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COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Max Frankle of Masten is spending a few days in Laporte.

Ellery P. Ingham made a bus-trip to Lewisburg Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Wing of Florida is visiting friends in this place.

Roy Jennings was busy repairing telephones here on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bertha Hugo of Philadelphia is visiting her parents in this place.

Mrs. H. H. Kumm and Miss Rachel Hugo spent Tuesday in Dushore.

Misses Maude and Florence Kinley of Newberry visited relatives here Sunday.

LOST—On Lake Road, a Fraternity Pin, finder return to Donald B. Ingham. Reward.

James Moran of Muncy Valley and Dora Crist of Sonestown spent Sunday in Laporte.

Miss Marjorie Killgore of Dushore is the guest of Leone Ladley at Briar Cliff Cottage.

Miss Gladys Eddy is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. T. F. Ripple at Eleysburg.

Miss Maud Crossley of Los Angeles, Cal., is spending a short time with her parents in this place.

Mrs. Eliza T. Edmister is spending the summer with her son, W. D. Edmister, at the Cheney Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Frye of Lestershire, formerly of Laporte, are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Ellery Crossley of Williamsport and B. F. Crossley of Dushore, spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mr. W. A. Petrikin and family of Muncy have arrived at their quaint cabin, "Weirworld" on Lake Mokoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eddy and family of Wilkesbarre spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddy in this place.

A party of young people enjoyed a straw ride to Eagles Mere and a dance at Hotel Eagles Mere Tuesday night.

Mrs. E. P. Ingham, Mrs. J. L. Smyth, Mrs. F. H. Ingham and Mrs. E. L. Barrows spent Wednesday with Mrs. Dewey at Nordmont.

J. T. Swackhammer of Dushore and E. J. Barnes of Waverly, N. Y., have painted the Catholic Church. The church presents a very pleasing appearance.

A party of young people from Sonestown are camping at Lake Mokoma. Their large tent is made very patriotic, as well as picturesque, by a large American flag.

The Knights of honor of the E. E. Sunday School of Sonestown are camping at Lake Mokoma for two weeks. Those present are Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Hazer, Teacher; Miss Mamie Freas, Mrs. Schechtry, Chaperons. The following scholars are also present: Lynn Converse, Dicana Keeler, Leonard Keeler, Lester Boudman, Russel Foust, Loyd Foust, George Painter, Bert Painter, Ruth Darling, Clayton Buck, Frank Boatman, Alonzo Burke, Sherman Temple. On Sunday they were visited by the following from Sonestown: Rev. and Mrs. Schechtry, Mr. and Mrs. Buck and daughter Marie and son Myron, Collins Hazen, Harvey Painter, Harvey Buck, Kenneth Hazen, Floyd Houseknecht, Emmons Houseknecht, Giles Converse, Mary Hertz and Otto Boatman. The all reported having a very pleasant day's visit at the camp.

The V. I. S. Entertainment.

The entertainment given in the school house last Thursday evening for the benefit of the Village Improvement Society was more than worth the price of admission, and delighted an appreciative audience. First on the program was a lively number, "That Goblin Man" sung by eight jubilee singers who seemed to have sprung from nowhere. The colored girls, who afterward proved to be the Misses Farrel of Dushore, sang and acted their part very well, and the crowd was startled to see a REAL GHOST appear on the stage. The school children executed several drills and songs very well, and two maidens from the land of cherry blossoms (Leone Ladley and Florence Hamilton) sang a Japanese song. Mary Flynn recited in a realistic manner "Little Orphan Annie." The jubilee singers sang several other selections at intervals. A magazine was then presented in tableau and pantomime. The cover design was a burlesque on a Henry Hutt girl in the act of diving. The frontispiece was a pretty tableaux representing George and Martha Washington dancing the minuet. "A Modern Elopement" was the title of a poem which was given in burlesque pantomime, Lochinvar, for such was the hero's name, galloped in on a stick for a horse, and made his dashing way over brake and stone, and "swam the Eske River where ford there was none." The elopement was very thrilling, and the pursuit of the lost bride was carried on energetically by "Forsters, Fenwicks, and Musgraves" on equally gallant steeds. The magazine was completed by "Limericks" chanted by queer looking goblins, and several advertisements, i. e. "Old Dutch Cleanser," "Fairy Soap," and "Cream of Wheat." The ladies of the V. I. S. wishes to extend their thanks to all who took part and helped to make the show a success.

Everett Gets Twelve Years in Penitentiary

Sunbury July 29.—Judge Cummings this morning overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of David Everett, convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the murder of Harry E. Miller, and sentenced the prisoner to imprisonment for a period of twelve years in the eastern penitentiary, in solitary confinement and at hard labor. The fact that no minimum or maximum term was attached to the sentence is believed to indicate that Judge Cummings has his doubts as to the constitutionality of the law relating to indeterminate sentences, now before the supreme court for decision.

Before pronouncing sentence, Judge Cummings referred briefly to the evidence submitted during the trial of the case and declared that the jury would have been justified in bringing in a first degree verdict. "Yes, sir," assented Everett as he nodded his head vigorously and smiled.

Shoots His Wife Then Escapes

St. Marys, July 20.—Maynard Deal, of Wilcox, who attempted to kill his wife Friday, is still at large, the officials not yet locating him. Deal, although only 22 years old, has served a term in state prison. On Friday he had a quarrel with his wife and suddenly picking up a revolver aimed at her head and fired. Mrs. Deal dodged and threw up her hand, the bullet taking effect in her thumb. There were several witnesses to the shooting, but before they could lay hands on Deal he had escaped.

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NORDMONT.

Miss Madge Gritman of Sonestown spent Sunday with friends in this place.

Mr. Collins Hazen of Sonestown filled the pulpit in Rev. Davison's place in the M. E. Church Sunday.

Messrs. Harvey and Brady Hunter drove to Laporte Thursday evening.

Miss Buck of Sonestown spent Sunday with Julius Sick and family.

Work has been suspended in the Acid Factory, but may be resumed in a short time.

Messrs. Henry Dewey and Edward Tarlox made a business trip to Pittston last week.

Mrs. Tarlox gave a party Monday afternoon in honor of her son Richard's fifth birthday. About thirty children were present.

Mrs. James Hunter and son Robert drove to Grassmere Park Saturday in order to see the former's nephew, who has been very sick for some time. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snider also drove to that place on Sunday.

Mr. Julius Navarre went to Williamsport Saturday.

There was a great sensation in this place on Sunday. Everybody was looking where the great noise came from. Some of the older ones scolded because there was so much emotion in our little town on Sunday. But the old maids and young ladies were all grins and smiles for they knew what made the big dust and that curious smell in the air as they had been expecting for a long time to see and perhaps have a ride in Horace Edgar's automobile. We hope Horace will not disappoint them in their expectations and he won't if smiles can catch him and his new runabout.

Should the Young Orchard be Cultivated Now

Directions for sowing crimson clover for a winter clover crop.

A prominent Philadelphia attorney who has a large orchard in southeastern Pennsylvania wrote to State Zoologist Surface saying: "In the press of work, the weeds got ahead of my farmer among my peach trees. They are not bearing a single peach this year what I want to know is weather this dry weather will prevent or check the formation of fruit buds for next years crop, or had I better cultivate the trees and then sow a cover crop?"

The reply was as follows: "Concerning the treatment of your orchard, I must say that what it needs must be in accord with the growth it has made. If there is a satisfactory amount of growth there you need not do much to stimulate further growth this year, and I would rather have the wood become harder before fall than have it grow late into the fall. If the ground is quite dry and the weeds are taking the moisture from the ground, I would prepare to mow them, and let them remain upon the soil. This should be done soon. It would be still better to cut up the soil with a disc harrow and sow crimson clover seed, and then go over it with a smoothing harrow. This is really the best treatment that I can recommend for an orchard at this time of year. you can sow crimson clover seed at any time before the last of July. sow fifteen to twenty pounds of seed per acre. This will remain as a cover crop during the winter and you can turn it down in the spring and get nitrogen and organic matter in the cheapest way possible.

When your business gets that tired feeling advertise in the News Item.

Death of Martha A. Gowan

Martha A. Gowan died at the home of her son, Cameron Gowan, at North street, Towanda, Saturday afternoon, July 13, at about 4 o'clock. The funeral was held at the church at Hatch Hill on Monday afternoon, with interment in the cemetery at that place. Rev. Fritz of New Albany conducted the funeral services, and the music was furnished by the male quartet of New Albany.

Mrs. Gowan was formerly Miss Martha A. Eddy, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Eddy. She was born May 3, 1843 in Albany township, on the farm now owned by John Terry. She was married about the year 1873 at Overton, to Darius Gowan.

Mrs. Gowan suffered a stroke of paralysis nearly a year ago and since that time she has been a patient sufferer, and a large portion of the time was entirely helpless. Her husband died in 1898.

Death of Sarah Grange

Sarah Grange died at the home of her niece, Mrs. Rothrock, at Dushore, Saturday July 20, at the age of 91 years, 2 months and 7 days. Miss Grange was born in Elkland township, May 14, 1821. She was a daughter of John Grange, who was born in England about 1779, and was married in 1812 to Jane Midgley, who was born in England in 1790. After the birth of the three oldest children the family came to America, landing at Philadelphia, May 21, 1818, and locating in Elkland township the same year. Sarah and Hannah lived on the homestead about a mile west of Eldredsville until a few years ago, when they moved to Forksville. Hannah and another sister survive. The funeral was held at Forksville Tuesday of last week, the remains were interred in the cemetery at Bethel in Elkland township.

Death of Luscious H. Fritz

Luscious H. Fritz, of Nordmont, died in the Williamsport hospital Saturday morning, July 20, after a short illness of bowel trouble, at the age of about 40 years. Mr. Fritz is survived by a wife and three children.

Notices of Transfer

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the transfer of a Retail Restaurant License heretofore granted to Robert McGee in the Borough of Dushore, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, at the corner of Main and Turnpike Streets, on premises known as the "McGee Restaurant," to PATRICK DALY, has this day been filed in my office, and will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Sullivan County, Pa., on Wednesday, August 7, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M. ALBERT F. HEISS, Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the Transfer of a Wholesale Liquor License heretofore granted to Thomas W. Gahan, in the Borough of Dushore, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, on the West side of German Street, on premises known as the "O'Neill Wholesale Liquor Store" to HERMAN SCHWARTZ and EMIL ROTHMAN, has this day been filed in my office, and will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Sullivan County, Pa., on Thursday, August 8, 1912, at 9 o'clock A. M. ALBERT F. HEISS, Clerk's Office, Clerk. Laporte, Penn'a. July 26, 1912.

Olympic games are as interesting as wars, far more humane and economical and just as irritating to the defeated nation. Why fight?

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ABOUT THAT CRIME AT BERNICE

Italian Missionary Writes Letter Explaining Matters

Sullivan Review, July 25.

Since the publication of the article last week about the crime committed at Bernice we have received a letter from the Italian Missionary in Bernice in which he takes exception to some statements in the article and also gives full details of the crime.

He contradicts that the crime was supposed to have been committed by an agent of the black hand and explains this when he says that the two men were friends from childhood.

His letter in part is as follows: "I earnestly and kindly ask you to ratify the article mentioned. I herewith give you a few hints for such rectification.

"The fight began in the Columbia hotel, Mildred. The name of the would-be murderer is Angelo Toto, and that of the would-be murdered is Sebastiano Labate, both born in Mestrelti (Prov) of Messina, friends from childhood up. Angelo Toto has been in Bernice for three years until last March he went to Rochester, N. Y., and remained there until the completion of the new breaker of the Connell Coal company. Therefore he came back to Bernice on the second of July, to take up his old job in the same mine. Sebastiano Labate came to this country a year ago, and directly to Bernice.

"In the above mentioned hotel they were in a company of seven, some of them were drunk. There they began to beat each other, but the people which were in there separated them. Then Vincenzo Labate, the only brother of the would-be murdered, said to Angelo Toto, 'You shall be killed by me.' "Soon after they all started home-ward. When they reached the 'white house' (Bernice) Angelo Toto, remaining behind, called Vincenzo Labate. He did not go to him, but his brother, who you call the 'marked man,' went, and Angelo Toto slashed him twice with a razor."

Respectfully yours,

J. B. CAPRIOTTI,
Italian Presby. Missionary
in Bernice and Mildred.

BIG FIRE AT GALETON

Cooperage Mill Destroyed by Fire. May Not be Rebuilt

The large Stave & Heading Mill of the Kopa Cooperage Company valued at about \$50,000 was destroyed by fire Monday afternoon of last week.

The fire broke out over the dry kilns shortly before noon and in an incredibly short time the whole mill was a mass of flames.

But very little of the finished product was burned, as orders were heavy and shipments were being made as fast as possible. One car load had just been pulled out by the switch engine and another car partly loaded was gotten out just before it took fire.

The mill was one of the largest in that section and was financed by Galeton capital. It had just begun to pay dividends. It will probably not be rebuilt as the amount of timber available in that section will not justify the expense. The loss is only partly covered by insurance.

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.

William G. Baldwin, Pittsburg, Loose-leaf Binder, sold; Adolf Beler, Pittsburg, Water Heater, sold; Ezra S. Buckham, Phila., Fare-box, sold; Alva H. Craven, Youngwood, Electro-mechanical device for controlling electric signals; Walter DeHuff, York, Stuffing box, sold; Geo. F. Evans, Wimmers, means for fastening railway rails to ties; Wm. D. Gherky and J. E. Allen, Phila., Grinding machine; Henry Howson, Phila., step guard for passenger cars, sold; A. W. Joiner, Brave, Packing.

PANTHER AND BEAR FIGHT

Evidence of the Conflict Found By State Forest Ranger

Additional evidence of the presence of a panther in the Pine creek region was discovered a few days ago by State Forest Ranger M. E. Westcott and others at a point about two miles from the village of Slate Run, where two ferocious beasts, believed to have been a panther and a large bear, had engaged in a fierce battle, chunks of flesh and long black hair found at the scene of conflict showing that it must have been a fight near to death. Search is now being made through the woods in that vicinity with the belief that one of the beasts was mortally wounded and that its dead body will be found in the forest.

It is the belief of Ranger Westcott and others who have examined the ground at and in the vicinity of the place where the battle took place that the bear was attacked by the panther some distance from where the final contest occurred, which was at the foot of a steep wooded hill. From the top to the bottom of the hill the ground is furrowed and torn, the trail a part of the distance showing clearly that it was made by some large animal, presumably by the bear in its efforts to escape from the fierce beast which had attacked it. At the bottom of the hill the ground was torn up over a large space, while scattered here and there were big chunks of flesh that had been torn from the bear.

The scene of the battle was along the stream of Slate Run and a considerable distance from the section where the panther killed a cow several weeks ago.

Berries Picked by Machines

The Roberts Hardware Co. of Wellsboro, has manufactured about 1000 huckleberry pickers under contract for Messrs. Francis & Langan this season.

The patent hand picker does the work of five persons and it has a record of two bushels of clean berries in one hour. The blue berry season is now at its height. In some sections the late frosts spoiled them, but in places untouched by frosts the yield is immense.

The supply of patent berry pickers is limited for this season, because they have sold more rapidly than was anticipated. A slight change has been made in the machine to adapt it to the use of children. In the hard coal region hundreds of youngsters go to the mountains daily in the berry season.

From Hazleton, Wilkes-barre, Mauch Chunk and other points several trainloads of huckleberries are being shipped daily to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other points where the Pennsylvania "blueberry" is in great demand.

NOTICE

The undersigned having been appointed Administrator of the estate of Patrick Walls, late of Cherry township, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties owing said estate to make payment to the undersigned without delay, and all parties having claims against said estate are requested to present the same to the undersigned administrator without delay.

MICHAEL WALLS,
Laporte, Pa. Administrator.
August 2, 1912. S. 6

Who Will be Next President

We take pleasure in announcing that any of our readers can secure a free vest pocket book of campaign information by sending a two cent stamp actual postage to D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C. It contains tables showing which state each presidential candidate carried in 1908, the number of Democrats and Republicans elected by each state to Congress in 1908 and 1910, the leading events of the life of each President from Washington to Taft. It also gives the population of each state according to the census reports of 1890, 1900 and 1910, the population of about 20 of the largest cities in each state, a calendar for 1912 and 1913 and much other useful information and forty blank pages for memoranda. It would cost 25c at a book store.