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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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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
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.

January Sale, Muslin Underwear.

This week, we begin an important sale of Muslin Underwear, at special prices, that is worthy of more than the usual attention of muslin underwear sales. Every garment is entirely new and the prices are very much less than you have been paying for equal value.

For 10 Cents

Ladies' Corsets Covers; Children's Drawers, 2 to 6 years; Boys' and Girls' Twilled Muslin Waists; Children's Skirts, 1 to 3 years, and Infant's Dresses, Neck and Sleeves Edged with Lace, for 10c.

For 15 Cents

Ladies' Corset Covers, edged with lace or homestitched ruffles; Ladies' Drawers, with ruffles; Children's Plain or Ruffled Drawers, sizes 2 to 8; Children's Waists and Infant's Dresses with yoke and insertion, for 15 cts.

For 55 Cents

Ladies' Gowns, either square or V neck, tucked yoke or lace or embroidery insertions; Ladies' Drawers with Flounce and Tucks; Ladies' Long and Short Skirts, with hemstitched ruffle; Corset Covers daintily trimmed with lace and ribbon, and Infant's Dresses, for 55c.

For 50 Cents

Ladies' Corset Covers with lace embroidery and ribbon; Ladies' Drawers with deep flounce edged with embroidery or lace; Ladies' Long Skirts; Ladies' Short Skirts with lace edge—several styles of gowns to choose from, for 50c.

For 75 Cents

Ladies' Gowns with tucked yoke, lace embroidery insertion; Ladies' Long Skirts, with tucked flounce or insertion and lace edge; Ladies' Drawers with deep flounce trimmed with tucks and embroidery or lace. A large line of Corset Covers daintily trimmed with fine lace and embroidery, excellent values for 75c.

For \$1.00

We show a large line of Ladies' Muslin, and Cambrie Underwear elaborately trimmed with fine laces and embroideries; the best assortment we ever showed for \$1.00

In connection with this special sale of Muslin Underwear we will have displayed a large line of the finer grades of Muslin and Cambrie Under Garments, that are elaborately trimmed with dainty laces, embroidery and ribbons. Quality considered, the prices will be very low.

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THE GRANGE

Conducted by
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Grange

PENNSYLVANIA GRANGERS.

Over 6,000 New Members Added to
the Roll the Past Year.

The Pennsylvania state grange met this year at Erie, W. F. Hill of Mont Alto, worthy master, presiding. Secretary Ailman reported 6,204 new names added to the rolls during the past year. This does not include those reinstated. There are now 540 granges in the state as against 501 for last year. The receipts for the last year were \$11,440.80. The sixth degree was conferred on a class of 215. The election of officers occurred, and W. F. Hill was chosen master for the tenth year. Evidently Pennsylvania believes in keeping good men in office, for they have re-elected their overseer for the seventh year; lecturer, seventh year; treasurer, fourth year; secretary, eleventh year; gatekeeper, seventeenth year, and assistant steward, seventh year.

The legislative committee made one of the most important reports ever submitted to the state grange. The Hon. William T. McCreary was at the head of the committee. The report favored legislation allowing trolley companies to carry freight; a tax of 1 mill on corporate and personal property for road purposes, to be distributed according to public road mileage; favored laws whereby license taxes under both county and municipal laws be paid to the counties in which such taxes are collected; favored the initiative and referendum, parcels posts and postal savings banks. It also favored increasing the public school appropriation to \$200,000, the amount appropriated at the last session being \$100,000.

A Wise Suggestion.

To try to set the farmers' organization at the rather formidable task of correcting all the real or supposed evils of our social system, says the Country Gentleman, is about as judicious a proceeding as if the Methodist or Presbyterian members or the Republicans or Democrats, for that matter, should want to dragoon the whole Order into the ranks of their particular churches or political parties. Let the grange stand for agriculture and agricultural interests, ever ready not only to defend these from attack in any quarter, but actively to promote every measure that is for their benefit, at the polls, in the state and national legislatures and everywhere else. Let it stand for nothing else and undertake nothing else. To tackle the job of reforming the political, financial and judicial methods of the country is simply to invite dissensions within the Order and ultimately to disintegrate and ruin it.

Stand by the Guns.

The supreme court of the United States in its recent decision sustains the grange contention that palm oil coloring in oleomargarine subjects it to the legal tax of 10 cents per pound. Evasion of the law has proved abortive, and now a herculean effort is being arranged by the oleo people to repeal the law. The grange editor of the National Stockman remarks that organized agriculturists should improve the intervening time in recruiting and disciplining for a stand by the guns when the contest opens in earnest.

The Parcels Post.

In Switzerland you can send a parcel weighing forty-four pounds for 33 cents by mail. You could mail the same in Germany for 24 cents. In the United States you couldn't mail it at all unless you divided it in eleven separate parcels, and then it would cost you \$7.04. The grange stands for the parcels post, which will give Americans postal facilities equal to those enjoyed by the residents of any other country. If you belong to the grange you are helping. If not, you are hindering.—National Stockman.

Vermont State Grange.

The thirty-third annual session of the Vermont state grange was held at Belows Falls, Governor C. J. Bell, master, presiding. In his opening address he referred to the laws which have been passed by the legislature within the past year that have been beneficial to the rural communities and predicted other reforms in legislation to come. The net increase in membership the past year was 800, the aggregate being about 8,000. Worthy Master Bell was re-elected for another term.

National Grange Property.

The national grange executive committee reports that the property of the national grange consists of twenty-nine farm mortgages, amounting to \$46,306; deposits in savings banks, \$12,712; amount in fiscal agency, \$20,490; total investments, \$80,109, or a total of \$80,000, which is an increase during the fiscal year of \$9,293.57.

The practice of endorsing candidates for political office in the grange is of doubtful propriety.

OBITUARY.

We are sad to announce the death of John Brown who died at his home near Sonestown, in Davidson Twp., Sullivan County, Jan. 6, 1905, aged 68 years, 7 months and 6 days. He is survived by three children, two sons and one daughter, Chas. W. and F. H. Brown both of English Centre and Mrs. Mary Bradley of Davidson Twp. The funeral was held at the Cherry Grove M. E. Church on Jan. 10, '05, when a most tenderly and consoling sermon was delivered by Rev. S. B. Biddack of Hughesville and assisted by Rev. S. H. Engler of LaPorte. Mr. John Brown has been a constant christian professor the greater part of his life. His disease was a tumorous cancer with which he was confined to his bed for four months. Everything suggested by science and affection was tried to stay the ravages of his disease. He bore his sufferings with patience and christian fortitude but at last without a murmur he yielded up his soul in full and conscious "rest in Jesus". He was a man of sterling integrity. His affectionate relatives have the sympathy of the noble community. His peaceful departure is a most striking evidence of a sincere christian hope.

John Brown was born in Mobile, Scotland, May 31st, 1836. He came to this country when but a boy at the age of 18 years, and in the year of 1863 he bought a piece of land near Sonestown and lived there on the rest of his life. He was married to Phoebe A. Speary, daughter of Samuel Speary. She died at her home October 12, 1890. After the death of his wife he lived alone, until the last two years, when Monroe Speary rented his farm and moved in with him. Mr. Brown was drafted February 17, 1863 and reported at Troy November 4th., of the same year, but being an allian was not accepted. He was naturalized in 1868. A Friend.

NORDMONT.

The snow storm in this vicinity was quite severe as it blockaded the roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Converse of Kansas were visiting friends and relatives in town last week.

Miss Alice King who has been working in Williamsport for some time has returned home.

Mr. Brad Bartlow has moved back in town.

The lamp of Mr. Monroe Speary was sitting on the table Sunday evening last and by some means exploded and threw the oil nearly all over the floor; but as the fire was quickly extinguished no damage was done.

Mr. Edgar Robbins of near Sonestown was through this vicinity getting signers for the R. F. D. Routes. Every one is anxiously waiting for it to come soon.

HILLSGROVE.

Miss Josephine and Frankford Lewis gave a reception to their Sunday School classes at their home on Friday evening, Jan. 20. A sumptuous supper was served, and report a pleasant time.

A familiar form of salutation among the chappies here is "Where did you get your peg leg courdoires."

Just who is to be G. M. of the new L. R., to be built in this section of the country next summer is not known. Several of our popular townsmen will apply.

Mr. Reidy smiles and treats his twin boys, born 12 inst.

Miss Dora Burkholder accompanied Miss Edna Ludy back to Binghamton last week.

Frank Bry is able to be out again and does not seem to be seriously handicapped by the loss of his foot.

Rumor has it that Prof. Robert Molyneux of Elkland has purchased the farm owned by Miss Anna Ives and will take possession of it April 1st.

A gentleman from Dushore and Mr. Weaver of Montoursville will open a general store and a meat market in the Sadler Block this spring, both gentlemen well come recommended and should receive patronage.

The fever patients are so far recovered as to dispense with the services of their nurses.

The United States Civil Service commission announces that an examination for clerk and carrier will be held at Milton on Saturday, February 4th. This examination offers an opportunity to bright energetic young persons to enter an interesting field of government employment, where the salaries compare most favorable with those paid in private employment. The salaries of letter carriers run from \$600 to \$1,000 per annum, and postoffice clerks from \$400 to \$1,000. The age limits from eighteen to forty-five. Applicants must have the medical certificate in the application blank executed. Made applicants must be at least five feet four inches tall and weigh not less than 125 pounds.

The postoffice department has stated that no person who is defective in any of the following-named particulars will be appointed in the postal service: Deaf mutes; hunchbacks; persons having defective hearing, sight or speech; persons totally blind or blind in one eye; one-armed or one-handed, or one-legged persons, or those having crippled arms or legs; and those suffering from asthma, consumption, hernia, or any other physical defect or disease which would prevent a proper discharge of the duties of the position. All persons who have been examined for the position of clerk or carrier within the past year and failed to pass may be re-examined upon filing new applications in due time.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who comply with the requirements.

The old time country stores are disappearing. They have had their day and they are passing. The farmer drives by them on his way to the larger centers of trade. The old methods of business are gone. The farmer sells his products for cash and buys where it suits him best. He has learned to farm better, to buy better and to sell better. He has learned that his hay and corn go to market cheaper and more profitable as fat beef and pork than as hay and corn, and sent thus, they leave the valuable manures behind. The farmer is learning to concentrate his power, his education and his energy to make a fertile farm more fertile and a profitable crop more profitable—and he is doing it. He has better markets and gets better prices.

A provisional brigade composed of one regiment from each of the three brigades of the division of the National Guards of Penna. will be in the inaugural parade at Washington, on March 4th. What regiments will be assigned to the brigade is not as yet known and it will be a week or more before the assignments are made.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Roosevelt have met upon the peaceful field of the White House, officers and exchanged compliments, which for wit and brilliancy could have been excelled by any modern hero of romance, but which were clearly indicative of mutual respect. It is something of an intellectual triumph when a man of Bryan's avowed principles of four years back can gracefully and apparently with sincerity congratulate the President on some of his accomplishments, and it is not less a demonstration of Roosevelt's breadth of spirit and liberality that he received Mr. Bryan with such cordiality. Both of these men are still young and it may be that neither has reached his fullest development. Bryan, certainly in the last few years has shown a broadening of vision and pronouncement that may or may not have been due to that enlightening experience of a trip abroad, Senator Cullom upon meeting Mr. Bryan spoke of that gentleman's increased avoirdupois saying aptly, "You have grown in more ways than one, Mr. Bryan. Doubtful as that compliment may have been to the one addressed it had the merit of truth and it is a phenomenon that a man of President Roosevelt's character would be quick to recognize.

Here is a tribute to a splendid institution and its supporters, coming from the Williamsport Sun:

"No nobler work could be conceived than that which was started by the Odd Fellows in establishing the orphanage near Sunberry. This orphanage is one of the most commendable charitable institutions in the State, and its successful operation has attracted the attention of the people generally. In maintaining this orphanage the Odd Fellows are giving an example to the world of the noble principles of the order. The enlargement of the orphanage will mean increased facilities for caring for the children of those Odd Fellows who have passed away.

Henry B. Moyer.

Lime at Koeder's Lime House, below Laporte, Pa.

Sugar Ridge Items.

On Saturday evening a joyous crowd of young people drove to the home of Sylvia Burk's and completely surprised her, it being her sixteenth birthday. The evening was spent pleasantly in playing games. Those present were:

Misses: Ada, Simmons, Mildred Hall, Nora Charist, Agnes Laird, Lela Landon, Anna Russell, Meda Watermain, Edith Flester, Carrie Lovelace, Anna Jordan, Roxaman Harvey, Ambia Smith. Messrs. Harry Willson, Leonard and Harry Boatman, Harry Russel, Frank Rea, Ray and Minard Peters, Leo Flester Samuel Stackhouse, A. Laird, Ed. Christ, Harry Fries, Orval Hall, E. Smith, Beily Glidewell, George Lovelace, Otto Boatman, Burrows Dewald, Carl Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Converse, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. R. A. Dent.

The nine day sale of Jacob Per's stores at Hughesville and Muncy which S. Schlichter and Co. conducted ended Saturday, January 29th., '05. It was a big success. Thousands of customers were perfectly satisfied with bargains they got during that successful sale. He has sold all his old stock and from now on will sell much better clothing and shoes at a less price than ever. The main success of Jacob Per's stores at Hughesville and Muncy is owing to the fact that they sell exactly as advertised and appreciate the trade. He is receiving new goods every day and is ready to serve thousands of satisfied customers.

Program of Local Institute to be held at Estella, Saturday, Feb. 11, comprising the districts of Forks, Fox, Hillsgrove, Elkland and Forks-ville Boro.

"Fractions," J. R. Molyneux. "Nature Study in the Public School" France Paroee. "In what way can we improve our Rural Schools from the Teachers point of view?" Lulu McCarty, from the Director's point of view" William Norton. "Literature in our Public Schools" Wallace Burgess. "Primary Geography" Phoebe Albertson. "Daily Preparation of the Teacher" Hattie Molyneux. "Centralization of Schools" general discussion. "Should Politics be taught in our Public Schools" Mr. Green. "History Exercises in Lower Grades" Nelson Mullen. "What Good is our County Institute" general discussion. "How may a School Acquire a Library?" Alice Corcoran.

Jonas Fisher of Williamsport, has started to improve and make valuable some waste land by planting 2,000 walnut trees to be used for manufacturing purposes when they attain the proper growth. In the spring he will increase the number to 40,000, which will make a good sized timber tract. He also will plant some swampy land with locust trees, they grow more rapidly than walnut and will be marketable at an earlier date.

\$34 pays six weeks instruction and board at the College of Music, Freeburg, Pa. Piano, organ, singing, brass and string instruments taught. Young people are as well cared for as at home. Terms begin May 1st., June 12th., July 24th. For catalogue address,

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Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds, prevents pneumonia.