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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.

In Best Possible Shape.

This store in the best possible shape for Autumn
and Winter business. Every section fully fortified and
completely equipped with carefully chosen merchandise.

Blankets and Comfortables

If you'll take the time and trouble to
examine the following lot of good warm
bed coverings you'll be convinced of our
desire to give you the best at the lowest
possible price:

Grey Cotton Blankets, large sizes at
45c to \$1.20.

Grey Cotton and Wool Blankets at \$2.75
to 3.75. Colored Wool Blankets, ex-
tra qualities at \$4.00 to \$6.50.

White Cotton and Wool Blankets at
\$3.39 to \$4.00. Strictly All Wool Blan-
kets, full sizes, with bright borders, at
\$3.75 to \$8.50. Muncy Blankets in
gray, white, scarlet and fancy plaids.

Comfortables.

in a large variety of light and dark floral
effects and plain covering filled with pure
white cotton, at 1.00 to \$3.75

Outing Flannels and Flannelettes

We look upon these as special values and
there's no end to the styles to choose from.
Outing Flannels in fancy stripes and plain
colors at 6c to 10c. Flannelette in fancy
stripes, floral effects and persian designs
at 10c to 16c

Flannelette Wear

A big feature has the selling of these
Flannelette Garments grown to be—warm,
comfortable and no more expensive than
ordinary cotton underwear.

Men's Night Shirts in fancy stripe out-
ing, good, full sizes, at 50c and 75c

Boys' Night Shirts at 50c etc. Ladies'
Fancy Striped Flannelette Night Gowns,
some plain, others with fancy yokes, at
50c to \$1.25.

Misses Flannelette Night Gowns at
45c to 69c. Ladies' Flannelette Short
Skirts, three good qualities, at 25c, 39c
and 50c etc. Flannelette Skirt Patterns
at 25c. All Wool Skirt Patterns in
fancy stripes at 75c to \$1.15.

THE SHOPBELL DRYGOOD CO.

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THE GRANGE

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

FITNESS OF MEMBERS.

Character the Best Credential, a
Fact Sometimes Overlooked.

The Order of Patrons of Husbandry
is primarily and chiefly an organiza-
tion of farmers and their families. It
is intended to be helpful to them in
their practical, everyday farm life and
to make them, as well as all who may
be members of the Order, intelligent,
useful citizens.

And yet by a liberal interpretation of
the constitution of the Order many be-
sides practical farmers are admitted
into membership, where it is believed
their presence and influence will
strengthen the grange and in no way
be antagonistic to its purposes. How-
ever, we believe the charter mem-
bership should be made up wholly of
farmers, tillers of the soil or landown-
ers. This makes the organization
strictly an agricultural organization.
If then it be deemed best for those not
farmers to be admitted to mem-
bership the farmers have the right to say
who shall or shall not be allowed
"within the gates." One of the most
recently organized granges in New
York state had a charter membership
of 103, and every one was a farmer or
member of a farmer's family, and it is
their purpose to continue as they have
begun. The example is worthy imita-
tion.

On the question of fitness for mem-
bership the Grange Bulletin remarks
that the rule in the grange is that the
master of the subordinate grange shall
judge of the eligibility of candidates
for membership, the members being
left to determine by ballot their suit-
ability. In other words, it is the right
and the duty of the master to say
whether the occupation of the appli-
cant shuts him out of the class for
which the grange was established, and
it is the right and the duty of the
members to say whether the character
of the applicant is such as to make
him undesirable. It is right that those
should be kept out of the grange
whose business has a decided tendency
to make them antagonistic to its pur-
poses. It is also right that evil per-
sons should not be permitted to use
the organization as a cloak for their
wickedness.

Every organization has an undoubt-
ed right to protect itself against de-
signing persons. The rules of the
grange give its members ample oppor-
tunity to keep improper persons from
becoming members. But there seems
to be danger that there is a good deal
of laxity in some granges in regard to
the eligibility of candidates and a
great deal of severity in passing on
their fitness.

THE GRANGE SECRETARY.

An Important Office and One on
Which Success Depends.

There are three offices in the subordi-
nate grange that must be filled by
competent and faithful officers or the
grange will not attain the highest suc-
cess. These offices are master, lectur-
er and secretary.

The master needs to be a good execu-
tive officer, with the faculty of keep-
ing things moving all along the line.
The lecturer should be about the best
man or woman the grange will afford.
The efficient, working grange is made
such very largely by its lecturer. The
interest and usefulness of the meetings
will depend almost altogether on this
officer. And you must have another
"best" person as secretary.

With a good secretary the master's
work is lightened much. A careless,
uninterested secretary can kill any
grange in six months or greatly hinder
its efficiency. The secretary who will
not attend grange meetings and look
after the numerous details of his work
carefully and diligently should never
be continued in office. If he can be
induced to resign before his term of
office expires all the better for the grange.
He must be present at every meeting
unless detained by illness or some other
most important reason; he must be
punctual; he must think no detail of
his official duties unimportant; he must
reply promptly to all official or busi-
ness letters; he must make his quar-
terly reports the moment they are due to
be made; he must keep his records in
good shape; he must see that the dues
are collected, and he must do a hun-
dred other things that fall to his lot
just as and just when they should be
done. Unless he does this he is not the
man for secretary.

Farmers and Citizens.

The grange has much to do outside
the farm and its immediate interests.
The farmer has something more to do
than to simply till the soil. He must
be an up to date business man; he must
be an active, not merely a passive, citi-
zen; he must have a live interest in
good government in town, county, state
and nation; he must be in politics to
the extent that he should insist on best
government and be willing to do his
part to make it so.

COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of
Interest to Readers

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

MILDRED.

James Brown of Biggartown, Pa.,
was called to Greensetlement to at-
tend the funeral of his daughter Mrs.
Edward Huffmaster. He was call-
ing on old friends at this place on
Thursday of last week.

W. B. Brown of Pittston, was vis-
iting his family at this place over
Sunday.

Joseph Ryan of Lehigh, is at-
tending to the wants of the thirsty
at John P. Murphy's restaurant.

Edward Holmes has moved into
his new house and Burt Walters
will move into the house vacated by
Edward Holmes.

Our two noted bear hunters, John
P. Murphy and Odezes Vancamp
were out after large game recently
and after three days hustling they
came up to what they had been after
and found they had shot a large
mud turtle.

Uncle John Lang has started to
work again. He has charge of the
Meylert & Randall mines.

Two Polanders working in Gun-
tons mine met with an accident by
having a piece of top coal falling on
them and badly injuring them last
week.

A Polandar had his leg broken in
the Connell mines one day recently.

Geo. W. Cook has left Bernice and
returned to the soft coal region.

George Johnson of Robertsdale, is
visiting friends at this place.

MURRAY HILL.

Jim Thayer and family were vis-
iting at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Col-
lins last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins were
Dushore visitors Saturday.

Miss Agnes Welsh and Miss A.
Scanlin, of Coreytown, were visiting
friends at this place last Saturday
and Sunday.

Miss Mary Foley of Cherry Flats,
is visiting friends here.

Mr. Loynes's children who have
been very sick are now better.

Mrs. Jim Welsh and son Thomas,
of this place, are visiting friends in
New York city this week.

The Fair given in the Methodist
church at Lopez las Friday and Sat-
urday evenings was largely attended.

Mr. Thomas Collins of Satterfield,
was calling on friends at this place
last Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George
Travis, of this place, a young son.

Ed. Sullivan, the well known lum-
berman of Sullivan county, is dead.
He was located at Elk Grove where
connected with a log job. His death
was sudden, the cause not known by
the writer.

There have been three new fam-
ilies moved to this place the past
week.

Come to the show, every body.
Five nights in Lopez, this week.

RICKETS.

John Cornell is back from the
Sayre Hospital but not much im-
proved in health.

Wm. Sykes went to the Sayre Hos-
pital on Friday last, the result of
getting emery dust into his eyes.

It was reported that several bears
were seen near Opperman's pass,
but as yet none have been caught.

C. A. M. Boyd has a fine setter
bird dog.

There will be a change in the time
table of this branch of the Lehigh-
Valley railroad on Sunday next.

This is the time of the year when
the turkey joins with us in wishing
for the good old summer time.

We had fine skating Friday, Sat-
urday and Sunday.

Mr. Ray Zaner is studying tel-
egraphy on a private line.

Ricketts has organized an ama-
teur theatrical company under the
management of Ray Zaner.

SONESTOWN.

Two couple from Laporte who at-
tended the ball at this place on
Tuesday evening had more on their
program than they expected, as
their horse slipped and fell onto the
tongue of their wagon breaking it
off, so they were compelled to
"bawl" for the wagon maker to help
them out of their trouble.

A happy reunion took place at the
home of Peter Gavitt last Sunday
when their daughter Louise arrived
here from her home in the state of
Washington, where she went 22
years ago. Her husband and their
two children are with her. We are
all glad to see her pleasant face and
hear her jolly laugh once more.

A. T. Armstrong is having his
house remodeled and when finished
it will be a great improvement both
in appearance and convenience.

This cold weather has given nearly
everybody a touch of Lagrippe.
Celia Magargle is quite sick with a
severe cold and sore throat.

Mrs. Ed Hazen of Nordmont is
visiting her husband's parents J. N.
Hazen and wife, this week.

There has been a number of fat
hogs killed here this week but A.
Edgar comes out best so far. He
killed two hogs eight months old
that weighed 645 pounds. The larg-
est weighed 352 pounds. Ned wants
to hear from the one that can beat
this.

B. G. Welsh and wife came up
from Hughesville Wednesday even-
ing in order to attend the union
Thanksgiving service in the M. E.
Church.

Frank Hazen of Harrisburg is vis-
iting his parents and enjoying a
hunt at the same time.

Mrs. Francis Lowe of William-
sport is visiting her niece Mrs. John
Converse.

Mrs. Joseph Carpenter of Dushore,
visited her husband and other friends
in town the first of the week.

ESTELLA.

The little fall of snow make the
hunters more zealous to shoot and
kill the few small game left in our
farm woodlands. It will only be a
short time when the quail and other
harmless birds will be a thing of the
past. It would be well to legislate
against killing them entirely for a
few years and put a bounty on the
poultry thieving hawks and other
harmful rodents.

There is quite a few sick in this
vicinity. J. E. Brown is still on
the sick list but seems decidedly bet-
ter at present writing.

There were twelve members of
Elkland Grange attended the Po-
mona Grange meeting at LeRoy
Corners, with several from Overton
and Cherry grange.

The Elkland Grangers took in the
Saturday evening session of the
Windfall grange. All had a very
pleasant time and had the pleasure
of hearing Miss Grace Packard, a
rising elocutionist recite.

A. T. Mulnix made a trip to La-
pote Tuesday.

J. P. Rogers complains bitterly of
the load he took over the mountain,
because they poked holes through
his robes, pounded his back sore,
pulled his hair and his wife took
advantage because she had backing.
We extend sympathy to Mr. Rogers
for we know he had a bad lot to
handle.

Smallpox Spreading.

Notwithstanding the strenuous ef-
forts being put forth to check the
spread of the small pox at Centralia,
Columbia county, new cases continue
to be reported with alarming fre-
quency and there is great uneasiness
in that place. The public schools
which have been closed and reopened
are again closed and will likely
remain so until the disease has been
stamped out entirely.

Frightened Horse Unmanageable.

TWO LOPEZ MEN INJURED.

A Run-away Accident at Laporte Cau-
sed Excitement to Run High. Not as
Serious as Was Supposed.

A run-away accident occurred at
Laporte Tuesday afternoon by which
two Lopez men were painfully injur-
ed. Chas. Schock and George Sher-
ling were returning home having
to the county seat on business and
drove one of Hon. A. L. Dyer's
livery rigs. They were descending
the hill between the 1st Ward and
the tannery when in some manner
the harness became disarranged,
causing the animal discomfort and it
began to kick and tried to run. Mr.
Sherling, who speaks some English
with a foreign accent, was doing the
driving at the time, and evidently
not being a trained horseman allowed
the animal to become unmanage-
able and upset the wagon. The
two occupants were thrown out upon
the frozen ground causing them some
severe bruises and cut arms and faces.
They were able to cling to the lines
and run the horse in a fence where
it was released from the carriage
which had the top and one wheel
badly demolished. The two injured
men, who are about fifty years of age,
were assisted to the Laporte Hotel
where Dr. Randall dressed their
wounds and examining their bruises
finding no bones broken or any injury
likely to prove serious.

The carriage was repaired on Wed-
nesday and they again set out upon
their homeward journey Thursday.

LOCAL INSTITUTES.

The first Local Institute of the
year for Elkland, Forks, Fox and
Hills Grove school districts will be
held at Forksville, Saturday, Dec. 5,
1903. The institute will commence
at 10 o'clock a. m.

PROGRAM.

Question box.
Professional Education of Teachers
—S. D. Molyneux.
Practical Drill in Primary Read-
ing—Mary Clark.
Nature Study—C. H. Warren.
Penmanship—Stephen Metterling.
Language Work for Intermediate
Grades—Anna Dewar.
School Examinations—J. Robert
Molyneux.
Art of Securing Attention and
Study—Clara Streby.
The Importance of Suitable Appa-
ratus for School Work—Wallace
Burgess.

All teachers of the above named
school districts are expected to attend
this meeting. A cordial invitation
is extended the directors and patrons
to meet with us.

M. R. BLACK, Co. Supt.

Many Prosecuted.

The State's Dairy and food De-
partment made a record in its work
of prosecuting dealers in impure
foods during October. There were
brought 621 prosecutions against
firms and individuals, who had vio-
lated the pure food, dairy and liquor
laws. The numerous defendants
represent nearly every county in the
commonwealth, so far reaching and
uniform were the efforts of the spe-
cial agents to secure an enforcement
of the various acts of assembly,
which are placed under his adminis-
tration. Of this large number of vi-
olations, 572 suits were based upon
the illegal sale of adulterated, pre-
served or compounded liquors, while
the remaining forty-three cases rep-
resented impure, adulterated or pre-
served food products, such as oleo-
margarine, lard, renovated butter,
chocolate, molasses, maple syrup,
preserved meat and bologna, etc.

This was the largest number of
cases instituted during a single
month in the history of the adminis-
tration. A total of over \$5,700 was
turned into the state treasury on ac-
count of fines collected.