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This Is the Place
To Buy Your Jewellery.

Nothing in Town to Compare With
the Quality that We are Giving
You for the Low Price Asked.

Quality and moderate prices makes a force that irresistibly draws into our store the best patronage of this section. Many years here in business, always with a full line of goods above suspicion; chosen with a care and judgment commensurate with its desirability and adaptability to refine taste, makes our store a safe place to invest.

Repair work done on short notice and guaranteed, by skilled workmen. Your orders appreciated.

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DUSHORE, PA. The Jeweler.

COLE'S
HARDWARE.

No Place Like this Place
For Reliable

STOVES and RANGES,
COAL OR WOOD
HEATERS;

ONE OF WINTER'S GREAT DELIGHTS.

House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every
Description, Guns and Ammunition.

Bargains that bring the buyer back.
Come and test the truth of our talk.

A lot of second hand stoves and ranges for sale cheap.
We can sell you in stoves anything from a fine Jewel Base
Burner to a low priced but satisfactory cook stove.

Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and
General Repairing, Roofing and Spouting.

Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.

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

SUMMER merchandise is a thing of the past. New
goods for fall and Winter are coming in now. They
are just the goods you're looking for. We want
this store to be the first in your mind when you have
dry goods to buy.

Wool Blankets.

The choicer grades only, the good and reliable qualities that we have taken so much care to select. You know the value of good Blankets. We have them in all grades, either white, gray, or fancy, with neat bright borders. Better see this line. "The Celebrated Muncy Blankets" in all qualities.

White Bedspreads.

We are showing several new and extra good qualities of white crocheted Quilts. Mercelias patterns, neatly hemmed, all ready for use, at 75c \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Knit Underwear.

For Men, Women and Children. The chilly nights and mornings reminds one that it is time to look up heavy underwear. This store is equipped to meet your every demand in this line.

Flannelette Wear

Flannelette Night Gowns and short Skirts have become very popular. Have

you seen the new assortment we have just opened? They are so comfortable and inexpensive that anybody can afford to buy them.

The Stocking Stock Invites

You at this time to stock up for Fall and Winter wear. We open this stocking selling with some notable values in Men's, Women's, Children's and Infant's Hose that will be to your interesting to see. Two special values in Children's Fast Black Ribbed Hose, double knee and sole, size 6 to 10, at 12 1-2c and 15c.

New Autumn Waists

Made of heavy, Duck, Pique Cheviot and Mercerized Madras. Top notch for style. Early choosing here will prove very satisfactory to the buyer.

New Flannelette Wasting

In choice new designs, dark and light shade in stripes, figures, dots and Persian effects. Some patterns with side bands for trimming. Good qualities for 10c. 12 1-2 and 15c.

THE SHOPBELL DRYGOOD CO.

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State Finances, State Schools and
State Good Roads Law.

DEMOCRATS CAN REVIEW THEM

Republicans, While Impressed With
the Importance of the National
Phases of the Campaign, Are Ready
to Meet Opponents On Any Ground.
[Special Correspondence.]

Harrisburg, Oct. 6.—The Democrats who have been complaining because the Republicans of Pennsylvania are determined to impress upon the voters of the commonwealth the influence which a large Republican majority in this state next month will have upon public sentiment for the coming national election demand that "state issues" be discussed in the present canvass.

The Republican party managers last week announced that they were quite ready to meet the Democracy upon any so-called "state issue," and they now call upon the Democrats to direct public attention to the condition of the state finances as the most important state issue that can be considered at this time.

The Republican spellbinders point to the report of the state treasurer, made at the end of the month of September, showing a balance of \$13,939,191.34 in the general fund of the state treasury, with every dollar of this money absolutely protected and drawing interest under the reform legislation passed by a Republican general assembly.

GOOD FINANCE AN ISSUE.

This vast sum, available for state purposes, the public schools and the charities and other laudable objects, represents in a large measure the collection of taxes from corporations. A considerable portion of this money had to be collected by suits against delinquent corporations through the attorney general and the auditor general of the state, both good Republicans.

Republicans of this state have for years pointed with pride to the fact that Pennsylvania has never lost a dollar through any Republican official and that today, as the result of continued Republican administration, her financial condition is better than that of any other state in the union.

That she has any public debt whatever is due entirely to the fact that the bonds representing the same are not due and cannot be called in. There is today in hand specially available for the payment of this public debt a sum considerably more than required to meet this obligation.

Pennsylvania is therefore "out of debt" and she has a large balance on hand to her credit.

Attempts have been made by the Democrats to create the impression that the large balance in the state treasury is being held from its natural channel. Such is not the case. All appropriations made by the last legislature are being paid promptly and as soon as other payments shall become due they will be met with the same promptness.

The revenues of the state have been extraordinarily large during the last two or three years. It is not generally known, but it is a fact, that under the laws of this state the greater the prosperity of the business interests of the commonwealth the greater will be the income to the state treasury.

Everything has been booming recently and the revenues of the state have gone up accordingly.

GOOD SCHOOLS AN ISSUE.

The assured revenues of the next two years are sufficient to meet all the appropriations made by the last legislature and to pay for the magnificent state capitol now under construction and leave a balance of several millions in the state treasury.

In the expenditures provided for during the next two years there has been allotted to the public schools the sum of \$11,000,000, which is far greater than the appropriation of any other state in the union for a like purpose, and there is a new appropriation of \$1,000,000 for public roads to be expended under the direction of the newly created state highway department, which is destined to give Pennsylvania the best system of good public roads in the country.

GOOD ROADS AN ISSUE.

This "good roads" legislation presents another "state issue" to which the attention of the Democrats eager for a "state issue" campaign is called.

The Republican party stands for this legislation passed at the recent session of the general assembly, which is destined to give a fixed and well considered policy for the betterment of the roads and the highways of the state, so that the means of transportation between the farm and the neighboring market may be improved.

As soon as the provisions of the new good roads law shall become better known it is predicted that there will be a demand for its enforcement with additional appropriations, which will come at the next session of the legislature in accordance with the plans of its Republican advocates and champions.

COUNTY NEWS
Happenings of
Interest to Readers

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

SONESTOWN.

Mrs. Elex Heess and Sarah Morrison, are spending this week with relatives at Danville. They also expect to attend the Bloomsburg fair before their return.

Miss Amelia Phillips of Danville, is visiting Mrs. Hannah Buck.

Ex-Judge Taylor of Strawbridge, called on his daughter Mrs. A. T. Armstrong on Tuesday.

Byron Campbell has moved back to this place, after spending the past year taking care of the power house which makes light for Eagles Mere.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robbins entertained their daughter, Mrs. R. P. Laird and little son, of Nordmont, all of last week.

Mrs. R. W. Simmons and Mrs. L. Friess were at Hughesville one day last week.

Wm. Stackhouse and wife of Unityville, visited his brother Jerry last Saturday.

Mrs. Emma Morrison of Pittston, returned home last Friday. She has been visiting Mrs. Alex. Hess and Mrs. Morrison the past week.

Mrs. Jason Simmons of Muncy Valley, visited her mother, Catherine Miller, several days last week.

Mrs. A. T. Armstrong and family returned home Tuesday morning after a three weeks visit at Philadelphia and New Jersey.

On the sick list this week are Mrs. Foust, Pearl Houseknecht and the little baby daughter of H. C. Boatman.

Bela Glidewell and sister Nora, drove to Hughesville on Saturday to visit their sister Mrs. Barto over Sunday.

Mrs. Ed. Messenger of Montrose, is visiting her brother and sister M. P. Gavitt and Mrs. J. W. Buck this week.

Oscar Lewis and wife of Nordmont were calling on friends at this place Tuesday.

Miss Mable Hazen was the guest of Eagles Mere friends last week and from there went to the Forksville fair.

Conrad Hamann of Martinsburg, West Virginia, brother of Mrs. Geo. Kiess, is here on a several weeks visit. Mrs. Kiess is slowly recovering from her severe illness.

The annual report of the operations of the Dead Letter office has been prepared for the fiscal year. The total receipts for the year were something over 10,000,000 pieces—the largest in the history of the office—exceeding those of the preceding year by some 850,000 pieces. Of the aggregate number 8,895,205 were opened. The money found in open letters amounted to \$48,634, but this sum included money (generally coin) found loose in the mails or in postoffices and confined to the Dead Letter Office. Commercial paper found, such as drafts, checks, money orders, etc., represented a face value \$1,493,563. The number of met chandise parcels received was 254,580, which were restored to the owners. Letters which contained postage stamps in varying amounts from one cent upward numbered 249-855. There was 554,201 misdirected letters and 131,032 letters held for postage.

The staid residents of Harvey's Lake who bought expensive homes there some years ago, are growing weary of the crowds that visit the famous resort on Sundays now. They say it is becoming a regular Coney Island. Next season may see many cottages for sale, as those who desire exclusiveness have quit the place already. The many drunken fights of late have brought the place into disrepute.

Judge McClure on Monday discharged the Snyder county grand jury without submitting any cases, as there was no criminal business. Evidently the people in Snyder county are growing out of date.

MILDRED.

The Connel Company are tearing down all their offices and sheds and are moving them over to the new breaker, and by the looks of things Bernice will soon be a thing of the past.

Last week the foundation for the new store was commenced and when the store is finished it will be one of the largest in Sullivan county.

The Gunton Mines worked four and one-half days last week.

Pay day at the Bernice mines on Friday and Squire Lowry is happy.

Schaad Brothers are doing a rushing business these days. There is not a night in the week when they are not obliged to turn away some one who makes application for hotel accommodation. They now have forty boarders.

Constable Cott and Samuel Cole of Dushore, were up here on Friday notifying two families to vacate the Cole building as they rented it from another party who had no authority to rent the building, so it looks as though there might be trouble ahead for some one.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gallagher of Laporte, took in the public raising up of chiefs on Monday night.

Thomas Kennedy of Laporte, called on his red friends here on Monday.

Two of the executive board members of the U. M. W. of A., T. J. Llewellyn of Avoca, and Frank Gongoleski of Luzerne, was at this place on Thursday and Friday.

F. J. Murphy and Wm. Collins have moved into their new homes on Penna. avenue.

Simon Fromberg, our popular clothier, has moved into the house vacated by F. J. Murphy.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Dieffenbach were at Dushore Saturday.

Samuel Herst and Patrick White accompanied T. J. Llewellyn and Frank Gongoleski to Murray town on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cook were at Dushore Saturday.

MURRAY HILL.

Mr. Mike Rouse of Lopez moved to Bernice last Tuesday.

The mines are shut down for a week waiting for cars.

Mr. John Welch of Lopez has quit mining and gone to work for Jennings Bros.

John Cronley and F. Beaver have gone to the Randall mines to work.

Mr. Jim Welsh of Ringdale is moving to Sayre, where he has employment.

Miss Kate Cahill of this place has gone to Sayre.

Mr. James Welsh and Alphonus Welsh of Dushore called on friends at Lopez last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Rouse of Dushore called on friends at Murray town last Sunday.

Mrs. Mike Gillfof of Lopez, was a Dushore visitor last Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Collins Sr. of Satterfield, called on friends here on Tuesday.

Miss Dora Beaver of this place attended the Forksville fair last week. Born, to Mr. and Mrs. McDermit of Lopez, a thirteen pound girl.

Mr. Frank Meylert and Albert Conklin of Laporte made a flying trip through town Wednesday afternoon.

ESTELLA.

Among the many visitors at the Fair last week we were pleased to see our old friends Mr. and Mrs. Moses Middaugh, Dr. Francis Chaffee, Captain Kilmer and wife, and Mr. and Mrs. John Wanch.

Sumner Bedford with his traction engine is making a threshing tour of Kings Creek, this week.

Ernest Kaye and George More have gone to Laquin to work.

Miss Cora McCarty of Campbells-

ville, is visiting her Uncle, D. F. McCarty at this place.

Herbert McCadden and two children of Syracuse, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. Ulysses Bird.

Floyd More is driving team for J. J. Webster.

MUNCY VALLEY.

The Muncy Valley tannery is one of the Union Tanning Company's plants that evidently promises to furnish employment to many of the residents of that village for many years to come. This tannery which has been one of the county's leading industries for the past generation, is now taking on a new lease of life in the shape of extensive additions being erected and modern improvements throughout the whole plant.

One of the most noticeable features among the improvements is a monster wall which divides different portions of the building, and has been erected for the purpose of preventing the flames, in case of fire, from communicating from one portion to another. A new leach house and a new boiler also have been added. The new experiment in tanning which is being tried at both the Laporte and Muncy Valley tanneries, consists of an extract made from chestnut timber, which is ground up, both the bark and the wood, and boiled down, and can be shipped much cheaper and easier than bark, and at present is obtained mostly from West Virginia.

Miss Ocie Collins of Picture Rocks visited friends in town on Sunday. Mrs. James Haus is visiting at Milton during the fair.

Walter Remsnyder of Jamison City was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Biggar of Eagles Mere, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Biggar.

Sheriff Cott of Laporte was in town on Sunday.

Miss Bertha Wellington has returned to Williamsport after spending two weeks here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ray of Sonestown called on friends here on Sunday.

Harry Haus returned to Milton Tuesday morning after assisting his brother in his bakery during the summer.

Alvin Hill of Jamison City spent Sunday with his family at this place.

Cole's for October.

The month opens up with bright prospects. There will be a continuous stretch of high flood days from the 3rd to the 15, which will cause considerable activity in the business sphere; but from the 15, to the 19, there will be treacherous and deceiving conditions. The strongest days of the current month will be the 3, 5, 15, 21, 22, 27, and 31. See storms and signs for information.

The position of fiery Mars forbodes much excitement and trouble; also will arise a military spirit among the people. Disaster both on land and sea will follow with alarming frequency. Spain and Bulgaria will be especially unfortunate. Our President should be well guarded, as the evil planetary influences will run mostly to the destruction of rulers.

As the planets Vulcan, Mercury, Earth and Venus all take part in the battle of the elements, many autumnal storms may be expected.

Navigators on the great lakes and seacoasts should watch out for destructive storms of rain and sleet, hurricanes etc. Severe dashes of early winter may be looked for, also some very beautiful October days, as the heat wave and cold wave will alternate. The shadow of the approaching eclipse will strike along the Pacific coast means more trouble of an unexpected nature. On the 5, the moon will cross the equator. Many severe storms will sweep over the country on or about this time. A regular vulcan period is central on the 20, date of new moon, therefore on or about this time warmer weather and rain will prevail, followed by severe storms of wind, snow and sleet. The reactionary storms will occur between the 13, and 15, and the 26, and 31. Watch out for strange lights in the northern skies.