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I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the Republican rules.

W. H. BIDDLE,
Feb. 24, 1911. Elkland Township.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Sheriff of Sullivan County, subject to the Rules of the Republican Party.

FRED W. SCHANBACHER,
March, 1, 1911. Forksville, Pa.

I hereby announce myself as candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sullivan County subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

FRANK STRICKLAND,
March, 17, 1911. Hillsgrove, Pa.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination for the office of Commissioner of Sullivan County, subject to the rules of the Republican Party.

A. A. LUDY,
Mar. 24, 1911. Hillsgrove Pa.

SONESTOWN.

Mary Wilson entertained the Y. L. B. C. at her home Wednesday evening. The following were present: Ada Simmons, Eureka Boatman, Opal Watson, Mary, Ada and Grayce Wilson, Linda Boatman, Ella Codderman, Emma Boatman and Harry Buck.

The many friends of Mrs. John Watson gave her a pleasant birthday surprise Friday evening. About seventy-five were present.

Collins Hazen was a Williamsport visitor Saturday.

J. R. Molyneux of Hillsgrove was in town last week.

The friends of Mrs. J. C. Boatman assisted her in celebrating her birthday anniversary Thursday. They report a fine time and a good dinner.

The Junior and Sub-junior classes of the high school held a banquet at the home of Watson Speary Friday evening. Those present were: Juniors, James Miller, Giles Converse; Sub-juniors, Mabel Fulmer, Edna Speary, Helen Phillips, Anna Andrews, Linda Converse, Freas Hess, Clayton Buck, Blake Gavitt; visitors, Ada Simmons, Eureka Boatman, Amy Houseknecht, Mary Meyers, Lila Cristman, Edith Basley, Howard Bay and Ritner Fiester.

Mrs. J. M. Boatman and son of Masten are visiting in town.

Profs. Jaquish and Coolidge saw Eagles Mere Sunday.

The Baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the Senior class by Rev. J. H. Hertz on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Samuel Crist, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. R. Vandermark at Towanda, returned home Thursday.

Leon Myers of Strawbridge attended church here Sunday evening.

Freas—Bay.

Clarence Freas of Altoona and Edna Bay of Sonestown were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents in Sonestown on Wednesday evening. Mamie Freas acted as bridesmaid and Elmer BeauCamp of Altoona as groomsmen. After a wedding supper the young couple left for a visit to New York City and Syracuse.

Newton Maben made a business trip to Muncy Valley Wednesday.

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STORY OF THE MURDER OF JOHN VEITENGRUBER

(Continued from last week.)

It was all made very simple and easy for John Kamm, raw uncut, awkward young immigrant that he was. And that was rather a strange thing, in the light of his personality, as it presented itself to the cheery household he was invading. Tall sinewy, powerful, with the supple muscles of the woodsman, his face had something of the dark "dourness" the Scotch see in those whose temper is none of the best. His complexion had the inheritance of olive and his hair the straight blackness which so often mark the descendants of the Spanish soldiery who made their lands beyond the Rhine their stamping ground in the years when Spain was in her military glory.

As for the beautiful young wife, she was obedient to her husband's will. Little enough was the room available in the tiny cabin; but if he said the young German might eat and sleep there, she would cook for him and do his mending.

From the instant of John Kamm's arrival at the cabin and his first glimpse of her rosy, laughing face there was no question but that he was willing to accept any invitation to remain, no matter how grudgingly it might be vouchsafed. His dark, somber eyes glowed with a sudden, hungry fire, and a color came into his swarthy cheeks that made him look positively handsome.

The old cobbler's pledge to find work for him was readily carried out. There was plenty of logging and wood chopping to be done, and young Kamm brought to the work an exceptional strength and a thoroughly efficient skill.

The lonely cabin now has another homecoming, nightly, very different from that old John enjoyed after his long journeys through the two counties. This was the home coming of a young ardent, passionate man, beset with conflicting emotions, thrilled with anticipation that grew with every step he took along the road. So, too, did the little cobbler thrill when he came back from his more protracted absences; but his glow of happiness was no such burning fire of desire; no such mingling of hunger of heart and consciousness of nascent guilt, that only waited to betray the sacred bread and salt.

For a time the comment may have been—indeed probably was—groundless scandal. It was inevitable that cynical smiles should greet the knowledge that a man so old and insignificant as the honest cobbler could be glad to have within his four walls a strapping young fellow, even younger than his alluring wife.

But scandal needs nothing more tangible to feed on. A few weeks and it was the general verdict that Mrs. Veitengruber had at last found some one who would be able to console her when her husband took his autumn trip, which usually endured longest.

Those who occasionally saw her, in the scant intercourse which obtained in that distant time and

place, imagined that they discerned a new strange impression of exultation on her handsome features. She seemed to be less frankly, heartily joyous; more given to a rapt abstraction as though she had some secret hidden happiness that held her in most thoughts. Yet, at times, her face wore an expression of quick anxiety, as though she suffered, too, some secret pang, whose nature she could disclose to no one.

The women unhesitatingly diagnosed her as a woman in love and a soul already tortured with remorse. The men took their wives' verdict and paid no further heed to it. Old Veitengruber, troubles would have to be his own, and old fool and young wife were soon parted, any way.

But if the cobbler was too dull of wit to see that he was losing his wife, that was no reason to his patrons for the loss of their shoes. Toward the end of the summer and in the early fall, when he failed to come around and gather in the foot-worn wrecks of the neighborhood so as to leave his own community provided for before his departure for his big journey, one farmer after another drove to the little cabin with as many as a dozen pairs, willing to leave them with him if he would undertake to do the work at home.

But he was not there. His wife, her familiar smile as ready as ever, but with a queer catch in her breath that no one had ever noticed before, explained that this year her John had changed his trip. He had gone away earlier and was working his way back home from Canton, over in Bradford county. So, growling a bit his good-natured patrons drove home again, to make out as best they could pending his return.

The winter shuts in early and hard in the neighborhood of Elk Lake, and when November came around the general expectation of Veitengruber's return began to change from mere expectation to a mild anxiety. And the gossip about the relations between his wife and the tall young woodsman, living there with no one but the little boy to serve as a safeguard of the woman's virtue, grew steadily in volume and virulence.

There was even talk of deputizing a neighbor to intimidate his folly when the cobbler should return. No deputy was selected; for no one could quite imagine the man or woman hardy enough to break in on a fool's paradise they believed John Veitengruber enjoyed.

But he was never to return. The sequel to his quiet disappearance came so suddenly and terribly to give coarse gossip more than time to gasp, ere it perished in confronting the overwhelming horror of the bloodiest crime the county had ever known.

In early November of that year Joseph McCarty and his brother were searching the Elk Lake woods for some lost cattle. There had been a wind fall but a few days before, and the McCarty's fearing their steers had been in its path and were killed. They carried their search deep into the woods, until Joseph McCarty came upon a fallen hemlock at the foot of which he thought the soil had lately been dis-

turbed. He called his brother and they decided that there was something buried beneath the fallen tree, for there was an unmistakable odor of decaying flesh.

They returned the following day with two other men, only to discover that a hole had been dug under the tree during the night and that some object had evidently been removed.

A search disclosed the bottom of a human foot, the hard, calloused sole having dropped from the member as the flesh disintegrated. A number of whips of hair were found lying on the ground. All knew how Veitengruber went barefoot much of his time, so that the "slippers" or bottoms of his feet, had become tough and calloused; while the wisps of hair tallied true to the color of that of the old cobbler.

The discovery made by the McCarty's was reported to District Attorney Henry Metcalf, and the arrest of both Kamm and Mrs. Veitengruber, by sheriff Amos C. Wilbur, followed.

It was elected that the two should be tried separately and at the following February term the trial of Kamm began before Judge Wilmot—of the Wilmot Proviso fame—in the little log court house at Laporte. It was intensely cold that winter, but the court room was crowded with the people of the country, who came on sledges to hear the proceedings. William Cooley and John A. Speaker were associate Judges and James Mhor and Hiram Hoagland were appointed by the court as tipstaves to preserve order.

The case was without its corpus delicti; the body was not in evidence as proof of death. It could not be shown that Cobbler Veitengruber was any where but in the land of the living. But the condition of Mrs. Veitengruber as she was led into the courtroom day after day was regarded as evidence that she held in her heart an awful secret. Kamm was unmoved and was apparently confident of acquittal.

(To be continued)

Sabbath School Workers, Attention.

A call has been sent out for a general observance of Anti-Cigarette Sunday May 21, 1911. Will all the schools in Sullivan County kindly observe the day in the manner best suited to the locality of the school.

If you will send at once to your County Superintendent, Programs, Responsive Reading, Pledge Cards, etc., will be sent you free of cost.

As the available funds for this department are limited supplies will be sent only on application.

In the Pennsylvania Herald for April will be found our Standard of Excellence. Shall we not all work faithfully to reach this Standard this year? Kindly report all temperance work which has been done in the schools throughout the year to your County Superintendent on or before Aug. 1, that your school may receive due credit at the S. S. Convention.

Sarah A. Huckell, Temp. Sup t.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of T. J. Ingham, late of the Borough of Laporte, Sullivan County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to F. H. Ingham, resident of said Borough, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay.

F. H. INGHAM, Executor.

Trial List, May Term, 1911.

Return Day, May 15, 1911.
1.—G. W. Bigger vs. John Manuel. No. 49 May Term, 1906. Framed Issue. Plea,—"Non-Assumpsit" etc.
Scouton Mullen
2.—Ira B. Yonkin, Administrator of John Yonkin, Deceased vs. George J. Litzelman. No. 34 September Term, 1909. Seire Facias sur Judgment. Plea,—Payment.
Cronin Scouton
3.—Thomas D. Rouse vs. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company. 46 December Term, 1909. Trespass. Plea,—"Not Guilty."
Scouton Thomson
4.—Patrick Connor vs. Margaret Connor, Administratrix of John Connor, Deceased. No. 38 May Term, 1910. Assumpsit. Plea,—"Non-Assumpsit."
Thayer Walsh
5.—Sillic J. Steinback vs. E. G. Trexler and H. C. Trexler, trading as the Trexler and Turrell Lumber Company. No. 67 September Term, 1910. Trespass. Plea,—"Not Guilty."
Scouton Mullen
6.—John H. Cramm vs. W. F. Randall. No. 94 September Term, 1910. Assumpsit. Plea,—"Non-Assumpsit," payment, set-off, and the Statute of Limitations, with leave to give special matter in evidence.
Mullen J. C. Ingham
7.—Caroline Brink vs. Curtis Stroup. No. 1 December Term, 1910. Defendant's Appeal. Plea,—"Not Guilty."
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Jury List For May Court.

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Name	Occupation	Residence
Adams George	Laborer	Lopez
Bussler L. R.	Painter	Laporte Boro
O'Brien Daniel	Mechanic	Dushore
Borton J. Edwin	Laborer	Cherry
Cole J. Dean	Justice	Jamison City
Farrell Raymond	Bottler	Dushore
Frey John W.	Farmer	Fox
Gilligan Michael	Laborer	Bernice
Pinan James	Laborer	Lopez
Dunn Edward	Farmer	Forks
Jacoby Herman	Farmer	Cherry
Kier X. J.	Laborer	Dushore
Landback George	Farmer	Colley
Lawson Walter	Farmer	Sonestown
Litzelman Gabriel	Retired	Dushore
McDermott Joseph	Farmer	Lopez
Post E. L.	Laborer	Bernice
Parloe Ira J.	Farmer	Elkland
Rohe John A.	Farmer	Cherry
Shovein John M.	Foreman	Bernice
Small Andrew	Farmer	Davidson
Snell Samuel	Farmer	Hillsgrove
Sick Wendell	Farmer	Cherry
Starr C. A.	Merchant	Sonestown
TRAVERSE AND PETIT JURORS.		
Allen William	Barber	Bernice
Basley Harry	Hotel-keeper	Sonestown
Burk Ed. C.	Farmer	Laporte Twp.
Barnes Allison M.	Farmer	Elkland
Brenchley George	Farmer	Fox
Berry William	Farmer	Cherry
Brown John S.	Farmer	Elkland
Corcoran Frank	Farmer	Forks
Cook Herman	Beeman	Dushore
Crawley George W.	Farmer	Mt. Vernon
Cole Harry	Clerk	Dushore
Collins William	Miner	Bernice
Devanney Mike	Hotel-keeper	Jamison City
Deegan John	Agent	Dushore
Fullmer Ernest	Farmer	Davidson
Foust Fred	Farmer	Sonestown
Gilmore William P.	Teacher	Cherry
Gavitt Morgan	Farmer	Laporte Twp.
Hope P. C.	Merchant	Bernice
Hunsinger Henry	Farmer	Cherry
Hoffa W. B.	Retired	Bernice
Hileman John Jr.	Merchant	Dushore
Hymen B. B.	Confectioner	Bernice
Lucas Edward	Laborer	Hillsgrove
Miller Alvin	Farmer	Mt. Vernon
Miller Charles	Farmer	Colley
Molyneux Robert	Teacher	Hillsgrove
Manuel John	Farmer	Ringdale
Martin Luther	Farmer	Sonestown
More William T.	Farmer	Elkland
Moyer Lincoln	Farmer	Egles-Mere
McCarrill Nelson	Farmer	Colley
McMahon Frank	Teamster	Dushore
McClintock T. S.	Farmer	Davidson
McBride S. A.	Laborer	Hillsgrove
Orlonsky Frank	Miner	Bernice
Plotts John G.	Farmer	Elkland
Phillips Griffith	Farmer	Sonestown
Rose Andrew	Laborer	Laporte Boro
Rogers C. S.	Farmer	Elkland
Shaffer William	Farmer	Cherry
Taylor Monroe	Butcher	Muncy Valley
Taylor D. M.	Retired	Muncy Valley
Taylor Milton	Farmer	Muncy Valley
Thrasher Jacob	Farmer	Cherry
Thrasher John	Farmer	Cherry
Upmann George	Carpenter	Laporte Boro
Watson Charles B.	Miner	Bernice

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Oyster Shells		.35
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