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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,
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Bargains that bring the buyer back.
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Spring Opening

You are all invited to see our stock
of Hart, Schaffner & Mark Hand
Made Suits at \$15, \$18 and \$20.

There is no merchant tailor in the country who can
make suits, even if you paid \$50, that would equal the
Hart, Schaffner & Mark suits. We also have thousands
of suits from \$15 to 10 00. Our entire stock is brand
new and we buy such large quantities that enables us to
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See our stock of **SHOES,**
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It will positively pay you to come and see our large
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Jacob Per,
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Notice: Rubber Boots and Shoes
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THE GRANGE

Conducted by
J. W. DARROW, Chatham, N. Y.,
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Grange.

GRANITE STATE GRANGERS.

Subordinate Granges Will Contest For Literary Honors.

We doubt if there is a state in the Union where more attention is paid to the literary and ritualistic work of the grange than in New Hampshire. They have won pre-eminence there along these lines, and they have deserved it, because hard and conscientious work has accomplished it. The state lecturer and the executive committee have made arrangements for the literary competition in 1905. The competition will begin Feb. 1 and end on Oct. 31 under the following regulations:

Each grange competing shall have a literary programme occupying a period of thirty minutes at any two regular or special meetings in each month. This programme may consist of readings, essays, discussions, dramas, addresses, vocal and instrumental music. It may be continued for upward of thirty minutes, but no evening's entertainment shall receive a score of more than sixty points, and those programmes occupying less than thirty minutes shall be scored at the rate of two points per minute.

Each competing grange shall discuss at the first meeting in February, "Should the State Aid in the Construction and Maintenance of Country Highways, and, if So, How?" The topic discussed at the first meeting in May shall be, "Will the Establishment of a National Forest Reserve in the White Mountains Be of Benefit to New Hampshire?" For September, "What Public Improvement is Most Needed in This Locality, and What Can the Grange Do to Secure It?" Any grange failing to discuss the above questions shall forfeit 100 points on its total score for each discussion omitted. The district deputy in making his award shall add to this literary score a number of points equal to five times the average per cent of attendance of members for the year, and this total shall be the basis of making the award of the prize.

In addition to the recognition of superior excellence in literary work the subordinate grange in each district of the thirty-three deputies that ranks the highest in degree work will be awarded baskets and vases for grains, fruit and flowers at Cere's, Pomona's and Flora's stations. The third degree will be worked at the deputy's spring visit and the fourth at the fall inspection visit, and the score will be made by the usual rating.

There is also to be a contest between the Pomona or county granges. The basis of the competition will be on attendance and the ritualistic work of the officers and on punctuality in opening all meetings between Jan. 31 and Oct. 1, 1905, except in July and August. The Pomona grange in each of the two districts having the highest score will be awarded a set of officers' station lights under the following regulations: The regular officers will be scored by the deputy on the usual plan at the fall inspection. To this total score will be added ten points for each public and ten points for each closed session that begins at the exact minute and hour, standard time, announced in the programme and notice of the meeting. This total shall be increased by the addition of five points for the attendance of each regular officer at any one meeting in each month that may be subsequently selected by the grange. If the secretary's records do not contain the required data, no credit shall be given for that meeting. There will also be awarded to the superior grange making the highest score in each Pomona district a secretary's cabinet case under the following conditions: The deputy shall credit each grange with five points for each dollar of dues collected between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1, 1905; five points for each membership fee, 500 points for the smallest amount of uncollected dues and 600 points for those granges having no uncollected dues on Oct. 1, 1905.

A GRANGER'S DISCOVERY.

Water Grows Alfalfa, and Alfalfa Grows Stock.

In his address to the Pennsylvania state grange State Master W. F. Hill related a little incident which occurred on his return journey from the national grange meeting last November. He was crossing the arid plains of Nevada, and while his train stopped at a place called Lovelock he alighted and engaged a bystander in conversation.

"What supports this town?" asked Mr. Hill.

"Water," was the reply.

"How is that?" said Mr. Hill. "I did not know there were any Prohibitionists out here."

"Water grows alfalfa, and we feed it to stock. This winter I am feeding alfalfa and nothing else and fattening 15,000 head of cattle and 30,000 head of sheep."

Cattle, sheep, stocks of alfalfa and the good heavy sod were in evidence on every hand. Water was making an oasis of this spot—this island in the desert. Truly Uncle Sam, in this mammoth irrigating enterprise, is dealing kindly by our brethren in the arid regions of the west.

The Michigan state grange favors direct nominations for governor, state and county officers.

E. S. Little Esq., Killed While Working on Bear Mountain.

This community was shocked by news of the sudden death of E. S. Little Esq. which occurred at his late residence Friday at 7 P. M. due to a tragic accident. Mr. Little with his son and nephew, were cutting shingle timber on Bear Mountain near his home, when a stump became detached crushing the unfortunate man against a log. By a superhuman effort the stump was removed and the injured man carried to his home, where after three hours of intense pain, death ended his suffering. His demise ends a career marked by kind acts and an unselfish devotion to Christian virtues.

Ezra S. Little Esq. was born in Bradford County October 28th., 1839, was the son of Wm. P. and Rebecca (Rogers) Little, was educated in the public schools of Bradford County. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the 141st. Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was engaged at the battles of Fredricksburg and Chancellorsville receiving a gunshot wound in the thigh at the latter place; was again wounded at Spotsylvania, after spending a few weeks in a Military Hospital he rejoined his regiment and was present at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox; was honorably discharged May 27th., '65. Returning to his home he taught several terms of school in this township, finally settling on his present homestead.

He was married December 28th., 1868 to Rachel D. Snell who with an adopted son, James two sisters and three brothers; Mrs. Harriet Pardo of Forksville, Mrs. Emma Whitehouse of Ida, Iowa, A. C. Little of Eagles Mere, W. M. and Joseph R. of Ida, Iowa survive him.

Politically he was a Republican casting his first vote for Lincoln. He served one term as County Commissioner and has held nearly all of the Township offices recently finishing his fifth term as Justice of the Peace.

He took an active part in the workings of the Agricultural Society applying to practical use the knowledge gained at Farmers' meetings.

Religiously he was a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church and a trustee of the building at Hillsgrove for several terms.

His home was ever a refuge for the unfortunate where a charity which knew no distinction was ever met.

The funeral held Monday from his late residence under the auspices of the G. A. R. was largely attended. Rev. Bower officiating. Interment at Hillsgrove Cemetery.

HEMLOCK GROVE ITEMS.

Sunday was the last day of preaching before Conference.

Mrs. G. C. Swank, Amanda Housnecht and son Miles visited friends at this place Sunday.

Howard and Percel Bay attended the Institute at Lairdsville Saturday.

The Rev. H. M. Ash of Muncy Valley took supper with William Bay and family Sunday night.

Chas. Phillips was among the business men of this place Monday.

William Swisher of North Mountain stopped with friends Tuesday.

Mr. P. G. Swank is spending some time at his farm near this place.

Harry Reece who recently lived at this place, has moved his family to North Mountain.

Paul Shug was a Muncy Valley visitor Saturday.

W. H. Bay transacted business at Sonestown Monday.

Albert Meyers and Earnest Fulmer are hauling telephone polls for the line to be built between Unityville and Muncy Valley.

Harry Miller of Muncy Valley was at this place Tuesday.

James H. Eckles declares that it is all well enough for Congressmen to make the laws but they should leave the management of railroads to someone who has some brains. By the time the fifty-ninth Congress assembles it will have a reply ready for Mr. Eckles.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY A. MASON.

Mrs. Mary Angeline Mason died at her home in Laporte Borough on Wednesday evening, March 22, 1905. Her disease was pleura-pneumonia. She was the widow of the late Hon. William A. Mason, and daughter of Abel and Priscilla Washburn Cheney; born in Homer, N. Y. Oct. 28, 1820.

The most of her family had preceded her to the spirit world; the only child left is W. Clayton Mason. Mrs. Mason was widely known and highly respected for her intelligence and benevolence. She was a member of the Universalist church, and in kindly relations with members of all denominations. The people of this borough feel that they have lost one of their best neighbors and truest friend.

Funeral services will be held at the Baptist church at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, March 25.

The Sprole amendment to the good roads law, which provides that the state shall assume five-sixths of the cost of all improvements made under the law and the townships and counties each one-twelfth, has been favorably reported from the committee. It also provides that the consent of the county commissioners need not be obtained to a petition to the department. Another favorable report was made by the committee on the McLane road bill, which gives townships the right to choose between the present system of working out road tax, and paying it in cash and receiving an additional ten per cent from the state. The work tax is a great obstacle to rural road improvement. Farmers are all busy when road work ought to be done, and when the roads are usually "repaired" it is just at a time that they are not permanently benefited. The McLane law is designed to correct this, by paying to townships an additional ten per cent. to a tax cash levy.

In response to the very widespread criticism of his dictum regarding the uselessness of men after they are forty, Dr. Osler of John Hopkins university has taken occasion to reiterate his statement in earnest, while charging that many critics have misquoted him. He says he has been accumulating data for years for a work on this subject, which he will bring out soon. He cites Darwin as one example of what is meant on the ground that his greatest work was done while he was a young man exploring South America. Dr. Osler admits that Darwin made more money in later years, but infers that this had less to do in advancing the world. He says further that the exception to the rule, the men who have done great things after forty, only illustrate the truth of what he says. As to himself, while he wrote most of his books after the fortieth year, he contends that he gathered the materials for them before that. He says, however, that he did not mean to be taken seriously in his reference to the idea of chloroforming men over sixty suggested by Anthony Trollope's novel.

Bills making eight hours a legal day's work in the anthracite coal mines, and prohibiting the employment of children under sixteen years in anthracite coal mines, and under fourteen years in or about a coal breaker or colliery in the anthracite regions, have been reported favorably from committee at Harrisburg and are now on second reading.

An effort is being made to have the fees of jurors attending court fixed at \$3 a day. Such a bill is in the hands of a member of the Schuylkill county delegation in the state assembly. Friends of the bill claim that the present fee is too small for the services rendered.

One of the largest conventions ever held at Scranton will be that of the State Odd Fellows in May. It is estimated that almost 200 delegates will be in attendance. The sessions will open Tuesday morning, May 16 and continue for three or four days. In addition to the convention of the Odd Fellows the Rebekah Assembly, the ladies' auxiliary of the order, which consists of about 250 members will also meet in that city.

Inaugural Day May Be Changed.

Many deaths from inauguration exposure, conspicuously among them that of Senator Bates of Tennessee has again awakened the country to the perils of that inclement season. There is no doubt but that thousands have been slain in attending the inauguration ceremonies in wintery weather. Organized effort is again on foot to change the day of the induction into office of the President elect from cold, gusty wet, or freezing March the fourth to the last Thursday in April, which latter date from weather statistics is in Washington usually warm and balmy and flowery without being heated. Men of National reputation are engaged in the effort to have the inaugural day changed to the more salubrious period and it is hoped that the next event, when the new palatial station in Washington shall have been completed and the new mammoth convention hall shall be an accomplished fact the tens of thousands of American citizens who come to Washington to witness and honor the induction of a President may be able to do so in vernal weather without perial to their lives from cold, gripe and pneumonia.

A statement has been prepared by Auditor General Snyder, based upon the returns for the year 1903, showing, in a condensed form, the amount and sources of the revenue and objects and purposes for which it has been expended by the state. It is intended by the auditor general to demonstrate by this statement that the burden of state taxation is not so great as the people have been led to believe. The statement shows that the proportion each individual paid directly to the state in personal tax in 1903 was seventeen cents. In return for this, he received as his proportion of personal property tax and the benefit of money given by the state to schools, charities, institutions, etc., a sum equal to \$2.84. This conclusion was reached on the basis of a population in 1903 of 6,500,000 and a vote of 1,109,000.

\$33.00 Pacific Coast.

Tickets on sale daily from March 1st to May 15th via the Chicago, Union Pacific & North-Western Line Correspondingly low rates from all points. Daily and personally conducted excursions through without change to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Portland, only \$7 for double berth. Full particulars on application to W. B. Kiniskern, P. T. M., C. & N. W. Ry., Chicago.

The new Commissioner of Pensions has notified his clerks that they will be compelled to take the vacation of one month a year allotted to them. The Hon. Vespasian Warner has been in his office a little less than a week. When he has been there longer he will know that the government clerk does not have to be compelled to take a vacation.

County Chairman's Call.

To the Republican Electors of Sullivan County:

I am directed by the Republican County Committee, to announce that the Republicans of Sullivan County will hold their Delegate Election on Saturday, April 1st, and the delegate chosen at said election, will meet in convention at the Court House at LaPorte, Pa. on Thursday, April 6th, at one o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing one delegate to State Convention, and for the transaction of other business such as may be presented.

In accordance with the laws governing the organization, the representative in the County Convention will be based upon the vote polled at the last Presidential Election. Under the rules each precinct is entitled to one delegate for each forty votes cast for the Republican Presidential Electors in 1904, and an additional delegate for every fraction of forty polled in excess of twenty. But each district shall be entitled to at least two delegates notwithstanding.

By order of County Committee.
F. H. Ingham, Sec.
Wm. P. Shoemaker, Chairman.