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The progressive spirit of the Stroudsburg Normal School is made manifest in the fact that the Winter term opened up with an unusually large increase over the fall term. The advertising done during the early part of the fall term is one reason for this influx of students. Prof. Bible believes in keeping his school well to the front and does not hesitate to have the people know it through the mediums of the news papers. They have a good school up in the mountains of Monroe county and a most beautiful location. The rooms are the best furnished of any school probably in the state and every student speaks of the homelike comforts of the institution.

**Free Trips to Paris in 1900.**

The great "Philadelphia Press" announces that it proposes to offer free trips to the wonderful exposition to be held in Paris next year. Details of the offer will be given in next Sunday's "Philadelphia Press" (January 29). There will be other special features which will be found in another Sunday paper. It would be well, therefore, to make sure early in the week of getting next Sunday's "Press."

**Tea Cigarettes.**

The ordinary much-maligned tobacco cigarette, says a medical journal, must yield up the finest place as a destroyer of nerves and vitality and general enemy of mankind. Its successful rival, which has appeared recently in the field, is the tea cigarette. It is made from a broken leaf of green tea mixed with a little tea dust. The combination is moistened, rolled and inserted in a paper wrapper so that outwardly it looks like an ordinary cigarette. The effects are peculiar. The smoker first experiences a thickening sensation of the head and is afflicted with a desire to sit down. This phase is followed by a period of intense exhilaration, which, presumably, accounts for the habit; the third phase is nausea and disgust for all food.

The beginning of recovery is marked by a yearning for tea in any form. The tea cigarette habit is said to be peculiarly difficult to overcome.

**An Ingenious Device.**

Formerly the ashes on steamships were gathered into great cans, hoisted to the decks with more or less difficulty and thrown overboard. Among the new devices for labor saving in this direction is a chute into which a very strong air current is forced. The ashes are placed in the chute as they accumulate and are almost instantly blown through this conductor into the sea. The amount of labor saved by this means can scarcely be appreciated by those who have not watched the wearisome dragging of the enormous quantity of refuse from the furnaces in steamships and large plants of this description.

**Good Work of the Ancients.**

Eighteen hundred years ago or thereabouts, the Roman emperor Trajan built a bridge across on Danube, the piers of which are found by the Roumanian engineers solid enough to sustain a new structure, which will unite the towns of Ternu Severin, in Roumania, and Gladova, in Servia. In the middle of the structure the statue of Trajan will stand four squares to all the winds that blow.

**School Children Provided For.**

At Roubaix, one of the socialist strongholds of France, the 11,000 public school children receive free food and clothing at the expense of the town. Their dinner at school consists of soup, bread, vegetables, meat and a glass of wine. At the beginning of summer and of winter each child receives a complete suit of clothes.

**A Strange Pet.**

Perhaps the strangest pet ever kept by a man was a wasp which Sir John Lubbock caught in the Pyrenees and resolved to tame. He began by teaching it to take its meals on his hand, and in a very short space of time it grew to expect to be fed in that way.

**Very Hard Wood.**

Some of the petrified wood found in Arizona, it is said, is so hard that steel tools will not work it, the petrifications being only three degrees less in hardness than a diamond.

**Italians Are Poorest.**

According to the table prepared by the Government officials, natives from Italy are the poorest immigrants arriving in the United States, while those from Germany and England are the wealthiest. The average per capita of all persons from Italy arriving during July was \$9.93, from Germany \$52.96 and England \$51.50.

**Bernice Echoes.**

District President John A. Gibbs of Hills Grove, installed the following officers in Washington Camp No. 481 P. O. S. of A., Thursday evening: Past Pres., Harry Basley; President, H. W. Taylor; Vice-Pres., A. L. Wilmont; Master of Forms, Joseph O'Neill; Conductor, John Thayer; Recording Secretary, Carr Holmes; Treasurer, J. S. Taylor; Financial Secretary, H. E. Watson; Trustee, Joseph Helmsmen; Inspector, Charles Brown; Guard, Joseph Helmsmen. Rev. Spooner of Hills Grove made the speech of the evening.

T. M. Stafford of Towanda, was the guest of Thomas J. Fitzgerald Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. B. Kline of Dushore was the guest of Mrs. J. S. Taylor Thursday.

Wm. Kast will remove his family to Mildred in the spring where he has bought a horse and lot of John Harvey.

The dance held in the K. of L. hall Friday evening by some of the boys was not a very big success, for the crowd was small.

The Citizens' Military Band of this place have changed their meeting night from Friday to Saturday night.

The Dushore Doctors have been doing a great deal of fighting in this place with Mr. LaGrippe for the past two weeks. Dushore should be proud of her corps of Doctors.

The Democrats will hold a caucus in the K. of L. Hall Friday evening, January 27, for the purpose of nominating township officers.

Joseph Thompson of Long Island, is visiting his mother and friends at this place.

One of our local politicians was heard offering up a prayer last week. If we can get the particulars we will let you know the kind of a prayer he made and upon whom he asked the richest blessing to rest.

**A Famous School in a Famous Place.**

The EAST STROUDSBURG, PA., NORMAL offers superior educational advantages. Healthful and Picturesque Location in the resort region of the state. Buildings new and modern. Students Room furnished with Brussels Carpet. No other school provides such luxurious home comforts. The Best Boarding. The Most Reasonable Rates. The first Normal in the state to introduce Plain and Fancy Sewing. College Preparatory, Music and Elocutionary Departments.

Write at once for a catalogue, free. WINTER TERM OPENS JAN. 2, '99. Address GEO. P. BIBLE, A. M., Principal.

For good quality of underwear at reasonable prices go to J. W. Buck's store.

For gum boots and rubbers go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown.

**Insurance Meeting.**

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Sullivan county will be held at the office of the company in the Borough of Forksville on Saturday, January 7, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Surveyors and auditors will meet at the Secretary's office for the settlement of accounts on January 6, 1899.

M. R. BLACK, Pres.

R. D. LANCASTER, Sec.

Forksville, Dec. 1, 1898.

**A. T. ARMSTRONG,**  
SONESTOWN, PA.  
DEALER IN  
Flour Feed and Groceries

13 1/2 pounds of pure Lard for \$1.00  
Baking molasses, 25 to 50c.  
8 pounds Rolled Oats for 27c.  
7 pounds of Corn Starch for 25c.  
7 pounds of Laundry Starch for 25c.  
2 pounds of Rio Coffee for 25c.  
8 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c.  
No. 1 mackerel per pound 8c.  
Best Sugar Coated Hams @11c per lb.  
Buckwheat Flour 25 pound sack 50c.  
Buckwheat Flour 100 pounds, \$1.90.  
Yellow Corn per 100 pounds 75c.  
Corn Meal or Cracked Corn 80c.  
Corn, Oats and Barley Chop 85c.  
Wheat Bran 200 pounds \$1.50.  
Flour middlings, 140 pound sack \$1.40.  
Fine middlings 200 pounds \$1.60.  
Flour per sack \$1.20.  
Winter Roller per sack \$1.15.  
Good Flour 90c.  
Rye Flour 25 pounds, 50c.  
Graham Flour 12 1/2 pounds 30c.  
Common Fine Salt per barrel \$1.20.

**Williamsport & North Branch R.R. TIME TABLE.**

In Effect Tuesday Sept. 13, 1898.

Northward.		Southward.	
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