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Tax payers should not forget that the outstanding obligations of Sullivan County on the 1st, of Jan. 1902, according to the Auditors' report, amounted to \$63.533.48 as follows: Bonds, 38.000.00, interest bearing orders, \$20. 052, 90, judgements, \$5. 380, 49, total, \$63.433.39.

The report shows due to the county from various sources the sum of \$4.338,35, which if collected and applied to the debt would reduce the debt to \$59.095,13. How much of the debt has been paid during the year we do not know, but the judgment docket shows a judgment has been confessed against the county as follows: Patrick Daly vs. the County of Sullivan, No. 96 Sept. T. 1902. Judgment interest, Aug. 23, 1902, for \$1000.

We presume this was for borrow ed money. We do not understand that the Commissioners who incurred this indebtedness, at or before of so doing, provided for the collection of of within thirty years, as required by sixth section of the ninth sarticle of the Constitution. They will have an opportunity to explain this transaction to the County Auditors.

TEACHERS' COUNTY INSTITUTE.

The Sullivan County Teachers' In stitute of 1902, will convene in Kline's Opera House, Dushore, Pa., Dec. 29, at 2 p. m. It is the earnast desire of the County Superintendent that all the teachers in the county be present. No progressive teacher will absent himself from this Institute without a very excellent reason for so doing. Any teacher who finds it impossible to attend will confer a favor on the Superintendent by in forming him of the same and the cause of absence. The public schools must be closed during the week of the Institute, and, teachers will be paid for the time actually spent at its sessions.

Directors Day.

Directors are most cordially invited to attend all the sessions of the institute. Thursday afternoon will be set apart for work of special interest to directors. It is earnestly hoped that every School Board in the county will be represented at this session of the institute.

Instructors and Lecturers for the Institute.

Regular instructors for day sess ions: Dr. Henry H. Goddard of West Chester, Pa.

Dr. R. M. McNeal of Lock Haven Miss Julia E. Rogers of Ithaca N. Y.

Prof. I. D. Gresh, Musical Direct or. Evening Lectures and entertain-

ments. Monday evening, Dr. Henry H.

Goddard. Tuesday Evening, Dr. R. M. Mc

Neal. Wednesday Evening, The New

York Male Quartette. Thursday Evening, H. H. Emmet will buy of us.

The Popular Indian Orator. M. R. BLACK, Co. Supt.

Shout Breaks a Glass.

Every one knows that windows will rattle when a loud noise is made in a room, but very few persons know that a glass can be broken by shouting into

it. Any ordinary glass which has a clear tone will do for this trick, and the ex-act nature of its tone can readily be ascertained by passing a moistened finger around its rim. This point be-ing settled, the performer should hold the glass in front of his mouth and shout into it in a tone about an octave higher than that of the glass. The re-sult will be that the glass will break immediately, and for the reason that it will not have strength enough to re-sist the force exerted against it by the sist the force exerted against it by the waves of air. The thinner the glass is the more

easily it will be broken.

The Heat of Lava.

The lava streams from the eruption of Vesuvius in 1858 were so hot twelve years later that steam issued from as late as 1840. The volcano Jorullo, in Mexico, poured forth in 1750 lava that eighty-seven years later gave off columns of steaming vapor. In 1780 it was found that a stick thrust into the crevices instantly ignified, although no disconfigure was opnoinced in walking discomfort was experienced in walking on the hardened crust.

Thorough Work. Mrs. Youngwife-A friend has sent me a basket of quinces, and I don't know how to use them. Mrs. Oldwife-Nothing is simpler. an annual tax sufficient to pay the interest, and also the principal there-of within thirty years, as required by sixth section of the ninth "article And what shall I make of the basket

Hypocrites. "I despise a hypocrite," says Boggs. "So do I," says Cloggs. "Now, take Knoggs, for example. He's the biggest hypocrite on earth. I despise that "But you appear to be his best friend."

"Oh, yes; I try to appear friendly to-ward him. It pays better in the end."

Impediments.

Swiggs-Somehow I have failed to meet with any success in my undertak-Ings Briggs—That's easily accounted for. Swiggs—Well, what's the answer?

Briggs-Too many bars in your way. -Chicago News.

A Supposition. "Yes," said the wise guy, "I am thor-cughly convinced that honesty is the "I suppose you have reached that conclusion after having tried both,"

murmured the simple mug.-Philadel-phia Record.

Customer (wildly)—I want some sooth-ing sirup, quick! Druggist-What size bottle? Customer-Bottle! I want a keg! It's twins!-Illustrated Bits.

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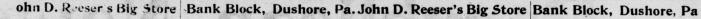
Hamerless 12 guage double barrel Shot Gun for 19.50; they are always sold for 25.00.

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