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Teachers' Meeting.

The teachers of the Davidson District will hold their monthly meeting at Sonestown, Feb. 16 and 17. The session on Friday evening will be held in the Methodist church. The two sessions on Saturday will be held in the "High School Building." Following is the program.

Friday 8:00 P. M.
Song - See - Saw - Intermediate Grade.
Song Slumber Song Primary Grade.
Exercise Scouts of Uncle Sam Primary Grade.
Reading Modern Education Miss Edna Taylor.
Lecture "Abraham Lincoln" Colonel Thomas W. Lloyd.
Saturday 9:30 A. M.
Best Books for Teachers-Prof. Green.
Character Teaching-Mrs. Gritman.
Devices for Mental Training Mr. Buck.
Thoroughness in Teaching-Mr. Fiester.
Moral Instructions & Moral Training-Prof. Lovette.
Sense Training-Mr. Hazen.
1:30 p. m.
Address-Supt. Killgore.
Recitation-Miss Helen Parker.
Recitation-Miss Martha Simmons.
Question Box.

Agricultural Society Meeting.

At a meeting of the Sullivan County Agricultural Society held at Forksville Saturday, February 9, 1912, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Albert Kaye; Vice President, M. E. Wilcox; Secretary O. N. Molyneux; Treasurer, H. E. Fawcett; Executive Committee, A. T. Wilcox, C. B. Jennings, S. B. Kilmer.

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Editorial Column.

In Which the Editor Has His Say.

Life is just one dinged blizzard after another.

On to Washington is the cry of the Prohibitionists. Well if Washington can be converted there is hope for the rest of the country.

Every citizen in a town should be interested in its prosperity. One of the best ways to help a town is to speak well of it. It is true patriotism to stand by your own town, and interests that effect the town should effect every citizen.

It takes a rich man to draw a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw the skin, a toper to draw a cork, a free lunch to draw a crowd, and a well displayed advertisement in this paper to draw trade.

All over this broad land the 22 of February—Washington's birthday is celebrated. How shall any man add aught to the praise or eulogy of George Washington? History and biography, eloquence and poetry have exhausted their combined riches upon the successful leader of the American revolution and the founder of the republic our first great national hero.

There is nothing that calls attention and draws people to a town equal to a good newspaper. In order for a man to make a good newspaper he must have the patronage of the people among whom he lives. If he has halfway support it stands to reason that he must make a poorer paper, and in doing this every man in the town and surrounding country has to bear a portion of the loss. For this reason, if for no other, the man who tries to make a good newspaper should have the support of his town people, all of whom reap fully as much benefit from its efforts as he does himself.

What citizen is there in our town who does not feel some degree of self pride in its welfare? That cannot call to mind some meritorious advantage which could be spoken of to advantage when ever an opportunity is afforded them? Who is there among our people who has not the patriotism in their veins to stand boldly up in defense of and contradict any statement made that he knew would prove injurious to our town, and people? Who does not wish to have it said of them when they are gone that the town and community in which they lived has been made some better by them having lived in it?

Court proceedings this week brought an unusually large crowd to the county seat.

County Seat Local and Personal Events Tersely Told.

Wednesday was Valentine Day.

Dr. Hermann of Dushore was in Laporte Monday.

Mrs. E. H. Harris of Sayre is visiting at G. S. Eddy's.

Dr. Bird of Overton was in town the fore part of the week.

Ex-County Treasurer, E. L. Sweeney attended court this week.

Geo. Hartzig of near Dushore made our office a pleasant call Tuesday.

County Treasurer, Joseph Helman of Mildred was about town this week.

Miss Rogers, teacher in our schools spent a few days at her home last week.

Smith Boudman, proprietor of the Sonestown Hotel called at our office Monday.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Heess have been quite ill, but are improving.

Coroner, C. M. Bradford of Forksville was in Laporte the fore part of the week.

John Leahy, principal of our schools spent Sunday at his home in Elkland township.

A large number from this place attended the dance at James Russell's last Friday evening.

The County Commissioners were in session at the County office the fore part of the week.

Miss Dora Crist has been discharged from the Williamsport hospital and has returned to her home at Sonestown greatly improved in health.

The Village Improvement Society will hold a Food and Bake sale at the home of Mrs. T. J. Keeler Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, at 2:30 o'clock.

Those from this place attending the funeral of Martin Mullen at Overton Saturday were: F. M. Crossley, Sheriff Cott, Thomas Kennedy, A. H. Bushhausen and Judson Brown.

Notice.

My wife, Della Davis having left my bed and board without just cause, I will not pay any debts contracted by here after Dec. 12, 1911.

Concert.

A concert will be held at the United Evangelical church at Sonestown, Friday Feb. 23, 1912 at 8 o'clock. An evening of fun and pathos, readings, monologues, music and songs is promised.

Stars Tell Him of Winter.

After studying the stars for almost 30 years and making many wonderfully accurate weather forecasts, John Drake, "the prophet," of Frush Valley, says:

December 14 was a very clear night. I watched Venus, Jupiter and Mars, and gathered enough information to warrant my predictions. There will be a very cold spell, without rain or snow, from January 3 to the 18th. Between Feb. 3 and 16 we will have the only blizzard of the winter. A very strong wind will prevail from March 10 to 20, and because of this that month, although disagreeable, will not be very cold.

Mr. Drake foretold the blizzard on Christmas two years ago almost to the hour.—Ex.

George Heckner on Trial For Life.

Young Polander accused of Murdering Mary Shippa Now on Trial.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, 1911, the lifeless body of Mary Shippa, a young Polish girl of Hillsgrove, was found in the Loyalsock creek near that place.

An inquest was held before Lyman B. Speaker, justice of the peace at Hillsgrove, and the Coroner's Jury returned a verdict, that the death of Mary Shippa was caused by being drowned in the Loyalsock creek at the hands of person's unknown to the jury.

State police began work on the case, and on Nov. 9, State Police-man, Gordon, arrested George Heckner a Polander and fireman at the Hillsgrove Tannery and lodged him in the county jail at Laporte. He was given a hearing before Squire Caven and held for December term of court.

He was indicted for murder by the Grand Jury at December Term, and upon application by the District Attorney his case was continued to Feb. Term. Last Tuesday a jury was drawn and the life of George Heckner placed in the hands of the following twelve sober and intelligent citizens of Sullivan county:

Edward L. Travelet, laborer, Jamison City; Harry Miller, laborer, Jamison City; Lewis Hatton, miner, Bernice; Harry Collins, miner, Bernice; Harry Gould, miner, Bernice; Patrick Driscoll, laborer, Bernice; William L. Dyer, blacksmith, Colley; Daniel Dealer, shoe-maker, Lopez; John C. Miller, sawyer, Rickett; Ralph King, blacksmith, Davidson; Walter Hazen, teacher, Davidson; Frank Hall, farmer, Forksville.

Frank T. McMahon of Mildred and Fred Schanbacher of Forksville were appointed tipstafs. The ball room at Hotel Bernard is being used as head quarters for the jury.

With President Judge, Charles ... Associates, Judges,

E. Terry and ... James P. Miller and Dennis Keeler presiding over court the case was called to trial at about 4:15 Tuesday afternoon. District Attorney F. W. Meylert and E. J. Mullen Esq., of Laporte represented the Commonwealth while John G. Scouton Esq. of Dushore sat by the Defendants side.

George Heckner is a young man, about 23 years of age, he was the lover of Mary Shippa, in fact they were engaged to be married. He came to America about 2 years and six months ago.

A foot bridge crosses the Loyalsock at Hillsgrove, and it was below this bridge that the body of Mary Shippa was found. This bridge appeared to be a rendezvous for the lovers, as they were seen there on different occasions, and as late as five o'clock in the morning. George is on duty from noon until midnight, and on the night of the tragedy Mary visited the fire room and departed with George's cap. That was the last seen of her alive.

The body of the unfortunate girl was buried at Overton and on Jan. 26 was taken up and examined by several doctor's who testified without a doubt the girl came to her by drowning. The neck was found to be bruised, which might have been inflicted by her falling from the bridge and striking in the water.

The evidence submitted by the Commonwealth was all purely circumstantial, it appeared to be their purpose to prove that George and Mary were on the bridge on the night of October 14, 1911 and that a quarrel ensued, which caused George to knock or throw Mary off the bridge into the creek.

The principal argument of the defense was that Mary was in the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors and that she was or might have been slightly intoxicated on the night of Oct. 14, and in walking or running across the narrow foot bridge, she lost her balance and fell over the guard wire into the creek causing her own death.

Don't fail to read the opening chapter of the "Lash of Circumstances" which begins in this issue.

W. B. Ritter left Saturday for Lewisburg, Pa., where he will attend the funeral of his brother, James Ritter.

Mildred and Bernice.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS FROM THE TWIN TOWNS.

Well here we are again, not frozen but very near.

Thomas Laughlin of Bernice was a Seranton visitor last week.

It's an ill wind that doesn't blow good for some person.

Sara Watson of Mildred spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Helen Dieffenbach of Dushore.

Quite a number of Bernice and Mildred people are attending court at Laporte this week.

S. Thomas and M. Laughlin have a large force of men clearing a temporary breaker, which will be finished by March 1, it will have a capacity of 1,000 tons every 24 hours. It is expected that the new breaker will be run steady in order to give employment to all the old hands. It won't be Meolaughlin's fault if the breaker whistle doesn't call us to work in the time stated.

Miss Mary Daly of Mildred was a Dushore visitor Wednesday.

We might have something to say in regard to the Connell Company building a new breaker, but as we have no definite information to give the public we will keep quiet.

LATEST NEWS OF SONESTOWN.

A. L. Sheets had the misfortune to have three of his ribs broken while working at the pin factory.

The young son of Monroe Paintain has been taken to the Williamsport hospital to be treated for appendicitis.

Robert Wilson, head Sawyer at the pin factory has resigned his position.

Since Mary's little lamb is dead, she has a little mule, and every day the weather is fine she rides the mule to school.

James Meyers of Strawbridge was registered at the Sonestown Hotel last Saturday.

The boys of the United Evangelical church held a banquet at the home of R. W. Simmons. Those present were: Alonza Burke, Frank Boatman, Duan Keeler, Leonard Keeler, Bertie Paintain, Lester Boudman, Clayton Buck, R. W. Simmons, Russell Faust, Daven Sheets, R. Darling, Opal Watson, Bertha Hazen, Lila Christman, Amy Hauseknecht, Roxanna Boudman, Gertrude Bartz, Martha Lawrenson, Esther Hartz, Mary Hazen, Helen Parker, Linda Boatman. The supper was prepared by Mrs. Lloyd Freas, Mrs. B. W. Simmons and Mrs. Wm. Boatman.

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| Schumacher Chop | 31.00 | 1.60 |
| Wheat Bran | 31.00 | 1.60 |
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| Gluten | 34.50 | 1.75 |
| Alfalfa Meal | 29.00 | 1.50 |
| Oyster Shells | 30.00 | 1.50 |
| Brewers Grain | 30.00 | 1.50 |
| Choice Cottonseed Meal | 33.00 | 1.70 |
| Luxury Flour | sack 1.25 | |
| | per bbl. | 4.90 |
| Beef Scrap | | 3.00 |
| Oats | per bu. | .60 |
| Charcoal | 50 lb sack | .60 |
| Oyster Shells | | .35 |
| 140 lb bag Salt coarse or fine | | .50 |
| 56 lb bag Salt | | .25 |
| Buckwheat Flour | | 3.00 |
| Schumacher Flour | sack 1.60 | |
| | per bbl. | 6.20 |
| Silhu. | (Marvel) | 1.70 |
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