 24th, 27th, 29th
and 30th.

A partial eclipse of the moon will
occur August 14th—15th invisible in
this country. There will also be a
total eclipse of the sun August 30th,
visible in the eastern half of the
United States. Mark the disastrous-
storms, riots and unexpected dis-
turbances that will follow in the
shadows of the eclipse.

Strange weather will predominate
during the whole month. The battle
between the heat and cold ele-
ments will continue as gaseous mat-
ter now passing over the sun is in-
creasing and if a break does not occur
and cause severe electrical storms,
than a drought will be sure to follow.

Edison the great electrical inven-
tor has been trying the Pennsylvania
roads in an automobile and he
gives the following opinion of them:
"The Pennsylvania farmer is the
limit in everything that goes for
excellence so far as his farms, home,
barns and other outbuildings are
concerned. There is nothing in the
world that I have seen to excel
Pennsylvania farms."

But you have the worst roads of
any state in the Union, and you
have less reason for bad roads than
any other State. You have the
money and the material; but you
need the brains to make good roads.
"Yes; you want to mix brains with
your money and material when you
come to make roads, and then you
will make them right. Here you
make flat roads in line from side to
side. What follows? The first rain
that comes along cuts gullies, over-
flow the roads and leave them full
of pools of water. The main thing
in road building is to have a surface
crown in the center of the road.
Let there be a curve from side to
side—a slight ridge—then when a
heavy rain falls the water goes off
on either side, and the road is not
cut up but is dry and clean."

Democratic Convention.

The Democratic Convention which
met at the Court House in Laporte
on Tuesday the 8, was called to or-
der by D. F. McCarty, chairman of
the standing committee.

Frank Magargle of Davidson was
elected President, and Thomas S.
Laird of Laporte township, and J.
L. Snyder Vice Presidents; W. H.
Hill was elected Secretary, and J. J.
Young and N. E. Brink Assistant
Secretaries.

On motion R. D. Lancaster, J. G.
Scouten and C. A. Starr were ap-
pointed a committee on resolutions,
and reported resolutions which were
unanimously adopted.

The convention then proceeded to
the nomination of a candidate for
Associate Judge, when Lyman B.
Specker was nominated over Henry
Richlin by a vote of 28 to 21.

George Streby was nominated for
Treasurer by acclamation.

Michael McDonald and G. W. Bender
were nominated for County
Commissioners.

Lewis Baumgartner and John
Wright were nominated for County
Auditors.

A Former Hillsgrove Woman Shot.

The Elmira Gazette of August 2,
says: At 6:30 o'clock this morning
Orlanda Tong sent two bullets
through his wife's head as she lay
in her bed at their home in Horse-
heads. Tong then shot himself in
the right ear and fell to the floor
unconscious.

The story is one of a miserable
life which the couple have lived for
years, the result of indolence and
intemperance of the head of the
house.

Yesterday morning the would-be
murderer went to work on the Meth-
odist church at Horseheads, which is
being remodeled. At noon the task
proved too great for him and he left
the job and went back to his old
haunts. It is not known that he
drank heavily yesterday and he was
certainly sober when he committed
the crime.

Last night the family retired as
usual. Shortly after 6 o'clock this
morning Iva, aged fifteen years, and
Weldy, aged seventeen, heard the
cries of their mother, followed by
three shots. They rushed to the
room in time to see their father place
the muzzle of the revolver to his
right ear and pull the trigger. He
fell to the floor the blood flowing
profusely from an ugly wound.

An examination of the woman
showed that two of the three bullets
fired had struck her, they will not
prove fatal and she will fully recover
in a few weeks. One of the bullets
struck her on top of the head, in-
flicting a scalp wound and glanced
off. The other struck behind her
right ear and lodged there. The
wound in the man's head will kill
him. He talked considerable but
doctors say he cannot possibly live
more than a day or two.

The revolver from which the shots
were fired is a poor apology for a
modern firearm, its market value
being about \$1.50. It is thirty-two
calibre but of little value as a weap-
on. It is due to this fact that the
shots did not kill instantly. Fired
from a good revolver both the man
and woman would have been killed
instantly by the bullets.

The woman told yesterday that
she was afraid he would kill her.
Just why he did the deed other than
natural inclination which he had
expressed for some time, is not
known. Before her marriage Mrs.
Tong was Samantha Hoagland of
Hillsgrove, Pa. They have lived at
Horseheads seventeen years.
Seven years ago the oldest boy, ac-
cidentally shot and killed himself while
playing with a rifle. Four other
have died, and six are living, the
oldest of these being twenty years
of age and the youngest seven years.

The story is going the rounds that
a country editor was dismissed from
the church for singing in a loud
voice during the singing of a familiar
hymn the following words: "Let
every kindred, every tribe on this
terrestrial ball, put down their dol-
lars and subscribe and we'll receipt
for all."