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## This Is the Place To Buy Your Jewelry

Nothing in Town to Compare With  
the Quality that We are Giving  
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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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## 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.

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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 saten covered ones we are selling at very reasonable prices.

The New Tailored Suits and Gowns. White Goods for Waists.

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.

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.

### MOST VITAL ISSUE.

#### The Attempt of Democracy to Kill Protective Tariffs.

The Democratic party in national convention at St. Louis declared protection to be robbery. The leading Parker organs are avowed enemies of the protective tariff, says the Troy Times. The foremost Democratic orators, such as Bourke Cockran, are avowed free traders.

The most important economic issue now before the American people is the question of the tariff, as it is the most vital issue in other countries of the globe. On this question the Democratic party and its leaders have been consistently opposed to the protective tariff. Everybody remembers Grover Cleveland's free trade message. The Democratic party has placed itself on record again and again as opposing a tariff whose intent is the protection of the wage earner. And now with blind boldness the Democrats at St. Louis reiterate their parrot cry that protection is robbery.

The American workman, comparing his wages and standard of living with those of the cheap labor of foreign countries, is not willing to plunge the knife into his own breast by aiding any party that intends to break down the tariff barrier which so equalizes conditions as to give to the workman of this country the wages which he is receiving.

The voter will be asked to decide between Theodore Roosevelt and the protective tariff platform, on which he stands, and the Democratic party, which denounces protection as robbery. There can be no doubt of the result when men of common sense are asked to vote to reduce their wages and to forego the standard of comfortable living, which has made the American workman's lot envied the world over.

### HARD TIMES GONE BY.

#### It is Well For Workmen to Remember the Cleveland Days.

Speaking of hard times, we have only to go back to the Cleveland administration. The tariff smashing bill knocked business skyward. Mills closed. Only a portion of the people found employment. Prices went down. Of course they did, for who was there to purchase? Does not every one remember the free soup houses for the starving multitudes who could not get employment?

What was the use of the butcher shop advertising meats at a reduced price when the laborer without work did not have the price? It was tantamounting for him to be told that he could purchase a loaf of bread for a cent or two less than in good times, for in good times he would have had 5 cents in his pocket to pay for a loaf, but now if the bread were selling for a penny he could not procure it.

That is what the workmen must understand. If they are all at work at a fair wage they have the price of bread and meat in their pockets, and if the price is higher than in troublesome times they should remember that it is the farmer who is prospering with them, and the farm and the mill are necessary to each other if there is to be general prosperity. — Lawrence (Mass.) American.

### FACTS OF HISTORY.

#### Free Trade Tariffs Have Always Brought Industrial Stagnation.

From 1812 to 1861, about fifty years, free trade tariffs were followed three times by industrial stagnation. And three times a protective tariff led to industrial activity, financial effort and prosperity among the people.

The last seven years have been the most prosperous in American history. Industries have been active, markets at home and abroad have been increased, the laboring classes have been benefited and the wealth of the country has been largely augmented.

In spite of these facts of history the Democratic party in its platform of 1904 denounces the protective tariff as a robbery and asks the votes of the country in support of that denunciation.

So long as the citizen is justified in defending his own comfort and prosperity and in repelling idleness and consequent poverty, so long will the Democratic attacks upon the tariff constitute a menace that will be fought with unflinching energy. — Troy Times.

### Parker and the Trusts.

The alliance between Judge Parker and the trusts is undisputed by the well informed. That is why he is so gentle in allusions to them and falls back on the common law when there is no common law in the federal judicial power to be used in fighting anything. That is the Parker way of promising to do nothing. He would be foxy, but is only foolish. — Buffalo News.

### The Safe Course.

Judge Parker says the gold standard is "irrevocably established." By the way, Judge, who established it? If the gold standard is such a good thing that you accept it, wouldn't it be prudent to keep in power the party that established it? — Burlington Hawkeye.

### Communication.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 11, 1904.  
EDITOR NEWS ITEM.

I was old enough to vote when I came to Washington and I have lived here thirty years. I have observed and studied the Government machine at close range. There are many things connected with government administration that every citizen can not know, and much that is hard to believe even when told by a person of known truthfulness.

There has been, since the days of Grant and until three years ago, scandalous looseness and recklessness in the management of the civil, military and naval establishments of the government. The world knows something of this from hearsay, but there is a difference in seeing things at first hand and hearing about them.

The first eighteen months of my stay in Washington, was spent as a clerk in the Navy Department, and I then and there got impressions of the idleness and inefficiency, the favoritism and dishonesty prevailing the rank and file of Bureaucracy and infecting everybody from clerk to Cabinet Officers. The successive Presidents that have come and gone from Grant to McKinley, inclusive, have seemed to be powerless to change these conditions—conditions that would have ruined the best private or corporate business in the world—conditions that can be supported only by taxation and exhausted natural resources. For thirty years, party platforms and orators have fulminated reform, but the new president when he came in had to take the machine as he found it, and let it and himself be run very much according to custom. The term of a president is only four years and it takes that long for an ordinary president to become acquainted with the rottenness of the different services that make a government, and most of them have been mere politicians too mealy-mouthed to denounce it or too nerveless to attack it.

But for three years we have had in the White House, an extraordinary president. One who is neither mealy-mouthed nor nerveless and one who came to the presidency fully, keenly, indignantly cognizant of the gangrene permeating every department and determined with merciless strenuousness to cut it out. What he has accomplished in three years is marvelous and inspiring. The Civil Service, the Postal Service, the Army and the Navy have responded wonderfully to his intelligent, disinfecting tonic treatment. Not only have the organization and the equipment of all services been improved, but the morale and esprit du corps have been elevated and energized until it is not too much to say that from clerk to Cabinet Officer, from stoker to Admiral, and from army mule to Chief of Staff new life and health prevail. Any person of discernment on the ground, and cognizant of past and present conditions can see it and feel it.

But the work is not complete and retrogression will set in if it permitted to stand still, and how much worse if committed to alien and unfriendly hands. The country has waited long for a president with head, heart and hand, to desperately needed things. What he has done is but earnest of what he can do and will do. It is known that if Theodore Roosevelt is elected president in November, he will come into office unhampered by pledge or promise. This too, will be unique in the experience of presidents and in its beneficent reaction on the country.

It is already known who two of the Cabinet Officers will be. Mr. Hay will continue the firm, but pacific management of our foreign relations which has, during the last seven years, given us much honorable international distinction; Mr. Cortelyou will bring his youth, his energy and his faculty of organization to bear upon the largest postal system in the world.

There will be at the heads of the War and Navy Departments, men of the type of Root and Taft—men of capacity for work.

The election of President Roosevelt means for the United States—prosperity at home, prestige abroad.

C. A. S.

### Dynamite Placed in Sheaf of Grain.

Hughesville Independent.

What appears to have been a dastardly attempt to cause death and destruction by exploding dynamite in a thrashing machine on a Pennsylvania farm was frustrated by a fortunate incident.

The attempted outrage occurred at the home of Milton Poust, and the discovery was made last Monday.

Mr. Poust was getting ready to thresh his buckwheat, and the sheaves of the grain were being hauled from the field to his barn by Harry Poust and Abraham Smith.

A sheaf fell from one of the loads as the swaying wagon mounted the barn floor, and was allowed to lay there until the balance of the load had been transferred to the mow.

Then Harry Poust lifted the sheaf on his pitchfork to pass it to Mr. Smith. As he did so a bundle dropped out of the sheaf. Its contents were carefully concealed in buckwheat straw, and Harry's first impression was that there was a snake coiled within.

"Great Scott! Here's a snake!" he exclaimed.

He gingerly transferred the bundle to Mr. Smith, who proceeded to make a closer investigation, which resulted in a startling discovery.

"My God! It's dynamite!" Smith exclaimed as he unwound the straw.

And there, sure enough, was a stick of dynamite such as is used for blasting rock, etc.

This discovery naturally caused a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood as it dawned upon the good people of that section that a most diabolical crime had been attempted.

The awful consequences of such a catastrophe can only be conjectured. It is hardly likely that the men operating the machine could have escaped their lives, and others would surely have been seriously maimed.

Mr. Poust, it is stated, is at a loss to understand the motive that led to the concealment of the dynamite in the buckwheat.

The authorities are cognizant of the matter, and it is likely that District Attorney Spencer will insist upon a rigid investigation in the hope that the guilty party may be brought to justice.

The crime is too serious to allow it to pass without an attempt to run down the villain.

The railroad bridge at Hills Grove was completed this week and Mr. Sone's bark trains can now run direct to the Hills Grove tannery. This will be a great convenience. The road will now be a bark feeder in two directions—Muncy Valley and Hills Grove—besides being a lumber line and offering to the business interests at Hills Grove an outlet other than the stage line to Glen Mawr.

To anyone who has made this journey, twelve miles by wagon, the trip by rail, even through circuiting will be a great relief.

C. La Rue Munson of Williamsport, has been appointed by Governor Pennypacker a member of the committee representing this state which will meet with similar committees from all the other states for the purpose of devising methods and offering suggestions to secure greater uniformity in the laws of the different states on subjects where uniformity is highly desirable.

The Muncy Valley Farmer's club is out of debt as a result of the recent fair. Not only were the receipts large enough to pay all of the premiums and other expenses, but there was enough in addition to pay off the note that has been hanging over the club for some time.

Judge Bittenger of York, recently rendered the following decision: A man's home for voting purposes is where his wife lives and where he sleeps, no matter where he pays his taxes, works or where he eats.

The annual report of the Lehigh Valley railroad company discloses its most prosperous year, its gross earnings of \$30,000,000 being an increase of more than \$3,000,000. Its coal properties produced more than a million and a half tons of coal last year.

### Associate Judges Paid According to the Amount of Work They Execute.

In its issue of October 5th, 1904, Sullivan Herald makes the following statement: "For the year ending August 31, 1903, Associate Judge Jacob A. Meyers of this county received as salary \$392.95 while Associate Judge Reeser received for the same year \$917.10. Why it is Judge Reeser receives more than twice as much salary as Judge Meyers we are unable to explain. The two Associate Judges sit upon the same bench during the same session of court and each reside about an equal distance from the county seat. If we were to attempt an explanation as to why Judge Reeser's salary so greatly exceeds that of Judge Meyer we could only attribute it to the possibility that Reeser may sit a little closer to Judge Dunham than to Judge Meyers."

This statement is intended to mislead the general public, and to arouse public sentiment against an honorable public officer. That there should be a vast difference in the respective salaries of Judges Meyers and Reeser is readily seen when the residence of each and the manner in which Associate Judges earn their salaries is taken into consideration. Judge Reeser lives at Dushore where there are a number of lawyers, and where the greater amount of legal documents are prepared. As it is one of the duties of an Associate Judge to administer oaths and make acknowledgements for which he is compelled to obtain remuneration from the State per diem, since he is not allowed to charge the person making the oath or acknowledgement, Judge Meyers on the other hand lives where comparatively few legal transactions take place, his salary necessarily is smaller than that of Judge Reeser.

The Herald, however, is not laboring very hard nowadays for the enlightenment of its readers, and would be pleased if by hook or crook it could mislead the people when the subject is on some one of the Sullivan County Officers.

The comparison might be carried a little farther so as to include our sister county of Wyoming. Why not come out John and give the salary of Brother-in-law Harvey Sickler who lives at the county seat and who therefor has no mileage, and whose salary for the year ending August 31, 1903, was \$1294.00. And then take Judge Vaughn also of Wyoming whose salary was \$1569.35 for the same length of time. BUT then if you did that John you would have to explain how and of what Associate Judges' salaries are made up, and that would enlighten some one.

### MILDRED AND BERNICE.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell are entertaining the latter's sister from Williamsport.

Many of our town people attended the Forksville Fair last week.

Miss Mayme Hadey is visiting friends at Kingston.

Thos. Collins of Arcadia is visiting his parents here.

Mrs. Chas. Haverley and children of Dushore spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. John Meyer.

Mrs. A. Walsh and children, Miss Katie Donohoe of Dushore and Mrs. H. K. Downs of LaPorte spent Sunday at the home of Thos. Donohoe.

Miss Laura Allen left Monday morning for Towanda, where she expects to spend the winter.

Will Kelley of Buffalo N. Y. is visiting friends here.

Mrs. John Lang of Kingston is visiting friends here.

Miss Laura Hatton spent Sunday at Dushore.

Mrs. Burt Walters went to Dushore Monday, where she will spend a few weeks.

Mrs. A. A. Baker of LaPorte is visiting her daughter Mrs. Frank Schaffer.

Mrs. Weed of Dushore visited in town several days last week.

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