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We are showing for Fall our excellent line of new black and colored dress materials suitable for tailor made suits besides the plain fabric. There is a strong demand for mixed suiting of the Scotch effects of which we are showing a very fine line. Then we have the best light in the city to show them in.

SILLS.

We cannot describe the large variety of black and colored silks we have selected for fall. Among the fancies may be mentioned new plaids and changeable silks, plain, colored taffetas in all shades. Black taffetas at 50c to 1.75 per yard. 20 inches to 45 inches wide.

Ready to Wear Department.

We have made extensive preparation in this department for fall and winter. What we show you will be the very latest as to style and materials used in first class tailors made suits, costumes, walking skirts, and coats. The stock of fur we have is larger than you have ever seen in this city before. Novelties in fur boas and scarfs with muffs to match. Misses and childrens Jackets and Coats. Mercerized saten petticoats at 1.00 to 4.50. Black taffeta petticoats at 7.00 to 12.50.

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Extra large size silkoline or saten covered comforts; a large variety of dark and light floral effects. Patterns some with

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It will pay you to look at our white or grey blankets before you purchase, as we have them at any price from 50c up to 9.50; also a full line of Muncy blankets in white, grey and scarlet.

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For men, women and children in medium and heavy winter weights. Ladies' full fleeced lined vests and drawers at 25 and 50 cents; better qualities up to 1.75. Men's full fleeced shirts and drawers at 39 and 50c. Part wool and fine all wool 75c to 1.00, 1.25 and up. New line of children and infants underwear at the right prices.

Table Linens and Napkins.

This has always been one of our strong departments, but we think it much better this fall than usual. We are displaying new Linen sets, table cloths, napkins, center pieces, lunch cloths, scarfs, fine denmark and huck towels, turkish bath towels, etc.

The Shopbell Dry Good Co.

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COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Readers

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

EAGLES MERE.

The furious snowstorm of Thursday evening and Friday morning makes Eagles Mere look as if winter was surely here to stay.

On Friday Benj. G. Welch came along with the storm accompanied by B. B. Lister, James F. Cotriney, Marshall T. Farra and F. W. Kaplan of Germantown. They came to take a general look at the village and Chautauqua which of course was very much interfered with by the storm but they declared that they would not have missed the beauty of the scene for all its difficulties. They were unstinted in the expressions of gratification with the hospitable fashion in which landlord Ingham entertained them. Next summer will find them with us again.

Mr. W. Y. Warner of the Crestmont is contemplating a trip to Europe partly as a matter of health and entirely as a matter of pleasure. He will probably bring home some ideas for next summer.

Mr. Chas. W. Sones, President of the Eagles Mere & Loyalsock R. R. took in the snow storm on Friday.

Capt. Chase has made for the Board of Health a sanitary map of the whole place that shows up its system completely and does it in the style for which the Capt. is famous.

He is to get out another map for the Light Co. also which will show every pole and the entire wire system and connections.

We notice that Mr. F. W. Peale is skidding a supply of logs for his saw mill for the coming season. Between Bennett & Peale and C. W. Sones we shall be fully supplied with lumber for the additional buildings needed for several years yet.

Friend Avery has bought from Mr. H. L. Geyelin about half an acre of ground adjoining his house and just over the Borough line so as to become a resident and taxpayer in our town.

In a severe snow storm like that of Friday last we have seen persons who were considerate of the children get out a horse and snow plow and open out the side walks for a mile or two around a town. It was only the work of an hour or two but it was a wonderful help to the little people and in fact to the big ones too. How would it do for the School Board to take it into consideration in Eagles Mere.

HILLSGROVE.

John Morgan who has been having a siege with typhoid fever is slowly improving. No new cases at present.

Lyman Norton and wife were visiting friends in Williamsport last week.

Mrs. Steve Vroman is visiting friends at Beech Creek, Clinton Co.

The Sunday Schools are getting ready for Christmas exercises and a good time for the little ones, Christmas.

Clel Frey of Muncy, was in town last week buying cattle.

Geo. Jenkins has purchased a fine new team. He has the contract for skidding Mr. Shaffer's logs up Dry Run, for Pesto.

Nathan Moulthroppe, Homer Peck and Ezra Little were jurors at Laporte this week.

James Dutter transacted business at Laporte, Monday last.

Brady Secules lost a valuable horse last week.

W. H. Biddle of Estella has been doing carpenter work for J. H. Helman, repairing his hotel.

Albert Richerson transacted business in Laporte and Williamsport this week.

Mrs. Anna Saddler has gone to Canton to visit her sister Mrs. D. Davis.

Eight Germans arrived in town last week from New York, to work in the tannery. There is plenty of work in this section at present.

SHUNK.

The editor must have been rattled a little last week when he moved us to Ricketts.

Frank Sims of Columbia X roads has moved into T. G. McKays house on South street and is doing a nice business in silver plating.

Miss Amey McKay has resigned her position as teacher of our school. Her successor has not yet been appointed but we hope it may not be many days before the school will be in running order again.

Our merchants have in a fine line of Christmas goods this year from a toy rattle for baby to a pair of slippers for papa, candies and toys for the girls and boys and a nice new dress for Mamma. Everything is ready for your inspection and you would do well to call and examine before purchasing elsewhere, for you will save both time and money.

Our friend Newell of the Review, informed us in his paper last week that the Susquehanna & N. Y. R. R. which is being built through our town "was not a go" and that the only real route would be via Dushore. We certainly feel sorry for Mr. Newell and the Dushore people, as the metropolis will soon be in the Western part of the county and the town called Shunk is "It." We are further glad to inform the gentleman that the contracts for the railroad have been let through to Ralston and the contractors have about five hundred men working between here and Laquin; also that trains will be running into our town by January 1st, 1903, and the road we are informed will be completed from Laquin to Ralston by July 1.

Mr. Jesse Kilmer and Miss Viola Brown, two of our popular young people hid themselves to Elmira on Monday where they were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. It was rather sudden on us, but are sufficiently recovered for congratulations to the happy couple and ready for a smoke.

O. J. Williams is occupying his new house. He will begin at once tearing down the old house and use the lumber for a slaughter house.

Messrs. O. J. Williams and J. D. Porter will give a grand ball and oyster supper at the Hall on Christmas night.

It was fun for the man on top the house, who sealed the roof to clean out the chimney, fun for the man below who kindly lent his assistance and the use of his log chain for the purpose, but not so much fun for the woman who stood below at the chimney hole in the kitchen with a pan ready to catch what might fall. Everything passed off pleasantly until all of a sudden, Biff when the woman and furniture seemed to take on a darkened hue, even the air was blue, but not with smoke. Matters were however adjusted satisfactorily when the man from the roof came down and helped clean up and the man who so kindly lent his assistance stopped laughing. This little joke happened one day recently to a prominent family not a hundred miles away.

The 26th annual meeting of the Farmer's and Mechanics Fire Insurance company of Sullivan county will be held in the company's office in the borough of Forksville, on Saturday, the 3d day of January 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and other officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

A Short Session of Court.

The December term of court convened on Monday at 2 p. m. and was dismissed at 6 o'clock, all the work being completed and the jurors discharged. The constables made their sworn returns, and the general routine proceeded with. The grand jurors acted upon two bills of which neither came up for trial. The Argument Court was called on Wednesday and dismissed on Thursday.

RICKETTS.

Ricketts was visited with a very deep snow on Thursday night and Friday morning of last week, being fully a foot deep on the level.

The trains of the lumber Co. did not run on Friday and Saturday of last week owing to there being no coal for the locomotives.

Mr. John Kraemer returned to Sayre last week for treatment.

Mr. Ray Zaner, formerly of Ringoes, N. J. now of Laporte, spent Sunday in town visiting friends.

The stove factory was run the last few days. The new planer and improved machinery all being in place and working nicely.

Mr. R. Douglass, our photographer has invested in a new camera and stand and prepared to take photographs of improved style.

Rev. J. H. Hower of Lopez preached an interesting sermon here on Sunday morning.

The Sunday School is preparing for its Christmas entertainment and the officers wish a full attendance at the services.

Miss Cora Getts returned home from Dallas on Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Dershiner of West Virginia, visited at G. J. Heintzle, man, and also at her sister's, Mrs. Connel's the past week.

LOPEZ.

Sleighting at last.

A new arrival at John Roberts; it is a daughter.

"Aunt Jerusia's quilting party" for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society was very ably played by home talent last Wednesday evening. By special request it will be played again Wednesday evening of this week.

Coal has again advanced 25c, what next?

Quite a number of Lopez people went to the county seat on Monday. Lloyd Fraunfauker of Elk Lick is visiting friends in town.

Miss Eva Lawrence spent Sunday with her parents at Dushore.

"Pop" Chamberlin of Milton, was transacting business here Monday.

John Rhodes was called home at New Albany on account of sickness of his child.

There is a great deal of complaint about the new county bridge at this place. Some of the people would like to know why the foot bridge was destroyed. It is almost impossible to get across the creek at night.

The many friends of Wm. Snyder are glad to see him out and able to work after his long illness.

Felts and rubbers are in style again.

Rev. Smeltzer of Ricketts held services in the M. P. church Sunday.

On a dark night you can see a certain man walking back and forth of our little "burg." We do not know if it is for his health or looking for somebody.

R. J. Steinback and wife of Newell, were doing business in town on Monday.

Frank Stewart has rented a house of W. E. Steafather for one year.

Mr. Charles White is improving in health at this writing.

Wood Arey of Wilmot is now at the Jackson House; Homer Scott resigned.

BERNICE.

P. C. Connor, our hustling merchant was in New York City last week purchasing his stock of holiday goods. Come and see his assortment and get your Christmas presents before his stock runs low.

H. H. Bentley, outside foreman for the S. L. & S. railroad company, proves himself to be a hustler as many profitable improvements have taken place through his supervision.

The S. L. & S. R. Co. have erected a new barn at No. 6 drift, which is 30 by 199 feet, with a water supply of the latest and best system. A new breaker will be built at this opening in the near future which proves a successful and prosperous condition in favor of the Co.

Hiram Granger, engineer on the local coal train from No. 6 drift to the breaker, travels 500 miles per week, and delivers 4000 tons of coal at the breaker each week. High is a hustler.

A large steam heating boiler was placed in the breaker on Saturday

for the purpose of heating it. It was taken in through the gable of the building by rope and tackle pulled by No. 6 shifting engine. H. W. Taylor conducted the job and placed it in position within ten hours. Who can beat it?

After being out for 20 months, the Bernice coal strike was called off on Dec. 2, by the local union of this place.

DUSHORE.

Wm. Gibbs of Bush, Pa. visited relatives here last week.

Chas. Messersmith spent Sunday with friends at Waverly, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bieller of Overton, have taken up their residence here.

Wm. Lawrence has disposed of the Jackson coal yard to L. M. Barth.

The K. O. T. M. are preparing a drama to be given here Dec. 12. About 50 persons will take part in the performance.

L. M. Barth has purchased the half interest in the planing mill held by the late Samuel Keeter, and now becomes sole owner. A flattering offer has been received from capitalists to remove the entire plant to Towanda.

Eli Conklin of Virginia, who has been visiting at John A. Gibbs' for several weeks, died on Thursday last at the age of 85 years. Deceased had formerly lived in this county near Overton, but moved to Virginia about fifteen years ago. He served in the army and was wounded twice, once in the head by the bursting of a shell and once in the thigh. He was buried at Overton on Monday.

Teachers' Local Institute.

The institute held at Muncy Valley, Saturday Dec. 6, was called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. by Co. Supt. M. R. Black. Election of officers, Myrtle Edgar was elected chairman; Mable Pennington, vice chairman; Clyde Worthington, secretary. The question box was then opened and questions of importance discussed by those present. Some of the questions discussed were School Libraries, whispering in school, co-operation and sympathy of parents, attendance of teachers at local institutes, School Government.

Supt. Black asked for reports from the teachers on the attendance of pupils, and the enforcement of the compulsory law. According to reports nearly all the pupils are attending regularly. We would suggest that the board of directors wake up to a realization of their duty, and act promptly when pupils are reported absent.

Adjourned to 1 p. m.

Institute was called to order at 1 p. m. and the discussion of questions continued. Recitation by Mable Shaw. Song by four little girls. "Method of teaching primary reading." Emma Biddle. "Importance of teaching Civil Government." C. H. Warren. Recitation by Katie Donovan. "Method of teaching advanced history." Myrtle Edgar. Recitation, "When Father Rode the Goat," by Hannah Johnson. The questions in the box were then finished. Nordmont was chosen as the place to hold the next local institute.

Song, "Where was Moses when the Light Went Out," by four little girls. Adjournment.

CLYDE WORTHINGTON, Sec'y.

Entertainments by Home Talent.

Some of the ladies of the Episcopal Church of this place assisted by some outside accomplished home talent, will give one of the most interesting and unique entertainments it has ever been the good fortune of the people of Laporte to listen to. The ladies call it a Minstrel Show, a form of entertainment that is especially popular this winter and for the nonce the actors will appear as Senegambian Maids. The music is all right and catchy, consisting of such new coon songs as "When a Lady Leads the band," "Billy Baily Wont You Please Come Home," "You'll Get all Dat's a Comin' to You," "Nancy Brown," "Maisy My Dusky Daisy," and many of the other up to date solos and choruses. The jokes—well the jokes are all fresh importations from Zulu Land, with some side-splitting local hits thrown in. Now you cannot afford to miss this entertainment because it is for a good cause and the price of admission ten and fifteen cents. Remember the date Wednesday December 17th, and the place, the Court House.