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COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Miss Teresa Fries is on the sick list.

Miss Amy Knouse is visiting relatives in Benton.

Miss Anna Hearn spent Tuesday evening in Dushore.

Tony Murray and Miss Frances Moran autoed to Mildred Sunday.

Mrs. E. C. Potter had a "sewing bee" at her house on Wednesday.

Miss Sadie Rogers of Lincoln Falls is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. F. Heess.

William P. Shoemaker spent Sunday with his family in Cherry Township.

For Sale—An Emblem Bicycle in good condition, will sell cheap. Inquire at this Office.

Mr. Herbert Keeler and Miss Ford returned to Binghamton Tuesday evening of last week.

Grant Carpenter returned home Monday evening of last week, after spending some time in New York State.

Miss Olive Keeler entertained at afternoon tea Saturday Nov. 8, in honor of Miss Grace Ford of Binghamton.

Misses Margaret Draper and Iva Hess walked to Nordmont on Sunday, visiting at the home of the latter.

State High School Inspector Denison and County Supt. Killgore visited the high school at this place last week.

Misses Olive Keeler and Margaret Crossley spent Saturday and Sunday at Sonestown as the guest of Miss Opal Watson.

Misses Olive Keeler, Mabel Moran and Anna Buschhausen attended the basket ball game at Bernice Friday evening.

Frank Fowler and family have moved to a lumber camp near Eagles Mere for the winter. They expect to return in the spring.

Miss Mable Moran entertained the felling at six o'clock dinner on Wednesday evening of last week. Grace Ford, Ida Hartung and Olive Keeler.

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

The pupils of the high school are doing some very interesting work in experiments in agriculture. The patrons of the school will find this work worth listening to and going to see.

A few weeks ago Miss Jessie Wrede found some strawberry plants in blossom and transplanted them, keeping them in a box in the warm sun near the window. The plants are now full of ripe berries of good size and still blossoming.

A Social will be held at the home of Mrs. G. S. Eddy on Friday evening, Nov. 22, 1912, for the benefit of the M. E. Sunday School. Ice cream, cake and coffee will be served free. Adults 15 cents, children 10 cents. You are all cordially invited.

There are five basket balls now owned by the children of the Borough schools. With some practice now every grade will be able to do some good work. The girls in the high school are preparing to play their first game with the girls of the Eagles Mere high school this week. As the cold weather has prevented outside playing the teams are using the pavillion at the lake.

A crowd of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gumble on Monday evening and gave their daughter Alta a pleasant surprise, it being her 15th birthday. The following were present to help celebrate the occasion: Anna and Ellen Buschhausen, Iva Hess, Hennerita Krause, Datha Mahaffey, Margaret Draper, Hazel Minnier, Anna Krause, Elsie Phillips, Marion Cott, Gertrude Krouse, Edith Gumble, Rex Eddy, Samuel Kennedy, Adam Vogel, Leonard Collins, Fred and Harry Mahaffey, Emmons Gumble, Lawrence Gumble, Ramond Gumble, Eugene Kennedy.

John Leahy and Misses Helen Carpenter and Jessie Wrede, teachers in the borough schools, attended the Sullivan County Teachers Association at Sonestown Friday and Saturday of last week. Forty-six teachers were enrolled. Dr. McNeal of the Department of Health at Harrisburg addressed the teachers on the subject "A Character Study—Aaron Burr," giving a biographical sketch of Aaron Burr and ending by showing, by his advantage of birth and environment, what he might have made of his life. Especially had his mother been spared to give him a mother's training instead of his early training being given by a bachelor uncle of Puritan birth.

EAGLES MERE.

Mrs. Monroe Bennett and Harry Feaster were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Thomas Booth and children were visiting Henry Smiths' on Sunday.

The boys' basket ball team played at Laporte last week, but owing to the rain, the game was delayed until so late that it was possible to play only the first half.

The girls of the high and grammar schools have organized an athletic association called "The Spartan Athletic Association." They are putting a lot of good work in their basket ball team, which bids fair to show good results.

Mrs. Myrtle Newhart was visiting her mother at this place recently.

Mrs. Burkholder is keeping house at the Forest Inn, in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Pletcher.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. Church met at Mrs. Edward Cummings last Thursday. Mrs. Cummings served a delicious dinner, and a lot of sewing was accomplished.

Mrs. Blanch Fries named her baby Nelson Benjamin, after her husband's father.

Hurvey Chamberlin has caught two pet rabbits.

Chicken-pox has broken out in the borough schools, as well as the township.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Fox are away visiting, and in their absence Mrs. Samuel Rightmire is staying at the crestmont Inn.

MILDRED AND BERNICE

Mrs. S. A. Dieffenbach and Mrs. M. E. Loveton were Dushore visitors Wednesday.

Mrs. Winfred Watson of Cherry Mills was visiting Mrs. Thomas Walters last week.

Mrs. James Ramsay of Mildred was visiting her son Frank, who has been in the Sayre hospital for the past two weeks, he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Yonkin of Cherry Mills was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson Sunday.

The basket ball game played at this place in the hall between the team of Laporte High School and Bernice on Friday evening was only a dream as far as the boys of Laporte were concerned. We don't know if they will ever know that they were in the game unless they read about it or some one tell them the score which was 52-4 in favor of Bernice high school. This makes seven games played this season and won five of them.

If you have not received your commission for one of the post offices or some other government position it is because you are not one of the faithful ones.

Charles Cook was visiting Sayre friends.

Harry Walker and sister are visiting Williamsport friends.

Miss Jennie Collins of Clearfield is visiting her mother, Mrs. William Collins.

Tony is a cracker jack for giving the candidates two or three hundred of a majority until the morning after election. It is always the other fellow that comes out ahead.

NORDMONT.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Foust spent Friday in Hughesville.

Born to John Little and wife on Nov. 15, a daughter.

Mrs. Eliza Little visited friends at Laporte Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Minard Peters and son Kenneth are visiting Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson near Unityville.

Miss Millicent Gavitt spent Sunday with her parents at Sonestown.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Horn spent Friday in Williamsport.

Mr. Willie Young of Benton was in town on Monday.

Dr. Davis of Sonestown was in town Friday.

L. T. Richard of near Benton spent Saturday night with W. B. Snider.

E. C. Peters spent Monday at Muncy Valley.

Messrs. Walter and Abe Levan of Bloomsburg was in town Tuesday calling on friends.

Miss Lottie Speary has gone to Sayre to work.

Mr. George H. Fisher of Lewisburg was a business caller in town Tuesday.

M. D. Horn returned home from the Williamsport hospital Tuesday.

HEMLOCK GROVE

Miss Mazie Phillips, who is a Senior at the Bloomsburg Normal School, spent Sunday at her home.

W. H. Lawrenson drove to Hughesville on a business trip on Monday.

Drinking fountains were placed in the school rooms, and drinking was very popular for a few days.

Mrs. L. B. Deckert visited her sister, Mrs. Herbert Firman on Tuesday.

Misses Orpha Arnes, Clara, Ester and Effie Phillips took dinner with Miss Mazie Phillips on Sunday.

M. J. Phillips went to Bloomsburg on a business trip Monday.

Harry Buck visited M. J. Phillips and family Sunday.

Miss Clara Phillips is working at H. B. Arnes'.

Brady Chestnut has placed a lath machine on his saw mill.

William Moran of Muncy Valley while speeding his car along the mountain road, ran over and nearly killed a hunting dog belonging to R. E. Warburton that was laying in the road near its home.

NORMAN P. HILL FATALLY SHOT BY SAMUEL A. KEAGLE

Died While Being Taken to the Hospital in the Police Ambulance

SHOOTING OCCURRED IN HILL'S OFFICE AT WILLIAMSPORT

Norman Hill, aged forty-seven years, a book-keeper in the veterinary of Sheriff William T. Tomlinson, corner Church and State streets, Williamsport, was fatally shot by Samuel A. Keagle, otherwise known as Baldy Keagle, who lives in a room at No. 36 East Third street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Keagle's bullet penetrated Hill's left breast near the heart. Hill died on the way to the Williamsport hospital. The shooting took place on the street in front of the sheriff's office.

The shooting grew out of Keagle's being ordered from the veterinary office by Hill, who became tired of Keagle, who was said to be under the influence of liquor. In the scramble to get Keagle out Hill went along and then Keagle drew a thirty-two caliber revolver and fired at Hill at a distance of only a few feet.

Hill fell and Keagle, who was armed with a revolver and a rifle, disappeared from the vicinity. A brother of Dr. Edward Lyon was in the veterinary office at the time of the shooting, and with several clerks from the office of the Emerson-Brantigan Company, across State street, ran to Hill's assistance when they heard the report of the weapon, and saw Hill fall.

After the shooting C. C. Crouse, who was going down Third street in an automobile, was hailed by Charles H. Smith, a Pennsylvania railroad policeman, who happened to be on the street off duty, and a search was made for Keagle, who was at Third and Mulberry streets. Smith made a flying leap for Keagle, who pulled his revolver. Smith knocked it from his hand and he and Crouse made the man a prisoner. He was taken to the city hall.

Hill lived at No. 457 Elmire street and had a wife and family.

NOTICE OF TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that a Petition for the Transfer of a Wholesale Liquor License heretofore granted to Thomas W. Gahan, on premises located on the West side on German Street, in the Borough of Dushore, County of Sullivan, State of Pennsylvania, to MARC T. CAMPBELL, has this day been filed in my office, and will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions of Sullivan County, Penna., on Tuesday, November 26, 1912, at nine o'clock a. m.

ALBERT F. HEESS, Clerk.

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Work of The Chestnut Tree Blight Commission In Centre County, Penn'a

Recently there has been certain criticism in the press of the work of the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission in Centre County, which is both ridiculous and without foundation. A field agent had examined a tract of timber supposed to belong to Mr. W. R. Bierly, of Rebersburg, and on finding certain chestnut trees infected with the blight disease, had given him the usual 20 days' notice to cut down the diseased trees and destroy all infected material around the stumps, as is the usual procedure. Mr. Bierly refused to cut the diseased trees and wrote a formal protest, which the Commissioners were somewhat surprised to find was intended to be in a nature of an appeal, based on the contention that the tract did not belong to him.

At the same time various incorrect and absurd statements were made as to the effectiveness of the Commissioner's work, the cause of the chestnut blight disease, etc. Because of these things it seems only fair to present here a correct statement of the whole matter from the standpoint of the Commission itself, and afterward pay no further attention to the matter, as the whole thing is a very simple affair. In accordance with Mr. Bierly's so called appeal and because of the requirements of the Legislative Act, experts were instructed to make a second investigation of the tract and the fact appears to be that it was technically in his possession at the time, though payments had been made, showing that he expected to be the owner.

In the meantime the actual owner, Mrs. Anna M. Greninger, who resides on the tract and holds the deed, has done a part of the work of removing infections as a result, curiously enough, of a letter from Mr. Bierly himself, in which he stated, "The best way is to have them cut down and made into firewood at once." On October 29th, after reinspection of the tract by the experts especially detailed for that purpose, Mrs. Greninger was informed that the previous inspection was correct, and that the completion of the work of removing the infections must be done. The work was completed October 30.

So far as this particular tract is concerned, therefore, there is nothing further to be done. Everything has been carried out just as the Chestnut Tree Blight Commission expected it would be. At last report no infections have yet been found on land actually owned by Mr. Bierly. If such should be found, however, on his or any other tract in that vicinity or anywhere in the county, it is expected that the removal of diseased trees will be made promptly and exactly within the twenty day period allowed. The disease is so destructive and spreads so rapidly that no time can be lost, and the Commission cannot afford to give a single day of leeway after the expiration of twenty days' notice.

As to the theory of worms causing the disease, nothing has been

better established than the fact that it is caused by a parasitic fungus in which worms are in no way concerned whatever, except that after the disease is once established, the larvae (worms) of certain insects may carry the disease from infected to healthy portions, but the disease itself is in no way connected with any kind of insect or any other animal. It will occur in small trees with smooth bark where there is no indication at all of the work of any kind of insect. It is found true, however, that insects follow the disease, working in the dead portions of the tree which have already been killed by the fungous parasite.

The Commission has been pleased as a rule with the hearty co-operation given by chestnut tree owners generally throughout the State. On account of this co-operation, there is little doubt now that over one-half of the entire state will be rid of this disease by January 1, 1913.

INJURED BOY GETS \$4,250, FATHER \$750

Lad Was Dragged Under Car Wheels at Plant of American Car Company

Bloomsburg, Nov. 15.—The jury in the United States court, sitting at Scranton, who at 11 o'clock yesterday morning took the case of Walter Bird, Jr., and Walter Bird, Sr., his father, against the American Car and Foundry Company, returned a verdict yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in favor of the plaintiffs in the sum of \$5,000, \$4,250 of which is for the boy and \$750 the compensation for the parents. The Birds were suing to recover \$50,000 damage.

The victim presented a pathetic picture with his left arm gone at the shoulder and his right side, along the hip and leg, almost torn to the bone. The wounds were protected by skin that had been grafted from two small sisters of the injured boy.

A dozen or more employees of the shops of the company in Berwick were witnesses in the case on Wednesday. The plaintiff contended that the company was negligent in that an air pipe that carried power for riveting machines was set close to a railroad track in the shop, and that Bird while pushing a car had his foot caught between the rail and the pipe and was dragged under the car wheels. A section of the rail with the air pipes and valves attached, was exhibited in court.

Masked Man Fells Woman When His Presence is Known

Berwick, Nov. 13.—Awakened by a noise in a room adjoining, Mrs. Minor Smith, of North Berwick, who was alone in the house with her baby, entered the dimly-lighted room to investigate.

She was horrified to see a man, with a black mask over his face, leap toward her. He grasped a chair and felled her to the floor, unconscious. Jumping through the window, breaking the sash as he went, the burglar escaped.

The continued screams of the baby brought neighbors to the scene, with the husband, employed at night at a steel plant, leading the posse.

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