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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, Cropes 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

HON. C. J. BELL.

Master of Vermont State Grange and
Possible Candidate For Governor.

The Hon. C. J. Bell of East Hard-
wick, Vt., stands at the head of the
Order of Patrons of Husbandry in that
state and is also serving his second
term as a member of the national



HON. C. J. BELL.

1872, he was chosen its treasurer and
served in that capacity for twenty-
three years and was present at every
session of the state grange during that
period. On relinquishing the office of
treasurer he was chosen master of the
state grange and is serving his fifth
biennial term in that position. In 1900
he became a member of the national
grange executive committee and is still
one of its most efficient members and
its secretary. He is likewise secretary
of the Vermont state board of agricul-
ture. So popular is Mr. Bell with the
farmers of the Green Mountain State
that they have persuaded him to stand
for the office of governor next fall, and,
if we are correctly informed, he will
yield to their wishes.

A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.

The Apple, With Some Practical
Questions About It.

The topic for discussion in the sub-
ordinate granges of Michigan one even-
ing in March is the apple, and the fol-
lowing programme is suggested by the
state lecturer. We give it for the ben-
efit of other granges:

Music.
Roll call. Responded to by naming a
favorite fruit, giving a fact or quotation
about it.

PRACTICAL AGRICULTURE.
Topic—"The Apple." See special bulle-
tin prepared by Professor U. P. Hedrick;
also reference reading in "Practical Agricul-
ture," pages 103-107.

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS.
How are apples propagated?
What are the differences between the
crab apple and the common apple?
What are the merits and demerits of
Russian apples?

Name the Russian apples commonly
grown in this state.
What is hybridization and how would
you hybridize apples?

Discuss the age at which different var-
ieties of apples come into bearing.
Make out a list of apples growing in a
particular neighborhood.

What is the formula for bordeaux mix-
ture?
What pests infest apple orchards?
How is each treated?
What purposes do cover crops serve?

Uniform County Programme.

At the last session of the Jefferson
county (N. Y.) Pomona grange it was
voted to have a uniform programme
for all the subordinate granges in the
county. The idea prevailed that it
would tend to draw the subordinate
and Pomona or county granges close
together and systematize the work of
instruction in the county. This is cer-
tainly an advance step, and yet is in
the nature of an experiment. The plan
is, however, not compulsory. If a
subordinate grange prefers to arrange
its own programme it may do so.

Once Had 2,200 Granges.

Look at the state of Iowa. Once it
had almost 2,200 subordinate granges.
On the ground that all persons inter-
ested in agriculture were eligible to
membership it commenced to take in
lawyers and all other classes and pro-
fessions. What was the result? To-
day it is one vast cemetery of dead
and buried granges.—Obadiah Gardner.

We have an idea that if the Ceres,
Flora and Pomona of state granges
would propose uniform programmes
for the observance of their special
days in subordinate granges something
would be accomplished that would
fill a long felt want.

Lewis Smith, past gatekeeper of the
Illinois state grange, died not long ago.
He had served continuously as gate-
keeper for twenty-one years. We do
not believe this record is equaled by
any one in that position in any state
in the Union.

The grange arouses a social feeling
among farmers by providing stated in-
tervals for their meeting together, by
holding the same principles, by striv-
ing for the same objects and by recog-
nizing the same teachings.

Grange education has made its mem-
bers better farmers. They know more
of soils and fertilizers, of improved
stock and cattle foods, of diseases of
animals, trees, plants, etc., of markets
at home and abroad.

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.

Messrs Ed. Dunn and Mike Gilli-
gan of Dushore spent Friday in
town.

Mrs. Mike Flynn of Laporte visit-
ed her sister Mrs. H. W. McKibbin-
ins last week.

George Miller of Ricketts called on
Lopez friends last week.

Mrs. M. Smith and daughter
Alice spent several days in Dushore
last week.

Miss Maggie Gilligan of Wmsport
is visiting with relatives in town.

Miss Stella Hawk is visiting
friends in Ricketts.

Miss Lottie Van Horn has gone to
Scranton for the summer.

Miss Lulu Mosier is visiting
friends in Colley.

Hon. A. L. Dyer and wife spent
Monday in Wilkes-Barre.

G. L. Dunn and wife spent Sun-
day in Dushore.

There was a rag party held at
Frank Burke's Tuesday night, all
reported a good time.

Miss Rogers of Forksville has op-
ened a millinery shop in town and
she has a fine stock of the latest.

Mr. Ed Dunn and Miss Nellie
Dempsey of Dushore spent Sunday
with friends in town.

Mrs. O. Bennett of Laporte was in
town Monday.

E. L. Sweeney of Laporte called on
friends here Sunday.

Miss Celia Cumiskey spent a
few days in Scranton last week.

Messrs Morgan and Murry return-
ed from Dunmore Monday evening.

Miss Blanche Kellogg of Wms-
port is visiting with relatives in
town.

There will be a dance at Hotel
McKibbins Monday eve April 4,
everybody invited.

Mrs. David Spencer of Mildred
visited her parents at this place
last week.

Interest is intense in all of the 1,
250 lodges of Odd Fellows in Penn-
sylvania over the election of grand
lodge officers which will begin in
one week and continue until the end
of the month. The present cam-
paign for office is the hotly contested
ever held in Pennsylvania. There
are more than 125,000 Odd Fellows
in Pennsylvania, but only 32,000 of
these are entitled to vote. The ball-
ot is open to the officers, past and
present, to the different lodges and
the electors vote at the meeting
nights of their lodges held in March.
The ballots are sent to the Grand
Lodge headquarters where they are
counted by the committee appointed
by the grand master late in April.
Last year 10,000 ballots were cast.

The principal fight this year is for
grand warden which is the stepping
stone to higher offices of the Grand
Lodge. There are four candidates for
this position—Geo. H. Banes of Phila-
delphia, B. H. Hart of Huntington,
James S. Montgomery of Philadelphia
and C. W. Yarnall of California,
Washington County, Joseph Mackey
the grand secretary, is opposed for
re-election by Samuel McKeever.
There is no opposition to the election
of Robert Graham for grand master;
Melville E. Chubbuck for deputy
grand master, M. Richards Muckle,
for grand treasurer, and Charles Chaf-
faupe for grand representative to the
Supreme Grand Lodge.—Exchange.

D. M. Newman A General Manager.

It was learned Monday that P. M.
Newman, of Hughsville will on April
1st take charge as general manager of
the Susquehanna & New York Rail-
road company and he will probably
locate and make his headquarters in
Williamsport.

At present Mr. Newman is post-
master at Hughsville, and is also
general freight agent of the William-
sport and North Branch Railroad.

SONESTOWN.

The three month old daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Worthington
died on Friday and the funeral ser-
vice was held Sunday afternoon.

Miss Aggie Laird, Ada Simmons,
and Maizie Watson were up to
Sone's on Tuesday to the last day
of school.

Spencer Starr moved on Monday
into Mrs. Lizzie Simmons house on
2nd street.

On Wednesday Mr. Biggs and
Mr. E. J. Lockwood exchanged
houses, the members of the E. V.
Church having bought the house
occupied by E. J. Lockwood for
parsonage for the pastor.

Gen. Woodside, wife and child
spent Sunday at Glen Mare with
Mrs. Woodside's parents Mr. and
Mrs. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee R. Gavitt spent
Sunday at Hughsville the guests of
Joe Newman and family.

Mr. B. W. Hazzen and Maud
Starr were at Williamsport on Sat.
Rumor says there is to be a wed-
ding soon.

Walter Hazzen has been on the
sick list for the past week with a
sore arm his vaccination haven took
with a vengeance.

There will be an Easter service
and Easter music in the M. E.
church Sunday morning beginning
at 10 o'clock S. S. at 11 every-body
is invited to attend this service Mr.
Ash has returned to be their pastor
for another year.

Mrs. Andrew Edgar was at Nord-
mont on Wed. to see her brother-
in-law R. P. Laird who had his leg
broken on Monday.

HILLSGROVE.

A J. Baog of this city is adding
color to the scenery at Bernice this
week.

E. A. McBride has returned from
Wmsport to resume his position
with the local Ball Team.

Buck Garie says he has solved
the Servants girl problem and will
now open an employment agency.

A new barber arrived in our city
last Friday without tools or bag-
gage and has entered into partner-
ship with S. F. Galough. Sam sets
up the cigars every time we call
him Papa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Vroman are en-
tertaining a new daughter from
Sunday last.

Miss Jennie Biddle of this place
and Clyde Lancelle Pennsdale were
married Wednesday.

Mikey was practicing home runs
in Jim Snell's field Sat. evening.

Supt. Geslar of the Elk Tanning
Company spent Sunday with his
family at Ralston.

A man who was compelled to dig
down through the frozen ground on
several occasions to repair broken
water pipes, has discovered a novel
means for taking the frost out of the
ground and thereby saving a great
deal of hard work in making the ax-
cavation. When it becomes neces-
sary to dig up a pipe now the man
after having dug away the surface to
a depth of six or seven inches, fills the
cavity with lime and then covers it
with water end snow and permits it
to slake in the excavation. The re-
sult has been very satisfactory. After
remaining in the excavation over
night the lime has taken all the frost
out of the ground beneath it, and
there is no trouble in shoveling out
the earth to the depth required to re-
pair the pipe.

People having maple sugar trees
should be prepared to tap them at
the first rub ig sap. Authorities
say that the first run of sap will
mean sugar of exceptionally fine
quality on account of the severe cold
weather.

Republican County Convention.

Hon. E. M. Dunham Unanimous
Choice for Judge.

County Ticket Will Be Named At A
Later Date.

The Republican County Conven-
tion held in the Court House at La-
pote Tuesday, was called to order
by County Chairman Wm. P. Shoe-
maker at 2 o'clock p. m. All the
precincts were represented by their
full quota of delegates excepting
Hildgrove, Ringdale and Jamison
City. Some of Sullivan county's
most representative men appeared
as delegates and transacted the
party's business with neatness and
dispatch.

J. W. Rogers, Esq. filled the chair
of President, and Henry Huffmaster
and R. C. R. Kshinka the chairs of
Vice Presidents. Dr. I. R. Davies
and J. C. Deininger were chosen Sec-
retaries.

The first business brought before
the convention was the nomination
for President Judge. Atty. J. E.
Harney in a neat and eloquent plea
nominated Hon. E. M. Dunham
with privilege of choosing his own
conferees. The motion was second-
ed and carried by acclamation.

Atty. Albert F. Heess was the un-
animous choice for delegate to the
State Convention, S. E. Messersmith
elected alternate.

Hiram Osler and Chester Stea-
father were elected Congressional
Conferees.

A motion was made for the nomi-
nation of two conferees to meet in
convention and select one Preside-
ntial Elector, and two delegates to
national convention from this con-
gressional district; C. B. Funston
and George Laurenson were unani-
mously elected.

A committee comprising Messrs.
Adam Baumaunk, J. H. Bohn and
J. H. W. Little was appointed to
wait upon Hon. E. M. Dunham in
requesting an address. The com-
mittee proceeded to the judicial
chamber where they found the
Judge and delivered their message.

He responded cheerfully and thank-
ed the convention heartily for the
honor bestowed upon him, stating
that the Republican convention of
Wyoming county had also indorsed
him and given him the choice of his
conferees, and if he failed in making
the nomination it would be his own
fault. The Judge's address was
short and to the point. He gave
assurance that his impartial judic-
iary conduct would be maintained in
the future as in the past.

On motion the convention adjourn-
ed to meet at the call of the County
Chairman to place in nomination a
county ticket, and complete the un-
finished work of the convention.

DELEGATES.
Bernice—John Fitzgerald, H. W.
Osler, E. M. Struble, G. L. Hat-
ton, James C. McDermott.

Cherry—William Stiff, Lewis
Zaner, R. C. R. Kshinka, H. G.
Huffmaster, Joseph Sick.

Colley—Joseph Hembury, L. L.
Ross.

Davidson—D. H. Lorah, J. W.
Laird, James C. Deininger, L. M.
King.

Dushore—Judson E. Harney, J.
H. Bohn, F. W. Buck, John Hile-
man Jr.

Eagles Merc—F. W. Peale, Geo.
Edwards.

Elkland—Henry Fawcett, Geo.
Eugene Bown, Adam Baumunk,
Sylvester Kilmer, Harry Heess, E.
Bedford.

Fox—J. U. Morgan, C. M. Wilcox,
Samuel Leonard, J. D. Porter.

Forksville—John W. Rogers, Dr.
I. R. Davies.

Lopez—S. C. Messersmith, H. M.
Lester, Geo. Grimes, Chester Stea-
father, A. H. Roberts, Daniel Rea,
Laporte Boro.—L. R. Gumble, F.
H. Ingham, C. R. Funston.

Laporte Twp.—M. W. Botsford,
E. C. Burk.

Ricketts—John C. Miller, Leroy
Shaffer.

Mt. Vernon—W. M. Edkin, G. W.
Lawrenson.

Shrewsbury—A. L. Bennett, J. H.
W. Little.