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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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House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every  
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### Hart, Schaffner and Marx 15, 18 and \$20 Suits

are equal to the finest made to measure, even if you  
would pay \$40.00. There is no country tailor that has  
the workmanship like Hart, Schaffner and Marx's Hand  
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Hart, Schaffner and Marx Clothing are leaders in  
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the latest make. Come here, we have a big variety and  
guarantee the Clothing and Prices and pay your car fare  
if you purchase amounts to \$10.00 or over.

## Jacob Per,

HUGHESVILLE, PENN'A.  
Notice: Rubber Boots and Shoes  
at manufacturers' prices.

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The Pennsylvania Grange, Patrons of Husbandry has appointed its annual meeting to take place in Sunbury on the 12, 13, 14 and 15 of December. This is a great occasion with the Grangers and always draws together a great concourse of people from all parts of the State. Mr. C. H. Dildine, who occupies a prominent position in the Grange; and is a member of the executive committee, is now in Sunbury making the preliminary arrangements for the annual gathering at that place and ascertaining the extent of the accommodation which the city can furnish to the great number of people who will be there. Sunbury is well provided with hotel room and Mr. Dildine is making arrangements with the hotels but will require a large number of private families to assist in housing and feeding the visitors and it is his purpose to ascertain in advance the extent to which this private accommodation will be afforded. Of course this entertainment is not expected to be gratis. Those of the citizens who can assist in this way may communicate with Mr. Dildine or J. B. Byrod, secretary of the Businessmen's Association.

The annual convention of the Patron of Husbandry is greatly enjoyed by Grangers pleasure and business being combined in its observance. Coming at the season when farm work has been completed it is made a very enjoyable outing in which some thousands participate, the Grangers will bring their wives with them.

Even the natives of the far away Philippine Islands have heard of the Williamsport Board of Trade, famous for its hustling qualities and novel advertising literature.

Manager Laird, of that City is in receipt of a letter from the citizens of Manila asking for advice and samples of the literature sent broadcast by the Williamsport Board. The prominent citizens of that city are contemplating the organization of a business men's association, through which their city can be advertised. They have heard of the Williamsport Board of Trade as one of the most successful in the United States and would like to know how things are done in Williamsport. Mr. Laird will mail a variety of the literature gotten out by the local board to these people in the Philippine Islands.

#### VALUE OF WIDE TIRES.

The Cost of Hauling Greatly Reduced by Their Use.

Wide tires should be used on all heavy vehicles which traverse stone roads, says the Kansas City Star. A six or seven inch macadam road will last longer when wide tires are used than a ten or twelve inch road of the same material on which narrow tires are used.

From the limestone quarries at Split Rock to the works of the reducing company in Geddes, Onondaga county, N. Y., is about four and one-half miles. Three or four years ago the work of improving this four and one-half miles of roadway was accomplished. Rough quarry refuse and for a part of the distance field stones were used, all hand broken to two and three inch sizes. This was covered with fine, unsifted quarry chips, and a crown was given to the roadway with an elevation of about six inches in a width of sixteen feet. Wagons were built for hauling stone over this road with wide tires and axles of different length, as follows: Front tire, seven-eighths of an inch thick and four inches wide; distance between centers of front wheels, four feet five inches; the rear wheels had tires one inch thick and six inches wide, the distance between center of rear wheels being five feet eight inches. The axles were two and one-half inches front and three inches rear.

The constant use of these wagons during the last three years has produced a smooth, compact and regular surface between the quarry and the works. The wide tires and varying gauges excited much attention at first, and conflicting opinions regarding their utility were expressed. The result is eminently in their favor, and a general sentiment supports the use of these wagons for heavy loads. Loads of stone varying from 8,000 to 16,000 pounds are continuously hauled over this road with no perceptible wear. The cost per ton of hauling stone has been reduced from 80 cents to 60 cents, and a team can easily earn from \$3.50 to \$4 per day hauling wall stone, making two round trips of nine miles each, or a total of eighteen miles per day.

A very close game of Base Ball was played on Eagles Mere diamond Saturday, June 10, by the Pennsylvania University students and the Forksville seconds. It took considerable courage to face those mighty Athletes, but nevertheless the game was called at 3:00 p. m. regardless of the consequences. Forksville spatted the ball to rolling and ran in three score the first inning, and the P. U. students one. In the second inning Forksville ran their score up to five and the game stood five to one in favor of Forksville until the sixth inning when the students tied the score. In the seventh inning Forksville ran in three more, making eight to five in favor of the Forksville guys. The game stood this way until the last half of the eighth when the large men ran their score up to nine. Forksville tried to better her score but could not make it in the ninth inning, this left the score eight to nine in favor of the University boys. The game was interesting throughout, and the Forksville boys appreciate the kind treatment extended to them by the Students while they were at Eagles Mere. Rosback deserves much credit for his fine work in pitching for the Forksville team.

The advance guard of an immense swarm of "seventeen year locusts" is predicted for June.

The territory over which the winged host will spread, says Professor Garman, embraces West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania and the forests of New York. This means the devastation of fruit trees and young forests in those states. The main body will arrive next year.

When the last brood swept over the country seventeen years ago, the females deposited their eggs in the twigs of the fruit and other succulent trees by piercing the outer bark and laying eggs in a cavity near the pith. In a short time the eggs hatched and the resulting caterpillars fell to the earth. They furrowed into the ground and lived among the roots of the sap which they sucked from them for sixteen years.

Scientists think the larvae burrow into the ground sometimes as deep as twenty-five feet. They go through twenty-five or thirty changes and when ready to immerge, dig their way up through the earth incased in a transparent shell. Thousands come up in a single night and early in the morning are seen cutting their way through their shell, which is soft and whitish. Their tender bodies become hard as soon as the sun strikes their wings. They stay in the forests and orchards, where they pierce the twigs of the peach, plum, apple, pear and other nursery trees. The only way to prevent their ravages is to shake them off and keep the swarm in motion. The English sparrows eat them with avidity, but their attack upon a swarm of such bugs is futile.

To encourage the planting of trees the Governor signed the bill allowing a rebate of eighty per cent in the taxes on land on which there shall be planted forests or timber trees of not less than three hundred to an acre for a period of thirty-five years, provided the rebate does not amount to more than forty-five cents an acre. The period of exemption is counted from the time the lands have been planted. The act does not exempt more than five hundred acres of land owned by any one person or corporation.

A number of the scholars of the public schools at Hughesville attended every day of the term, including Dorothy Reeder, who deserves a lot of credit, as she often during the term encountered weather conditions that would have discouraged older persons. She is a daughter of M. E. Reeder and makes the trip to and from Chippewa on the train.

Serenaders who called upon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck, who are spending their honeymoon at the Ryan cottage, at Eagles Mere, announced their presence by setting off a quantity of dynamite and following it up with shot guns.

#### Pretty Home Wedding.

On Wednesday, June 14, Mr. Fred Eddy, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Eddy of Laporte, was united in marriage with Miss Eleanor Tripp, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tripp of Laporte, by the Rev. S. B. Bidlack of Muncy Valley, in the presence of a number of invited guests who were the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

At 3 o'clock p. m. Miss Emma Cole of Duthore, rendered the sweet strains of Lohengrin's wedding march when the bridal party descended to the parlor and took their places beneath an arch of evergreen where the solemn vows made them man and wife. The bride looked charming in a handsome costume of white china silk, and was attended by Miss Fannie Tripp of Elmira, as bridesmaid who wore a lovely gown of white silk. The groom had as his best man Mr. John Boss of Williamsport. The rooms were beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers. After congratulations had been extended to Mr. and Mrs. Eddy, the guests were served with an elegant luncheon. Mr. Eddy is one of Laporte's leading young men, and Mrs. Eddy is a popular young lady in this town where she has grown to womanhood.

They left on the evening train for a short wedding tour and will return next week to Wilkesbarre where the groom is employed.

The guests from out of town were Mrs. Harry Spencer of Williamsport; Mrs. Henry Tripp and daughter Fannie, of Elmira; Miss Jeanneat Spencer of Picture Rocks, and Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Bidlack of Muncy Valley.

The bride received many handsome presents.

#### BERNICE ITEMS.

Mrs. P. L. Merithew and Mrs. C. H. Pflaum and children spent last Friday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Merethew at New Albany.

Mrs. Harry Basley and two children of Sonestown, spent last week with friends at Bernice, returning home Saturday evening.

Mr. Ditchburn of this place spent Saturday at Laddsburg.

#### NORDMONT.

Mrs. Rebecca Dent of Sonestown spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. T. S. Laird at Nordmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Bates and family of Williamsport are spending a few days with the Stephens' family.

Harry Botsford spent an evening last week at Ringdale. Guess he went fishing.

The Nordmont Supply Co. are moving their store stock into the rooms which have recently been completed.

The Sunday School festival which was held last Saturday evening was a decided success, financially, in spite of rain, netting about \$30.

Very appropriate Memorial Services were held in the M. E. Church last Sunday. A large crowd was in attendance and a splendid sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. T. F. Ripple.

Miss Enima Karge of Ringdale spent Sunday with friends here.

Master Lynn Converse returned to his home at Sonestown, after spending a month with his Aunt, Mrs. J. C. Pennington.

All are invited to attend the festival which will be given by the Base-Ball-Team, Saturday, June 17 Ice-cream, cake, strawberries, candy, oranges and bananas will be for sale.

A petition is in circulation for a rural free delivery route to start from Lopez, through Murraytown to Donovans Corners, to Holmes Corners, to McCarrons Corners, to Ottens Corners, to red school house, to Peterson's, returning by way of Ernst's, J. Hunsinger's and Shady Nook to Lopez. Length of route, about 23 miles. If granted, it will supply this section with mail.

#### HILLSGROVE.

Mrs. Emma Dutter also John Brey are building large barns on their farms this summer.

Herman Green is making some much needed repairs on the High School Building.

Mrs. Cora Stull is beautifying her home with a new coat of paint; John Kirk is despending the color.

The Tan Bark Kings and the Barons crossed bats at Hillsgrove Park Saturday last. The game was a comedy of errors on both sides with enough sensational plays mixed in to keep the fans interested, score 11-7 in favor of the Kings.

This game gives Hillsgrove the undisputed championship of Sullivan County.

About twenty patriotic gentlemen not afraid of exerting a large amount of muscular force in the public service made a bee Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and uprooted the shummach and rank briars which for the past ten years has been allowed to deface our cemetery.

Now it is up to the young ladies of town to raise funds for a suitable gate and to individuals interested to reset the monuments.

Hillsgrove Lodge No. 305, I. O. O. F. celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of their Institution on Saturday evening by giving a banquet in their hall and on Sunday decorated the graves of their departed brothers.

Rev. Roundsley of 305 now located at Crossforks gave the Memorial address and was given reverent attention by a large and appreciative audience.

George Streeby of the Dushora Gazette spent Friday and Saturday in our berg looking up data for his history of Sullivan County.

Miss Nina Green was called to Scranton Tuesday by the illness of her sister, Mrs. LaBarr.

Misses Mazie and Beatrice Green have gone to Eagles Mere for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bry entertained a large gathering of young people at their home Wednesday evening in honor of the nineteenth anniversary of the birth of their son, Frank.

Mr. Frank was completely surprised but enjoyed the occasion none the less and appreciated the numerous beautiful marks of esteem presented by his friends, later sending to each a souvenir photo.

A sumptuous lunch was served after which the evening was spent in music and games.

Raymond E. Barret and Miss May Shade of Danville were married at Williamsport Thursday.

Ray is a former Hillsgrove boy now holding a good position with the Traction Co. at Danville. His many friends here wish him a long and prosperous life.

The amended law will not permit any child under fourteen to be employed at manual labor during the school term, and those between fourteen and sixteen cannot work without a certificate from the local factory inspector which sets forth the necessity of the case. In these days of keen competition it is not fair to a child to bring him up in ignorance for the sake of the pittance he can earn.

The season, as a whole, has not been favorable to the crops of the country thus far this spring. All along cold weather with late frosts in many places, retarded vegetation unduly. In other localities rains interfered with farm work, as in the South Atlantic and Gulf States. In still others, like New England and the Middle States, there was a serious lack of moisture, which also interfered with planted crops and farm work. The result has been that the condition of the crops is very uneven the country over.