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HOLIDAYS! HOLIDAYS!

Christmas comes but once a year
Let us greet it with good cheer.

We are all ready to help you with a good stock of
STAPLE AND FANCY GOODS suitable for

Holiday Presents.

Come as early as you can and make your selections
and get first choice.

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.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,

313 Pine Street,
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

Black Silk

Black peau de Soie is one of the best
silks for making full gowns having the
soft luster of a satin and the advantage
of both sides finished alike so either side
can be used. We have good qualities at
75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Taffetas

If you are interested in black taffetas
you should see the good qualities we have
in 22-24-27-36 inches wide at 50c to
\$1.50. We have some new fancy silks
for waists or dresses at 50c, 75c, and \$1.00

Table Linen

64 and 66 inch unbleached and 70 inch
wide special bleached linen in good pat-
terns at 50c. 72 inches wide unbleached
and full bleached table linen very heavy
quality in a large variety of neat designs,
some excellent qualities for 75c, 1.00 1.25.
Napkins in 1/2 and 3/4 sizes to match all the
patterns in linens.

New Flannel Waists

Made of fine French flannel, yokes formed
with cluster tucks, sleeves and back
tucked, others with fancy stitching giving
a braided effect, we have them in cardinal,
old rose, reseda, navy blue, cadet, etc.
1.00 to \$3.50.

Comforters

At this time you may want an extra
comforter we have some very nice one in
floral effects sateen or silkline some one
side plain other both sides figured at 1.00
to 3.50.

Blankets

Of all descriptions white, grey, searlet;
either cotton, part wool or strictly all
wool. We can sell you blankets from
50c a pair up to \$9.50 for the finest Cali-
fornia wool blankets. We keep a full
assortment of the CELEBRATED MUN-
CY BLANKETS in colored and white.

Underware

For men, women and children in white
or natural color, either cotton, fleece lined
part wool or fine Australian wool, we
have anything you need. Also Ladies'
Misses black equestrian tights, natural
or white union suits.

Robes

White Goat Fur Robes for baby car-
riages, a nice article for a Christmas gift
for the little one; prices from 2.25 to 4.50.

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,
DUSHORE, PA.
D. KEEFE, Proprietor.
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.

ULYSSES BIRD
Land Surveyor Engineer and Conveyancer.
Relocating old lines and corners, and draw-
ing maps a specialty.
Will usually be found at home on Mondays.
Charges reasonable.
Estella, Sullivan Co., Pa.

HOTEL GUY.
MILDRED, PA.
R. H. GUY, Proprietor.
Newly furnished throughout, special
attention given to the wants of the travel-
ing public. Bar stocked with first class
wines, liquors and cigars. The best beer
on the market always on tap.
Rates Reasonable.

COMMERCIAL HOUSE.
LAPORTE, PA.
AVID TEMPLE, Prop.
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.

OPENING OF CONGRESS

Fifty-seventh Congress Convened
at Noon Today.

HENDERSON IS AGAIN SPEAKER

Sessions in House and Senate Were
of Routine Nature and Brief—Presi-
dent's Message Will Be Read To-
morrow.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The Fifty-sev-
enth congress opened today, and will
in all likelihood be one of the busiest
and most important sessions ever held.
Ten years ago a billion-dollar congress
furnished the text for the economists.
The record for the coming congress
will be more nearly two billion dollars,
so vast has been the growth of the
country and its needs. If for no other
reason than for the liberal expendi-
tures to be made for public works,
the present congress will be remarka-
ble. But it will have other claims as
a history-maker if, as now seems proba-
ble, provision is made for starting
the construction of the inter-oceanic
canal.

One of the first measures of national
interest which will be introduced in
this session will be a resolution look-
ing to public action concerning the
death of President McKinley. This
will be presented tomorrow by either
Senator Foraker or Senator Hanna,
probably the former, and after its in-
troduction the senate will adjourn im-
mediately as a mark of respect to the
memory of the dead President. The
annual message of President Roose-
velt will not be received until tomor-
row, and on this account the session
of today was exceedingly brief. Wed-
nesday and Thursday will be devoted
to the introduction of new bills, and
as usual there will be a flood of them.
Among the first bills of importance
to be presented will be the ship sub-
sidy bill, which will be introduced by
Senator Frye, and the Nicaragua
Canal bill, which Senator Morgan will
present.

The program for the opening day
in the house today, although it fol-
lowed rigidly routine precedents, was
interesting and to a certain extent
picturesque. Admission to the galler-
ies was by card, of which two had been
issued to each member, and they were
crowded to their full capacity. The
desks of the popular members were
laden with flowers. The clerk of the
house called the members to order at
noon, and after prayer by the chaplain
the roll was called by states.

General Henderson was elected
speaker and escorted to the chair by
a committee. After he addressed the
house, Mr. Bingham, of Pennsylvania,
"the Father of the House," a titular
honor bestowed upon the oldest mem-
ber in point of continuous service, ad-
ministered the oath to him.

Senator Penrose and Representative
Wanger, of Pennsylvania, will intro-
duce bills for the acquisition of Val-
ley Forge and its incorporation into
a national park as a memorial of one
of the most historic places in revolu-
tionary days. The measures will be
practically the same as those intro-
duced in the senate and house re-
spectively last year, and will provide
for an appropriation of \$200,000 for
park purposes. The project has the
earnest indorsement of 27 patriotic
associations, including both organiza-
tions of the Revolution, the Colonial Dames
and the Junior Order of American
Mechanics.

Small-Pox in Schuylkill County.
Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 2.—Dr. A. H.
Halberstadt, of this city, state medical
inspector of Schuylkill county, reports
small-pox as alarmingly epidemic in
this county. According to the latest
information the disease is at Auburn
and six cases are at Port Clinton.
Thomas Kirk, of Philadelphia, who is
visiting at St. Clair, is down with a
most violent form of the disease. At
Tamaqua several cases have developed
and the town is alarmed because of the
fact that nearly 200 people who went
with the Tamaqua football team to
Hamburg last Thursday stopped at the
Port Clinton Station, and the station
agent and his assistant, who were
taken violently ill with small-pox, ming-
led freely among them, probably scat-
tering the germs. The alarm at Ta-
maqua is so great that on Saturday 600
people were vaccinated and the doctors
ran out of vaccine matter.

Died in Church.
Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 2.—Yesterday
morning while attending services in
the First M. E. Church, Walter A.
Haldy, cashier of the Lancaster County
National Bank, suddenly became ill
and died a few minutes later in the
vestry room, to which he had been
hastily removed. Death was due to
rheumatism of the heart. Deceased
was 51 years old, and is survived by
his wife and two children.

AFFAIRS IN PHILIPPINES

The Financial Situation is Causing
Considerable Alarm.

Manila, Dec. 2.—The financial sit- uation in the Philippine Islands is causing considerable alarm. In an interview published in Manila Henry C. Ide, chief of the department of finance and justice, referred to the probable enforcement of an alteration in the immediate future, of the present government parity of two Mexican dollars for one gold dollar. The United States post office here now refuses to issue money orders in exchange for Mexican silver, except to government employees. The banks of Manila have been making from 6 to 8 per cent. on exchange. The commercial com- munity had relied upon the United States Philippine commission to con- tinue the situation of two Mexican dollars for one gold dollar, which the commission itself created. The com- mission is unable to act in the matter without the authority of congress. Charles A. Conant, special commis- sioner of the war department to in- vestigate the state of coinage and bank- ing in the Philippines and report to the secretary of war recommendations for remedial legislation, who is now in Washington, was the bearer of the commission's views on this matter.

The stores of Manila are compelled
to accept two Mexican dollars for one
gold dollar, while Chinese speculators
are paying as high as 6 per cent. pre-
mium in American paper money for
American gold. Local bankers say
that if the salaries of all insular em-
ployees were paid in the local or Mex-
ican currency, independently of the
fluctuations of this currency, and if
the government had not attempted to
enforce a rate of exchange, the present
financial situation would never
have arisen.

The military departments of north-
ern and southern Luzon have ceased
to exist. Major General James F.
Wade, formerly in command of the
southern department, left Manila to-
day to assume command of the Ameri-
can forces on Cebu Island, and Major
General Lloyd Wheaton, formerly
commander of the northern depart-
ment, will take command of the de-
partment of the North Philippines.
Several small engagements have oc-
curred in Datangas province in the
last few days. The forces of the insur-
gent leader Caballos have become badly
demoralized. His followers are broken
up into several small bands. Caballos
holds two American prisoners.

STEAMSHIP PASSENGER MISSING

It is Thought Georgia Man Jumped
Overboard at Night.

New York, Nov. 30.—When the Sa-
vannah line steamship Chattahoochee
reached her pier yesterday, Captain
H. C. Lewis reported that one of his
passengers was missing, and from an
examination he had made of the ship
he believed that the man had jumped
overboard. F. E. Keilbach, of Sa-
vannah, Ga., was the missing passen-
ger. The vessel left that port on No-
vember 20. Keilbach occupied a state-
room with a window opening on deck.
He had a large valise, well stocked
with clothes and \$300, which he gave
to the purser for safekeeping.

On Thursday morning one of the
waiters went to call him to breakfast.
This was at 8.35 a. m. As he could
get no response he went away, and
returned at 9.30. This time, as there
was no response to his repeated
knocking, he went around on deck
and looked in at the window. The
window was open and the room was
empty. The key was in the lock of the
door. Captain Lewis was at once no-
tified and the door of the room was
opened. In the room were found the
man's effects and a letter addressed
to his parents. The ship was searched,
but no trace of the missing passenger
was found. It is believed that he
jumped overboard some time Wednes-
day night or early Thursday morning.

Shot and Killed His Wife.

Camden, N. J., Nov. 30.—Samuel
Vanstavern, aged 42 years, last night
shot and instantly killed his wife. The
shooting took place on the sidewalk
near Fourth and Chestnut streets, and
was witnessed by a number of persons.
Vanstavern fired four shots,
each of which took effect. The couple
had been married 18 years, but had
frequently separated and had not been
living together recently. They have
one son, aged 17 years. Vanstavern
surrendered to the police immediately
after the shooting. He was employed
in an oilcloth factory.

Assaulted and Robbed.

Pittston, Pa., Nov. 30.—Seven mask-
ed men broke into the hotel of John
Nealis, at Avoca, yesterday, and after
beating the proprietor and his wife
insensible as they lay in bed, tied them
fast and proceeded to rob the place.
They secured \$246, a couple of gold
watches and some jewelry belonging to
Mrs. Nealis, and then departed. They
were trailed by three men nearly to
this city, when they turned on the pur-
suers and assaulted the men severely,
one of them receiving a fractured
skull.

Said President Should Be Shot.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—A. H. Mueller,
arrested on Saturday evening at Broad
and Chestnut streets, charged with
having declared that President Roose-
velt should be shot the same as was
McKinley, was held in \$800 bail for
court yesterday for disturbing the
peace. At the hearing before Magis-
trate Kochersperger at the City Hall
Mueller had nothing to say beyond
declaring that he was not responsible
on Saturday for using the words im-
puted to him.

FIRE DESTROYS FAMILY

Mother and Four Children Perish
in Burning Home.

HEAT DROVE RESCUERS BACK

Screams of Victims Heard Above Roar
of Flames—Husband Nearly Crazed
With Grief and is Destitute—Cause
of Fire is Unknown.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 2.—Between 1
and 2 o'clock yesterday morning five
persons, a mother and her four chil-
dren, were burned to death at Gwin
Station, on the Wopsonnock railroad,
three miles north of this city. The
husband escaped.

THE DEAD.
MRS. MARY C. BURK, 42 years old.
ADAM GUSTAVE BURK, 16 years
old.

MARY E. BURK, 13 years old.
JOANNA BURK, 11 years old.
JOSEPH VICTOR BURK, 8 years
old.

Carl W. Burk, the husband, is
burned about the back seriously, but
not fatally.

Mrs. Burk and the children, save
Adam, retired at the usual hour on
Saturday night. Mr. Burk, who was
in Altoona, did not get home until
late. The lamp was burning in the
kitchen for him. Before he went up-
stairs he turned it low. A lunch was
left for Adam on the kitchen table,
who is a stage hand at the Altoona
Opera House. It is not known what
time he turned in.

About 1.30 o'clock Mrs. Burk was
awakened by a dense smoke in her
room. She awoke her husband. He
dressed hurriedly and hastened down
stairs. Opening the kitchen door, he
found that the room was ablaze. The
draft caused by the open door accentu-
ated the fire, and with a roar the
flames swept through the house.

Burk's clothing was ignited, and he
sprang outside and rolled in the snow
to extinguish the tiny tongues of fire
that in a moment were licking pain-
fully at his flesh. He then summoned
the assistance of the neighbors. There
was no hope of saving the house when
they arrived. To rescue the inmates
was impossible, for every time they
tried to enter the intense heat drove
them back.

Burk, in a mad frenzy, tried to rush
through the flames, but was prevent-
ed. It would have been sure death.
Meantime the agonizing screams of
the inmates could be heard above the
roaring of the fire and the crackling
of the burning timbers. For one brief
second Mrs. Burk appeared at an up-
stairs window. In her arms she car-
ried a child. Then the flames arose
around and about her, and she sank
back and was seen no more. The
neighbors gathered outside were hor-
rified and turned away. Burk was
mercifully sent away to the hospital
about this time, crazed with grief.

The house, which was a two-story
frame structure, was soon consumed
and the search of the ruins com-
menced. As there was nothing left but
the foundation stones, the bodies,
charred and blackened, were speedily
recovered. One corpse could not be
distinguished from the other. They
were brought to a morgue in this
city.

The fire robbed Burk of his family
and all his personal property. He is
left without a penny. He escaped
scantily clothed. He is so destitute
that the funeral expenses of his loved
ones will have to be borne by the
county.

The kitchen stove shows evidences
of a hot fire, but the general opinion
seems to be that Adam forgot to put
out the lamp when he retired, and the
family dog, in search of something to
appease his hunger, upset the lamp.

West Point, 11; Annapolis, 5.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—On Saturday
in the presence of 30,000 spectators,
including President Roosevelt and
many government officials, the West
Point football team defeated Annapolis
by a score of 11 to 5. West Point
caught a Tartar in the Navy team.
Such a magnificent exhibition of tack-
ling as given by Annapolis on Frank-
lin Field has rarely been seen. Two
surprises were afforded, the spirited
offense of the Middies and the sleep-
y, unconcentrated defense of the Army
lads. The Middies' eleven seemed
timed to a higher chord than the
Army's. Yet they could not reach
the supreme key of the soldiers, Daly,
West Point's quarterback, played one
of the greatest games ever seen in
this city.

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