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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 infer-
iority. 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 pen de Soie is one of the best
silks for making fall 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 form-
ed with cluster tucks, sleeves and back
tucked, others with fancy stitching giving
a braided effect, we have them in cardi-
al, old rose, reseda, navy blue, cadet, etc.
1.00 to \$3.50.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.

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, scarlet;
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 any thing 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.

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.

ULYSSES 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.
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.
AVID 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, M. D. SWARTS,
President, 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.**

Hills Grove, Pa.

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

STORM WAS GENERAL

Much Damage Done by Wind and
Flood Yesterday.

LOSS IN COAL REGIONS GREAT

Rivers in Some Places Have Risen 15
Feet Above Their Level, and Inun-
dated Lowlands—Bridges Are Closed
and Traffic Suspended.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—A storm,
which for severity and destructiveness
has not been equalled in this section
for 25 years, visited eastern and cen-
tral Pennsylvania on Saturday night,
causing almost unprecedented dam-
age. The havoc in the coal regions is
enormous and the loss to railroads
and mining companies will amount to
millions of dollars. The Schuylkill,
Lehigh, Susquehanna and Juniata riv-
ers have risen as high as 15 feet above
their level, and all of their tributaries
have overflowed, inundating the sur-
rounding country in more than a dozen
counties.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 16.—The
heavy rains of Saturday night caused
the Susquehanna river to rise rapidly.
At 9 o'clock last night it was 29 feet
above low water mark and still rising.
All the lowlands on the west side of
the river opposite Wilkesbarre are
covered with water from two to five
feet deep. The town of Westmore is
entirely surrounded by water, and
many of the inhabitants are leaving
their homes in boats, fearing that if
the river should continue to rise dur-
ing the night the city dwellings may
be swept away.

All railroad traffic east and west is
suspended. A big washout occurred
on the Lehigh Valley railroad at Vos-
burg tunnel, and the water is running
over the tracks a depth of several
feet. A bridge for crossing the creek,
in close proximity to the Susquehanna
river, in the northern part of this
city, was greatly weakened by the
flood and no attempt will be made to
run trains over it until it is put in
condition. A washout occurred on
the Central Railroad of New Jersey
at White Haven, which completely
crippled that road.

In the rural districts the wind blew
down small buildings and fences and
uprooted trees. After the wind ceased
early Saturday night the rain came
down in torrents and continued until
yesterday morning. Yesterday there
was a sudden change in the weather,
the temperature falling rapidly, and
last night the residents of the Wyom-
ing valley were experiencing a touch
of the western blizzard.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 16.—The great-
est flood Schuylkill county has expe-
rienced in 25 years occurred on
Saturday night, resulting from a con-
tinuous rain of several days, which
caused the Schuylkill river to over-
flow its banks. The total loss is esti-
mated at over a million of dollars.
Forty-eight collieries of the Philadel-
phia and Reading Coal and Iron com-
pany and other corporations are flood-
ed and will be idle for at least a
week. In the East colliery, at Ash-
land, 30 miles were drowned. A score
of township and railroad bridges were
washed away, including three in New-
castle township belonging to the
Pennsylvania Railroad company. Sev-
eral destructive landslides occurred
along the Pennsylvania railroad and
the Philadelphia and Reading railway.
Traffic north of Pottsville is at a
standstill. At Schuylkill Haven the
water reached the second stories of
residences.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 16.—The most
destructive flood in the Lehigh valley
since 1862 started yesterday morning
at 3 o'clock, following a two-days'
draining rain, which melted the snow
in the mountains, causing the Lehigh
river to become a raging torrent. The
traction company's power houses were
flooded with seven feet of water,
which drowned the fires under the boilers.
The Adelals silk mill sustained a
loss of over \$40,000 by the flood.
Eight feet of muddy water is on the
first floor, completely covering the
warping and winding machines and
ruining all the silk on the machines.
No through trains are running north
of Allentown, and communication by
wire is completely cut off.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 16.—Great havoc
was wrought in the Lehigh region by
the storm. John Burns, a miner, of
Onelda, near here, was washed from a
bridge and drowned. Over 100 mine
mules were drowned in the various
collieries in this vicinity, and the ma-
jority of the mines are flooded. The
damage in this section is estimated
at \$200,000. Both tracks of the Lehigh
Valley railroad between Weatherly
and Black creek, east of this city, were
washed away, and the Pennsylvania
railroad lines south of here were se-
verely damaged. Not a train arrived
here yesterday.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 16.—In six
hours the Lehigh river overflowed the
canal and the adjoining railroad tracks
on both sides. Not since 1841 has the
back water from the river wrought

such serious damage. The canal bank
bosses say the damage to the canal
will reach \$30,000, while 200 private
residences in the flooded district suf-
fer to the extent of nearly \$50,000.
Both the electric and gas companies
were without power, and the churches
were compelled to suspend services
last night.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 16.—The Sus-
quehanna river has been rising at the
rate of nine inches an hour since yester-
day morning, with indications that
it will continue to rise all night. There
were two feet of water in the engine
room of the Harrisburg water works
last evening. The freshet was caused
by the heavy rainfall in the Juniata
valley and along the west branch of
the Susquehanna river.

Bedford, Pa., Dec. 16.—One of the
heaviest wind and rain storms in its
history visited Bedford. The rain fell
in torrents and a fierce gale shook the
buildings. The Raystown creek over-
flowed the railroad tracks, flooded one
or two houses in the western end of
town and rushed through the power
house of the Bedford Electric Light,
Heat and Power company, doing con-
siderable damage.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 16.—A rain and
wind storm of great fury raged here
during the early hours of yesterday
morning. Many houses were unroofed,
including Fulton's opera house, Hotel
Lincoln, the Stevens House and St.
Mary's Catholic Church. Throughout
the county the storm was not so se-
vere, though at Columbia roofs were
blown from a number of houses.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 16.—The freshet
in the Delaware and Lehigh rivers has
done serious damage all through this
section. Railroad traffic is suspended
and the water has risen to Front street
in this city. Telegraph and telephone
communication is interrupted. Thou-
sands of dollars damage has already
been done to the big industries at
West Easton.

Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 16.—Owing
to the heavy rains and wind business
yesterday was at a standstill in the
Erie railroad. A mile of track near
Owego, on the Susquehanna division,
and several hundred feet at Rosas
switch, on the Delaware division, are
submerged.

At Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 16.—The
severe storm which set in yesterday
morning did considerable damage
along the coast. Two large vessels
are ashore, and a row of boat houses
near the inlet in this city were top-
pled over, entailing a loss of \$30,000.
The schooner Mark Gray, bound from
Boston to Georgia, in command of
Captain Leech, and having a crew of
seven men, was driven hard ashore
12 miles above Barnegat. The govern-
ment telegraph wires having been
blown down it is not possible to get
definite particulars. The English bark
Sindia, with a crew of 23 men besides
the officers, went ashore off Ocean
City yesterday morning, and the crew
stuck to her until daylight, when sig-
nals of distress were blown and an-
swered by the life saving crew. After
considerable hard work the crew was
landed. The vessel is lying on her
side, with 14 feet of water in her hold,
and fears are entertained that she
may prove a loss.

TRAIN WRECK CAUSED BY STORM

Train Falls Through Bridge and Three
Men Are Killed.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 16.—A freight
train on the Philadelphia and Erie
division of the Pennsylvania railroad
went through the bridge spanning Ly-
coming creek between this city and
Newberry yesterday morning. Three
lives were lost.

The dead are: John Martz, engineer,
of Sunbury, married; Frederick Glass,
fireman, of Sunbury, married; George
Harley, brakeman, of Sunbury, single.
The train was known as fast freight
No. 83, and was running three hours
late owing to the disarrangement of
the schedule growing out of the storm.
The bridge spanning the creek was a
two-span iron structure the first
span of which gave way beneath the
train. The engine and nine cars were
engulfed in the icy waters. The creek
was greatly swollen as a result of the
heavy rains, and it is presumed that
the middle pier had been weakened.
No efforts could be made to reach the
bodies on account of the height of the
water.

Accidentally Killed Friend.

New York, Dec. 16.—Michael Flynn
was accidentally shot and killed yester-
day by his friend, James Hayes, of
Jersey City, while they were snipe
shooting on the meadows near that
city. Hayes tripped and fell, his gun
was discharged, and the lead of shot
struck Flynn in the breast. Hayes was
arrested, pending official investiga-
tion.

Rural Delivery in Maryland.

Elkton, Md., Dec. 16.—The second
rural free delivery route in this coun-
ty will shortly be started, commenc-
ing at Port Deposit and covering about
18 miles. The starting of this route
will result in the discontinuing of the
post offices at Woodland and West
Nottingham.

MRS. BONINE ACQUITTED

Jury Deliberated on Verdict For
Nearly Five Hours.

ATTENDANCE IN COURT LIMITED

Verdict Was Expected, as the Impres-
sion Prevailed That Prosecution
Failed to Prove Its Case—She Is
Set at Liberty.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The jury in
the case of Mrs. Lola Ida Henry Bon-
ine, charged with the murder of
James Seymour Ayres, Jr., in the Ken-
more Hotel, in this city, on the night
of May 15th, was set at liberty. Such
a conclusion of the trial was generally
expected, the popular impression here
being that from the evidence submit-
ted the prosecution had failed to prove
its case against Mrs. Bonine. The
jury was out less than five hours, re-
tiring a few minutes after 4 o'clock
yesterday afternoon, and reporting
their verdict shortly before 9 o'clock
in the evening. The attendance in the
courtroom when the jury returned was
limited to the members of the bar,
representatives of the press and the
employees of the court. There was
some little attempt at a demonstration
of approval, but this was quickly sup-
pressed by Judge Anderson, who pre-
viously had warned the spectators
against manifestation of any char-
acter. Mrs. Bonine was in court at
the time, and with her were her hus-
band and her two boys and several of
her relatives, all of whom have shown
their sympathy for her by their con-
stant attendance during the long trial.
The jury was discharged, and Mrs.
Bonine and her friends left the court
house by a back door.

FILIPINO CONCENTRATION CAMP

General Bell Is Determined to Stamp
Out the Insurgents.

Manila, Dec. 16.—General J. Frank-
lin Bell has been exceedingly active
in Batangas province, where he in-
tends by every means available to
stamp out the insurgents. Lieutenant
Hennessy, of the Eighth Infantry, to-
gether with one American scout and
six Filipinos, captured an insurgent
major, with 42 men, 22 rifles and 880
rounds of ammunition, without the
loss of a man. A number of captured
documents and papers, now in the
hands of General Bell, implicate in
the insurrection the president and
other prominent natives of Lian, Ba-
tangas province.

General Bell has notified the natives
in Batangas that on December 28 he
proposes to concentrate them in the
neighborhood of the towns. He will
move their live stock, rice, etc., to
within the limits of concentration.
After that date everything outside of
these limits will be confiscated. The
roads from Batangas and Laguna
provinces are lined with a continuous
stream of native men, women and
children, in carriages, carts and moun-
ted on carabos, seeking safety from
the horrors of war.

FORTY-SIX HOUSES BURNED

Fire at Salem, W. Va., Does \$1,200,000
Damage.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 16.—A
fire which started on Saturday night
at Salem, 70 miles east of here on the
Baltimore and Ohio railroad, destroyed
practically the entire business part
of that city. Fifty-six houses, stores
and other buildings were destroyed.
The loss is estimated at more than
\$1,200,000, with little insurance. The
city has a water supply, but the water
was secured with difficulty, owing to
the extremely cold weather, and be-
fore it was turned on to the fire the
flames had spread until they were be-
yond control. The fire originated in
a newspaper office, but the cause is
unknown.

Pennsylvania War Claims.

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 14.—Governor
Stone has returned to the war depart-
ment the warrant for \$162,000 re-
ceived by him in part payment of
Spanish-American war claims of the
state of Pennsylvania against the gen-
eral government. The reason for the
return is stated to be that the gov-
ernment refused to pay portions of the
claims, and the state insists that every
claim is just. If the \$162,000 is ac-
cepted now it will be regarded as a
tacit consent of the state that the
turning down of some of the claims
was warranted.

Mrs. McKinley's Condition.

Akron, O., Dec. 14.—Information re-
ceived by friends here of Mrs. McKin-
ley, the widow of the late president,
shows that her condition is much more
serious than is admitted in her home
city. Mrs. McKinley will talk of noth-
ing but her grief, and even when
guests are present sits for hours at
a time wrapped in her sorrow and
speaking to no one. It is realized that
if she is not aroused she may not sur-
vive the winter. She is bordering on
mental and physical collapse.