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## COUNTY NEWS Happenings of Interest to Readers

Columns of Interesting  
Items Gathered by Our  
Special Corps of Hustling  
Correspondents in  
Many Towns.

### BERNICE

The State Line and Sullivan R. R. Co. will soon be a thing of the past. That is to say, they have leased their coal lands and mines, comprising 5000 acres of the best coal lands lying between Bernice and Lopez. The name of the new company is The Connell Anthracite Mining Co. with a capital of \$550,000. The stock holders and directors are Wm. Connell, A. J. Connell, J. L. Connell, Ezra H. Ripple, J. S. McNulty, John Gibbon, John R. Williams, Edward S. Jones, Cyrus D. Jones of Scranton; S. E. Wayland of Trenton; S. T. McCormick of Williamsport, W. W. Jackson of Dushore, J. S. Robinson of Media. W. L. Connell is President and J. S. McNulty, Secretary and Treasurer. There is about 17,000,000 tons of coal yet under ground. We understand that the new company will double the present output of coal and will pay a royalty of 19c per ton to the former company. It is rumored that the new company will take possession about April 1st. There is also talk of a new breaker being built in the near future and various other improvements will take place. How much of this is true we will let you know later. There has been a great deal of talk of a change in management. This we are informed will not be done, as General Manager O. H. Baldwin and Superintendent R. E. Dunston will remain with the new company. This is good news to the employees as both gentlemen are held in the highest esteem and have the confidence and respect of all their employees.

The mines were idle on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week to repair the motor.

Mrs. R. E. Dunston entertained at the White House last week, Mrs. D. Lewis and Mrs. Place of New York City.

Mrs. John Boyd and Mrs. J. Eberland of Dushore, were the guests of Mrs. H. W. Taylor, Thursday.

David Miller is entertaining Mr. Mumps of Mumpville. David says his room is preferable to his company.

### LOPEZ

Master Richard Rice is laid up with the typhoid fever. Thos. Gilmartin is smiling. A young son came to his home last week.

Mrs. John Hamer and daughter, Caroline, of Dushore, are visiting Mrs. Solon Heverly.

James Sweeney is on the sick list. Ed. Mason of Towanda, was doing business at this place Monday.

Windfield Potter who is working at Hazelton, was home over Sunday.

Mr. Parlas of Wilkes Barre was a business caller here Monday.

Chas. McKibbins and family of New York City, are visiting at H. W. McKibbins.

Geo. Landbach and James Allen of Colley, were in town Monday.

### ESTELA

J. J. Webster has his large stock of logs all out of the pond and floated as far as Warburton's flats on the recent raise of water.

Mrs. H. W. Osler of Bernice is visiting relatives in this section.

The oyster supper at the hall last Saturday evening was well attended although the weather was bad and the roads muddy.

Mrs. Roland Kaye was called to Towanda by the illness of her daughter Emily, who we hear has a cancer.

Mrs. W. T. More has returned from a week's sojourn with her daughter at Sayre, who has had a cancer removed from her breast. She is being treated by Dr. C. C. Haines, a cancer specialist.

Young blood and old blood got slightly mixed last week which resulted in a black eye to both parties.

### DUSHORE

Mrs. Frank Wellever of Sayre, visited her parents in this place one day last week.

Mrs. Clara Vincent who has been staying at Athens, was called to her home, on account of her mother's sickness.

Ransom Thrasher who was taken with a stroke of paralysis some time ago, passed away on Saturday last. Mr. Thrasher was born in Luzerne county and came to Cherry with his parents when yet young. He was elected County Treasurer seven years ago and filled the office with credit and satisfaction to all. Deceased was aged 67 years, one month and two days. A widow survives to mourn his death. Funeral services were conducted in Old Zion's church Tuesday. Interment was made at Thrasher's cemetery.

Lawrence Saxon, deliveryman for J. H. Yonkin & Co., while out delivering on Monday, was thrown from the wagon and severely cut about his head and arms.

Miss Kaufman of New Albany, spent Sunday at M. Leverton's.

L. M. Barth while examining a machine in his mill on Saturday, had the misfortune of having his hand badly lacerated. Seven stitches were required to dress the wound.

### SONESTOWN

Mrs. D. H. Lora visited relatives at Dushore last week.

John Converse is again at his work as engineer on the E. M. railroad after the accident of several months ago.

The two churches took advantage of the cold weather last week and stored ice for the coming festival season.

Mrs. Andrew Edgar spent a day in Williamsport last week.

Mr. John Brown who has been living alone on his farm between here and Nordmont, since the death of his wife about a year ago, will have a sale on March 20, and after that Monroe Speary will move into Mr. Brown's house and care for the latter who is getting too feeble to remain alone.

Mrs. M. Flester is seriously ill. H. Parker the new station agent has moved into town.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Welch are in Philadelphia where Mrs. Welch is receiving medical treatment in a hospital.

Mrs. W. L. Sheets is on the sick list.

The I. O. O. F. went to Hughesville to visit the lodge there on Tuesday evening.

A birthday social will be held at the home of William Hazen on Saturday afternoon by the Junior League.

### HILLSGROVE

Mrs. Joseph Miller, Mrs. Henry Houltzour and daughter, Elsie, of Williamsport, visited at Homer Pecks last week.

Curtis, the youngest child of Edward Hoffman, died Sunday morning after suffering convulsions all day Saturday and up to the time of death Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Aged about ten months. Funeral was held Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m.

The boys are catching suckers in good shape, now.

W. L. Hoffman has been confined to the house for about one week; caused by the effects of a fall while at work in the store.

Mr. Shaffer of Muncy Valley, has charge of W. L. Hoffman's store while he is sick.

Robt. McEwen started the log drive last week. Now for a job driving.

The infant child of Geo. Cutosh died on Monday morning after a short illness. Interment was made at Overton.

Harry Green of Shunk was in town a few days this week.

Supt. White was in Laporte over Sunday.

A large number of young people attended the C. E. social at Aaron Lewis's last Wednesday, and all report a good time.

Billy Johnson has gone to Clinton county to work for Geo. Walker.

Russel Biddle returned from West Virginia last week.

### SHUNK

Mrs. Franc Morean, who has been at Roaring branch all winter has returned home.

Mrs. R. S. Fanning, who has been spending the winter with her daughter in Elmira, returned home last week.

Mrs. Rosette Morgan is visiting relatives here.

George Battin has been laid up for the past week as the result of being kicked by a horse, while working for O. J. Williams. He is at present able to be about without the aid of crutches.

Messrs. H. H. Green and J. Benj. Porter, spent Saturday in the Eastern part of Sullivan. We hope that there is no blonde and petite attraction in that end of the county for these young masculines.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foster are the proud parents of a bouncing boy to their home Monday, March 3.

Ripley Rumsey was shaking hands with old friends in town last week, after an absence of about six years. He is making his home at present at Gillis, Pa.

Mrs. George Miller of Elmira is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Leonard.

L. J. Porter left Thursday morning for his home in Idaho, after visiting relatives here for the past month.

A daughter came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kilmer, Thursday, March 6.

M. T. Shattuck has been on the sick list for the past week, but is now able to be out again.

B. E. Bohn of Elmira, was in town last week looking after his farm.

### MUNCY VALLEY

Miss Mae Fenstamaker recently spent several days at Williamsport.

Mr. and Mrs. David Marks of Laporte spent several hours in town on Saturday.

Miss Margaret Hoffa, who is teaching the second grade of our school in the absence of Miss Farrel who is ill, visited her parents at Dushore over Sunday.

Miss Maud Miller visited her sister Blanch, at Bloomsburg over Sunday.

Mrs. W. F. Donovan and son Francis spent Sunday with her husband's parents here.

Mrs. T. S. Simmons is visiting relatives at Bloomsburg.

Mrs. H. A. Knipe of Hughesville, visited Mrs. J. P. Miller on Thursday.

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The bill providing for a minimum salary of \$35 per month for teachers has passed the House by a large majority, and will, in all probability become a law.

Providing, as it does, for an increased expenditure of public school funds, this bill may not be popular in some of our districts. It seems, possibly, poor business to pay \$35 a month for services which may be procured for \$25 or \$30. It may seem a hardship in some school districts to further burden the taxpayers in order to pay the minimum wages as prescribed by law. Much, (indeed we may say nearly all) the opposition to this act will be founded upon what its opponents consider good judgement and reason. [And I will say right here that we should be very slow indeed in condemning a man simply because he opposes that upon which we look with approval. Nothing can possibly be gained by wholesale condemnation.] The friends of this measure, however, feel confident that in the course of time its most aggressive opponents will be led to see and appreciate the advisability of its adoption. The writer has heard some of the arguments of those who denounce the measure and their very arguments have convinced him that their opposition is inspired by a false conception of the bill itself and a failure to grasp the ultimate results of the enforcement of the law.

Before proceeding further in discussing this question, let us agree upon a few points:

First,—This bill will not become a law through a desire to overburden the taxpayer. Our legislators do not favor this measure because they love to bleed the man who has taxes to pay.

Second,—This bill is not one of those passed at the dictation of demagogues and so called "bosses." The most directly benefited, those who receive the increase in salary are, mostly the girls and young men under 21 years of age. Most voters who are teaching received \$35 before this measure was suggested.

Third,—As this bill did not emanate from an unworthy source, and did not have its inspiration in some unworthy design those who favor it, do so because they feel that it will result in good.

Now if we are willing to agree upon these three points, our discussion can be carried on without unpleasantness, and we are perfectly willing to try to point out some of the benefits which must follow the enactment and enforcement of this law.

While all may not at first agree with me in the statement I am about to make, I do not believe that the teacher will, by any means, be the person most benefited by this law. The real benefit, the real advantage, will be to those whom the teacher controls and teaches. Better wages, as we shall attempt to show later, means better teachers, and better teaching must result in a higher development of the child mind, in a broader, more thorough preparation for the duties of right living. Better teaching means less "keepin' school" and more development. If we could all see this matter in this light, instead of condemning those who have been instrumental in the passage of this measure, we would applaud those, who in spite of the disfavor this bill would bring upon them, have stood shoulder to shoulder with progress and the advancement of the cause of education.

You enter a clothing store to purchase a suit of clothes. The dealer shows you several at different prices. Why do you pay \$18 for one suit when you could have purchased another for \$8? Not because you want to give charity to the dealer, not because of any sympathy you may have for the clothier, but because "It pays to get the best."

If this principal pays in the purchase of a suit of clothes, which at the best can last but a few months, how infinitely more does it pay when it comes to providing for our children that which shall extend beyond the lapse of time and prepare the child for life and eternity.

P. E. DAGGUE.  
(To be continued.)

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