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HEATERS;**

ONE OF WINTER'S GREAT DELIGHTS.

House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every  
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313 Pine Street,  
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We want this store to be first in your mind when you have Dry Goods to buy, and your buying judgment will do the rest.

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In light and medium colors for Waists and Dressing Sacques. They come in stripes, figures and Persian effects. Regular 15c quality at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

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We don't want to summer a single piece of Fur or Ladies' or Misses' Coat or Suit if possible. If you appreciate the earnestness of this statement you'll understand why we are selling these for one-half price.

**Torchron Lace.**

We are closing out a lot of Torchron Laces that are from one to two and a half inches wide, and good patterns. Not many of them, but the price is only 3c a yard.

**New Embroideries.**

At very low prices. It is marvelous how much embroidery quality and beauty can be had here for a few cents a yard. Every mother who is making children's dresses, underwear and the like should see the embroideries we are showing.

**About White Goods.**

Lots of new weaves to show you in white goods, especially suited for Shirt Waists. All the new designs in figures, stripes, dots in mercerized cotton materials.

**New Wash Goods.**

Are now ready on the counters. These include all the latest novelties in Wash Materials that will be in vogue for this season. We are showing the largest stock and best styles of Gingham than ever before. Prices from 8c to 15c.

**THE SHOPBELL DRYGOOD CO.**

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**THE GRANGE**

Conducted by  
**J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y.,**  
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Grange

**PORTLAND GETTING READY.**

Plans Already Being Made For the Entertainment of National Grange.

Oregon and Washington are already hustling to give the national grange a grand reception in November, 1904. In the first place, a campaign for increased membership is now being conducted by State Lecturer J. H. T. Smith of Washington, and likewise in Oregon there will be a strong effort made to show a large percentage of increase when the national body convenes.

Evening Star grange, No. 27, of Portland, Ore., is alive to the situation. A resolution was adopted at a recent meeting congratulating State Master Leedy in securing the next meeting for Portland, and a movement was started by the grange to give the eastern grangers an exhibit of green vegetables and fruits that will surprise them in November. Grapes on the vines and strawberries, raspberries, etc., could be shown. It has been suggested that Oregon and Washington combine and make a grand display of farm produce. From the Portland Oregonian we learn that there are some up to date grangers in that locality. Ewatsville grange owns ten acres of land and has built a fine hall. In this hall all the social functions of the neighborhood are held, as well as the regular business meetings of the grange. A Thanksgiving dinner, at which more than 200 were fed, was served in this hall. This grange has established an annual three days' picnic, with a fair and live stock show, where the best stock in Whitman county is shown and liberal premiums are awarded.



**B. G. LEEDY.**  
(Master Oregon state grange.)

The grange was organized in this county about three years ago.

**The Grange Develops Talent.**

One advantage of the grange is to develop talent. Many a farmer, until he joins the grange and has taken part in its literary and educational work, finds it difficult to speak five minutes on an assigned topic in any public meeting with any degree of interest to his hearers. He had not before believed that he could write a paper on any subject that would be worth the reading. As one farmer said, "I would rather bitch up and drive a nail to carry information than write one postal card." But in the grange he finds opportunity to formulate his ideas into words, and often there is found to be rare worth in what he has to say. The grange educates in many ways. It helps men to know themselves.

**A Remarkable Fact.**

New Hampshire grangers are very nearly equally divided as to sex. The total membership in the state is 26,800—13,631 men and 13,669 women. The gains for the year are: By initiation, 8,108; by demit, 339; reinstatement, 378; charter members, 242; total, 4,007.

At the recent Illinois state grange meeting Hon. Oliver Wilson of Magnolia was re-elected master for the ensuing term. Mr. Thomas Kelley of Dunlap was re-nominated for secretary, but, having served in that capacity for twenty-five years, declined re-election.

**NATIONAL GRANGE POLICY.**

**Hon. Aaron Jones Re-elected Master. Full List of Officers.**

The session of the national grange held at Rochester was one of much importance not only to the Order of Patrons of Husbandry, but to the agricultural class in general. As outlining the position and working policy of the grange the resolutions adopted were significant. They indicate that the high officials of the Order are awake to the needs of the farmers and are endeavoring to secure for them such legislation and other benefits as shall give agriculture its rightful position among the great productive industries of the world.

Of the resolutions that most clearly define the public policy of the national grange and will determine the line of action of the legislative committees throughout the twenty-eight states represented these may be mentioned: That reciprocal tariff relations should be maintained in the interests of farmers with those countries that consume the agricultural products of the United States; that our "agricultural products should be protected as well as our manufactured articles;" that since a small percentage of farmers' sons and daughters are able to attend state agricultural colleges the grange should favor the establishment of county or district agricultural high schools; that alleged excessive charges on railroads for carrying the mails as compared with those exacted from express companies should be investigated by the legislative committee; that rural free mail carriers should receive as much pay as city mail carriers; that the establishment of postal savings banks should be advocated; that the legislative committee should persist in its endeavors to procure legislation favorable to the parcel post system; that "good roads" legislation, as outlined in the Brownlow bill, should be favored, and that a federal law should be enacted to "protect the grape growing industry from imposition and fraud."

Many other resolutions were adopted, particularly with reference to the work within the Order. It was voted to remove the national secretary's office from Washington to Tippecanoe City, O. Grange headquarters will be established at the St. Louis exposition. The next meeting of the national grange will be held at Portland, Ore.

The following officers were elected:  
Master, Aaron Jones, South Bend, Ind.; overseer, T. C. Atkeson, Morgantown, W. Va.; lecturer, N. J. Bachelder, Concord, N. H.; steward, J. A. Newcomb, Golden, Colo.; assistant steward, George W. F. Gaunt, Mullica Hill, N. J.; chaplain, W. K. Thompson, Liberty Hill, S. C.; treasurer, Mrs. Eva W. McDowell, Rome, N. Y.; secretary, C. M. Freeman, Tippecanoe City, O.; gatekeeper, B. C. Patterson, Torrington, Conn.; Ceres, Mrs. Martha M. Wilson, Magnolia, Ill.; Pomona, Mrs. Emma M. Derby, Woodside, Del.; Flora, Mrs. Pauline S. Raine, Monticello, Mo.; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Laura T. Raap, Martinez, Cal. One member of the executive committee is elected each year for a term of three years. C. J. Bell, East Hardwick, Vt., was re-elected. The other members of the committee are E. B. Norris of New York and F. A. Dertbeck of Ohio.

There was never such a demand for grange literature and never so many newspapers running grange departments as now. The membership is increasing so rapidly that publishers find it good business policy to use at least a column of grange matter each week.

Fredonia (N. Y.) grange held its thirty-fifth annual election recently. It was the first grange organized in the state of New York, or in the world, for that matter. Mr. U. E. Dodge, who was elected lecturer, was the first master of this grange.

Fruitland grange of Delaware is "the father of masters," as it were. It has furnished three masters for the state grange and more are in training.

Pennsylvania added 5,000 new members to its roll of Patrons. This year State Master Hill asks for 7,000.

**COUNTY NEWS**  
Happenings of  
Interest to Readers  
Columns of Interesting  
Items Gathered by Our  
Special Corps of Hustling  
Correspondents in  
Many Towns.

**LOPEZ NEWS ITEMS.**

Lloyd, Irvin and Ora Fronfelker were all called to their home here on account of the serious illness of their sister, Miss Lulu, but who is better at this writing.

George Garey and Francis Finan are on the sick list.

Charles Vose of Wilmot called on Lopez friends recently.

Rumor has it that Lopez is to have a new industry in the shape of a stone quarry which is to commence operations this spring. May it be true.

James Lavalie, while working in the Murray mines had his knee badly fractured. Dr. Christian reduced the fracture and he was then taken to the Sayre Hospital.

Spencer D. Reed of Tunkhannock made a business trip to Lopez Tuesday. Any one wishing to buy a piano, organ or sewing machine might save money by calling or writing to him.

**MURRAY HILL.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cahill, a son.

Miss Katie Walsh of Lopez visited friends here Sunday.

M. M. Collins transacted business at Laporte Wednesday.

Artie Cronley and W. Driscoll visited at John Cronleys Sunday.

Misses Nellie and Mary Murray, of Dunmore, are visiting at Peter Murray's.

Miss Sadie Scanlin of this place visited her parents at Dushore Sunday.

Messrs Joe and Tom Scanlin visited their parents Sunday.

**ESTELLA.**

Delbert Brown has moved his family to Leroy, where he has leased his father-in-law's farm.

Mrs. Wm Wheatley is on the sick list. Also Mrs. W. H. Plotts has been very ill but is some better at this writing.

Homer Benninger had this misfortune to lose his horse by sickness last week.

The Ladies Sewing Circle will meet with Mrs. J. M. Osler at Lincoln Falls the 2 Thursday in March.

Vide and Teena Mulnix attended Sunday School convention at Bethel, last Friday.

Rev. S. Sayles preached a splendid sermon Sunday morning at the school house on "Worldly Selfishness."

Boyd Osler is attending court this week in capacity of juror.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle will have an egg social the evening before Easter. All are cordially invited.

Miss Georgia Webster visited her old home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Galough and son Jacob of Hills Grove, visited friends at this place Saturday and Sunday.

**PIATT.**

Sumner McCarty who has been working at Hills Grove, was visiting with his parents at this place Sunday.

John Cook returned to his home in Chester county, Friday last.

Misses Jennie and Elsie McCarty are on the sick list.

Mrs. Geo. McCarty of Forksville, is visiting at Walter Battin's.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shattuck, Wednesday, Feb. 16, a girl.

Clara Hamilton has not been able to attend school the past week.

Walter Baumunk returned home from his work at Laquin Friday.

Dean Battin visited at Coon Hill Sunday.

Earl Kilmer visited at Fred McCarty's the past week.

Mrs. Dean Molyneux went to Millview Sunday.

Gustie Henze visited at Mr. Wm. Bagley Sunday.

**HILLSGROVE.**

Dr. Woodhead of Forksville was called here in consultation with Dr. Brown of this place on Sunday, in the cases of serious illness of Mrs. Wm. Secules and Miss Mina Sullivan.

Those pleasant little measles after attacking half the town, have vacated the place.

Miss Bessie Vogle who has been wintering here has returned to Montoursville.

It is rumored that a Mr. Howlett is looking for the P. O. now.

Mrs. Benfield and daughter Miss Kate, of Forksville, spent Sunday at Hills Grove.

Herman Green has severed his connections with the tannery and is now taking time to read those many valentines.

A sleigh load of young people of Lincoln Falls gave a surprise party at Myron Williams, Friday night.

Mrs. Tillie Vargason spent a few days at the wayside cottage last week.

Sumner Rogers of Lincoln Falls was in town Monday.

Among the guests of the Saddler House might be mentioned Dr. B. E. Gamble of Wheelerville, C. B. Rinebold of Waterville, and Fulmer Jenkins of Laquin.

**RICKETTS.**

The gang saw of the mill broke down on Monday, and will probably take a week to get it in running order.

Dr. Mintzer expects to move to Washington State next week. A Dr. Bradford will take his place here.

The Ricketts Athletic club is making fine progress and doing some good work as will be seen by the many black eyes etc., occasionally.

The work is now completed at the ice house at Ganoga Lake. The ice house is only two-thirds full.

Mr. Albert Wood of Towanda, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Kuhns.

Rev. Hower of Lopez lectured in the P. O. S. of A. Hall Monday night.

J. M. Zaner was in Dushore a few days last week.

A number of our people are on the sick list.

There is enough snow here to last all summer at this rate.

Ricketts will soon be surprised by a chemical company locating here.

A well dressed stranger recently succeeded in swindling a number of Mahanoy farmers out of sums ranging from \$5 to \$25, by representing himself as a government employee in search of recruits for the United States Army. He was a fluent talker and told them that the government had taken sides with Japan in her war with Russia, and that every available man would be pressed into the service unless he could furnish a substitute. He could of course furnish the substitute upon the payment of a small sum. Many farmers believing his story readily paid for substitutes rather than go to war. Of course the stranger disappeared.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the State Line and Sullivan Railroad company will be held next Saturday at Philadelphia for the purpose of approving the removal of the company's offices from that city to Dushore, amending the by-laws to conform to the change in location, and authorizing the sale of coal lands and other property of the corporation to trustees of a syndicate which will issue certificates of interest against the assets sold to it. A directors meeting will also be held, and the resignation of E. D. Ackley as secretary accepted. It is expected that Rush J. Thompson of Dushore, will be elected to succeed him.