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County Seat Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

A Merry Christmas to all our readers.

New Year resolutions will be next in order.

There will be no issue of the News Item next week, it being our Christmas vacation week.

Miss Zora Carpenter was a visitor at Hughesville, Saturday.

Hon. T. J. Ingham was a Williamsport visitor Monday.

Mr. B. F. Crossley of Dushore, spent Sunday with his parents here.

Miss Mame Buck spent Friday and Saturday with Hughesville friends.

Mrs. Henry Stepp has returned from a visit with friends at Johnsbury.

Miss Elizabeth Farrell who underwent an operation at the Mercy Hospital at Wilkes-Barre, is improving nicely.

Miss Marcella Farrell, stenographer in E. J. Mullen's law office, will spend Christmas with friends at Punxsutawney.

The Village Improvement Society will meet at the home of Mrs. T. J. Keeler, Jan. 1, 1907.

Miss Maud Gansel is visiting friends in Williamsport.

Mrs. Elisha Kile of near Unityville, slipped on the ice and sustained a very severe fracture of one of her limbs Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Crossley and daughter Marguerite, will leave Friday for a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Victor Hugo, in Philadelphia, and their daughters Dolly and Freda, in Weehawkin, N. J.

Jurymen who are not present in the court of Columbia county, to answer their names when called in the morning hereafter, will be fined and lose their day's pay, such a course being announced by Judge Evans.

One of our exchanges says that at this time of the year when the weather is too cold for comfort in freight cars and other places along the road, tramps welcome a commitment of from thirty to sixty days to jail where they know they will be well fed and cared for.

Hicks, the weather prophet says that as the year goes out there will be storms of sleet and snow, extreme cold weather, seismic shakes auroral lights, and electrical disturbances. His predictions for December have come to pass so far as the month is spent, in that it has been a stormy, blustery winter month. He says there will be a regular storm period central on Christmas day.

As has been the custom for several years past, the Sunday Schools of the Methodist and the Baptist church will unite in holding their Christmas exercises which will take place on Christmas Eve at the Baptist church.

Christmas itself is but an observance of the greatest and divinest gift ever made to the world. So there is plenty of Christmas giving that is done in the right spirit. It is true that much of the giving of gifts is far from being in keeping with the real spirit of the sacred day or in accord with reason. Gifts made for the discharge of some obligation, or because something is expected in return, are worse than vulgar at a time when different motives should hold sway. The spirit of giving is more important than the gift itself. Some mere trifle of a trinket may serve to express remembrance and affection that gives joy and cheer to a heart, while a costly bauble may express only temporary interest and give but momentary gratification.

Mr. Benjamin Speary, formerly of this county, but who of late years has been living at Centralia, W. Va., gave some of his friends in this county a great surprise a few days ago, by coming in upon them very much alive, word having been received here last spring that he had died in West Virginia.

Mrs. E. Louise Barrows is visiting her sister Mrs. E. A. Heim of Baltimore. Miss Olive Barrows will also spend Christmas week at Baltimore.

Mr. Jacob Gray of Hughesville died on Wednesday aged about 80 years. Mr. Gray had been enjoying excellent health and was in full possession of all his faculties up until last Friday when he was stricken with paralysis after which he was unconscious until his death. He is survived by five children.

While Monroe Phillips was at work for the Nordmont Chemical company above Jamison City, he removed his coat when he got too warm and while away for a few minutes it caught fire and burned up. He lost his pocket book containing \$65 in money and \$13 worth of notes.

Thirteen of the 2,600 school districts in Pennsylvania remain unpaid their allotment of the \$5,500,000 appropriation for the current fiscal year, although their money has been awaiting them since the first Monday of June. These districts have neglected to file their annual reports in the office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Mrs. S. H. Burrows of Picture Rocks, wife of the senior member of Burrows Bros. & Co., died on Thursday, December 13, aged 73 years. The funeral was held Sunday from the Baptist church of which the deceased had been a faithful member for many years.

Robert M. Simmers the pure food agent has been reinstated after being suspended from the State Department since Oct 27. The reinstatement was made by Pure Food Commissioner Warren at a meeting held in Harrisburg.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union of Columbia county are about to petition Judge Evans to issue an order closing all the bars in the county on Christmas Day. Judge Savage has already issued such an order in Northumberland county.

On account of the saving it will make, several hundred dollars, the Wyoming County Commissioners have decided not to put the new primaries act in force in making nominations for the spring elections. The new act provides that nominations for townships and borough officers may be made in the old way, by caucus of the several parties. For making local nominations the old way will probably be more satisfactory than the new way.

John Kushua of Ricketts aged about thirty years, who was seriously stabbed in the abdomen in a fight near that place, was taken to Wilkes-Barre on a special train Sunday morning and removed to the Mercy Hospital. Kushua and a number of men were employed in a lumber camp about six miles back of Ricketts. All of them boarded with one man and on Saturday night there was a lively celebration at the boarding house. Liquor was the cause of the commotion and during the evening a fight started among the men. It is claimed that the boarding boss tried to quell the fight and the result was that some of the men pitched onto the peacemaker, who used his knife when a fellow closed his teeth on his thumb.

Sunday School at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 p. m.; subject "A Christless World."

Epworth League 7:45 p. m. This is the order of the service at the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday.

For Rent.—Residence on West Main street. For particulars inquire of John Hassen, Commercial hotel.

Administrator's Notice.
Notice is hereby given that I have taken letters of Administration on the estate of Latayette McClintock, late of Shrewsbury township, deceased. All persons having claims against said decedent will please present them duly authenticated for payment, and all who know themselves to be indebted to him will please make payment to me.
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Secretary George R. Drake of the New Hampshire state grange, being asked by the editor of this department for an opinion on this subject, said: "It is my decided opinion that it is better to pay the actual traveling expenses of the delegates in attendance at the state grange, but it does not seem best to pay their expenses for board."

"The New Hampshire state grange officers, the forty deputies and the masters and their wives or husbands of each subordinate and Pomona grange in the state draw pay from the state grange for the actual amount of car and stage fare, and each is paid \$1.25 per day for the time in actual attendance at the meeting."

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The Grange and Temperance.
The question occasionally arises in grange communities as to what the position of the grange is concerning temperance. At the last meeting of the national grange the following resolution was adopted:
Resolved, That the grange hereby renews its fealty to temperance in all things; that it emphasizes its belief that the degrading American saloon ought to be carefully and rigorously guarded until it can be abolished and in the meantime be made and held to a strict responsibility for the harm it does, and that it believes that every community should be empowered by law to vote every saloon from its midst or borders.

The Party Hoodoo.
Just as we expected, Maine Democrats are attributing their defeat to Bryan's unwise utterances, and the Buckeye Democrats asked the "peerless" to keep out of their state until after the election. If Billy doesn't want to bust the donkey party wide open he'd better scot for Australia at once. He's its hoodoo and no mistake.—Moravian Falls (N. C.) Yellow Jacket.

Not Binding.
Mr. Bryan has defined the word "trust." It means any corporation that controls 50 per cent of the output. If this seems likely to commit the party to anything dangerous or unpopular Mr. Bryan will hasten to explain that it is only his personal opinion and not necessarily binding. —Freeport (Ill) Journal.

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