

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1899.

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County Seat Indices.

—Co. Treas. Thrasher is in town this week. —Frank Lusch of Dushore had business in town Tuesday. —D. Boyles of Estella, was a county seat visitor on Saturday. —The County Com. transacted business at their office Tuesday. —J. Wm. Moran of Muncy Valley was doing business in town Wednesday. —Chas. Starr of Sonestown, was at the county seat on business Tuesday evening. —Proth. Wm. J. Lawrence had business transactions in Lopez on Tuesday. —Wm. M. Cheney of Binghamton was in town between trains on business Wednesday. —Atty. F. H. Ingham had a business call in Dushore Tuesday. —E. R. Schomo has rented the Hill residence on Muncy St., and will remain here a few months. —Chas. Lawrence and John Boyd of Dushore, are in town this week putting on the finishing strokes to the double dwelling made from the Presbyterian church. —The Queen Regent has signed the peace treaty. She can now proceed to collect. We might, however, hold up that \$20,000,000 on the ground that the horse is balky. —J. S. Harrington, the popular shoe dealer of Dushore, was a business man in town Tuesday. He will at once move his store to the Garcey block at same place and prepare for a big spring trade. —The Schomo family will close their singing school in the M. E. church Saturday evening of next week with a concert by class and family. There will be a song service sabbath evening by the same voices. Orchestra accompaniment both evenings. —The only instance where it did not pay to advertise in the NEWS ITEM was when we asked in our last issue for some body to "stir up a little excitement as local news was exhausted." Next morning after the issue we found our safe looking like the Maine, blown up. It didn't pay us to advertise. —Notwithstanding the fact that our legislature cannot elect a Senator in two months time, they made Dewey a saint and freed Ireland all inside of two days. What'll John Bull say when he reads that Harrisburg resolution. Now having freed Ireland the legislature should give her a stable government and make an appropriation. —Our contemporaries the Gazette and Review are at loggerheads over the question whether or not the County Commissioners allow tax payers the privilege of examining their books. The Gazette is giving the Review an excellent opportunity to publicly air his animosity and present his side of the case in a very much exaggerated style. We have paid too little attention to the matter to be conversant with the case as argued before the court, but the NEWS ITEM believes the Commissioners and their clerk to be obliging and honorable men willing to furnish any information a tax payer might seek, if approached in a gentlemanly manner. The Review man is the only one finding fault in this respect, and as there is a personal grudge against the Commissioners at the bottom of it all, the public is not in the slightest concerned over the matter. Sensible public.

The Editor's Safe Opened With Dynamite.

On entering the post office apartment Thursday morning of last week the editor found his safe blown open with some powerful explosive by midnight marauders who had forced their entrance through the front door with a "jimmy," judging by the marks made upon the door and door-jam.

The combination knob of the safe showed that a sledge had been used in breaking it off and dynamite placed in about the lock tumblers which completely riddled the whole door and badly shattered the interior woodwork of the safe. Mail bags had been placed over it to muffle the report, and one was badly damaged. A quantity of papers and books having been sorted were left in a pile, while a quantity of postage and revenue stamps and money to the amount of over \$62.00 was missing, along with a rifled registered letter addressed to Eagles Mere for Levi Weaver.

The burglars had a good night for their work as the night was very dark and the wind blew hard. They must have come from somewhere beyond Dushore, as it was shown by the tracks found in front of the office next morning that they drove a one horse rig, and some revenue stamps were found in the roadway early that morning beyond Ringdale. The parties evidently live near enough to have reached their destination before daylight as nothing further can be learned.

Mrs. Wm. Heim Dead.

After a prolonged illness dating from the birth of her child eleven weeks ago, Mrs. Wm. Heim of this place, died at her home on Tuesday at 10 a. m. Aged 41, years, 10 months and 6 days.

The funeral will be held on Friday at 2 p. m. Friends will met at the house at 1:30.

Residence and Sleeping Child Consumed.

The residence of Frank Rice, of Lopez, burned to the ground Wednesday afternoon, in which his six year old daughter perished in the angry flames, and all his household goods destroyed.

Mrs. Rice was away on a visit at Sayre at the time, and during her absence Mr. Rice's mother and sister were keeping house for him. After the noon meal the child went up stairs to take her usual nap. About two o'clock Mrs. Rice realized a strong odor of smoke and started to the second floor to make examination but was driven back by flames and smoke when she started to rescue the child. By this time the entire top floor was ablaze and the roof around the flue entirely burned away. The alarm was given and heroic efforts made to reach the sleeping girl, but of no avail, it was too late. By the intense excitement none of the furniture was saved. After the fire the remains of the child was found buried in the ruins burned beyond recognition. The funeral was held on Thursday.

Death of Jacob Buck.

Another aged citizen has joined the great majority on the other side of the river of death. Mr. Jacob Buck, departed this life Friday morning, March 17, 1899, at his home in Strawbridge. Calmly, willingly, peacefully he passed away when death claimed him.

Deceased was 70 years old and father of nine children. He formerly resided in Davidson twp., until 15 years ago he moved to Strawbridge and settled on a nice farm to pass his remaining years. He was a faithful member of the Evangelical church for many years. As a citizen he was greatly respected and admired by all who knew him for his manly qualities; as a neighbor he was highly disposed and obliging in a high degree.

The funeral was held on Monday at Strawbridge.

Pierce Flames Rage in Forksville.

A \$2500 fire in the center of the town. A fire that threatened for a time to sweep the entire property on the side of the street which it originated, broke out in Wright & Haight planing mill at 10:30 a. m., Wednesday, March 15. The fire is supposed to have originated by a hot boxing. It was well under headway when discovered and when the alarm was given the whole town turned out to combat with the destroyer. McEwen had a number of log drivers on hand and with their corked boots was able to render most efficient work, thinging naught of their safety upon the slippery roofs of near by buildings. W. E. Miller's residence was on fire several times and Hotel Snyder on the opposite side of street had the paint badly scorched. The mill was entirely destroyed. Insured for \$1000. The proprietors are undecided about rebuilding.

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 township, 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 Eldredville 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 degrees 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 24 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 54 degrees west 12 rods; thence north 40 1/2 degrees west 10 rods, to the intersection 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 25 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. McConnell, thence on his line south 34 degrees west 85 rods to post and stones corner on line of John Louder; thence on his line north 55 1/2 degrees west 111 and 4-10 rods to post and stone corner of said Louder's land; thence by land of T. C. Heense, 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 Baumauk's land; thence on his line north 34 degrees east 60 and 8-10 rods, to a sugar corner of C. C. Heize'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 Heize, 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 12 rods; thence south 54 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 16 1/2 degrees west 6 rods; thence south 28 1/2 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 12 degrees east 18 rods; thence south 21 degrees west 12 rods; thence south 24 degrees east 20 rods; thence south 21 degrees east 13 and 6-10 rods to the place of beginning. Containing 102 acres and 84 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 described 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 described, or in the whole as one farm, 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 confirmation N. S. The purchaser or 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. Downs, Attorney.

By a Fieri Facias.

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 allowance. Having thereon erected a small plank dwelling house, a framed barn and other out-buildings; 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.

A Pleasant Birthday Party.

Sheriff H. W. Osler and wife gave a birthday party for their eldest daughter, Miss Ina, on Friday evening. Music was furnished by A. J. Hackley and Geo. Upman. Those who enjoyed the pleasant event were: Misses Bessie Wrede, Lottie Landon, Eva Lawrence, May Funston, Marion Wrede, Mae Higley, Carrie Heess, May Schomo, May Mason, Messrs. Chas. Lauer, Geo. Snyder, Henry Stepp, Samuel Rifter, Saylor Lawrence, Harry Landon, Herman Green, Robert Mason, Joe Wrede, Geo. Upman, Ellery Swank, Walter and Parker Lowe, Latimer Schomo and John Hassen. A light lunch was served at midnight and Miss Ina and her lady friends entertained the gentlemen until the small hours of the morning, when all departed for their homes well pleased with Miss Ina's St. Patrick's Eve party. The Sheriff was called upon to sing a so'low 'There's a hot time in Laporte tonight,' but the Sheriff declined, as his musical instructor advised him not to sing after hour as his voice is delicate.

Sonestown.

Joseph Mencer of Ringdale visited his brother August, at this place last week.

E. J. Lockwood has returned from a week at Laporte.

Andrew Edgar was a Friday caller at Hughesville.

H. D. Lockwood and J. W. Buck were at Lairdsville one day last week.

Mrs. P. E. Magargel is now at the home of her son Harry, above town. The latter has been seriously ill, but is now pronounced out of danger by Dr. Wackenhuth.

George Kiess went to Williamsport on Saturday.

An Easter service will be held on that day by the Junior Epworth League.

A. C. Messersmith now of Philadelphia, was in town Friday and Saturday calling on old friends.

Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, Mrs. A. Edgar, Geo. Edwards and Wilson Starr were friends from this place to attend the funeral of Jacob Buck at Strawbridge on Monday.

P. G. Kiesenger was a visitor from Eagles Mere on Monday.

W. B. Hazen's school at Ghidewells will close on Friday.

W. B. Hazen and Walter Lorah start in three weeks for Ganoga Hill school. Miss Myrtle Edgar will attend the spring term at Bloomsburg.

H. D. Lockwood has started the procession for April 1st by moving across the street into the Steinback house.

W. J. Trump of Muncy has returned to take charge of A. T. Armstrong grist mill.

Sheriff's Sale.

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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 Davidson County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, 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 warrant 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 according to a resurvey made by Wm. A. Mason surveyor, two hundred and eighty-seven acres and twenty-two perches more or less. All unenclosed land. Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of J. F. Rink at the suit of R. T. Smith & Son.

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Here is a special offer in men's blue or black overcoats at 5.00 are worth every cent 8.00. Men's dress suits, fine made, strictly all wool, at 6.00 are worth 10.00. Men's black suits were sold at 5.00, now 2.75. Youths' suits at 2.25, are sold all over at 4.00. Children's overcoats at 1.25 are special bargains. Children's suits, heavy weight, 1.00. Special offer in all wool heavy top shirts at 50c. Heavy wool undershirts or drawers at 50c. worth 1.00. Ladies' ribbed vests, extry heavy, 20c.

Shoes, Rubber Boots & Shoes.

Don't wait—prices cannot be lower. Many people think if they wait until very late in the season they can buy at cost. Do you know when you get an article at cost? If you do we will ask you to come and see our low prices now. see our reductions and you will be convinced that you can buy merchandise at our store 40 per cent. cheaper than any other place. Come and see the plain facts at our large store with small prices. Good attendants and always glad to show you goods and prices.

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FOR THE NEXT THIRTY DAYS will sell my stock of Winter goods a greatly reduced prices to make room for my spring and Summer stock.

Would Rather Get Cost out of Them Than Summer Them Over.

It consists of Men's, Youths' and Children's Suits and Overcoats, Horse and bed blankets. Men's, Boy's and Children's Caps. Lumbermen's socks, felt boots and overs. Outing and lumbermen's flannels and all other goods too numerous to mention. Call and examine: why take your money out of town when you can buy cheaper at home.

REMEMBER! that I handle ward plows and rakes, steel land rollers, wheelbarrows, and Bowker's Fertilizers. Prices are right on all goods. Highest Market Price Paid for Butter and Eggs.

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A positive clearing sale of well made, substantial, service-giving Clothing. The kind that I can fully guarantee. All to go for its clearing sale. Cost pushed aside. Prices cut to make immediate sale. 800 pairs of all worsted pants at half price. Too many overcoats, must sell at your own offer. Suits at less than you would think of offering for them. Underwear and Gents furnishings all must go.

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We will close out our WINTER GOODS AT NEARLY HALF PRICE, and a good many articles at less than Half Price.

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LADIE'S COATS will be closed at much less than half price. Former price, 2.50, now 1.00.

Special Prices on BOOTS AND SHOES.

We must sell all our Winter goods this month to make room for our large Spring and Summer stock. It will pay you big to make your purchases now for future use.

JOE COOPER, The Clothier.