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We are showing a very superior quality of bleached and unbleached Table Linen in neat patterns that are worthy of consideration.

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LINEN SETS

Damask Cloths and Napkins is a large variety of designs and qualities that range in price from \$5.00 to \$23.00 for the set. We are showing some new Lunch Cloths, Centerpieces, Carving Cloths, Scarfs, Doilies and Squares.

COUNTY NEWS Happenings of Interest to Readers

Columns of interesting items gathered by our Special Corps of Hustling Correspondents in Many Towns.

EAGLES MERE.

Miss Bernice Burkholder recently gave a party at her home when quite a number of her friends gathered to meet her brother, Curtis Burkholder, who is in the regular army. He is stationed in Arizona and is making a short visit at his home having been granted a furlough for that purpose. He will carry back with him the memory of a delightful evening full of social pleasures and material good things.

Among the recent festivities was a dance at Hotel Allegheny at which Mrs. W. H. VanBuskirk entertained a large circle of friends.

On Friday of last week Miss Ada Chase returned home from an extended visit with friends in Trenton, N. J. It is in order now to give her a reception.

As she does every winter, Mrs. Ingham entertained the young people of the village at Hotel Eagles Mere on Tuesday evening of last week. She holds a large place in the hearts of the young people and that of course makes for her the very warmest friends of the fathers and mothers.

Not to be behind the procession Clayton Dunham took possession of his father's house last Tuesday and filled it full of his friends at which he had the absolutely necessary assistance of the old people.

Mr. A. C. Little came up and spent part of the day on Friday taking in the situation, and Frank Little has concluded to stay two or three weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Haman.

We regret to hear that on last Friday Mr. John Converse, engineer on the Eagles Mere railroad, was in some way jolted or thrown from the running board of his engine near the splash dam above Sonestown and suffered very severe injuries to one of his knees. The Doctor says the tendons are ruptured so that he will probably be lame for life.

Some doubts are expressed about the Sones Mills being able to keep running during the extremely cold weather and our community is somewhat fearful that if the mill shuts down it may result in the abandonment of the trains on the Eagles Mere R. R. which would be much to be deplored.

Dr. Voorhees is filling his ice house at Sonestown with a supply cut by Captain Chase on the Lake and taking it down by railroad. He says it is better and cheaper than anything else he can do.

Supt. W. H. Pletcher of the Chautauqua with the assistance of Geo. W. Smith is gathering logs and loading them on cars to be taken to the little mill down at the Falls and sawed into planks and lumber for use in and about the Chautauqua grounds. Nothing but fallen timber is used and the growing trees are carefully protected.

MUNCY VALLEY.

Mr. M. Donovan and daughters, were called to Laporte on Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of the former's grandchild.

Masters James and Donald Miller, and Bertie Starr are on the sick list. Miss Mable Hazen of Sonestown, was the guest of Miss Myra Long on Friday.

Mr. O. P. Johnson, an aged and respected citizen of this place, and father-in-law of J. P. Miller, died last Saturday night at ten o'clock, at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 28 days, and was buried on Tuesday of this week at Sonestown. Mr. Johnson was a resident of this county all his life. He is survived by a widow, two sons and one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Taylor enjoyed a sleigh ride to Eagles Mere on Sunday.

Miss Blanch Miller has returned to the Normal School at Bloomsburg.

SONESTOWN.

Harry Sharp, the thirteen year old son of Mrs. Rose Fairman, was buried last week. The boy had been unable to walk for many years being a sufferer of curvature of the spine.

Mr. M. P. Gavitt who has been seriously ill, is able to be out again.

Chas. Weed of Williamsport is visiting his sister, Mrs. Geo. Hazen.

Mrs. Alonza Converse is visiting relatives at Wilkesbarre.

Walter Lorah last week returned to State College where he is taking a course in Civil Engineering.

Mrs. Elmer Lowe of Muncy has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Sarah Robbins, and assisting her in the care of her mother, Mrs. Anna Little who has been sick.

A delightful party was tendered Orville Hall last Wednesday evening, it being the occasion of his 19th birthday. A large crowd was present and thoroughly enjoyed themselves until 2 a. m.

John Converse was seriously hurt on Friday. His knee is broken and head cut. On coming from Eagles Mere, he rode outside on the engine with a board as snow plow and when having no further use for it where the road was blasted among the rocks, he placed it as he supposed securely, and himself continued near the bell, on the running board. The board jarred from its position and threw Mr. Converse between the engine and rock with the above mentioned result.

Miss Myrtle Ellison of North Mountain is visiting here.

SHUNK.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kilmer have begun housekeeping in part of the house occupied by Frank Packard on Water street.

Abalines Rightmire had the misfortune to mash his hand in a feed cutter last week, consequently a large number of friends and neighbors were invited to a wood bee on Thursday.

H. H. Green spent Saturday at Hillsgrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mingle of Seneca Lake, N. Y. are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reubin Wilbur.

Miss Lottie Fanning of this place was married on Christmas to Mr. Calvin Fleming of Crooked Creek, Pa. The happy couple are at present visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Fanning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Rightmire and family of Eagles Mere, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Fred Manley is visiting her sister, Mrs. Herbert Foster.

Miss Julia Brown is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Hines at Lake Run.

Lew Wheeler and family of Owego, N. Y. is visiting at W. H. Fannings.

E. G. Salisbury, who is teaching school at Newellton, was home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rightmire of Caldwell, Clinton Co. are visiting relatives here.

Miss Josephine M. Strong died at Boulder, Colorado, on Dec. 6, aged 17 years and 5 days, the daughter of George H. and Della Strong. Ten years ago the then little girl's mother died in McCook, Nebraska. The child was cared for there by relatives for a year, after which she in company with her grandmother came east to reside with her uncle, Smith Strong, at Muncy Valley, and where she lived four years. She then went to Judge Taylor's, at Strawbridge, where she remained until last June, when symptoms rapidly developed which indicated quick consumption. Miss Strong's father had her come to Nebraska hoping that the climate might prove beneficial to her health. After remaining there for a few months and deriving no benefit from the change, she was placed in the Boulder Sanitarium in Colorado, but without avail, the dread disease baffling all medical science that could be obtained for her.

Government Ownership of Railroads

By BENJ. G. WELCH.

COMMUNICATION.

EDITOR, NEWS ITEM:

What's the matter with Editor Newell anyway? When you and yours readers are discussing the advisability of Government Ownership he undertakes to settle the whole matter by declaring that it won't pay and that is all there is to it. The only argument he has is that the Post Office Department don't pay and when somebody tries to answer that argument he snarls, says mean things, and replies that the question is not Post Office but Railroads and Coal Mines, when all the time he is the fellow who started the Post Office discussion. Let him give us a reason why the Government cannot operate the Railroads or Mines to pay and let him leave out his mean flings. They are not argument.

Answering his assertion that the Post Office Department don't pay let us make a comparison and ask a question. A man has an ice pond and cuts a hundred tons of ice from it—his expenses are twenty-five dollars and he sells eighty tons of it to his neighbors for twenty-four dollars and keeps the other twenty for himself at a cost of one dollar—does his ice business pay or is he losing money?

That's just what the government does—it sells post office service to the people and gets a little less than the money it pays out but the result of it is that its own service for which it charges itself nothing costs it the trifling difference like the man with the ice.

Let Editor Newell give us another reason why the Government can't make mines and railroads pay and then perhaps some of your correspondents can answer him intelligently and it is hoped he will keep his temper, and write in a gentlemanly fashion as he knows so well how to do, if he wants to.

RUSTICUS.

LOPEZ.

Last Wednesday night two men thinking that they were at the Jackson House made a slight mistake and entered the house of E. W. Woodward and in striking a match set the curtains on fire. Mr. Woodward hearing the noise quickly arose and rushed down stairs and extinguished the fire which the men made no attempt to put out when they saw their mistake but ran from the house. The parties are known but as yet nothing has been done with them. The loss was about \$25.

Harry Messersmith while riding down hill last Monday had the misfortune to break his leg. He is now at the Sayre Hospital.

Miss Annie Gardner who had been sick for several months, died last Thursday. The funeral was held on Saturday.

Mrs. J. O. Young who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Heverly, returned to her home on Saturday last.

Joseph Heverly of New Albany, was calling on friends here last Saturday.

Mrs. W. L. Jennings who has been sick with pneumonia is some better at this writing.

Rev. Klinger of Dushore was calling on friends here on Saturday. Come again.

A. L. Dyer is hauling coal at the rate of fifty tons per day from the Murray mines.

A young daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lynott, at Murray mines, recently.

Miss Benjamin of Dushore, visited friends here last week.

Mr. James Kelly of Leroy, was in town on Monday.

Mr. C. A. Lewis, of Syracuse, spent Sunday with his son Homer.

Mr. Chas. McKibbins of New York City, is visiting his brother Henry at this place.

They say that some of our boys can't tell corn from oats.

For sale.—A six horse power traction engine, will be sold cheap. Inquire at this office.

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