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County Seat Indices. AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—Second edition of Spring. —Atty. Mullen had business in Forksville Tuesday. —Stir up some excitement. The local news crop is exhausted. —J. P. Kennedy of Mildred, was a business man in town Monday. —Dr. Reedy, of Hughesville, was in town this week doing dental work. Mr. McEwen, lumberman of Hills-grove, was in town on business Monday. —Joe Cooper had new shelves and other interior improvements made in his store this week. —Dist. Atty. A. J. Bradley had business in Forksville the early part of this week. —Stocks are still sailing high and wages have advanced ten per. cent. Congratulations to McKinley voters. —Miss Luella Rea, after a two weeks stay at this place, went to Williamsport Saturday, for the summer. —Nearly fifty ballots have already been vainly taken on the Senatorial question. It may be a century before it's over. —The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. church will serve ice cream at the home of Miss Harriett Grimm, Friday evening, March 17, for the benefit of the M. E. church. —The high wind last week blew the tail from the county windmill. Winter and its frisky manners has kept the court house janitor busy with bursted water pipes and all the ills superinduced by a bad winter. Jethro will most likely appreciate "glorious summer" after his "winter of discontent." —Joy never kills. That is one reason why the Second ward councilmen did not die after they succeeded in removing Chas. R. Lauer from the office of street commissioner and placed John Hassen his successor at one of their special meetings of which only a part of the members were notified to attend. We have more councilmen than are really needed it seems. We might ask if they are too dum to take the hint and stay away from the council meetings, but they are First ward citizens and we won't. —W. A. Mason who was supposed to be elected one year ago to hold a seat in the council, made vacant by J. W. Ballard, was removed from office last week and one of the newly elected councilmen took his seat. It was done on a point of law that we, or the council, cannot clearly explain; but law counts for little where parties, after election, take the official count and "doctor" it up, as was done here last election. This kind of politics should either be brought to an end, or brought into view. Certainly, if it is to be continued, it should not remain a monopoly in the hands of a few. Such rights should be placed within the reach of all by uniform, just and equal conditions.

The Dogs of Labrador. Labrador has dogs so fierce that a log of wood is tied to their necks to render them less dangerous to men and weaker dogs. In Kamchatka the dogs are severely trained to haul heavy loads across the ice and their tempers get soured, consequently they are surly brutes and their drivers manage them by stunning them with blows over the head, which is not very good for their intellects.

Spider Stops a Clock. A spider that had woven a web around the pendulum, after infinite trouble and many failures that would have discouraged one less persevering, succeeded at last in stopping an old reliable clock at Nantucket.

Bad Wreck on the W. & N. B. Road. Tuesday afternoon as the south bound freight train was founding the curve at Point View, a short distance below the fill, known as King trestle, five sars loaded with grain and copper left the track and was thrown promiscuously in a badly damaged heap, tearing away the rails and seriously obstructing the road. A Reading wrecking crew was dispatched to arrive Wednesday morning and clear up the track. Passengers and mail were transferred at this point Tuesday evening and on Wednesday, there being an extray up at this end of the line at the time the wreck happend. The loss will be very heavy.

Shunk. Mrs. Mortimer Williams returned to her home at Auburn N.Y., Saturday after a two weeks visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. Morgan.

Miss Gusta Duerkes of Canton is spending a weeks vacation with her parents in this place.

J. H. Campbell made a business trip to Towanda this week. The young people enjoyed a party at Mrs. Cora Remsey, Wednesday evening last week, also a surprise visit to Mrs. Addie E. Battins on Thursday evening.

George and Clayton Battin are working near Auburn, N. Y. Arch Morgan started for Auburn Saturday, where he expects to remain for a couple of months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bond of Ellenton Pa., spent Sunday with the latter's sister Mrs. Asa Kilmer.

Rev. L. M. Dice is our new Evangelical minister for the ensuing year, and E. Crumbling the Presiding Elder of this district. Our former minister, J. M. Price, goes to Wil-mot, Pa.

Messrs. Allen and Olin Williams and family and Mrs. Haydie Hoag-land attended a birthday party at East Canton Friday night of last week.

E. G. Salsbury returned home last week from York State where has been for some time with relatives.

The youngest daughter of Frank Shattuck is very sick with typhoid fever. Friday of last week there was but little hopes of her recovery, at this writing she is convalescent. Dr. Gross of Forksville is in attend-ance.

Miss Ida Rightmire has resumed her work at Grover, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor of El-lenton, Pa., were in town Saturday.

Sonestown. T. J. Keeler of Laporte was a Sonestown caller on Tuesday. Mrs. R. P. Laird of Nordmont is visiting her parents here.

D. C. Gritman of Nordmont was a business man in town on Monday. An attempt was made to add an-other month to the school term in the township this year. It failed.

J. Lyman Snyder on Saturday was called to Lewisburg on business. Mrs. Alex. Hess, John Morrison and Lloyd Fairman started on Sun-day by wagon to Pittston in order that they might be present at the funeral of a brother.

Our schools will soon close. J. L. Snyder expects to take an agency for books during the summer. George Robbins is seriously ill.

A very good service was rendered at the Epworth League on Sunday evening. "Christian Fellowship" was the subject, and the speeches were to the point and practical.

The last meeting of the Literary Society will be held in town next Friday evening. Subject, "Resolved that man is more revengeful than woman." Chiefs, J. L. Snyder and Miss Myrtle Edgar. Some fun is anticipated and the debate will surely be one sided, for the women, all of whom speak on the negative will do their part and laud the men, and as the other side is composed entirely of men they will surely go against the question, for whoever heard a man talk against himself.

Mrs. A. Edgar, Mrs. E. J. Lock-wood and Mrs. B. G. Welch enjoyed an afternoon at the sugar camp of Lee Gavitt the forepart of the week.

The People Who Work Best. The people in all lines of duty who do the most work are the calmest, most unhurried. Duties never wildly chase each other in their lives. One task never turns another out, not ever compels hurried, imperfect doing. The calm spirit works methodically, doing one thing at a time well, and it, there-fore, works swiftly, though never ap-pearng to be in haste.

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

In the matter of In the Orphans' Court of Sullivan County, No. 2, Mary McCarty, decd. May Term, 1899.

In pursuance of an order and decree issued out of the Orphans' Court of said County, there will be exposed to public sale upon the premises in Elkland town-ship, Sullivan county, Pa., on SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1899,

at ten o'clock a.m., the following described valuable Real Estate viz:

All that certain tract, parcel or piece of land lying and being in Elkland township, Sullivan county, Pa., bounded and described as follows, viz: Lot No. 1.

Beginning at an old sugar stump the corner of Frank McCarty's land, thence along his line south 56 degrees east 136 rods to a post in private road; thence by the same, along said road south 22 degrees west 4 rods to a post in the public road leading from Eldredsville to Lake Run; thence along said road, south 61 1/2 degrees west 17 rods; thence by the same, south 53 degrees west 25 rods to a stone pile by a large sugar stump; thence by the same (having left road) south 56 degrees east 18 rods to a post and stones corner on the old line; thence still by the said Frank McCarty and Thos. W. McCarty, south 34 degrees west 83 rods to a stone corner near Elk Creek; thence by Thos. W. McCarty and J. P. McConnell north 56 de-grees west 140 rods to post and stones corner; thence by the said McConnell, south 34 degrees west 6 and 3-10 rods to a post and stones corner, on the lower side of the Lake Run road; thence by lot No. 2, along said road north 21 degrees west 13 and 6-10 rods; thence north 21 degrees west 20 rods; thence north 21 degrees east 12 rods; thence north 12 degrees west 18 rods; thence north 61 degrees west 12 rods; thence north 28 1/2 degrees east 13 rods; thence north 16 1/2 degrees east 6 rods; thence north 5 1/2 degrees west 12 rods; thence north 40 1/2 degrees west 10 rods, to the in-tersection of the Lake Run road with the road leading from Lake Run post office to Shunk; thence along said road, by land of Anthony Glockner, north 83 degrees east 14 rods; thence north 23 1/2 degrees east 23 rods; thence north 55 1/2 degrees east 16 rods to point near the Lake Run post office; thence south 62 1/2 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 38 degrees east 28 rods; thence south 27 1/2 degrees east 28 and 4-10 rods to the old line; thence by George Rosback land (leaving road) north 35 degrees east 23 and 6-10 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 144 acres and 52 perches be the same more or less. Which said lot is designated the "Homestead," and has thereon erected a large framed dwelling house, large framed barn and other out buildings, and being all cleared and under cultivation, except a small portion of wood standing thereon for household purposes.

Also another lot, piece or parcel of land in same Township, County and State, and adjoining the above described piece, as follows, viz: Lot No. 2.

Beginning at a post and stones corner of lot No. 1, on the lower side of the Lake Run road, on line of J. P. McCon-nell, thence on his line south 34 degrees west 85 rods to post and stones corner on line of John Louden; thence on his line north 55 1/2 degrees west 111 and 4-10 rods to post and stone corner of said Louden's land; thence by land of T. C. Heess, north 34 degrees east 71 and 8-10 rods to post and stones corner; thence by the same, north 55 1/2 degrees west 21 and 8-10 rods to post and stones corner of Adam Ban-auer's land; thence on his line north 34 degrees east 60 and 8-10 rods, to a sugar corner of C. C. Heinze's lot; thence on his line south 55 1/2 degrees east 11 rods to post corner; thence by the same north, 34 degrees east 19 rods to a post by the road leading from Lake Run post office to Shunk; thence along said road by land of said Heinze, south 75 1/2 degrees east 14 rods; thence north 86 degrees east 12 rods thence south 51 degrees east 11 and 2-10 rods thence south 63 1/2 degrees east 12 rods to intersection of said road with the Lake Run road; thence along said Lake Run road by lot No. 1, south 40 1/2 degrees east 10 rods; thence south 51 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 16 1/2 degrees west 6 rods; thence south 29 1/2 degrees west 13 rods; thence south 64 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 12 degrees east 18 rods; thence south 21 degrees east 20 rods; thence south 21 degrees east 13 and 6-10 rods to the place of beginning. Con-taining 102 acres and 81 perches, be the same more or less. Reserving from this said last described lot of land, one-half acre, which is leased to the Elkland School District, as long as it shall be used for school purposes. Fifty acres of last de-scribed lot being cleared and in pasture, and the balance thereof is woodland.

The Administrators are empowered to sell the above described property either in separate lots, as to them, may seem best for the interests of the estate.

Terms of sale.—One fourth of the purchase money to be paid at the striking down of the property; the remaining three-fourths within one year thereafter, with interest from purchasers will be required to give good and sufficient bonds to the Administrators, that they will comply with the terms of sale.

JOSEPH J. PARDOE, THOMAS W. McCARTY, Administrators of the Estate of Mary McCarty, deceased. Downes, Attorney.

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A Few Facts. There are about 350 female black-smiths in Great Britain. Over 2,000 tons of horse-flesh are annually eaten in Paris. A lady's foot should equal in length one-seventh of her height.

A Deer Park. The largest enclosure for deer is said to be the Royal Park in Copenhagen, of 4,200 acres.

TEXAS' SINGING WELL. It Gives Out Welled Sounds and Rises and Falls With the Wind.

About three miles west of Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Texas is a remarkable well. When it was dug no one can tell, but it has been in exist-ence for more than 60 years. The well is known as the "Singing Well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Aeolian harp comes upward between the angles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer; then again it recedes, as if far away, and reaches the ear very faintly. These changes take place every few minutes and with great regularity.

With an east wind blowing the water in the well gets very low and the myster-ious musical sound very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in vol-ume and clearness.

But it is just before a great norther that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then, for several hours, the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well, and emits the weirdest, wildest noises that ever reached hu-man ears. At such times even the water drawn out with buckets moans and walls as if in anguish.

The well is about 60 feet deep. A few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Wat-kins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not effect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract.

From the measurements of the ex-cavations they had made it was cal-culated that the well should have been filled up a little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "Singing Well."

Could Not Shoot. A Hindu looks upon the slaughter of an animal with the same dread and horror with which he would witness the taking of a life of a human being. It would be well for some of the hunters from our own country to learn from such pagans a lesson in humanity. Rev. B. Fay Mills tells the story of a hunter who employed as a decoy for deer a peculiarly construct-ed whistle, which closely imitated the voice of a young fawn calling its mother.

With his rifle in hand ready for instant action, he was one day blow-ing his whistle, when suddenly a mother deer thrust her head out of the bushes, and looked straight toward him. There she stood, trembling with fear, yet looking this way and that in search of the little one which she supposed to be in danger. The hunter said:

"As I looked into those eloquent eyes, anxiously glancing here and there with maternal fear, my heart melted. I could not shoot."

Young deer that have not been chased or fired at by hunters will frequently come very near to unarmed travelers. The writer, while driving along a country road in northern Maine, has had a deer walk just in advance of the horse for some distance; and it is well known that wild deer often come into pastures and feed with the cows. To take advantage of this confidence seems very near to murder.

By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan County, and to me directed and delivered, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Laporte, Pa., on SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 1899,

at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described property, viz: All that lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being in Fox township, Sullivan county, Pennsylvania, bounded as follows: Beginning at a maple tree which is the corner of a tract surveyed on warrant to William Cathcart; thence east 91 5-10 perches to a hemlock tree; thence south 186 perches to a beech tree; thence west 91 5-10 perches to a post; thence north 186 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 100 acres with the usual allow-ance. Having thereon erected a small plank dwelling house, a framed barn and other outbuildings; a small orchard of fruit trees thereon; about 50 acres cleared and under cultivation, balance woodland.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of Jethro Battin at the suit of Ransom Thrasher.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., March 13, '99.

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Sullivan county, and to me directed and delivered, there will be exposed to public sale at the Court House, in Laporte, Sullivan county, Pa., on MONDAY, APRIL 3, 1899,

at 9 o'clock, a. m., the following property viz: All that piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Davidson, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylv-ania, described as follows: Two-thirds of a tract of land in the warrant name of Rebecca Yarnall. Beginning at a corner of land of T. B. Cole on the war-rant line of said tract, thence north sixty-six degrees and a half west, two hundred and twenty-four perches and six-tenths to the corner of said tract thence along the tract line north twenty-three and a half degrees east two hundred and five perches to a corner of the tract; thence south sixty six and a half degrees east two hundred and twenty-four and six-tenths perches along the tract line to the corner of T. B. Cole land; thence along the line of T. B. Cole south twenty-three and a half degrees west two hundred and five perches to the place of beginning. Containing accord-ingly to a survey made by Wm. A. Mason surveyor, two hundred and eighty-seven acres and twenty-two perches more or less. All uncleared land.

Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of J. F. Rink at the suit of R. T. Smith & Son.

H. W. OSLER, Sheriff. KARNs, Atty. Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., March 6, '99.

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