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## We Leave it to Your Judgment.

That the man that has been able to hold the fort in Dushore for 22 years is the man that can give you the best satisfaction, both in repairing your time pieces and selling you new ones.

## Reliable Prices on Reliable Jewelry.

Our friends and patrons will always be welcome and assured of honest treatment as long as we can attend the business.

Very respectfully,

**RETTENBURY,**  
DUSHORE, PA. THE JEWELER.

## Coles Hardware

DUSHORE, PA.

Preparation for Winter should include a call here.

## Furnaces.

Nothing like them for house warming. Is your spare room a winter terror? Put in our new improved furnace and live in comfort.

## Plumbing.

Have it done now. This is the time for examining the plumbing. We'll make the best time and do the best work for you.

## Hardware.

Special low prices prevail here. No danger of inferiority. Our hardware line is as good as can be made. Steam Fittings, Stoves and Ranges, Farm Tools, Etc.

General Job Work, Bicycle Repairing.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

**The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,**  
313 Pine Street,  
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

We take pleasure in announcing to our out of town friends and public generally that we are prepared to show you a complete assortment of the newest and up to date stock of FALL and WINTER DRY GOODS to be found any where.

These goods have been selected with greatest possible care from both Foreign and Domestic manufacturers. You will find prices extremely moderate, quality of goods considered. We invite you to visit our store and

Examine the merchandise we have to show, compare the prices for equal values you find elsewhere.

We are sure this will be to your interest as our trade has been built up by honest and fair dealing; buying and selling only first class goods at the smallest possible margin. The following are some of the many elegant lines to be seen displayed on our counters:

- Black Silks, Colored Silks, Fur Jackets and Scarfs,
- Black Dress Goods, Colored Dress Goods.
- Tailor Made Suits, Walking Skirts, Ladies' Jackets.
- Children's Jackets, Blankets, Comforts,
- Table Linen and Napkins, Towels and Lunch Clothes,
- Men's Women's and Children's Underwear,
- Hosiery and Corsets, Notions and Ribbons, Knit Goods.

**The Shopbell Dry Good Co.**

**T. J. KEELER,**  
Justice-of-the Peace.  
Office in room over store, LAPORTE, PA.  
Special attention given to collections.  
All matters left to the care of this office will be promptly attended to.

**CARROLL HOUSE,**  
D. KEEFE, Proprietor.  
DUSHORE, PA.  
One of the largest and best equipped hotels in this section of the state.  
Table of the best. Rates 1.00 dollar per day. Large stables.

**LYLSES BIRD**  
Land Surveyor Engineer and Conveyancer.  
Relocating old lines and corners, and drawing maps a specialty.  
Will usually be found at home on Mondays. Charges reasonable.

**Estella, Sullivan Co., Pa.**

**HOTEL GUY,**  
MILDRED, PA.  
E. H. GUY, Proprietor.

Newly furnished throughout, special attention given to the wants of the traveling public. Bar stocked with first class wines, liquors and cigars. The best beer on the market always on tap.  
Rates Reasonable.

**COMMERCIAL HOUSE,**  
DAVID TEMPLE, Prop.  
LAPORTE PA.

This large and well appointed house is the most popular hostelry in this section.

**LAPORTE HOTEL,**  
F. W. GALLAGHER, Prop.  
Newly erected. Opposite Court House square. Steam heat, bath rooms, hot and cold water, reading and pool room, and barber shop; also good stabling and livery.

**A. J. BRADLEY,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
Office Building, Cor. Main and Muncy Sts.  
LAPORTE, PA.

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
OF DUSHORE, PENNA.  
CAPITAL - - - \$50,000.  
SURPLUS - - - \$10,000.  
Does a General Banking Business.  
B. W. JENNINGS, President. M. D. SWARTS, Cashier.

**T. J. & F. H. INGHAM,**  
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,  
Legal business attended to in this and adjoining counties  
LAPORTE, PA.

**E. J. MULLEN,**  
Attorney-at-Law.  
LAPORTE, PA.  
OFFICE IN COUNTY BUILDING NEAR COURT HOUSE.

**J. H. CRONIN,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
OFFICE ON MAIN STREET.  
DUSHORE, PA.

**BANNER SALVE**  
the most healing salve in the world.

**IT'S WORTH WHILE**

to step in and absorb a little General Knowledge that is to be found in a really down to date General Store.

The new things for Spring and Summer are now on

**EXHIBITION**

STEP IN AND ASK ABOUT THEM.

All answered at

**Vernon Hull's Large Store.**

Hillgrove, Pa.

**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

## MET DEATH FLAMES

Swift Rush of Flames Devastates Philadelphia Furniture Store.

EMPLOYEES CAUGHT LIKE RATS

Woman Leaped to Death From Eighth Story, and Men Burned to Crisp On Fire Escapes—A Dozen Buried in the Ruins.

Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Nineteen known dead and property loss amounting to upwards of \$500,000 is the awful result of a fire which occurred yesterday in the business section of the city. The number of injured is not known definitely, but fully a score of victims were treated at various hospitals. Police and firemen last night delved into the ruins in search of bodies supposed to have been buried beneath the debris, as it is feared that others beside the known dead may have lost their lives in the flames.

The building destroyed was the eight-story structure, 1219 and 1221 Market street, occupied by Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., upholsterers and furniture dealers, and three three-story buildings occupied by small merchantmen. The big furniture building extended back a half block to Commerce street, and was owned by Henry C. Lea.

At 10.20 o'clock in the morning the blaze broke forth, and one hour later the horrible sacrifice of life had been made and the immense loss of property had been accomplished. The origin of the death-dealing conflagration is unknown. It is said that an explosion of naphtha or gasoline in the basement was the cause, but this is denied by Mr. Wilkinson, who says there never was a sufficient quantity of either explosive about the building to be responsible for yesterday's terrible disaster.

**Met Agonizing Death.**  
Such a disastrous fire, attended with so great a loss of life in such a brief period was never before known in this city. Men and women died a lingering, agonizing death in the presence of thousands of spectators who were unable to lift a hand to their assistance. The rear of Hunt, Wilkinson & Co.'s building faces on Commerce street, a small thoroughfare. On the fire escapes at this end of the building two men and one woman were slowly roasted to death, while the horror-stricken throng on the street below turned sick at the sight. In the front on Market street a woman, driven to desperation, leaped from a window on the top floor and was dashed to death on the pavement. Firemen claim to have seen men and women, unable to reach the windows or fire escapes, burned to death in the interior of the building. If this is so, little or nothing remains of these victims, and it is doubtful if any portion of their bodies will be recovered.

More than half of the firm's employees were on the upper five floors, and it was among these that the greatest number were killed and injured. With the possible exception of the engineer, who is missing, all persons on the first three floors got out of the building safely. The members of the firm had their offices on the third floor, and their familiarity with the exits is all that saved them from suffocation. Mr. Wilkinson said the smoke came up the stairway and the elevator shaft in such great volume that he and Mr. Hunt had much difficulty in reaching the street.

Most of those killed were at work on the sixth floor, where women were engaged in sewing. They were at work in the rear of the building, close to the fire escapes, and became confused by the great quantity of smoke that rushed up through the building. It was reported that goods were stored against the windows, which prevented the women from getting out on the fire escapes, but this was positively denied by a member of the firm.

There were eleven employees and a number of outside workmen on the eighth floor. A ladder reached from this floor to the roof, which would have enabled those on that floor to reach the roof of an adjoining eight-story building, but in the excitement this means of escape was forgotten. Several made the terrible leap to the sidewalk and were crushed, while the others ran the gauntlet of smoke and fire down the rear fire escape. A colored scrub woman also jumped from this floor and was crushed in the street. Many of them, rendered practically insane by fright, leaped to the ground, and others, becoming unconscious from the smoke and intense heat, fell to the pavement. When the firemen arrived Commerce street was filled with these unfortunates, and for the space of an hour the police and hospital service was taxed to its utmost capacity.

For an hour the roaring flames threatened the lives of every one who

was compelled to work fighting the fire or protecting the surrounding property, and every minute of time threatened many other thousands of dollars' worth of property on all sides of the principal building in which the blaze started.

By noon the fire was under control and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon a force of men ordered by the department of public safety began the work of clearing away the debris for the purpose of recovering the bodies of the victims buried in the ruins.

Small buildings in the rear of the furniture building and also to the west of the burned area were crushed by the falling walls. The fronts of the stores on the south side of Market street opposite the fire were all more or less damaged by the heat.

The firemen were greatly hampered in the work of rescue by the great volume of smoke, which enveloped the building. The unfortunates who appeared at the upper windows were unable to see the life nets, and the firemen were unable to place them in a position to do effective work.

**Woman's Awful Death.**  
The dramatic incident of the fire was the appearance at the seventh story window of the woman who jumped to her death. It was only several minutes after the conflagration had broken out, but already huge volumes of smoke were pouring out from open windows, and here and there a lurid flame licked over the sills. The woman had probably tried every way of escape on the inside, and at last was driven terror-stricken to the window.

The crowd on the pavement below and the faces at the windows of the houses across the street caught sight of her in a moment. Piercing shrieks rent the air again and again, but no one lifted a hand to aid, for they could not. The firemen arrived, and still she stood, a lone figure at the window. It was impossible to reach the fire escape, down which another woman and several men were slowly groping their way, almost blinded and stupefied by the intense smoke. Now and again her form also would be hidden behind the dark clouds, but always she kept up that heart-rending wail.

The firemen yelled to her through trumpets to stay where she was and not to jump yet. They tried to run a ladder up to her, but it was impossible to reach as high up as the seventh floor, even if it had been possible for a rescuer to ascend. The only way was to jump, and the firemen prepared for this.

Bringing out a huge net, a dozen or more willing hands seized its edge and formed a circle just below the windows. It was dangerous work, not to mention the hardships of the intense heat, but no one shrank back when volunteers were called for.

The big net was pulled taut, and then the word was given. "Jump! Jump into the net!" cried the firemen, and the spectators took up the cry. The woman probably never heard above the roar of the flames behind her, but she saw that it was intended for her and jumped.

Her dive was fatal, however. She swung way beyond the net, and, coming down like a cannon ball, struck the heavy awning supports. It broke her fall, but it also killed her. Her body was almost disemboweled on the tough iron, which bulged about ten inches from its position. The poor, torn bit of humanity hung there for a second and then dropped to the pavement below, an inanimate mass, bruised and broken. The firemen tried to run their net under the awning ere she fell the remaining short distance, but were too late. When they bent over her body and picked her up she was dead.

**The Property Loss.**  
The loss last night was estimated at half a million dollars, most of which will fall on Hunt, Wilkinson & Co., whose loss is estimated at \$250,000. Henry C. Lea's loss on the building is about \$150,000. William F. Potts & Son suffered a loss of \$60,000, while other occupants of the Potts building and surrounding property owners suffered losses aggregating about \$25,000.

**Iron River, Wis., Oct. 28.**—Information just brought in from Beechwood, ten miles east of here, states that Andrew Israelson shot and killed his father-in-law, mother-in-law, wife, child and himself and burned the house. The sheriff and the prosecuting attorney have gone to the scene. It is thought Israelson was insane.

**Japan Issues Bonds.**  
Yokohama, Oct. 28.—The Japanese treasury announces the issue of bonds to the amount of 16,500,000 yen. Of this sum 8,000,000 yen will be devoted to the redemption of other bonds, while the remainder will be utilized in defraying the cost of the Chinese expedition.

**After a Post Office Robber.**  
Toledo, O., Oct. 28.—J. B. Evans, better known as "Topeka Joe," the famous post office robber, who escaped jail here recently, has been located in the woods near Sarnia, Can., and a posse of men is on his track. There is a reward for his arrest.

## 1 WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Tuesday, October 22.

Miss Nellie McCormick, daughter of former Attorney General and Mrs. McCormick, was wedded at Williamsport to Joseph H. Cochran.

James W. Wood, who drew the capital prize in the Lawton land district at the El Reno lottery last August and settled a claim valued at nearly \$50,000, is dead of typhoid fever.

The Marquis Ito's party has initiated a strong movement to overthrow the cabinet. Important political developments are anticipated.

The directors of the Mercantile Trust company, of Boston, have voted to increase the capital stock of the company from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

Andrew Carnegie has given £600 each to the churches at Irvine and Castle Douglas, the money to go towards the purchase of organs in the churches.

Wednesday, October 23.

Mrs. Isaac Bond, of Newark, N. J., was killed on the railroad at Plainfield, N. J., last night.

Andrew Carnegie has accepted the nomination for lord rectorship of St. Andrew's University, in London.

Marquis Ito, former premier of Japan, declares he knows nothing of the movement against the Japanese ministry.

The textile workers at Fall River, Mass., asked for a 10 per cent. increase in wages, to take effect on November 4.

Thursday, October 24.

A plan is on foot to combine the hardware jobbing interests of the country.

The eleventh annual convention of the Ohio Bankers' Association began at Cleveland, with a large attendance.

Professor C. W. Gilmore, of the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburg, has discovered near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, the almost complete fossil remains of an immense Brontosaurus.

General William B. Franklin, United States Army, retired, dined with King Leopold at the palace last evening. During the afternoon the general had a long private audience with the king.

The fifth annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance opened at Chicago this morning. The alliance supports 400 missionaries in foreign lands, its members being advocates of divine healing.

Friday, October 25.

The Ohio Bankers' Association convention ended last night with a banquet.

Former Police Inspector George W. Dilks, of New York, died yesterday, aged 84 years.

Nearly all the business houses in Lamar, Ark., were destroyed by fire. Loss, \$150,000.

Marquis Ito, former premier of Japan, was given a banquet last evening at the Metropolitan Club, New York.

The Anti-Imperialistic League, of Boston, hopes that President Roosevelt will take the view that a colonial policy is an impossible one.

Saturday, October 26.

The League of Professional Baseball Players is now in session in New York.

Textile manufacturers at Fall River, Mass., positively refuse to advance wages.

Hall Caine, the author, has been elected a member of the British parliament.

Adjutant General Corbin, of Washington, is the guest of Dr. Doty, of New York.

The Grand Camp of Confederate Veterans of Virginia are in session at Petersburg, Va.

It is said that General Weyler will assume the premiership of Spain, to succeed Senor Sagasta.

Andrew Carnegie announces that he will be absolutely impartial in relation to the municipal campaign in New York.

Monday, October 28.

The Duchess of Manchester gave birth to a daughter yesterday.

Yesterday was the 43d anniversary of the birth of President Roosevelt.

The strike of cigarmakers at Tampa, Fla., is said to be a thing of the past. Sealing schooner returning to Victoria from Being Sea reports a good catch.

The National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturer will convene in Kansas City, Mo., on Wednesday.

**Philadelphia Live Stock Market.**  
Philadelphia, Oct. 26.—Beef cattle ruled slow and dull; best, 6¼@6¾c.; choice, 5½@5¾c.; medium, 4¾@5¼c.; common, 4¼@4¾c. Sheep and lambs were steady; extra, 3¼@3¾c.; medium, 2¾@2¾c.; common, 1½@2¼c.; lambs, 3½@5¼c. Hogs steady; best western, 9@9¼c.; other kinds, 8¼@9c. Fat cows dull, at 2½@3¼c.; thin cows, 1½@2¼c. Veal calves steady; extra choice, 7½c.; common, 3¼@5c.; milk cows, firm, at \$40@60 per head; common to far dull, at \$20@25 per head; dressed steers steady, at 7¼@9¼c.; dressed cows, 5@6¼c.