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COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Miss Frances Moran spent Sunday in Jamison City.

Miss Brown of Lebanon is the guest of W. B. Ritter.

Miss Pyne is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mullen.

Frank Drake left of Monday for Ralston, where he will be employed

John Miller of Ringdale was a visitor in this place Saturday last.

B. F. Crossley of Dushore spent Sunday with his parents in this place.

E. J. Bahl and son of Fork transacted business in Laporte on Friday last.

Miss Mable Speary of Sonestown transacted business in Laporte last Friday.

There was a picnic from Hughesville at Lake Mokoma on Thursday.

G. W. Potter of Dushore transacted business in this place Saturday last.

John Scouten, Jr., of Dushore was a business visitor in this place on Monday.

Albert Hellsman of Mildred was a guest at the Laporte Hotel last Saturday.

Thomas Wright of Philadelphia was a business visitor in this place Saturday last.

Mrs. E. L. Barrows and daughter Olive have arrived in Laporte for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey of Nordmont were calling on friends in town last Friday.

Fred Glover of Dushore was in town Saturday last and registered at the Laporte hotel.

H. S. Payne of Williamsport was in town last Saturday and registered at the Laporte hotel.

Otto Horn, formerly of this place, now of Austin, was visiting friends in Laporte over Sunday.

C. O. Starr and Lester Boatman were in town Sunday last and registered at the Hotel Bernard.

L. J. Smyth of Renovo and Wm. Reinsnyder of Muncy Valley transacted business in Laporte Saturday

Mrs. H. H. Kumm and daughter Helen, of Portland Mills, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley.

Mrs. W. P. Shoemaker and daughter returned last week from a visit to her mother in Cherry Township.

Mr. Robert Pyle and family, and Willard Pyle and family of New York City have arrived at their cottage on Mokoma Heights.

Mrs. Helen Hunsicker of Wel-auken, N. J., and her sisters, Misses Frances and Laura Boice are spending some time in Laporte.

T. P. Murray and family, Misses Genevieve Burke and Nellie Creedon of Scranton autoed to Laporte and were guests of Jas. Moran and family this week.

John Vogel, who has been suffering the past week from an abscess, is much improved at present. Dr. Herrmann was called Tuesday night to open the abscess.

The following were guests at the at Hotel Bernard on Sunday: J. J. Cupp, Tayro, Okla., P. J. Wells, Dushore, Henry McDonald, Dushore, Miss Mamie Forbs, Bloomsburg, Alice McDonald, Dushore and Mary Cupp, Sayre, Okla.

Mrs. Robert Mason left Wednesday morning for Austin, Potter Co., Pa., where she will join her husband. Mr. Mason is employed by the State as inspector of brick paving for roads torn out by the Austin flood.

NORDMONT.

Miss Clara Traugh returned home Wednesday from Greene, N. Y., after graduating from Greene High school.

Miss Olive Peters, who has been attending school at the Commercial College in Williamsport, returned home Friday.

George Hunter and wife of Fairmount Springs are visiting friends in this place.

Miss Agnes Gorman has gone to Buttonwood, Pa., for the summer.

Jera Cox left for Jersey Shore Sunday.

Freda Arms has gone to Eagles Mere for the summer.

Mrs. Henry Small returned home last week, after spending some time in N. Y.

Those who enjoyed a turkey dinner at Evan Jones' Sunday were: Misses Edna Jones, Clara and Edith Morris, Marion Gorman, Fay Hess, Mabel Hunter and Dollie Snider.

Mrs. Geo. Rae of Sonestown spent Sunday with friends in this place.

Harry Knouse is erecting a new house near his saw mill.

A surprise party was given Miss Lizzie May last Friday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday. Those present were: Misses Marion Gorman, Cecil Botsford, Katie and Anna Sharrow, Fay Hess, Edna Jones, Clara and Edith Morris, Dollie Snider, Mabel Hunter, Florence, Olive, Mary, Ethel and Edna Peters, Delia and Marie Peterman, Mrs. John Morris, Enos Peters, Minard Peterman and Messrs. Abe Kilmer, Enos Peters, John Morris, Harry Hunter, Chas. Gorman, Harley and Waldron Sharrow, Horace Edgar, Lawrence May, John and Charlie Peterman, Ellison Strausser, Clyde Masteller and Stanley May.

Bayless Gives Himself up

Corning N. Y., July 14.—George C. Bayless of Binghamton, head of the Bayless Pulp and Paper Company of Austin, Pa. whose dam broke away last September, causing the flood, appeared before Justice of the Peace Fowler at Costello, Pa. He gave \$1,000 bail for his appearance at Coudersport at the September term of court upon a charge of feloniously killing Mary Theresa Mansuy, wife of Dr. A. E. Mansuy; Ellen Mansuy, a daughter; Mr. Jane M. Hess and William J. Hess, who lost their lives in the Austin flood.

Village Improvement Society Entertainment

The Village Improvement Society will give their annual entertainment on Thursday, July 25th, beginning at 2:30 p. m.

IN THE PARK there will be amusements in games at tables, etc. "Aunt Becky" will be there to greet you, with a large pocket full of presents and for a few cents, you may take your pick, ICE CREAM, CAKE, PIE, ETC. also home-made Candy will be for sale.

There will be an entertainment given in the evening in the auditorium of the School building consisting of plays, recitations and music, beginning at 8 o'clock. Admission 10 and 15 cents. All are cordially invited. Proceeds will be used in keeping up street lights and park.

Gov Colquitt of Texas is a strong advocate of a better standard of marksmanship among Mexicans, which will prevent stray bullets from crossing the line.

FIENDISH CRIME COMMITTED AT BERNICE BY SUPPOSED BLACK HAND

Man's Abdomen Ripped From Side to Side

The village of Bernice, which during the last few years has been the scene of several startling crimes by supposed members of the criminal organization known as the Black Hand, was startled Saturday night by the news of another fiendish crime, the victim of which was Tony Kilo, a well-known Italian, who is now lying at the Williamsport hospital in a critical condition. He was slashed across the stomach with a knife by a strange Italian, who succeeded in getting away before those who witnessed the act had recovered their presence of mind sufficiently to make any move toward capturing him.

According to those near by at the time, the strange Italian met Kilo in front of "the white house" in Bernice, said something to Kilo which made him stop, and no sooner had he halted when the stranger made a sweep with his right hand, in which he held a knife, the sharp blade ripping open Kilo's abdomen from side to side. The wounded man sank to his knees with a groan, his intestines slipping down to his knees, and when people reached him he was unconscious.

The knife wielder took to his heels and ran toward Towanda. A half mile south of Bernice all trace of him was lost. The Bernice constable and several men spent Saturday night looking for the fiend, but without success.

He is described as being about thirty years of age, height about five feet eight inches, smooth face, wore a light colored suit which was considerably faded. He was a little stooped shouldered, seemingly inclined to be a hunch back. He worked in Bernice about a year ago, and went away, coming back about a week ago. He kept to himself, made no friends and said nothing which would lead people to think ill of him. Kilo is about 25 years of age, and has been employed in the Connell mines for some time. As far as can be learned he was not acquainted with the man who slashed him.

Many Bernice people are satisfied it was a Black Hand crime pure and simple. That Kilo was a "marked man," and that the stranger came to Bernice, secured employment, fulfilled his horrible mission and is now seeking a place of safety.

The officers in all the surrounding territory have been notified to watch for the stoop shouldered Italian who slashed Kilo.

Kilo was taken to the Williamsport hospital on Sunday and every effort is being made to save his life, although his condition is very serious at this writing.

Look Out for This Sharper

Look out for the fellow with a certified check. His method of operation is to go to a bank and buy a draft on New York, or make some other transaction where he can secure the signature of the cashier. This signature is used to make a rubber stamp with which he goes through the form of certifying a check. Then he rushes in to business place with a story about getting a telegram to come home, that the bank is closed and he hasn't enough money about him to buy a ticket, but luckily he has a certified check for a couple of hundred that he got from the cashier that morning for another purpose. Will the merchant (whom he calls by his first name) kindly cash the check so that he can leave on the 8:45. When the check is presented the next morning it is declared a forgery. Look out for this fellow, and if he turns up detain him on some pretence or other while you send for the police. He is a dangerous beat.

John D. says, "Eat less." Most of us who are not in the Standard Oil have to.

TEN INJURED AT SAYRE Trolley Cars Come Together on Switch Near Car Barns Sunday Night

Ten passengers on board a Waverly, Sayre & Athens trolley car were injured Sunday evening when two cars came together on the switch at the car barns on Spring street, Sayre.

The collision was caused by the rear trucks of the Southbound car jumping the switch and throwing it across in front of the Northbound car, causing what is called a side swipe collision.

Those who were injured are: W. H. Brewer of Sayre, several angular lacerations to his scalp.

Mrs. W. H. Brewer of Sayre, painful contusion to top of head, contusion on back, many minor contusions, shock.

Nellie Reagan of Waverly, concussion of the brain and injury to left elbow. Her condition is the most serious of those in the accident.

Carrie Bieback of Sayre, sprain of back and shock. Her injuries are not severe.

Mrs. Margaret O'Conner of East Smithfield, laceration to the hip, lacerations on both hands, many contusions, shock.

Mrs. William Rockwell of Waverly, severe bruises on back, many minor bruises, shock.

Mrs. Jerry Murphy of Waverly, two lacerations on left leg, many contusions.

Charles, baby son of Mrs. Murphy, abrasion of face.

Martha Lumm of Waverly, painful contusions. She did not require medical assistance.

Mrs. M. E. Baker of Waverly, left shoulder badly bruised and abraded, both legs badly bruised, the flesh seeming to be crushed to some depth. It was found necessary to bandage her nearly from head to feet.

HIS TURN COST 40 LIVES

Engineer of Ill-Fated Express Admits he Probably Passed Caution Signal

Corning, N. Y., July 16.—William Schroeder, engineer of the ill-fated Lackawanna express, which crashed into the rear of the passenger train here on July 4, costing the lives of 40 persons, admitted at the coroner's inquest here that he had probably passed a block signal set at "caution" and the warning fuse placed beside the track by the flagman.

Schroeder testified in defense of this that trouble with the injectors, which sent the water into the boilers, forced him to turn his attention momentarily from watching for signals to the injectors, and that in this moment his train shot past the stretch of 2,000 feet in which were said to be located both the caution signal and the flagman.

He admitted he had drunk gin the night before the wreck, but denied that he was intoxicated. He said his fireman had noted that he was having trouble with the injectors and came forward. The engineer asserted that he got down from his seat to listen to the fireman and thought it was while he was attempting to hear what the fireman said that he passed the caution signal and the flagman.

According to Schroeder, he saw the rear of No. 9 ahead just after the fireman left for No. 9 cab. He applied the emergency brake and closed the throttle, but the crash followed. He had no time to reverse his engine, he declared.

Several saloon men, called to testify as to whether Schroeder was intoxicated in Elmira the night before the wreck, bore out Schroeder's contention that he was sober.

WELLS—RUFF

Francis Wells and Miss Emma Ruff, both of Wyalusing, were quietly married at her home on Wednesday afternoon, July 10, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. H. C. Snitcher. After a short wedding tour Mr. and Mrs. Wells will occupy the Lewis residence on Front street, Wyalusing. Mr. Wells is teller in the First National Bank, the bride having held a clerkship at Smith & Co's. store. Both being popular young people.

SMALL BOY DROWNS IN SHALLOW WATER

Companion Thought Lad Was Fooling When He Failed to Re-appear

Sunbury, July 13.—For the third time within four months the family of Frank Groner, of this city, was visited by death when at 6:30 o'clock last evening, David Groner, aged ten years, was drowned in the river, at the foot of Market street, with a number of young companions. The lad suddenly dipped under the water, which was only two feet deep there and his companions thought he was only diving. When he failed to re-appear they became alarmed and search revealed his body, which still showed signs of life. Drs. Schoffstall and Deitrich immediately applied hypodermic, they worked over the lad for an hour but were unable to revive him. For several years past the young boy had been suffering from a weak heart and it is thought that the exertion of swimming was too much for his heart. The body was removed to Shipman's undertaking establishment, where it was prepared for burial. Last April, Helen, a young sister of Frank, succumbed to an attack of measles and less than two weeks later, Henry, a brother, died from an attack of pneumonia. Mr. Groner, the father, is a lineman in the employ of the Northumberland County Gas and Electric Company.

Mrs. Fietta Zaner

Mrs. Fietta Zaner, wife of the late Adam Zaner, died Saturday, July 6 at the age of 78 years.

Mrs. Zaner was born in Berks county in 1834. She was a daughter of Jacob Wentzel, who came from Berks county to Cherry township in 1836. Her mother was a daughter John Bahr who came from Berks county locating in Cherry township in 1833. In 1853 she married Adam Zaner. The family lived in the Zaner homestead in Cherry until 1887 when they purchased a property in Dushore and moved to town. Her husband died Sept. 24, 1901.

Mrs. Zaner was a member of the Reformed church and always took an active part in religious and charitable work. She was a kind neighbor and she was highly esteemed by everybody.

She is survived by two sons, Jerome of Dushore, and Lewis, who lives on the homestead, and their daughters, Mrs. Wm. D. Bahr and Miss. Amanda of Dushore, and Mrs. Addison Yonkin of Cherry, also one brother, P. Wentzel of Dushore.

The funeral was held Tuesday, interment taking place at Fairview cemetery.

Campmeeting at Hughesville

Hughesville, July 16.—The Holiness campmeeting is in session on the new grounds at the north end of Fourth street. Rev. John Pennington, of Damascus, Ohio, and Rev. S. W. McGarvey, of Irvona, Pa., have been doing some splendid preaching to attentive and appreciative audiences. A goodly number of tenters have been on the grounds from almost the first service and the prospect is that every available place will be taken up before the camp closes. The Sabbath services were much enjoyed by large congregations and were crowned with success. The evening service was a most enthusiastic demonstration of the fact that Hughesville appreciates the benefit and blessing of having a good campmeeting within its limits. A free will offering was taken that entirely covered the indebtedness for the ground, with some \$60 over for improvements. The response to the appeal for this need was prompt. The Campmeeting Association proposes laying out the grounds into avenues, planting some shade trees, erecting building, and lighting the ground with electricity, etc.

If Woody should be elected Col. Bryan may be expected to go to Washington to tell him how to run the Government, but may be will turn out to be another Grover.

PAY OUT MILLIONS OF STATE CASH

Heavy Payments to be Made For School Appropriation and Highway Repairs

Harrisburg, July 13.—Heavy payments for appropriations in behalf of schools, road improvements, reimbursement of counties for primary elections and other objects will be made by the fiscal authorities of Pennsylvania between now and the first week in August and hundreds of warrants are being drawn in preparation for the distribution of a couple of millions of dollars of state cash. The arrangements for the withdrawal of this large sum of money from depositories are under way.

To begin with the state will soon pay \$250,000 to close to 1,300 townships entitled to receive money under the act providing that 50 per cent. of cash road tax collected by them shall be given by the state as a bonus. The appropriation available for two years is \$500,000. A couple of hundreds of thousands of dollars will be paid to counties in repayment of cost of holding the primaries in April. The auditing of these bills is a slow process and about thirty have been paid.

The distribution of the state school appropriation will begin before very long, the drawing of warrants being well in hand. The money paid districts which file reports showing how they expended their cash in the school year ending July 1. Hundreds of checks will be sent out to pay the school districts within the next thirty days.

THIRD PARTY IN STATE

Plans For Organization Are Considered at Conference With Senator Flinn

Philadelphia, July 13.—Some of the followers of Theodore Roosevelt in Eastern Pennsylvania, met here today with former State Senator William Flinn, of Pittsburg, to consider plans for the organization of the third party in the state, and to determine upon Pennsylvania's representative at the third party convention in Chicago, August 5. Before the conference began Mr. Flinn advocated that a new set of candidates for state officers will not be placed in the field but that the candidates nominated at the regular Republican state convention last May would be supported by the Roosevelt followers. Mr. Flinn and his friends were in control of that convention.

Roosevelt men in Central and Western Pennsylvania will meet in the near future to go over the situation with reference to the third party movement in their respective sections of the state.

Pennsylvania Inventors

The following patents were just issued to Pennsylvania inventors reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C., who will furnish copies of any patent for ten cents apiece to our readers.

Victor Angerer, Ridley Park, track structure, sold; Wm. L. Bear, Williamsport, paper marking device, sold; A. L. Boyce, Drumere, gage; O. W. Brentzer, Phila., cable support; John Bugesh, McKeesport, wrench; Geo. F. Callahan, Edgewood Park, non-refillable bottle; Samuel G. Camp, Scranton, Chandler, sold; Frank Conrad, Swisvale, recording measuring instrument, sold; Rudolph Conrader, Erie, pump; J. F. Courson, Piteairn, draft gear; T. T. Donovan, Shason, valve; Michael Goerman, Ford City, attachment for trolley wheels, sold; James D. Gray, Blairsville, curtain fixture; Karl H. Hansen, Pittsburg, door mechanism for side dump cars; Hosea Haxton, Stanford, rat-trap.

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