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**Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.**

**The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,**  
313 Pine Street,  
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Needed Things for Now.

Each one of these items are of the wanted, seasonable sort, selected from different departments of the store.

Ladies' Oneita Combination or Union Suits, in White and Natural Color; all sizes and qualities, from 50c to \$1.65.

Ladies' Elderdown Dressing Sacques, in Plain Colors or Fancy Stripes and Persian Effects. New styles, at 69c. to \$2.50.

Children's Hand Crocheted Sacques, in White, with pink and blue edge. Variety of styles, at 50c to \$1.75.

Ladies' Black Equestrian Tights, in all sizes, and especially good values, for \$1 \$1.35 and \$2.

French Flannel for Ladies' Shirts, in new Plain Colors. Best qualities, at 15c and 50c.

Striped Prunella Waists, good styles and colors, worth fully 50c, at 39c.

New shades in Albatross, Light and Medium Dark Colors, for Shirts, Waists or Dresses. Excellent value for 50c.

Misses' Seamless Woven Tam-O-Shanters, in White, Light Blue, Pink, Navy, Cardinal, Light Gray and Oxford, at 50c 75c and \$1.

New designs in Flannelets for Waists and Dressing Sacques. They come in Stripes, Dots and Figures and Persian Effects. These are the best quality and choicest styles, at 15c.

Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers. The quality usually sold at 50c. We have them in all sizes, at 39c.

Children's Fur Sets in almost endless variety of styles. Select them now while the stock is complete. Prices range from \$1 to \$12.50.

The M and Nazareth Ribbed Waists for boys and girls. We handle three qualities that sell from 15c, 18c and 25c.

Ladies' Knit and Crocheted Wool Shawls, in White, Black and Colors. Quite a number of styles, at \$1 up to 2.50.

PLAID SILKS. We have just received a lot of New Plaid Silks and you will say they are handsome when you see them. Prices are \$1 and 1.25.

MUFFLERS. Have you seen the Way Ribbed Wool Muffler? Just what Ladies and Gentlemen need for cold weather, and they are not expensive, only 50 cents.

White Mercerized Vestings for Ladies' Shirts, in White, Black and Colors. Variety of neat designs in Figures and Stripes, at 25c to 75c.

Infants' White Bedford Cord, Long and Short Coats. Some are Plain others neatly trimmed. Prices vary, \$1.50 to 2.75.

Cords and Tassels for Pillows, either Plain Colors or Mixed Shades. Two qualities, in all shades, at 25c and 50c.

"No Mend Stockings" is something new and better in Children's Hose than you have been buying and they cost no more. 25c a pair.

The publication of the condensed report of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow, accompanied by a memorandum by President Roosevelt, has furnished no new information on the postal scandals, but it throws much light upon the manner in which the investigations have been carried on. No one who reads it can fail to be convinced of the able, thorough and impartial manner in which the dishonest transactions, begun by Machen in 1893, during the Cleveland administration and lasting up to within the last few months, were exposed regardless of the prominence and political influence of those concerned.

When, in January, the President was informed of the condition of affairs in the Post Office Department, he gave Mr. Bristow full power to carry out a relentless investigation, in which he was aided by forty inspectors. For many months they worked hard and faithful. The records of one thousand post offices were examined, and the files of many divisions of the department for the last years were scrutinized. As a result four officers of the department have resigned and thirteen have been removed. Forty-four indictments have been found, involving thirty-one persons. The total amount which the dishonest officials received by fraudulent means is about \$400,000, but this amount is small compared to the loss of the government by the purchasing of unnecessary or inferior supplies at exorbitant rates.

In his review of the report, the President expresses thorough satisfaction with the work of Mr. Bristow and makes plain the intention of the Administration to do all possible to bring the offenders, official and others, to justice. The President rightly says, "No crime calls for sterner reprobation than the crime of the corruptionist in public life and of the man who seeks to corrupt him. The bribe-giver and the bribe-taker are equally guilty.

Opponents of the Administration, who hope to make political capital out of the postal frauds, should remember that President Roosevelt is entitled to the credit of directing one of the most thorough investigations of public corruption, which has yet been made.

Cascade grange of Maine is rejoicing in its occupancy of a new grange hall. It cost \$3,500. The building rests on a solid foundation of Berlin granite. It is 35 by 65 feet and admirably proportioned. There is a covered entrance in the center of the building and on the inside to the left a check room 12 by 12. Opposite this is a good sized ticket office with a broad stairway leading to the hall above. Back of the check room is the kitchen, 12 by 22 feet. The supper room is in the rear of all and is a most convenient apartment, 35 by 50 feet. Upstairs there is another check room and the main hall, which is 85 by 40 feet, with a stage in the rear 13 by 35 feet. The finish of the building is North Carolina pine, all the doors and stairs being birch. The building is lighted by electricity.

**A Strong Insurance Organization.**  
The Salisbury and Amesbury Mutual Fire Insurance company, under the management of the state grange, is rapidly increasing its business, says the New England Homestead. The high water mark of business under the old management was about \$950,000, while the present business amounts to \$1,350,000. The policy holders number over 1,200 and the towns represented about 200. Since Jan. 1 over \$600,000 has been written and losses paid amounting to \$2,300. All bills are paid to date, and there is a balance in the treasury of about \$5,000. All these risks have been carefully inspected before writing. Massachusetts Patrons have every reason to congratulate themselves upon the success of their venture thus far.

**The Work in Maine.**  
Returns from 162 subordinate granges for the quarter ended Sept. 30 fully maintain the average increase of the year and indicate that the total membership in Maine at this time exceeds 40,000. This shows a net yearly gain of almost 2,800 during the past six years, a record of which Maine Patrons may well be proud.

There is a grange in Michigan that has an average attendance of about 50 per cent of the membership. The grange meets every week, begins on time, owns the grange hall. That grange is prosperous.

It is quite impossible to keep a record of the erection and dedication of new grange halls throughout the land. Let the good work proceed.

## COUNTY NEWS Happenings of Interest to Readers

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

### SONESTOWN.

The first carload of clothespins from McCartney's clothespin factory were shipped last Saturday. There were 1100 boxes with 720 pins in box. They were shipped to New York and from there will be sent to London, Eng.

On Tuesday the fourteen months old baby of Gen. Woodside ate something that poisoned her. In the early part of the evening Mrs. Woodside noticed the child playing by the sewing machine, with a box that contained buttons. She closed the door and went out to milk leaving the child to amuse herself, but when she returned to the house the child was becoming sleepy, and it was so unusual that it was soon noticed that something was wrong. She soon became limp and cold, and the doctor was hastily summoned and on arriving immediately set to work to keep the baby awake which was done with much difficulty until nine o'clock when she began vomiting which continued at intervals until 3 o'clock the next morning. A search was made and a gray tablet was found in the box with the button and was supposed to be the cause of the poisoning, how it got there is a mystery to the parents. It was found to contain morphine and other drugs. The child is improving at this time.

The baby daughter of H. C. Boatman put her elbow out of joint by falling on the floor one day last week. Dr. Voorhees put the joint back into place.

M. D. Sweeney has resigned as teacher of the Sugar Grove School, and gone to Ricketts to scale logs for which he will get \$50 per month and board.

Lloyd Frens is entertaining his brother of Benton, this week.

H. P. Hall and wife are visiting at Orangeville, this week.

Isaac Lowe and Madge Gritman of Nordmont, visited at Gus Mencer's on Sunday.

### MILLED.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. Vancamp, twin girls, and O. V. is all smiles.

C. B. Watson has moved from Gunton Hill to the house vacated by Burt Walters.

W. Thayer has moved to Murray Hill from Six Miles Run and visited friends here.

John P. Murphy has received a present of a valuable setter dog. It will set on anything from a cracker to a pea coal stove.

Edward Holmes and Hart Vaughn have taken the contract for digging the coal in the Randall and Meylert mines.

C. E. Jackson was at Ithaca two days last week.

Miss Nora Morningstar who had a slight attack of diphtheria, is able to be around again. She has left the Schaad hotel and gone to her home at Colley.

### MURRAY HILL.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thayer of New York state, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thayer of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Riley of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walsh.

Thomas Murray got his foot badly jammed in the mines one day this week.

Mrs. William McGee, of this place, is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. John Collins and Miss Katie Welsh were Dushore visitors Saturday last.

Mrs. H. McKibbins and Mrs. H. Castle of Lopez, visited friends in Dushore Saturday.

Mr. John Hassen, of Laporte, was calling on friends here last Thursday. Mr. Edward Warburton of Forks township was transacting business at this place Friday.

### HILLSGROVE.

J. H. Hoffman and wife have returned from an extended visit at Williamsport.

Stephen Vroman has returned from a hunting trip up the river. He succeeded in bringing home a deer.

Albert Porter of the Helsman hotel, was initiated into the P. O. S. of A. at this place Friday night. "The goat," he says, "wasn't lively enough for him."

Vernon Hull, with smiling face, is with us for a short time again.

Mr. Samuels of the Penn Bridge Co., with a full force of men are at E. S. Little's. They began erecting the new iron bridge over Elk Creek Monday, 7th.

Wm. Brong and J. E. Morgan have nearly completed their immense log job at the Point.

Mrs. John Darby is visiting relatives at Hughesville this week.

Miss Mazie Green is plying the needle at Mrs. Joseph Heisman's.

James Shaver, who was the guest of his brother last week has returned to Ridgeway.

Butcher Shaffer, of Forks, had a bad scare one day last week. His team jumped over the narrows near town, which resulted in a badly damaged meat wagon. No serious injury to himself or horses that we could learn.

Miss Frankford Lewis held a pie social at Anna Sadler's rooms Saturday night, for the benefit of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Clara Quick and Isa Vroman spent Sunday and Monday at Dushore.

A party of ladies from our town got lost on the new mill-creek road one day last week. Homer Peck found them and succeeded in getting them on the right track toward their home.

Emory Bagley of Platt, was in town Saturday night.

Mrs. Anna Lewis visited at Ed. McBrides, Friday evening.

Coming! Coming! H. H. Green's great company of comedians. A comic play play by twelve persons, at the band hall Friday and Saturday evening. Admission ten and twenty cents.

Misses Lizzie Hoffman and Freda McBride are the guests of Mrs. Ed Hoffman, Saturday evening.

Henry Darby visited at Forks-ville Sunday.

### Many Witness the Ordination Ceremony.

Rev. Irwin H. Fisher of the Laporte Baptist Church, was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel, on Friday evening, with an impressive ceremony. Revs. Ward West, W. Quay Rosell, John Sherman and Neubow participated in the services. The congregation was favored with select singing by the choir, after which they listened to the reading of the scripture lesson and a fervent prayer by Rev. J. Sherman. Rev. Ward West delivered an eloquent sermon and held the closest attention of his hearers as he expounded truth after truth, taking for his text "Except ye eat of My flesh and drink of My blood, ye are not of Me," the theme of his sermon being the difference between Religion and Christianity. He gave some fine illustrations to show the logic of his reasoning. Rev. Neubow offered prayer as Rev. Fisher knelt for the "laying on of hands," after which Rev. Roselle gave some excellent advice to the newly ordained minister in regard to his duties toward the church; he also gave the members of the church some sound advice as to their duty toward their minister. Rev. Roselle is a forceful and entertaining talker and his remarks were much appreciated by all. A successful career in the ministry is predicted for Rev. Fisher.

### Local Institute.

The first local institute of the year for the teachers of Western Sullivan, convened at Forks, Saturday, December 5, 1903.

Prof. Silas D. Molyneux was elected chairman and Miss Sara Huckle secretary.

The time honored 'question box' was passed, and the forenoon session devoted to the discussion of many questions of importance to teachers. Foremost among them being the question of examinations in the public schools. Many of the teachers favoring monthly examinations, and quite as many opposing a stated time for examinations, and arguing that examinations should be given whenever the subject matter passed over seemed to require a written review.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Speed Away," by institute.

After disposing of a few of the questions still remaining in the question box, the following program was rendered:

Professional Education of teachers—S. D. Molyneux. Practical Drill in Primary Reading—Mary Clark. Recitations: "The Dream,"—Mollie Birdsall. "It Takes a Man to be Brave,"—Olive Plotts. "Those Evening Bells,"—Leon Stebens, Roy Smith and Fred Séhanbacher. School Examinations—J. Robert Molyneux. Remarks by Rev. Huntly and Prof. Bowles. Methods of Securing Attention and Study—Miss Clara Streyby. Recitation: "The Drowning Singer,"—Grace Wheatley. Duette: Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Woodhead. Importance of Suitable Apparatus for School Work—Wallace Burgess. Subject discussed by Supt. Black and Rev. Huntly. Language Work for Intermediate Grades—Supt. M. R. Black. Institute voted to hold the next regular meeting at Estella. Prof. J. Robert Molyneux, Wallace Burgess and Miss Cora Warburton appointed by the chairman as a program committee. The program was closed by a few well chosen remarks by Prof. Bowles.

The following teachers were in attendance: Misses Mary Clark, Hattie Molyneux, Jewel O'Brien, Cora Warburton, Nellie Connor, Alice Harrington, Emma Biddle, Mary Leahy, Leona Bahl, Jennie Luther, Clara Streyby, Pearl Wanch, Nellie Leess, Clara Wilcox, Frankford Lewis, Sara Huckle. Prof. S. D. Molyneux, T. J. Cavanaugh, J. R. Molyneux, Wallace Burgess, Jesse B. Porter, Oliver Bender.

MISS SARA HUCKLE, Sec'y.

An editor near Custer, Indian Territory, got a cattle show and concert mixed in making up, and now he has to keep dark. This is the way he did it. "The concert given by Robinson's most beautiful young ladies was highly appreciated. They sang in their most charming manner, winning the plaudits of the entire audience, who pronounced them the finest herd of short horns in the country. A few are of rich brown color, but the majority are spotted brown and white.

### Levi Got His Game.

Levi Edwards, of Muncy, who recently established a shoe repairing business in E. E. Webb's store at Muncy Valley, got furiously mad one day last week at the rabbits which plentifully inhabit that vicinity. The corn he daily fed to Col. Webb's pigs showed no hard producing signs and upon investigation Levi found that the rabbits were stealing the corn from the pigs before they had time to devour it. This was what enraged him so desperately and regardless of the rush orders pinned on his work bench, he loaded the Colonel's army musket with gun cotton and shoe pegs, and started in pursuit of the enemies. Six rabbits were mortally wounded that day and Levi claims the credit.

A lady school teacher recently asked one of her pupils if he knew how to make a Maltese cross, to which the boy promptly replied, "Step on its tail."

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