

THURSDAY, MAR. 17, 1898.

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County Seat Indices.

Maple sap running. Mrs. Wm. Skinner is on the sick list. Thoughts of the housewife turn to house cleaning. A. C. Haverly of Forks twp. was in town on Sunday. Chas. Lauer was transacting business at Dushore Tuesday. Thos. W. Beahen is on the sick list with an attack of grip. Michael Walls of Cherry twp. was in town on business Monday. Dr. Voorhees was a business visitor in Hughesville Saturday. Atty. John H. Cronin was in town transacting business Tuesday. County Com. H. G. Huffmaster was in town on business Tuesday. Mrs. Bert Cowell is on the sick list, suffering with rheumatism. Do not be afraid to send us the news. That is what a newspaper is for. Editor Newell of Dushore made the county seat a short visit Friday. Frank Buck of Dushore was on business at the county seat Monday. Mr. Herman Ring will move his family to Dushore in the near future. Editor Streby of Dushore was at the county offices on business Thursday. The facts may be learned later that April and March have traded shifts. S. B. Karns, attorney, was on business at Benton Monday and Tuesday. The man who drinks is mortgaging his future, and the debt must be met sooner or later. Mrs. Cora Stormont has gone to Pottsville where she will be employed in a millinery store. Dr. Wackenhuth who is soon to locate at this place was in town Saturday transacting legal matters. Judge Dunham left on Saturday for Philadelphia where he will attend Supreme Court this week. Rev. W.S. Skinner left on Wednesday for Danville where the M. E. Conference is being held this week. Henry Kraus will in a few weeks open a meat market in the building erected by Stroup Bros. W. H. Townsend of Canton has been in town several days representing the New Orange Land Company. Miss Hilich of Rochester, daughter of Fred Hilich formerly of this place, is visiting at Mrs. Emily Anders. Mm. Low, Geo. Karge and Isaac Low were in town Wednesday looking after the interests of Laporte twp. Mrs. Pitt of New York who has been the guest of Mrs. F. W. Meyler, left for her home on Saturday. Physical beauty doesn't hold a candle to the sort that stands up to the rack when moral force is necessary. Love that does not grow weary in the prosaic every-day intimacy of married life is founded on the right principle. The opening guns of the gubernatorial campaign are not being delayed by the throgs of orders in the gun mills. Chas. Tinklepaugh moved from Fairview Cottage to the M. E. parsonage vacated by Chas. Yeager this week. Hon. T. J. Ingham and Atty. E. J. Mullen are the lawyers from this place who are attending the Supreme Court at Philadelphia this week. Sheriff Swank in company with Dan Phillips left Monday morning with Martin who was sentenced to two years and six months in the Eastern Penitentiary at Philadelphia. Prof. Wandall and E. F. Schanbacher of Forkville were in town Saturday. Mr. Schanbacher journeyed to Muncy Valley on business and the Prof. visited with his zozzy friends while here.

Miss Jennette Spencer who recently graduated at the Williamsport Commercial College secured a position last week with Burrow Bros. of Picture Rocks. Laporte twp. Auditors, Henry Karge, Wm. Lloyd and Joseph Traugh were in town Tuesday discharging the duties of their office. Spring must surely be here, as it has been emphasized by an occasional reckless pioneer from birddom coming to this cold town. Miss Grace Lawrence returned home Saturday after closing a very successful term of school in Davidsoo twp. near Nordmont. Borough Auditors, J. H. Spencer, Thos. E. Kennedy and H. A. Karns adjusted the accounts of the borough on Monday. James Dieninger while off from Harrisburg seeing friends dropped off between trains and shook hands with our town's people Saturday. Don't expand with indignation because we ask you to pay for the last two years subscription to the News Item. As soon as you can raise it we want it. The weather man had a hard time getting the rain machine to work, but managed to accomplish his task on Sunday. Pay in advance, then when you read a notice to delinquent subscribers you will have the satisfaction of saying, "That doesn't mean me anyhow." An honest man will not buy what he knows he can not pay for; he will not borrow money when he can see no way to pay it back. If in choosing your friends you select those who love truth better than all else you will never be called upon to decide between honor and friendship. A country newspaper is the official organ of the town, but occasionally an irate subscriber stops it, little realizing that it is these "stops" that makes the organ peal the louder. 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. Great Britain is going to spend \$110,000,000 on her navy this year. At the rate of increase going on all over the world, peace will soon be more costly than war. We'll bet anything that after the present experience some syndicate will go into the wholesale manufacture of warships so as to have a big stock of ready-made goods for war scares. The rich are miserable because they have discovered that money can not buy happiness, and the poor are wretched because they have not money enough to make the experiment. It is the easiest thing in the world for a woman to get herself talked about but it isn't half so easy to prove there is no real reason for it. There is nothing on earth that does so much toward making a tyrannical disposition gentle and loveable as a chastening course of real sorrow. By casual observation it is seen that a lawyer has to press his own suit when he goes courting, but a judge in conducting his courting exercises the equity allowing his claim too well settled to be shaken. H. G. Place of Proctor has moved into the rooms occupied by Chas Tinklepaugh at Fairview Cottage, and will open a grocery store in the meat market building built by Harry Spencer. S. S. Frank of Spring Mills, Pa. is serving as mail agent on the W. & N. B. this week, while Mr. Chas. Yeager is repairing and renovating the Cheney residence and moving into same. Constable A. E. Tripp, on Friday arrested T. F. Pierce of North Towanda on a charge of larceny, and had him bound over to next term of court. Pierce had leased a team of horses to Wm. Craig of Muncy Valley, who had been hauling hark for J. J. Webster. Some difficulty arose between the parties and Pierce went to the stable and took the team along with some harness that is alleged not to have belonged to him. Messrs. A. L. Armstrong and Geo. Kiess, of Sonestown, passed through town Friday evening on their return home after a hard day's work scaling logs at Celestia. "Al" will soon commence the operation of his saw mill at Celestia where he has for many years kept the place booming with some kind of enterprise. Mr. Kiess, whose honesty has earned him the title of "official log scaler" in all jobs where litigation has been involved, will do the scaling for Armstrong this season. No matter what the winter may have in store yet for a finish, the mild weather that has prevailed for several days has been enough to materially effect the summer's trade. The frost is pretty well out of the ground, and in many sections the farmer can get on with his spring work. Repairing fences, plowing, patching up, and that sort of thing have been given attention. Even should backward weather come yet, the ground cannot be frozen to any depth again. So under ordinary circumstances, the work of the farm will have a good start.

If all our subscribers were women we would have very few bills to send out. As a rule, the women who subscribe for local newspapers they pay in advance, and we have often thought that the men who paid promptly were influenced by their wives, and they are by all appearance the best men. Farming utensils are now being put in readiness to soon go into commission and the farmers will in a few weeks be tilling the soil that the wealth from its products will replenish the till of the armor plate manufacturer. After our uncle has paid for this war scare he should give \$50,000,000 worth of armor plate made into farming implements to the farmers so that they can better feed the Nation. We need life as well as protection. Good housekeeping has far more to do with domestic happiness than young people dream of. These times need women whose most beautiful work will be done inside their own doors. Without good housekeeping the romance will soon go out of marriage. Of course the man who prizes woman chiefly because she "looketh well to the ways of her household" does not deserve a good wife. He should merely employ a housekeeper and pay her good wages. But there are social, moral and spiritual uses proceeding from the wise regulation of the household which bestow a dignity on what would be trifling. Estella. Very fine and warm weather for March. Mr. Woodchuck made a bad mistake this time. Making maple sugar is now the order of the day. Mrs. Harriet Brown of this place is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Sila Campbell of Benton Columbia Co. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Vargason received the sad news last evening of the death of the lady's father Mr. Calvin Vargason of New Era Bradford Co. They started this morning to attend the funeral which will be held at New Era to-morrow, Wednesday, at 10 o'clock a. m. Mrs. Roland Bartow is quite seriously ill, being unable to attend the funeral of her father Mr. Calvin Vargason at New Era. The log drive has started, but will have to hold over for more water. There has been several accidents already on the drive. One man had a leg broken and another had an arm broken, besides many minor accidents. The twp. Auditors met at Eldredsville Monday and being unable to settle all the Accts. of the township on that day they adjourned for one week. Oh, did you see the grand display of the Aurora Borealis, or Northern lights Monday evening. It was a grand display in North, North West and North East, lasting several hours. Our schools will close on Tuesday next. Mercantile Appraisement. The vendors of domestic and foreign merchandise in Sullivan County Pa., will take notice that they are appraised and classed by the undersigned appraiser of mercantile and other license tax for the year 1898, as follows, to wit: Class: GERRY. Amt: 10. Blight, W. H. 30.75 14. Hope, C. P. 7.75 14. Hunsinger, P. W. 7.75 14. Sick, C. S. 7.75 14. Vogel, Julius. 7.75 14. Sick, Wendall. 7.75 COLLEY. 14. Dieffenbach, D. D. 7.75 14. Jennings Bros. 40.75 14. Johnson, C. A. 7.75 14. Finkle, T. 7.75 14. Muselman, Geo. Agt. J. S. Harrington 7.75 14. Lopez Drug Co. 7.75 DUSHORE BORO. 14. Barth & Kester. 7.75 14. Carroll, J. W. 7.75 14. Carroll, D. E. 7.75 13. Cunningham, James. 7.75 14. Crimmins, J. H. 7.75 14. Connor, Patrick. 7.75 13. Cole, Samuel. 7.75 14. Deegan, George. 7.75 14. Harrington, J. S. 7.75 14. Honneter, G. H. 7.75 14. Hoffa, J. & Co. 10.75 13. Kline, Bernard. 7.75 14. McDermott, Henry. 7.75 14. Morris Leverson & Co. 7.75 13. Mingo & Molyneux. 10.75 14. Pealer, Charles E. 7.75 14. Pomeroy, F. B. 7.75 12. Reiser, John B. 13.25 14. Rettenbury, J. V. 7.75 10. Sylvara, E. G. 20.75 14. Magargel, Frank. 7.75 14. Vonkin, Jacob H. 7.75 DAVIDSON TWP. 14. Armstrong, A. T. 7.75 14. Buck, John W. 7.75 14. Magargel, J. B. 7.75 11. Homan, W. 7.75 13. Herr Hayman. 10.75 14. Mencer, Theo. 7.75 14. Magargel, Frank. 7.75 13. Pentecost Lumber Co. 10.75 ELKLAND TWP. 14. Hartung, August. 7.75 14. Jennings, C. B. Agt. 7.75 14. Miller, J. L. 7.75 14. Hart, Wm. 7.75 FOX TWP. 13. Campbell, A. E. 10.75 14. Brown, Charles. 7.75 FORKS TWP. 14. Norton & Hottenstein. 7.75 FORKSVILLE BORO. 14. Lancaster, P. S. 7.75 14. Rogers M. A. & Son. 10.75 13. Smith, A. C. 10.75 HILLSGROVE TWP. 13. Hoffman, W. L. 10.75 12. Hull, Vernon. 13.25 LAPORTE TWP. 14. Botsford, Z. E. 7.75 LAPORTE BORO. 14. T. J. Keeler. 7.75 16. McFarlane James. 13.25 14. Tripp, A. E. Assignee. 7.75 SHREWSBURY TWP. 14. Cheney, C. F. 7.75 13. Kehrer, D. 10.75 HILLIARD TABLES. 2 tables, McGee, Robt. Dushore, Borough 40.75 1 do Roe, Wm., Cherry twp. 30.75 2 do Maben, N. C., Laporte Boro. 40.75 2 do George, J. F., Colley twp. 40.75 WHOLESALE LIQUOR LICENSE. Finan, L. D., Dushore Borough 15.75 O'Neal, Wm., do 15.75 DISTILLERS LICENSE. Schand, John, Cherry twp. 7.75 BREWERS LICENSE. Hilbert, Leonard, Cherry twp. 7.75 And that an appeal will be held in the office of the County Commissioners, Laporte, Pa., on the 18th day of March at 1 o'clock p. m. when and where you can attend if you see proper. H. W. OSLER, Mercantile Appraiser.

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