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We have a full assortment of breakfast, lunch or dinner napkins to match all the better grades of table linen.

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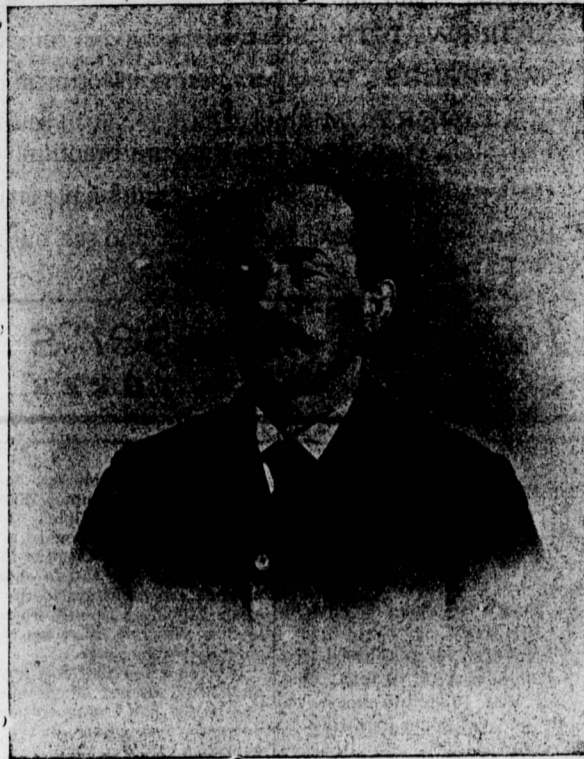
Ladies' fast black and fancy colored lace striped or drop stitch hose at 25c specially good value; better qualities up to 1.25. Ladies' black silk hose at \$1.00 1.25 and 1.39. Men's fancy and fast black hose 12 1/2 to 50c. We sell the best 25c hose made for boys and girls.

TOWELS.

of all kinds and prices, fine damask towels with either fringe or hemstitched borders at 50c to 2.50 a pair. Ask to see the New "Buddy" bath towel. It's a new idea in towels.

Sheets and Pillow Cases.

Ready for use. What the use of cutting and sewing when the made up article can be had for about the same price you would pay for the material. Pillow cases at 30c up to 40c. Sheets at 47c up to 60c, according to the quality of muslin.



ULYSSES BIRD.

Ulysses Bird, Republican candidate for County Treasurer is a representative farmer and surveyor of Elkland township. He is a descendant from one of the old families of Sullivan county, George C. and Harriet (Kaye) Bird, and was born on the farm on which he now resides, October 3, 1856.

Mr. Bird received his education in the public school and the Normal National University of Lebanon, Ohio, where he took a special course in surveying and book-keeping, graduating with high honors in the class of 1885. Our subject has a permanent certificate from the state for teaching and in his younger days taught twelve terms with marked ability. He has since devoted his time to farming and surveying in Sullivan and Bradford county, being highly successful. In 1885 he purchased fifty-six acres of the old homestead farm, on which he has erected a handsome dwelling and convenient farm buildings. He later purchased an adjoining timber tract and engaged in lumbering. He is a man of exceptional business ability, honest and energetic, and he occupies a high place in the estimation of his fellow citizens. If elected to the important position of trust he is now asking of Sullivan county voters, he will bring to the office a ripe and cultured experience, which will give to all the assurance that the accounts will be accurately kept and honestly adjusted. Give him your support.

Lopez, September 15, 1902.

MR. WING, Editor of News Item,

I am glad you are calling attention to our county debt, for the people ought to understand it, and take some steps to reduce the debt. I don't understand what right the commissioners had to make such a big debt. One of my friends sent me Smull's Hand Book and I find in the Constitution of Pennsylvania, on page 232, "The debt of any county shall never exceed seven per centum upon the assessed valuation of the taxable property therein, nor such municipality incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the assent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law."

Now I don't know the assessed valuation of Sullivan county in 1896, but a friend who knows about it says it did not then exceed \$1,800,000. It appears that in 1894 a bonded debt of \$33,000 was incurred, which was close up to two per cent on the then assessed valuation. In 1896 a new series of bonds were issued amounting to \$4,500, increasing the bonded debt to \$37,500, which was fully two per cent on the assessed valuation of the county, and up to the Constitutional limit.

It is a startling fact that during that same year in addition to the bonds, interest bearing orders were issued for borrowed money amounting to \$19,232.99. Was this constitutional? If not constitutional are not these interest bearing orders worthless? If illegal must we be taxed to pay them? I ask these questions for information.

H. W. Farmer.

The re-union of the survivors of the 58th Regiment Penn. Vet. Vol. will be held at Laporte, on Sept. 29, 1902, afternoon and evening. All old soldiers of the rebellion, and soldiers of the late war, and citizens of Laporte and vicinity are cordially invited to meet with us and participate in the exercises.

Joseph G. Hested,
Pres. of Association

The Act That E. G. Rogers Aided in Killing.

Many of Sullivan county voters are inquiring into the merits of the bill establishing a law prohibiting the pollution of streams, which came before the last legislature and was there killed. We here present the act as it appears in the Legislative Record, the substance of which reads as follows:

TO PREVENT THE POLLUTION OF THE WATERS OF THE STATE.

An act to prevent the pollution of the waters of the State, being a further supplement to an act entitled "An act to establish a State Board of Health for the better protection of life and health and to prevent the spread of contagious and infectious diseases in this Commonwealth."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the State Board of Health shall hereafter be entrusted with the general care and oversight of the purity of the waters of the State and shall provide such general supervision examinations and recommendations as shall be necessary to protect the waters of the State from further pollutions and to secure the improvement of the purity of such waters as may be already polluted.

Section 2. The term "waters of the State" wherever used in this act shall include all streams or bodies of surface water and of ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State, the term pollution of the water wherein used in this act shall be understood to apply only to pollution of human excreta and animal matter liable to decomposition.

Sections 3 to 8 deal with the manner in which the law is to be enforced which is sufficiently binding to insure suitable punishment for its violation.

E. G. Roger's constituents want to know how he voted on this bill. He voted against it. With his assistance it was killed. Had this bill been passed, the Union Tanning Company could no longer have polluted the pure streams of Sullivan county with the filth of their tanneries. If you do not feel like rewarding Mr. Rogers this injustice to his constituents, vote for Albert L. Dyer.

In discussing this subject with a prominent Granger of Sullivan county we were informed that this lodge in various parts of the state, including Estella Grange, passed resolutions condemning the slaughter of this bill and those voting to defeat it.

Hon. Fred. A. Godcharles to Editor John G. Scouten.

The following letter was forwarded to John G. Scouten in time for publication in the Herald this week, and the same has been offered to the other Sullivan county papers:

Milton, Pa., Sept. 13, 1902.

Mr. J. G. Scouten, Dushore, Pa.

My dear sir:—Your article published in this week's "Herald" reflecting upon my father, C. A. Godcharles and myself is false in almost every particular. There is enough truth in it to justify me in asking you to make my reply as public as was your statement.

It is true that I am the son of my father and that at one time prior to 1888 my father in company with six other gentlemen was the owner of the mill mills at Towanda, Northumberland and Milton, in that year this partnership was dissolved and my father was allotted the Milton mill, when with S. A. Godcharles and C. D. Godcharles the firm of the C. A. Godcharles Company was organized and from that date he had no interest whatever in the mills at Towanda and Northumberland.

In the year 1893 my father failed in business, a failure caused directly by the failure of Fuller Bros. & Co., New York, and Harrisburg Rolling Mill Company of Harrisburg.

After father's failure my brother, William B., and myself worked in the mill as mill makers under the assignee and our wages were expended in the support of our family.

After three years under the assignee's sale and at that open public sale my brother and I, with money and credit furnished by my grandfather, S. A. Burkenbine, of Northumberland, Pa., purchased the mill and since that time we have been the sole owners. We have made a success in our business because we began as practical workmen, because we have been surrounded by faithful, skilled and well paid workmen, and because the trade has been good.

As far as the assertion that my father lives in a \$60,000 house is concerned the truth is that my grandfather Burkenbine, who was a man of some wealth, gave the land to my mother and provided the means to build the house, for her. It cost \$14,000. If these assertions are doubted you are referred to the deed books of Northumberland county, and to the man Reitmeyer, the architect and to W. H. Hoffman & Son, the builders, of Williamsport, Pa.

I send you this letter because I believe in decency in politics as well as any other field of activity. My father may have made mistakes, he certainly has been unfortunate in a business way, but all I ask is that the people of this Congressional District shall look up the record of myself as a candidate for Congress and not attempt to besmirch my good name because of business failures with which neither I nor my father had any thing to do, which eventually drove him to the wall, and at a time before I was of age.

Believe me, sir,

Yours truly,

FRED. A. GODCHARLES.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING.

In the M. E. Church which was profusely decorated with flowers and evergreens, on Wednesday morning at 8:30 occurred the beautiful wedding of Mr. Andrew Rose and Mrs. Lorena Litzelman, both of this place.

At the hour designated many of our town people and visitors congregated at the church to witness the service. Mrs. Edwin M. Dunham presided at the organ and rendered a beautiful wedding march.

The contracting parties marched up the aisle led by the groom's best man, William J. Griffin of Philadelphia, and the bride's maid Miss Irene Rose of Laporte. They were met at the altar by the pastor, S. B. Bidlack who used the wedding ring service of the church ritual that made them man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. Rose after receiving many congratulations left on the 10 o'clock train for a short wedding tour. They will return near the last of the week and open their new home already furnished in the Chas. Tinklepaugh house.

EAGLES MERE.

Stone and lumber are being delivered at Hotel Raymond for the new addition that is to be ready early in the season of next year. It will be all under roof and securely enclosed before winter sets in.

Mrs. C. C. McCormick will modernize her cottage for next summer. A. C. Little has the work to do and it is understood that it is to commence as soon as possible. There will be no more attractive home on Eagles Mere Ave. next summer.

Dr. Reedy, the widely known dentist of Hughesville spent a day or two in town attending to professional business and making arrangements for the building of a cottage on Mineral Spring Ave. in the Chautauqua grounds. Other improvements are in the air at that end of the village.

It is said that the committee appointed by Council to work up the plans for improved station facilities is meeting with a good deal of encouragement. It is probably in the right hands.

On Wednesday the Drug Store gave us its last day and its departure is generally regretted as we have never been so well served either in the Drug Store or in the man in charge. Every body will be ready to greet Mr. Sutcliffe with a welcome next year.

Trappe, the Electrician and Plumber has made his fortune and is going west to invest it in Ohio. Clarence Dunham has kept as large a part of his outfit as possible in the hope that Mr. Trappe will be with us again.

The plumbing establishment of Maloney & Son was closed last week and Charley has returned to Hughesville for the winter.

The last Philadelphia Sleeping Car left Sonestown on Sunday night and the last Parlor Car left on Monday morning. The closing trips on the summer schedule on the Eagles Mere R. R. were made on Monday. The new schedule went into effect on Tuesday but no official copies have been issued as yet or none have reached us so information must be asked at the station. It is said that two round trips will be made daily for a time and then one trip per day will be continued for some time after that.

The Steamer is still running but on a limited time table.

It seems to be understood that Captain Chase will proceed with the construction of the Stand Pipe for the Water Co. within a week or two and push it to completion so as to test it by filling it with water before freezing weather comes.

Mr. Dunham is hard at it plowing up the lot adjoining the cottage of Mrs. Sallie D. Jones so as to convert it into a perfect lawn by next summer.

Rev. Dr. Jones of St. Stephens Parish, Wilkes-Barre delivered his closing sermon in the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning. Services will be continued for several weeks longer.

The Chautauqua Inn closed its doors for the season on Monday. In fact it might be said for the last time as it is now a thing of the past and the Forest Inn will take its place. The Chautauqua Light Plant made its last run on Sunday night until next summer.

Mr. Henry Laussat Geyelin was a guest at Hotel Eagles Mere for a number of days. He is President of the Athletic Association of the University of Pennsylvania, and consequently much interested in the visit of the Football Team now at this place. Mr. Geyelin is the holder of quite a large interest in the Eagles Mere Light Co. He is seriously considering the improvement of his property on Prospect Hill in connection with some of his Philadelphia friends. He has just returned from a stay of more than a year in France with his family.

VARIETY SUPPER AT ESTELLA.

The Ladies of Estella Church will serve a variety supper in the P. O. S. of A. Hall on Saturday evening, Sept. 20th, 1902, beginning at 7 p. m. By order of Committees

MRS. MARY A. PLOTTS.
MRS. F. A. BOYLE.

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