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County Seat Indices.

—Soft weather and hard boiled eggs.

—St. Patrick's Day is next on the list.

—Winter is still doing the lingering act.

—Colds are quite prevalent in this section.

—Four inches of snow fell Wednesday night.

—F. P. Vincent was a much welcomed guest at the county seat Monday.

—German bands are touring the coal region. Spring is not far off.

—The more we read about the Klondike the less seductive it becomes.

—Frank Lewis was in Williamsport on business Wednesday.

—Editor Strey of Dushore, was among the court guests in town Monday.

—Sam Rightmire of Eagles Mere, was doing business in town Wednesday.

—Henry Kohensparger is prepared to take 10 court boarders, at 50c per day.

—None of us are so rich that we can afford to lose the very humblest of friends.

—Most lawyers attribute their success to the many trials through which they pass.

—Norman Sackhouse of Eagles Mere, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

—John Scher of Dushore made this office a pleasant call while in town Monday.

—F. M. Crossley wouldn't mind being Sheriff of Sullivan county. Many others ditto.

—H. W. Oslar Mercantile Appraiser was in town Monday attending to the duties of his office.

—John W. Buck and J. C. Starr, of Sonestown, were transacting business at the county seat Tuesday.

—Some of our girls who have been doing their sleighing this winter will most likely begin their slaying in June.

—M. C. Mercur Esq. of Eldredville was a business guest in town Monday and made this office his pleasant formal call.

—Sheriff and Mrs. Swank, Atty. and Mrs. A. J. Bradley attended the funeral of John Glidwell at Sonestown Sunday.

—Spain may be sorry before this thing is ended that she pawned the family jewels to grubstake Columbus on that tour of discovery.

—The man who has not yet expressed his knowledge of what wrecked the Maine might as well confess that he is not a prominent citizen.

—Weather which freezes honest men seems to have no effects on tramps. Now how does this comport with the doctrine of the survival of the fittest.

—Mathew Taylor of Muncy Valley while transacting business in town Monday found time to visit our sanctum and buy a receipt.

—J. B. Magargel of Sonestown, Jacob Meyers and Frank Magargel of Muncy Valley attended the Sheriff's sale of the estate of John Morison at this place Saturday.

—The main wing of the American army will be found mending the meadow fences and pulling the bell cord over the plow team in the next few weeks in greater number than fighting with Spain.

—Did you call while at court and pay the printer that little subscription bill? If not, why didn't you. He needs it to pay for paper and labor so that you can have the news sent to you another year.

—It must gall Senor deLone to reflect that he will be remembered longer for his one indiscretion than for all his diplomatic triumphs, but when one falls from a high place he falls hard.

—Mr. Bryan will speak on Thomas Jefferson at Washington, April 13. Unfortunately for himself and the country, the clear-headed old statesman cannot be heard in reply.

—It is one of the marvels of the age that in the midst of all the commotion Senator Tillman has not marched to the front with open mouth and drawn pitchfork.

—The Wellsville man who has gone crazy over the war talk is not as much alone in his affliction as might be supposed at first thought.

—You hear a good deal about the awakening of love. On a general average every time Love is awakened Suspicion also turns over and rubs its eyes open. Love makes time fly, and time frequently makes love fly. This is not fiction lagging after truth but facts caught up with observation.

—Mr. Silas McCarty of Piatt, has our most appreciative thanks for holding a News Item receipt dated farthest ahead of any on our books. Here is a good chance for a contest to see who will come out ahead.

—Love may not make the world go round, but if there is any wheels in the second story of a man's anatomy it is pretty sure to start them going around. At any rate, it keeps one of our popular young men going around to the Second Ward about seven nights a week.

—If you want to live to be old, get married, even at the risk of being bald headed. Dr. Schwartz, of Berlin, says marriage is the most important factor in longevity. Of every 200 persons who reach the age of 40 years, 125 are married and 75 unmarried. At 60 years the proportions are 48 to 22, at 70 years 27 to 11, and at 90 8 to 2. Fifty centenarians had all been married.

—The latest fad for an engagement token is a bracelet, instead of a ring. There are probably lots of henpecked husbands who have discovered that a contract to pay a woman's board bill for life, no joke, thinks the engagement bracelet should be patterned after a handcuff.

—Judging from the voice of the people Wm. J. Lawrence is making an excellent record in the official capacity of Prothonotary. By the way, Sullivan county has always been blessed with good Prothonotaries, and always took pride in recognizing the facts by returning them several times to the office. The people, regardless of politics, creeds, color or size say that Lawrence must be his own successor. We are told that history repeats itself and in this case it seems bound to.

—Smithgall & Sick for two years proprietors of the Hillsgrove House, and Geo. Walker of Hillsgrove were in town Saturday transacting business. The above firm have retired from the hotel business and Mr. Walker will assume charge of the house. Mr. Walker has many warm friends in that vicinity who are glad to see the house go into his hands, after its excellent management by the highly esteemed gentlemen retiring.

—Dr. C. D. Voorhes, our popular physician, has decided to sell his property at this place to Dr. Wackenhuth of Jamison City, and remove from our midst on April 1st. We with many others much regret that he finds it to his interest to leave Laporte. While he has resided in this village the Doctor has made many friends and proved his professional skill to rank among the very best the country affords, and by his strict attention to business, with an unvarying course in his belief that all men are born equal, he has built up a large and steady growing practice. He has not yet decided where he will locate, but will cease practice during the coming summer and take a much needed rest. Our best wishes will follow him.

—Dr. Wackenhuth who is shortly to locate at this place comes to us highly recommended, not only as a physician of high repute, but a gentleman as well.

—Services at the Baptist church next Sunday as follows: Sunday School at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Preaching 7:30.

—Sabbath School 10 a. m. Epworth League 7 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Subject "The Life of Joseph," illustrated with the lantern. All are cordially invited. Class Meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 p. m. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening 7:30.

—Nordmont M. E. church, preaching next Sabbath at 11 a. m. a lecture on "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be given by the pastor, Saturday evening of this week, illustrated by the lantern. All invited.

—We all have desires of our own which we hope to gratify; rights of our own which we wish to maintain, pleasures of our own in which we rejoice; woes of our own over which we grieve; but it is only the thoroughly selfish man—if such there be—whose feelings stop here. To a greater or less degree we transfer them to others; we desire for them what we wish for ourselves; we are glad in their gladness, sorry in their distress, indignant at their wrongs, anxious to meet their wishes and promote their welfare. This is true sympathy, and may take many forms.

**Court Proceedings.**

The Grand Jury was called and sworn; Alvin Dunham was appointed foreman. The Judge in charging the grand jury, congratulated them and the county generally on the very small amount of criminal matter to come before them or the Court at this term.

The various constables made their usual returns in open court.

Comth. vs Walter Northrop; illegal fishing. Recognizance of defendant renewed to May Sessions.

Comth. vs Thos. Mahaffey; embezzlement. Recognizance entered for May Sessions.

Comth. vs Bert DeWitt; assault to rape. On motion of Dist. Atty. the Court permitted a nol. pros. on payment of costs.

Comth. vs John Martin; burglary. Defendant pleaded guilty. Sentenced to a fine of \$50 and cost of prosecution, and two years and six months in the Eastern Penitentiary.

Comt. vs Mary Remsnyder; convicted of assault and battery at Dec. Session was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and cost of prosecution. Petition for discharge under the insolvent law filed.

Comth. vs Moses Bell Barber; larceny. The grand jury find "not a true bill" and prosecutor, Curtis Stroup, to pay the cost. Prosecutor sentenced to pay costs or give satisfactory bail to the Sheriff that the same be paid within 10 days, and to stand committed until sentence is complied with.

Julius Geogheim was duly admitted as a citizen and sworn in open court.

James Sones, constable of Davidson, and Henry Middendorf constable of Dushore, both come into open court and ask leave to resign their office as constables and that the vacancies be filled in accordance with the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided.

Ulysses Bird, A. Wilmont and Charles Hicker were on petition of citizens, appointed by the Court as viewers to lay out a public road in Shrewsbury twp.

F. P. Vincent vs C. S. Mosier. Upon hearing petition of Piff. the Court directed that a Vend. Ex. Real for sale of life estate described in petition be issued; sale to be made before the first day of next term.

Geary vs Geary, in divorce. Charleschock, J. P., is appointed commissioner to take testimony.

And now to wit: February 28, 1898, the exception filed to the granting of a restaurant license to John H. Youkin at Lopez. Bond approved and license granted.

In the matter of sale of a piece of land in Laporte twp. by the Overseers of Pool of Cherry twp. Sale approved and Anthony Rohle and Patrick Bowles, Overseers, acknowledge a deed in open Court to John Walsh, for said piece of land.

In re: Estate of Mary Clark decd. On petition of heirs the Court do order and direct that the administrator, Jasper Clark, accountant, to produce all vouchers and receipts for moneys paid, and file the same with the clerk of Q. S. and that confirmation Ni Si be withheld until this order is complied with.

A. A. Collins vs M. R. Black. By agreement of parties, stays granted in this case are withdrawn and the rule discharged.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

**Bernice.**

Dr. Kelley, dentist of Towanda, will occupy rooms at Dr. Everitt's the latter part of each month.

Miss May Watson visited friends at Dushore Saturday.

F. H. Allen is again confined to the house with rheumatism.

Mrs. Denis Thurston who has been quite sick is convalescent.

Dr. Everitt will remove his family from Built to Columbia county the 1st of April, where he will practice medicine.

Quite a number from here attended court at Laporte this week.

Mrs. Thomas Carmody visited friends at Dushore Thursday.

M. A. Stureman, agent for the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co., was transacting business in this town Friday. Mark is a hustler.

Miss Blanch Sweeney visited her brother Prof. E. L. Sweeney, a few days last week.

Mrs. Bullock of Monroeton was the guest of her daughter Mrs. P. E. Merthw Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mrs. John Watson is quite sick at this writing.

John Roof of Rummerfield, was the guest of A. H. Roberts Wednesday.

The net proceeds of the bazaar held in the basement of the St. Francis church was \$515.00. The bazaar will be reopened Easter Monday night and continue two nights.

Mrs. Solomon Burns is very sick at this date.

John Daley and James Ladden visited friends in Laporte Sunday.

Patrick Murphy met with a severe accident one day last week while at work in the mines, a piece of coal flew from his pick and injured his right eye. Dr. Randall of Dushore removed three pieces of coal from the eye, and Dr. Pratt of Towanda removed two more pieces. He is getting along good at this writing.

Cupid has been seen here again with his arrows and gun; so look out for two to be made one.

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THURSDAY, MARCH, 10, '98.

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Calicoes, 4c yard.

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Table oil cloth, 12c yard

Good loose coffee, 10c lb.

Brooms, 10c each.

Clothes pins, 1c per doz.

4lb. prunes, 25c.

4lb. rasins, 25c.

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**RESOURCES:**

Loans and Discounts.....\$ 112,125 64

U. S. Bonds to Secure Circulation..... 12,500 00

Premium on United States Bonds..... 2,250 00

Stock Securities..... 15,250 00

Furniture..... 1,349 95

Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt..... 41,885 95

U. S. Treasury..... 562 50

specie and Legal Tender Notes..... 17,548 58

\$ 202,172 58

**LIABILITIES:**

Capital.....\$ 50,000 00

Surplus..... 10,000 00

Undivided Profits..... 2,250 00

Due National Banks..... 4,675 99

Circulation..... 11,250 00

Dividends Unpaid..... 34 00

Deposits..... 128,947 60

\$ 202,172 58

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of Feb, 1898.

JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: ALPHONSHUS WALSH, JNO. D. REESE, F. B. POMEROY, } Directors.

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Northward. Southward.

p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
5 15	10 40	Halls	9 45
5 20	10 45	Pennsdale	9 41
5 31	10 58	Hughesville	9 32
5 40	11 07	Picture Rocks	9 28
5 44	11 11	Lyons Mills	9 22
5 47	11 14	Chamouni	9 20
5 54	11 21	Glen Mawr	9 14
6 04	11 30	Strawbridge	9 07
6 09	11 36	Beech Glen	9 02
6 12	11 40	Muncy Valley	8 59
6 18	11 46	Sonestown	8 56
6 34	12 04	Nordmont	8 37
6 54	12 26	LaPorte	8 21
6 57	12 28	LaPorte Cannery	8 19
7 13	12 45	Ringdale	8 06
7 27	1 00	Satterfield	7 56
			a.m.

All trains daily except Sunday; "F" flag stations.

Connections with the Philadelphia & Reading at Halls, for all points north and south, and the Fall Brook and Beech Creek railroads. At Satterfield for all points on the Lehigh Valley railroad. At Sonestown with the Eagles Mere railroad.

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**J. W. CARROLL, Hotel Carroll, DUSHORE, PA.**