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COUNTY SEAT LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

James S. Gainer of Dushore was a pleasing caller at this office on Tuesday.

The V. I. S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Gumble on Monday evening.

Lewis P. Gasperini of Bridgeport, Conn., is spending some time in this place.

Frank Taylor, superintendent of the Ralston tannery, was home over Sunday.

T. G. Mittlestadt of New York City was a business man in town on Tuesday.

L. M. King of Sonestown was a pleasing caller at the News-Item office on Monday.

Court commenced on Monday morning, the proceedings will appear in next week's issue.

M. O. Barnes of Forksville was attending court here this week and paid this office a pleasing call.

F. H. Ingham has purchased from the Blue Grass Farm Kennels of Berry, Kentucky, a fine Llewellyn Setter.

Rev. Thomas Ripple and wife of Columbia county are the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Eddy.

Mrs. Charles Skeen (formerly Miss Cora Karns) of Pottsville attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Stormont last week.

A. A. Dunhan and son of Eaglesmere who had been crushing stone in this place to be used in the foundation of the new hotel, "Mokoma Inn," finished the work on Saturday.

John Leahy, Miss Jessie Wrede and Miss Helen Carpenter, teachers in the borough schools, entertained the pupils in the high school auditorium on Friday afternoon with ice cream and wafers.

The monthly meeting of the directors of the First National Bank was held on Tuesday. Among the out of town directors in attendance were Dr. J. L. Christian of Lopez, W. B. Snider and Philip Peterman of Nordmont.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral of Mrs. Robert Stormont on Thursday of last week were the following: Robert Mason of Austin, Misses Ione and Marjorie Mason of West Chester, Wm. L. Stormont, wife and son of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Cora Skeene of Pottsville.

Robs Cars at Milton, Given Jail Sentence

Milton, Dec. 5.—Charles Miller, former janitor at the Realty building, was found guilty by a jury at Sunbury today on charges of receiving stolen goods and breaking seals on Reading cars in and near Milton with intent to steal. A long list of Miller's depredations on cars of the Pennsy and Reading road were testified to by detectives.

Miller was sentenced to serve two years and six months in jail and to pay a fine of \$5.00 and costs of prosecution.

Lewisburg to Have a Manager

An innovation in town government is being considered in Lewisburg, and council next spring may adopt a plan that, if worked out, will be the first of the kind adopted in this state. The plan is to put the administration of the city under the direction of a paid official who shall bear the same relation to the town as any other manager does to a corporation.

MAN'S SKELETON FOUND IN WOODS

Hunter Came Across it Near St. Mary's—Blue Sweater May Reveal Identity

St. Marys, Dec. 5.—The skeleton of a man was found in the Coryell and Russ woods near the junction by Henry Hoffman, who was beating up the brush and undergrowth there for game. The flesh had fallen from the bones, except some dried fragments that had been protected by the clothing. This was in tatters and so weather-worn that the original color was as good as gone. The best preserved garment was a blue sweater that the dead man had worn. There was nothing with the bones to help in identification unless it is the sweater. An investigation will be made tomorrow with a hope of solving the mystery.

This is the second case of this kind in the same vicinity in the past three years. The identity of the first man whose skeleton was found has never been determined and it could not be told whether death was from natural causes, accidental or foul play.

St. Marys, Dec. 6.—Constable F. G. Schlamm, with Superintendent of County Home J. W. DeHaas and William Cheatle went to the place where the human skeleton was discovered late yesterday afternoon to ascertain the cause of death and to identify, if possible, the one who had died there. They came to the conclusion that the man had been murdered, as it was found that he had been shot through the back of the head with a .32-caliber firearm of some description.

The bullet from the shot was found imbedded in the skull. Another thing that they held goes to show that the murderer was probably bent on robbery and probably knew that the man had money was that the money belt worn by the dead man had been cut. It is said that some foreigners carry their money in purses attached to their belts and this is believed what this man did, the part containing the money being cut away. A note book was discovered but the writing in a foreign language was too far obliterated to decipher.

It is the assumption that he body had been lying in the woods about four years and the chances for identity are regarded very poor.

Court News

Court convened Monday with Judges Terry, Keefe and Miller on the benches.

The criminal business was not of a character to require the services of the 72 good men and these summoned as jurors so the court was liberal in excusing those who did not want to act.

The grand jury finished their business and were discharged on Monday. Those not able to get home that evening was allowed another day.

The criminal business was light and all disposed of Tuesday and the court took up the civil business. The first case on the list was Fairchild vs. L. V. R. R. The plaintiff in this case claims damages for the loss of his wife and injury done to his property by fire. According to the plaintiff's statement live coals were thrown by defendant's company engine and started a fire to the property of the plaintiff.

Mrs. Fairchild alone at home at the time, saw the fire and rushed out with a pail of water and a broom to try to extinguish it. In some manner Mrs. Fairchild's clothing caught fire and she was so badly burned that her death resulted. The case is still on trial this Thursday.

Mr. Arthur Dickerson of Fox was taken ill on Wednesday, and was excused from jury service on the Fairchild vs. L. V. R. R. Co. case. By agreement the case will proceed with eleven jurymen:

HEMLOCK GROVE

M. J. Phillips attended Teachers Institute at Danville last week.

Miss Orpha Armes visited friends at Williamsport and Montgomery last Friday and Saturday.

Elston Myers on Monday morning found a skunk in his trap and attempted to pat the pretty kitty on the head with a club. The rest of the story he did not need to tell.

Miss Vera Buck visited H. B. Armes and family on Sunday.

Miss Ethal Myers spent Sunday with her teacher, Miss Vera Buck.

W. H. L. Armes is visiting friends at Wilkes-Barre.

Daniel Shires is visiting friends here.

A. T. Armes has rough shod over fifty hoes this fall and is still busy here.

H. E. Phillips attended the directors meeting at Sonestown on Saturday.

Tracy Lawrenson, primary teacher here, on Saturday at the school house laid the stone walk which he planned and cut out this fall.

Collins Hazen of Sonestown on Sunday evening assisted Rev. Kahler with the revival services. Quite a number have been converted and the meetings will continue a few nights longer.

Thomas Phillips of Fairview visited his parents last Sunday.

Miss Ester Phillips is walking 8 miles each day so as to attend the Sonestown high school.

State road men are measuring the roads near here.

MILDRED AND BERNICE

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dreiscoll, Mr. and Mrs. George Driscoll and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Murphy were called to Sadre on Wednesday as Mr. Patrick Driscoll's son-in-law, John Crowley, formerly of this place, was very ill, he died the same evening.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. Murray of Dunmore is visiting Mrs. Murray's mother, Mrs. Cumisky of Mildred.

Mrs. H. Surmesky was called to Ralston on account of the death of her mother. She was 100 years and 20 days old.

Quite a number from this place went to Sayre to attend John Crowley's funeral.

Our reputation on basket ball has traveled so fast that there was nothing doing at Towanda on Friday evening they simply refused to play basket ball.

The mines at this place were running on short time last week, on account of shortage in railroad cars.

Our basket ball team, which we are proud of, played the Laporte high school team on Saturday evening at that place and after a very interesting game, the score was 16-14 in our favor.

The following basket ball buns was to Laporte Saturday evening to witness the basket ball game: Orie English, Fred Weaver, Daniel Dieffenbach, Julius Moyer, Fred Gorge and George Lonie.

Death of John U. Hartzig

John U. Hartzig, an old and respected resident of Cherry township, died on Monday, Dec. 2, at the age of 67 years. Funeral services were held Wednesday of last week at 10:30 a. m. in the Reformed church at Dushore with interment in Bahr Hill cemetery.

Mr. Hartzig came from Germany when a young man. He was a single man and for many years has been a resident of Cherry township.

STREET CAR PASSENGERS CAUGHT IN TRAP

Conductor Called On Frightened Riders to Jump For Their Lives

Williamsport, Dec. 9.—As the result of a crash between a west-bound Pennsylvania railroad passenger train and a Fourth street and Erie Avenue trolley car shortly after 7 o'clock last evening at the Junction crossing, over Fourth street west of Grier, fourteen of the twenty passengers on the car were injured, some of them seriously. The car was wrecked, not a seat remaining intact, while the whole rear platform was completely cut off. The engine of the train was also somewhat damaged, but not enough to prevent it resuming its run after the accident.

The trolley car which figured in the accident was in charge of Walter F. Hummel, motorman, and Howard Dunlap, conductor. After leaving the Junction at about 7:07 o'clock and upon reaching the railroad crossing Dunlap, according to the custome, jumped off to see if the track was clear. He stated that although he saw the train coming some distance east of Grier street, he gave the signal to ahead, thinking that they had plenty of time to cross safely.

The front wheels passed over the westbound track when the trolley pole flew off the overhead wire, leaving the car stalled. Dunlap called to the passengers to jump out. All hurriedly attempted to obey the command and but only a few had reached safety when the engine crashed into the rear of the trolley. The passenger train, known as train No. 1, was in charge of Engineer Charles Burrows, of Harrisburg, and he was unable to see the trolley stranded on the tracks, as the lights in the trolley had gone out when the trolley pole flew off, and no street lights were close enough to illuminate the tracks. The watchman, John Salerno, heard the shouts of the passengers and taking a lantern flagged the approaching train, but the engineer was unable to stop his heavy train in time to avoid the crash.

The pilot of the engine struck the rear of the car, lifted it clear off the track and carried it forward. Meanwhile the front trucks of the car had remained on the tracks and in this manner, the front of the car on the rails and the rear on the pilot, the trolley was carried eastward nearly 200 feet.

A gate on the west side of where the street crosses the railroad withstood the impact of the crash. When the car slid off the pilot of the engine and was thrown into the street, it remained upright.

It was stated that owing to the fact that the front truck remained on the rails, keeping the car in an upright position more of the fourteen passengers were not seriously injured. During its westward ride on the pilot of the engine the trolley car glazed several trees on the north side of West Fourth street, breaking off a guide wire pole before it was halted.

Death of Mrs. Sylvester Dieffenbach

Mrs. Sylvester Dieffenbach of Overton died Monday night. She was found dead in bed Tuesday morning by her children. The funeral services were held Friday in the M. E. church at Overton, with interment in the church cemetery.

She is survived by one son and four daughters. Her husband preceded her in death about two years ago.

EAGLES MERE PARK IS PURCHASED BY KIESS AND EMERY

Deal Includes Forest Inn, Amusement Hall, Auditorium, Six Cottages, Etc.

Gazette & Bulletin, Dec. 7. One of the largest real estate deals in the history of Eagles Mere was consummated a few days ago, when Congressman-elect Edgar R. Kiess and Joseph H. Emery purchased all of the stock of the Eagles Mere company, owning Eagles Mere Park, which contains about four hundred acres of timber land at the head of the picturesque Lake of the Eagles.

The purchase includes the Forest Inn, the large Amusement hall, the Auditorium, a half dozen cottages, electric light plant and water system.

The present owners of the park have conducted a general insurance business for twelve years at Hughesville under the firm name of Kiess & Emery, and Mr. Kiess has been manager of the Forest Inn and Eagles Mere Park for the past 15 years, residing in Hughesville until two years ago, when he became a resident of this city, but retaining his office in Hughesville.

Mr. Emery is treasurer and general manager of the Long Island Wood company of Brooklyn, where he has been located for several years. Mr. Emery has been elected president of the Eagles Mere company and Mr. Kiess is secretary and treasurer and will continue as managed.

Mr. Kiess has for several years been president of the Eagles Mere Land company and the Eagles Mere Boat company, owning the lake at Eagles Mere, and has had more to do with the development of that popular resort than any one person.

Situated at the head of the lake adjoining the bathing beach and athletic field, Eagles Mere Park presents a sylvan scene of unusual charm and gives a truly picturesque setting to the Inn and other buildings, including sixty cottages, many of which are models of modern architecture and completeness.

Since the park has been opened up it has been greatly improved, and anyone who has not seen it for fifteen years would not recognize it now. It has its own steamboat pier and is also reached by the Eagles Mere railroad, which runs its trains within a stone's throw of the Forest Inn itself.

Messrs. Kiess and Emery will pursue the same progressive policies that have marked the management in the past, and already have a number of additional improvements in contemplation.

Molyneux—Wilcox

Warden X. Molyneux, son of J. L. Molyneux of Forks township, and Miss Cora Marie Wilcox, daughter of Rev. Wilcox of Millville, were united in marriage on Thursday of last week, in the presence of a large number of friends, by the bride's father at Wesleyan Methodist church at Millville. The bridal couple entered the church to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march delightfully rendered by the sister of the bride. They were attended by Miss Winifred Molyneux, sister of the groom, and Dr. Warburton of New Albany. The bride was prettily dressed in white and the maid of honor was becomingly gowned in pale blue. After the ceremony the near relatives of the bridal party were royally feasted as guests of the bride's parents. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts, tokens of warm and true friendships. After their return from a wedding trip, which will include a visit with relatives in Elmira, and a sightseeing tour in Philadelphia, Washington and Mount Vernon, they will return to Forks township where the groom will take charge of his father's large farm. Mr. and Mrs. Molyneux are very popular young people and have a host of friends in all parts of the county who will extend their best wishes and congratulations.

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STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Laporte, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of the bank in Laporte, Pa., on Tuesday, January 14, 1913, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m.

EDWARD LADLEY, Cashier. Laporte, Pa., Dec. 6, 1912. x1-10

Young Highwayman Caught at Northumberland

Saturday afternoon a twelve-years-old son of James Millar, of Milton, was sent to the office of the Milton Manufacturing Company's plant, to procure his father's weekly pay envelope. The lad was accompanied on his errand by the name of Robert Ditzler, aged about 16 years. After procuring the envelope young Millar started for home and while on his way was attacked by his companion, knocked down and robbed of the pay envelope and its contents, amounting to \$25.80. Young Ditzler made his escape after committing the assault and robbery. As soon as the little Miller boy related his story at home, the officers were notified and word was immediately sent out to the surrounding towns to be on the lookout for young Ditzler.

A clue was found which located him at Northumberland boarding house, where he was apprehended and taken to Milton to answer to the charge of assault and battery and highway robbery. He was taken before Squire Wendle for a hearing and in default of bail was brought to Sunbury Saturday night by Officer Law.

Young Ditzler bears an unsavory reputation and has just returned to Milton from Cleveland, Ohio, where it is understood he got in trouble of a similar kind.

Of the amount taken \$22.50 was recovered—the \$3.50 having been appropriated to the purchase of a pair of shoes, hosiery, etc.

When captured he was about to purchase a railroad ticket for Cleveland.

Death of John W. Speary

John W. Speary died at the Sonestown Hotel, where he made his home for the several years, on Thursday of last week, at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Speary was an old and highly respected citizen of Sonestown. He served 3 years in the Civil War, and was a true and brave defender of the stars and stripes, serving in the 84th Regiment and received an honorable discharge at the expiration of his term.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and interment made in the Elklich cemetery. He is survived by two sons and one daughter, Charles, of Binghamton; Ray, of Williamsport, and Mrs. George Richard, of Binghamton.

St. John's Episcopal Church Laporte, Penna.

Divine Service on Sunday, Dec. 15th. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 3:00 p. m.