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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, acci-  
dently 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."