

THE  
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NOTICE—is hereby given to those subscribers who are ignoring repeated bills sent to them from this office that we will be compelled to place their accounts in the hands of collectors.

SUMMIT TOWNSHIP.  
Some of our farmers are getting out their keelers.

Lloyd Handwerk rented the late J. W. Brisley farm and moved upon the same last week.

R. J. Engle and W. S. Weller, our two popular auctioneers conducted the large public sale of the S. A. Beachy estate of near Salisbury last Wednesday.

Miss Ada Fike spent over Sunday with her friend, Miss Louise Compton of Compton's Mills.

The entertainment held at the Walker school last Saturday night and taught by Prof. H. B. Saylor, was well rendered and largely attended.

Lloyd Shumac spent Sunday at the home of his uncle, Newton Saylor and family.

Chas. Redinger is working for D. W. Long at present.

Frank Hay who had rented the Abraham Kinsinger farm for the past four years moved on last Wednesday to near Rockwood on the S. A. Walker farm.

L. A. Kretzman was a business visitor to the county-seat last week.

Mr. Dearick of Williamsport, a well known millwright is busy remodeling the sawmill of the Muncy Lumber Company at Laurel Meadow.

H. D. Gnagay traded his Ford roadster on a new Ford touring car with O. L. Plot of Meyersdale.

Mrs. J. A. Opel spent Monday with her friend, Mrs. H. E. Hershberger.

Elmer Engle spent Sunday at the home of Washington Bockes.

Miss Lelia Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Yoder and Daniel Breneman son of Joel Breneman, near Grantsville, Md. were married at the Amish church of Summit Mills on last Sunday by Bishop Moses Yoder.

Samuel Firl who had been suffering for the past week with a bruised leg, is out again.

The Summit Mills school rendered a very interesting program to a large audience on Tuesday evening of this week.

Read the Commercial and get the purest news.

SOUTHAMPTON TOWN.

SHIP INSTITUTE.

There will be a teachers' institute held on Friday evening, March 3rd. to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Song, Pansies.  
Select Reading, Thelma Miller.  
Topic for Discussion, Howard Keifer.

Queries  
Habit of Attention, Ruth Bittner.  
Recitation.

Topical Discussion, Nora Keifer.  
Song  
Select Reading, Mary Delozier.  
"Facing the Crises," C. B. Bittner.

Queries, Use and Abuse of Text-Books, K. G. Miller.  
Song.

Topic, Rubie Poorbaugh.  
Emulation as an Incentive, Alfred Broadwater.

Recitation  
Select Reading, Alma Delozier.  
Periodical, Marion Leydig.

All lovers of education are cordially invited to come.

C. B. Bittner.

There will be a spelling bee at the Southampton School on February 25 to which all are invited to come and participate.

VICINITY OF MEYERSDALE.

Lincoln Faidley and daughter, Flora, left Saturday for Pittsburg, to spend a few days with relatives.

Victor Handwerk is busy hauling lumber from Daniel Klink's saw mill.

Miss Martha Maust was a Sunday guest at J. M. Kretzman's.

F. M. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shawley, Mr. and Mrs. James Beals were Saturday and Sunday visitors at Geo. W. Beals.

Harvey Hershberger is hauling logs for the Muncy Lumber Co.

Mrs. C. J. Rhodes, who has been ill for some time, is improving slowly.

Milton Williams, who spent over Sunday at Williamsport, is home again.

John Zimmerman has scalded his keelers and will soon tap.

The oyster supper which was given at Jonas Klink's Saturday evening was a great success and largely attended.

ASK TO SEE THE NEW HIABGO HORSE COLLARS AT D. H. WEISSEL'S HARNESS SHOP.

## MEYERSDALE H. S. BRIEFS

Editor in Chief—Jerre Beachy.  
Assistant Editor—Lenore Collins

Elizabeth Bolden '16  
F. Groff '17  
H. Gress '18  
Miriam Glessner '19  
Martha Glessner '17  
Earl Opel '16

The Classical Seniors made a record at typewriting last week. John Hocking was the star. He handled the machine as though he were afraid of it. He would sit and watch it for awhile and then suddenly having picked up a little nerve, he would give it a punch. After watching again for some time to see if it was going to make a pass at him, he would give it another punch. John escaped without serious injury.

Byron Nicholson who has always been industry came to school with an egg in his pocket.

Joe, our small Senior, sent one of his friends a nice red Rose for a Valentine. But Miss Lauver, beat her to it.

Cruel Minnie Swearman was seen with her arms tightly clasped about a telephone post. Perhaps she was dreaming.

Byron has told Mr. Arnold how to construct an acrobatic lens. Come and see it perform.

Earl Stotler tells of a man who had his hand blown off while trying to shoot a wizard which was flying above. May be it was a Buzzard.

Grace Weller would like to know how, Claudius knew that Hamlet knew that Claudius had killed his father. Someone who knows about these things, please tell Grace.

Chas. Fike attended the sale at the farm of his late grandfather. Chas. said that he had a fine time and that he was the principal stockholder.

In history class, Michael Hady reported that Marat had two thousand liver.

Samuel Meyers made known his intention of swallowing the encyclopedia. We advise you not to do this Sam, as we only have one in our school.

C. Rowe was absent from school on Friday afternoon and it was reported that she journeyed to Cumberland. This looks suspicious, Clara.

Wilbur Stotler reported that Rousain died of heart-failure.

The directors are thinking over the idea of placing a large seat in Miss Lively's room for the benefit of Fred Naugle.

S. Gerhart is thinking of making a trip to Cumberland. Beware, Norman

The Girl Hikers walked to the fair ground last Friday. That was not their destination, however, but as they insisted on getting back early on account of the basket ball game, they decided not to go any farther.

At a great risk of life and limb the most daring and adventuresome "Hiker" proceeded to get a table (the table mercifully withheld) and they proceeded to devour the delicious luncheon which they took along. Or the way back, the Hikers were frightened by a huge, bloodthirsty looking cow, which made repeated efforts to charge upon them. One of the members thought that it was because of the red coat she wore, but upon second thought it was concluded that the real attraction was the rowing green things; the Freshmen were along.

Estelle Rowe does not know the difference between a "grape arbor" and a "grape harbor."

In Latin Class, John Meyers listed that "sua" meaning "her" meant "his own."

4. S. Team Wins Seven Straight.  
Last Friday the Meyersdale High School Basketball Team defeated the Ex-High by the score of 32-23. The vanquished team was composed of four former Broadway players but they could not stand the pace set by the high school boys. The odds were against the high school team, but they convinced everybody that they could beat a team much larger than themselves. The game was visited by a fair-sized crowd, although the high students were few in number. Grof, who had been playing sub all season, was given an opportunity to play left forward. His hooting and floor work stood out as one of the features of the game. Reich and C. Griffith played best.

Ex-High while besides Grof, the rest of the High School players shared honors with him. The lineup and summary:—

M. H. S.—32 Position Ex-H. 23  
3. Grier, Capt. F. C. Griffith  
7. Groff Price  
3. Griffith C. Rowe  
W. Stotler G. Hocking  
2. Sliel G. Reich  
Gress substituted for Hocking.  
Field goals: Grier 6; G. Griffith 5;

## TEXAS AND ITS WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

Premont, Texas,  
Feb. 14, 1916

Just a few lines about our big state—

We have all kinds of climate and soil; also mountains, hills and plains. Will make mention of Premont and vicinity especially. Seven years ago this was a part of the Galveston cattle ranch, which contained 47,000 acres of land, covered with mesquite brush, prickly cactus and Bermuda grass. Today this land is laid out in farms, broad road ways and the town of Premont with spacious streets. This town is situated 170 miles south of San Antonio, 40 miles southwest of Corpus Christi and 100 miles north of Brownsville. Its population is about 1400, one half being Mexicans who are allowed to build on only the east side of town, the San Antonio and Arazas Pass R. R. being the dividing line. The buildings here are better than are found in the majority of new towns. There are three churches—Methodist, German Lutheran and Catholic with the Presbyterians being just ready to build; a good brick school house of four rooms and spacious play ground. Many acres of this ranch are sold for farms which are now under cultivation. The land is level and free from stones and is rich soil—some black black loam, some light sandy soil. The top soil is about 18 inches deep, the sub-soil from two to three feet in depth. The latter retains the moisture and crops can be grown with much less rain than in many soils.

The light soil is found to be the best for citrus fruit which grows here to perfection and can be marketed about three weeks earlier than the California fruit. The orange and grape fruit groves here are from two to six years old. Palfrunus, a town of 3,000 inhabitants ten miles south of Premont, has a packing plant and many oranges, lemons and grape fruit are shipped from this locality. Palfrunus district, however, has groves as old as eight or nine years. It is surprising to see how rapidly this big ranch has developed into beautiful farms with many up-to-date buildings erected on them.

We were out driving through the country a few days ago and stopped at a farm of over 100 acres, which eighteen months ago was in mesquite brush and cactus and now immense fields ploughed and being planted with corn, Kaffir corn, Milo maize, Egyptian wheat, Sudan grass, watermelons, etc. A pretty bungalow, surrounded with a beautiful lawn, planted in palms and roses; barn and poultry yard—a magnificent home in so short a time.

The winter climate is equal to, or perhaps surpasses, any other in the United States. Mercury has stood between 70 and 90 degrees nearly all the winter. Today, what the Texans call a Norther, is on and has brought mercury down to 60 degrees. At one time early in this month during a Norther, the thermometer dropped to 28 degrees; this however was the coldest weather of the winter. The winter vegetable gardens are fine. Nothing was nipped by frost until in January. Our garden consisted of green beans, peas, potatoes, roasting onions, lettuce, beets etc., besides oranges and grape fruit in abundance.

The spring gardens are now being planted. The water supply is quite in item. Two creeks cross the ranch but water must be gotten by well 330 feet deep in this locality. The water is soft and pure. This is a very healthful climate—fine for throat and lung diseases. I often meet people who had very poor health in the north and are now hale and hearty.

July and August are the two months of the year that are too hot for vegetation. During these months oranges and grape fruit groves must be irrigated to mature well. There are groves that produced well without irrigation but they do not as a rule.

Tops of Kaffir corn, Milo maize, Egyptian wheat, Sudan grass etc. are harvested just before the hot months.

In September the roots begin to sprout and a fine second crop is harvested without further cultivation.

In November and December, cotton is a fine crop here, also. There is little suffering from heat here as the people plan to have less work during the two hot months and in the shade here is almost a constant breeze which modifies the heat.

The Indians named this country "The Land or Hearts Delight"—so say we all.

Sue Liston.

SCHMUCKER'S CALF MEAL WILL MAKE BETTER CALVES AND IS CHEAPER THAN MILK.

AT HABEL & PHILLIPS

Grof 3; Sliel 1; Price 3; Reich 5; C. Griffith 3—Fouls; Grier 3 out of 5; Rowe 5 out of 17—Referee: P. D. Clutton. Timer, Fike and Benford. Scorer, Slicer.

## TELLS GERMANY SHIPS MAY ARM FOR DEFENSE



Photo by American Press Association.  
SECRETARY LANSING.

## TRIES SECOND MURDER

Man Acquitted of One Killing Slays Aged Farmer.

After Emil Swenton of Farmingdale, N. J., was acquitted on a charge of murdering Jane Acker, an aged recluse, he went to the farm of John Boston and demanded money from the farmer, who was seventy years old. When Boston refused Swenton picked up a club and beat the man's skull in. He then rushed into the house and attacked the murdered man's nephew, John Boston, beating him with the club.

Men working nearby heard the screams of the nephew and Swenton ran into the woods. Four hours after committing the crime Swenton was found on a farm five miles south of Farmingdale by a posse. Before he could be caught he managed to slash his throat with a pocket knife.

John Boston, the nephew, is in the hospital in a serious condition. Swenton was also rushed to the hospital. He may die from the self-inflicted wound.

## BANK TO PAY DIVIDEND

Closed Uniontown Institution Will Make 10 Per Cent Liquidation.

Announcement has been made that Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams has authorized the payment of a 10 per cent dividend from the assets of the First National Bank of Uniontown, Pa., which closed on Jan. 18, 1915, with approximate liabilities of \$2,000,000, of which less than \$1,500,000 was represented by deposits. The dividend amounts to approximately \$150,000.

During the last year John H. Straw, permanent receiver in charge, has collected notes amounting to more than \$500,000 and retired the emergency currency of the bank, which was approximately \$471,000. He has also redeemed valuable collateral pledged with Pittsburgh and other banks as security for borrowed money.

In addition to this, he now has on hand funds sufficient to warrant the authorization of a 10 per cent dividend. No date has been set for its payment.

## NEW-BORN BABY BURNED

Mother Rescued by Husband; Another Child Also Lost.

Crawling along the floor with her baby, only five hours old, clutched under one arm, Mrs. Alexander Buchins of Nanticoke, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., made a heroic attempt to save her child from flames that enveloped her bedroom.

Weak and unable to continue, she collapsed and was only rescued by a brave effort on the part of her husband, who dragged her unconscious child to safety. Another child, a daughter, aged two, was caught in the fire and perished with the baby.

Both the mother and father suffered serious burns.

## COLLIER BRINGS BIG PRICE

Navy Paid \$145,000 18 Years Ago; Sold For \$301,107.

The collier Justin, at San Francisco, was sold to N. H. Busey, Jr., of New York for \$301,107. The navy purchased it for \$145,000 just prior to the Spanish-American war. It was offered for sale recently and John Rothschild, San Francisco, was the highest bidder, offering \$226,500.

The department's solicitor, however, afterward declared the offer legally irregular, and the ship was ordered resold. It had been appraised by the navy board of survey at \$75,000.

## WOMAN DIES FROM KICK

Tries to Pull Boarder Out of Bed; Man Arrested.

Mrs. Annie Dumba, aged fifty, died at her home in Johnstown, Pa., according to the police, from injuries received when she was attacked by John Chupka, a boarder.

It was reported that the woman went to the boarder's room to awaken him. When she was unable to arouse him the woman started to drag him out of bed by his feet and he is alleged to have kicked her in the abdomen. Chupka has been arrested.

Oldest Masonic Twins.

Allison and Addison Bunnell of Plymouth, Conn., who, it is claimed are the oldest living twin Masons in this country, quietly observed their eighty-seventh birthday anniversary

## UNDER GOVERNMENT SUPERVISION

MEMBER BANK UNDER FEDERAL RESERVE ACT



## Prosperity Day

Tuesday, February 29, 1916.

1916 is to coin an extra day for us in this month.

It is a day of extra work,—of extra pay. It will mean millions of dollars earned during those twenty-four extra hours that the World grants us.

Make It Your Day—a Prosperous Day. Let your earnings for the 29th of February be set aside in a Bank Account to your credit. If you haven't a Bank Account—OPEN ONE IN YOUR NAME on Prosperity Day.

## Citizens National Bank

"The Bank with the Clock"  
Meyersdale, Pa.

## THE MEXICAN SITUATION

An Interesting Lecture at Salisbury, Thursday, Mar. 2,

WILFRED A. JOUBERT.

At the Boston Art Club there is a precedent that no lecture can continue beyond the hour of 9 p. m. Wilfred A. Joubert on the occasion of his lecture there on "Mexico" was introduced at 8:20 and at 9 was in the midst of his address. He prepared to close, but a roar went up over the hall, and he finished at 9:40 with encouragement to proceed farther. The audience was composed largely of men of big affairs, and at the close of the lecture Mr. Joubert was congratulated by a dozen or more men who had lived in Mexico.

The lecture of Wilfred A. Joubert on "The Mexican Crisis—From the Viewpoint of a Resident Eyewitness" includes many thrilling experiences and throws real light on the Mexican situation.

Joubert's information is first hand. It is a personal story of real events, delivered oft and with rapid fire virile power and convincing force. When you hear Joubert you really have a personal interview with the chief actor in a big story. It grips!

TO OUR PATRONS

On account of prices having advanced on all supplies used in our business, and the extra expense to operate our plant under the Compensation Law, we are compelled to advance rates on our work on and after March 1st.—

Collars . . . . . 21-2c  
Shirts, Plain . . . . . 10c  
Shirts, cuffs attached . . . 13c  
Shirts, Plaited fronts, cuffs, 15c

MEYERSDALE STEAM LAUNDRY.

Brethren Church, H. L. Goughnour, pastor: On Feb. 27, the Women's League will meet in connection with the Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. There will be preaching services both morning and evening in the Meyersdale church. All are cordially invited.

The Somerset Herald has installed a new No. 5 linotype making three now in the county, the other two being the Republican and Commercial.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF DOGS—

WHEREAS, An act of Assembly requires Assessors when making their annual assessments to collect the dog license for the ensuing year and make a return of the same and the names of the owners of dogs for which the license was not paid and WHEREAS, the Assessors have made their returns, the County Commissioners hereby notify the owners of all dogs for which license has not been paid that if same remains unpaid April 1st, 1916 the Constables of the respective districts will be given the lists of dogs on which license remains unpaid and ordered to proceed forthwith and kill all such dogs and all others wherever found not wearing the proper tag and collar. License may be paid at the County Commissioners office where tags and receipts will be issued.

MALES, \$1.00  
FEMALES, \$4.00  
Commissioners' Office, Somerset Co.  
February 14, 1916

Wm J. GLESSNER,  
C. H. SHOCKEY,  
Jos. B. Miller.

Attest:  
L. M. PHILLIPS, Chief Clerk.  
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POCAHONTAS.

We are having spring-like weather in this vicinity.

The institute at Pocahontas Saturday night was well attended.

C. C. Barmoy and son, Donald, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Sass of Boswell over Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Hattie Steiny who is working at Johnsburg, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Steiny.

Clarence Sipple was seen on our streets a few days ago.

The Sunshine Club will hold an oyster supper in the basement of St. Marks Reformed church here on Saturday evening, Feb. 26th. Everybody cordially invited.

Joseph Rembold will go to Detroit in the near future.

John Rembold and son are visiting relatives in West Virginia.

This vicinity was represented at the Institute at Sand Patch Friday evening.

There is an epidemic of chicken-pox in the vicinity of Whip-poor-will hill.

Sunday School will be organized at St. Marks next Sunday. Everybody requested to attend.

ST. PAUL.

Mr. Bert Engle of town and Miss Marie Yaist of Salisbury were united in marriage on Sunday by Rev. Wilson at the parsonage in St. Paul.

A party of serenaders made the night hideous by the inharmonious sounds of their instruments on Monday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Engle, the newly-weds, were the ones serenaded by the sweet music.

Mrs. Ida Wilhelm of Listonburg who had in the service of Mrs. Harry Engle for several weeks, left for her home, Monday.

Mr. Jerry Engle of Berlin was calling on friends in Berlin several days this week.

Miss Blanche Engle was visiting her uncle, Jeremiah, of Berlin, recently.

Mrs. Lloyd Engle spent Saturday and Sunday in Meyersdale.

BARGAINS IN CANNED GOODS—  
AT HABEL & PHILLIPS.