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County Seat Indices.
AND GLANCES AT THE TIMES.

—The calendar is April fooling.
—Chas. Lauer is on the sick list.
—Robt. Stormont is on the sick list.
—Born, to Atty. and Mrs. F. H. Ingham, March 30, a boy.
—Frank Shoemaker is enjoying a short vacation at this place.
—Judge Dunham is holding court in Tunkhannock this week.
—Judges Line and Krause were at the seat of justice Wednesday.
—Chas. Reeder of Hughesville, was a business man in town Tuesday.
—Atty. S. B. Karns of Benton was a business man in town Monday.
—B. F. Crossley of Dushore made Laporte a business call on Friday.
—T. J. Keeler transacted business in Williamsport one day last week.
—If your garden is steam heated you can go ahead with the planting.
—Dr. Wackenhuth made a professional visit to Williamsport on Tuesday.
—Atty. E. J. Mullen made a business trip to Montoursville on Thursday last.
—Master Herbert Keeler returned home Monday after a two weeks visit at Benton.
—Dist. Atty. A. J. Bradley was transacting business in Williamsport Saturday.
—Miss Grace Lawrence of Lopez, spent Sunday with her parents at this place.
—James H. Proctor of Boston was the guest of Supt. J. W. Flynn one day last week.
—If people do not catch cold it will not be because there is any lack of it laying around.
—Harry Muchler and Harvey Hess of Nordmont were county seat callers on Monday.
—Mrs. M. C. Lauer proprietress of the late Mountain House, has rented the Fairview cottage and will soon be prepared to accommodate her many patrons.
—The store goods saved from the Mountain House grocery were moved to the Meylert store building and business resumed with but little interruption.
—C. W. Sones of Williamsport, and A. T. Armstrong of Sonestown, were transacting business in town one day last week.
—Miss Irene Rose who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia returned home on Wednesday of last week.
—Miss Anna Kennedy of Muncy Valley spent last Thursday night with the family of her brother Thos. at the Commercial.
—The Laporte Hotel burned on March 25, 1898, and the Mountain House on March 30, 1899. Two unfortunate days for Laporte.
—At a meeting of the Democratic County Committeemen on Monday at this place, John G. Scouten was chosen County Chairman and his predecessor F. W. Gallagher was elected State Delegate. The Chairman will fix the date for the county convention.
—A large number of young people of this place attended the party given in honor of Miss Vina Upman, at Hotel Eagles Mere on Wednesday night of last week. The merry makers returned in time to see the fragments of the Mountain House burn Thursday morning.

The Mountain House in Flames.

Fire ravaged another old land mark at Laporte early Thursday morning of last week, and left the Mountain House reduced to smoky ruins and over \$3000 worth of property sacrificed.
The fire was discovered shortly after 4 o'clock in the storage room adjoining the kitchen after it was well under headway. Those who were first to arrive were greatly hampered in combating with the fire for the want of some means to reach the roof. The ringing of the court house bell soon environed the doomed structure with the entire population of the town whose attention was occupied in saving the household effects and the goods from the grocery department. All the contents of the first and second floors were saved excepting the kitchen and dining room furniture. The origin of the fire is unknown. Insurance, \$1000.
It was about 6 o'clock before the heavy frame-work fell to the ground, making a fire that lasted fully two hours. The outside of the building burned slowly owing to its being well water-soaked by the prevailing storm and for that reason it was made possible to save the Commercial Hotel but a few feet distant. The whole sides of the annex stood erect until the interior was completely consumed. The snow and sleet on the roof of the Commercial Hotel added protection while burning sinder fell in quantities upon it. The goods were hurriedly carried from the house and considerably damaged. The building was badly scorched and effected by water.
Shunk/
Charlie Clarke of Hillsgrove was a brief caller in town Sunday.
Rev. L. M. Dice, the new Evangelical minister of Grover, preached at this place Sunday to a large sized audience.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swingle have returned from a long visit with their daughter at Binghamton.
Miss Katie Brown and brother Frank of Dry Bridge, Va., are spending the summer here with relatives.
The two year old child of Mrs. Cora Rumsey, who took a small quantity of birch oil Thursday of last week, is reported better.
Rev. F. E. Spooner of Hillsgrove, will preach here Sunday next at 11.
A. E. Campbell, our enterprising merchant is in the city this week buying goods for his spring trade.
J. H. Thayer, Principal of the Dushore school, and candidate for Co. Supt., was in town last week calling on the several directors of the Twp.
Mr. Honeywell, the blacksmith, has moved into the Swingle house on Water street.
William Newcomen of near Williamsport, occupies the Caseman house at Platt.
Ed. Sawyer of East Canton, will work the Watts farm the coming summer.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Kilmer of this place was the scene of a very pretty wedding Sunday, April 2, when their eldest daughter, Miss Maud, was united in marriage to Claud Smith of Ellenton, by A. B. Kilmer, Esq. Miss Nan Kilmer, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid and Charley Letts of Grover, as best man. After the ceremony a large circle of relatives sat down to a bounteous table of good things. The bride was the recipient of many nice and useful presents. We join in wishing the happy couple a pleasant journey in the boat of double blessedness.
Estella.
Robins and bluebirds have arrived but the cold weather still continues. J. J. Webster of Forest City, passed through town Friday.
W. T. More of Jakersville will move on his farm at this place, this week.
Fulmer Jenkins, Frank Lowder and Ira Bryan of Hillsgrove were calling on friends in town Sunday.
Miss Alice More has returned home from Jakersville.
Ernest Smith and wife, who have been visiting at J. E. Brown's for some time have returned home.
E. Jennings made a business trip to Fallbrook Saturday.
George Warburton of Sayre, was calling on friends in this place last week.
The Bible Sunday School reorganized Sunday, April 2, and elected the following officers: Supt. J. Ellis Brown; Asst. Supt., John W. Brown; Treas., Grace Wheatley; Sect. C. A. Boyle; Asst. Sec., Mrs. Flora Wheatley.
Rev. F. E. Spooner preached a very able sermon here last Sunday.
Mrs. C. J. Fuller, who has been seriously ill for some time is improving slowly.
The party at Geo. W. Teeter's Saturday evening was a success in every way and all report an enjoyable time.
A. T. Mulnix has purchased a lot in town and will erect a dwelling house this summer.
Washington Camp No. 131, P.O.S. of A. have purchased the blacksmith shop and hall of C. J. Fuller.

Bernice Echoes.

Mrs. C. T. Lilley of Dushore was visiting friends and relatives at Mildred Friday.
Alexander Hart, practical sewing machine repairer, of Towanda, is in town this week, working at his trade.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Roberts, Thursday, March 30, a son.
Joseph O'Neill was calling on friends at Dushore Thursday.
Miss Katie Line, who has been at Pittston for some time, returned home last week.
H. J. Keller was at Towanda Saturday transacting business.
P. H. McGee was at Dushore Friday on his official duties as town clerk.
P. C. Connor made a business trip to Robertsdale last week.
The following young people went to Long Valley Monday to attend a ball: Misses Minnie Haley, Lucy Helsman, Nellie McDonald, Messrs. James Lang, Richard Bennett, Arthur White, Wm. Walters, Frank Cooney and John Burns.
Mrs. Clara McDonald of Jefferson county, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald of this place.
The Easter service held in the St. Francis church Sunday was very beautiful and impressive. Rev. J. A. Enright officiated.
Easter service was held in the Presbyterian church by Rev. J. C. Campbell, and a very able sermon was delivered by him.
Such April showers as we had last week will not bring many May flowers.
Mr. Wm. Meehan, head clerk for W. H. Blight, has moved his family from Towanda to this place.
A. H. Roberts, who has been in the hard coal region for the past two weeks introducing his patent slate picker, returned home Saturday. He has met with good success.
List of Grand Jurors drawn for May term on Monday.
Geo. Brackman, Chas. Cook, Julius Lusch, Lewis Lovelace, Jessie R. McCarty, Samuel Northrop, Henry Donahoe, Adam Sherman, W. B. Messersmith, E. C. Walters, H. D. Dickerson, Mathew Quinn, Martin O'Brien, J. P. Brechley, Robert Ramsey, Wilson Ryant, Herman Behr, Henry Ritchlin, Ellis Noll, Wm. Shoemaker, S. J. Bird, Anth. Rohe, Milton Botsford, C. Steek.
TRAVERSE JURORS.
Wm. H. Heim, James Sones, H. C. Boatman, Peter Albert, Edward Horner, Isaac Williams, Wm. Robbins, Wm. Haines, D. A. Messersmith, John Converse, Lloyd Streby, Thos. Collins, J. W. Frey, Wm. Decker, Josiah Smith, I. D. Haverly, H. Johnson, Chas. Baumack, Cyrus Connors, D. W. Potter, S. Thrasher, John Murphy, Robert Molyneux, John Miller, Peter, Kelley, John Haverly, Owen Sweeney, W. D. Lawrenson, M. M. Jordan, C. Kaffle, N. Schuyler, John Howellwert, Thomas Streby, Thos. Schell, Milton Reeder, Amos Cox.
Sheriff's Sale.
By virtue of a writ of Leviafacias 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
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 1899,
at 10 o'clock a.m., the following described property, viz:
All that lot, piece or parcel of land lying and being in the Township of Colley, County of Sullivan and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a corner (rocks) being the north-east corner of John Clark warrant, thence along north line of Calvin Chadlock warrant north eighty-eight (88) degrees east, fifty-seven perches to stoness corner, north-east of Henry Dieffenbach's lot; thence along his line south two degrees west one hundred and thirty perches to stoness corner; thence north eighty-eight degrees west fifty-seven perches to warrant line of John Clark and Calvin Chadlock; thence along line of Calvin Chadlock south two degrees west, seventy-four perches to the south-west corner of the same; thence north eighty-eight degrees west one hundred seventy-nine perches to a corner to be made; thence north two degrees east, one hundred twenty-four perches to the south-west corner of lot of estate of William Miller, decd.; thence along south line of said lot south eighty-eight degrees east one hundred six perches to south-east corner of same; thence along east line of said Miller lot, north two degrees east eighty perches to stoness in warrant line; thence along north line of John Clark warrant south eighty-eight degrees east seventy-three perches to the place of beginning. Containing two hundred and twenty-one acres be the same more or less. Having thereon erected a frame dwelling house, a large frame barn, and numerous other outbuildings; well watered, with a large orchard of fruit trees thereon.
Seized, taken into execution and to be sold as the property of William Reeser, Sarah Reeser and M. W. Reeser at the suit of Edward Engleman and F. A. Behr, Executors of C. W. Engleman decd. to use of Lillie Mosier.
H. W. OSLER, Sheriff.
BRADLEY & FREAR, Attys.
Sheriff's office, Laporte, Pa., April 4, '99.

Harry Magarge. Dead.

Harry Magarge of Laporte twp., who has been suffering with an abscess on the brain, succumbed Tuesday afternoon following the arrangements for an operation at the Williamsport Hospital.
Services in M. E. Church.
Sunday School at 2:30 p.m. League at 6:30 p.m. The newly appointed pastor Rev. E. Frycklund is expected to preach at 7:30 p.m.
Co. Com. H. G. Huffmaster is making some needed improvements in the court room this week.
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 126 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 6 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 stoness 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 stoness corner; thence by the said McConnell, south 34 degrees west 6 and 3-10 rods to a post and stoness 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 29 rods; thence north 24 degrees east 12 rods; thence north 12 degrees west 18 rods; thence north 6 1/2 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 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 north 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 stoness 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 stoness corner on line of John Louden; thence on his line north 55 1/2 degrees west 111 and 4-10 rods to post and stoness corner of said Louden's land; thence by land of T. C. Hees, north 54 1/2 degrees east 71 and 8-10 rods to post and stoness corner; thence by the same, north 55 1/2 degrees west 21 and 8-10 rods to post and stoness corner of Adam Baumack'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 24 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 5 1/2 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 16 1/2 degrees west 6 rods; thence south 28 1/2 degrees west 13 rods; thence south 6 1/2 degrees east 12 rods; thence south 21 degrees west 18 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.

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