

Newspaper printing is a business requiring the most intense labor, and the closest application, both of body and mind. It is a business destructive of health and ease; frequently cuts short the thread of existence, and is a bar to every pleasure of life! Do not those then, who devote themselves to its duties—who sacrifice health, pleasure, and even life itself, to the benefit of their fellow citizens, do they not merit their reward? We know we address reasonable, honest men—we know they will answer, "yes—they do?" [Bost. paper.]

*Salt Spring—Tribute to Merit—Susquehanna County—Anecdote of Brister & the Wolf.*

Three weeks ago we published an account of the discovery of a salt spring in Susquehanna county. Should the spring prove as productive as is now expected it will be a source of great convenience and profit, not to the proprietors alone but to the whole county. As may well be supposed it is subject of much interest here, and excites a good deal of conversation; but we have not yet been able to obtain such full and satisfactory accounts with respect to it as we could wish. A gentleman from Montrose mentioned to us that the story of the manner in which it was discovered was this:—Three persons from the state of New-York came down to Mr. Brister's (for he thinks the spring is on his and not on Mr. Beardslee's land,) mentioned that they had reason to believe there was a Salt Spring on his farm, and if he would let them come in on equal shares with him, they would endeavor to find it.—He agreed to the proposal, and the dug in the place directed, (by the Indians who formerly inhabited the country, it is supposed) and were lucky enough to hit upon the right spot. On digging three feet through a loose made earth, the came to a well five or six feet deep, laid up with logs, and covered by large flat stone.—the whole had a very ancient appearance. It evidently had been formerly worked by the natives.

On the waters of the Wyalusing, there are more deer-licks, or small salt springs, than on any other stream in the country. The Indian name of Wyalusing, I have long since been told signifies "Plenty of Meat," and was applied to that creek in consequence of its being so excellent a place for hunting, the Deer and Elk frequenting it much, on account of the numberless salt licks which abound on its waters. Should the spring prove profitable, there are others I should presume, that would be worth working. About eight miles east of Mr. Brister's, on the middle branch of the Wyalusing, on land of Mr. Birchard, there is a spring formerly celebrated as a deer and elk lick. I remember it well; for when visiting his hospitable cabin 15 years ago I shot the first deer it was ever my fortune to kill. The remembrance brings some pleasure, but not unmingled with pain. Ebenezer Bushnell was with me. He was a man of as much wit and a scholar of as much learning as ever graduated at Yale. His disposition was kind and he was the most agreeable and instructive companion I ever met with. I began my apprenticeship as a printer with him, when he commenced the publication of the Norwich Courier. But he had none of that worldly wisdom that enables a man to get money. In 1800, he was appointed a purser in the Navy. He was the author of some tender and delicate lines written on occasion of some of his companions engraving their wives' names on a tree in a distant country. He died on board the President at sea in 1804 universally lamented.

I am not certain whether the salt spring is on the land which Dr. Rose is selling and settling; if not, it is a tract adjoining, and must contribute very considerably to the value of the western part of his tract which did not need the advantages of salt Works to make it a very eligible spot for settlers to improve their fortunes.

Susquehanna is certainly the best country of land on the North Line of Pennsylvania from N. York to Ohio. The soil is remarkably good, and the water plenty and sweet. No country on earth is superior to it for grazing; and the name of the Susquehanna cheese will soon be a recommendation in market. Much is said of the settlement of Ohio. It is not believed, that any country in that state, has settled more rapidly than this—16 years ago, there was neith a house nor road within ten miles of the present seat of justice. At the late election, altho' there are three election districts within twelve miles, there were more than 130 votes polled at Montrose. A very elegant courthouse is erected there, and the lands in the neighbourhood are very rapidly raising in value. What folly it is to run westward—westward—westward, forever, when our interprising young men can purchase better land in Susquehanna county, at a less price than they can get lands similarly situated, in respect to Mills and settlements at the westward where in

five tracts out of ten the water is bad having a sort of milky appearance, and where lever and ague are so common, that if no more than two of the families are ill at once they think themselves pretty healthy. There is an anecdote of Mr. Brister, of whose land the spring is found that ought not to be passed over. Fifteen years ago when he first settled on his present plantation he was going home from the Forks of the Creek one cold Christmas day, when as he was about to cross the Wyalusing, behold, a monstrous wolf had seated himself in the path, and grinning rather maliciously, disputed the passage, Brister was not to be driven back: but arming himself with great coolness. The wolf sprung at him as he approached, and Brister stepping nimbly on one side struck the wolf a fortunate blow on the head near the eye. The wolf staggered, and the intripid woodsman followed up his blow, & finally succeeded in the complete destruction of his enemy. [The Gleaner.]

**BY ORDER**  
**Of the Board of Commissioners of Clearfield County.**  
**An Act**

To amend the act, entitled "An act directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes, and for other purposes."

**SECTION 1.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the treasurers of the several counties in this commonwealth, shall be, and they are hereby respectively authorised and directed; to commence on the second Monday in June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and at the expiration of every two years thereafter and adjourn from day to day if it shall be found necessary so to do, and make public sale of the whole or any part of such tracts of unseated lands, situated in the proper county as will pay the arrearages of the taxes, any part of which shall then have remained due and unpaid for the space of one year before, together with all costs necessarily accruing by reason of such delinquency, and to make and execute a deed or deeds, in fee simple, in the manner directed by the act to which this is a supplement; and it shall be the duty of the said county treasurer, to give at least sixty days notice of the time and place of such sales, the township or townships in which the said tracts of land are respectively situated, the numbers of acres contained in each tract, and the names of the warrantees or owners thereof, and the sums due upon each tract for taxes, at least four times in one daily newspaper in the city of Philadelphia, and in one other newspaper in or nearest to the county where such lands lie, under the penalty of fifty dollars in each and every case, to be recovered by the owner or owners of the land sold as aforesaid, as debts of like amount are by law recoverable, but the neglect of such treasurer to cause the said publications to be made, shall not, in any case, invalidate any sale made in pursuance of the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 2.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That from and after the passing of this act, when any treasurer, who shall have made sale of unseated lands as aforesaid, shall die or be removed from office, before any deed or deeds are executed by him to the purchaser or purchasers, then, and in every such case, it shall be the duty of the treasurer for the time being, to perfect such title and execute a deed or deeds to the purchaser or purchasers, and they are hereby empowered and required, upon the full discharge and payment of the money or price for which the said lands were sold, with such cost and charges as remain unpaid to the former treasurer, to make, execute and acknowledge any deed or deeds, and to perform and do all other matters and things that by the former treasurer might, could or ought to have been performed or done, which when done, shall be adjudged as effectual in law as if the title had been completed by the former treasurer.

**SECTION 3.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the purchasers at treasurers' sales, as soon as any deed or deeds shall have been tendered, after the deeds are acknowledged in the court of common pleas of the proper county, by the treasurer who made the sale, or his successor as the case may be, to pay to the treasurer the amount of the purchase money, or such part thereof as shall be necessary to pay off the taxes and costs, and also to pay, in addition, the sum of one dollar for the use of the prothonotary for entering the acknowledgement of the deed; and in case the amount is not forthwith paid, it is hereby declared to be the duty of the treasurer to bring an action of debt, in the name of the proper county, for the same, in such courts as

debts of equal amount are by law recoverable, and when judgement is obtained there shall be no stay of the execution, nor shall it be competent for the defendant in such suit, to give, in evidence, any irregularity in the assessments or proceedings of the commissioners or treasurer, touching any sale made in pursuance of this act.

**SECTION 4.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the owner or owners of lands sold as aforesaid, shall make or cause to be made, within two years after such sale, an offer or legal tender of the amount of the taxes for which the said lands were sold, and the costs, together with the additional sum of twenty-five per cent. on the same; to the county treasurer, who is hereby authorized and required to receive and receipt for the same, and to pay it over to the said purchaser upon demand, and if it shall be refused by said treasurer, or in case the owner or owners of lands so sold, shall have paid the taxes due on them previously to the sale, then, and in either of these cases, said owner or owners shall be entitled to recover the same by due course of law, but in no other case and on no other plea, shall an action be sustained, and it is hereby declared that so much of the act to which this is a supplement, as requires notice of the times being due and sale thereon to be given in certain public newspapers, is repealed, and that no alleged irregularity in the assessment, or in the process or otherwise, shall be construed or taken to affect the title of the purchaser, but the same shall be declared to be good and legal: Provided, That where the owner or owners of land sold as aforesaid, shall, at the time of such sale, be an orphan or orphan, or insane, and residing within the United States, two years after such disability is removed, shall be allowed such person or persons, their heirs or legal representatives, to bring their suit or action for recovery of the lands so sold, but where the recovery is affected in such cases, the value of the improvements made on the land so sold, after the sale thereof, shall be ascertained by the jury trying the action for recovery, and paid by the person or persons recovering the same, before he, she or they shall obtain possession of the lands so recovered.

**SECTION 5.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if any tract of land, hereafter to be sold for taxes due at this time, or which shall hereafter be imposed, shall not have bidden for a sum equal to the whole amount of taxes for which it shall have been advertised and the costs accrued, then, and in that case, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the proper county or any one of them, to bid off the same, and a deed shall thereupon be made by the treasurer to the commissioners for the time being, and to their successors in office, to and for the use of the proper county, and it shall be the duty of the commissioners to provide a book, wherein shall be entered the name of the person as whose estate the same shall have been sold, the quantity of land, and the amount of taxes it was sold for, and every such tract of land shall not thereafter so long as the same shall remain the property of the county, be charged in the duplicate of the proper collector; but for five years next following such sale, if it shall so long remain unredeemed, the commissioners shall, in separate columns in the said book, charge every such tract of land with reasonable county and road tax, according to the quality of the said land not exceeding in any case the sum of six dollars for every hundred acres.

**SECTION 6.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the right of redemption shall remain in the real owner of such land for five years after such sale, and on paying the treasurer of the county all the taxes and costs due thereon at the time of sale, and interest therefor for the same time and also the taxes which shall have been assessed thereon from year to year after the sale, and interest of each assessment to be counted from the time it ought to have been paid and on the production of the treasurer's receipt, the commissioners shall, by deed poll, endorsed on the back of the treasurer's deed to them, convey to the person who shall have been the owner of the land at the time of sale, or his legal representative, all the right and title which the county may have acquired under such sale as aforesaid; the monies so received for road taxes shall be paid to the supervisors of the roads of the township within which such lands shall lie on orders to be drawn by the commissioners on the treasurer to be applied by them in making and repairing the roads and highways in their respective townships.

**SECTION 7.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That if the owner of any such land shall not redeem the same within the period aforesaid, it shall thereafter be lawful for the commissioners to sell any such land, by public sale, and make a deed therefor to the purchaser, which shall be available in law, as well against the county as against the person or persons as whose estate the same had been sold, but no tract shall be sold for a sum less than the amount of taxes, costs and in-

terest which shall be due at the time of such sale by the commissioners, and such land shall thereafter be charged by the township assessors in the name of such last purchaser or redeemer, as other lands of equal value may be charged, and shall again be liable to be assessed and sold for taxes, agreeably to this act and the act to which this is a supplement.

**SECTION 8.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That any board of commissioners may direct the treasurer of the proper county to receive in advance, for any term not exceeding six years, a sum which in their estimation shall be equal to taxes, that ought to be imposed on any such land or lands, during the period for which they shall so compound with the owners as aforesaid.

**SECTION 9.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the form of the deed required by this act to be executed by the treasurer to the commissioners, may be in the following words viz—  
Whereas a tract of unseated land containing \_\_\_\_\_ acres, situate \_\_\_\_\_ township, in the county of \_\_\_\_\_ surveyed to \_\_\_\_\_ hath been rated and assessed with divers taxes, to wit, county taxes \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, and road taxes \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, which remain unpaid, and the treasurer having offered the same for sale agreeably to law, and no person bidding therefor a sum equal to the amount of taxes due, and the costs of advertising and sale, it therefore became the duty of the commissioners to buy the same, which they have accordingly done on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ last past, for the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars. Now this indenture witnesseth, that I \_\_\_\_\_ treasurer of said county, do, for and in consideration of the said sum, grant, bargain and sell the said tract of land to \_\_\_\_\_ commissioners of said county, to hold to them and their successors in office forever, subject to the redemption allowed by law. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

(Seal.)  
Sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }  
Acknowledged by the grantor before }  
one of the justices of }  
the peace of the county of }  
Witness the hand and seal of said justice, }  
the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ }  
(Seal.)

All which sales to the commissioners, shall be entered by their clerk in their book of minutes, as well as any redemption which may happen, and sales by them after the right to redeem is passed over.

**SECTION 10.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioners of each county wherein a newspaper shall be printed, to cause this act to be published at least three times in at least one newspaper published in said county, and the commissioners of the city and county of Philadelphia, shall also cause the same to be published at least three times in two of the newspapers in the city of Philadelphia.

**SECTION 11.** *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That such parts of the act to which this is a supplement, and so much of any other act of assembly, as are altered or supplied by this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

JACOB HOLTGATE,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
JOHN TOD,  
Speaker of the Senate.  
APPROVED—the thirteenth day of March,  
one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.  
SIMON SNYDER.

**Notice.**  
All persons indebted to the subscriber in any way whatever, are requested to call at the office of Elisha Moore, Esq. and make payment, as all my accounts are put into his hands for collection. "Peaceably if I can, forcibly if I must."  
**George Rothrock.**  
BELLEVILLE, OCT. 7, 1815.

**For Sale,**  
A Surveyor's Compass, with all the instruments belonging thereto. It will be sold reasonable. Any person desirous of purchasing, can have an opportunity of doing so by calling on the subscriber, near Spring Mill, Haynes township, Centre county.  
JACOB HERING.  
Aug. 30, 1815.

**Blank Executions for sale at this Office.**