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Great Clearance Sale.

COMMENCING

Saturday, January 19, 1901,

WE WILL CLOSE OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF

Ladies and Misses Coats, Capes and Jackets,

REGARDLESS OF COST.

It is not our custom to carry over garments from season to season, thus assuring our patrons of always getting the latest and newest styles. We give our customers this opportunity of securing these wonderful bargains.

THESE GOODS MUST ALL BE SOLD.

M. C. TULIS.

30 Day Bargain Sale

—AT—

JASPER HARRIS'

Clothing House...

We are determined to close out our entire stock at once and those desiring to avail themselves of

These Wonderful Bargains should call at once.

Everything Goes at Sacrifice Prices

Never Such Bargains!

Call and see--that's the Pudding of the dish. . .

JASPER HARRIS,

Opposite Post-Office,

Emporium, Pa.

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.]—Edron.

Cost of Electric Light.

Editor Cameron County Press:—

"Noah" in the last week's PRESS says he wants figures. The trouble with Noah's vision is similar to that of Mr. Howard. There are some figures that he can't see even when they are right under his nose. However, a little thing like that does not phase Noah, he immediately sits down and manufactures figures to suit himself, with following result:

On account of the \$7,000 bonds \$600 00 per year
Interest on \$7,000 bonds, about 350 00
For coat or gas, about 350 00
For Engineer 700 00
For Asst Engineer, about 500 00
Man to repair wires and lights 600 00
For bookkeeper 300 00
Total \$3,350 00
Less 200 lights at 25c each 50 00
\$2,750 00

This leaves a balance of \$2,750 to be raised each year for twelve years, until the bonds are paid.

This is one of the publications which come under the head of "important if true."

The only trouble with it is that it is incorrect in every particular.

The law requires council to provide for a payment of 8 per cent. on bonds each year, this including interest and annual payment, and in this case amounts

On account of bonds to just \$560 00
Cost per year for fuel, outside figures 200 00
Cost per year for engineer 600 00
Cost per year for Asst engineer 600 00
Cost per year for man for repairs 600 00
Cost per year for bookkeeper 50 00
Cost per year for carbons 15 00
Cost per year for repairs 30 00
Total \$1,455 00
Less 250 private lights, 25c each 62 50
Borough street lights 500 00
\$1,350 00

Leaving a balance of \$105 00

Which can easily be paid from borough treasury from present assessment and not raise the tax rate on Mr. Noah's property one single, solitary cent.

Noah's figures are no good. If he had any basis for them except his imagination he must have been figuring on an old engine he had in the ark. Modern automatic engines require only one engineer, and as his hardest work is to keep awake, he has ample time to make all necessary repairs and to clean and trim the lamps, which with the new enclosed arcs has to be done once a week only.

If Mr. Noah or any other man desires to know on what my figures are based, they can be accommodated. The trouble with the opposition is, however, that they don't really want to see any statistics. They stand up and yell at the top of their voices for figures, and the minute they catch a glimpse of a sign of a figure coming around a corner, they take to their heels and disappear as rapidly as possible in the opposite direction.

E. O. B.

The Electric Light Question—How it Effects the Tax-Payer.

MR. EDITOR:— In searching for a different method for lighting our streets, its doubtful if we find another, as cheap as the present torch light system, for it has no expenses for repairs and labor. Being compelled to discontinue this method, hereafter we shall have to consider these expense items in any other system.

Not being able to change every year, it behooves us to consider not only the cost, but the quantity of light from the system we adopt. For a while we can endure a poor system, and then curse it afterwards, as others have done. Reports from the towns of Ridgway, Port Allegany, Austin, St. Marys, Tidioute and others using the gas lamp system, say while they are enduring it, they now are at the cursing period of their existence.

No one complains of the quantity and cost of electric light when free from corporate greed. Probably our town will adopt one of the two mentioned systems, hence it is quite proper to compare the quantity and cost of the light of the two systems. The

cheapest gas lamp yet found is the one with wooden post, standing in front of the court house, at a total cost for lamp, post and sitting, of over \$7.00. On account of small illuminating power, towns using them have to place them on every corner and between the corners, some in the alley-ways and closely together in shady places, consequently, if our borough should set up 100 gas lamps, we would then get only one sixth as much light as we would with the proposed 30, 2000 c. p. electric arc lamps.

Informants from these gas-lamp-towns, say that beside the cost of mantles, the daily repairs and attention turning the lights on and off night and morning, require the services of a man with a salary of \$35 or \$40 per month. Should some complain because our borough gave \$30.00 per month for such a man, to clean, repair and daily walk ten miles to turn on and off that light night and morning, he should remember we are constantly paying more money than this for less work. \$2.00 has been given as the cost for mantles per lamp, per year. From these well established prices, we see that the annual operative cost for 100 gas lamps will be as follows:

Interest on cost 100 gas lamps at 7% per cent. \$28 00
Annual cost for gas at 25c per month 300 00
Cost of labor, attending them at \$30.00 per month 360 00
Yearly cost of mantles, \$2.00 per lamp 200 00
Total yearly operative cost \$888 00

For cost for gas for running engine will refer you to Mr. C. H. Felt, Emporium, who is daily running a 100 H. P. gas engine for less than \$1.00 per day, using gas at 25 cents per 1000 feet. A proportionate cost for a 75 H. P. engine using gas at 20 cents per 1000 feet, would be less than 60 cents per day. The bookkeeper of Iron Co., tells me that they pay their engineer, for running their two big engines, pumps and electric light plant, \$2.25 per day.

As the labor in the power house using a gas engine would be next to nothing, for \$60 per month, an engineer would eagerly seek such a job, agreeing also to look after the lamps and wires. Carbons would need replacing every 100 hours. Hence, the yearly operative cost of the proposed electric light plant is as follows:

Interest on \$7,000 at 4 per cent. \$280 00
Gas for engine, less than 225 00
Repairs 200 00
Salary for engineer, \$60.00 per month 720 00
Carbon, \$50 and oil \$30 60 00
Total annual expense \$1,485 00
Less income from 200 incandescents 600 00
Net yearly operative cost \$885 00

We see from the above, that the yearly expenses of the two systems are about the same, while the 30 arc lamps give six times as much light as the 100 gas lamps. Is it strange that our neighboring towns are frantically cursing the day they adopted the gas lamp system?

Produce as much light by the gas lamp system as the electric gives and figure the cost. The twinkling gas lamps suffer so by the comparison that they fairly groan with pain.

How will the adoption of the electric light effect our taxes? As the operative expenses of the two systems are the same, we ought only to consider the payment we make on the incurred debt. The total valuation generally is about \$270,000. To make a payment of \$500 annually on the debt, will require an additional two mill Borough tax, the interest item is put in the operative expense above.

To make this yearly payment the tax-payer now paying a total tax of \$100 will pay \$4 more; \$50, \$2 more; \$40, 1.60 more; \$20, 80c more; \$10, 40c more; \$5, 20c more Borough Tax.

The tax-payer by comparing his tax receipt with above schedule, can easily tell how much his taxes will be increased to help pay the debt. How trifling the amount to pay when the quantity of lights received is considered.

SIX TIMES AS MUCH AS BY THE 100 GAS LAMPS.

How much we feel the need of such light in the blackness of some nights, deeply realizing that all rascality, crime and immorality instinctively welcome and seek the cover of darkness. We assuming the roll of protectors, would ask is it not due our mothers and wives, our sisters and daughters, that we, as far as possible, throw around them that protection the day light gives them.

The benefits of electric light are enjoyed by all, to the very outskirts of our town, hence not sectional in character, like the proposed Fourth street pavement.

Cooks Scarcer Than Husbands.

Cook—Madam: Your husband is becoming so unbearable I cannot stand it. Mrs. Brown—Then Bridget, I'll apply for a divorce at once.

Ice Cream To-Night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Strayer will serve ice cream, cake and coffee at their home this (Thursday) evening. Proceeds for the benefit of M. E. Sunday School. Public cordially invited.

Do Your Duty.

It is hoped everybody will attend the entertainment to be given by the Mozart Symphony Club, at court house, Friday evening, for benefit of the Fire Department. Remember, citizens of Emporium, that the firemen respond promptly to your calls.

Disastrous Fire.

Last Saturday morning Franklin was visited by a disastrous fire, entailing a loss of \$40,000. The Citizen-Press, owned by Hon. E. W. Smiley, is in ruins. The Press was one of the most complete plants in that section of the state and we are pleased to learn that the Messrs. Smiley will immediately resume with a new outfit. The Citizen-Press and its energetic editors have been too closely identified with Franklin and Venango county to be doomed by one fire.

Election of Officers.

At a regular annual meeting of the Hamilton Hose Co., Jan. 30, 1901, the following officers were elected: Foreman, Richard Cavanaugh; First Asst. Foreman, Thomas Butler; 2nd Asst. John Zwald; President, Josiah Howard; 1st V. Pres., John Heilman; Secy., C. C. Richie; Treas. J. D. Logan; Trustees, Joseph Kaye, A. F. Vogt, Wm. Robinson; Delegates to convention, Joseph Kaye; Alternate, Wm. Robinson. Fire police to be appointed.

Farmers' Institute.

The Farmers' Institute will be held in the court house on the 25th and 26th of this month. Some of the best men in the state are engaged for this meeting and our farmers should so arrange their labor that they may attend every session. The first session will be held on the afternoon of the 25th, beginning at 1:30. Local talent will be strongly in evidence and the question box will afford all those who desire information on special topics to bring their wants before the Institute.

Most Excellent Lecture.

"Sunshine and Shadow" at the court house, last Saturday evening by Prof. A. W. Hawis, of Baltimore, was greeted by a very large and appreciative audience. We have listened to the most popular platform orators of the day and never yet have been so pleasantly entertained as we were by "Hawks of Baltimore." Rev. O. S. Metzler the manager of the People's Course has presented many pleasing attractions this season but the "Laughing Philosopher" clapped the climax. One has to hear "Sunshine and Shadow" to appreciate it.

Pound Party—Literary and Musical Entertainment.

The good people of Emporium are respectfully requested to attend a Pound Party at Odd Fellows Hall, next Monday evening, at 7:30. A fine literary and musical program has been prepared for the occasion. No admission fee will be charged, but each person is expected to bring a pound of some useful article—or the price thereof. The proceeds are for the benefit of a worthy family, who are in need, caused by long sickness and death of two members within a short space of time. Let the generosity of our people be manifested upon this occasion. Don't forget the evening—Monday.

The Experience of Other Towns With Electric Lights.

Watsonstown borough, owns its Electric light plant. Population, 2000. They have 33 arc lights and 1400 incandescent lights. Their plant cost \$11,307.00. It costs \$259 per month to operate it. They use coal for fuel. Net cost of each arc light per annum is about \$48. Plant was built in 1898.

Milton, Pa. Population, 6200, buy their lights. They have 60, 2000 c. p. arc, and pay \$72 per light per annum. Titusville, Pa. Population, 9000, own their electric light plant. They have 120 arc lights. The plant cost cost 18,000. It costs \$4,200 per annum to operate it. They use gas for fuel. Net cost per annum is \$35.00.

DuBois, Pa. Population, about 10,000, buy their light. They have 68 arc lights 1200 incandescent and pay \$65 per light per annum. The foregoing are all the towns which have replied to our questions and who light their streets with electric lights.

C. JAY GOODNOUGH,
Secretary Council.

WEATHER REPORT.

(Forecast by T. B. Lloyd.)

FRIDAY, Snow Flurries.

SATURDAY, Fair.

SUNDAY, Fair.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

RUSSELL.

AMIE, daughter of Allen, Jr., and Vinnie Russell, died at their home on Four Mile, on Saturday last, aged 19 months and seven days. Funeral took place from the home on Monday afternoon, Rev. McClelland officiating.

MRS. MARY A. SARTWELL.

Died at her home on King street, Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1901, Mrs. Mary A. Sartwell.

Mrs. Mary A. Sartwell, wife of Roswell, Sartwell and daughter of Henry and Joanna Chapin, was born at White Store, Chenango Co., N. Y., April 19, 1829. She came to Smethport with her parents in September, 1883, where she has since resided. She married October 22, 1851.

She was the mother of two children, Thos. L. Sartwell, of Eldred, and Frank Chapin Sartwell, of this place.

She was the youngest of her mother's children, and a woman of strong character, fine mind and good memory. A warm loving heart, ever ready to relieve the ill of others.

She leaves a very large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss, which can never be filled. For many years she has been a consistent member of the Episcopal church.

The funeral will be held at her former home to-morrow, Friday, Feb. 1, at 2 o'clock, Rev. J. Heber McCandless will conduct the services. Interment at Rose Hill cemetery.

Thief Caught.

Last Tuesday evening a woodsman named Connor, while passing H. A. Zaps & Co.'s store, stole what he supposed to be three pairs of gloves, (but in reality were six odd gloves), and going on down Fourth street, stopped at J. F. Parsons' store, where he stole a can of corn while Mr. Parsons was getting him some crackers. About 8:00 o'clock in the evening Chief of Police Mundy caught the chap at the St. Charles hotel, while attempting to sell his plunder. Mr. Mundy did not know a theft had been perpetrated, but took the chap in hand and investigated, after which he took the prisoner before Squire Hackett, who committed him to jail in default of \$100 bail, where he will remain until May court.

To the Voter.

In using figures published by the council in this issue of the PRESS as a basis for estimating probable cost of electric light in Emporium, it is very important to remember that all these plants run old fashioned 2000 c. p. or Standard arcs, which are much more expensive than the latest development in the business known as the new enclosed arc. This new arc requires just five-eighths the fuel that the Standard arc requires, it uses just one-seventh the number of carbons in a year and just one-seventh the number of hours labor to clean and trim. It keeps one man very busy to trim and clean 100 lamps in a day. Hence the Titusville plant requires 90 hours labor each week on the line where the Emporium modern plant with 30 enclosed arcs will require three hours a week.

Standard arcs use one carbon each day. New arcs one carbon each week.

E. O. BARDWELL.

Meeting of School Board.

Stated meeting of Emporium school Board met in city hall Feb. 4, 1901.

Present: Messrs. L. K. Huntington, B. Egan, F. P. Rentz, W. S. Walker.

Absent: Messrs. T. F. Moore, J. D. Marshall.

Minutes of stated and special meeting read and approved.

Moved by Mr. Egan that we pay \$1,000 of the school bonds as follows: No's 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47. Motion carried.

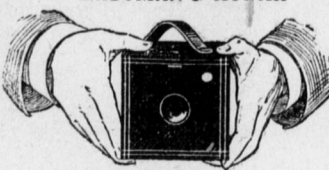
The following bills were ordered paid: Geo. Metzger, Jr., repairing bells, \$1 00 Express, 60 R. C. Dodson, sulphur, 85 Milton, Bradley & Co., supplies, 3 38 Walker, Howard & Co., do 10 94 \$16 77

Prof. Bastian was present and made report for fourth month of school. On motion the Board adjourned.

W. S. WALKER, Sec'y.

State Association of School Directors. The sixth annual convention of the Pennsylvania State Association of School Directors will convene at Harrisburg, Feb. 14th and 15th. Miss Mattie M. Collins, Supt. of Schools of this county, is down on the program for an address, "Who is Responsible for the Pupils' Wasted Time."

EASTMAN'S KODAK



You can carry it in your hands, on your shoulder, in your pocket or on your bicycle. You press the button and the Kodak will take the rest.

Smoke It

and smoke it. It will be a burning proof of the goodness and quality we sell here for little money. Years of business has convinced us of two things—that we can make the most money by being perfectly honest, and that almost every smoker has a different pipe taste. The pipes we have—well, there are long pipes, short pipes and pipes so twisted that it would take you a month to unravel them. Prices are varied too—but there are none of them long—none of them twisted.



HARRY S. LLOYD.