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FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 OF DUSHORE, PENNA.
 CAPITAL \$50,000
 RESERVE FUND \$40,000
 Does a General Banking Business.
 S. D. STERIGIERE, M. D. SWARTZ,
 President. Cashier.
 Six per cent interest allowed on certificates.

FRANCIS W. MEYLERT,
 Attorney-at-Law.
 Office in Keeler's Block.
 LAPORTE, Sullivan County, PA.

J. & F. H. INGHAM,
 ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.
 Legal business attended to
 in this and adjoining counties.
 LAPORTE, PA.

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 LAPORTE, PA.
 OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING
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H. CRONIN,
 ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
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 OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.
 DUSHORE, PA.

First National Bank
 OF LAPORTE, PA.
 Capital \$25,000.00
 Does a general banking business.
 EDW. J. INGHAM, EDW. LADLEY,
 President. Cashier.
 Six per cent interest paid on time deposits.
 ACCOUNTS SOLICITED.

Educational Matters

Borough	Enrollment	Average Attendance	Per Cent Attendance
Rockville Borough	25	24	95.9
Eagles Mere	50	46	94.5
Hillsgrove Township	128	117	94.0
Shrewsbury	97	84	91.0
Laporte Borough	69	64	93.7
Dushore	112	100	92.5
Colby Township	430	383	92.3
Laporte	138	123	92.0
Davidson	358	310	90.9
Elkland	197	176	90.9
Forks	135	113	90.0
Fox	161	130	88.9
Clarey	569	470	88.3
Total	2,469	2,140	92.1

HONOR ROLL

School	Teacher	Per Cent Attendance
Bonsville Hill	Alma Myers	100
R. Kelly's Gram	Myrtle Krummer	98.5
Black Water R.	Luey Jennings	98.0
Clarey	Anna Speary	98.0
Clarey	Sadie Walsh	97.5
Southtown Pri.	W. W. Hazen	97.4
Laporte High	C. C. Bird	97.3
Laporte	Florence Whitson	97.0
Hillsgrove	Agnes Walsh	96.8
Fox High	D. M. Soper	96.7
Southtown Gram.	Howard Bay	96.5
Black Creek	C. S. Bender	96.3
Albert	Julia Burns	96.0
Elkland High	M. R. Black	96.0
Rock Run	Martha Laurenson	96.0
Thomas Run	Chloe Whipple	96.0
Tannery	Anna Hearn	95.7
Dushore Gram.	Sara Walters	95.5
Hillsgrove	Laura Wagner	95.5
Ricketts Pri.	Edna Miller	95.5
Clarey (Elkland)	Eric Kusman	95.0
Clarey (Fox)	Leonora Heinze	95.0
Eagles M. High	D. R. Lovette	95.0
Forksville	Larue Bird	95.0
Bridge View	Gertrude Barrett	94.5
Ringer Hill	Mary V. Thall	94.5
Davidson High	J. R. Molyneux	94.0
Dushore	J. H. Balentine	94.0
Eagles M. Pri.	Emilie Biddle	94.0
Hillsgrove	Lillian Heyler	94.0
Murray Gram.	Anna Quinn	94.0
West Hill	Jessie R. Warren	94.0
Donane	Agnes Jordan	93.5
Clarey Pri.	Olive Plotts	93.5
Hillsgrove	Cedil Botsford	93.5
Clarey High	H. R. Henning	93.5
Clarey	Millie Hoffman	93.5
Clarey Pri.	Sadie Cogley	93.5
Southtown Asst. Prin.	93.3	
Clarey Pri., Lincoln Falls, Lopez	93.3	
Clarey, Sheets, Sonessville, 93	93.3	
Clarey, Hillsgrove High, 92.5	92.5	
Clarey Pri., 92.3; Elk Lick; Green	92.3	
Clarey, 92; Bernice Inter., Bernice B.	92.0	
Clarey, Lemmer, Pleasant Valley,	91.5	
Clarey, Hemlock Grove, Nordmoist,	91.5	
Clarey, Point, 91; Campbellville, 90.5;	90.5	
Clarey, Mt. Lewis, Ringdale, Seio	90.0	
Clarey, 90.	90.0	

Sullivan County's Best Spellers.

SECOND MONTH.

Cherry Township.—Rachel McMahon, Willie Greene, Catherine O'Connor, Genevieve Donahoe, Lester Bailey, Clara Ryan, Sara Watson, Anna Holsman, Nellie Connor, Paul Daly, Estella Kincheloe, Florence Jacoby, Leo Donahoe, John Da'ly, Marie Kunes, Millie Yonkin, Lucz Lamberson, Charles Lusch, Ellen Crawford, Ernest Yonkin, Mayne Heiber, Florence Kelly, Blanche Kelly, Marcella Kelly.

Colley Township.—Earl Johnson, Loomis Christian, Alice Walsh, Alice Bogart, Ethel Johnson, Genevieve Riordan, Evelyn Johnson, Eda Rea, Mary Alice McFee, Bennie Steiger, Lawrence Schoch, Elsie Hartford, Vergie Steiger, Mabel Brown, Charles Snyder, Blanche Whipple, Esther Schoch, Laura Miller, Edith Crowl, Bernard Lynch, William Johnston, Joseph Lynch, John Cahill, Howard Phayer, Ruth Roberts, Eunice Roberts, Edith Johnston, Florence Johnston, Mary Beckwith, Catherine Bondi, Lauretta Walsh, Ernest Erle, Dewey Whipple, Howard Barnhart, Viva Pond, Claude Schoch, Lala Whipple, Pearl Steinfather, Genevieve Farrell, Stuy White, Lela Schoch, Alma Nebauer, Ray L. Johnson, John Matsco, Elizabeth White.

Davidson Township.—Mazie Phillips, Mildred Buck, Anna Andrews, Edna Speary, Mary Sick, Augusta King, Adona Sick, Pearl Suider, Maxwell Young, Gertrude Boatman, Bath Laursen.

Dushore Borough.—Bonnie Kline, Clair Kilgore, Sadie Yonkin, Bernard Yonkin.

Eagles Mere Borough.—Agness Briak.

Elkland Township.—Helen McCarty, Anna Vogt, Ethel Pardoe, Leon Day, Elmer Rosbach, Marguerite Hartung.

Forks Township.—Leonard Kelly, Lillian Driscoll, Ruth Molyneux, Blanche Battin, Bernard Broschart, Arthur Driscoll, Carl Broschart, Sadie Litzelman, Mary McCarty, Ethel Ferrill, Anna Keefe, Harry Yonkin, Marcella Scanlin, Ethel Yonkin.

Forksville Borough.—Myrtle Byron, Bessie Little.

Fox Township.—Edgar Campbell, Boyd Bagley, Hattie White, Lew Warren, Alma Bond, Irma Shattuck, Nile Brown, Leslie Brown.

Hillsgrove Township.—Hattie Schneider, Glenn Molyneux, Marion Williams, Gladys Lorah, Nellie Gumble, Arlie Lewis.

Laporte Twp.—Lauratta Walsh, Erma Walizer, Marie Peterman, Margaret Draper.

Shrewsbury Township.—Mabel Fulmer, Garrison Myers, Lillian Crowley, Mary Myers, Martha Myers.

Inasmuch as these names are taken from reports which make mistakes very easily made, it is possible that some errors will occur. In case my names are omitted kindly first consult the teacher who will take the matter up with me and I assure you that I shall gladly make corrections. The showing is much more creditable for the second month. Let us see if we cannot still increase the number of best spellers for the third month.

J. E. REESE KILGORE,
 County Superintendent.

The News Item two years for \$4.00 and worth twice the money.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Laporte, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before it, will be held at the office of the bank in Laporte, Pa., on Tuesday, January 11, 1910, between the hours of ten a. m., and three p. m.

EDW. LADLEY, Cashier,
 Laporte, Pa., Dec. 10, 1909.

MAKING STEADY PROGRESS.

The United States covers a vast area, and building good roads, even when only the principal routes of travel are considered, is an enormous undertaking. But we are making not only steady but rapid progress.

SULLIVAN COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Kline's Opera House, Dushore, December 27-31, 1909

INSTRUCTORS

Hon. Henry R. Pattengill, Ex-State Superintendent, Michigan, Prof. James M. Coughlin, City Superintendent, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Rev. H. R. Wilkes, Dushore, Music Director.

Monday Evening, Dec. 27.
 A LECTURE BY
Hon. Henry R. Pattengill,
 Subject—"Made in America."
 Admission 25c.; Reserved Seat, 35c.

Tuesday Evening, Dec. 28.
The Concert Trio.
 Charles W. Moore, Characterist, Mabelle Osgood, Piano, Violin and Trombone. Emma Bauman, Soprano.
One of the best and most versatile organizations of its kind on the platform.
 Admission, 25c.; Reserved Seat, 35c.

Wednesday Evening, Dec. 29.
The Singers and Players Club
 In Popular Recitals.
 Male Quartets, String Quartets, Solos, Duos, Folk Songs, Burlesques and Comedy Skits.
 Admission, 25c.; Reserved Seat, 35c.

Thursday Evening, Dec. 30.
The Eight Colter Singing Girls and Walter Eccles.
 THE REPERTOIRE includes songs requiring the following costumes:
 Spanish Military Dutch
 Japanese Scotch Indian
 Drums, Guitars, Mandolins, Castanets, Tamborines.
 Admission, 25c.; Reserved Seat, 50c.

Not a cheap attraction. Every one High Priced and First Class.
 There will be no Best night. Each entertainment represents the Best That Could be Procured in Its Class.

Entertainment! Instruction! Humor and Pathos!
 String Music! Every Kind of Music!

SEE HANDBILLS AND LARGE ILLUSTRATED POSTERS

Christmas Gifts



THIS year we have placed a stock of Holiday Goods at the disposal of the people of Laporte and vicinity that is hard to equal and impossible to beat. A complete line of :

Beautiful Art Creations

For the Grown-ups, and for the Little Tots

TOYS TOYS TOYS TOYS AND THEN SOME!

Come and see what we have to offer, learn our prices and you will be convinced that it will be folly for you to go away from home to do your Christmas shopping.

Buschhausen's

Big Store, Laporte.

TWO AGED SISTERS ARE FOUND DEAD

Miss Isabel Ritchie Hanged Herself After Discovering Miss Frances's Death

MANY PUZZLING FEATURES IN CASE

Found Lying on the Floor of the Kitchen with a Pillow Under Her Head—Ten Feet Away was the Body of the Other Sister.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 21.—No more puzzling tragedy has come before the authorities here than that which confronted them with the discovery of the bodies of Miss Frances and Miss Isabel Ritchie, sisters, each more than 50 years old, who had lived alone together for almost twenty years in the two-story frame house No. 45 Marshall street.

When the police broke into the house, nothing having been seen of either of the sisters since Saturday, December 11, the body of Miss Frances was found lying on the floor of the kitchen. There was a pillow under the head. The body lay in a peaceful and natural attitude. Ten feet away was the body of the other sister. It was half-kneeling beside the door, to the knob of which a short piece of clothes line had been tied. The other end was knotted around the neck. It was plain death had come to Miss Isabel by hanging and strangulation. A pair of eyeglasses she was accustomed to use when writing or sewing still was in position.

It at first was thought Frances at least might have died a natural death, and that grief had led Isabel to commit suicide when she realized she had lost the sister who had been her life-long companion. But when the bodies were examined in the morgue there was found about the neck of Frances a mark that seemed to show she also had met her death by hanging; and, more startling still, further examination revealed in the breast of Frances a hatpin about eight inches long, which had been driven clear through the heart.

All theory of a double murder was discarded early by the police, for the two splinters had no enemies—indeed, the lonely pair had no friends, except the pastor of the church which they had attended every Sunday for a score of years and nothing about the place was disturbed to indicate robbery. After performing an autopsy, Dr. McKenzie, the County Physician, announced that his official report would be double suicide; but he admitted there were many puzzling features in the case.

Strange as any feature in the case was the discovery in the breast of Isabel of pin punctures exactly like those in the body of her sister.

PARDONED BEFORE

Kentucky Governor Froes Had Attacked Editor.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 20.—Gov. Wilson has pardoned Adjutant-General Philip P. Johnston, who broke a heavy cane over the head of Denny B. Goode, editor of the Focus, after Goode had referred to Johnston as a "peacock" in the paper.

The Adjutant-General was indicted in Louisville for assault, following his meeting with the editor, and was pardoned before trial.

Rain Breaks Tri-State Drouth.

Winchester, Va., Dec. 16.—Crops have fallen over the drouth belt of Northern Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland the first of any consequence in six months.

The Best place to buy goods

Is often asked by the prudent housewife. Money saving advantages are always being searched for. Lose no time in making a thorough examination of the New Line of Merchandise Now on

EXHIBITION

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STEP IN AND ASK ABOUT THEM

All answered at Vernon Hull's Large Store.

Hillsgrove, Pa.

Chippewa Lime Kilns.

Lime furnished in car load lots, delivered at Right Prices.
 Your orders solicited.
 Kilns near Hughesville Penn'a.

M. E. Reeder,
 MUNCY, PA.

Short Talks On Advertising

By Charles Austin Bates.

No. 10.
 Some way or other, it always happens that the judicious advertiser succeeds, judicious means many things. Some men better never advertise. Some things better never be advertised. Men who are not honest—who do not keep their promises—whose advertisements mislead, and whose stores disappoint—they had better let advertising alone.

There is a man in New York—a furniture dealer—who says that he never expects to sell to the same man twice. He uses all means to get the best of the deal the first time. Makes all the profit he can on the one sale, because he knows that the buyer will never come back—that he will discover the cheat.

Now, it wouldn't pay that man to advertise, and he knows it, and he doesn't advertise.

But a fairly honest business, conducted by a man who keeps pretty close to the letter of truth, it will always pay to advertise.



"He never expects to sell to the same man twice."



"Failure is the price of carelessness."

Most business men are careless in their statements. They have become so used to writing "biggest," "greatest," "best," that they can only think in superlatives. They mean to be honest—probably are. They are merely careless, and failure is the price of carelessness in advertising. Maybe not absolute failure, but something very short of success.

Every advertisement should have careful consideration. All the discrepancies should be eliminated. No careless statements should be allowed. If you can't take time to attend to your advertising carefully, better cut it down. Cut off the parasites. Cut off novelties—programmes. Cut off the paper to whom you "give a hundred, just to get rid of it—to keep it quiet." Cut off the paper that is too cheap to be good.

A good advertisement in the best paper will do more good—more in proportion to price—than anything else you can do. There is always a best paper in town.

A good advertisement of goods in a good paper will always pay. Always.

BIGGEST GRANDEST GREATEST AND BEST

They can only think in superlatives."

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