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An exceptional opportunity to secure a thoroughly well  
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For \$10.00 Suits that were \$16.00 to 22.00  
For \$15.00 Suits that were \$22.00 to 25.00  
For \$18.50 Suits that were \$25.00 to 30.00.

We have confined to us for this section some fine sam-  
ple gowns of Voiles and Etamines that will be closed out  
at strikingly reduced prices. Come and see them.

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## THE GRANGE

Conducted by J. W. DARROW,  
Press Correspondent New York State  
Grange

"ALWAYS A GRANGER."

The True Purpose of the Grange  
Should Be Made Known.

A few days ago, in conversation with the master of a grange we had just organized, says a writer in Farm and Fireside, he said, "Why, I've always been a granger, but didn't know it." That one pointed remark aptly answers the question so often asked by grange workers—why men and women whose sympathies are in line with ours do not unite with us. This man was progressive, anxious to secure for his family and friends the very best advantages possible, but felt powerless alone. In the grange he found others desired the same things he did and discovered the chain of sympathy that binds men together the world over.

"But I have explained the objects of the grange many times," the worker protests. True. So have I, and I often find myself indulging in stock phrases and stereotyped expressions that convey but little to my hearers. First find the ambition of the one you seek to convince, and if the grange will aid him show him so in terms he will appreciate. The hearts of the best people on our farms are with us did they but know the true meaning of the grange, and we owe it to them and to ourselves to secure their allegiance. There are thousands of excellent men and women who have "always been grangers" who are out of the order because they have no accurate knowledge of what its true purposes are.

HON. E. B. NORRIS.

Master New York State Grange and  
Chairman National Executive Com-  
mittee.

The chairman of the executive committee of the national grange and a member of the legislative committee of the same body must be a man of force and ability. Such a position is held by such a man in the person of E. B. Norris of Sodus, N. Y., who is also master of the New York state grange, a body representing 70,000 members.

Brother Norris was a charter member of Sodus grange, No. 73, having thus a connection with the Order of about thirty years. He was master of Sodus grange about fourteen years, also master of the old Wayne county council



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two years, was elected master of the New York state grange in 1898 and is now serving his third term. He is also chairman of the legislative committee of New York state grange and serving the third term as such. He was elected to the executive committee of the national grange in 1899 and to the chairmanship a year later. For three years past he has been on the national grange legislative committee. He is always found advocating the advancement of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry and the education of the agricultural class to a higher conception of their calling and a keener sense of their responsibilities as American citizens.

Possibilities of the Grange.

Mrs. Sarah G. Baird, worthy master of the Minnesota state grange, says: The possibilities of grange work when conducted in conservative channels are limitless for the development of the rural sections of our state, but impatient, ill advised action will wreck it. With great earnestness we ask you to appreciate the value of this organization as a permanent educational force in our state and to consider with care the risk that would be taken in any action promoting any personal scheme or to gratify any vindictive disposition, for so long as there is need of raising men and women to a higher moral plane, so long as there is need of nobler and purer social life, so long as there is need of better economic and political conditions, so long will there be need of the grange.

It is well for us to consider in our fraternal relations that our happiness as well as the happiness of others depends upon our belief in the goodness of bad people a lot more than it does on our belief in the badness of good people.—George A. Fuller.

## COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of  
Interest to Readers

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

### EAGLES MERE.

Now that the President is out of Yellowstone Park, and is done with snow and ice, here is hoping that he now gives his full attention to the weather bureau, and that he applies a slipper or something harsh and strong to the boys left in charge who have certainly been monkeying with the complicated machinery which makes the weather.

At the last Council meeting the following were appointed as special policemen for the ensuing season: Chas. McCarty, Wm. Pletcher, E. L. Smith, Clarence E. Dunham, Walter C. Trappe and Geo. B. Danley.

The dance pavilion at the Chautauqua is a sure go, and the likelihood of the promised improvements at the railroad station improve with each shining hour.

Our genial townsman, Walter C. Trappe, has been awarded the contract for the ironwork on the bridge on Lakewood drive.

Admiring Philadelphia friends have presented Chief Burgess Peale with a long eared pup of "blooded" stock. The Burgess however, cannot tell whether its blood is red, blue or just common "yaller," and may call a special meeting of council to decide, and also, to name the dog.

It would be a shame to give a low down common name to a high up uncommon pup, and if his Honor is not willing to have the Post Office Club name it, the voters of the Borough will willingly stand any expense connected with the holding of a special meeting of council, rather than that his pupship should be mis-named. A party at the station when the dog arrived, suggested that it be named after the name on the label on the bottle of medicine that came in the same box. We don't know what the name on the bottle was, but presume it was an aristocratic one, and would in no way disgrace the dog. Burgess Peale is to be congratulated on having attached a dog to his office as all good burgesses do, in fact never had a burgess in Eagles Mere who did not have a dog or two sniffing at his heels, and we are glad that Burgess Peale keeps in the beaten track.

Mr. William Emery was in town on Saturday in the interest of the Eagles Mere Water Co. He seemed pleased with the work and progress being made.

The hotel men all say there never was a season when they had so many engagements at this time of the year as they now have, and the indications point to the best season ever had in Eagles Mere. We hope the hotel men will try and pick out guests who are able to pay their way at the hotels and also their doctor bills, so that if they happen to stub their toes the Borough will not be sued for damages.

There is no reasonable doubt whatever, but that the railroad company will tear up the track on Eagles Mere Avenue as suggested by the League. When the track is taken up it is the intention of the Borough to fill in and widen the avenue. The Borough in connection with the railroad can make a very pretty place out of the surroundings at the station, and we have it from an authentic source that the Borough is ready to do its part as soon as the railroad will comply with the League's orders.

### Pound Party at Laporte

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Baptist Church will give a "Pound Party" in the refreshment rooms at the Baptist Church, on Friday evening, May 15, as a donation to the pastor. All are cordially invited to attend and bring contributions in the form of pound packages of something good and useful. Ice cream will also be sold and the proceeds applied to the pastor's salary.

By Order of Committee.

### MUNCY VALLEY.

Forest fires are raging on the North Mountain and have done thousands of dollars worth of damage, but at this writing is under control. Constable John Girton has a force of men fighting the fire also the Union Tanning Co. and Pentecost R. R. Co.

Mrs. A. M. Bradley visited her parents at Unityville last Tuesday.

John Girton and J. W. Moran are the two busiest men in town. At present they have several jobs of painting at Unityville, and will soon commence to paint the Swank Hotel at Sonestown.

John C. Taylor arrived home last Friday from the Sayre Hospital, but not much improved in health.

P. McGraw, James Moran, Marcella Farrell, H. Haus, Wm. Taylor and sister Clara attended the opening ball at the Eagles Mere Casino last Saturday evening.

Wm. May is quite ill.

Mr. Isaac Shaffer and family of Hughesville, visited at D. M. Taylor's last Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Bennett is very ill at this writing.

John Turner of Hughesville, was noticed on our streets last Sunday.

### ESTELLA.

John Maguire has gone to Laquin to work in the bark woods.

Mrs. David Boyles is critically ill. Dr. Woodhead is in attendance.

J. J. Webster and wife visited at their daughter's, Mrs. A. T. Munnix on Sunday.

Moses Randal of Vilas, is visiting his family at J. M. Osiers. Mr. Randall has purchased a lot at Jersey Shore, and is erecting a dwelling thereon, and will move his family there in the near future.

S. P. Shoemaker has been working at carpenter work for J. G. Plotts at Estella, the last week.

Fire broke out from the fallow of C. B. Wheatley on Sunday and the high winds spread the flames to the adjoining woods and fences, and for a time the barn of Mrs. Maguire was in danger of being burned, but by the united effort of the men the fire was gotten under control.

Artie and Freese Hess are working for J. J. Webster in his factory at Jakersville.

### Harry Golder Suicides in Dubois.

Harry W. Golder, organist at the First Presbyterian church of Dubois, Pa., committed suicide at noon Sunday by shooting himself through the head with a revolver at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. H. Keefer of Dubois. Mr. Golder was a brother of George Golder of Shrewsbury township, and well known to many in that section of this county. He had been despondent and ill for some time and during the past week imagined enemies were undermining his character, circulating scandalous reports about him.

He left a long note to his sister. It was extremely morbid and was left unfinished and unsealed. In one place he wrote "What the world wants is vengeance. I hope the world will be satisfied." He was a gifted musician and conducted a class in music. Golder was 32 years old and unmarried.

T. F. Minard of Dushore has purchased the Mt. Hope fruit farm near New Albany of E. P. Corcoran. The farm contains one acre of strawberries, several thousand apple trees that have commenced to bear freely and other fruit. The price paid was \$4,000.

### Sullivan County Republican Convention.

The Republican county convention will be held next Monday, May 18th, in the court house, at this place. The delegate election will be Saturday, May 16.

### DUSHORE.

Mrs. Luther Messersmith and son William, of Ricketts were in town last week.

Miss Flossie Zaner of Laporte, is spending some time with relatives at this place.

Rev. Elias S. Noll, of Fayette, N. Y., formerly of this place, was busy shaking hands with friends in town last week.

Miss Amanda Zaner who has been receiving treatment in the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, returned home last week much improved.

Miss Anna Karge of Laporte, was in town last Saturday.

Mr. James Degan who is employed in New York City, is spending a few days with his parents here.

Atty. Mullen and wife of Laporte, were in town last week.

Wm. Dieffenbach, the prominent young jeweler of this place was on the sick list last week.

Mrs. Frank Welliver of Sayre, visited her mother here last week.

E. G. Sylvani has improved his store with a new coat of paint.

Mrs. W. J. Campbell who has been receiving treatment at the Sayre Hospital, returned last week much improved.

Miss Viola Pond has been confined to her bed with appendicitis.

Mrs. Swannager who became demented about a week ago was taken to Danville on Monday.

Mrs. Joel McCarty and daughter Lulu, of Eldredsville, visited relatives here last week.

Col. Osthaus of Scranton, is visiting at Dr. Herman's.

Mrs. Geo. Steby visited relatives at Athens last week.

Mrs. M. Connors was called to Sayre last week by the illness of her son Charles, who is suffering from pneumonia.

Joe and Dane Carpenter are home from Clinton Co.

### Forest Fire Threatened the County Seat.

Forest fires raged fiercely about Laporte, Sunday, and men, women and children waged a hard battle to overcome the flames before serious damage was done. Saturday afternoon a fire was kindled near the railroad track below Weirwood cottage which spread rapidly and soon surrounded the structure which is at present unoccupied. A force of men were soon on the scene and only by hard work was the cottage saved, however one of the out buildings was consumed. The fire had evidently been subdued but on Sunday at about 12 o'clock it again broke out fanned by a strong gale came sweeping everything in its path toward the town. A large force of fighters were soon in action. Nearly the whole town in fact was out, armed with pails, hoses and rakes to battle with the enemy. The dense smoke and heat drove the fighters before it until the cemetery fence was reached. Further retreat meant serious damage and here a fierce engagement was encountered. Women handled buckets of water like on a busy wash day with such telling effect that the flames soon relinquished their vigor and turning a smoky countenance on the fair victors caused many tearful eyes to witness their retreat. Another line of fighters hemmed the property of Mr. L. L. Ford to save Mokoma Place his summer home. A third battalion backfired along the Cold Spring road and prevented the enemy from crossing to the west side in which event would have seriously threatened the cottage of Wm. Funston and dwelling of James Gansel. A heated skirmish was fought to save the barn on Peter Miller's property which the enemy siezed while one of the sentinels was temporarily off guard. There was no losses on the citizen's side and but one wounded reported. A. H. Buschhausen was crippled in one of his legs by a heavy fall from a rock where he went for safety. There being so little left to burn in the woods now the same trouble will not likely to occur again this year.