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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 guaran-
teed, by skilled workmen. Your orders appreciated.

RETTEBURY,
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.
Mercedes 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 under-
wear. 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 stock-
ing 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 Waisting

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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Over 175,000 Staves Burned.

Long blasts of the tannery whistle
early Friday morning, shortly after
3 o'clock, announced another destruc-
tive fire in Laporte, which consumed
a portion of the storage shed in
the stove factory yard and upwards
of 175,000 staves completed and ready
for shipment. How the fire origi-
nated remains a mystery as has all
other fires at this place.

The factory has been closed for
some time past and no fire has been
around the boiler for two months or
more. The wind storm a few days
previous had blown a portion of the
shed roof to one side, exposing a
portion of the staves to the several
days rain, which rendered them not
an easy substance to take fire readily.
However, the fire had gotten under
good headway before discovered and
only the best of effort saved the por-
tion of the shed that was empty.

St. Francis' Church Fair.

The Annual Fair for the benefit
of St. Francis' Church, Mildred, Pa.,
will be held November 3, 5 and 6,
10 and 11. Articles of every descrip-
tion will be on sale in the fancy booth.
Amusement and instructive enter-
tainments every evening by well
trained local talent, assisted by a
company of specialty artists from
Buffalo. The above named dates are
anxiously looked forward to as the
preparations already made indicates
that this fair will eclipse all former
similar occasions.

The St. Francis' Hall has been
newly frescoed and new stained-glass
windows placed throughout. The
beautiful effects of these improve-
ments are most pleasing to the vision
and for greater convenience and ac-
commodation the stage has been en-
larged and the auditorium re-arranged.
Entertainments planned for the
coming winter can now be better
managed with greater satisfaction to
patrons.

Lived Without Eating 49 Days.

Mr. John Taylor, son of Mr. and
Mrs. David Taylor of Muncy Val-
ley, died Monday, October 12th, after
a long illness of cancer of the
stomach. Mr. Taylor was treated
at the Williamsport Hospital and
also at the Sayre Hospital, but the
best medical skill could not afford
him relief. He suffered intensely
and was unable to partake of any
food for many days previous to his
death. He was a young man and is
survived by his parents, one brother
and two sisters, Mrs. C. M. Croll of
Dushore, and Miss Mable Taylor.

A \$150,000,000 Mortgage.

The largest mortgage ever record-
ed in Sullivan county was entered for
record in T. E. Kennedy's office on
Tuesday. The amount of the mort-
gage is \$150,000,000. It is issued
against the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co.
by the Girard Trust Company of
Philadelphia. The document is in
book form of 93 pages and contains
35,540 words. It is recorded in 17
counties in Pennsylvania and 11 in
New York state. The average fee
for recording in each county amounts
to \$46.00. A new supply of pens and
ink have been ordered for the Re-
corder's office and a hustle will be
declared on in that quarter for the
next few days.

Supposed Coal Land About Laporte At- tracts Much Attention. S. Mead Sells His Farm at a Good Price.

Salathiel Mead, last week, sold his
farm in Laporte township to John
Walsh, of Ringdale, for the sum of
\$5,000. Scranton business men have
been trying to make the purchase
with a view that coal might be found
in paying quantity and a mine would
be opened on the premises which
affords a good chance to reach a de-
sirable market. Mr. Walsh, who is
somewhat of a coal land enthusiast,
also entered into negotiation with
Mr. Mead and succeeded in closing
the deal first. Mr. Mead will give
possession to the property about the
1st of next April.

Capitalists from Wilkes-Barre have
of late been securing options on leas-
ing privilege for land in this section
and if a satisfactory amount of terri-
tory can be leased if coal be found,
the syndicate will make a thorough
test in various places at no small ex-
pense to ascertain the kind, quality
and amount of mineral contained in
the mountain ranges of this vicinity.

COUNTY NEWS Happenings of Interest to Readers

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

SONESTOWN.

Mrs. Chas. Glidewell who is suffer-
ing with an ulcer on one of her
eyes, is a little better.

R. W. Simmons and wife spent
Monday and Tuesday with the lat-
ter's mother and sisters in William-
sport.

Abraham Anderson has sold his
horses to Taylor Bros.

Mrs. T. S. Laird of Nordmont, vis-
ited her daughter, Mrs. A. Edgar,
on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Lockwood who was
called to Watons town to see her sis-
ter who was very ill, returned home
on Monday, her sister being im-
proved.

A. T. Armstrong was on a busi-
ness trip to Lockhaven, last week.

Mrs. Byron Ellison and daughter
Pearl of North Mountain, stopped
over night with Mrs. A. T. Arm-
strong, while on their way home
from New Albany where they vis-
ited relatives.

Andrew Edgar, Walter Hazen
Mrs. G. W. Simmons and daughter
Rose, Mrs. John Richart and daugh-
ter Mrs. Dane Corson and Mr. Mc-
Cartney were Williamsport visitors
on Saturday.

The employes at work on the
clothes pin factory were given a sev-
eral days vacation this week on ac-
count of lack of material to proceed
with their work.

Mrs. A. L. Converse recently vis-
ited Dr. and Mrs. Wackenhuth at
Picture Rocks, and on her return
was accompanied by Master Charles
Wackenhuth.

HILLSGROVE.

Rumor has it that the tannery at
this place will undergo extensive re-
pairs soon.

The band gave their last open air
concert last Saturday evening.

It pays to be a Rube sometimes,
especially at a wrangling match. The
only genuine Rube in our city is
winning everything in sight lately.

Mrs. Erecilia Christian and son
Lumis, of Lopez, are visiting Mr.
and Mrs. S. F. Galough.

Miss Bessie Biddle of Estella, has
enrolled as a pupil in the high school
at this place.

B. J. Lucas and H. H. Green made
a flying trip to Shunk, between
showers.

J. S. Morgan of this town, dug
and sold \$90 worth of ginseng in
eighteen days last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galough and
son Bryan are visiting relatives at
Vilas, Pa.

John Braumbeck and family vis-
ited friends at Lopez last week.

MUNCY VALLEY.

Misses Julia Burns and Mable Ha-
zen of Sonestown, visited friends in
town Sunday.

Arthur Minnier, Will Craig and
Alvin Hill of Jamison City, spent
Sunday with their friends here.

H. D. Biggar of Danville, is vis-
iting his parents here.

Chip Simmons of Sonestown was
in town Sunday.

Messrs. Moran and Magargle spent
Sunday evening at Sonestown.

Miss Sue Burgett of Muncy, vis-
ited at A. P. Starrs the past week.

Miss Sarah Bennet has returned to
this place after spending several
weeks in Philadelphia.

Mr. Wm. Bally of Shieffield, vis-
ited at J. P. Millers on Thursday.

Miss Myra Long has gone to Will-
iamsport to work.

Miss Mary Sykes of Philadelphia,
is visiting at Boyd Bennets.

California will spend \$15,000 this
year on an examination on its forest
reserves, and the work will be contin-
ued from year to year until com-
pleted. The object is to ascertain all
those facts about forests that will
guide the state in passing wise for-
est laws, to see what should be done
with state forest lands, what should
be done about regulating the cutting
of timber, whether tree planting in
denuded areas will pay, how forest
fires may best be restricted and
many other things that will apply to
the future prosperity of the state.

MILDRED.

Mr. Nelson Zaner is walking
around with the assistance of a cane
caused by a piece of rock falling on
his leg while at work in the Gunton
mines.

A serious accident befell John
Chilsholm of Hazleton, while at
work in the Gunton mines on Fri-
day of last week. A large prop that
held the roof secure fell on him and
broke his leg in two places. He was
taken to his home Saturday morn-
ing.

Mrs. John P. Murphy is visiting
her sister Mrs. Wm. Murphy in
New York City.

Uncle John Lang is quite sick at
present writing, but we hope to see
him out with the boys soon again.

Dr. J. S. Campbell has moved in-
to the house bought of C. A. Baker.

Mr. J. P. Murphy was at Waver-
ly, Sayre and Allentown last week.
By the looks of him the dutch pea
meals were to strong for him.

Mrs. Margaret Cook is visiting
her sister, Mrs. James Ross at Rey-
noldsville.

Edwin Davis, foreman at the
Gunton mines, spent Saturday and
Sunday at his home at Nanticoke.

The Gunton Mines were flooded
on Saturday and a number of the
men were idle.

Lawyer Harney of Dushore, spent
Saturday and Sunday with his par-
ents at this place.

W. B. Brown of Pittston, spent
Sunday and Monday with his family
at this place.

D. G. S. Chas. B. Watson traveled
to the happy hunting grounds of
Kakonka Tribe No. 336 Improved
Order of Red Men, and raised up the
following chiefs: Sac., John P. Mur-
phy; S. S., Free Soruiski; J. S., W.
H. Brown; Prop., L. Lowry; J. S.,
Charles Brown; S. S. Bert Walters;
J. W., H. Gunuski; S. W., John
Crowley; T. W., T. Duncan; J. W.,
C. B. Newell; J. B., F. F. Schaad;
S. B. F. W. Gallagher; T. B., T. E.
Kennedy; J. B. G., F. W. Collins;
G. W., Daniel Schoonover.

MURRAY HILL.

Mr. Thomas Cahill Jr. of Lopez,
has invented a railroad tie on which
he has secured a patent that will
bring him the nice sum of \$23,500.

Miss Mary Finan of Lopez is home
on a short vacation.

Mrs. John Collins was taken quite
ill last Thursday evening but is im-
proved at this writing.

Thomas Collins of Satterfield was
here on Monday.

Miss Kate Welsh of Lopez called
on friends at this place on Tuesday.

DUSHORE.

Charles Hoffa is confined to the
house with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Sherman of
Phelps, Michigan, are visiting the
former's sister, Mrs. A. B. Bleiler.
Mr. Sherman has not been East for
18 years.

The hardware store of James Cun-
ningham was thought to be on fire
one day last week, and excitement
broke loose at once. The gasoline
torch became unmanageable for a
time and caused a volume of smoke
to pour out of the building which
was the cause of the excitement.

A federal officer of the United
States sprung a sensation here last
week by arresting Mrs. Cora Glover
charging her with the illegal use of
the mails. She was taken to To-
wanda and released on bail. Mrs.
Glover denies the charge and says
there is a mistake made in connect-
ing her with the affair.

For application blanks and infor-
mation concerning the scope of ex-
amination, transportation, condition-
of employment etc., applicant-
should apply to the United States
Civil Service Commission, Washing-
ton, D. C., or to the Secretary of
the Civil Service Board at any post-
office where letter carrier service has
been established.

ESTELLA.

Those attending the State Sabbath
School Convention at Scranton this
week are Mr. and Mrs. Silas Mc-
Carty, Misses Rachel Rogers and
Teena Mulnix, of Lincoln Falls.

E. G. Rogers and Lester Brown
were out buying sheep last week.

The Ladies' sewing circle met at
the home of Mrs. C. B. Wheatly, on
Thursday.

Mrs. J. M. Osler who has been
very ill, is improving at this writ-
ing.

Squire Bird has gone to Wheel-
erville to do lumbering. Geo. More
is driving team for him at that place.

Eight members of Elkland Grange
made a visit to Cherry Grange last
Wednesday evening and were joy-
fully entertained by the members of
that promising branch of the order.

THE NEWS ITEM.

Its no sixteen page edition,
That expresses big men's views;
And it's not filled up with pictures,
Nor telegraphic news;

With an extra every hour;
And the Editor is not bragging
Of his influence and power.

It may have its faults and errors,
But all these I will forgive,
For it's printed in the county,
Of Sullivan, where I live.

It is only issued weekly,
And is not made up for style;
But when it arrives, I gladly
Put the others by awhile.

And I read up in the corner
That the fall winds howl and blow,
And that our townsman, G. C. Bird
predicts

An early fall of snow.
There are more learned essays on the
questions of the day,

But it says the farmers they are
looking
For another rise in hay.

It may be crude and homely,
That same little county sheet;
And the make up of its pages
May be rather obsolete.

It is damp when I unfold it,
And the print is sometimes blurred,
Yet tis always, more than welcome,
And I read it every word.

The news is fresh, right from the press.
We scan it o'er and o'er;
God bless the little post-man
Who leaves it at our door.

SHUNK.

Miss May Shattuck has arrived
home after a long stay in Elmira.

Mrs. Ann Ferguson is visiting
friends at Canton.

A. E. Campbell has been on a bus-
ness trip to Elmira the past week.

Mrs. Amy Shaddock is visiting
her daughter, Mrs. R. S. Fanning.

Leon Campbell is finishing his
house inside preparatory to plaster-
ing.

Mrs. Cora VanVeighen has moved
to the East Settlement where she
will teach this winter.

Mrs. L. I. Campbell has opened
her fine stock of up to date Mill-
nery.

U. S. Mail Used Illegally, Mrs. Glover
Under Heavy Bail for Appearance to
United States Court.

Mrs. Cora Glover, of Dushore, was
arrested by a federal officer and taken
to Towanda one day last week to
answer a charge of making illegal
use of the U. S. mail. Mrs. Chaney
Lilley, of the same place, is alleged
to have received several letter of late
reflecting upon her character with
language unfit to be sent through
the mail. No name being signed to
the letters, a detective was put on
guard to ascertain their source. The
first to be arrested on suspicion was
Mrs. Glover who denies the charge.
She has been bound over to United
States court, A. Walsh, her attorney
giving bail for her appearance.

One of Bloomsburg's weekly pa-
pers of last week contained the fol-
lowing item: "On Thursday after-
noon J. E. Keefe meeting Associ-
ate Judge Krickbaum, editor of the
Democratic Sentinel of that place,
on the street, took him by the arm
and led him before witnesses where
in their presence he served notice on
the Judge that should he make any
more allusions to him in his paper
he would slap him. We will now
anxiously await results, to see
whether the Judge will be good in
the future."

After the jury on a trivial case
tried in the Williamsport courts
last week, had been out all night,
they brought in a verdict of six
cents for the plaintiff, the following
morning.