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COUNTY SEAT
LOCAL AND PERSONAL EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

F. J. Glover of Dushore was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. F. H. Ingham and daughter Jean spent Saturday in Dushore

Leo Moran of Muncy Valley was a visitor in this place Wednesday.

Miss Murle Jillson of Muncy Valley is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ed. Potter.

George P. Geiger of Mt. Herman, Mass., spent several days this week in this place.

Miss Alberta Heess, who has been quite ill with tonsilitis, is much better.

George S. Spittigue of Newark, N. J., transacted business in this place on Tuesday.

Michael Flynn and son John attended the funeral of Mrs. Thos. McLaughlin at Bernice on Wednesday.

John Hassen, Jr., and wife autoed the following to Dushore Wednesday evening: Larey Lawrenson, Ida Hartung and Helen Maben.

W. C. Mason, Misses Marjorie and Ione Mason and Mrs. R. W. Mason were shopping in Williamsport on Thursday.

The V. I. S. would like bids for attending the street lamps by the month. Send bids to the secretary before Dec. 30. H. O. Ingham, Secretary.

Miss Frances Boice, of Philadelphia, died at her home Friday oi last week. Miss ice was well and favorably knn to many Sullivan county pole, having spent many summer at Laporte.

The following fro this place were at Dushore Wedsday evening to attend the Intute entertainment: Mr and M A. F. Heess, Mr. and Mrs F. V Meylert, Judson Brown, Prof. hhy and Miss Olive Keeler.

The V. I. S. will hc "Bake Sales" again, the first on will be held at the home of Mrs Keeler, beginning at 2:30 on aturday afternoon, January 4, 1913 There will be cakes, pies, pudding bread biscuits, etc., on sale. Special orders filled on request.

MILDRED AND BERNICE

We regret to announce th death of Mrs. Thomas V. McLaghlin who died on Sunday mornin, Dec. 15, after a lingering illnes borne with a true christian spirit never complaining but ready andwling at all times to help any one i need She leaves a husband and tv sons and one daughter to moun her loss. She will be sadly mised by both young and old.

Mrs. George Webb of Vaverly, N. Y., was visiting Mr H. J. Schaad of Mildred last wek.

Frank Ramsey was isiting his sister, Mrs. J. B. Dugan of Sayre last week.

Elizabeth Spence daughter of James H. Spence, was taken to the Sayre hospital ast week.

The mine at this place was shut down the greate part of last week as one of the dynamos was burnt out.

Mrs. Ben Helsman was removed to the Sayre hospital one day last week.

We were going to say something about a certain principal but we will give him another chance, to see if he won't do better the next time to visitors.

NORDMONT.

George Geiger, who has spent the past two years in Massachusetts is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. George Gorman and son Charles spent Tuesday in Hughesville.

Miss Iva Hess, who is attending school at Laporte, is spending the week with her parents here.

Miss Irene Hunter did shopping in Williamsport Saturday.

George Fisher of Lewisburg was a caller in town Friday evenig.

Miss Sarah Fritz of Benton is the guest of Irene Hunter.

Mrs. George Fiester and Mrs. George Derrick spent Tuesday in Williamsport.

John Hassen, Jr., of Laporte autoed to Nordmont Tuesday.

Charles Hess of Harrisburg spent Monday night with Harry Smith and family.

Zera A. Cox is spending a few days with friends at Jersey Shore.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Searfoss of Jamison City are visiting Harry Smith and family.

Miss Retta Sellers who is spending the winter in Picture Racks is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sellers.

William Stanley spent Sunday in Sonestown.

Miss Edith Morris left Monday for Sayre where she will spend some time.

Bert Snider and Monroe Phillips autoed to Sonestown Monday evening.

The Progressive Party

There is considerable "bosh" in Democratic newspapers just now about the Progressive party. The idea that the Republican party would adopt Progressive platform is ridiculous. If the Progressive want to consolidate they certainly will have dicker with the Socialists. No party can be successful under their platform. In a few short years the Progressives will be resting with the Green Back party.

The progressive party which succeeded in polling such a large vote at last election was composed of Anti-Taft people, Anti-Administration people, the followers of Colonel Roosevelt, the mighty hunter and indefatigable word slinger, and a few, very few, people who were Progressives, and knew what the party platform was.

Tried to Cremate Aged Man in His Home at Berwick

Berwick, Pa., Dec. 9.–The Seybertsville section, which stirred the country twenty-eight years ago with the grewsome Kester brothers' murder, and where, seven years ago, Thomas Miller was murdered, his home destroyed and the body carried away, has furnished another crime that for fiendishness ranks with the others. The third, however, was unsuccessful.

Joseph Beuch, an eighty-year old bachelor, tenanes a small shack near the scene of the Kester murders, in a secluded distrrict beyond the Nescopeck mountains. He had been in bed only a few hours the other night when he was awakened, presumably by the fumes of burning oil, with the flames already eating in from the outside.

He was able to put out the fire and found that his home had been surrounded with pine wood saturated with oil. His timely discovery alone made it possible to learn of the attempted crime, as the attempt on his life would have passed as an accident.

PACKAGES 6 FEET LONG CAN BE SENT BY PARCEL POST

Merchandise Up to Eleven Pounds in Weight Handled BY CARRIER.

Washington, Dec. 12.-Regulations to cover the workings of the new Parcels Post system, Which is to go into operation on January 1, next, were made public by Postmaster General Hichcock today.

The new system will be effective throughout the the entire postel service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway mail transportation route in the country.

Every precaution will be taken by the Postoffice Department to have the mails moved with the usual dispatch, and all postmasters superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

Mr. Hitchcock today expressed the hope that the public familiarize itself with the nature of the new service by attempting to use it. Information will be availabbe at any postoffice in the country in a few days.

The regulations provide, that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of most every description up to eleven pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country.

Delivery will be made to the homes of people living on rural and star routes as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. When there is at present no delivery by carrier the parcels will go to the postoffice as the case with ordinary mail.

The postage rate for the first zone—that is, within distance of fifty miles, will be five cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. The rate increases for each successive one of eight zones into which the country is divided, the maximum rate being twelve cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

For a fee of ten cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value not to exceed fifty dollars will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the parcel post system a set of stamps of twelve denominations. Parcel post maps, with accompaning guides, are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the chief clerk of the postoffice department.

Card of Thanks

Mr. Stormont requests us to thank his many friends and neighbors for their kind assistance during his time of bereavement.

NEW YEAR'S BALL
AT
HOTEL BERNARD
LAPORTE, PENNA
JAN. 1, 1913
A good ORCHESTRA has been secured for the occasion
EVERYBODY WELCOME
JOHN HASSEN, Jr., Prop.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Betty Lindsey Stormont

Mrs. Betty Lindsey Stormont, wife of Robert Stormont, of Laporte, died at her home in this place on Monday, Dec. 2, 1912, at the age of eighty-one years. Until a few days before her death she had enjoyed her usual good health; but a sudden cold developed into pneumonia and the end came before many of her neighbors were aware that she was seriously ill.

Mrs. Stormont was born in Glenclova, Scotland, in 1831, and resided there until shortly before her marriage in 1859. For a time they resided in Norfolk Co., Can. In 1861 they removed to East Sagiuaw, Michigan, where they resided until 1855, when they came to Laporte, where Mr. Stormont had a position with the Sullivan Land Company and later became superintendent of the Tannery.

The death of Mrs. Stormont removes from our midst one of our town's oldest and most highly esteemed residents. She was a woman of most admirable traits of character, kindly disposition and unassuming manner. Her long life was full of good works and kind deeds and she will be greatly missed, not only by her immediate family, but by all her friends and neighbors.

She left to survive her, her husband an l one son, William L. Stormont, of New York. Two other children, Mrs. W. C. Mason and Robert M. Stormont, died several years ago.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Charles S. Kitchin of this place and the body was interred in the family lot in Mountain Ash Cemetery, this place.

Margaret Jane Rohe.

Margaret Jane Rohe, died at the Rohe homestead in Cherry township Dec. 13, of cancer, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 3 days. Mrs. Rohe was a daughter of William Brown of Forksville, who was a son of John Brown, Sr., who was born near Walton, England, in 1770, and came to America in 1815, with six of his seven children, his wife having died in 1811. William Brown was born in England in 1801 and came to America with his father in 1815.

William Brown married Mary Clark, a daughter of John Clark, a native of England, who came to America locating in Forks township in 1830. Mrs. Rohe was the youngest daughter of the family.

She married Andrew Rohe and located on the Rohe homestead in Cherry. Mrs. Rohe is survived by two sons, John at home, William of Cherry, and one daughter, Mrs. Wm. P. Shoemaker, of Laporte, also by two sisters, Miss Ellen and Mrs. Mickel Hall, of Muncy. The funeral was held Monday, interment being made at Peace cemeter in Cherry.

Miss M. Frances Boice

Miss M. Frances Boice, founder and principal of the Boice School of Expression for 28 years, died on Friday at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Alvin Hunsicker, of Weehawken, N. J. The body was taken to Philadelphia and services were held at the undertaking parlors at No. 1820 Chestnut street on Monday. Interment took place Tuesday at Brandywine Manor, Chester county, The Boice School is located at No. 1822 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

J. F. Harrington Found Dead at Hotel in Waverly

J. F. Harrington, one of the best kown merchants of Dushore, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families in Sullivan county, was found dead at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning at the Fulton hotel; Formerly the Christie house, in Waverly. Death was due to asphyxiation by gas which probably came from an open burner near the bed.

His wife, two daughters, Mildred and Mary, and a son, Morris, survive him. Also a brother at Endicott, formerly engaged in the meat business in Waverly, whom he was on his way to visit at the time of his death.

Whether the gas had been turned off and then accidentally turned on or blown out cannot be determined, It had evidently been escaping for several hours.

BRUTAL MURDER BY ENRAGED SLAV

Head of Victim Was Beaten Into Pulp

Berwick, Pa., Dec. 16.–Refused warrant by several Berwick justices of the peace for the arrest of Nick Baron, aged thirty, and single, Alex Dzibziniak, aged thirty, returned to his home in West Berwick Saturday night and according to his wife, took the law into his own hands and killed Baron. With a blacksmith's hammer, the back of Baron's head was beaten into pulp. With his wife and three-years-old son, the suspected man made his escape.

The body was found in the kitchen a short time after the murder by Levis Godash, who was met at the door by Dzibziniak as he entered and directed to go to his room, where he would find his lamp awaiting him. The murderer had doubtless already made his plans to escape, for when Godash went to the kitchen a few minutes later he found the slain man's body covered with a blanket. That the slayer was injured before the murder was completed is indicated by the blood stains throughout the house and a bloody shirt left behind.

Of nine boarders, only one, Andrew Baron, a cousin of the murdered man, was in the house, but claims to have been asleep. Held as an important witness, he has been committed to jail.

Local officers and State troopers were on the scene within a few minutes after the murder became known, and Mrs. Dzibziniak and her child were captured last night, after being driven by the cold out of a house in West Berwick, where they had found shelter. They were committed to jail.

The woman told a frank story, stating that on Thursday, when her husband caught Baron and herself in the same room and gave her a severe beating, he fired four shots at Baron, none of which took effect.

When the clash came Saturday night the two men fought with their teeth and fists, before her husband managed to get the hammer and rain the deathblows on Baron's head. Then she ran away.

At noon today the murderer had not been captured.

"Mother and Baby"

The National Stockman and Farmer, Pittsburg, Pa., have gotten out a 1913 calander. It is called the "Mother and Baby" calander and is one of the finest works of art ever produced along this line. A picture of so much merit would cost quite a nice price at any art store. It will be sent anyone free who will send ten cents to pay for packing and postage. It would ornament the finest parlor or drawing-room. As long as the supply last it is yours for only ten cents. Speak quick. (advt) Jan 3

The Right Light
The Bright Light
No odor No soot
Triple refined Pennsylvania crude oil. The best lamp oil is
Family Favorite Oil
FREE—320 page book about oil
WAVERLY OIL WORKS CO.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Gasolines Lubricants

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

NEW MOKOMA HOTEL

The foundation for the new "Mokoma Hotel" is now complete and the carpenters are framing the timbers. The building will have office, dining room and kitchen on the first floor and bed-rooms on the second and third floors. There will be about thirty rooms in the building. It has a fine location overlooking Lake Mokoma and will be a fine building. It will be completed by June 1st in good time for next season's business. Henry Stepp has charge of the erection of the building.

He Laughed 'Till He Died

Taylorsburg, Ohio.—Abe Skinner, the village pessimist, laughed himself to death by reading BIFF! the Great American Magazine of Fun which is making greater strides than any other magazine before the American public today. It is a magazine that will keep the whole family in a good humor. The staff of Biff contains the greatest artists, caricaturists, critics and editars on the continent. It is highly illustrated and printed in many colors. It will keep the whole family cheerful the year 'round. You can afford to spend 50c a year to do this. Send this clipping and 50c today to the Biff Publishing Co., Dayton, Ohio, for one year's subscription. (advt) x Jan 10

Father's Whiskey Caused Child's Death

Berwick, Dec. 13.—Three-years-old Joseph, Jr., son of Joseph Chaez, of West Berwick, found his father's pint whiskey bottle last evening and drank the greater part of the contents. He died in great agony today.

Best Gift of All

To the boy or girl away at school or college; to the friend who formerly lived in Laporte, a year's subscription to the R publican News Item makes a most acceptable gift, and is a weekly reminder of the giver all the year 'round.

100 Ships Destroyed

Naples, Dec. 13.—A terrific explosion, the cause of which has not been learned, caused the damage of upward of 100 vessels in the harbor here. No lives were lost.

St. John's Episcopal Church Laporte, Penna.

Divine Service on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Evening Prayer and Sermon at 3:00 p. m.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right