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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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## COLE'S HARDWARE.

No Place Like this Place  
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### STOVES and RANGES, COAL OR WOOD. HEATERS;

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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  
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313 Pine Street,  
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.

## Blankets and Comforts

Chilly nights suggest that Blanket season is near at hand. The assortment is now at its best. All our Blankets are carefully selected and may be strictly relied upon. We buy and sell only the best Blankets. We keep a full assortment of the celebrated Muncy Wool Blankets.

Wool Blankets,	White Blankets,	Scarlet Blankets.
Cotton Blankets,	Colored Blankets,	Fancy Blankets,
Crib Blankets,	Grey Blankets,	Robe Blankets.

BED COMFORTS in a great variety of floral effect patterns either light or dark colorings. They are filled with pure white cotton.

EIDERDOWN COMFORTS when you are looking for Eiderdown Comforts, don't forget to see the nice sateen covered ones we are selling at very reasonable prices.

**The New Tailored  
Suits and Gowns.**

Suit making has reached a high state of perfection. This perfection you will find fully emphasized in our stock. They are the representative styles from representative makers.

Tailored Suits Rain Coats, Dressy Gowns, Tourists Coats, Silk Waists, Children's Coats, Evening Wraps, Infant's Coats.

In every new style and shape shown for fall or winter.

**White Goods for Waists.**

The sale of white cotton Waistings, has been so satisfactory that we have largely extended the assortment. You are invited to see these new designs in white mercerized Waistings.

**Golf Blouses.**

Ladies' Knit Wool Golf Blouses, several styles to select from in navy, gray, cardinal, black, white.  
Prices range from \$2.50 to \$3.75.

### SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

**What Bad Roads Cost the Farmers of This Country.**

Isaac G. Potter has assumed in round numbers that the draft animals in use in the United States are worth \$2,000,000,000. He says:

"Busy or idle, these animals must be fed and cared for every day. They are boarders that you can't get rid of when the busy season is over, and it stands you in need to keep them at work. Two billion dollars makes a large sum invested at 5 per cent interest. It would produce nearly \$2,000,000 per week. Then you throw away more than 16,000,000 horses and mules alone, and to feed and care for these it costs the modest sum of \$4,000,000 per day. A little while ago a very clever and intelligent citizen of



The Poor Farmer—I had to lighten this load, though it was only 2,000 pounds, and I am afraid I must get another team to help pull out of this mudhole. I will soon have to borrow the money to buy a new team. These skates won't last another season.

His Horses—We would rather die in our tracks than try to get this load to market. No matter how much we eat, we are thin.

Indiana estimated that bad roads cost the farmer \$15 per year for each horse and mule in his service. This means a loss in the aggregate of nearly \$250,000,000 per year; add wear and tear of wagons and harness, \$100,000,000; depreciated value of farm lands, \$2,000,000,000; total, \$2,350,000,000.

"Making the utmost allowance in favor of the farmer and granting the necessity of the liberal use of horse power in the maintenance of agricultural traffic, it is easily certain that the farmers of this country are keeping at least 2,000,000 horses more than would be necessary to do all the hauling between farm and market if only the principal roads were brought to a good condition."

### MOTORS FOR FARMERS.

**Predicted They Will Use Them to Market Produce.**

Judge Spinks, a leading jurist of British Columbia, while in New Orleans recently had the following to say regarding road improvement:

"In British Columbia we have good roads, but they are narrow. The farmers, I think, would adopt the motor to market their products there if the roads would permit it, but being narrow it would be difficult to handle the machine. But the good roads movement, from what I can learn, has taken hold of Americans in earnest.

"I am glad to see the people of this country taking an interest in good roads, for it is a commercial necessity and means much to the farmer. It is, in my opinion, only a question of time till the farmer will market his product by motor instead of the railway for a radius of thirty miles of a city. And if he is not able to own a motor himself there will be a means for him to transport his stuff by motor just the same. The activity of the promoters of good roads is a good sign of the future development of this feature of American commerce, and when the motor is perfected it will be adapted to many purposes for which we now see little use.

"Good roads are an essential to the farmer, as it cheapens the cost of marketing his produce, and the day is not far distant when the community with good roads will be the most prosperous."

### The Highways Neglected.

Less than \$10,000,000 is spent every year in trying to remedy the evil conditions of the country roads. Over these same highways last year was transported to the markets \$5,250,000,000 worth of products. The cost of keeping the roads in condition to transport these supplies is small indeed in comparison with the amount of money spent upon railroad improvements. Every line of railroad in the United States has thousands of section hands working daily repairing the tracks. But one might travel over a country road for months at a time and never encounter a gang of men filling the ruts, etc.—Horseman.

### Rural Delivery Notes

Postmaster General Payne recently said: "Few people know how great a success the rural free delivery is. We have now more than 23,000 rural routes, giving a daily delivery to 2,300,000 families, reaching about one-seventh of our entire population."

Postmaster General Payne says the service is not self supporting and probably never will be, but the increased amount of business throughout the country more than makes up any deficit. In districts where the system has been introduced the postal receipts are increasing about 10 per cent annually.



DR. M. E. HERRMANN.

Perhaps never in the history of Sullivan County Conventions has a man named for public office been so near the unanimous choice of every section as was Dr. M. E. Herrmann of the Convention which placed him in nomination for the office of Member of Assembly.

Dr. Herrmann is not a practical politician and has never asked for office, and with the exception of School Director of Dushore Borough, in which capacity he is now serving his eighth term, has never held an elective office. He has for many years, however, been a member of the Board of Pension Examiners for Sullivan County, where his services have been so valuable that he has without regard to which party was dominant at Washington.

Dr. Herrmann is a native of Germany, but after receiving a medical education in the universities of that country, he early sought the land of opportunity and in 1871 settled at Dushore, where he has always enjoyed an extensive practice and for many years has conducted a farm in Cherry Township.

To parties who have sought an expression of his views on questions which will come before the next Legislature affecting the people of Sullivan County, the Dr. replied that while he may not be as ready to promise all things to all men as is the custom of some candidates, he feels that after having spent more than 33 years visiting the homes of the people of Sullivan County, he is acquainted with them and with their needs.

He further stated that he has been nominated without solicitation on his part and without a pledge to any party, or person, or corporation, and that if he shall prove to be the choice of the people of Sullivan County for Representative in the next Legislature, he pledges himself that without regard to party, he will by his work and voice and vote support all legislation that shall be for the welfare of the farmer, the miner, the lumberman and the laboring people who make up the population of our county.

### EDITOR OF THE "NEWS ITEM":

Through your courtesy, I would like to mention a matter of considerable relative importance which, I hope, may produce material benefit.

Our annual County Teacher's Institute is not of the same standard of excellence as those of the larger counties; which condition is solely due to lack of funds.

When one considers the very small amount of money, heretofore at the disposal of the Superintendent and the high price of lecturers and entertainers, it would be seen that the proceeds have been very economically used.

A much needed addition might be made to this fund by raising the teacher's enrollment fee from \$1.00 to \$2.00, this increasing the total resource by about \$100,000. This amount would be further increased by a larger attendance of others than the teachers at the evening entertainments; also possibly by a raise in the price of the ticket, which would be just considering the higher grade of platform talent.

The proper source of action on this increase of enrollment fee, is the teachers themselves. Therefore I would suggest that they discuss this matter at their various local Institutes; then provided that they favor this, enabling this desirable change to be made this coming Institute. "RICKETS"

### A Self Abused Man.

Scouten complains that he has not been re-instated to the practice of law. This complaint from him is preposterous. He has made no move for re-instatement; has never asked the Court to reinstate him, although the Judge, at the time of making the rule for disbarment, as is shown by the records, said that, "when he has shown that he can govern his temper and tongue, we shall cheerfully hear his application for re-instatement and act favorably thereon." 186 Penna. Report, page 277.

After this, instead of taking the course which any person with a well balanced mind would have taken he started a newspaper, and made the remark, to Samuel Bovie, "that he would ruin the s— of a b— if it took half he was worth" (meaning Judge Conrad Kraus) and in paper after paper printed unreasonable and insulting articles about Judge Kraus.

Scouten in his disbarment case admitted that he is "easily irritated and at times unreasonable." In his apology he "admits he did wrong, and said to Judge Kraus what he ought not to have said." He admits that he began the conversation, and for this reason was to blame for all that was said and done. He states in his answer that "he has no recollection of many things he is charged with saying, but he was excited, angry and in a condition not likely to remember. He says further in his answer, "he has no recollection of being in the Judge's chamber that afternoon, and if asked the question would have to say he has no recollection of being in there." He does not question the fact only says he does not remember. Further on he answers as follows: "He begs to be allowed to state further that since this Court has been composed of its present members he has never felt any just cause for complaining of the treatment he has received before it." Never felt that he was treated unfairly by Judge Dunham in his business before court. If Judge Dunham has felt there has been a lack of reciprocal conduct upon the part of this respondent (Scouten), he now humbly asks pardon, and an opportunity to tender amends. Respondent admits that he has wronged Judge Kraus, and is sorry indeed that such is the fact. What he did, he did when hot under self control. It was an error of the head. It was without provocation. If he has caused a shadow of suspicion to gather over or hover around this honorable court he regrets it."

In spite of all this humble talk, and immediately after it, he starts a newspaper and begins such vile attacks on Judge Kraus, that in order to stop him Judge Kraus had to bring criminal prosecution against him to compel him to stop. Under these circumstances we cannot see how Scouten has any occasion for saying he is abused until after he has made an application for re-admission, and is refused.

### MILDRED AND BERNICE.

Quite a few from here took in the excursion to Niagara Falls Sunday.

S. A. Dieffenbach and son Lewis have returned from Scranton where they have been doing carpenter work for the last two months.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Baumgardner spent Thursday in Sayre.

Miss Jennie Cummsisky visited friends at Dushore one day last week.

Mrs. Josiah Smith and Miss Cora Lilly were the guests of Mrs. Wm. Allen Wednesday.

Mrs. Thos. Schell, Mrs. Frank Meyer and Mrs. John Harney spent Wednesday with Mrs. Jacob Youkin at Dushore.

Mr. and Mrs. Webber have returned from a weeks visit with relatives in Scranton.

Miss Rose Cummings of Monroton was the guest of Mrs. Port Merrieth several days last week.

Mrs. David Cook and children of Dushore, visited friends here last week.

Miss Lola Brown of Stroudsburg, is visiting her parents here.

John S. Line and daughter Mrs. Walter Wheatley are visiting relatives at Towanda and Sayre.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson of Wilnot, were the guests of Mrs. John Walters Thursday.

### SONESTOWN.

The infant son of William Donovan is very sick.

George Edwards and family are staying a few days with the lady's parents before their departure for Jersey Shore, where Mr. Edwards will open a meat market.

Miss Ogden of the Crestmont Inn, is stopping a few days with Wm. Hazen and family. On Tuesday Wm. and Walter Hazen, Miss Ogden and Clyde Sheets went to the top of the North Mountain to see the sight from that point. Miss Ogden is on her way home to Philadelphia.

A great many of our young people attended the revival meetings at Muncy Valley. The two lady evangelists who conducted the camp meeting at Hughesville, are holding these meetings.

A. L. Converse and wife spent Saturday at Beaver Lake, bringing back the fishing party well loaded with fish.

On Wednesday of last week A. Edgar and Penn Laird went to their traps set for bear and found them gone. They followed the trail for a mile when they came up to bruin, and Penn soon dispatched his bearship with a well directed shot in the head. It was not very fat but the meat was fine.

On Monday John Wilson went to the mountain for chestnuts and had his shot gun with him, hearing a noise behind him in the bushes he brought his gun into position to shoot when at that moment a bear came into view. The first shot fired knocked the bear down and blew out its eyes, another shot in the brain ended its existence. John went after a team to take it home as it weighed when dressed 200 pounds.

The little son of Clinton Starr is somewhat better.

### HILLSGROVE.

Miss Rose Darby is seriously ill at her home here. When taken ill she had just returned from a visit to her sister in Richmond, W. Va. Dr. Davies is in attendance.

Dr. B. E. Gamble and wife of Harrisburg, are visiting at W. L. Hoffmanns.

Civil Engineer Reeder of Williamsport, with a large crew of bridge builders are building the railroad bridge across the Loyalsock at this place, and when completed it will be one of the largest railroad bridges in this county.

Rev. Hoover of Dushore, preached in the M. E. church Sunday evening.

The M. E. Sunday School took an excursion to Eagles Mere, over the Sonas railroad last Saturday. On the morning trip a tree fell directly across the train, but by a miracle no one was injured, and only crushed Doc Hoffman's derby hat.

This Wednesday and Thursday will decide whether Bernice, Dushore or Hillsgrove has the best baseball team, as they will play for the championship at the fair.

Charles Sullivan made a flying trip to Ralston last week.

The band was out last Saturday serenading Charles Hawley and wife. Charley set up the treat for the boys.

The finishing department of the tannery has shut down for a few days for repairs, and not for political reasons as some of our Democratic friends would have us believe.

Sam McBride has purchased a new piano of Ferguson and McCollom of Williamsport.

Jack Clegg of Emporium has returned to this place and is always a welcome guest.

### Judge Dunham Seldom Reversed.

Scouten seems to take great delight in telling about Judge Dunham being reversed by the Higher courts. He has said so much about it that it may be a surprise to the people of Sullivan county to know that during the last ten years Judge Dunham has only had two cases from Sullivan county reversed. While Judge Sitter during the same length of time had three times as many.

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