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This Is the Place
To Buy Your Jewelry.

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.

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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
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The Shopbell Dry Good Co.,
313 Pine Street,
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Snowy attractive Muslin Underware that combines so much comfort
and beauty was never offered at more attractive prices. All these garments
are full size and splendidly made of excellent Muslin and Cambric.

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SHORT SKIRTS. CHEMISE.
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Nothing daintier, nothing prettier
nothing so economical as the two-
piece summer suit. We have about
every style that is worn. These are
made of Percale, Madras, Linen and
other cotton fabrics and silks.

Wash Petticoats.

We believe the Petticoats to be
better value than you ever bought
before. They are made of plain color
and fancy striped Seersucker with
ruffles or deep tucked flounces, at
\$1.00 To \$1.50

Women's Stock Collars.

We've made a purchase of dainty
Stock Collars, an endless variety of
styles among them. Some are plain,
others embroidered. We have
bunched them in lots,
25c, 50c and 75c.

Cool Summer Corsets.

New models. Come and see them.
We can recommend several makes
at 50c to \$1.00 that are made of
light Batiste, but for those who
want finer qualities we have them
in better qualities.

Black Taffetas and Peau de Soie.

When asked for here they are shown in all qualities and widths and the
prices are very reasonable when the qualities are taken in consideration.

Fancy Silks for Dresses.

To merely mention the kinds and varieties of each would make a pretty
long list so we simply say come and see them and get the prices.

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THE MUD TAX.

What Bad Roads Cost the State of
North Carolina.

It has been calculated that the people of North Carolina suffer annually from bad roads to the extent of about \$10,000,000, said a speaker at a North Carolina good roads convention. In other words, they pay, as Professor Holmes so vigorously expresses it, an annual "mud tax, sand tax and hill tax" amounting to \$10,000,000. Ten millions of dollars annually as tribute to clay, mud, sand, rocks and hills, not to mention tired beasts, galled shoulders, sore backs and profane drivers! During the last twenty-five years this bad road tax has consumed an amount of money equal to the taxable values of the whole state of North Carolina. One-tenth of what we waste annually on bad roads would give a seven months' term to every school in North Carolina. Ten million dollars thrown away on



A FOUR HORSE LOAD.

bad roads! It is the same as if every horse and mule in North Carolina were killed annually.

The loss of its best manhood is the greatest tax that the country is paying to towns and cities. This loss must be controlled and diminished. We must have cities and towns. We are willing to give some of the country boys to carry on the work of cities and towns, but we must not give up too many. We need them in the country to build up country homes. The country home is the unit of power, character and civilization for America. We cannot control the nervous and vicious life of the city.

City people do not desire the kind of lives they seem forced to live—nervous, restless, unhealthy lives; lives in which they retire late, rise late and find it impossible to control their children. They cannot help it. A large city is a maelstrom. A great, strong man comes from country to city. He does a great work. He finds great opportunities for the development of his powers and talents. He leads a brilliant life and leaves an honored name. But it is a sad fact, and seemingly a law of nature, that he sacrifices the calm health and strength of rural life for the nervous activities of the city. His descendants do not inherit his power.

Let us preserve and build up country life. Let us keep the boys and girls on the farms. Let us carry the town to the country and the country to the town, preserving the blessings of both, by constructing good roads as permanent instrumentalities of travel, of trade, of social intercourse and education.

ROAD DRAGGING.

Highways Kept in Good Condition
at Small Cost.

Visitors are often struck by the splendid condition of the public roads in certain sections of the state of Missouri, especially in Nodaway and Atchison counties.

The condition of these roads being in such fine shape is brought about by dragging. The drag in use in these sections is simply made by taking a couple of pieces of oak lumber about 2 by 16 feet long, setting the timbers on edge and arming the straps of iron. The timbers are set laterally and are connected by several short planks, which are bolted to the oak ones, on which a seat for the driver is fastened.

In operation the drag is hitched so that one end is considerably in front of the other and the resultant action forces the clods toward the center of the road, a round trip on any of the roads resulting in the rough places being worked down and the loose clods worked to the center of the road. These drags do not cost the Missourians very much out of money or time to make and prove to be a fine thing in keeping the roads in fairly good condition at all seasons of the year.

One Cause of Bad Roads.

All recognized authorities on the subject say that no vegetable matter should be used in the construction and maintenance of roads or highways. In spite of this, however, many road menders are throwing into the middle of the road the mud from the side ditches, as well as the grass and weeds that have grown up by the side of the road. The leaves and other litter that have accumulated at the sides of the road are placed in the road to rot and make quagmires for the people to travel through.—Good Roads Magazine.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

Bad Roads Prevent the Extension of
the Service.

At the recent international good roads convention at St. Louis Hon. Frank E. Nevin of the United States postoffice department delivered an address in which he said:

"The establishment of the rural free delivery of mail throughout the country has produced a marked improvement in the condition of the highways. When there is a prospect of rural free delivery in a community, work immediately begins on the roads. There are now in operation 25,000 rural routes, over which carriers travel 550,000 miles, delivering mail to about 9,000,000 people. More than 15,000 bridges have been constructed over streams that would not have been built if it had not been for the establishment of the free delivery system. Nearly every portion of the country where road conditions will warrant it is now supplied with this service. But in many sections the bad condition of the roads or the lack of bridges prevents the extension of the service.

"Under the road laws of most of the western states at the present time work is done upon the roads in the fall by the various road districts, when there is no work to be done on the farms. In the spring this work disappears. Nothing permanent remains, and the roads are in as bad condition or worse than they were before. The cost of \$2,000 to \$6,000 a mile for the construction of hard roads in this western country is too great in most instances for road districts, townships and counties to bear; neither is it right that they should bear the entire cost. The public at large, which shares directly or indirectly in the benefits, should contribute to the expense.

"There never will be good roads in this country until the national government takes the initiative in this movement and the respective states of the Union join in with liberal contributions and this again is supplemented by local enterprise. Continental Europe, England and Ireland are covered with hard, broad pikes built at the expense of the governments of those countries. No country in the world ever yet had or ever will have permanent and passable highways constructed and maintained by local authority.

"Sixty per cent of the population of this country lives in the cities and villages; 40 per cent lives in the country. It is not fair or just to place the entire burden of good roads upon the shoulders of the farmer. The general public shares directly or indirectly in the benefits and should bear the expense of an equitable tax for this purpose on all assessable values. The weight of it upon the individual would then be as light as a summer shadow. While this specter of taxation may frighten some of our skittish country friends and cause them to rear and plunge a little, they will find on closer inspection that the goblin is a harmless creation of the imagination. They will get back in benefits ten times more than they will pay out in taxes."

ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Only Competent Officials Should
Have Charge of the Work.

The value of good roads as compared with poor ones is becoming more and more appreciated. There are numerous cases, however, of attempts at road improvement involving the expenditure of money and labor where the results obtained are anything but commensurate with what they should be, says Good Roads Magazine. We refer especially to country roads under the supervision of officials wholly incompetent to build or repair them.

The fact that a road is made of common dirt does not necessarily make it bad if constructed after modern practice. There is little hope of securing results desired and effecting a saving in the money or labor expended each year unless the road officials are properly educated to scientific methods of construction.

There is great need for some method of properly educating road-makers. Schools and colleges are beginning to realize the importance of the road question and are adding regular courses of instruction to their curriculum. This method of education, however, is out of the question for the present road official, and therefore in electing such official to office regard should be taken as to his capabilities as a practical road builder.

It has been suggested that every highway commissioner should be compelled to pass an examination in improved methods of road construction before he is allowed to assume the duties of his office. Such a law ought certainly to be productive of beneficial results.

The Issue.

If it had the power, as it did under Cleveland, to enact any law it pleased, the Democracy would make a bad mess of it, just as it did then, and plunge the country into panic, closing shops and factories and throwing hundreds of thousands of men and women out of work. The issue, therefore, is between conservatism, as represented by the Republican party, and radicalism, as represented by the Democracy.—Rochester Post-Express.

CARNIVAL

Eagles Mere Enjoyed its Annual
Boat Exhibition.

The annual carnival at Eagles Mere which took place last Thursday night was a glorious success, and was witnessed by hundreds of people on the shore of the Lake.

The Raymond's float was a representation of a wedding scene of a magnificent order, the ceremony being in the act of being performed by a vested clergyman, and showing a charmingly gowned bride and bridesmaids. This float called forth the "Ohs" and "Ahs" of the many spectators who were viewing the scene. It took first prize.

The second prize was awarded the float of the Forest Inn, which presented a May pole dance, and was much admired for the charming effect it produced.

The Crestmont Inn had a novel float in the shape of a Japanese ship. An Indian camping scene showing wigwam and camp fire was another striking float.

The first prize for individual boats was awarded to one representing the famous painting "Elaine" which was pathetically beautiful and elicited much quiet admiration as it looked so real that loud applause seemed almost irreverent.

The second prize for individual boats was awarded to a boat with sails woven of Japanese lanterns, and the third prize to a boat presenting a lot of lamps.

Besides the boats taking prizes there were hundreds of other prettily decorated boats which made a most charming scene.

HILLSGROVE.

The Williamsport Paper Company Base Ball Team came up to Hillsgrove last Saturday, and received the same old score, the Giants took to the city with them: 11 to 2 in favor of Hillsgrove. Now it was a nice game, but Barton was too much for the Billtowners. They would step up to the plate and strike out as fast as Johnny delivered the dope.

They came up here the same as usual with their team padded. Only five safe hits were made off Barton and 15 off Krause.

In last week's issue of the item there was an article accusing the Hillsgrove correspondent of being rather blue over the Hillsgrove and Forksville game. Now it is all a sorry mistake as the Hillsgrove team went up to give them a return game.

Their team playing at Hillsgrove a few weeks ago and composed of Forksville and Estella Base Ball talent, and were defeated by a score of 26 to 0 in a six inning game, in favor of Hillsgrove.

When the team went to Forksville to play, it was understood, that they were to play with a picked nine, and so they did. From Laquin, Lopez, Estella, and Forksville. How is that for a padded team? Hillsgrove so far this season has played 11 games and won 7 of them; and every team and game, but one (the Giants) have been loaded with players outside of their own town or team players, while the Hillsgrove team plays with nothing but their own town boys. Still we do not kick. What glory is there in a team defeating another team if they use a lot of picked players from all over?

James Gansel of LaPorte with a large crew of men is building the abutments for the Railroad bridge, at this place. The road is now completed within a mile of this place.

Mrs. George Gesler and daughter, and Miss. Flanagan of Ralston are visiting at Edward Flynn's.

H. Green spent Saturday and Sunday at Eagles Mere and Sonestown.

Mrs. Wood of Newark, N. J. is visiting her brother Edward Holcomb at this place.

Atty. Wm. Shoemaker of LaPorte was transacting business in town last week.

Mrs. E. E. Mecum of Williamsport is the guest of Mrs. C. W. Saddler.

John Barton will play with the

Austin Base Ball team at Towanda on Thursday.

The Silver Slippers took the Williamsport Paper mill B. C. into camp on the local diamond to the tune of 11 and 2 in favor of Hillsgrove, on Saturday last in a game full of features from start to finish. We mention a sensational pick-up by Barton and the numerous hard long hits by Darby, Lucas and Rinker.

The line up was as follows:
Hillsgrove Paper Mill Co.
Woodley s. s. Hoffnagle 1 b.
Rinker 2 b. Colhane c.
Harrington 3 b. Rupert 3 b.
Morris 1. f. Wenner 2 b.
McBride 1 b. Bable c. f.
J. Morris c. Robbins 1. f.
Lucas r. f. Smith r. f.
Darby c. f. Shaffer s. s.
Barton p. Knauss p.

The score by innings:
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Silver Slippers, 0 1 0 0 2 7 1 x 11
Paper Co. 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2

Earned runs Silver Slippers 5, Paper Co. 0. Struck out by Barton 13, Knauss 5.

"The Silver Slippers from the tan bark" played a little game at Forksville recently, which found its way into the Review, and also resulted in cementing ties of friendly respect between the Silver Slippers and the sports of Forksville.

We certainly enjoyed the kind hospitality of Forksville and we liked the way in which the Potter brothers earned money. We can readily understand the elasticity of the scribe's pen. Remember that it cost the Forksville management \$2 to imagine that they got their earned runs of the gentlemen with the metal sandals.

We will play the last game of the series soon and will furnish our Obediah with material for a printers battle that will make the gifted pen from the land of buckwheat be good for a while.

Wallace Vroman and family were guests at Unityville the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Darby of Ridgeway are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hoffman.

SONESTOWN.

Mrs. Alex Hess and Mary Fairman did shopping in Williamsport Friday.

Mable Hazen was in Williamsport Thursday.

The Sunday School picnic will occur August 25, at Eagles Mere.

Among those who will attend the S. S. convention at Lopez are Rev. J. O. Riggs, Mr. B. G. Welsh and Myrtle Edgar.

Ray and Pearl Weed of Williamsport have been visiting relatives here.

A. Edgar was in Williamsport Monday.

A fishing party consisting of E. J. and H. D. Lockwood and A. L. Sheets camped at Hunters Lake last week. Taylor and Erma Armstrong and Mesdames Sheets, Lockwood and Edgar drove over on Friday and returned with some fine pike besides other fish.

Foresman Calvert of Williamsport was in town Sunday.

The young ladies of this place and Muncy Valley united to give a leap year party Saturday evening, and it was a grand success in every way. Each girl having invited a young man, escorted him to the house and showed him the most careful and polite attention throughout the evening. The home of Mrs. Alex Hess was thrown open for the occasion and every one seemed to enjoy himself most thoroughly, games and music being the entertainment provided. The supper was dainty and tastefully served, the table being decorated with sweet peas, and an abundance of silver added to the effect. The menu consisted of cold meats, salads, biscuit, olives, pickles, cake and ice cream. Among those present were the Misses Magargle, Fairman, Hall, Hess, Hazen, Edgar, Keeler, Houseknecht, Taylor, Donovan, Minnier and Johnson, and Messrs. Weed, Herman, Swank, Hall, Green, Oberender, Lorah, Parker, Myers, Hess, Deitrick, Krum and Calvert.

The entire party had their pictures taken by a photographer in town.