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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 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 guaranteed, 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.

Ladies' and Misses' Ladies' Tailored Suits
Coats
At half price. Away down in price.

The great cloak sale that began here a few days ago has certainly been appreciated by a number of ladies who have bought stylish new winter coats at half the regular price and less.
We believe the same quantities combining fit, finish and materials are not to be had in the city.

Ladies' Muslin Underwear.

We cater to your needs with a stock of all qualities from the lowest to the highest grades of Muslin Underwear. All are made of good muslin and cambric neatly trimmed with embroidery and laces; every garment is generous in proportion and cheap in price.

Good Wool Blankets

Would you invest in a pair of good wool blankets, if they were very cheap? Come in and let us show you what we have left and how cheap you can buy them.

AN EXTRA PAIR WILL COME IN
GOOD THESE COLD NIGHTS.

Grey Cotton Blankets

We have a few pairs of Grey Cotton Blankets that are being closed out at much less than the former price.

THE GRANGE

Conducted by
J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y.,
Press Correspondent New York State
Grange

AN IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

The Grange and the Press Discussed
by Miss Clara McDermid.

[Special Correspondence.]

It has long been my conviction that the grange does not half appreciate the value of bright, judicious and persistent newspaper reporting. In my very limited experience I have been much impressed with the large returns for the labor expended. I have many times been surprised at the number of people outside the Order who tell me that they regularly read the grange reports and at the interest displayed in quarters where I least expected it. In interesting people in the grange or in anything else we have at heart the personal touch is indispensable, but it alone is too slow and laborious to accomplish all that we need to accomplish. We need the publicity which only the newspaper can give us, and this, supplemented by the warm human touch, will awaken a friendly interest which will, I believe, in time draw to us the men and women whom we need and who need our Order.

But in emphasizing the value of press work I must insist on the high quality of that work. Nothing should be reported which is not interesting to the public and creditable to the grange. The reports must not be commonplace either in style or in subject matter. They must be clear, concise and bright. Some one says that selection is one of the highest mental qualities. Certainly it is one which is peculiarly necessary to the grange reporter. The ability to seize the salient points and state them clearly and forcibly, ignoring those of less importance, is a prime requisite. If addresses or discussions are to be reported it is imperative that the speaker be not misquoted nor his views misrepresented. If the subject is an achievement of the grange, exaggerated statements or any attempt at fine writing is to be studiously avoided. Overstatement and bombast will bring the grange into ridicule and disrepute.

Systematic press work on a large scale is a recent development and a promising one. Very efficient work is being done in New York, whose state grange maintains a press correspondent who sends out a monthly bulletin of grange news to 400 newspapers of that state. Without doubt this widespread advertising contributes much to the success of this leading grange state. The correspondent also furnishes to the American Press Association a grange page, which is used by about 150 papers in various parts of the United States. The same correspondent supplies grange matter to a syndicate of some fifty daily papers carrying a daily agricultural department and having a combined circulation of about 1,500,000, as stated in the report of the correspondent to the national grange. Grange leaders everywhere recognize the great value to the Order of this service, and it seems only a question of time when it will become even more far reaching and valuable in the extension of the Order. But while this systematic work covers the field more easily and completely than any other agency can it will always need to be supplemented by the bright, prompt, clearly expressed local correspondence.

Perhaps some mention should be made of the grange departments of various farm papers. Many of these are of little interest to the general public or indeed to the grange, because they are so evidently conducted in a perfunctory manner and are so painfully lacking in originality or force. There are some notable exceptions, however, which are helping to make the Order widely and favorably known. The contrast serves to illustrate the point I have tried to make—that presswork badly done is a byword and a reproach to the cause it serves. Skillfully and conscientiously done it is a most effective agency for strengthening and extending the work and influence of the grange.

CLARA McDERMID,
Battle Creek, Mich.

New Jersey State Grange.

The thirty-second annual session of the New Jersey state grange was held at Trenton. The secretary's report showed the membership to be 7,000 in that state. The deputies' reports showed increased interest in the Order throughout the state and especially commended the field meetings in the summer as a means of increasing the membership. Resolutions were adopted favoring a direct vote for United States senators, advocating stricter regulations for automobilists, favoring the parcels post law, opposing the repeal of the oleo law and favoring antitrust laws. G. W. F. Gaunt was re-elected master of the state grange.

The handwriting of the grange may be seen on many of the statute books of the various states.

Two New States Added To the American Flag.

Stateshood for Oklahoma and Indian Territory as One State
and New Mexico as Another.

Washington, Feb. 7.—After the continuous sitting of almost nine hours the Senate at 8:45 tonight passed the joint Stateshood bill. As passed the bill provided for the admission of the state of Oklahoma to be composed of Oklahoma and Indian Territory and New Mexico according to the present boundaries, with Arizona eliminated.

The town of LaJose, in the southern part of Clearfield County, along the Pennsylvania and Northwestern division of the Pennsylvania R. R. is having a terrible epidemic of small-pox, and as a result of the lack of precaution through the enforcement of a quarantine, the disease is spreading to the adjoining towns and it has now reached Figart which is getting to close to Altoona for comfort.

The epidemic has been raging at LaJose for several weeks and there are now 41 cases, there having been above 50 since it broke out. In view of the fact that LaJose is a town of 400 inhabitants, this is an appalling situation.

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association has inaugurated a campaign that has for its aim the inspiration, improvement and spiritual-quickening of the Sunday school work and all Sunday school workers throughout the state. A tour party of six, specialists along all lines of Sunday school work, has been made up and will be in the field from the 23rd of January until May 1st. In that time forty-six countries will have been visited and a series of four meetings held in each county.

Although once made to walk the principal streets of Wilkes-Barre with a card inscribed "I am a thief" pinned to her back, Mrs. Sarah Jones again took to pilfering. She was before Judge Wheaton Friday for sentence for shoplifting, but sentence was suspended. Mrs. Jones belongs to a good family. Her weakness lies in the direction of petty thefts. Friends of the woman have tried in vain to have her mend her ways. It was Mayor Nicholas who some years ago tried the plan of placarding her as a thief.

Thomas Elliott, of Freeland, Luzerne County, is the king of anthracite coal miners. His net earnings for the year past amounted to \$4000. He has always worked as a gangway miner, and during the year he has opened 1000 yards of gangway and sent over 4000 cars of coal to the breaker.

This would yield over 14,000 tons of clean coal, which in market value nets the mine owner \$12,000. Elliott has spent 30 years at this work, and has the business down to a science. He has driven more miles of gangway and earned more money than any miner in America.

People generally are beginning to realize that road building is a public matter, and that the best interest of American agriculture and American people as a whole, demand the construction of good roads, and that money wisely expended for this purpose is sure to return. Looking at them only from the "almighty dollar" side, good roads are found to pay a handsome dividend each year.

Uncle Sam Opposed to Vicious Dogs.

Persons living along routes of rural free delivery mail service should keep in mind the fact that the post-office has issued orders to the owners of vicious dogs that unless the animals are removed, delivery of mail to those houses will be discontinued. It should be also remembered that the roads must be kept in good repair and that the snow be shoveled away from the boxes, or mail need not be delivered.

brag of their victories, but I never heard one man, or woman either do it.

"It is wonderful, their composure and calmness. It must be because they know it is a life and death struggle and for all the victories they are paying a fearful price."

The complete Auditor's Report for the year 1904 shows that the county debt has been reduced by payment of \$4261.22 of the six percent interest bearing judgement.

Program.

Programme of the Semi-annual Convention of Elkland township Sunday School to be held at Lincoln Falls, Church, Feb. 16, 1905:

Morning Session 10:30.
Devotional Service, Bhristian Snyder; Enthusiasm for Bible Study, Rev. J. H. Bowen; Christ's Teachings, Examples and Methods, F. A. Boyle.

Afternoon Session 1:30.
Devotional Service; G. F. Brown; The Assistance the Sundaay School should render; First—To the Nation, Vernon Hull; Second—To the Church, Rev. R. E. Huntley; and Third—To the Home, Mrs. J. H. Bowers; Greatness of Sunday School Work, Conferred by G. E. Bowen; Cradle Roll Word; Mrs. Albert Kaye.

Evening Session.
Devotional Service, Rev. R. E. Huntley; Question Box in charge of Rev. Guy Sayles; Address by Rev. P. H. Hoover. A collection will be taken, Music in charge of Miss Rachel Rogers.

Christian Snyder, President.
Mable Boyle Secretary.

Teachers' Institute.

The local institute for LaPorte Boro, LaPorte Twp., Davidson and Shrewsbury, and Eagles Mere school districts will be held at Nordmot, Saturday, February 18. Institute will commence promptly at 10 o'clock A. M.

Program.

"Personal Habits of the Teacher", W. B. Hazen; "Teachers Association Anna Quinn; "The Boyhood of Great Men", Martha Brundage; "Primary Language Work", Margaret Burns; "What does the school yield?", Lula Dunahoe; "Physical training—Its importance", Anna Hearn; "Contents of children's minds on entering school" Lizzie Kernan; "Drawing", Margaret Hoffa; "The American Boy and How to help Him", Clyde Worthington; "Literature in the School", Ambrose Walsh; "Manual Training and Drawing in the Ungraded School", Flora Cook; "The Teacher as a Character Builder, Anna Karge; "How to be Interesting in Teaching", Emma Karge; "Primary Language Work", Elsie Lawrence; "Perpetuity of the Teacher's Work" Thos. Kernan. Recitations will be rendered by the children.

By order of committee.

The State spent \$28,656.21 for maintaining five fish hatcheries during the year 1904. The output of trout, black bass, yellow perch, sunfish and frogs was 78,985,857. There were 783 arrests for violation of the law and 704 convictions during the year. It has been decided to raise lake trout for breeding purposes at the Corry and Wayne hatcheries in sufficient numbers to 5,000,000. The lake trout eggs have heretofore been taken from fish caught in Lake Erie. The department has devoted nearly all the acreage of the Wayne county hatchery to the cultivation of black bass and yellow perch. Ponds for their cultivation will be built at the Belfont and Torresdale hatcheries. Last year there were sold in Philadelphia markets alone 3,490,000 pounds of carp, realizing \$174,700. The catch in Pennsylvania alone was more than \$100,000 of that sum.

Lincoln's birthday falls this year on Sunday, Feb. 12 and as a consequence Monday will be observed as the holiday and banks will be closed. Election falls on the third Tuesday in February, or Feb. 21, which is a legal holiday and Washington's birthday falls on Feb. 22, making two successive days on which national banks will be closed.

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