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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  
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of this section. Many years here in business, always  
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with a care and judgment commensurate with its  
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For Reliable

**STOVES and RANGES,  
COAL OR WOOD  
HEATERS;**

ONE OF WINTER'S GREAT DELIGHTS.

House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every  
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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  
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Hot Air, Steam and Hot Water Heating and  
General Repairing, Roofing and Spouting.

**Samuel Cole, Dushore, Pa.**

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313 Pine Street,  
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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  
**J. W. DARROW,** Chatham, N. Y.,  
Press Correspondent New York State  
Grange

A GRANGE OF 800 MEMBERS.

Largest Organization of This Kind  
in the World.

Wolcott (N. Y.) grange enjoys the  
rare distinction of having 800 members  
on its roll. Wolcott is a village of only  
about 1,300 population, but the sur-  
rounding country has been worked over  
and over, and nearly every farmer  
and farmer's wife is numbered as a  
member. F. K. Pierson has recently  
been elected for his second term as its  
master, and its present secre-  
tary, Mrs. J. H. L. Roe, has been  
elected for her twenty-third suc-  
cessive term.



F. K. PIERSON.  
(Master of Wolcott Grange.)

The grange was organized  
Sept. 8, 1875, with thirty-one  
charter members. Twenty-  
two of them are now living, and  
eighteen are still members of  
the grange. From its very  
beginning Wolcott grange has had a  
substantial growth, owing largely to  
the activity of a few of its members  
and its central location, having four  
townships of Wayne county to draw  
from. Although it has granted demits  
to forty-six members and death and  
suspensions have claimed many more,  
nevertheless it has attained the proud  
distinction of being the largest grange  
in the United States. It does not  
change its officers very frequently. It  
has had only eleven masters and three  
secretaries.

Wolcott grange makes a special fea-  
ture of its literary work and has an  
annual printed programme containing  
also a list of the officers and of the en-  
tire membership. It also gives special  
attention to the social features of the  
grange. It holds an occasional grange  
fair, and once a year a farmers' in-  
stitute is held under its auspices.

### The Grange in Politics.

There needs to be a word of warning  
passed along the line that the grange  
must keep its hands off partisan polit-  
ics and keep politics out of the grange  
or its influence is gone. Those who are  
not its friends would be only too glad  
to see the Order interested in partisan  
political feuds and contests. We have  
a very strong notion that an official of  
a state or the national grange should  
never become a candidate for any im-  
portant office so long as he holds such  
official position. We commend the fol-  
lowing resolution adopted by the Con-  
necticut state grange recently to every  
other state organization:

Resolved, That the state grange of Con-  
necticut, loyal to its past record, will ever  
hold itself aloof from all partisan politics  
and will strenuously oppose any action  
that will tend to array any one class of  
our citizens against any other. The hon-  
or, good name and prosperity of the good  
old state of Connecticut are of more im-  
portance than any individual or class in-  
terests, and we hereby pledge our ad-  
herence to it.

That resolution has the right ring!  
It is worthy of ratification by every  
state grange in the Union.

Columbia county (N. Y.) Pomona  
grange voted to hold a "school of in-  
struction" once a year for the exemplifi-  
cation of the degrees and imparting  
the unwritten work.

The Dutchess and Columbia Patrons'  
Fire Relief association carries over  
\$4,150,000 insurance on farmers' prop-  
erty in those two counties of New York  
state.

West Newbury grange, No. 146, of  
New York has a membership of 184,  
two-thirds of whom are women. A  
ladies' degree team has been organized.

National Master Jones will visit Kan-  
sas in July to live up things a little.  
He is a stirring speaker on grange  
topics.

Greater accuracy in the ritualistic  
and esoteric work of the Order is the  
crying need of the hour in grange cir-  
cles.

The largest grange county in the  
United States is Jefferson county, N.  
Y., with 6,000 members.

Connecticut state grange has \$10-  
118.42 in invested funds.

New Hampshire grangers are very  
nearly equally divided as to sex. The  
total membership in the state is 26,500  
—13,631 men and 13,869 women. The  
gains for the year are: By initiation,  
3,108; by demit, 339; reinstatement, 378;  
charter members, 242; total, 4,067.

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

## COUNTY NEWS

Happenings of  
Interest to Readers

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

### RICKETTS.

Mrs. C. A. Barnhart died Friday  
morning, March 18. She is surviv-  
ed by her husband, two sons and two  
daughters. She was a devoted wife  
and mother, and a kind neighbor,  
always ready to help the sick and  
needy. Mrs. Barnhart will be great-  
ly missed in this community.

Mr. George Thrasher returned  
from the Sayre Hospital the first of  
the week and is now under the care  
of Dr. Bradford.

Smallpox is reported about ten  
miles away and the people here are  
rather uneasy.

Miss Minnie Getz went to the  
hospital Friday evening. Her many  
friends here hope that she may be  
greatly improved in health by the  
good treatment received at Sayre.

Robbin red breast was heard here  
Sunday morning, but it looks as  
though he will have to use a shovel  
to clear away the snow before he  
can find his usual allowance of  
worms.

### SOUTH BROOK.

Harry and Iona Adams attend-  
ed the dance at Ed. Donegans last  
Thursday night.

Mildred Kunkle made a flying  
trip to Lopez Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herd and son Will-  
tam attended the intertainment at  
Lopez last week.

Margaret and Lizzie Kingsley  
of Lopez visited at Mary Donegan  
last week.

Alice and John Cahill of Lopez  
were Saturday visitors of this place.

Tressa Welsh and Lillie Bonning  
of Lopez were callers at M. Gil-  
foyles Saturday.

Arthur Forbs made a business  
trip to Lopez east Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Foster of Kasson  
Brook is visiting her friend Miss  
Rachel Herd of this place.

Stella Welsh of Lopez was stay-  
ing with her Aunt Mrs. M. Gilfoyle  
several days last week.

A large crowd from Ricketts at-  
tended the dance at this place last  
week and all reported a good time.

Raymond Kunkle who has been  
sick for the past week is better.

Geo. Brown the Agent spent  
Sunday at this place.

Mr. Dougless of Ricketts the pho-  
tographer was taking a few Photoes  
at this place last week.

Ed. Donegan had the misfortune  
of loosing a valuable cow last week.

### BERNICE.

Robert Mathews of Sayre was call-  
ing on friends at this place Friday.

Melville E. Chubbuck, D. C. War-  
den of Towanda was visiting Bernice  
Lodge No. 962 I. O. O. F. on Wed-  
nesday.

Mrs. F. Meyer accompanied by  
Mrs. C. T. Lilley of Dushore is visit-  
ing friends at Bernice.

Thos. Pyne of Pittston was visit-  
ing his mother, Mrs. John Pyne on  
Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Miller of  
Towanda were visiting Mr. and Mrs.  
John C. Schaad last week.

Harry Basley was at Sonestown  
on Saturday.

Miss Christina Ramsey, the young-  
est daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James  
Ramsey, was married on Wednes-  
day to Mr. Barclay Duggan.

Mrs. S. A. Dieffenbach, Mrs. Della  
Brown, her daughter and two sons  
were at New Albany attending the  
funeral of their aunt Mrs. Lewis

The Randall & Meylert mine was  
shut down on Monday-until further  
notice to resume.

The Connells mines are only work-  
ing about half time.

### SONESTOWN.

There are a great many people suffer-  
ing with severe colds around here;  
Miss Mary Buck and Mr. B. G.  
Welsh among them.

Both of the churches have been  
wired for electric lights, and almost  
all of the houses that will have elec-  
tric lights are finished.

A. J. Bradley of Philadelphia was  
in town Tuesday.

Mrs. H. P. Hall and Mrs. Alex  
Hess were shopping in William-  
sport last week.

Miss Ella Mcgranihan of Eagles  
Mere, is visiting Miss Jennie Hazen  
and other friends.

Miss Mazie Danley of Hazelton, is  
visiting Mrs. H. C. and Mrs. Will  
Boatman.

W. B. and Harry Hazen were at  
Williamsport Saturday.

Billy Donovan has moved into  
the new house of John Watson, on  
Main street, and Hugh Parker has  
moved into the Byron Campbell cot-  
tage on the cliffs above the station.

Mrs. G. I. Woodside entertained  
her brother Wilbur Campbell of  
Glen Mawr.

Mrs. William Robbins on Tuesday  
cut and pared a mammoth pumpkin  
which she had kept in the sitting  
room all winter, and contained no  
blemish. The pieces weighed fifty  
pounds and there was nearly a pint  
of seeds in it. She called it a granger  
pumpkin.

Miss Rita Armstrong spent Satur-  
day at Strawbridge.

Mrs. Ben Taylor returned home  
Sunday after a weeks visit with her  
daughter, Mrs. Armstrong, and her  
sister Mrs. G. Phillips.

Mrs. Harvey Simmons of Will-  
iamsport, is visiting her cousin Mrs.  
John Converse.

### HILLSGROVE.

Alfred Strickland has purchased a  
saw mill in Fox Twp and will oper-  
ate the same this summer.

C. W. Sadler has completed his  
bark job and will soon move into  
summer quarters at Piatt.

Edward Molyneux recently deliv-  
ered from the job of Mr. Sadler a  
load of bark weighing 186,40 lbs. or  
about 7 lbs. of weight to every lb. of  
horse flesh.

The family of Paul Galough nar-  
rowly escaped death by asphixiation  
from gas escaped from a coal stove  
Sunday night at this writing all have  
recovered.

Four newly married couple have  
made their appearance in town with-  
in the past two weeks Mr. and  
Mrs. Peter Wager, Mr. and Mrs.  
Chas. Rosten, Mr. and Mrs. Harry  
Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Benn-  
ett.

On Tuesday last girl babies were  
born to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Jackson,  
to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Folechrod, to  
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hufsmith a son.

### No Liquor in Potter County.

Potter county, famous for 45 years  
as a Prohibition county, but in which  
licenses were recently granted, is  
once more to become a "dry" county.  
This situation is a result of a su-  
perior court decision, just handed  
down, which declares that all licen-  
ses granted in the country are illegal.

A few years ago a bill was passed  
by the legislature repealing the pro-  
hibition law which had been in force  
in the county for 45 years. As a re-  
sult of this action licenses were grant-  
ed and the sale of liquor has been go-  
ing on since. The temperance people  
have been fighting the matter, claim-  
ing that the licenses as issued were  
illegal owing to some technicality.  
The case went to the superior court  
which now decides, as stated that all  
licenses issued in that county are il-  
legal.

An appeal will be taken by the li-  
quor interests to the supreme court-  
In the meantime the 43 places in the  
county in which liquor are sold will  
be closed.

Laporte to Share in Better Mail Service.

A united effort is being made by  
the postmaster of Towanda and the  
towns between there and William-  
sport to secure a better mail service  
on the Williamsport and North  
Branch railroad. With that end in  
view a meeting has been held in the  
office of Postmaster Turner at Tow-  
anda at which were present B. S.  
Fellows, of Williamsport chief clerk  
of railway mail service; Postmaster  
P. M. Newman, of Hughesville; Post-  
master John Scher, Jr., of Dushore,  
and Postmaster Keeler, of New  
Albany.

It is the intention of these gentle-  
men to secure, if possible, the estab-  
lishment of a railway mail clerk on  
the Williamsport and North Branch  
through from Williamsport to To-  
wanda and return every day. At pres-  
ent no clerk is carried each postoffice  
pouching on the train. A record of  
matter properly mailed over this  
route will be kept and the figures  
presented to Superintendent Bradley

Such an improvement in the mail  
service would be of great benefit to  
Towanda business men. All south-  
ern and many western points could  
be reached quicker than at present.  
Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington  
and Pittsburg mail would be deliv-  
ered direct to the Pennsylvania lines  
at Williamsport.

### Strange Antics of the Flood.

One of the queerest floods antics  
happened at Espy, when it was dis-  
covered after the water had subsided  
that more than two acres of land on  
the McCollum truck farm had been  
raised up and turned completely a-  
round.

This farm lies between Espy and  
the D. L. & W. railroad, the soil of  
which is black and moist, and during  
the severe winter it became frozen  
hard on top, between the ditches,  
which drains the water off, and it  
was between these ditches that the  
land moved.

When the flood and  
high water came, it is supposed that  
the water found a place to soak  
through and as the soil on top was  
frozen to almost rock form, it was  
softer in under and water washed  
down through, turning the land a-  
round in the manner described. The  
ditches and drains which ran East  
and West now run North and South.  
The different strawberry beds and  
vegetable plots which were near the  
house are now a couple hundred of  
yards away and a like change exists  
with all parts of the land. The two  
acres or more of land which made  
this complete change reached a depth  
of a foot or more and it has settled  
down again in almost the same place  
as it formerly occupied.

### Will Sell Its Own Coal.

The Philadelphia & Reading Coal  
and Iron Company, will on April 1  
become its own fiscal agent, reliev-  
ing the Furnace Company of Penn-  
sylvania, which has acted in that  
capacity since Jan. 1st, 1903. The  
company will also pay at that time  
the \$3,600,000 Coal Trust five per-  
cent gold loan due on that date. At  
the same time the company will take  
up and convert into general mort-  
gage 4 per-cent bonds of the Read-  
ing Company, the John H. Krause loan  
1884-1904 of \$206,000, the last of the  
divisional coal land mortgage bonds  
of which \$12,000,000 were outstand-  
ing at the time of the reorganization  
of the Reading companies.

### Fined For Running Deer With Dog.

Fourteen prominent Pittsburg and  
Philadelphia politicians on Thursday  
plead guilty before Justice of the  
Peace Barclay, of Clearfield, to the  
charge of running deer with dogs on  
the border line between Blair and  
Clearfield counties and were each  
fined \$100 and cost.

The commonwealth was represent-  
ed by Joseph Kalbfus secretary of the  
state game commission. The game  
commission profits to the extent of  
one-half of the fines, \$700 and a health-  
ful lesson is taught not only the  
culprits who were punished, but notice  
is served on all hunters that the  
law must be observed.