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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 \$40, 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 sell at least 25 per cent cheaper than any other store.

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It will positively pay you to come and see our large stock. You can not lose anything if you purchase amounts to \$10 or over, as you will be paid your car fare both ways.

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Notice: Rubber Boots and Shoes at manufacturers' prices.

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LEGALIZED CRIPPLING

HOW, UNDER EXISTING CHILD LABOR LAWS, MENTAL AND PHYSICAL DEFECTS ARE MADE.

Eminent Physicians Tell the Result of Pennsylvania's Shameful Neglect of the Future Citizens—Statistics Taken From Official Records That Prove the Deductions of These Investigators.

Striking statistics are those compiled by the Pennsylvania Child Labor Committee which show the proportion of children whose mental and physical unfitness is traced to bondage of mind and overtaxing of body through long-continued and premature labor.

Dr. Charles Roberts is quoted as giving some striking results of the examination of 19,846 boys and men. Of these 1915 belong to the non-laboring classes of the English population, namely, public school boys, naval and military cadets, medical and university students; 13,931 belong to the artisan class. The difference in height, weight and chest girth, from thirteen to sixteen years of age, is as follows:

Age	13	14	15	16
Non-laboring				
Height (Inches)	58.79	61.11	63.47	66.40
Weight (Pounds)	2.86	3.35	2.89	3.47
Artisan class				
Height (Inches)	55.93	57.76	60.58	62.93
Weight (Pounds)	28.60	39.21	119.42	128.34
Chest Girth (Inches)	19.33	14.69	12.63	19.64
Non-laboring				
Height (Inches)	28.41	29.65	30.72	33.08
Weight (Pounds)	25.24	26.28	27.51	28.97
Chest Girth (Inches)	3.17	3.37	3.21	4.11

Dr. W. W. Keen, of Philadelphia, observes: "It will be seen, therefore, that individuals in the non-laboring class, between thirteen and sixteen, exceed those of the artisan class in height by from 2.86 to 3.47 inches; in weight, from 10.33 to 19.64 pounds, and in chest girth, from 3.17 to 4.11 inches."

Dr. Roberts comments upon this, as follows: "The contrast presented by the columns of figures representing the non-laboring and the artisan class, from the age of twelve to seventeen, shows the marked effect of social surroundings on the development of the body; the one class being retarded and depressed by laborious occupations and unsanitary influences, the other expanded and probably exaggerated by the prevalence of circumstances favorable to growth."

When a child becomes a wage earner it takes on the importance and authority of the grown-ups, whose authority it soon learns to dispute. The child in school is in its most natural, healthful environment, at work it is in an unnatural, artificial and dangerous environment.

To put children under fourteen years in factories or stores for ten hours a day or night, for six days or nights a week; to require boys of the same age to deliver messages, to go to and fro, between all sorts of people and all sorts of places, for ten or twelve hours per day or ten or twelve hours per night, for six or seven days a week, is to invite delinquency or even degeneracy.

Mr. Nibecker, the superintendent of the House of Refuge, at Glen Mills, Pa., was asked: "What proportion of your boys were school boys at the time of arrest and what proportion working boys?" His answer was: "I can give no proportion, for the reason that the school boy is such a rare exception with us. I can say out of our experience here that the lines of commitment and lack of schooling run parallel." "Were your boys, then, mostly idlers, or were they working boys?" His prompt answer was: "We have very few, if any, boys who were not working boys at the time of their arrest, or just previous to their arrest; that is, they belong to the class of working boys. Of course, some of them worked irregularly; they tried first one job and then another, found the work too hard—sometimes, too hard mentally; sometimes, physically. A large number of the boys are illiterate."

The Pennsylvania Child Labor Committee has not done all it has set out to do. Neither has it ceased trying.

Child labor is the surest road to irresponsible citizenship.

Not the Spiritualistic Kind. We tried Mr. Bryan and got licked out of our boots twice. We have tried his exact opposite and got licked out of our boots again. What the Democracy seems to need is a happy medium.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

News Items of General Interest to Sullivan County Readers.

Mr. Michael Donovan of Muncy Valley, who was employed at night work at the tannery at that place, suffered a paralytic stroke while at his work between the hours of four and five o'clock Tuesday morning. He was quickly carried to his home and a doctor summoned when every thing possible was done to relieve his suffering, but his condition is so critical that there is no hope for recovery. His daughter, Mrs. Jacob Fries of this place was summoned to his bedside on Tuesday. Father Enright of Mildred was called to administer the last sad rites of the church to the sick man.

Mrs. C. W. Brink of Eagles Mere, died of cancer last Thursday night at Georgetown, Pa., where she had been the past winter under the care of a specialist who, it was hoped, would be able to afford her relief from her suffering, but the dreadful affliction was too far advanced and its deadly progress could not be checked by the best medical skill. Mrs. Brink is survived by her husband and five children.

George W. Fox, a Hughesville man, is at the Williamsport Hospital suffering from an injury that may cause the loss of his right arm. To save the arm which is severely crushed, pieces of the elbow will have to be removed. The effort to save the injured member is being made. Mr. Fox is a lumberman and at the time he was injured was conducting operations in Potter county. At Mima he walked over a pile of logs and was thrown by the logs rolling. His right arm, being caught between two of the heavy timbers, was crushed. Mr. Fox was superintendent of the Eagles Mere railroad about ten years ago, and with his family resided at Sonestown.

Judge Charles E. Terry, in an opinion filed last week upon the appeal of ten taxpayers of Wyoming county, from the report of the county auditors, holds that auditors in Wyoming county are entitled to \$2.50 per day only. While the general law of the state provides that county auditors shall receive \$3.50 per day and mileage, there is an old special act applying to Wyoming county alone which fixes the pay of auditors at \$2.50 per day. The decision of the judge was based upon this act. The board of auditors were uncertain as to their rights under the two laws, and split the difference, allowing themselves pay at the rate of \$3.00 per day, and for this reason the appeal was made by the aforesaid taxpayers.

The engineer corps of the proposed new railroad, who have been working in the vicinity of Hills Grove and Forksville, came to Laporte Saturday morning and took the south bound train for other parts. It was reported that the men had not received any pay for their work of the last two or three months, but we cannot vouch for the truth of this statement.

Easter, this year coming on the 23d of April, comes within two days of being the latest it possibly can be. It has a range of thirty-five days up which it can fall; the earliest being March 22nd, and the latest April 25. In 1888 it fell on March 22nd, but cannot do so again until the year 2285. In the year 1886 Easter fell on April 25th, the latest date possible. This had not occurred since 1786, and will not occur again until 1943, the only time in the twentieth century the next time being 2038.

Chocolate Easter eggs especially come under the ban. It is said that several samples of the coloring matter used in the manufacture of chocolate eggs has been tested and it is alleged that they were found to contain large quantities of paraffine wax and powdered marble. This is unfit to put in the stomach of a child, the inspectors say, and there will be wholesale prosecutions brought.

Their Pay Tied Up.

Wyalusing Correspondence.

The jealousy that has been smoldering for months between the N. Y. P. & S. W. railroad promoters, the Colonial Construction Company, the three factors that have been handling the contracts on the road across country, has been at a boiling point for the past two weeks and in consequence the funds of the road have been tied up, the subcontractors were delayed in receiving their pay for work done in February and rumors of all sorts have been flying around. In fact so nervous over the possible loss of their pay did some of the workmen become that they were only too glad to discount their claims during the week at from 20 to 30 per cent. These claims were quickly snapped up by some of our townsmen and on Saturday were paid in full as were those workmen who hung on to their time. The contracts with the sub contractors call for pay days on the twentieth of each of each month for the previous months work, and the squabble among three companies and the consequent delay of cash for two weeks it was due caused the ill feeling among the workmen.—Wyalusing Rocket.

Democratic County Convention Elects New County Chairman.

On Monday the delegates to the Democratic County Convention met in the court room and after organizing elected D. F. McCarty, of Estella, county chairman; Clement Farrell, of Dushore, secretary, and P. J. Finan, of Bernice, delegate to the state convention. The convention adjourned to meet at a later date for the nomination of a county ticket.

Too Much Politics and Personal Interest Displayed in Congress.

The Congress that adjourned four weeks ago and the special Senate session that adjourned two weeks ago, have receded far enough from immediate view to permit prospective study. There is not much to be said in praise or envy. This Congress was not much more idle or less responsive to urgent duty, than other Congresses since the Civil War period. The President, had marked out a splendid program of work to be done, but Congress was remarkably dilatory and nonchalant. He urged that the Interstate Commerce Commission be empowered with the regulation of railroad freight rates; that the great corporations engaged in interstate commerce be placed under National control; that a new Canal Commission be appointed; that the tariff duties of the Philippine Islands be reduced, and that Arbitration Treaties be approved. Each of these measures Mr. Roosevelt urged were of the greatest importance. Not one of them became a law. Does any one doubt that the people of this country are with the President? Are we to assume that there was no meaning in that remarkable majority, three times greater than that given for Grant, McKinley, Lincoln or any other president? Nobody who knows President Roosevelt will doubt that having put his hands to the plow he will not turn back. The country has waited with more or less patience forty years for a man with head, heart and hands to do some imperiously needed things that Theodore Roosevelt is striving to do, and there are those who believe the Country will keep him in the White House whether he will or not, until his task is done, and will also in due course, by election, give him a Senate less obdurate to the voice of the people.

Big Board Bill to Pay.

For the prisoners from Lycoming county which are at the Eastern Penitentiary the County Commissioners have received a bill for their keep during the past year amounting to \$1,406.19. There were twenty-five prisoners from Lycoming County serving various terms. The rate for each prisoner is twenty-three cents per day.

HILLSGROVE.

The barn at the mountain camp near Eagles Mere owned by C. W. Sons was burned Sunday evening. Nine head of valuable horses, ten sets of double harness, three oxen, three car loads of hay and two car loads of grain were entirely destroyed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Dr. Mervine, Miss Josephine Lewis, H. W. Darby and H. H. Green attended a reception at the Mrs. Huelkel at Forksville Saturday evening.

The Commencement Exercises of the High School will be held in the Union Church Friday evening April 6th. All are cordially invited.

Prof. L. H. Green, H. H. Green, Misses Fofela Lucas, and Nellie Darby enjoyed the sights at Fickelish Rock and Highland Lake Sunday.

The Revival Meetings at Christ's Church closed Sunday evening. Rev. Wood and Sales are now holding meetings at Laquin.

Several of our young sports attended a dance and incidentally a fistic carnival on Mt. Vesuvius Friday evening.

Pat Morris has moved from his farm on Mt. Vesuvius to the house on Rural Ave. recently vacated by C. E. Fiester. Mr. Fiester moving to his farm at High Land Lake.

The log drive hung up at Barbors' Mills Friday owing to low water.

HEMLOCK GROVE ITEMS.

Sunday School Sunday at 2 o'clock, preaching at 3 o'clock P. M., by Rev. S. B. Bidlack of Muncy Valley.

Bessie Allen was the guest of Edna Bay Sunday.

Muri Phillips of Benton spent Sunday with her parents at this place.

Perce E. A. Bay was a Hughesville visitor Saturday.

Gilbert Ryder, wife and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Phillips.

Edward Mostellar is spending several days with his wife and family. Albert Swank and Lewis Swank visited Lewis Warburton Saturday.

Howard Bay left Monday for the Mansfield State Normal School where he will take a course of study.

The infant child of Thomas Swank was buried Friday.

Mrs. W. A. Bay and son Howard visited friends at Hughesville last week.

Harvey Phillips of Benton is spending some time with his uncle A. G. Phillips at this place.

A large number of people from this place attended the funeral of Jas. Bigger at North Mountain on Thursday.

Supt. J. E. Reese Killgore visited the school last week.

Bernice, Tracy, Martha and Ruth Lawerson visited at M. J. Phillips Friday evening.

The Hemlock Grove Base Ball Team played with Sonestown Saturday.

Albert Myers and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fulmer.

Sun collector, Wise of Williamsport called on subscribers last week.

A large number of men are engaged in erecting telephone poles on the line which is being built between Unityville and Muncy Valley.

Made Things Warm at Bernice.

James Shevling returned to Bernice one evening last week from Sayre where he was residing with his sister who had secured his release from the Danville Assylum where he was placed last winter. Mr. Shevling's conduct on returning home was such that Mrs. Shevling felt obliged to notify the authorities and have him taken into custody but when Mr. Shevling saw the officers approaching the house he made for the woods and escaped.

All the banks in the District of Columbia are to be placed under special official supervision. With all the improvements the district is engaged in now it cannot afford any chadwicking.