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Sporting goods, fishing tackle, guns, revolvers and equipments. Roofing, spouting, plumbing, piping and fittings. Bicycle repairing and general job work.

Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

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

White Goods

More white is worn this season than ever before and nothing makes a handsomer dress than fine Swiss or French Lawn. We have plain Swiss 40 inches wide at 25c, 50 inches at 35c, 60 in. at 45c. French lawns 50 in. wide at 50c, 60c, 75c, and 85c; also all the popular lace stripes and new Jacquard figures.

Summer Underwear Laces.

We are showing a very complete line of men's ladies' Misses' and children's light weight and gauze underwear. Men's bal-brigan shirts and drawers. Shirts with either long or short sleeves. Ladies' low neck and short sleeves gauze vest at 10, 12½ and 15c. Swiss ribbed vest low neck long and short sleeves extra good value for 25c; ribbed gauze drawers at 15c and 25c and up.

This is a great lace season in fact the prominent trimming for all kinds of thin materials. We have a number of novelties just in. Hundreds of designs in all widths and prices. Come and see them when you are looking for dainty laces.

Parasol

We are showing some stylish new fancy, plain black, and plain white parasols. Children parasols at all prices, also sun umbrellas in black, garnet, brown, navy and green.

Foulard Silks

We have some very handsome designs in Foulards and Satin Liberties, all new patterns this season which we are closing out at a great bargain.

Hosiery

Ladies' fast black and fancy colored lisle lace stripe or drop stitch hose at 25c to 1.20. Ladies' fast black silk hose at 1.00, 1.25 and 1.39. Men's half hose in cotton lisle at 12½ cents to 50c. Men's black silk half hose at 1.00. The fast black heavy ribbed hose we sell at 25c for boys and girls are the very best hose made for the price.

COUNTY NEWS

**Happenings of
Interest to Readers**

Columns of interesting
Items Gathered by Our
Special Corps of Hustling
Correspondents in
Many Towns.

EAGLES MERE.

In the absence of your regular correspondent the Item and its readers are indebted to Mr. B. G. Welch for this column in the last issue. In case of emergency we will seek his help again.

The last meeting of the Post Office Club was held under Mr. Kehrer's aving on account of the storm. He kindly made no charge for the light as long as the sales of Peanuts kept in good shape.

The Committee on Sidewalks reported that when repairs are made it is customary to pile up the rubbish on the grass and burn it so as to avoid making a mess for a number of days on the roadway but as it makes a large black patch in the lawns and burns out the grass which is followed by weeds the Committee thought the Club should take action in the direction of advising a different course. Some of the members thought the black patch gave variety to the scene like that on a man's face even if it was not ornamental. The Committee was directed to confer with the authorities on the subject.

The Committee also reported that the new sidewalk to the railroad station would not be constructed until October so as to avoid the wear on it during the summer months.

The Secretary reported that he had succeeded in obtaining a valuable relic in a time table of the Eagles Mere R. R. that had been issued and carefully preserved until the time changed after which it was allowed to get out. In view of the scarcity he advised that it be preserved in the records of the Club. He also reported that by sending away to a foreign town he had been able to secure a copy of the time table now in effect but that he thought it not advisable to permit it to be exposed until next fall as nothing of the kind could be found in any of the county papers.

The thanks of the Club was voted to the Secretary for his energy and self sacrificing devotion in the matter.

Arrivals at the Hotels and cottages are increasing daily. We notice that the following cottages are now fully occupied in addition to previous reports; Munsons, Reighards, John Gamble, Stearns, J. V. Brown, Mrs. R. W. Clay, Dr. Nutt, Mrs. Schick and Mr. Henry Browns cottage is open and ready for the family.

Rev. James W. Smiley who has been acting as rector of the Episcopal Church has returned to his home in Baltimore.

Rev. Dr. Parsons of Washington will again fill the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church this summer. He has been very popular each year that he has been here.

Last Sunday evening Rev. S. B. Bidlack preached to a large and attentive congregation in the Presbyterian Church.

A number of Phila. & Reading R. R. Agents spent Sunday at Hotel Raymond.

About half a mile of the railroad extension track has been laid and we notice the teams of Mr. Sones hauling quantities of sawmill machinery so we suppose he is intending to get ready for the railroad in advance of the completion of the track.

B. L. Miller of Hughesville has provided Eagles Mere with the best equipped Drug Store it has ever had. Nothing seems to be lacking and the best thing in it is the accommodating, gentlemanly attendant Mr. J. Suttill.

On the morning of July 4th about 3 o'clock the old Skating Rink building was discovered to be on fire and crowds of cottagers and hotel guests turned out to watch the spectacle which was really beautiful. It lasted over an hour and resulted in

the complete destruction of the building absolutely without other damage. The sparks were carried to the roof of Hotel Eagles Mere but on account of the late rains it was so wet that no harm was done. Mine host Ingham had men on the roof to extinguish the sparks as they fell. It is presumed that there was no insurance and the loss falls on Miss Evans of Philadelphia who became the owner of the property as the outcome of a suit with Miss Wright. It is a great improvement to the landscape and the surroundings to have it away. Its destruction very much reduces the strategic value of the property. The fire made a great fourth of July display.

Rev. J. T. Bradford has accepted a call to another charge leaving the Baptist Church here without a Pastor at present.

The Avery cottage is filling with guests who are here for the season. There is every indication that though the cold, wet June has delayed arrivals the conditions as to visitors will be as before and that twice as many people will want to come here as the hotels can accommodate.

RICKETS.

The Fourth passed off noisily as usual, only two minor accidents occurring in this town.

C. Lang the 8 year old son of A. Lang had one eye filled with powder grains but is doing nicely. M. R. Yarrison had his hand burned by a large cannon cracker.

There was 333 tickets sold at the Ricketts station on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of July.

Two hundred and ninety-eight cars of lumber and saw-dust were shipped from this place in June.

The mill was shut down Thursday Friday and Saturday of last week.

Quite an exodus from this town last week. So much so that the town seemed deserted for a few days. Queer that when a family sent for a pound of salted peanuts, that a clerk should send the boy home with a pound of salts. Why?

Mr. Heintzleman caught a 10½ in. trout last week.

The bull-heads are not being caught very freely now.

One of the heaviest rains of the year visited this town Saturday night and Sunday morning.

Geo. Kintner and family have moved from this place.

A new library has been installed in the Sunday School.

The committee have recalled their action regarding the excursion and the same will take place on the 22d of July as formerly announced.

The State Y. M. C. A. has sent Messrs Berwiger and Barton to work in the camps holding religious services. They are now at Spruce Camp.

Mr. Turrell and family have taken up their residence here for the summer.

NORDMONT.

Mr. O. J. Sherman spent the latter part of the week in Williamsport visiting relatives.

Quite a number of young people from here spent the 4th at Muncy.

Misses Pearl and Myrtle Crossley of Benton, visited with their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Botsford over Sunday.

Mr. A. P. Wieland, a wide am son have returned after an extended visit to Center County.

Rev. S. B. Bidlack and Miss Maud Laird enjoyed a drive to Sonestown Friday night of last week.

Mr. Lewis Long and wife are visiting W. L. Lovelace and family.

Ernest H. Botsford transacted business at Emmons Monday.

Mr. Edward Travelet has moved from Emmons to this place where he will be employed in the Chemical works.

Misses Alice Pennington and Maud Laird spent the 4th at Sonestown.

Walter Lorah of Sonestown was entertained by H. M. Botsford and wife here they "C. O. D."

A TRAGEDY

AT BERNICE.

**George Jackson, an Aged Miner
Shot to Death July Fourth.**

WOMAN SHOT IN THE HIP.

Mrs. A.L. Johnson the Victim of a Shooting Accident. P. J. Smith Narrowly Escapes Losing Both Eyes. Ex-Judge John S. Line Shocked by Lightning.

Another tragedy was added to the list at this place Friday night, July 4th when Geo. Jackson an aged miner who had been working here for the past four months was shot and fatally wounded by Peter Ritzcoski. About midnight of the 4th Jackson and three others went to the house of Ritzcoskie, after they had been drinking more or less, and demanded drink. Ritzcoskie who it appears had been running a speak easy during the day, refused to give them anything. This led to the exchanging of hot words which resulted in Ritzcoskie and another man in the house putting Jackson and his companions out. Ritzcoskie then stepped out on the porch and fired four shots one of the bullets striking Jackson on the thigh and taking an upward course penetrated a vital spot in the abdomen. Nearby neighbors hearing Jackson's groans came to his assistance and carried him to his boarding house. Dr. Campbell was summoned at once and after vainly trying to locate the bullet he was placed on the morning train and sent to the Sayre Hospital but died while being taken from the train. Ritzcoskie was arrested on the charge of murder at noon the following day by H. W. Taylor and F. T. McMahon, Coal and Iron policemen, and taken before Squire Lawrence at Dushore and given a hearing where he confessed to firing the fatal shot but claims it was during a fight and he only intended to scare the men away. He was committed to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury. Soon after the hearing Taylor and McMahon hurried their prisoner into a closed carriage and started for Laporte and Ritzcoskie was soon under lock and key, thus in about twenty hours from the time he fired the fatal shot he was safely behind prison bars.

The prisoner is an ordinary looking polander of about 45 years of age and speaks broken English, he has a wife and five or six children, and had worked in the mines here for about six months. Jackson the victim resided at Hatch Hill near New Albany, and was about 60 years of age. He leaves an aged widow to mourn his death.

Have you ever noticed that when you meet a doctor he says, "how are you." A newspaper man inquires, "what's the latest news." The lawyer hits you on the back and ejaculates, "what have you got." The preacher asks, "where are you going" and that is the hardest question of all to answer.

Thursday evening at about 9:30 while standing on her front porch watching the fireworks, Mrs. A. L. Johnson was struck by a stray bullet the missile penetrating the left thigh. Drs. Randall and Campbell were summoned and extracted the bullet which had embedded itself in the bone. The bullet proved to be a 32 caliber and was flattened out to about the thickness of a nickel. By whom it was fired is hard to say as there was a great deal of fire-cracker and pistol shooting all over town during the evening. The police are working on the case and it is hoped that they will succeed in bringing the guilty party to justice. At this writing Mrs. Johnson is getting along nicely, to the delight of her many friends.

Thursday forenoon while running hot rabbit in a bolt hole at the electric plant, P. J. Smith was badly burned in the eyes and about his face by the hot metal exploding when poured into the hole that was supposed to be dry. Dr. Randall was called and took the rabbit from his eyes and it is thought he will not lose the sight of either eye which

are yielding favorably to their treatment.

Dr. Campbell of Williamsport, has located in Mildred and opened an office in that place. He comes to us highly recommended and we sincerely hope he will be able to build up a good practice and stay with us, as this vicinity has long needed a doctor.

The house owned by W. N. Johnson at Mildred, and occupied by ex-Judge Line, was struck by lightning on Saturday evening and three rooms were quite badly damaged. The Judge received a light shock.

Arthur White spent Independence Day at Elmira.

The Coal and Iron police have been notified by the S. L. & S. R. R. Company to arrest all persons carrying concealed weapons and any person or persons shooting on or around the Company's property.

A great many from here spent the Fourth at Dushore or Lopez and all report a good time.

H. W. Osler spent Saturday and Sunday at Forksville and vicinity with relatives.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson of Towanda spent Sunday visiting relatives here.

SONESTOWN.

Walter and Lloyd Lorah returned home from Central Pennsylvania College last week and were gladly welcomed by the young people.

Allen Fox is no longer assisting in the R. R. station here, having been transferred to Eagles Mere. Howard Hess takes his place.

D. H. Lorah is building a board-walk from the corner of his store to the station.

Word comes that Theo. Mencer of Vilas, a well known man in this section is seriously ill.

The engine house has been painted and it is a vast improvement.

The old Jacob Lorah sawmill is being remodeled into a like building.

Wm. Compton of Ellmsport was the guest of Messrs. Lockwood last week.

The Fourth was a very quiet one here, a number of balloons and other fireworks were displayed in the evening.

Mrs. C. H. Warren, Misses Mary Buck, Lela Buck, Ora Steck, Myrtle Edgar, Messrs. L. H. Buck and H. A. Starr attended the musical at Muncy Valley Saturday evening.

Miss Pearl Keeler of Williamsport is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. W. Simmons.

C. H. Warren who is employed near Shunk, visited his family over Sunday.

Miss Maud Laird and little Raphael Kessler of Nordmont were in town on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Robbins of Ringdale, spent a few days in town lately.

Miss Nora Crist and Freeman Deys of Williamsport were guests of the former's mother last week.

A German Medicine show is in town. Such affairs are neither elevating nor instructive and should be boycotted.

Miss Beatrice Davis of Newberry is spending the summer with her cousin, Lettie Hall.

Ellery Horn and Frank Cox of Nordmont, were in town Monday.

Rev. J. H. Campbelle and family were the recent guests of J. W. Back.

H. C. Boatman was home from Eagles Mere the first of the week.

Frank Armstrong and a boy friend of Philadelphia arrived on Tuesday at the home of A. T. Armstrong, where they will remain a week, then go on to Celestia to camp.

Ralph Magargle who has been a motorman in Philadelphia for some time is sick with smallpox in that place.

The Stewards of the M. E. church will hold a festival on the school ground next Saturday evening.

Rev. Biggs went to North Mountain last week to bury the infant child of T. Ellison, who formerly resided here.

H. P. Hall transacted business at Laporte and Dushore Monday.

John Simmons has purchased the house and lot lately owned by Jason Simmons who will locate at Muncy Valley.

The News Item Job Office
IN NEED OF FINE STATIONERY.