

BOROUGH OFFICERS.

Burgess—K. C. Heath. Councilmen—Joseph Morgan, C. F. Weaver, S. Fitzgerald, Wm. Smearbaugh, R. B. Crawford, L. D. Bowman, J. T. Dale, W. F. Blum, Justices of the Peace—C. A. Randall, S. J. Sattley, Constable—S. S. Canfield, Collector—F. P. Amsler, School Directors—G. W. Holeman, L. Agnew, W. A. Grove, Q. Jamieson, J. C. Scowden, Patrick Joyce.

FOREST COUNTY OFFICERS.

Member of Congress—Wm. C. Arnold. Member of Senate—Wm. H. Hyde. Assembly—J. E. Wrench, H. M. W. Whitman, Herman Blum, Associate Judges—Jos. A. Nash, A. J. McCray, Treasurer—James H. Fones, Prothonotary, Register & Recorder, &c.—John H. Robertson, Sheriff—Frank P. Walker, Commissioners—W. M. Coon, C. M. Witzman, Herman Blum, County Superintendent—E. E. Stitzinger, District Attorney—P. M. Clark, Jury Commissioners—J. B. Carpentier, Geo. D. Shilkin, County Surveyor—J. F. Profer, Coroner—Dr. J. W. Morrow, County Auditors—M. E. Abbott, J. R. Clark, R. J. Flynn.

REGULAR TERMS OF COURT. Fourth Monday of February. Fourth Monday of May. Last Monday of each month. Third Monday of November.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

TIONESTA LODGE, No. 359, I. O. O. F. Meets every Tuesday evening in Odd Fellows' Hall, Partridge building. FOREST LODGE, No. 184, A. O. U. W. Meets every Friday evening in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta. WASHINGTON CAMP, No. 420, P. O. S. of A., meets every Saturday evening in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta. CAPT. GEORGE STOW POST, No. 274 G. A. R. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday evening in each month, in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta. CAPT. GEORGE STOW CORPS, No. 137, W. R. C., meets first and third Wednesday evening of each month, in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta. TIONESTA TENT, No. 164, K. O. T. M., meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month in A. O. U. W. Hall, Tionesta. P. M. CLARK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY, Office, cor. of 1st and Bridge Streets, Tionesta, Pa. Also agent for a number of reliable Fire Insurance Companies. T. F. RITCHEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Tionesta, Pa. J. B. SIGGINS, M. D., Physician, Surgeon & Druggist, TIONESTA, PA. J. W. MORROW, M. D., Physician, Surgeon & Dentist, Office and Residence three doors north of Hotel Agnew, Tionesta. Professional calls promptly responded to at all hours. L. D. BOWMAN, M. D., Physician & Surgeon, TIONESTA, PA. Office in building formerly occupied by Dr. Nason. Call promptly responded to, night or day. Residence opposite Hotel Agnew. HOTEL AGNEW, L. AGNEW, Proprietor. This hotel, formerly the Lawrence House, has undergone a complete change, and is now furnished with all the modern improvements. Heated and lighted throughout with natural gas, bathrooms, hot and cold water, etc. The comforts of guests never neglected. CENTRAL HOUSE, H. W. HORNOR, Proprietor, Tionesta, Pa. This is the most centrally located hotel in the place, and has all the modern improvements. No pains will be spared to make it a pleasant stopping place for the traveling public. First class livery in connection. FOREST HOTEL, West Hickory, Pa. Jacob Bender, Proprietor. This hotel has but recently been completed, is nicely furnished throughout, and offers the finest and most comfortable accommodations to guests and the traveling public. Rates reasonable. PHIL EMBERT, FANCY BOOT & SHOEMAKER, Shop in Walters building, Cor. Elm and Walnut streets, is prepared to do all kinds of custom work from the finest to the coarsest and guarantees his work to give perfect satisfaction. Prompt attention given to mending, and prices reasonable. J. F. ZAHNINGER, PRACTICAL WATCH-MAKER and Jeweler of 25 years' experience, is prepared to do all work on his line on short notice and at reasonable prices. Always guarantees satisfaction. Watches, Jewelry, &c., ordered for parties at the lowest possible figure. Will be found in the building next to Keeley Club Room. LORENZO FULTON, Manufacturer of and Dealer in HARNESS, COLLARS, BRIDLES, And all kinds of HORSE FURNISHING GOODS. TIONESTA, PA. Fred. Grettenberger GENERAL BLACKSMITH & MACHINIST, All work pertaining to Machinery, Engine Oil Well Tools, Gas or Water Fitting, and General Blacksmithing promptly done at Low Rates. Repairing Mill Machinery given special attention, and satisfaction guaranteed. Shop in rear of and just west of the Shaw House, Tionesta, Pa. without advertisement. Your patronage solicited. FRED. GRETENBERGER. S. H. HASLET & SONS, GENERAL MERCHANTS, Furniture Dealers, AND UNDERTAKERS. TIONESTA, PENN.

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Table with 2 columns: Companies Represented, Assets. North American, \$9,686,808.08; Royal, 7,454,943.11; Hartford, 10,004,697.55; Orient, 2,215,470.92; Phila's Underwriters, 15,609,932.32

Church and Sabbath School. Presbyterian Sabbath School at 9:45 a. m.; M. E. Sabbath School at 10:00 a. m. Preaching in M. E. Church every Sabbath evening by Rev. R. A. Buzza. Preaching in the F. M. Church every Sabbath evening at the usual hour. Rev. F. E. Glass, Pastor.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS. Oil market \$65. You can get it at Hopkins' store. Little Giant' school shoes are wearers. For sale by Robinson only. Xmas gifts easily selected at Heath & Killmer's, and no extravaigant prices, either. Mothers, bring your babies to the Sires Studio Friday, Dec. 17, 1897. Photos at reduced rates. Twenty per cent. discount for January opening. Send for catalogue. Smith's Business College, Warren, Pa. Xmas comes but once a year, but we come once a week. Keep your "bargain eye" on our ads and locals. It will pay you. Miles & Armstrong. The holidays are here, so to speak, and Hopkins is here with the Christmas goods to fit the case. Dead weights of 'em, and so low in price as to astonish close buyers. A number of the Assessors of the county have been in town during the past few days running over the triennial assessment duplicates with the County Commissioners. The season for all kinds of game closed yesterday, and those who failed to catch on during the past two months will have to wait till next year for their game pot-pie or violate the law. J. M. Taylor killed four "dippers" on the river Saturday, and up shot. How is that? -Eaton's News. Up here we call them "bell-divers," and don't consider them any very great shakes either. Rev Sam Small pronounces civilization a failure. And the Rev. Sam's a ditto. -Franklin News. Just so all others who try to ape his style of preaching, and haven't got the brains to back it up. Miss L. A. Bucklin respectfully invites the people of Tionesta and vicinity to inspect her stock of holiday goods in the room back of J. T. Brennan's office, corner Bridge and Elm streets, Tionesta, Pa. The W. C. T. U. will give an entertainment at the M. E. church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 20. The President of the county will deliver her report of the world's W. C. T. U. convention held at Toronto. Jas. Fredrikson has moved his tailoring establishment to the newly fitted up room next door to the millinery store, where he has very nice quarters, and will be pleased to see all his old customers and many new ones. Ferry Stewart shot a well Tuesday on the Dickson farm, near Nettown, which made a nice showing before the shot and bids fair to be a paying producer. B. F. Shamburg has just drilled in a duster in the same vicinity. -Tionesta Herald. If any old inhabitant has ever seen a more abundant crop or finer quality of mud than our streets now boast, let him stand up and be heard or forever hold his peace. It is simply immense and it takes hustling to keep the crossings so that they are crossable without a jobboat or other craft. Charles Weaver's many friends in this section will be sorry to learn of the heavy loss he sustained by the burning, on Friday last, of his extensive bottling works, situated on the South Side, Oil City. The main building occupied a space of 100x100 feet and contained machinery and other paraphernalia for manufacturing and bottling soft drinks, valued at several thousand dollars, all of which was destroyed. Mr. Weaver estimates his loss at \$12,000 to \$15,000, with an insurance of \$4,000. While the loss is a heavy one and the insurance comparatively light, Charley says he will repair immediately to rebuild the plant. Have you seen the Artist Albums given with one dozen Photographs at the Sires Studio? Don't fail to get one. It

FOUR CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

A Dwelling House at Auguston, Jenks Township, Burns, and Three Children are Cremated, and the Fourth, a Babe, dies from Its Injuries. Mother and Father Severely Burned.

Another of those horrors, in which four human beings lost their lives in a most heart-rending manner, is reported from the lumbering hamlet known as Auguston, located on the Tionesta Valley Railroad, about seven miles down Spring Creek from Sheffield Junction, in Jenks township, this county. The name of the postoffice is Dubring.

The dwelling house occupied by J. R. Fredrick and family was burned to the ground, and three children, two boys, and a girl, ranging in age from 3 to 6 years, were consumed with it. A fourth, an infant about one year old, was so badly burned in its mother's arm that it died the following night. The fire occurred early Monday morning of this week.

Mr. Fredrick is the general foreman for J. M. Bemis & Son, having charge of a large mill and store at Auguston. He had risen about five o'clock in the morning and was starting a fire in cook stove, using kerosene oil from a three-gallon can to hurry along the slowly burning wood. Immediately an explosion followed, and the burning oil was spattered and thrown in all directions, and enveloping the room in flames almost instantly. His own clothing caught fire and he ran to the creek near by to extinguish them and then rushed back to rescue the members of the family who were sleeping up stairs. Mrs. Fredrick was awakened and taking the babe in her arms raised a window and stepped on the porch roof, at the same time calling to the other children to follow her. They attempted to do when the window dropped down and the fastener snapped shut. The mother dropped the babe into the father's arms below and then rushed back to the window and finding it locked broke the pane with her hand and reached to unfasten the window. By this time the room was full of flame and smoke which burst out upon her, burning her terribly, and she was powerless to do anything. All other entry to the building had been entirely cut off, and the three children could not be rescued.

Their names and ages are, respectively, Carl aged 6, Dennis aged 5, and Stella aged 3. The mother was terribly cut and burned about the arms and body, so that the flesh and some of the finger nails dropped off the bones. She is at present in a very critical condition, and her physicians can give no assurance of her recovery. The father's burns are not serious and, except the terrible anguish of mind over his awful loss, is doing well.

Two other persons, Miss Carrie Cranis, and Miss Gene Kelly, occupied a room on the first floor of the building and escaped with slight burns. Mrs. Fredrick, we understand, was injured some in leaping off the porch roof, which she was obliged to do to save her life. She is being tenderly cared for by kind neighbors and every possible comfort given.

Bro. Yingling and Sonsipher of Marienville have been with the injured much of the time since the terrible occurrence, and have done much to alleviate their bodily sufferings. The charred remains of the three innocent little victims were removed from the ruins as soon as the fire had sufficiently subsided, and the scene was a most heartrending one indeed.

The three Forrester boys whose arrest in Marienville for counterfeiting was mentioned in our last issue, had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Parmiter at Warren last Wednesday and plead guilty to having in their possession and passing counterfeit coin. They will be taken to Scranton for trial at the next session of the U. S. court.

On the register of one of the hotels of this city, opposite the name of a teacher attending the Institute, the place of residence is given, "Pithole City." Old oil men gaze at the writing, scratch their frosty heads, and recall visions of a bustling, bustling, bang-up city which stood where now only one house and a waste of underbrush greet the tourist's eye. -Franklin News.

A. P. Anderson, Assessor of Howtown, was a pleasant caller at the REPUBLICAN office yesterday. He took special pains to personally inspect every tract of land in his township, and found some real curiosities in the way of timber still standing in that once famous timber region. On one tract he found a cherry tree which he took the trouble to measure accurately. Its circumference is 19 feet and it stands as straight as an arrow without a limb for over 50 feet in height. If sawed in two at the butt it would measure 6 feet 3 inches, and if bored out would allow an average sized man to walk through it without stopping. Mr. Anderson says the tree as it stands is worth a clean \$100. He found many other fine cherry trees on the tract but this "monarch of the forest" beat them all. The tract is owned by Capt. J. M. Clapp, and is located on the south side of Tionesta creek, near Cooper's station.

The Punxsutawney Spirit had a call recently from Dr. Schaeffer, the popular State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and has this to record of his visit: Mr. Schaeffer is a large, fine looking man, of middle age, in whom geniality, culture and sound judgment combine to make a charming gentleman. He is of course an enthusiast on the subject of education. He spoke freely of State affairs, and said that he personally knew that there had been much misrepresentation and exaggeration in regard to the alleged abuses at Harrisburg. "There is," he said, "an innate disposition in mankind to kick. When a man walks along the sidewalk and sees something that he can send flying half a block by a vigorous application of the toe, he can scarcely resist the temptation. This physical peculiarity also extends to the mental system. People are more prone to criticize than to praise. At the same time, when anybody is likely to be hurt by their kicking, they want to be pretty sure that he deserves to be hurt before they administer the blow. But when they can indulge their humor for pedal dynamite without hurting anybody, they are apt to do it."

If you contemplate making a Xmas present, one of our elegant rings would just fill the bill at Miles & Armstrong's. -You can get it at Hopkins' store. If

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

Miss Maud Campbell was a visitor to Oil City last week. -Mrs. John Charleston is suffering a quite severe attack of illness. -J. D. W. Reek is out again after a severe attack of sciatic rheumatism.

-Mrs. C. W. Clark and Miss May Sanner were visitors to Oil City Friday. -Miss Jessie Rhodes is with Oil City friends, expecting to remain for some time. -Mrs. C. Amann and son Paul visited her parents at North Warren over last Sunday.

-John Swanson, Jamestown, N. Y., is the guest of his son, J. H. Swanson, superintendent of the mantle works of this place. -Dr. and Mrs. C. Y. Defer of Kellewille, and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jones of Newtown Mills, were Tionesta visitors last Friday.

-Mrs. Mary Muzz and Miss Edith Campbell of Barnett township, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ell Holeman over last Sabbath. -Josiah Work and family of Redeyffe, this county, have gone to Colorado for the winter. The change is made in the hope of benefitting Mr. Work's health.

-C. W. Smith representing E. C. DeWitt & Co., of Chicago was a pleasant caller at the REPUBLICAN office yesterday, renewing the advertising contract of his firm. -A. M. De France of Grove City, Pa., was up one day last week to see his sister, Mrs. U. S. Zahniser, at Oldtown, who has been in rather poor health for several months past.

-Jacob Wiggins, well known to many of Forest county's residents, and at one time a popular landlord at Fagundus in its palmy days, died at Forestville, Pa., on the 5th inst. -Mrs. George Carr of Jamestown, N. Y., and daughter, Mrs. E. L. Gorman of Endeavor, this county were guests of the editor's family over last Sabbath. Mrs. Carr is spending this week in town visiting old friends.

-J. G. Bromley of Stewart's Run attended a large gathering at the home of his father, Michael Bromley, of Fredonia, Mercer county, last week, the occasion being a pleasant celebration of the elder Bromley's 79th birthday. -Mrs. Wm. Patterson of Fox Creek, Green township, departed Monday for Pittsburg, where, at West Penn Hospital, she will receive treatment for a trouble she has had with one of her shoulders for some time past, and possibly undergo an operation.

-Phillip Wolf, doubtless the oldest resident of Clarion county died at the old homestead near Wolf's Corners, Dec. 13, 1897, of old age. Mr. Wolf was well and favorably known to many of the older citizens of this county, where many of his descendants reside. He had attained the remarkable age of 92 years, and was one of the early settlers of Clarion county, where he has lived for upward of 60 years, occupying the farm which he cleared up all these years. He leaves a large family of children, grand and great-grandchildren. The funeral, conducted by Rev. J. M. Wonders of the Lutheran church, of which deceased was a life-long member, was held yesterday morning, the interment being in the burial plot on the old homestead.

Regular meeting of Council called to order by the President, J. T. Dale, Dec. 5, 1897, with Bowman, Blum, Fitzgerald, Morgan, Crawford and Smearbaugh, present. Minutes of meeting of Nov. 10 read and approved. Committee on lease house reported that L. Agnew would furnish a building and move it onto a lot in rear of Lawrence & Smearbaugh's store for \$25. On motion this committee was directed to accept this offer and have the building made at once. Amsler, collector for 1897, reported as having paid Jamieson, treasurer, \$26.91 since last report, leaving balance uncollected for 1897, of \$704.21. J. R. Clark, collector for 1896, reported balance uncollected for 1896 of \$271.70. The Forest Telephone and Telegraph Co. filed their acceptance of the Ordinance granting them permission to erect poles in the borough. The following bills were presented and orders ordered drawn for the respective amounts: Tionesta Gas Co., gas for Nov. and Dec., \$15.80. G. W. Robinson, over work on road for 1896, \$2.70. W. L. Hunter, lighting lights for November, \$6.00. W. L. Hunter, arresting 25 tramps in November, \$5.20.

The high constable was directed hereafter to escort all tramps to the borough line and to prevent them from entering the borough for the purpose of begging. D. W. CLARK, Sec'y.

Subject of sermon in the M. E. church next Sunday evening is "The Third Commandment." Watch night services will be held in Nebraska M. E. church on New Years Eve, beginning at half past 9 o'clock. -Santa Claus has established permanent headquarters at Hopkins' without doubt. His stock is the finest by long odds that he's ever had. No trouble to make a selection from such a stock. It

-At the millinery store of F. Walters & Co. will be found a very pretty display of holiday goods, most suitable presents for all, such as fancy trimmed dishes, tidies, throws, prettily dressed dolls, etc. It will be worth your while to call before making selections. -Times are very close, but you will find retail prices closer to cost price at Miles & Armstrong's than at any other store in town. -The Sabbath schools of the Presbyterian and M. E. churches are each arranging Christmas programs and will celebrate the event with appropriate exercises and the usual Xmas gift accumulations. The M. E. school will have a "mission boat" in addition to the tree. -Well, well! If you want a nicer stock of Christmas goods to select from than is to be seen at Heath & Killmer's you'll have to go a long way to find it. -Buy yourself a "suitable suit" at Miles & Armstrong's. Just the thing for a handsome Xmas present. Cheap for cash. -

NEWSY NOTES.

Bradford has a roller skating rink in full blast. -Selecting just the right thing for a Christmas present is made perfectly easy if you go to Heath & Killmer's. -A party of Old men will make a start for Klondike in the spring. They will take along a driller and a full set of drilling tools in order to try a new experiment, that of drilling bed rock. -In the line of ladies' cloaks, capes and jackets there is nothing compares with the stock at Hopkins'. And when it comes to prices, there is simply nobody in it with them. -The fine residence of Hon. Henry F. James, in Sugar Creek township, near Franklin, was destroyed by fire, last Wednesday afternoon. Most of the furniture was saved. Mr. James estimates the loss at \$7,500; the insurance \$5,500. -A number's stock of Christmas candies beats them all. The variety is large, the quality fine and the price is within the reach of all. Don't buy your supply till you have seen his display. To be had in any quantity desired. -If the following figures furnished by the Sandy Lake correspondent of the Mercer Dispatch are not fictitious there should be nothing in the way of the happiness of the farmers of that section at least. The correspondent says that at a recent sale in French-creek township these amounts were realized: An ordinary cow and calf sold for \$50.25; five yearling steers averaged \$51.29 per head; steek ewes brought \$5.95; a lot of spring calves sold on an average of \$14.75; a two-year old heifer brought \$14, and five cows averaged \$35 each. -We have secured the agency for the finest tailoring establishment in the States and can make a suit for you at prices below regular tailoring prices. We guarantee a fit before you pay us a cent. Come in and see our samples, which comprises the latest staples and novelties the market affords. Miles & Armstrong. -The Franklin News says: "As the Presbyterians of this city are on the war-path for ways and means, and as most of the hustling seems to fall upon theists and the young hand-maidens we commend to the men of the congregation the example of their elect brethren of the First Presb. church of Oil City. The latter have become fully persuaded that the burden of suppers, socials and similar rake-offs should not all be borne by the ladies. So next Friday evening the men are to serve an oyster supper in elaborate orthodox style. This example is worthy of prayerful consideration. It is morally certain that if tried here, as suggested, it would give a grand boost to the good cause. It would be worth the price of admission to see the deacons, trustees and lighter infantry skirmishing about in aprons as waiters, cooks, caterers and kitchen roustantons. The older, homelier and lazier brethren could be dressed up and put on duty as a reception committee."

-Sabbath schools intending to have Christmas trees can do no better than consult Amsler about candies, nuts, fruit, etc. His stock is immense, and selected with a view to please purchasers of large quantities. Special inducements to all such. Call and place your order early. -The Clifton Herald of Butler county says that orders have gone out for work to continue on widening to standard gauge of the Pittsburg and Western road between Brain and Parkor. The Enlaton News adds to this information the following: "The company is anxious to make connections with the N. Y. & P. above Kane, and that road will be running into Pittsburg over these tracks early next season. It is believed the R. R. & P. may also come this way, which will make the P. & W. an important line." The News undoubtedly refers to the W. N. Y. & P. at Smithport and in saying "above Kane," it is only evidence of its lack of knowledge of this section of country. Grading has already been commenced at Smithport and rights for it are being purchased and paid for in that neighborhood. But none of this work indicates a connection with the W. N. Y. & P. R. R. Certain facts are gradually coming to the surface which show that the Baltimore & Ohio is at least interested in this movement. One of the most prominent of these facts is that the B. & O. company owns the Pittsburg & Western. -Kane Republican.

CHRISTMAS! CHRISTMAS! Beautiful Sea Shell Pins for Xmas Presents. -Since coming South I have received numerous requests for sea shells, and now, better than all, are the beautiful pink and white Pond Lily Shells that I get from the West India Islands. They are a very handsome shell, highly polished and exceedingly dainty in coloring. The delicate pink stripes look like the rays of the setting sun, and very rarely are two shells ever found alike. These pond lily shells I have made into lovely pins, and will send three for 25 cents, two pink striped and one creamy white. List of shells and curious sent with pins. Mrs. F. A. WARNER, Jacksonville, Fla.

School Reports. Report of Nebraska school, No. 1, for month ending Dec. 3, 1897, Emma Kline-silver, teacher. Present every day: Katie Bush, Bebe Cole, Lulu Haugh, Ethel Hannold, Alice McCullough, Maggie Swigart, Ethel Young, Willie Anthony, Stephen Bush, Willie Besty, Ray Cole, Archie Hannold, Chas. Meek, Howard Mitchell, Wilber Mitchell, Merle Smith, Dannie Small, Francis West Franklin West. -You will have no trouble in getting "just the thing," for a Christmas present at Heath & Killmer's. -Property comes quickest to the man whose liver is in good condition. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are famous little pills for constipation, biliousness, indigestion and all stomach and liver troubles. Heath & Killmer. -J. A. Perkins, of Antiquity, O., was for thirty years needlessly tortured by physicians for the cure of rheumatism. He was cured by using DeWitt's Which Haven saved the famous healing salve for piles and skin diseases. Heath & Killmer. -Do you appreciate good laundry work? If so patronize the Dunkirk Steam Laundry, Miles & Armstrong, agents. -

Institute.

Again, the time of year has arrived, when the people of Forest county will be offered a treat in the form of a county teachers' institute. The institute will be held at Marienville, on the week beginning Monday, Dec. 27.

The revenue for conducting institutes in this county is very frequently less than half that appropriated to the same purpose in many of our neighboring counties. This fact makes it very decidedly disadvantageous to keep pace with the counties around us in the standard which they have set, and which they maintain, in this preeminently important phase of educational advancement. Notwithstanding this, every available energy is being put forth, and every available energy utilized to make progress in this line of educational work; and to give the people even a better entertainment, and a more instructive institute than that of last year. In other words to give them greater returns for the money they expend for this purpose than they have been accustomed to receive.

We have secured for our county institute a greater number of instructors, lecturers and entertainers than that which was ever employed for a similar purpose in Forest county; endeavoring, at the same time, to retain the same high standard of well-qualified talent that marked our institute of one year ago. "Seeing is believing," some one has said; and to see a list of the names of our instructors, lecturers and entertainers will be sufficient evidence to convince the most skeptical as to the superior quality of the talent employed. Who would venture to predict an unsuccessful institute when the work is to be accomplished by the following persons: Lecturers and entertainers, Dr. W. W. Black, Prof. J. T. Rothrock, "Ariel Ladies' Sextet," (vocal), Dr. Byron W. King and Rev. B. H. Hart. Instructors, Dr. W. W. Black, Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Prof. J. S. Brown, Supt. W. A. Beer, Prof. C. E. Rugh and Dr. Byron W. King.

It will be noticed that we have arranged for five evening's entertainment. "Course tickets will be sold to teachers and others alike for \$1.25. If separate tickets are purchased for each entertainment, the admission for Wednesday and Thursday evenings will be 35 cents each. Persons attending the institute will, during the week, making a saving of 20 cents by purchasing course tickets, which may be had by inquiring of Mr. M. R. Shick, Marienville, Pa. Teachers will receive their tickets when they enroll. The talent has been employed, and must be paid by the superintendent regardless as to whether or not the receipts will be sufficient to cover the expenses. We have tried to be as economical as possible and at the same time engaged men to perform the different phases of institute work, who are able to elevate the educational status of our little county, and benefit all who are so fortunate as to be enabled to embrace this rare opportunity. Every one who is interested in educational progress is cordially invited to be with us. For two reasons we are anxious for your presence on this occasion: First, that you may be permitted to par-

take of this annual educational holiday dinner, which has been prepared for all, and in such quantities that no one need go away hungry. Second, A selfish, and, perhaps, that by paying a small admission fee you assist in bearing the expenses that necessarily follow. We anticipate a grand time, and again invite you to participate in our enjoyment and edification. Come, then, and let us unite our energies and our influence in making this an institute that will be second to no other in the amount of work that will be done in every school and in every home throughout the county,—one that shall cause the educational pulse of the county to beat faster, and send new life and vigor into every avenue of our educational system; thereby tending to increase our momentum until no obstacle shall be able to retard our onward course, and we be placed in the "front ranks of educational thought and progress." E. E. STITZINGER, Supt. Forest Co.

Special Sale of Decorated Dinner Ware. During the holiday season, we are going to sell dinner sets 20 per cent. below our usual selling price, and the prices of our competitors. What is the matter of a nice dinner set for an Xmas present? -HEATH & KILLMER.

Smith's Business College, Warren, Pa., are giving a discount of 20 per cent. for their January opening. Send for catalogue. -For a Christmas present go to Hopkins' store and get a pair of those Stream-line shoes. -

Notice.

The shareholders of the Forest County National Bank of Tionesta, Pa., will meet on Tuesday, January 11, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m., at the office of the Bank, for the purpose of the election of directors for the ensuing year. A. B. KELLY, Cashier.

NO ADVANCE

The McCuen Company beg to inform their patrons and the public that there will be no advance on clothing, either made to order or ready made this season. Their superb fall and winter stock passed the custom house under the old tariff and their customers reap the benefits. Suits to your order from \$15.00 and upwards. Suits and overcoats ready to wear \$7.50 and upwards. Select stock of children's clothing. Suits \$2.00 and upwards. Sole agents for Dunlap, Knox and Youman's stiff and soft hats.

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STUCK IN THE MUD.

Santa Claus stuck in the mud and left his outfit of Dolls and Christmas presents at Hopkins' store.

CHRISTMAS DOLLS AND TOYS. DOLLS FROM ONE-HALF INCH TO 2 FEET LONG.

Dinner Sets. Presents for the Old. Tea Sets. Presents for the Young. Odd Pieces in Chinaware. Presents for Everybody.

Those wanting something more substantial will find an elegant display of Overcoats, Suits, Hats, Caps, Shoes, Slippers, Neckties, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs.

ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING. PRICES BELOW COMPETITORS. COME AND SEE US.

L. J. HOPKINS.

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