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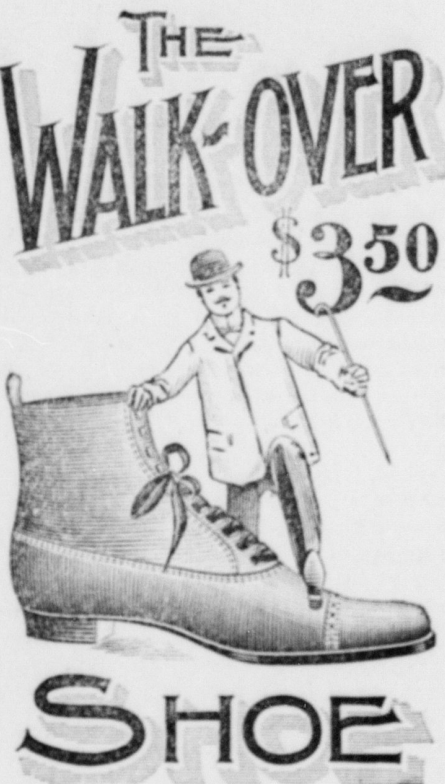
### Duncan Department Store,

West Fourth Street,  
WILLIAMSPORT, PA

I made a flying trip to see the folks at Williamsport, found the big and famous Duncan Department Store in the hands of a Receiver. He wanted to close out the whole business quick, as he said the trouble he had with it made him "gray." As I have grown "gray" in the business as you know, that didn't frighten me very much, of course. We agreed on a price quick and I took possession of that whole shooting match and as soon as possible to arrange details, will show you some eye-openers in the way of Bargains. Nuf ced.

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### CORRESPONDENTS DEPARTMENT

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#### Romola.

John Robo spent Sunday in Yarnell. Miss Mary McCloskey is ill at present. R. Clarence Daley spent Sunday in Howard.

Alonzo Brickley is at present suffering from an attack of lagrippe.

Miss Marie DeLong is at present visiting Miss Nora Clark, of Blanchard.

Michael Poorman and wife, of Coleville, spent Saturday in this place.

Miss Emma Robb is home from Grove City college where she has been taking a course in music.

Miss Ellen McCloskey is home again, after sojourning for several months in McKean county.

David Snyder and wife, of Patricksburg, Northumberland county, attended the funeral of Mrs. Snyder's sister, Mrs. Frederick Robb.

While loading stone on a sled last Tuesday, David DeLong fell, sustaining injuries which confined him to the house for the remainder of the week.

We have been having a sample of extremely cold weather for some time. The thermometer registered 12 degrees below zero on Saturday morning and it has been nearly as cold several other times.

On February 8th, 1899, death again visited our valley, and after a short spell of sickness Mrs. Frederick Robb was called from this world of sadness and sorrow to one of joy and happiness. She was happiest when surrounded by her family and many friends, but when death's call came she departed willingly. She lived a Christian, being a member of the Baptist church all her life, until about one year ago when she became identified with the Reformed church. Mrs. Robb was a devoted mother, a loving wife, and a faithful friend. About one year ago she buried her only daughter. There remain to mourn her death a husband, son, and four step-children. She took sick about two weeks ago with the grip which led to meningitis of the brain. The deceased was aged 55 years, 4 months and 12 days. Interment was made in the Reformed cemetery, on Saturday at 12 o'clock. Rev. Runkle officiating. He delivered some very able remarks, taking for his text the 6th, 7th, and 8th verses of the 4th chapter of 2d Timothy. Many friends and relatives were present from a distance. The community extends its sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

#### Just in Time.

A well known lady in town exclaimed the other day: "I have been wearing my life out from the effects of Nervous Exhaustion, Neuralgia and Headaches. My attention was attracted to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and after using two packages I am entirely well. Keep your nerves well and strong by the use of this great Vegetable Compound. Samples free. Large package 25 cents. Sold only by U. M. Farish, Bellefonte; Wm. H. Noll, Pottsville; G. J. C. F. Metz, Woodward; W. H. Miller, Axemann; J. H. Griffin, Stormstown; L. B. McIntire, Fillmore.

#### Port Matilda.

The ground hog can be eaten. His hide made into leather: But he is of no earthly use When it comes to making weather.

A. J. Johnson has purchased a fine lot of pure Wyandot chickens.

Mrs. Emily Dellett is recovering from a severe attack of grip.

James Goss has made a trip to Pittsburg, near Pittsburg, with the view of locating.

Sam Woodring has moved in to the Ridgeway and Budd house at Hannah station.

Harry Ebbs, of Loveville, is operating a paper wood and match wood job near this place.

Squire W. T. Hoover and family are coalescing after a siege of grip and bilious fever.

James T. Marks is raising and training a full blooded beagle bound, making ready for fox chasing.

Miss Beryl Kelly, of Phillipsburg, was a welcome visitor at the home of her father, R. J. Kelly, near this place.

Chaney and Thompson are taking the advantage of the late snow, by rushing in their next summer's stock of fogs.

The Teachers' Institute, held in Port Matilda, was largely attended. Much interest was manifested by the citizens, making it a success.

Mother Marks, who has been suffering intense pain for several days from disease in her stomach, we are glad to note, is somewhat better at this writing.

S. S. Miles, our popular boot and shoe dealer, has, we understand, some notion of closing out his entire stock preparatory to going into the lumber business.

Joe Peters says the thermometer was away below Hickory Bottom on Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Joe's best girl knows about that point, that is why he knows.

A surprise party, from Tyrone, consisting of two sled loads, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fink and family a few evenings since. An enjoyable time was had until a late hour.

A few days since Jacob Herman, huckster living near Lemont, while making his return trip from Phillipsburg, discovered a traveler at the Six Mile run almost frozen to death. Mr. Herman kindly placed him on his sled and brought him to Port Matilda where he was restored to feeling, after which he continued his journey with the above named gentleman to his home.

DIED.—The venerable John Harpster, died Saturday, Feb. 11th, at 7 o'clock in the evening, at the residence of his son-in-law, Jacob Woodring, near this place, of kidney troubles and other ailments incident to old age, at the advanced age of 86 years. The deceased was a member of the United Brethren church, a good Christian, a kind husband and parent and an obliging neighbor. Over 60 years ago he married Miss Leah Sellers, of Stormstown. To them were born 10 children, 5 of whom, with his wife, preceded him to the grave some years ago. The surviving are William, of Houtzdale; Joseph, Mrs. Elizabeth Woodring, Mrs. Fannie Williams, Mrs. Williams, residing near Port Matilda; and Mrs. Kate Weaver, of near Tyrone. Interment was made in Black Oak cemetery, the religious ceremony was rendered by Rev. Newell, pastor of U. B. church, in an impressive manner. Thus ends time with one whose life was devoted to doing good.

#### Christmas Holidays Are Over.

Now Boys, for some good hard WORK. I want a few car loads of choice, large Walnut logs delivered on line of Railroad. If you are prepared to furnish them, address me at Barnesville, Ohio. x 8 J. H. WATT.

#### Unionville.

Twenty-six degrees below zero, in our little burg.

If I were Ed, I would put it off this cold weather.

Local Institute, at Unionville, Mar. 10th and 11th. Everybody invited.

Will Sensor had his face badly frozen while hauling coal from Snow Shoe last week.

Teachers Local Institute, at Port Matilda, was well attended by our teachers.

Do not forget, our young men have started a reading room over the post office. Help the boys along. It's a good thing.

Mrs. Katharine Hall, an aged lady near town, was buried on Monday, of this week. Her maiden name was Kille; her first husband, Mr. Shaw, was killed in the Civil war. By this union two children were born; Mrs. Sarah Bennett, of Unionville and a son now dead. She afterward married Robert Hall, of Union township. By her last marriage there were three sons: James, of Julian; Thomas, —; and Lawrence now dead. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Zeigler, of Snow Shoe Intersection.

Lewis, son of H. E. Holtzworth, was buried on Friday of last week. Deceased was a bright, active boy four months ago, and all that science or skill could do was done for the patient little sufferer, but without avail. He died soon after reaching home from Philadelphia. About sixty-five school children marched to his late home to do honor to his memory. A beautiful and loving tribute of flowers was presented by same: "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

#### Woodward.

David Glenn is better at this writing. Rev. Solver was among his many friends last week.

The United Evangelicals had services on Sunday afternoon.

John Worth paid a short visit to his many friends on Saturday.

Rumor says there will be a wedding in town in the very near future.

Mary Rupp, who had been on the sick list, during the last week, is better again.

Mr. Reity, son and son-in-law, and Mr. Venado visited at Abraham Triesters last week.

We hear that Prof. P. D. Owen will conduct a singing class at this place again. He will very likely get a large class, as all who had been instructed by him last year, were very well pleased.

#### Roland.

The ice in some places on the Bald-eagle creek, at this place, is two feet thick.

Samuel Bathurst, Sr., who has been quite sick with the grip, is able to be about again.

Mr. John Leathers and wife, of Mt. Eagle, drove up to the home of Bion Williams to see Mrs. Williams, who has been quite sick.

Miss Kathryn Curtin entertained a party of young folks from Bellefonte, Friday evening, and from reports had a very enjoyable time.

J. M. Parker, wife and boys, drove to Lock Haven, Saturday; from there they expect to drive to Jersey Shore, the home of Mr. Parker's parents.

A photographic entertainment will be held in the K. of L. hall, at this place, Thursday evening, February 16th by W. H. Allen and Wm. Knarr.

Saturday morning the thermometer registered 26 below zero. On the morning before (Friday) it registered 22, making it the coldest it has ever been at this place.

The funeral of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Corman, occurred at this place, Sunday at 2.30. The child was three weeks old. The parents have our sympathy.

The funeral of Mrs. William Hall, of Mt. Eagle, occurred in the cemetery at this place, Sunday at 2.30. A father and three children and many friends mourn the loss of this amiable woman.

W. Gaylor Morrison and wife, of Bellefonte, have charge of "No. 4 East Broadway" during the absence of J. M. Parker and family. Mr. and Mrs. Morrison are ably assisted by Miss Velta Williams.

The picture sociable, held at this place Saturday night by the Sunday school class of John Leathers, was a great success when you consider the weather. Miss Kathryn Parker promoted the idea with her usual pluck and energy.

The Right Honorable Henry A. Shultz, of this place, bought a whole outfit from Rev. Heiney last week, consisting of a horse, buggy, sleigh and harness. His first experience with it was driving through fences, on the way to the College, Sunday.

Norman Sheer, a student of State College, spent Sunday with John Curtin, at his home at this place. Mr. Curtin returned to college on Monday, while Mr. Sheer went to Lock Haven on the morning train with a troop of College students, who will give entertainments for the benefit of the hospital at that place.

Mrs. James B. Curtin and son, and Miss Kathryn Parker and Miss Velta Williams drove to Lock Haven, Tuesday, to the home of S. M. McCormick, where they were treated with the hospitality which characterizes Mr. McCormick and wife. The party drove home Thursday evening and were nearly frozen.—N. B. "They had an upset."

#### Rebersburg.

Charles Small, our U. S. mail driver from Rebersburg and Coburn, is at present seriously ill.

Nearly every sleigh and sled which came to our burg on Tuesday was decorated with snow shovels.

Some of our school teachers were unable to reach their school houses, for a day or so, at the beginning of this week.

The cross roads, in the vicinity of our burg, are nearly all blown shut; people are obliged to drive through the fields.

Hello! It has been unusually cold in our burg during the last week. 24 below zero was the coldest night, the latter part of last week.

Up to this writing our people did not receive their daily papers, but no doubt they will be around again in a day or so; just have a little patience.

The snow shovels and shovelers were in great demand on Tuesday, until the side walks were cleaned off. At some places the walks were very much drifted.

A number of our people are yet complaining of what is so familiarly called the "grip." People should learn how to take care of themselves. As a result, avoid taking cold.

Miss Lulu Erhard, who is learning the dress-making trade at Lock Haven, came home on a visit last week and this week she is nursing a bad cold. Miss Lulu seems to like her new place very well.

Our supervisor, in the person of James Corman, was quite a busy person on Tuesday morning until the roads were open. But James can do the managing part rather better than the other part, which seems to be so hard.

#### Women Should Know It.

Many women suffer untold agony and misery because the nature of their disease is not correctly understood. They have been led to believe that womb trouble or female weakness of some sort is responsible for the many ills that beset womankind.

Neuralgia, nervousness, headache, puffiness or dark circles under the eyes, rheumatism, a dragging pain or dull ache in the back, weakness or bearing-down sensation, profuse or scanty supply of urine with strong odor, frequent desire to pass it with scalding or burning sensation, sediment in it after standing in bottle or common glass for twenty-four hours, are signs of kidney and bladder trouble.

The above symptoms are often attributed by the patient herself or by her physician to female weakness or womb trouble. Hence, so many fail to obtain relief, because they are treating, not the disease itself, but a reflection of the primary cause, which is kidney trouble.

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#### Concert at Eagleville.

A musical convention will open in the Baptist church at Eagleville, on Feb. 20th and close with two concerts, Friday and Saturday nights 24th and 25th. Proceeds for the benefit of the church.

#### Snow Shoe.

Herbert Walker is on the sick list, at present.

Miss Louisa Burns has been visiting friends in Bellefonte, for the past week.

A great many of our citizens went to Bellefonte, last Monday, to see Kellar, the magician.

B. E. Shank and cousin Ella, were in Bellefonte on Sunday, Boyd says sleighing is fine in there.

Yard master W. G. Kesling has been ill the past week.

Miss Lydia Smith left for Milesburg on Saturday, to attend her aunt who is ill.

One of our young ladies felt very sad since Harry went home, Ida, you should not worry, as he will be back some rainy day.

There has not been as much coal shipped out of here this month as last, on account of the big snow.

There has been some dispute as to who carried the hog on ground hog day. Squire John Eisse says he carried it because he had that big overcoat on; this is true without a doubt.

We all acknowledge that Coxe is a mind reader because he can sit in the same room with his girl and tell what she is thinking about. He says "those fellows rubber-necking will come to stretching."

It has been very cold here the past week; the mercury was down as far as 34°, but mostly plays around 13°—the number Quay needs to make him U. S. Senator. I suppose when he is elected, it will get warmer, but that may be a couple of months yet.

O. J. Harm, head clerk at T. B. Buddinger's store, was taking store orders at Viaduct, on Thursday and, as usual, came down on the 8:15 train. The train became a couple of hours late, Oscar became a little drowsy and all at once found himself in dreamland. He did not hear the conductor calling out "Snow Shoe," and went on down the line as far as South Fork. As he has a strong heart he undertook the journey back on foot. Almost frozen, he reached Snow Shoe about the hour of midnight, and by stopping near the stove for a couple of hours he got himself thawed out. Ever since he has been asking "how cold is it at South Fork this morning?"

#### Zion.

Mrs. Wm. Shaeffer is at present very sick, being afflicted with grip.

Wm. Miller was called to his home, near Tusseyville, on account of sickness.

Adam Rush has had a very sick horse. The animal is improving under the treatment of Dr. Bilger.

Christ Decker went to Lock Haven, Tuesday morning, to attend the funeral of his niece, Mary Decker.

N. C. Shaffer, of Nittany, spent Sunday with his parents, being called home by the sickness of his mother, Mrs. Wm. Shaeffer.

Miles Decker, son of Samuel Decker, was seriously hurt on Monday in jumping off a sled. We hope he will soon be able to be around again.

Mrs. Stamm, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Grove, died last Thursday. She was 86 years old and a member of the Lutheran church. Interment took place Monday.

The Zion orchestra renders some very fine music. It is composed of the following: J. S. Bailey, violinist; Clayton Kauffman, cornetist; Vangie Royer, organist; Charles Bartley, manager.

Misses May Struble and Allie Irvin are on their way home from Philadelphia, where they have been visiting for the last four or five weeks. They stopped at Lewisburg, on account of the snow storm.

#### Chestnut Grove.

If you think it was not cold, just ask Frank Reese. He tried it.

The groundhog knows his business, so do I—we will stay in till "summer comes again."

There seems to be a great deal of attraction down about Runville. How is it Mr. Miles.

Thursday was the coldest day we had, 23 degrees below zero. Mike Mills froze his ears the same day.

We are informed that Geo. B. Reese is coming home to farm, in the spring. If so, we wish him success.

We cannot understand why so many railroad ties are made and hauled out of our vicinity and money coming in, and yet the people complain of hard times.

#### Postmaster at Huntingdon.

On Saturday President McKinley sent in the name of Howard E. Butz to the Senate for the position of postmaster at Huntingdon. Mr. Butz is the editor of the Huntingdon Globe.

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#### USE OF BICYCLES IN CHINA.

Much Used by Foreigners in the Cities on the Coast.

Consul General Goodnow at Shanghai reports that the trade in bicycles in China increased very rapidly during the past season and gives promise of even more rapid expansion during the season now opening. Prior to 1897 very few bicycles were in use on the Chinese coast, while now, in all ports where cycling is possible, the habit is becoming almost universal among foreigners.

"Society here," says the consul general, "is dominated by the English, who claim that no man or woman can hope to endure this climate unless they devote considerable part of each and every day, rain or shine, to outdoor exercise and sports. Horseback riding has been universal among those who can afford that luxury; others take long walks daily. The bicycle appeals to all—rich, middle class and poor—and all classes are using it. The city of Shanghai is perfectly flat, and some of the roads in and immediately around the settlements are good. Each nationality has generally bought wheels made in their own home country, and at first the English wheel, with brake, mud guard and heavy tubing, predominated. I believe that now the more graceful and lighter American wheels have the larger sale.

"No wheels are made in China, nor do I believe they can be made here. No wheels are brought in on a less rate of duty than those from the United States. There are no native roads, as we understand that term. There are narrow paths for the pedestrian or the horseman, but generally not wide enough for vehicles; dusty in dry weather, muddy in wet, and rough all the time, they are practically impossible for wheeling.

"Few Chinese have as yet taken to the wheel. Their clothing is not adapted to exercise, and especially not to the wheel. No man above the coolie class, in middle and northern China, appears in public otherwise than in long clothes—i. e., an outer petticoat reaching to his ankles. The few young Chinamen who ride here either leave off this outer garment temporarily or turn it up and fasten it at the waist. They also bring the long queue of hair over the shoulder and fasten it at the waistband. Their trousers are as long and full and baggy as the average woman's divided skirt in America, and I have not yet seen a Chinaman ride without a chain guard to keep the trousers from catching and tearing. No Chinese women ride. I have seen it stated in American and English papers that it is now common in Shanghai for Chinese ladies to ride in the streets. Nothing can be farther from the truth. The Chinese women of the better class are kept in absolute seclusion from men other than those of their family. This rule has not been broken in the slightest degree. Even in the missionary schools, where the daughters of the merchants and mandarins are educated, no man is allowed to see the girls.

"The customs report of 1897 shows that in many important products the imports from the United States have increased at the expense of imports from other nations. We are nearer to the market, freights are less accordingly, and the feeling of the Chinese people is more friendly to Americans than to the people of any other nation. Now is the time to push our trade on this coast. I do not believe that any other method will give better or more permanent results than an exposition of United States products at Shanghai."

An Accidental Success.

Once upon a time, so runs the story, there was a man in London who had ventured upon various publishing schemes with but poor success, and was beginning to despair of ever making a fortune when, by chance, he be thought himself of a huge scrapbook which his wife had compiled of various literary odds and ends that had lain unheeded on her shelves. She called her scrapbook "Tit-Bits," and it occurred to her husband that such odds and ends, published in periodical form, might interest other people as well as his wife. The result of this meditation on his part was the appearance of a little penny paper called "Tit-Bits," which proved so popular and gained such a wide circulation that its proprietor felt encouraged to place other literary ventures on the market, and it was not long before he became known as the publisher of a number of extremely popular penny periodicals. He is now a millionaire many times over and a baronet, while his wife, whose scrapbook proved the cornerstone of their prosperity, finds her reward in the title of Lady Newnes.

Some Very Old Fish.

Methuselah would seem a mere boy to some fishes, and there are a great many kinds which would look upon human centenarians as infants. Carp are known to live to be 200 years old. In the Washington Aquarium there are small gold fish, placed there when Queen Victoria was crowned, and they have not yet grown to full gold-fish size. A Russian pike was caught a few years ago with a gold band about its tail bearing the date 1549.

#### Baptized 20 Below.

With the thermometer at 20 below at 9 o'clock Friday night one woman and two men were baptized by Rev. Mr. Wharton of the Christian church at Coal Run, on the Muskingum. A hole had to be cut in the ice, and they were immersed. Any one who submits to such an ordeal must be filled with the faith.

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