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COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

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

Dr. S. H. Scott and family of Coatesville arrived Thursday evening.

Misses Jean Pennock and Evelyn Francis spent Wednesday in Williamsport.

Mr. S. Jones Philips made a business trip to Kennett Square last week.

Misses Marjorie and Iona Mason were Williamsport shoppers one day last week.

Mr. John Voorhees of Kennett Square is visiting his sister, Mrs. S. Jones Philips.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Payne of Athens arrived at the Mountain House Tuesday.

Alphonsus Walsh, Esq., of Dushore attended to legal business at the Court House on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edmister of Binghamton have arrived at the Cheney cottage for several weeks.

George Hill, Lawyer Wilson of Towanda and Ray Wilcox of New Albany autoed to Laporte last week.

Mr. Chas. R. Lauer and son Curtis of Lock Haven spent a day or two last week with relatives here.

Mrs. James Strohl and daughter Eugenia of Meyerstown are visiting Mrs. E. E. Wrede, Mrs. Strohl's mother.

Mr. Nelson Barrows of New York City spent a few days with his sister in this place, Mrs. E. P. Ingham.

Messrs. C. M. Pennock, S. Jones Philips and E. P. Ingham were business visitors in Williamsport Wednesday.

Larne Starr and brothers, Eley and Bennie of Picture Rocks are visiting their grandparents and other friends.

Mrs. Albert F. Heess and daughter Alberta, with friends from Picture Rocks, are spending a week at Highland Lake.

Boyd Higley of Roselle Park, N. J. is visiting his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higley in this place for a few weeks.

Mr. Lyle Mahaffey of Sugar Hill spent several days this week very pleasantly with his uncle, Samuel Mahaffey and family.

Mr. A. C. Jinkins of Celestia was a caller at this office Monday bringing with him a pail of choice cherries for the editor and family.

A. R. Conklin of Picture Rocks took advantage of the excursion on Thursday to call on friends and transact some business at the County Seat.

The Village Improvement Society wishes to express its appreciation for the two lamps erected on the Court House square by contributions from A. F. Hess, Sheriff Cott, J. H. Cronin, Albert Helsman, Irvin Hottenstein, Geo. Brouchart and Joseph Sick.

The latest arrivals at the Mountain House are the following: Mrs. Chas. B. Lamborn, Mrs. Chas. Carey, Frederick Carey, Duer Reynolds, Miss Margaret Wickersham and Mrs. Wm. Voorhees and daughter Sarah of Kennett Square; Miss Josephine Moore of Trenton, N. J., and Miss Nellie Hoover of Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Helen Boise Hunsicker presented two large lamps to the Village Improvement Society one to be erected at the corner of Cherry and Birch streets and the other in the centre of the park. The park lamp was installed for the benefit of the children who play much in the park at night, and has a tendency to remove the congestion from the streets.

Among the guests at the Mountain House are Mrs. Lamborn and Mrs. Carey of Kennett Square. These ladies are sisters of the late Bayard Taylor, poet, novelist traveler and diplomat, whose writings made the name of Kennett Square, where he was born in 1825 and spent a considerable portion of his life, famous throughout the world. The ladies express themselves delighted with Mokoma, which they term a little Switzerland, and they will no doubt return for another summer.

SONESTOWN.

Mr. D. H. Lorah is staking off the foundation for a very large dwelling house on Main street.

Mr. Henry Richie has the job of skidding the Breitmeyer tract for the Welliver Heading factory.

Mr. John Kiess was taken to the Williamsport hospital last Monday morning for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gardner of Pine Summit was over to visit his cousin, Smith Boudman, at the Sonestown hotel over Sunday.

Messrs. George Kiess and Ben Speary went fishing back at the Loyal Sock two weeks ago and we heard that they would like to come home but they could not get their shirts on account of fish bones sticking out.

There was a man in town Saturday last with a load of hay and he said he had just sold cow for half price as he only got \$70.00 for her, he said many a time his wife milked the cow and got a tub full of milk and said after his wife would let the milk stand over night and churn it next morning she could not get the butter back in the same tub that she milked in. The man is supposed to be a truthful man and as he is a very large man I dont think I would be safe to tell him I did not quite believe it.

Mr. J. W. Laird and Mr. A. T. Armstrong have sold their horse let it get away from them and it went to Muncy Valley and from there to Stone House toward Eagles Mere and then came over through Ben Worthington's and returning to Sonestown by way of Rabbit street, and then very near running over two or three men in Sonestown. They got it cornered head first, I mean with the head toward the men and caught it and took it home and I think the men thought they were getting something worth a whole lot of money for a little bit of coin, and they brought the horse back and Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Laird declared that they were both afraid of it and they made them take it home again. We think they wanted it to peddle huckleberries and the horse could not stand the rattle of nickles and dimes and went to kicking something awful, now we don't know that it even raised a hoof for Armstrong and Laird for Mr. Armstrong said he never saw anything wrong with the horse, only he was afraid to go in the field to get it and they sold it just as it run.

MUNCY VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles of Williamsport are visiting relatives in this place.

Miss Pearle Jillson of Williamsport is visiting her mother, Mrs. L. F. Jillson in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmatier and daughter Elsie of Hillsgrove are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. Stackhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. William Moran and little daughter of this place were calling on Laporte friends on Sunday.

Misses Celia Donavon, Rosa Scarback, Martha Jankowsky enjoyed a beautiful walk to Laporte Sunday.

Mrs. M. Donavon was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jacob Fries at Laporte over Sunday.

Miss Pearl Jillson spent Sunday at Eagles Mere with her sister Nellie.

Mrs. Margaret Mapse and granddaughter, Grace Hamilton, returned to their home at Marsh Hill, after spending a few weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. F. Jillson.

Miss Murlie Jillson is on the sick list.

NORMONT.

Mrs. Jane Masteller is visiting her brother, T. J. Keeler at Laporte.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Hunter have returned to their home at Fairmont Springs, after spending some time with friends in Sonestown and this place.

Miss Edna Jones spent several days last week with friends in Dushore.

Misses Clara and Edith Morris spent Sunday in Sonestown.

Miss Hazel Newman of Williamsport has been spending several days with Mr. Scott Wieland and family.

A. P. Wieland and family arrived Monday night from Harrisburg and are visiting the former's brother, Mr. Scott Wieland and family.

The body of Lucius Fritz, who died in the Williamsport hospital Saturday morning, was brought to this place Sunday. Funeral services were held in the M. E. Church at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Interment was made in Cherry Grove cemetery.

Mr. Ernest Botsford has returned to Crosby, where he has employment.

CELESTIA

Great Excitement at "Mike" Walls "Hen Camp." Hens all talking at once. "Mad ashornets" at last they stopped for want of breath. The Boss Rooster says—"Why! what is the matter Biddies?" Every day laying "Mary" replied. "A great monster, with hair on his lip; told us, he would cut our heads off, if we didn't stop laying eggs nights and all around on the floor, instead of in the nests, 'I hope he will step on some more and slip down again.' We do lay in the nests, but it is too hot work for two at one time. Boss Rooster—"the next time he does it, you all rush at him and 'Hen Peck' him.

Chorus—"You bet we will." "Pet" sings out "But there is a little angel, wears a robe reaching to her feet comes in often and gives us nice things to eat and drink we call her 'allright'."

B. R.—"I am proud of you Biddies—and our more than 500 children, we must look out those fine chicks don't vanish soon. J.

Eating Own Children

St. Petersburg, July 22.—Cannibalism is prevalent in the famine stricken district of Russia according to official reports, received by government. Parents, driven mad by starvation, are eating the bodies of their own children.

At a small village in southern Russia one peasant killed his entire family of four, one by one, and ate his victims. He subsequently confessed and was knouted to death.

Coats—Reibsam

Mr. Charles Coats and Miss Bessie Reibsam, both of Lopez, were united in marriage by L. J. Lowry, Justice of the peace, at Mildred, on July 6

Sherman—Fawcett

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Fawcett, in Forksville, Tuesday, July 9, at 4 o'clock p. m., occurred the marriage of their daughter, Mary Ann Fawcett to Donald Bane Sherman of Overton, by Rev. S. D. Wilcox of Wesleyan Methodist church. Mr. Sherman has secured a good position in Fayette, Iowa. They left New Albany Wednesday morning for their new home in the west. A few of their relatives attended the wedding and enjoyed the sumptuous supper that followed. Their many friends wish them a prosperous journey and happy life.

Brown—Helsman

On July 18, 1912, Mr. Sherman V. Brown and Miss Lucy Helsman, both of Mildred, were united in marriage at the Episcopal Rectory by the Rev. Charles H. Doupe. Mr. Brown is an employe of the Connell Mining Company, while the bride is a daughter of County Treasurer Joseph A. Helsman.

HELD UNDER \$500 BAIL

Montgomery Man Charged With Polluting Waters of Black Hole Run

Ard Shick, of Montgomery, was held under \$500 bail for court on a charge of polluting the waters of Black Hole Run, by Alderman Batzle, Monday morning. Shick was arrested by Constable Zealor Sunday upon information of M. E. Shaughnessy, special officer and inspector of the state department of health.

Shick's home is along the banks of a small stream that runs into the larger body of water. It is from this that a portion of Montgomery's supply of water is taken. The borough has recently undergone a typhoid epidemic, at which time state authorities ordered a careful treatment of all drinking water. It is believed that some of the infection may have come from Shick's place.

Death of Patrick Walls

Patrick Walls, of Cherry, was taken suddenly ill on Monday of last week, at about 1 o'clock a. m. with heart trouble and died before a doctor could reach him. Mr. Walls was a son of Patrick Walls, one of the early settlers on Ringer Hill near Cherry Mills. The deceased was a single man 35 years of age. He was the only surviving member of the family, an aunt kept house for him. The funeral was held last Wednesday morning. Interment was made at St. Basils cemetery at Dushore.

Railroad Cop Kills Boy

John Kries, aged 25, a special officer for the Lackawanna railroad company, shot and killed 15 year old John Henigan, of North Scranton, at Chinchilla, a Scranton suburb, Sunday night, July 14. Young Henigan was one of a party of fifteen boys returning from a swimming pond near Glenburn. They stole a ride on a Lackawanna freight train and when it slowed up at Chinchilla, Kries, who happened to see them, ordered them off. One of the boys resisted and according to Kries' story, he pulled his revolver and at the same time drew his billy. The gun was accidentally discharged, he declares, and young Henigan was shot through the heart. This other boys overpowered Kries, handcuffed him and took him to the North Scranton police station at the point of his own gun.

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Flames at Sunbury Destroy Brewery, Loss over \$15,000

Sunbury, July 22.—Fire at 2:15 o'clock this morning at the J. & A. Moeschlin Brewery at Sixth and Packer Streets here destroyed the power plant and partially consumed the ice house and old fermenting plant, entailing a loss of \$15,000. The loss is not covered by insurance as the policy carried by the company had expired Saturday and was to have been renewed today.

Frank Haughton, a fireman, was badly cut on the left wrist when broken glass severed one of his arteries. He was taken to the hospital.

The fire was discovered by the night watchman in the boiler room and an alarm was sent in to the local department at about 2:30 o'clock, but owing to the alarm system being out of order the department was misinformed of the location of the fire and did not reach the scene of the conflagration until nearly an hour when Julius Moeschlin, one of the proprietors succeeded in reaching the department by telephone.

When the fireman finally arrived the flames had such headway, despite the fact that brewery employes had fought them with hose kept for that purpose at the brewery, that the ice house, in which the brewery made its own ice, was entirely destroyed when a tank of ammonia exploded, aiding the flames in their work.

The plant will be rebuilt immediately.

Cloud Burst and Lightning Worst in Half Century.

Sunbury American, July 19. One of the fiercest rain and thunder storms in years passed over this section Wednesday afternoon. The rainfall was next thing to a cloudburst and water fell in torrents. The lightning zigzagged across the heavens in long streaks, and the thunder, deep-toned, was almost continuous in volume.

Thousands of dollars worth of damage was done to farmers' fields, the railroads, trolley, telephone and telegraph companies. Many people said it was the worst storm in many years.

At Dornisife, in the agricultural section, south of this place, it is said, hail fell in large quantities some being pieces of ice as big as a base-ball.

Many fields of hay and corn were ruined and several houses were badly damaged.

The storm seemed to be a veritable cloudburst so heavy was the fall of rain. At times one could barely see across the downpour.

The Susquehanna raised perceptibly in side of an hour, and all of the smaller streams were bank full and some of them overflowed.

It started to west and seemed to confine itself between Winfield and Herndon, there being but little rainfall at either of these places

East to a point above Snyderstown, went down through the valley valley to the right where it spent its fury. The oldest residents say that it was the worst they have seen in many years.

Drives 20 Miles For Life in Vain

Bloomsburg, July 23.—Amos Johnson, a well known farmer of Derry Church, Anthony township, Montour county, died at the hospital here of cancer of the bowels soon after a 20 mile drive taken with the hope of finding relief when arriving. Even before starting it was realized that his condition was critical, but he insisted on the journey. When the cot on which he laid was lifted out at the hospital it was plain that death was near. He expired shortly after.

The trouble made itself known about a month ago.

New York's vote may be spurned in a convention, but it will loom up as a most important quantity in an actual election.

SAVES HUSBAND FROM WILD CAT

Lock Haven, July 19. Mrs. Frank Watt, who, with her husband, lives in the wilds of the Kettle Creek county, eight miles up the mountain from Westport, Clinton county, is being acclaimed a heroine as a result of an adventure in which she saved her husband's life in a hand-to-hand encounter which he had with a huge catamount in a clearing in front of their mountain home.

A party of Lock Haven Elks are camping in tents a short distance below the Watt cabin. Mr. Watt, familiarly known as "Pokey," has been a frequent visitor to the tents of the campers. He left camp about dusk last night and shortly afterwards the campers were startled to hear two reports of a rifle from up the creek. Then came a fusillade which started the fishermen on a run up stream.

As the men came in sight of the Watt home they saw Watt lacerated and bleeding, on his back. Laying across his chest was a huge catamount in its death throes. Mrs. Watt was found unconscious on her door step with a Winchester rifle clutched tightly in her hand.

The woman was the first to recover. She said she had gone to front door just in time to see the animal spring from a tree as Watt stepped into the clearing. She seized the rifle and fired. The ball struck the catamount, but with a cry of rage and pain it renewed the attack with increased fury. A moment later she fired again, but feeling her strength waning the woman fired several shots wildly in the air, hoping to summon help from the Elks' camp. Then she fainted. The second shot had entered the eye of the catamount. A messenger was dispatched to Westport for a physician who made the trip up the mountain on horseback and cauterized Watt's wounds.

Racing Dates in Pennsylvania

The 1912 horse racing dates have been claimed as follows in Pennsylvania:

- Bradford, July 15 to July 19
- Erie, July 22 to July 26
- Corry July 29 to August 2
- Greensburg, July 30 to August 2
- Pittsburg, August 5 to August 10
- Belleveron, August 6 to August 9
- Kittanning, August 13 to August 16
- Titusville, August 19 to August 23
- Butler, August 20 to August 23
- Dawson, August 20 to August 24
- Conneaut, August 26 to August 30
- Apollo, August 27 to August 30
- Lebanon, August 27 to August 30
- Waynesville August 28 to August 30
- Indiana, September 3 to September 6
- Pottsville, September 3 to September 6
- Washington September 5 to Sept. 7
- Punxsutawney, September 10 to 13
- Wilksbarre, September 10 to Sept. 13
- Brookville, September 17 to Sept. 20
- Carmichaels, September 17 to Sept. 20
- Hanover, September 17 to Sept. 20
- Nazareth, September 17 to Sept. 20
- Allentown, September 24 to Sept. 27
- Clarion, September 24 to September 27
- Dayton, October 1 to October 4
- York, October 7 to October 11
- Dubois, October 8 to October 11
- Hughsville, October 8 to October 11
- Newport, October 8 to October 11

Bloomsburg Officer Quits Job Before Case is Heard.

Bloomsburg, July 24.—Throwing his badge, keys and hand-cuffs on the council table with the remark, "There's no reason to make a fool out of any one, by chewing over the affair. The job isn't worth it," former police officer, William Leiby, resigned from the force in council meeting Tuesday evening before Peter Kline, chief witness in the prosecution of the charges of evasion of duty against the officer, had time to testify.

Recovering From Rattler's Bite

St. Mary's, July 23.—Ray Trumbull, the young Elbon man who was bitten by a rattlesnake last week and has been in a critical condition since, is somewhat improved and unless some unforeseen developments set in he has a chance for recovery. The swelling in his leg has begun to subside and he is now able to move it slightly. His mind, however, has not entirely cleared and he is still subject to attacks of delirium.