

THURSDAY, MAR. 10, 1898.

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County Seat Indices.

Come gentle spring and bring your knitting along. March appears to be a little weak in the lungs thus far. This mortal coil seems to be all knots sometimes. If you don't see it in the NEWS ITEM it never happened. Prof. M. P. Gavitt was a Williamsport visitor on Saturday. Thos. E. Kennedy was transacting business in Williamsport Saturday. Supt. and Mrs. F. W. Meylert visited the city of Williamsport Saturday. Miss Sallie Reede of Unityville is visiting with Mrs. T. J. Keeler this week. W. H. Lawrence of North Mountain was a business visitor in town Tuesday. Readers who are afflicted with catarrh should read A. C. Jenken's liberal offer elsewhere. Chas. Reeder of Hughesville was a guest of his brother Milton the early part of the week. Constable A. E. Tripp was on official business in Western Sullivan last Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John Keeler of Nordmont spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. John McErn. The immense amount of freight traffic over the W. & N. B. seems to be steadily increasing. Miss Bessie Wrede, who has been confined to the house with rheumatism is able to be out again. Mrs. Charles Seaver of this place has moved back to her old home at Wellsville Allegheny Co., N. Y. Judge Dunham and Atty. F. H. Inham, were called to Williamsport on legal matters Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schrader drove to New Albany last Saturday to see his father who is in poor health. Jap. Clark an old time resident of this place, now of Elmira, N. Y., was a business visitor in town Monday. Now that Coxe is ready let the war go on. It will be a great chance for Coxe to float his now-payable bonds. Mrs. George Brown of Estella, spent her latter part of last week with her daughter Mrs. J. B. Seaver of this place. According to the new school of patriotism a man is a traitor to the flag who refuses to believe all the news from Havana. Hearts of the new up-to-date women are like city trolley cars, apparently have always room for one more, and as woman wills, so God wills. Some of the Democrats have already retired from the political field, which has a sort of punctured tire effect upon the public. It looks like a plain case of running out of wind. In eight months from now some of our Democratic friends will have no doubts without any inquiry that it was some exterior cause that hit them. Congress may as well return now to its peaceful function of sending out garden seeds, as the farmers will soon be ready to plant and is now concerning himself more about tomato and cabbage plants than the armor and powder plants. Sensible farmer. Mr. J. B. Seaver who has worked in the tannery for several years, has moved his family to Wellsville N. Y. where he has gone to do farming. We wish him success. Constable A. E. Tripp is now being pushed to the front by his friends for the nomination of Sheriff. Eugene is one of those get-there fellows and will be most likely to pull of the honor on the other side of the house as any yet talked of.

The likelihood that substitutes will be cheap nerves many a warriors' tongue. The worst part of the beautiful snow is when it begins to leave, yet in this place no one wants to delay it on that account. Services at the Baptist church next Sunday as follows. Sunday School at 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 7:00 p. m. Preaching 8:00. There will be a social entertainment at the residence of T. J. Keeler Tuesday evening, March, 15th, which promises to bring out a large number of young people. Mrs. Rosie VanFleet was a caller on friends in town Wednesday before leaving for her home in Binghamton. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Osler of Lincoln Falls, were county seat visitors Wednesday. Mr. Osler has completed his appraisal of mercantile business in the county. A copy of which will appear in next week's issue. Dist. Pres. of P. O. S. of A., H. A. Karns, Frank Cooley, Miss Etta Chase, and Miss Mabel Cooley, attended the address by C. F. Huth at Estella Monday evening. Hon. Russel Karns while sitting in the Laporte Hotel office on Thursday, succumbed to an attack of apoplexy and rendered unconscious from that time, 9 a. m., until the following morning. He is much better at present. By the re-organization consequent upon the death of Mr. Gearhart James C. Deninger of Sonestown was recently given the plum of Assistant Chief Clerk in the office of Secretary of Commonwealth at Harrisburg. The many friends of James are pleased to learn of his promotion. Zola has again proven the pen mightier than the sword as he has succeeded in demonstrating that the French army is afraid of one man. What an admirable Tammany mayor the judge who presided at his trial would make. It would seem by the accounts that the goddess which presides over the Paris courts is not only blind, but deaf and dumb as well. Be sure you are right, then go ahead. This is the thing for the American people to do in the crisis caused by the blowing up of the Maine. But it may take some time to find out what is "right." Have patience until the fourth of July, then every one can use powder. The condition of the First National Bank of Dushore, as shown in the excellent bank report sworn to on February 28, 1898, shows a decided increase in its business affairs, and further, that this financial institution is a profitable one to the stockholders, and of great value to the public. It is under the most careful and experienced hands who enjoy the highest esteem and confidence of their patrons. All of its directors comprise some of the county's best business men and able financiers. While there is yellow journal rumor of war between the United States and Spain over the blowing up of the Maine, there is actual war declared on the Commissioners by the Review. No question can arise about this fact that they were blown up last week by an "insight" agency filled with a compressed air of improbability. When the divers at Havana are through, that yellow journal ought to employ them to investigate the wrecked condition his article caused the Commissioner's office. We put on a living suit of 8 lb. gloves and went down to explore the cause of the blowing up. We were also refused the pleasure of monkeying with the order book, but was directed to other books which contained the same accounts, which privilege the yellow journal could have had. The Review must have run against a tack which caused the puncture, certainly no other cause as we can find about the ruins. Rainbow Social. The Baptist young people society of Christian Endeavor will hold a rainbow social at the home of T. J. Keeler Tuesday evening, March, 15th. Each lady is requested to bring a colored cheese cloth apron to be hemmed by the gentlemen. The aprons will be sold at auction after they are hemmed. Refreshments will be served free. Ice cream, sold at 10 cents a dish. Sabbath School 10 a. m. Epworth League 7 p. m. Preaching 8 p. m. Subject "The Prodigal Son," illustrated by the lantern. Rev. W. S. Skinner will preach his last sermon in Laporte before going to conference, next Sunday. Will leave on Tuesday following for conference at Danville, Pa. In Memoriam. Jennie, the only daughter of Ira and Anna Cott, of Elkland, died, February 10, aged 9 years and 2 months. All is lonely in our dwelling. Sad our hearts today. For the one we loved so dearly Has forever passed away. An angel dear from us is gone. A voice we loved is still; A place is vacant in our home That never can be filled. Jennie, thou has found peace in death. Thy cares and troubles now are o'er. For God has kindly called the home. To be with us no more. A FRIEND M.D.B.

Country Editors Boomed. Champ Clark, of Missouri, made himself solid with the country newspapers of his district during the debate on the Loud postal bill. Much that he said bears the imprint of truth, as all who have had experience in the running of newspapers in rural communities will readily admit, Mr. Clark said: "Having once been a country editor myself, I entertain a most kindly feeling for my old confreres. I am willing to make affidavit that the 11 months I spent editing a rural journal were the most beneficial of my life to myself, perhaps to others. I am proud to have belonged to the editorial guild. I am unalterably opposed to anything that will injure the country editor, curtail his profits, circumscribe his usefulness, or place an additional thorn in his pathway. "The rural editor—God bless him!—is the most persistent of teachers. Like charity, as described by St. Paul in the 13th chapter of First Corinthians, he suffereth long and is kind," which cannot be said of the men that got up this bill. 'He envieth not,' in which he does not resemble some people over on this side of the House. 'He vaunteth not himself,' in which he is unlike the leaders on the other side of the big aisle. 'He is not puffed up,' in which he does not resemble a good many of us. 'He does not behave himself unseemly, seeketh not his own, is not easily provoked.' "In this last respect he does not at all resemble my friend from California, Mr. Loud. (Laughter) 'He thinketh no evil,' in which he is vastly superior to a great many of us; 'rejoiceth not in iniquity but rejoiceth in the truth. He beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things,' and in that respect he is very much in the predicament of the minority on this side of the House under the Reed rules. (Laughter.) "He is the pack horse of every community, the promoter of every laudable enterprise, the worst underpaid laborer in the vineyard. Counting his space as his capital, he gives more to charity, his means considered, than any other member of society. He is a power in politics, a pillar of the church, a leader in the crusade for better morals. He is pre-eminently the friend of humanity. "Line upon line, paragraph upon paragraph, day by day, he is embalming in cold type the facts from which the Herodotus, the Tacitus, the Sismond, or the Macaulay of the future will write the history of our times. (Applause.) He joyously announces our advent into this world, briefly records our uprisings and our downfalls, and sorrowfully chronicles our exit from this vale of tears. "As a creator of beauty, he double discounts Mme. Ayer, who undertakes to increase feminine pulchritude only in particular instances; but the country editor in the exercise of plenary power, impartially beautifies all women whose names appear in his columns. (Laughter and applause.) By a touch of his magician's wand he converts paste into diamonds, sparkling on beauty's neck, and with a skill of which ancient and ambitious alchemists only dreamed, and with politeness which Chesterfield might have envied, he transmutes brass trinkets into jewelry of purest gold, when they appear upon the breasts of the family of his subscriber. (Laughter.) "He is the greatest and most ingenious of manufacturers, for while other manufacturers produce only perishable stuff, he manufactures immortal statements out of raw, sometimes very raw material. (Laughter.) In his laudable industry Dingley bill can protect him, and he must work in competition with the pauper manufacturers of Europe. (Laughter.) "He is— To our virtues very kind And to our faults a little blind. "We are all more or less, generally more, his handiwork; and it does not become the creature to injure the business of his creator. Without his ingenious-generous and enthusiastic labors most of us would never have been here; and when he tires of us we will retire to private life, amid rural scenes propitious for secret meditation and silent prayer. (Laughter.) Working night and day during the campaign, often without money and without price, when the election is over and the victory is won and the loaves and fishes now vulgarly called pie, are to be distributed, by some strange lapse of the human memory, he is generally forgotten. But he is as faithful to the people as the needle to the pole. Muncy Valley. Miss Jennie Haws will make her future home in Williamsport. Muncy Valley has all the appearance of spring, as the roads are free from mud and the robins and meadow larks are heard chirping in the early morning. Jas. P. Miller is erecting a new fence along the main thoroughfare. J. P. is always looking out for improvements. Hyman Herr left Tuesday morning on a short business trip to Monroeton. L. V. Burkholder made a business trip to Hughesville Tuesday.

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