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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.

EVERYWHERE IN THE STORE YOU FIND CON-
clusive evidence that the new season is at hand.
This store with its fresh, bright stock of new mer-
chandise stands ready to be helpful to you in your buying.

SPRING GOWNS AND SUITS.

Here's a fine collection of the newest styles and the latest materials.
Some of the best of the season's Gowns and Suits. The painstaking work
put into these Suits tells its own story. The styles are perfect and the
tailoring the best. Gowns we cannot describe, better come and see them.

Every kind and style of Walking Skirts.

New Jackets and Silk Waists new Walking Skirts of all kinds.

SPRING DRESS GOODS.

The soft, clinging fabrics that will be used for the season's gowns are
now being shown. Here you may see Voiles, Crepes and all beautiful
Wool and Silk and Wool material that will be wanted this season. Plain
and Scotch effects for tailored suits.

A New Line of Hosiery to Select From.

We start the Spring season with a large stock of Hosiery for men,
women and children. You may buy Hosiery here and feel perfectly
easy. You have the best obtainable for the price.

OUR CORSET STOCK.

We haven't every kind of corsets that's made, but the department is
stocked with a number of makes, each the best of its kind. Drop in the
store when you need a corset and consult with our Corset sales-people.
Tell them your corset trouble and we will guarantee the one you will
get will fit perfectly and wear well.

THE SHOPBELL DRYGOOD CO.

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THE GRANGE

Conducted by
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GRANGE INSURANCE.

Magnitude of the Business in the
Great Grange States.

Farmers' mutual fire insurance com-
panies have made a tremendous growth
during the past few years. And since
the Patrons of Husbandry have become
so powerful in numbers and influence
they have found the insurance feature
of the Order more and more popular
until today there are flourishing grange
insurance companies in at least fifteen
states, carrying about \$120,000,000 in
policies, strictly among members of the
Order.

Some interesting statistics have been
gathered by the New England Home-
stead bearing on the subject. In Con-
necticut grange insurance has been in
force for sixteen years, and the 1,500
policies now cover a value of \$2,044,-
000. The average cost per thousand is
\$2.40. Maine carries \$9,050,000 in
9,098 policies at an average of about
\$2.60 per thousand. Massachusetts has
over \$1,000,000 in 850 policies and has
been in the business for two years
only, as the state forbids the incorpora-
tion of any kind of a mutual fire in-
surance company without at least \$1,-
000,000 in risks when the charter is ap-
plied for. New York has twenty-two
grange companies, carrying \$58,738,632
in 38,450 policies. Losses and expenses
for three years amount to \$396,000, the
average yearly cost to insured being
\$2.25. Some of the New York com-
panies carry as much as \$9,000,000 and
only two of them less than \$1,000,000
in risks. The law limits the business
of mutual companies to three counties
in that state. Pennsylvania, with eight
companies, comes next, with \$18,209,-
000 in risks carried by 9,833 policies at
an average cost of \$1.93 per thousand
since organization. New Hampshire
has \$6,000,000 in insurance on farms in
4,174 policies and has been in the busi-
ness for sixteen years. Her fire losses
in 1902 were \$11,866. Michigan car-
ries \$12,000,000 in insurance. There
are about twenty companies in that
state, mostly new ones, and State
Master Horton says that the average rate
since organization is between 80 and
90 cents per thousand. Other states
have grange insurance as follows:
Kansas, \$2,142,000 in 1,582 policies;
Ohio, \$8,396,000; Colorado, \$237,000;
Delaware, \$643,000; Rhode Island,
\$200,000; Washington, \$290,000; West
Virginia, \$200,000; Oregon, \$560,000.
The strong feature in this Patrons'
insurance is the high quality of selected
risks among the most desirable class
of farmers and the economy with which
the business is managed.

GRANGE TOPICS FOR 1904.

FIRST QUARTER.
General Topic—"Good Roads."
January—Is national aid to road build-
ing advisable, and what can the grange
do to secure it?
February—To what extent is state aid to
road building justifiable?
March—What can be done by local ac-
tion to secure better roads?

SECOND QUARTER.
General Topic—"Good Crops."
April—How important is the adaptability
of the crop to soil and demands of the
local market?
May—What are the relative merits from
cultivation and fertilization derived by
growing crops?
June—Can improvement be made in the
present method of marketing crops?

THIRD QUARTER.
General Topic—"Good Citizens."
July—What is the duty of the farmer in
the management of the affairs of his po-
litical party?
August—What is the duty of the farmer
in the management of the affairs of state
or nation?
September—What is the duty of the
farmer in the management of local affairs,
including churches, schools and roads?

FOURTH QUARTER.
General Topic—"Good Homes."
October—What constitutes the essential
features inside the ideal home?
November—What are required as the
outside attractions of the ideal home?
December—What should the different
members of the family contribute to an
ideal home?
NAHUM J. BACHELDER,
Lecturer National Grange,
Concord, N. H., Dec. 29, 1903.

Libraries For Granges.
In Michigan and Ohio the traveling
library is becoming a feature of grange
work of considerable importance.
These libraries consist of twenty-five
or thirty-five volumes, which are sent
out by the state libraries to the grange
reading clubs or other associations of
citizens. They may be retained three
months, with the privilege of renewal.
The grange receiving these libraries
pays only the cost of transportation.
One grange in Ohio secured over \$75
worth of books at the small cost of
about a dollar for postage and express.
At the end of six months these books
were returned and others secured, thus
giving opportunity for the reading of
good books at a very slight expense.
The traveling library system has ex-
panded wonderfully in the state of
Ohio. Last year there were 923 trav-
eling libraries loaned, aggregating over
27,000 volumes.

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.

Mrs. M. Gilligan of Bernice and
Miss Josephine Kelley of Towanda
spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Lulu Mosier spent a few days
in Dushore.

Mrs. J. P. McGee and Miss Mary
Smith spent Tuesday in Dushore.

Messrs James Collins and John
Walsh spent Sunday in Sayre.

A large number of the people from
Murry Heights attended the entertain-
ment in the hall Tuesday night.

Peter F. Sweeney and wife spent
Sunday in Bernice.

Mrs. A. Rouse of Dushore visited
Lopez friends last week.

Peter Riordan was in Dushore
Sunday.

Mrs. Thos. Cangle returned from
Towanda Tuesday.

RICKETTS.

Dr. Mintzer started on March 3,
for his Washington State home where
he expects to start a new practice.
His many friends here wish him
success in his new field of labor.
Dr. Bradford formerly of Granville
Center, has taken Dr. Mintzer place.

The gripp has been raging here for
the past two weeks and this epidemic
is in a very severe form this winter.

Mr. Terrill was a business visitor
here last Friday.

The snow is very deep in the
woods yet and makes hard work for
the woodsmen.

Mrs. C. M. Barnhart is very ill.
Her recovery is doubtful.

Friday afternoon George Thresher
fell from a run in the lumber yard
and sustained severe fractures of the
right fore-arm. He went to the
Sayre Hospital.

Miss Getts is still on the sick list.

Mrs. J. Kintner who has been ill
for some time is improving.

The Ricketts people are safe from
high water but the elevation doesn't
seem to make any difference to the
gripp germ. They must have
wings.

SOUTH BROOK.

R. B. Herd who has been away for
some time has returned.

Eva Beaver of Lopez was visiting
her friends Maggie and Millie of this
place.

Some of the young people of this
place attended a dance at R. B. Herd's
last Saturday evening and report a
good time.

A crowd of people from Ricketts
attended the dance at Herd's Satur-
day.

James Harren who has been home
for sometime has returned to his
work again.

James Bates add his son Herbert
made a call at Lopez last Saturday.

Some of our people attended a party
at Jacob Bonnings Saturday evening.

Getta Farr of this place was visit-
ing her parents in Forkston over
Sunday.

Stanley Manes of Forkston was
visiting his cousin Iona Adams of
this place.

Ellie Walsh of Lopez was visiting
her sister Mrs. M. Gilfoyle of this
place.

Death of Mrs. Maria Covert.

Mrs. Maria Covert died at the
home of her brother, Mr. Harvey
King, near Opps, Lycoming county,
Sunday afternoon of consumption.
Deceased had been ill since last Fall
at which time Mr. Covert moved
from his home in Laporte township,
and went to Opps, where Mrs. Covert
could better receive constant
medical treatment, but she contin-
ued to steadily grow worse in spite
of all that could be done for her.
She was 41 years of age and leaves a
husband, three small children and
three brothers to mourn her demise.
She was the daughter of the late Mr.
and Mrs. William M. King. The
funeral services were held Tuesday
afternoon. Interment in Cherry
Grove Cemetery.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING.

The following is a list of Republi-
can Vigilance Committeemen ap-
pointed by the Republican standing
Committee of Sullivan Co., while in
session at Laporte on Saturday last
and who will hold the Republican
Primaries throughout the county on
March 26th between the hours of 2
and 4 o'clock P. M.

Bernice—John C. Shaad, Thomas
Shell, J. S. Lime.

Cherry—Lewis B. Zaner, Henry
Huffman, C. S. Sick.

Colley—L. L. Ross, O. O. Barns,
B. L. Keeney.

Davidson—D. H. Lorah, Mordeca
King, Samuel Smith.

Dushore—H. N. Osler, D. O. Wagn-
er, J. H. Bohn.

Eagles Mere—Brady Bennett, Lin-
coln Moyer, Geo. Montgomery.

Elkland—Wayne W. Warren, Geo.
Bridsell, Albert Kay.

Forks—Joe C. Bird, E. R. Warbur-
ton, Henry Pardoe.

Fox—J. U. Morgan, B. E. Gumble,
Martin Wilcox.

Forksville—John Pardoe, J. R.
Davies, O. J. Little.

Jamison City—Edward Travelute,
George Little.

Hills Grove—Sam Galough, A. A.
Ludy, Gerfield A. Hamison.

Laporte Boro.—W. H. Rogers, W.
C. Mason, C. R. Funston.

Laporte Twp.—W. J. Low, B. B.
King, Edward Bark.

Lopez—A. H. Roberts, F. A.
Hoag, Chas. Schock.

Mt. Vernon—Boyd P. Bennett,
John Deegan, W. M. Edkin.

Ricketts—J. C. Conell, J. Carpen-
ter, George Thrasher.

Ringdale—Jacob Sitzer, Geo. Hal-
stead, Daniel Vargerson.

Shrewsbury—C. E. Biggers, R.
W. Bennett, C. P. Little.

Sonestown Boy Badly Burned.

The fourteen-year-old son of Mr.
George Hazzen of Sonestown, had a
narrow escape from being fatally
burned Sunday morning while at-
tending to the fires in the Methodist
church at that place. The fires had
been built in the stoves on Saturday
and Sunday morning about eight
o'clock the boy went to the church
for the purpose of giving the fires
draft in order to warm the building
for Sabbath School, but on arriv-
ing there he found the fires low and
thinking they had gone out during
the night, he proceeded to pour kero-
sine on the coal in one of the
stoves and applied a lighted match
which caused an instant explosion
by coming in contact with the gases
from the burning coals underneath
the dead top coal. The flames shot
through the open stove door into the
boy's face, burning off his eyebrows
and hair over his forehead and ig-
niting his clothing, but with rare
presence of mind he beat out the
flames before going into the open
air, thus saving himself from what
might have been far more serious
burns. Medical assistance was sum-
moned and everything possible was
done to relieve the sufferer.

The Reaper Claims Little One.

The two-year-old daughter and
only child of Mr. and Mrs. Jason
Simmons of Muncy Valley, was
claimed by death last Saturday night
at 11 o'clock after a brief illness.
The child showed signs of improve-
ment up to within a few hours of its
death which came as a terrible shock
to the parents who have the symp-
athy of the community in their be-
reavement. The funeral was held
Tuesday, interment being made at
Sonestown.

Paper Stopped by Gripp.

The Sunday Sentinel published in
Hazelton Pa. has been forced to sus-
pend temporarily for a peculiar rea-
son. An epidemic of gripp prevails
among the reportorial and mecha-
nical forces of the journal and for
lack of help it was forced to sus-
pend.

Town Council Meets. A Lively Session Was Held.

Easy Jobs Given at Good Salaries. Only
One Dissenting Member.

A meeting termed a meeting of
the Town Council of Laporte, Boro.
met at the office of James McFarlane,
March 12, at 2:45 o'clock p. m. Of
the old council present were F. W.
Gallagher, Michael Flynn, W. B.
Ritter and T. J. Keeler. Thomas
E. Kennedy called the meeting to
order and James McFarlane elected
secretary pro tem. T. J. Keeler
claimed that he was secretary until
his successor was elected to the office,
but was refused his place to act as
secretary. Thos. E. Kennedy ad-
ministered the oath of office to W.
B. Ritter 3 years, W. A. Kennedy
3 years, James McFarlane 1 year.
James McFarlane was elected presi-
dent of the council for the next year.
Next in order was the election of a
secretary. T. J. Keeler demanded that
the salary be fixed before the secre-
tary was elected. Mike Flynn
made a motion that the salary be fixed
at \$25 per year; motion carried.
T. J. Keeler offered to do the work
of secretary for \$10 per annum, but
W. B. Ritter was elected secretary
at a salary of \$25. John Fitzpatrick
was elected to the office of chief of
police at a salary of \$24 per year.
F. M. Crossley was elected street
commissioner at 17 1/2 cts per hour.
E. J. Mullen was elected as attorney
for the council for the next year.
The price for labor on the streets
was fixed at \$1.50 per day; for teams
at \$3.50 per day. The Borough tax
was levied at 7 mills and the bonded
debt tax at 3 mills. A. H. Busch-
hausen was elected treasurer at the
old price of 2 per cent. Adjourned
to meet at the call of president.

Again the Cow Question

As spring approaches the much
agitated cow question is likely to
again come before the same board of
councilmen that once refused to grant
the desire of petitioners asking that
cattle found about the streets, be
taken care of by the High Constable.
The News Item will take the same
view that it advanced last season,
contending that property owners
can not afford such an expensive
luxury as pasturing the streets of
this village with herds of cattle,
swine and horses. A little reason-
ing ought to convince one of the
wisdom of our assertion. One of the
things that some of our property
owners needs to have impressed up-
on them is that beauty is an asset
and that the ugliness of animal filth
upon sidewalks and the destruction
of fences and door yards is a liability.
For several years past Laporte has
been striving to gain a place among
summer resorts and share in the
profits and society drawn to such re-
sorts. It has thus far proved a dis-
mal failure, notwithstanding the fact
that nature has done much to make
it quite possible for Laporte to suc-
ceed in this particular and to soon
outrival the famous Eagles Mere.
There is no more practical illustration
of the scriptural declaration that to
him that hath shall be given, and
that from him that hath not shall be
taken away even that which he hath.
Laporte must first separate itself
from filth before guests can be suit-
ably entertained. We hope to
accomplish the task of causing the
council and the opposers to recognize
the fact that the people of Laporte
who have invested large sums of
money for homes and pay heavy
taxes on same are entitled to beau-
tiful and wholesome surroundings as a
right and not as a privilege, and
that no more beneficent investment
of public resources can be made than
to build a town where beauty shall
be the common heritage of all who
dwell therein. There is practically
no need of petitioning the council to
prohibit cattle from roaming the
streets. The State has already pro-
hibited this nuisance. If the council
will not change the ordinance giving
people this privilege, there is little
concern about it; the practice is un-
lawful nevertheless and some test
cases will evidently be tried the
coming summer.