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## COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rouse Aug. 7th, a daughter.

Leslie Bradshaw of New York City spent Sunday in Laporte.

Miss Elizabeth Browning of Rome is the guest of Miss Eunice Ingham.

Mrs. F. H. Ingham entertained a number of guests Saturday afternoon.

Boyd Van Fleet of Binghamton is spending some time at the Cheney Cottage.

Mrs. Sweeney, Miss Philips and Miss Bicking are guests of Mrs. S. J. Philips.

Floyd Waltz of Williamsport spent Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. W. H. Randall.

Miss Mabel Moran returned to her home here, after spending some time in Binghamton.

Mrs. John S. Garland of Harrisburg is visiting her mother and sisters in this place.

Mrs. Hanna Karge of Ringdale was calling on friends in this place Thursday of last week.

Miss Marguerite Gerrity of Pittston is spending a few weeks with Tresken Buschhausen.

Mr. Z. E. Robbins and family of Wilkes-Barre autoed to Laporte and spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooden of Philadelphia are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. L. L. Ford.

Mrs. V. C. Hugo and Maud A. Crossley spent Tuesday with their brother Ben in Dushore.

Mrs. John Worthington and children of Masten are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Rose.

Harry Kumm of Portland Mills spent a few days this week with F. M. Crossley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Penneck were called to Kennett Square last week by the death of the former's mother.

Mr. P. A. Bivins has returned to his home in Passaic, N. J., after spending a couple of weeks in this place.

Misses Louise Ingham and Marietta Meredith of Towanda spent part of last week at Lakeview Cottage.

Pearl and Karl Finkle of Roselle Park, N. J. are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Higley.

Sergeant Boland of the police force of Philadelphia was visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. A. H. Buschhausen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Miller of Scranton and Mrs. Anastasia Collier of Olyphant spent Monday with Miss Frances Moran.

Thos. Moran of Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. W. R. Kelley and daughters, Helen and Louise, of Binghamton, N. Y. are visiting their friends at this place.

The following party from Sonestown spent last week very pleasantly camping at Lake Mokoma: Mrs. H. K. Davis, Ada Simmons, Alice Converse, Julia Reinsnyder, Mabel and Anna Speary, Maize and Opal Watson, Dora Chist, Victor Bird, Mr. Woodworth, Harold Bender and Ritner Fiester.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Crossley on Sunday, Aug. 11, when all the members of the family met together for the first time in many years. Those present were B. F. Crossley of Dushore, Ellery Crossley of Williamsport, Guy Crossley at home, Mrs. Victor Hugo of Philadelphia, Mrs. H. H. Kumm of Portland Mills, Pa., Marguerite at home, Dolly of Weehawken, N. J. and Maud A. of Los Angeles, California.

## MUNCY VALLEY

Miss Zora Bender of Bendertown is visiting at the home of her uncle, Torrence Bender.

Miss Edna Miller was the guest of Miss Merrill Jillson Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Miller and son Donald returned to their home at Wilkes-Barre Monday, after spending some time with their parents in this place.

There will be a toe social held by the young ladies of this place Saturday evening, Aug. 17. Everybody is cordially invited. Come one come all.

Masters Floyd and Lloyd Jillson enjoyed a beautiful trip to Eagles Mere Tuesday.

Mrs. Lawrence Smith of Renova is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Reinsnyder.

Mr. William Moran has purchased an automobile, and now everybody keeps out of the way of Billy.

Mr. Elias Baker and granddaughters, Reeka and Renna Kline-tob of Bernice are visiting at Torrence Benders.

The little daughter which was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Moran on June 19th has been named Mildred.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mills and son George of Philadelphia are visiting Hon. J. P. Miller and family.

## NORDMONT.

Miss Edith and Mr. Charles Botsford of New York City are visiting relatives in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Grube returned to their home in Binghamton Saturday after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Derrick of Picture Rocks are visiting friends in this place.

Miss Christine of Williamsport is visiting Mr. Gorman and family.

Rev. Shortage conducted communion services in the E. V. Church on Sunday.

## The Park Lamp Destroyed

Last Saturday night, some miscreant tore the lamp in the center of the park from the lamp post, broke the globe and damaged the lamp to a considerable extent. This lamp was a gift to the Village Improvement Society, the donor being Mrs. Alvin Hunsicker, of New York, who spends part of her time at Laporte during the summer season. Such vandalism deserves severe punishment. An investigation has disclosed some evidence and a prosecution of the guilty parties by the proper authorities will no doubt be instituted. The Village Improvement Society has done much to improve and beautify the town and its work is fully appreciated not only by its citizens but by the summer sojourners here. All are justly indignant that any one should stoop so low as to commit the offense that took place Saturday night and the offenders deserve the condemnation they are very sure to receive.

## Saved From Titanic, Sues

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 12.—Mrs. Alexander Thomas, of this city, has brought suit for \$10,000 damages against the owners of the ill-fated steamship Titanic.

She claims in her bill of complaint that the boat she was placed in contained a foot of water, that incompetent sailors were in charge of the craft and that she suffered so much from exposure that her health is ruined.

## Death of Mrs. Anthony Dempsey

Mrs. Anthony Dempsey, of Dushore, died at the Packer hospital, at Sayre, on Tuesday night, July 30. Mrs. Dempsey had been in poor health for some time and had been operated upon at the hospital but grew worse and died. Mrs. Dempsey was a daughter of James Carden and was born in Lackawanna county. She married Anthony Dempsey and the family lived several years in Olyphant, in 1877 they moved on a tract of land near Cherry Mills, where Mr. Dempsey cleared up a fine farm.

Mrs. Dempsey was a very fine woman, a faithful and devoted member of the Roman Catholic church, and was very highly esteemed by all who knew her. The remains were taken to Dushore to the family residence Wednesday evening, July 31. The funeral was held Saturday, interment taking place in St. Basil's cemetery.

Mrs. Dempsey was 58 years and 6 months. She is survived by her husband, four sons, Edward Dempsey, of Murry; David, of Sayre; Robert at home; Martin, of Archibald; and five daughters, Cathryn, of Scranton; Elizabeth, of Sayre; Mrs. John J. Murphy, of Dushore; Mrs. Edward Dupp, of Forks, and Nellie, at home.

## Death of Henry Dieffenbach

Henry Dieffenbach, of Colley, died Thursday, Aug. 1, at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 7 days. Mr. Dieffenbach was a son of Jacob Dieffenbach he was born in Columbia county, and went to Dushore with his father in 1829.

In 1852 Henry Dieffenbach located in Colley township, and in 1854 entered into partnership with his brother John to build a grist mill on the farm later owned by C. F. Hunsinger, on the North Branch of Mehoopanny creek. Henry sold his interest in the mill and in 1863 purchased it back, and was engaged in farming and milling for many years being one of the leading citizens of that sections. Mr. Dieffenbach is survived by two sons, Frank and Eugene. The funeral was held Saturday, the remains were interred at Colley.

## Death of Mrs. Lewis Beinlich

Mrs. Lewis Beinlich, of Montoursville, died Friday, Aug. 2, at the age of 74 years. Mrs. Beinlich was a daughter of Joseph Kester, one of the pioneer settlers of Chery township. The remains were taken to the residence of Benjamin Kester in Cherry, and the funeral was held from that place, Monday. The deceased was a sister of Benjamin Kester, of Cherry, and is survived by one son and two daughters. The remains were interred in the cemetery at Peace church.

## Death of Mary A. Cadden

Mary A. Cadden, of Lestershire, N. Y., died Saturday morning at 2:30 of pulmonary tuberculosis. Miss Cadden was a daughter of the late Thomas Cadden of Kane, formerly of Dushore. Miss Cadden was a very fine young lady and held a good position. She is survived by one half brother, Thomas Cadden of Kane, Pa, two grandmothers, Mrs. Michal Burke, of Lestershire, N. Y. and Mrs. Thomas Cadden, of Dushore, also several uncles and aunts.

The remains were taken to Dushore Monday evening and interred in St. Basil's cemetery Tuesday morning.

One good way for a pedestrian to avoid automobiles is to buy a motor boat.

## A FEW REASONS WHY MANDUS W. REESER SHOULD BE RE-ELECTED

While he was a member of the Legislature in 1911, he took a very active part in passing the bill for State roads and succeeded in getting for Sullivan county more miles of roads, in proportion to the population, than any other county in the State.

By this Act of Assembly the roads taken by the State are a State and not a township charge, as well as every tax payer, received a direct benefit from the law.

Mr. Reeser's activity in the passage of this law at the last Session will if he is re-elected place him on the Road Committee, which will deal with all new road and changes, and there his influence will be trebled.

If the road loan is voted by the people, we have no doubt with Mr. Reeser at Harrisburg, we can not only get our full share of the new roads but that he can have work begun on our roads as early as anywhere. It is not too much to hope that 1913 will see the beginning of the actual work.

No new member can do this for us. In the first place a new member would not stand the slightest chance of getting on the Road Committee, and secondly he would have to spend most of his time in "learning the ropes" and making himself known. Mr. Reeser has already shown his ability, and his influence will be largely increased by his return and he can do still more for the county. It is certain that new roads will be added to those already planned. If Mr. Reeser is on the committee (and he will be if re-elected) he confidently expects that he will get a road through Elkland and Fox townships, thus giving every district in the entire county a State road. Understand these roads are not only built by the State, but maintained, without a cent of taxation on the townships. All State Taxes are practically paid by the corporations.

It is just and right that the burden of building and maintaining the principal highways should be borne by the corporations. We people of Sullivan county want our share of the benefits of this road law. Every road built or taken over is a substantial thing for every tax payer. The election of M. W. Reeser will assure us of a member who knows the in and outs of the road law, and can get us our fair proportion of the roads, his defeat will leave us out in the cold. We say "drop politics and cast your vote for the man who is able to do us the most good at Harrisburg." That man, as you all can see, is M. W. Reeser.

## Miner Electrocuted

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 13.—Seated on a mine motor coming out of the Pine Ridge colliery of the Delaware & Hudson Coal company at Hudson near here this evening, Sylvester Schelock, aged 19, of Hudson, was instantly killed by a current of 2,200 volts passing through his body from the trolley pole. He failed to avoid contact with the current as the motor ran into a low vein and the pins holding the trolley wheel were imbedded in his skull.

## Church Notice

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold services Sunday morning, Aug. 18, at 10:30 a. m.

Champ Clarks' gotta quit kickin' that naval bill around.

## The Williamsport And North Branch Railroad

### The Short Line Route Across The Allegheny Mountains

The Williamsport and North Branch Railroad has become an important factor in the transportation business of Central and North-eastern Pennsylvania. It forms a connecting link between the important systems of the Philadelphia & Reading and the Pennsylvania railroads, traversing central Pennsylvania at the south, and the Lehigh Valley system, traversing northern Pennsylvania and southern New York, at the north.

It may be of interest to our readers to know something of the history of this road. Its beginning dates back to the early Seventies, when, under the corporate name of "The Muncy Creek Railway Company," it secured from the State a charter, most liberal in its provisions, for the construction of a railroad from the West Branch to the North Branch of the Susquehanna, through the valley of the Muncy Creek or along its tributaries. Sufficient capital was raised to make a beginning and the road was completed as far as Hughesville within a few years after the charter was obtained. For many years, Hughesville remained the northern terminus of the road, the necessary funds not being forthcoming to continue it further, although some grading north of Hughesville was done. Old residents will remember the line from Hughesville out to the Reading connection at "Halls Station." The Company was the proud owner of an engine and a few cars and these did good service for years. They will remember the little train of two or three box cars with a small passenger coach attached, that daily made trips over the line on a schedule rather uncertain, depending somewhat upon whether there was demand for freight or passenger service on a particular day and considerably more upon the mood of the little, old, asthmatic locomotive that constituted the sole motive power of the line. Those were the days when the late "Reg" Mehrling had charge of the road and took orders from no one but himself. He was superintendent, conductor, train dispatcher, baggage master and general "Hail fellow, well met."

About 1880, the road changed hands and the late Benjamin G. Welch assumed management. Mr. Welch was a man of great ability, untiring energy, and undaunted courage. He at once resolved that the road should be pushed through to a Lehigh Valley connection at the north. Although part of the route lay over the summit of the Alleghenies, two thousand feet above sea level, and through a rough, sparsely settled section of country, he did not falter. The financing of project was taken up and Mr. Welch succeeded in interesting capital. Year by year the road was pushed up the valley a little further until, about 1885, it had gone well toward the head-waters of Muncy Creek, at the foot of North Mountain. Upon this terminus, Mr. Welch bestowed the highly appropriate name of "Nordmont." Here again there were delays owing to the great cost of construction through the mountains. But Mr. Welch was steadfast. He went into the market with the bonds of the Company and after several years of hard work placed a sufficient amount to take up the work. In 1893, the road was completed to its connection with the Lehigh Valley R. R. and the name "Satterfield" given to the junction, in honor of the late John Satterfield, of Buffalo, who had become the purchaser of the bonds, to a large extent. The first through trains began running in September 1893.

In 1891, the Eagles Mere branch was constructed. This now famous resort was then beginning to attract attention. To the persistent advertising of Mr. Welch can be attributed much of its success. The Eagles Mere branch, although operated only during the short summer season has proven a source of much revenue for the main line. For several years previous to the construction of the Eagles Mere branch Mr. Welch had established a line of stage coaches running first from Glen

Mawr and later from Muncy Valley to transport freight and passengers to the future resort.

The traveler over the Williamsport & North Branch Railroad is presented with a striking variety of country. For several miles the road passes through the fertile valley of Muncy Creek, with its thrifty farms and manufacturing villages. Gradually the valley narrows and the towering mountains on either side, covered with forests of hemlock and maple, form a contrasting picture of beauty and grandeur. Crossing the valley at Nordmont the climb over the mountains begins. In places, in order to reach the summit, at Lake Mokoma, the grades run as high as one hundred and ten feet to the mile and the line is a succession of sharp curves. Notwithstanding the excessive grades and curves, made absolutely necessary by the character of the country over which the road passes, there has never been an accident on the road due to steep grades or heavy curves. This fact speaks volumes of praise for the careful and efficient management that the road has been so fortunate to possess.

The railroad not only handles a large amount of local freight but delivers a large tonnage of through freight north to the Lehigh Valley Railroad and south to the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad. For a number of years Mr. S. D. Townsend has been its General Manager and under his progressive management a fine line of business has been built up. Mr. Townsend has especially favored the development of local business enterprises along the line of his road and has assisted in every way within his power every industry that has been established. The road enjoys a large traffic from the coal mines at Bernice, the plants of the Elk Tanning Company, the many saw mills, lumber and furniture manufacturing, the summer resort business at Eagles Mere, the excursion business and the ice shipments from Lake Mokoma and numerous other industrial activities along this line. With the constantly increasing development of the country through which the road passes, the outlook for its future is bright.

## Annual Boat Carnival

The Sixth Annual Boat Carnival at Lake Mokoma will be held Tuesday evening, Aug. 20. This is an event that has become a feature of the season at Laporte and this year promises to surpass all previous efforts. Excursion trains will be run over the Lehigh Valley and the Williamsport & North Branch Railroads and a big crowd will be on hand to witness the display. The Lake Mokoma Company has offered six valuable prizes to be awarded to the best decorated boats and floats. Free use of boats is given by the Company to all desiring to participate in the carnival.

## Musical Entertainment

In place of the usual annual church supper, the Ladies of St. John's Episcopal Church have decided this year to hold a bake, ice cream and candy sale on Monday afternoon, Aug. 19, on the lawn at the residence of F. W. Meylert, at 2 o'clock, to be followed in the evening by a musical entertainment and social in the High School Auditorium. The program will consist of instrumental music and a variety of songs by the children. The admission will be 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12 years. Following the musical entertainment ice cream and prize boxes will be sold.

## Death of John Ruddy

John Ruddy died at his home in Albany township, on Saturday, August 10, after a long illness. Deceased was born in New York City, in 1854. Funeral services were held on Monday, at St. Basil's church, Dushore, with a requiem mass read by Rev. Father Flynn. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Rosanna McDermott of Towanda. He will be greatly missed by relatives and friends.