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 HYGIENIC SHOES FOR CHILDREN.

During the year 1902 the Grange in New York increased their membership by over 6000 members. Two new counties were added, forty new Granges were organized and the interest is spreading and is destined soon to cover the state.

Hair brushes, nail brushes, cloth brushes, tooth brushes, nail brushes etc., at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Andrew Carnegie is extending his generosity. His latest move in this direction is an offer to pay half the cost of a new pipe organ for St. James Lutheran Church, Ashland. He stipulates however, that the church must first liquidate its present debt of \$500.

The man who has been prescribing the weather for the last month, should have his engagement cancelled. He has given us enough water to put the two sprinkling wagons in town out of business for the entire summer if the wetness could be divided into sections.

"When the Bell Tolls" attracted a fair sized audience to the Opera House Saturday evening. The company throughout was a capable one. The plot was a deftly woven one and several of the climaxes intensely dramatic. A return engagement has been booked for next season.

John Drake, of Millville, one of our prompt paying subscribers made a business trip to town on Tuesday, and while here dropped in to see us. He said the roads have dried up wonderfully and in all except low places, the highways between here and Millville are reasonably good.

The members of Fort Grange, No. 951, Huntingdon county, contemplate building a new hall. On Saturday, Feb. 14th we had a very pleasant and profitable meeting, four new members were received and more are expected. Our grange could not be in a more flourishing condition.

Mrs. Mary Ann Kester died after a few days illness at her home in Millville on Saturday, aged 82 years. She was born in Roaring Creek, Nov. 23, 1820. The immediate cause of death was paralysis. Her husband John P. Kester, died 21 years ago. One daughter, and four sisters, the latter all residing in the west survive.

Louis Bagger & Co., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., report that on last Tuesday Mr. Otto Kemper, a resident of this place, obtained a valuable patent for improvements in Garment Clasps. A printed copy of this patent will be furnished free to any reader of this paper on application to the above named attorneys. Mention this paper when writing.

Ten people now constitute the inside working force of the COLUMBIAN OFFICE. They are not engaged on any particular spurt of special work, but on our regular, steady run of job printing. Our facilities are unequalled in this section, and our continually increasing patronage is evidence of the fact that our work and prices are satisfactory to our patrons.

From our many articles received the past few weeks from various sources it will be seen that Robert Sherman and his excellent company, presenting "My Friend From Arkansas", is strictly a first-class attraction, with more originality and novel features than any company that has yet visited us. It remains to be seen how they will be appreciated, at the Opera House, Saturday evening, March 21.

Hon. E. B. Norris, Master of the New York State Grange says: "Fraternity is the hand-maid of civilization, the parent of hope, joy and goodness. Fraternity has garnered lofty aspirations. It has made fraternal society a paradise and home a heaven. All honor to fraternity. Wisdom sits within her gates and beauty adorns her courts, but the greatest of all her achievements is the growth of fraternity in the minds and hearts of men and women."

B. F. Rice of Espy has entered the field as a candidate for the office of Sheriff, under the rules of the Democratic party, and his name is announced in this paper under the head of Political Announcements. He is a son of the late Jesse Rice, and is now engaged in the sale of agricultural machinery for Osborne & Co. This is his first appearance as a candidate for a county office. Should he be the choice of the party he is capable of filling the office to the satisfaction of the public.

FOR RENT OR SALE—My West End Farm. E. W. M. Low, Lime Ridge, Pa.

**PURELY PERSONAL**

L. M. Creveling of Van Camp spent Tuesday in town.

H. P. Chamberlin of Reading is spending a few days in town.

Earl Crawford of Wilkes-Barre spent Sunday in town with friends.

Mrs. Dr. J. S. Lazarus or Mr. Carmel is visiting relatives in town.

Geo. B. Hammer of Jamison City was in town a few hours on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Hackett returned from their wedding trip on Tuesday.

Miss Martha Erdmire is on a visit to her sister Mrs. Frank Kirk at Watsonstown.

Mrs. C. W. McKelvey and daughter Margaret spent the past week in Philadelphia.

W. P. Meigs spent several days in New York this week on business for the Car Company.

John Wanich, an insurance agent of New York City, visited his parents in Fernville over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Person of Williamsport were the guests of B. F. Zarr on East street over Sunday.

Mrs. Dr. Bitzer, of Allentown, and two children are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Runyon.

Clarence E. Sautters, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Wilson over Sunday. He returned to his home in Williamsport on Monday.

Mrs. Arthur F. Clark and little daughter, of Harrisburg, spent last week with relatives here. Mr. Clark came up and spent Sunday. They all returned home on Monday.

Charles Fetterman, of Centralia, was brought to Bloomsburg Friday evening by constable Quigley and placed in jail. He is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. His wife is the complainant.

Mrs. Jennie Waterman aged thirty-eight years, died Tuesday evening from the effects of a paralytic stroke, at the house of Myron I. Low, where she had for some time been employed as a domestic. The only relative surviving, so far as we are able to learn is a daughter, living at Hornellsville, N. Y.

The writer was stopped the other day by a fellow who took occasion to complain of one of our town contemporaries. We gave him little time and less consideration. It was a waste of time and words. If you don't like the paper stop your subscription and do not advertise in it. To condemn a paper that you are paying your money to support is worse than absurd.

The first raft seen on the Susquehanna River in years, says a dispatch from Wilkes-Barre yesterday, "reached this city today. It was in charge of seven men, loaded with lumber, and was enroute from Tunkhannock to Harrisburg." It will be an unusual sight to the people living along the river hereabout, a great many of whom have never seen the like. The raft has not passed Bloomsburg yet.

Charles B. Ent announces his name as a candidate for Sheriff, under Democratic rules. Mr. Ent is well known throughout the county, having filled the office of Register and Recorder for two terms, from 1893 to 1899. He made an excellent official, and would no doubt make the same record in any other office to which he might be elected. He comes from one of the best known families in the county, being a grandson of the late Hon. Peter Ent, and a nephew of Gen. W. H. Ent.

Execution for \$121.90 has been issued at Reading at the instance of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Company against 306 persons throughout this region, all Bernard Moser "heirs" who lost their case after many years of litigation for coal lands worth \$15,000,000 around Tamaqua. More than half are women. Sheriffs and deputies will at once begin work, and the costs will amount to much more than the execution. Some "heirs" have no property and the remainder must pay all.

Seven years in business is our reference. Gem Steam Laundry

The name of William W. Black of Bloomsburg is announced as a candidate for Sheriff, under Democratic rules. Mr. Black has filled the office one term, and is therefore thoroughly familiar with its duties. The law does not permit a man to hold the office two terms in succession, but this is a mistake in the law, as it takes most of his term for a sheriff to become familiar with the office. Mr. Black made a first-class sheriff. He was attentive to his duties, and prompt in their performance. His election for another term would not be without precedent, as the same thing has been done in the past.

NOTICE.  
 All persons holding Pre-Paid Stock of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill maturing April 1st, 1903, can exchange same for a new issue of stock bearing interest at 5 per cent, payable semi-annually, or upon surrender of the old stock the First National Bank of Bloomsburg will pay the amount of same with interest maturing April 1st, 1903.

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 The Kind You Have Always Bought  
 Bears the Signature of  


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 Our Exhibit of  
 Fine Trimmed Hats,  
 Flowers, Foliage and  
 Millinery Novelties  
**Wednesday & Thursday,**  
**March 25 and 26, '03.**  
 We are prepared to do Millinery work in all its branches, and do it right, at moderate prices.  
**H. J. CLARK & SON.**

**\$2.00 and \$2.50**  
  
**\$3.00 and \$3.50**  
**FREE! UNCLE SAM SHOE FREE!**  
**One Uncle Sam Sewing Machine.**  
 To the person returning to us the greatest number of certificates before August 1st, will be presented a **Fine Drop Head Sewing Machine** with all necessary attachments, guaranteed for five years.  
**One Certificate given with each Pair of UNCLE SAM SHOES.**  
**F. D. DENTLER.**

TALK NO. 45.  
**WHAT'S WRONG?**  
 Your Eyes? Why?  
 Probably you need glasses. Step in my store and let us examine your eyes. They may be the cause of your headaches.  
**Geo. W. Hess,**  
 OPTICIAN AND JEWELER, BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

**J. LEE MARTIN, JEWELER.**  
 FINE JEWELRY and DIAMONDS.  
 WE cordially invite your inspection of our line of goods. No better assortment shown outside of the large cities.  
 FINE LEATHER GOODS.  
 FINE UMBRELLAS.  
 FINE CUT GLASS.  
 FINE IMPORTED CHINA.  
 FINE BRIC-A-BRAC.  
**J. Lee Martin.**

A cry for women is coming out of Oklahoma now. The industrious, successful young bachelors of that recently loomed territory want something more than the glorious climate and fertile soils that they have and so call to the East for wives. What a harvest of old maids they are likely to gather in Oklahoma ere long.  
 TAILOR-MADE SUITS.  
 N. S. Tingley has accepted the agency for Reinach, Ullman & Co. of Chicago, merchant tailors, and is ready to supply made-to-measure clothing at prices lower than can be obtained elsewhere. He has a large line of samples to select from. His place of business is the third floor of the COLUMBIAN building.  
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**THE COLUMBIAN.**  
 BLOOMSBURG, PA.  
 THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1903.  
 Entered at the Post Office at Bloomsburg, Pa. as second class matter, March 1, 1888.  
**Columbia & Montour El. Ry.**  
 FINE TABLE IN EFFECT JUNE 1, 1902, and until further notice  
 Cars leave Bloom for Espy, Almedia, Lime Ridge, Berwick and intermediate points as follows:  
 A. M. 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40.  
 P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.)  
 Leaving depart from Berwick one hour from time as given above, commencing at 20 a. m.  
 Leave Bloom for Catawissa A. M. 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20, 11:00, 11:40.  
 P. M. 12:20, 1:00, 1:40, 2:20, 3:00, 3:40, 4:20, 5:00, 5:40, 6:20, 7:00, 7:40, 8:20, 9:00, 9:40, 10:20 and (11:00 Saturday nights only.)  
 Cars returning depart from Catawissa 20 minutes from time as given above.  
 D. G. HACKETT, Superintendent.

**Buy a Burial Lot.**  
 It is undoubtedly the duty of every householder to provide in time for that which is inevitable, by laying and paying for a burial lot, before the sorrow and distress of death hurry the selection of a plot and the preparation of a place of interment. This will not hasten the day of need, but it will relieve the worry of the occasion and the anxiety about details. How very often this is put off and put off, until actual death forces attention to that which ought to have been foreseen, and then nothing is ready. It often happens that the selection becomes unsatisfactory, and then a new location and another burial and extra expense and multiplied distress. Provide for the rest of the body while it is still in active life.

[Bell Telephone.]

**Defy the Cold**  
  
 On cold days it is not necessary to "bundle up" with heavy, cumbersome clothing, if you wear a perfect-fitting, tailor-made  
**Frost King or Frost Queen Chamois Vest**  
 These garments insure a maximum of protection with a minimum of weight.  
 Price, \$3.00 For Sale By

**W. S. RISHTON,**  
 Market Square Pharmacist.  
 NOTE—In case you don't wear a chamois vest and catch cold, don't forget our **COLD-I-CURE.**  
 It never fails to cure a cold in a day or two.

**LOCAL NEWS.**  
 Legal advertisements on page 7.  
 Shad have made their appearance in the local market.  
 The D. L. & W. switch to Ninth street is about completed.  
 C. L. Rupert, the "old reliable," is receiving shad twice a week, and will continue to do so until the season closes.  
 Charles Krug will move to Wilkes-Barre April first. He has a new house ready for his occupancy in that city.  
 Lamps! Large and small, a very large line at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.  
 The Freas property on West Third street was purchased at Sheriff's sale on Saturday by county commissioner W. H. Fisher for \$3,700.  
 B. S. Keller of Benton is enlarging his store room by throwing two rooms into one. He will reside in the residence part, now occupied by A. H. Edgar.  
 After a fight of ten years Luzerne county is to have a new court house. The plans were approved by the Judges last week. It will be erected on the river common.  
 S. R. Bidleman has sold his daily paper route to Bruce Dreisbach, who will take possession on April 1st. Mr. Dreisbach is a worthy young man and we wish him success.  
 Joseph Turner, formerly proprietor of the brick hotel in Orangeville is now conducting a hotel at Shickshinny. His hostelry is located only a few steps from the D. L. & W depot.  
 On March 28, Emily Shoemaker will sell a lot of valuable personal property consisting of household goods etc, on West Street. Sale will commence at one o'clock in the afternoon.  
 You can find the nicest and largest line of bibles, large and small in Bloomsburg at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.  
 M. N. Shoemaker of Millville had one of his legs broken a week ago Saturday, by the tilting of a stationary engine which he was moving. Dr. Gardner of Millville, and Dr. Shuman of Jerseytown were called in and set the broken limb.  
 One of our upcreek subscribers informs us that a considerable amount of clover is frozen on various farms in his section and he predicts a short crop next season. The grain, he says, is all right.  
 We have just received a very large line of some of the latest books. Please call and see them at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.  
 The remains of Mrs. Milton E. Cox, who died at Danville Sunday evening, were brought to Bloomsburg Tuesday afternoon and interred in Rosemont Cemetery. She was seventy-seven years of age, and is survived by a husband, who resides here.

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