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## COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Mrs. Carrie Borton called on Mrs. Dotha Hackley on Sunday.

Mr. Nelson Lawrenson spent Sunday at his home in this place.

Smith Boudman of Sonestown transacted business in this place on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox walked to Eagles Mere, and returned last Monday.

Sheriff Cott transacted business in Nordmont and Williamsport on Saturday.

Mrs. R. W. Mason and son returned home on Monday from Austin, Pa.

Mrs. Ellery P. Ingham and son Donald returned to New York City on Monday.

Donald Ingham and Olga Crane drove to Eagles Mere on Friday and were calling on friends there.

E. J. Mullen and E. P. Ingham accompanied W. W. Jackson in his automobile to Towanda on Friday.

D. W. Pealer of Lopez, candidate for Congress, was a pleasing caller at the News Item office on Monday.

Miss Marie Peterman of Nordmont, Jennie Hess and Clarence Hess of Laporte Twp. are attending school here.

The work on the State road is now in progress on the Ingham hill, the road is being widened and put in first class condition.

Miss Nellie Hunter of Nordmont, who has been at Niagara Fall all summer, returned on Monday to resume school at this place.

Mr. E. W. Morgan and wife, Rev. E. A. Heim, wife and infant daughter autoed to Laporte from New Mildred, Pa., on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Angle and daughters Etta and Pearl of Penns- dale took dinner with Mr. Samuel Mahaffey and family on Sunday.

FOR SALE—Two lots situated on Main street and Spring Alley in Laporte Borough, known as the Wurflein lots. Inquire F. H. Ingham.

Those who attended the dance at Dushore Saturday evening were: Ida Hartung, Mabel and Francis Moran, Tresken and Anna Busch- hausen, Olive Keeler, Alice Bahl, Nelson Lawrenson and Prof. Leahy.

On last Sunday the officers and employees, with their families and friends, of the Williamsport & North Branch railroad held their annual picnic at Lake Mokoma, the event proved to be a great success and everybody had a very pleasing day's outing.

At a meeting of the Senior Class of the Laporte High School the following officers were elected: President, Samuel Kennedy; Secretary, Mabel Moran; Treasurer, Olive Keeler. The other members of the class are Nellie Hunters, Margaret Draper, Iva Hess, Rex Eddy and Clarence Hess.

The following enjoyed a corn roast at the Lake, on Friday evening: Ida Hartung, Margaret Cross- ley, Olive Keeler, Helen Car- penter, Tresken Buschhausen, Mabel and Francis Moran, Ellery Carpenter, Alfred Helsman, Prof. Leahy, Eugene McNellan, Tony Murray, James Moran and Mr. Cate.

CHESTER COUNTY FARMS  
ALL SIZES, FREE LISTS  
PAUL STANSBURY, COATESVILLE, PA.

## ROBBERS MADE BRUTAL ASSAULT ON WOMAN

Two Negroes and White Man Attack Mrs. Charles Miller of Watsonstown

ONE STRUCK HER ON HEAD WITH REVOLVER

While Another Hit Her Ter- rible Blow With Fist— Caught at Danville

Watsonstown, Sept. 14.—While Mrs. Charles Miller, who lives about a mile out of town near the plant of the Watsonstown Brick and Clay Products company, was working in her kitchen Friday afternoon of last week she was interrupted by the entrance of a squat, broad-shouldered man of about forty, who promptly demanded a drink of water. She filled a tin cup for him, continuing her work. The fat man drank the water, looked curiously about the room and strolled toward the open door with the tin cup in his hand. Mrs. Miller is not sure, but she thinks he raised the empty cup to his mouth as if drinking a toast to someone on the railroad tracks below the house. He then walked back to the table and put the tin cup on it. As he started toward the door a shadow lengthened out over the threshold and a negro of magnificent proportions strutted into the kitchen. Mrs. Miller is a self-reliant woman, a characteristic which has been rather developed by her residence along the lonely road which winds its way south, out of Watsonstown, but the appearance and actions of the men alarmed her.

The fat tramp smiled at the big negro and again walked to the door, tin cup in hand drinking another imaginary toast. The black in the kitchen demanded a piece of bread and butter. Mrs. Miller got it for him, wondering the while how she might escape from the room. The flat-headed negro took the bread in his hand and as a step sounded on the porch dashed it at Mrs. Miller's feet. "I don't want your grub," he hissed, Mrs. Miller braced herself and leaned against the wall. Approaching her was a second negro, larger than the ordinary man. A few hundred yards away was her husband at work in the brick yards. But between them was a peaked hill, an effectual barrier to sound, and immediate rescue. As she reached for a straight backed chair for support, a shining revolver was pressed against her temple by the black just entering the room. "We don't want anything to eat, we want your money," he said. She sobbed that she was poor and that her husband had none. Her two-year old baby, asleep in the next room, woke up and started to cry. Before the little fellow's first wail for his mother died away, the black, who had refused the bread struck her over the head with his fist, while his confederate, carrying the revolver, struck her over the heart with the butt end of the weapon. Both swore at her as she fell in the corner, stunned by the blows.

The white man, who seemed to be the leader of the gang, stood over the prostrate woman as a rude gag was forced into her mouth and her hands and feet tied with heavy twine. Following a motion from the chief, Mrs. Miller's body was dragged into the next room, near her baby's cradle, and a heavy settee dumped over on her. When the sofa struck her she lost consciousness.

It was about 3:30 when the squat tramp entered the Miller home. It was 4:30 when the mother, attracted once more by the sobs of her babe, strained at the bonds which held her, but strained in vain.

A few minutes later her son, Charles, home from school, threw himself into the room. In one moment he saw his mother pinned to the floor by the settee, in another he had loosened her bonds and was on his way to the brick yards to get his father. When father and son arrived she was able to give a pretty good account of what had happened. A half dozen men from the plant started on the trail left by the robbers, but lost it near the river bank. Meanwhile word was phoned to the authorities in town.

Dr. H. R. Miller hurried to Mrs. Miller, finding that her condition was critical, made so by the shock of her imprisonment and the heavy blows dealt her. Alderman B. Frank Fisher, who has charge of the police investigations, phoned word all the way between Williamsport and Harrisburg to the authorities, at the same time enlisting the aid of the railroad police of both roads. Friday night a dozen men hunted through the woods and along the river all the way to Montgomery, but with no success. They were able to trace the trio to a boat east of the Miller home, but here the clues ended. An examination of the Miller home after the holdup men left showed that they had dug up a ten-dollar bill from a bureau drawer and that they had made free with a suit of clothes, a pair of chickens and a peck of newly dug potatoes.

Friday night the station at White Deer was broken into, entrance being gained through a window. The thieves found nothing to steal. It is thought likely that the black and white trio are responsible for both crimes.

### Captured at Danville

Danville, Sept. 14.—The trio of desperadoes who bound and gagged Mrs. Miller at Watsonstown Friday were arrested here this afternoon after a chase that had several sensational features. Chief of Police Mincemoyer got a telephone message from Milton shortly before noon that two negroes and a white man believed to be Mrs. Miller's assailants, were on a Reading freight train headed for Danville. Accompanied by John McCloud as deputy the chief went a short distance beyond the borough limits where he awaited the arrival of the train. After boarding it he instructed the engineer to stop at the North Mill street crossing.

Evidently the trio had seen the chief climbing onto the cars and when the train stopped they made a dash for the hills, with the chief and deputy McCloud after them. The officers drew their revolvers and fired several shots after the fugitives, calling to them to surrender. The sing of the bullets over their heads had the desired effect, the three men stopping and holding up their hands as a sign of surrender. One of them offered some resistance when the officers came up but he was quickly subdued.

In the meantime Chief of Police Bixlea, of Milton, had started toward Danville in an automobile. He arrived here after the arrest was made and the prisoners were given into custody. They will be taken to Watsonstown and given a hearing at once.

### Mrs. Miller Identifies Assailant

Watsonstown, Sept. 16.—Edward Stoddard, colored, has been positively identified by Mrs. Charles Miller, of this place, as one of the three men who assaulted her at her home here, Friday, following his capture, along with two other men, at Danville, on Saturday. Mrs. Miller could not identify the other two men and they were subsequently released.

Stoddard attempted to offer an alibi that he had been in the county jail at Williamsport at the time of the attack, but the jail authorities at that place stated that no colored man had been discharged Saturday morning, at which time Stoddard claimed he was liberated.

A description of the two men, who have not yet been apprehended, has been given by Mrs. Miller as follows:

White man—About 18 or 19 years old; not over five feet tall. Fiery red hair, face covered with freckles. Quite well dressed, and has fairly good appearance. Wore light gray suit with fine stripe. Yellow-brown cap with wide brown stripe. Black half-shoes.

Negro—Very black. Big and heavy. Light pants, covered with dirt, black coat, black slouch hat. Black shirt.

### Wagner—Snyder

On Monday morning, at 10:20 p. m., Squire Caven at his office in rear of Court House, united in marriage William Curtis Wagner of Columbia county and Miss Jennie Frances Snyder of Ricketts, Sullivan county, in the presence of Ira Cott and N. C. Mabin.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF LAPORTE

### THIRD ANNIVERSARY SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH

Elsewhere in this issue may be found the report of the condition of the First National Bank of Laporte, a careful perusal of which gives ample evidence of its continued growth and general prosperity.

Possibly the appended figures taken from the regular reports to the Comptroller of the Currency, showing the amounts of Deposits, Loans, Surplus and Undivided Profits, and Assets, each year since organization, may be of interest to the many friends of the institution.

Date	Deposits	Loans	Surplus and Undivided Profits	Assets
Nov. 16, 1909	- 11,464.37	- 8,679.50	- 106.82	- 38,263.69
Sept. 1, 1910	- 33,776.28	- 37,393.99	- 1,042.91	- 66,069.19
Sept. 1, 1911	- 35,201.78	- 42,487.28	- 2,097.65	- 87,574.90
Sept. 4, 1912	- 52,945.17	- 55,333.06	- 3,819.92	- 106,801.58

The facilities of the bank and its new and conveniently equipped building with the fire proof vault and burglar proof safe, together with its steady increase in business, augur well for its future success. This bank considers it part of its business to accommodate its customers in every reasonable and legitimate way. Corporations, Firms, Merchants, and Individuals are offered every service and facility consistent with SOUND BANKING METHODS.

## ALLEGED BOAT THIEF CAUGHT WITH STOLEN PLUNDER

William Walters, of Athens, Pa., said to be known under the alias of Joe Smith, also as Walker, was arrested at Harrisburg on Friday by Joseph Ibach, police detective, on a charge of stealing a skiff from Carroll F. Lamm, of Williamsport, and of robbing a dozen cottages and club-houses along the river on his way to the city in the boat.

Walters has been living there lately, the police say. It is suspected that he has made a business of river pirating. It is believed that this is the fellow who stole a number of boats in Sunbury and vicinity.

Lamm missed his boat last Wednesday. He got trace of it, and he and Horace Hanna, also of Williamsport, obtained a boat and started after the thief. They found themselves always just missing him, so Friday they telegraphed to the local police at Milton and went there by train.

Ibach caught Walters in the act of selling a boatload of goods of all sorts. Walters was arrested and his merchandise seized. Lamm identified the rowboat positively.

### Letter From James T. Ailman

Thompsonstown, Juniata Co., Pa. September 12, 1912

Mr. Editor: As a Democrat I am not supposed to be particularly anxious to uphold the Republican majority in the Legislature. Yet I believe in giving every man his just dues. If Sullivan county is to be represented in the next session by a Republican she can do herself credit by returning the Hon. Mandus W. Reeser. As a member of the Legislature in 1911 he was found almost without exception at his post and the records will show that his vote, as a rule, was cast for the best interests of the people he represented without regard to who introduced the bill or who championed it.

Respectfully,  
JEROME T. AILMAN.  
Note—Mr. Ailman was the minority leader of the House of Representatives in 1911.

## EAGLES MERE

Eagles Mere has been getting some very interesting information in regards to China and Japan from a polished and experienced speaker, who has traveled extensively in the "far East."

An unknown woman teacher was instrumental in converting one Chinaman to Christ. This Chinaman proved to be a great organizer. The speaker Rev. Frederick J. Stanley, D. D., L. H. D., compared a body of Chinaman with our boys at Washington which was not much to our credit (but never mind we will get there yet, according to Holy Writ.)

Hotel Eagles Mere was a centre of attraction for Heaven's Artillery a few weeks ago. Mr. Alfred Newhart, the "clerk" has such a winsome and fun rollicking way with him that almost everybody calls him "Alfred."

"Alfred" had a very lame ankle but quicker than you could say "Jac: Robinson" the ankle was O. K. of course some glass bulbs were put out of commission. But all is well that ends well, and the popular Landlord is all ready to greet his many friends. R. D. Kehrler "the John Wanamaker of Eagles Mere" received a little of the heavens fire.

Miss Sadie F. Dreisbach whose many kind acts as well as words, has made for her a host of friends (Rich and Poor) had one light burned out, but now everything looks brighter than ever, and bread, cake, candy, ice cream, etc. is on deck in good shape. Diregs.

### Woman Injured in Leap From Runaway Carriage

Picture Rocks, Sept. 16.—Leaping from a carriage in which were Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Burrows, of this place, and Frank Artley, of Williamsport, when the team of horses ran away, while returning to this place from Eagles Mere, late Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Foster received severe scalp wounds while the rest of the party escaped with minor bruises.

The party had been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little, at Eagles Mere, and about 5 o'clock started to drive to this place. While descending a steep

grade, a part of the harness on one of the horses gave way, causing the team to speed down the hill, Mr. Foster was driving and after racing along for some distance managed to turn the team into the woods, stopping them without injuring any of the occupants.

After repairing the harness at the home of J. S. Courson, about four miles from this place, they again started to drive here, Mr. Artley holding the reins. After proceeding but a short distance the harness again gave way, frightening the horses, which plunged along at a rapid gait. Fearing a repetition of their thrilling ride earlier in the afternoon the occupants leaped out, Mrs. Foster, however, being the only one to receive serious injuries. The horses were later caught. Dr. C. C. Cooner, of this place, was called to attend the injuries of the party.

## NORDMONT.

Messrs. Willie Dietrick and Harry Woodward of Wilkes-Barre are spending a few days visiting friends here.

Messrs. Horace Edgar and Bert Sniner autoed to Dnshore Wednesday.

Mr. Walter Beck of Picture Rocks was a business visitor in town on Wednesday.

Miss Olive Peters of Williamsport is spending a few days with her parents, E. C. Peters and family.

Mr. Chas. Wesley, wife and son spent Tuesday in Williamsport.

Mrs. Philip Peterman visited friends at Muncy Valley Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Clyde Shipman of Hughesville was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Nora Hunter and daughter spent Thursday at Picture Rocks.

Messrs. Harvey Hess and William Kern drove to Sonestown on Friday.

Mr. Ellery Horn and family of Sayre are visiting K. C. Horn and wife here.

Mr. S. McHenry of Benton spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Nellie Hunter returned home Friday from Niagara Falls.

## MUNCY VALLEY

C. J. Greenya of Williamsport was in town a few hours Tuesday.

M. E. Hughes of Bloomsburg transacted business in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Miller and son Grant, and Will Moran autoed to Catawissa Friday.

Mrs. C. R. Grimes of Catawissa spent Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Thresa Donovan is visiting her son at Newberry.

Mrs. J. Brady Bigger and children of Binghamton, N. Y., spent a few days last week with her brother Will and family.

Miss Phoebe Worthington is spending some time at Renovo.

## Death of Mary Shrimp

Mrs. Mary Shrimp, of Forks township, died Thursday, Sept. 5, at the age of 90 years, 9 months and 11 days. Mrs. Shrimp was a daughter of Jonatahan Shaffer, who was born in Northumberland county and came with his family to Sullivan county in 1834, locating on the farm in Cherry township now owned by George Shaffer and son. She married Henry Shrimp and with her husband located on the homestead in Forks township. Mr. Shrimp died about 13 years ago. Mrs. Shrimp is survived by two sons, Phillip Shrimp and Manessa Shrimp of Forks township; three daughters Mrs. George Litzelman and Mrs. Joseph Ritchlin, of Forks, and Mrs. D. H. Epler, of Quakertown Pa.; one brother, George Shaffer, of Dushore and one sister, Mrs. Henry Fulmer, of Dushore. The funeral was held Monday interment taking place in Peace cemetery, Cherry township.