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Summer Tailoring.

Beautiful Summer Goods for Gents Suits, at

R. SEGER & CO.'S,

Opposite M. E. Church, Emporium, Pa.

SUITS FROM \$12.00 TO \$30.00.

Carpets AND Rugs.

There is a magnificent array of Carpets and Rugs gathered here



for the supplying of the season's demands. A splendid representation of choicest patterns from a famous Philadelphia firm of world wide fame. All are NEW and worthy Carpets and Rugs, marked at prices within the reach of all. Lowness is the keynote by which every price is pitched.

M. C. TULIS.

Ladies Waists.

It will be a pleasure for you to look at what we have. Every



ground for believing is the brightest, prettiest waist area hereabouts. We will surprise you with the values you will get at a fair outlay and our finest creations have not the least element of costliness. Newness is the chord to which the whole stock is tuned.

M. C. TULIS,

The Iron Works Question.

All citizens of Emporium, who have the welfare of our town and county at heart and desire to see the valuable iron plant and coal beds, so many years lying idle, resume operations, were astonished when they read the article in last week's *Independent*. The editor of the *Independent*, more than any other single taxpayer, stands in his own light, owning as he does a large amount of property. We doubt whether the gentleman has stopped long enough to reason with himself, before taking the stand in opposition to exempting this property from taxation, provided it continues in operation. Who would be benefited more than he with increased value of property? What would aid the depressed condition of business in Emporium more than the resumption of the iron works and coal mines; what would furnish more employment to our laborers, and at good wages; what would inspire our people more with bright hopes for the future? In a word, with this industry in operation again our town would take a great bound forward and again put on that healthy air of prosperity we enjoyed nine years ago when thousands of dollars were expended in our midst for labor and team work, lumber, stone, etc., to say nothing of the great increase in population—composed of a class of men both industrious and honest. We look back to those days and remember well the many excellent gentlemen then residents of Emporium—some of them remaining to-day in our midst and are quiet, peaceable and honorable citizens. Others would gladly return to our pleasant mountain city and it will not be long until many of their smiling faces will again be seen upon our streets, in our stores and churches.

For the life of us we cannot reason how the *Independent* editor can place himself in opposition to the almost unanimous wish of our citizens, knowing how vitally important it must be to him, as well as other property owners, who have seen nothing to mark the future prosperity of our town but the revival of our industries. What will be the condition of Emporium should this industry be driven away, simply because they ask that the same treatment be extended them as that accorded to the old Cameron Iron & Coal Co., in 1887, showing our good will.

At a meeting of the Borough Council and School Board, held May 4th, 1899, it was unanimously resolved to exempt this property from taxation for a term of ten years; (see the resolution published in the Council proceedings). This action of the Councilmen and School Directors meets with the hearty endorsement of our citizens, in fact we offer to wager the expenses of an election to prove that not twenty-five voters within the corporate limits of the borough are opposed to the plan, and they from ideas of propriety and prejudice or from fear of violating the provisions of that twisted, bent and unrecognizable document called a Constitution.

Unlike the *Independent*, we say come on gentlemen! We will meet you in all fairness and work together for the prosperity and upbuilding of Emporium. We have exempted you from the payment of all Borough taxes; you will be welcomed by our enterprising manufacturers, Messrs. C. B. Howard & Co., Emporium Milling Co., Elk Tanning Co.,—all well established and prosperous business men, making money, satisfied with the treatment accorded them by our people and willing, always, to contribute liberally to induce such industries to locate in our midst. Yes, come along, we will all greet you, including the editor of the *Independent*, who had the "dumps" last issue.

Racing Team.

The members of the Citizens Hose Company, No. 2, met last evening and perfected the organization of a hose racing team, to be known as the Citizens Racing Team of Emporium, Pa. Henry Wheaton was chosen Captain and C. E. Crandall, Secretary and Treasurer. The boys enter upon their work with that enthusiastic determination that has always characterized their work and will make a success of their undertaking.

Celebrated Trick Rider.

Mr. D. H. Davidson, the celebrated trick rider, representing the manufacturers of the Cleveland bicycles, will give an exhibition in the Rink, Friday evening, May 12th. All interested in wheeling cordially invited.

C. H. FELT, Agent.

Business Booming.

The largest hardwood sawmill in the State is operated at Keating Summit by the Emporium Lumber Company. It has been doing a steady business for several years under most careful and experienced management. The period of waiting for a revival of remunerative business is at an end as the present output of the mill will show. In a conversation with one of the firm, William L. Sykes, recently, we were informed that the shipments for March exceeded those made in any one month during the last six years. The shipments of April, however, exceeded those of March by several thousand dollars. Twenty-four car-loads were sent from the Keating Summit yard in one day and twenty-one one other day. The mill is capable of meeting still greater demands upon it, so that with even a small margin, the company with its shrewd management, can see a bright future for its lumber trade. —Potter Journal.

Only a Straw.

After the great fire of 1884, that wiped out of existence the north side of Fourth street from Chestnut street to Broad street and the east side of Broad street to Fifth street, the valuation of Emporium Borough was so low that it never reached, up to 1887, more than \$145,000, upon which to lay our taxes. After the establishment of the iron works in 1887, the valuation started at \$155,000 and in 1889 was \$222,000 in 1890, \$254,000. The establishment of this industry in Emporium was an inducement for our moneyed men to invest in handsome business blocks and residences. When the iron works resumes operations additional demand will be made for residences, better rents will be paid and more money will be in circulation and more money will have the money with which to pay the rent. Prosperity is coming this way. Come, Mr. Independent, let us get aboard the band wagon.

Council Proceedings.

Adjourned meeting Borough Council, May 4th 1899. Present Messrs. Paintal, Burke, Strayer, Warner, Burns, Schweikart, Lloyd, Catlin, Shafer.

It was moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Burke, that the following preamble and resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, The plant and property of the Sinnemahoning Iron and Coal Company, in said Borough of Emporium, has been idle for several years to the great loss and detriment of our people.

AND WHEREAS, They now desire the Borough Council to aid in getting their works started by such encouragement as they gave to the building of these works in 1887.

NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of encouraging the putting of said works in operation and with a view to the good of the public in the county and borough.

We hereby resolve, That we will and we hereby do substantially re-enact the resolution passed May 2nd, 1887, by the Borough Council and agree that if the works of the Sinnemahoning Iron and Coal Company, within the Borough of Emporium shall again be put in operation during the present year, by work to be begun thereon within the next sixty days, the property of said Sinnemahoning Iron and Coal Company in said Borough shall be exempt from all Borough taxes for a term of ten years including the present year, provided, however, That this exemption shall not continue if said works shall be abandoned or shall cease to be operated. It is further understood that this exemption does not include any dwelling that may be erected by the Company. The ayes and nays were called and the following vote was taken: Ayes—Messrs. Lloyd, Paintal, Burke, Strayer, Warner, Burns, Schweikart, Catlin and Shafer.—9. Nays—None. The resolution was declared adopted.

Mr. Schweikart for the committee on plans and specifications for bridge on Pine street, reported in writing.

Moved by Mr. Warner, seconded by Mr. Lloyd that the plans and specifications as reported by committee be amended by substituting Pine instead of hemlock for stringers. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Lloyd, seconded by Mr. Warner that plans and specifications as amended be adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Sewickart, seconded by Mr. Burns, that the Secretary advertise for bids for the construction of a bridge on Pine street, by posting up notices in the most conspicuous places in the Borough setting forth the time and place where bids will be received and where plans, etc., can be seen. Carried.

On motion the Council then adjourned to meet Monday, May 15, at 7:30, p. m.

C. JAY GOODENOUGH, Secy.

If you want to Borrow money, Advertise in the PRESS.

Letters from the People.

[All communications under this head must be accompanied by the writer's name. We will not be held responsible for any expression in this department.]—Editor.

The Croakers.

I see by last week's *Independent* that Hacket is a kicker on the exoneration of the taxes to the Sinnemahoning Iron and Coal Co., providing they can make some arrangements to have the plant resume work, and expresses himself in a very discouraging and disrespectful manner of the employees of the plant; as to additional police force, extra taxes, &c. I think the old man is getting childish and does not know what he is talking about, but that is Hacket for you. I have been in this town for a number of years, and have never yet known anything in the way of improvement, or that would benefit our town, but what Hacket opposed it, even to a new School House, advocating at the time our new school house was built, was foolishness; should educate the children as he was educated, in a log school house. Presume if he had his way the present administration would be run as it was in Geo. Washington's time and would go away with all other modern improvements. I advocate the starting of the Iron Works, or any other improvement, and the inducements which are offered to bring them here is right—is the only thing to bring industries. Kane, Johnsonburg, Port Allegany and all other towns around us are offering inducements, and why should not we? Our town has good shipping facilities, plenty of land, good schools, churches and as pleasant and healthy a place to reside in as there is in the state of Penn'a., and I defy the naming of any place where the people are more hospitable and kind in case of sickness or death, than Emporium. Why listen to the dictates of Hacket, or any other croaker. The *Independent* speaks about such firms as C. B. Howard & Co., Emporium Machine Co., and Emporium Milling Co., being exonerated from taxes. I doubt very much if the above firms whom he refers to would ask for it, as I know they are always the first to come to the front, both with money and work, when to the business interests of Emporium. The Press is correct and expresses the sentiments of the people, in always booming the interests of the town and county.

Yours &c.,
M. J.

Memorial Day.

"Shall we hold memorial services at Emporium this year?" is question asked us often. Well, that is a question to be decided by the people themselves. It is apparent to all that the ravages of time and disease are increasing the death rate in the ranks of the G. A. R., that in a few more years there will be no veterans to follow the comrades to the cemetery or to strew flowers on their graves. The question comes to us more forcible each year; who shall perpetuate the memory of these heroes who have passed to their reward. Therefore, we appeal to the patriotic citizens of our town and community to meet at the City Hall and discuss the matter and appoint a committee of the citizens to meet a committee of the G. A. R. and arrange for a general service on Memorial Day, May 30th.

The following committee has been appointed by the Commander of the G. A. R. Post: M. M. Larabee, Joshua Bair, Dan'l Downey, J. O. Brookbank, J. R. Batchelder, Joseph Kissel, A. O. Swartzwood.

H. S. LLOYD.

High School Alumni Banquet.

Time—May 4, 1899, 8:30 P. M.
Place—Warner House Dining Parlors.
Cast of Characters—Emporium High School Alumni, Board of Directors, High School Teachers.

On account of a wise decision of the Board of Directors to lengthen the course of study in the public schools one year, the usual stir and activity at the close of the school term this year was not so marked as in former years, since no closing exercises were held. But the members of the Alumni, of which there are more than a hundred, were active for the past few weeks in perfecting arrangements for the finest banquet that could be arranged, and that they have admirably succeeded is seconded by the large number of members present at the banquet, all of whom enjoyed themselves immensely.

Promptly at 9:30 p. m., the reception committee were in their places and as member after member and frequently couple after couple presented themselves they were ushered into the parlor where merriment held sway for a half hour or more. When Mine Host Warner gave the signal that "all things are now ready" the procession, headed by the Toastmaster, Prof. Stouffer, followed by members of the School Board, (who were guests of honor on this occasion) and the Alumni marched into the banquet room to the enlivening strains of "Georgia Camp Meeting," rendered by the Emporium Band. After all were seated, the signal was given to begin hostilities on the following "bill of fare" so excellently prepared by Warner and his assistants:

MENU.	Blue Points, with Lemon,
Sliced Tomatoes, with Mayonnaise, Olives,	Cold Ham,
Cold Turkey,	Venl Loaf, Bread and Butter,
Wafers,	Chicken Salad on Lettuce,
Potato Salad,	Worcestershire Sauce,
Angel Food,	Devil's Food,
Orange Ice,	Bon Bons,
Strawberries,	Coffee.
Mixed Nuts,	

After an hour of feast and fun, to which everyone did justice, the Toastmaster announced the second part of the program—the literary and musical part.

Mr. Wm. G. Bair, '96, responded to the toast "Our Decennial Anniversary," in a pleasant manner, reviewing the work of the High School for the past ten years and predicted greater results for the future. Miss Matie Law in the toast "Alumni Bachelors" gave a forceful description of a very feeble topic. "The Absent Ones," by Miss Nellie Huntley, '96, of Driftwood, who gave an excellent toast filled with wit and humor. A recitation by Miss Robinson, '97, on "Love and Firearms," was not an inappropriate theme for such an aggregation of lovers as were present that evening. Mr. Don M. Larabee responded with thrilling effect to the toast, "The Ladies." The happy "hits" and "bits" of sarcasm that came from his lips showed that he stops occasionally in his business to ponder over the ladies' fortunes and misfortunes. "The Alumni and the Public Schools;" was fittingly responded to by Pres. E. C. Davison. "Auf Wiedersehen" was pleasantly toasted by Miss Rosa Ritchie, '97, whose remarks were replete with sentiment appropriate for the occasion. The piano solo by Miss Huntley, the piano duet by Misses Taggart and Davison, the vocal duet by Mr. Herbert Olmsted and Miss Taggart, the vocal solo by Mr. Walker were among the no less important features of the occasion. Nor will we forget to mention the Emporium Band who helped to make the occasion enjoyable.

At 12:15 a. m., the banquet party was dismissed by the Toastmaster and everyone felt that this was one of the pleasant milestones in their life's journey.

Just before the group of midnight revelers left the banquet room Photographer Schriever called and took a flashlight picture of them.

New Oil Venture.

A new company is being organized to drill a well on Sizer Run, in Portage township, on land owned by D. Burlingame. The required amount of money will be subscribed this week. D. Burlingame subscribed \$50.00.

EDITOR'S NOTICE.

WHEN you see this item marked with an X, in blue or black pencil mark across its face you will know that your subscription is due, or past due. Your name will be found printed on each copy of the Press, as you receive it, and gives the last date to which you have paid. Our terms are \$2.00 if not paid in advance, \$1.50 in advance. Many, very many, of our patrons allow their subscriptions to run year after year. This we are unable to stand—it is not right, fair nor honorable between man and man.

LOCAL NOTICES.

TAGGART has spared no pains or expense in providing comfort and ease to the patrons of his soda fountain.

NOTICE.—The Children's Aid Society have a girl baby about seven weeks old, for which they want a home.
Mrs. J. D. LOGAN, Sec'y.

HAVE you tried the popular "Ralston Health Club" Breakfast Food? Its a summer as well as a winter food, prepared from selected wheat.
DAY'S.

TAGGART has the neatest and best service in connection with his soda fountain to be found in northern Pennsylvania.

ALEX. McDOUGALL, the enterprising Fourth street grocery and meat merchant, receives daily fresh fruits and vegetables. See his new "ad" in another column.

"I have visited nearly every city in the United States and have yet to find soda water and ice cream soda as delicious as at Taggart's drug store."

ALWAYS ask for "Royal" Java and Mocha Coffee. Its not to be classed with ordinary so called Java and Mocha. It always pleases. Money back if not as we say.
DAY'S.

Taggart serves ice cream, ice cream soda and soda water at his fountain. It will pay everybody to call at his place and test the quality of goods served at his fountain.

SUPPER.—The C. M. B. A. and the L. C. M. B. A., will give one of their popular Suppers at the opera house, Wednesday evening, May 17th. Everybody cordially invited.
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LADIES! clean your kid gloves with Miller's Glovine, for sale only by Balcom & Lloyd, headquarters for kid gloves and the famous Dartmouth gloves; all the latest shades.
5-ly

WANTED.—An active agent to sell Tea, Coffee, Spices and Baking Powder to families. Large premiums. Goods guaranteed. Liberal commission. Apply to Grand Union Tea Co., 33 W. Long Ave., DuBois, Pa.
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J. H. DAY continues to add new and catching attractions to his already first-class line of choicest groceries and bottled goods. He always has something new and nice for his customers.

"GLEN UNA" Prunes, are large, thick meat, tender, and of exceptionally fine flavor, free from dirt, 18 cts. lb., 2 pounds for 25 cts. Have others that will please, for less money, if you wish.
DAY'S.

THE Westport Bicycle Team Association will hold a race on Decoration Day, May 30th. Persons who wish to compete in these races may obtain entry blanks from James F. O'Brien, Westport, Pa. Races to be run under rules and regulations of L. A. W.

FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS.—Prizes worth \$500 to be distributed free. Next Sunday's Philadelphia "Press" (May 14), will begin a competition for boys and girls, in which "The Press" will offer as rewards prizes worth \$500. Any boy or girl can try for these prizes. See next Sunday's "Press."

Small Blaze.

About half-past three o'clock Sunday morning our citizens were aroused from their peaceful slumbers by an alarm of fire sounded by the furniture factory whistle. Upon investigation it was found that some soot and wood dust that had accumulated on the rafters in the boiler room of the furniture factory had become ignited by a spark from the fire boxes and was making quite a blaze when discovered by night watchman E. L. Rendt. The fire laddies responded promptly but their services were not required as Mr. Rendt soon had the blaze extinguished with the aid of a small hose attached to the water pumps. The damage was slight.

Lloyd's Long Range Forecast of the Weather.

FRIDAY, partly cloudy westerly wind; cooler.
SATURDAY, clear.
SUNDAY, probably showers.

The confidence we have in the character of the goods we sell, and the prices fixed for them, make us eager at all times to take back anything that fails to please our customers.

DIVIDENDS.

This is the month that national banks all over this country, declare a dividend upon their capital stock, provided they made any money during the past six months. Shrewd investors buy stocks that on dividend days yield sure incomes. Shrewd shoppers buy their bicycles, kodaks, wall paper, stationery, fishing tackle, sporting goods and the standard patterns at this store, where dividends of style, beauty, desirability, sterling worth of goods, lowest prices, are declared on every purchase and attested by the home folks. The better than-usual values that prevail here, particularly at this time, giving larger return on investments than "gilt-edge" stocks.

Fourth Street.