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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 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.

Repair work done on short notice and guaranteed, by skilled workmen. Your orders appreciated.

**RETTENBURY,**  
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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,  
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In the Midst of  
**Autumn Business**

Stylish Autumn Garments for Women

Ready-to-wear Suits, Skirts, Coats in the very newest  
styles—Our stock is more extensive than ever; we are now  
showing a stock of garments that represents the very latest  
ideas of the best makes.

**New Plaid Silks.**

We want you to see these new Plaid  
Silks we have. There is a large range of  
Scottish effects that are in demand for  
Waists, excellent assortment, at 75c.,  
other qualities up to

\$1.40

**White Goods for Waists.**

The sale of White Cotton Waists  
has been so satisfactory that we have  
largely increased the assortment. There  
are quite a variety of new designs in  
White Mercerized Waists.

**BROADCLOTH**

One of the leading plain fabrics for fall and winter. It's the fashion for street  
and home costumes. Children's Coats, Misses' Suits. We show all the new shades  
and black.

**BLANKETS AND COMFORTS**

We buy and sell only the best makes.

WOOL BLANKETS.  
COTTON BLANKETS.  
CRIB BLANKETS.  
WHITE BLANKETS.  
COLORED BLANKETS.  
GREY BLANKETS.  
SCARLET BLANKETS.  
ROBE BLANKETS.

**Bed Comforts.**

In a great variety of floral effect pat-  
terns, either light or dark colorings.  
They are filled with pure white cotton.

**Eiderdown Comforts**

When you are looking for Eiderdown  
Comforts don't forget to see the nice  
sateen covered ones we are selling at  
very reasonable prices.

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## HON. J. LEE PLUMMER

### A POPULAR CANDIDATE

Interesting Career of the Republican Nominee For  
State Treasurer, Who Will Be Elected By  
An Overwhelming Majority.



**J. LEE PLUMMER,**  
Republican Nominee for State Treasurer.

From reports received from every county in the state, Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, confidently predicts the election of J. Lee Plummer, Republican nominee for state treasurer, by over 100,000 majority, and he says he would not be surprised to see the figures reach nearer 200,000.

Mr. Plummer has made a splendid candidate, and it is predicted by many that he will lead his ticket when the returns shall be finally computed.

**Plummer's Interesting Career.**

Mr. Plummer was born at Upper Tyrone Forge, Snyder township, Blair county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1859. His grandfather and father were forgers and worked in the forge at that place. His father, James S. Plummer, was a member of the Tyrone Artillery Company of the state militia, and at the fall encampment, held at Hollidaysburg, in September, 1858, had the major portion of both hands blown off by the premature discharge of his cannon.

A few years later he was appointed postmaster of Tyrone, and moved there with his family. Lee attended the public school and assisted in the support of the family by selling newspapers morning and evening, and there are some men and women living in Tyrone—not so old, either—who remember very distinctly a bright-eyed urchin whom they were in the habit of addressing as "Lee," and who often persuaded them to buy a morning newspaper in spite of themselves. That was the modest beginning of his efforts after independence. His former patrons have always remained his friends. Graduating from the Tyrone public schools at the age of 17, in the Centennial year, young Plummer secured a clerkship at the Tyrone scales of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and later was transferred to the transportation department and made passenger brakeman on the Tyrone division.

In 1881 he removed with his parents to Hollidaysburg, the county seat of Blair county, and of that town he has ever since been a resident.

Young Plummer began to take an active interest in politics while yet a mere boy. He is a Republican, both by inheritance and conviction, and his intense interest attracted the attention of the party workers, with whom he was glad to associate from early youth, and he was actually elected to membership on the county committee before he attained his majority.

**Work As a County Chairman.**

He was secretary and chairman a number of times. He was county chairman in 1887, when an onslaught was made on Captain William B. Hart, Republican candidate for state treasurer. At that time the Republican majority in Blair county was not large, the county as often being carried by the Democrats as by the Republicans, and many persons feared the county would cast a majority against Captain Hart. As a matter of fact, he had a majority of over 1300. This brilliant campaign made Mr. Plummer county chairman in 1888, and that year the county gave Benjamin Harrison, for president, a majority of over 2300, the largest ever given any candidate up to that time.

In 1889 the Republicans of Blair county were looking for a good man to fill the office of register and recorder. They nominated Mr. Plummer, and the people endorsed the nomination by electing him and re-electing him three years later. He instituted many radical reforms in the office, performing its duties in the same energetic and original fashion that had marked his previous life. While serving the people as register and recorder he utilized his spare time in the study of the law, so that a few months after his retirement from office he was admitted to the bar, of which he is now an honored and useful member.

**Clear-Headed Legislator.**

In 1902 Mr. Plummer was chosen as one of the representatives from Blair county in the legislature, being re-elected in 1904. At the opening of the session of 1903 he was appointed chairman of the elections committee of the house, and was a member of several other important committees. He displayed qualities which commended him to the attention of the leaders of the party and naturally marked him for higher honors. He was prompt in his discharge of all his legislative duties. He was a total abstainer from intoxicants and always had a clear head.

It was not surprising, therefore, to his friends to learn that he had been appointed chairman of the committee on appropriations for the session of 1905. The work of the committee, under his direction from start to finish, is the best possible testimony to his sincere purpose to serve the people of the state and bring about the best possible results for suffering humanity, as well as the public at large. More than 500 bills were passed upon by the appropriations committee of the house, upon a large majority of which hearings were granted by the committee, at all of which the chairman presided. These hearings were free to the public, and all applicants were given courteous treatment.

The appropriations were made afterwards upon merit. For one thing, the

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## Milton Taylor Falls from Tree.

Milton Taylor, of Muncy Valley, narrowly escaped serious injury last week while picking apples at his home. He fell a distance of 20 or 25 feet, and while he was pretty badly done up, it is little short of a miracle that he did not have a number of bones broken.

Mr. Taylor had a fairly good apple crop at his place, and he was in the act of picking them when the accident betell him. He used a ladder where it was possible, but on one exceptional tall tree it was necessary to climb higher up in order to get the fruit.

He had climbed some distance, when he stepped out onto a limb which appeared to be sound, but it was defective, and under Mr. Taylor's weight it gave way and hurled him to the ground, about 20 or 25 feet below.

The unfortunate man fell heavily. He landed on his right side, and was considerably dazed for the time being. While no bones were broken, his left wrist was badly sprained, his face cut and his right shoulder and back badly bruised. The injury to his wrist will inconvenience him for some time to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dunham, who were united in marriage on Oct. 3, by the Rev. S. B. Bidlack, have returned to Eagles Mere after a very pleasant wedding trip. They will reside at Eagles Mere. On Monday evening the Eaglelite band serenaded them, and for a rousing welcome home this serenade gets first prize.

The serenading party made their presence known to the bride and groom by exploding a lot of dynamite and discharging a number of shotguns and revolvers. A horse saw or two and then they did business for a time, and after Mr. and Mrs. Dunham made their appearance the band played several very pretty selections.

Notwithstanding the fact that anthracite operators deery the probability of a strike next April, when the present wage scale expires they are mining exceptionally large quantities of coal. It is proposed to make the remaining three months' production the greatest in history.

The shipment of anthracite coal by all companies during the month of September was 5,082,232 tons as compared with 3,967,000 tons for the same period in 1904. For the year to date the shipments have been 45,387,810 tons while in 1904 they were 42,173,768 tons. There were a few days during last month the mines were shut down. Besides the tour of President John Mitchell through the mining region also caused many mines to remain idle.

With a report like that of exploding dynamite the huge drying cylinder of the Magee carpet mill at Bloomsburg exploded, blowing out the windows of the shipping floor and several on the floor above carrying away the windows and sash of 30 or more windows, breaking a door, bending a counter shaft two and seven eighths inches in diameter, but miraculously injuring no one.

The water flooded the floor and for a time excitement reigned among the female employees.

According to announcements made to the Binghamton Herald, a millionaire by the name of Cavanaugh residing at Easton, Pa., has put up money for the road and work will be resumed at once on N. Y. Pa. & S. W. Representatives of Allen, Donnelly & Co., have announced that all their machinery lying idle at Wyalusing is to be put in working order and that a large share of it is to be moved to other points along the line between Lawton, Dushore, Wyalusing and Binghamton.

## HILLSGROVE.

Ward Brown and wife are visiting friends at Wyalusing.

Mrs. John Speaker is visiting her old home in Columbia county.

J. H. Hoffman who has been seriously ill is improving.

George Redfort and wife of Gamble township, Lycoming county, Sundayed with A. D. Brumbeck.

Sam Darby is confined with a badly gashed hand which came in contact with a jam of bark knives.

Bertie Mapes of Lyman Run, Potter county is spending a few days in town, being the guest of Wallace Vroman's.

Mrs. J. L. Christian of Lopez returned to her home after a two weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. S. T. Galough at this place.

Frank McCann and wife are visiting his brother, William, who is seriously ill at his home in Binghamton, N. Y.

Jacob Casman, the new landlord is making extensive repairs on the Sadler House.

John Scarback attended the Masquerade Ball at Eagles Mere last Saturday evening.

Now they say that part of "their" Battery was intoxicated, the reason they did not win, now isn't that the limit. Smother it, please.

John Boyles has moved from Front St. to Rural Ave.

Mr. Stackhouse of Muncy Valley was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Geo. Myers of this place last week.

Sheriff Buck of LaPorte is a business visitor in town last week.

George Chapman and family of Huntersville will move to this place soon.

Fred Rinker, transacted business at Estella Saturday.

George Streeby, Candidate for County Treasurer was canvassing our town last week.

After January 1, of next year every birth and death in the state of Pennsylvania must be reported to the officer in charge of the district wherein it occurs and certificates issued by the authorities. The late assembly appropriated \$20,000 for the establishment of a central bureau of vital statistics to be under the supervision of the state board of health and have charge of the state registrar of births and deaths. The state will be divided into registration districts, one for each city, borough and township. This new department will relieve the assessors of a portion of work as heretofore they have attended to the registering of births and deaths, receiving a fee of five cents for each one. A state registrar, a medical practitioner for at least ten years will be at the head of the department and a local registrar will preside over each district. All deaths must be promptly reported to him and not one can be interred until a death certificate has been issued giving the name and occupation of deceased, the cause of death, parents names and addresses, etc. Each birth must also be reported and a certificate issued. In case of plural births a certificate must be issued for each child. The local registrar provides all blanks and receives a fee of 25 cents for each birth and death recorded. The state registrar gets a salary of \$5,000 per year with \$4,000 for four assistant clerks, \$5,000 for incidental expenses.

Lawyer C. L. Munson, in court at Williamsport, recently created a decided sensation in addressing the jury by charging J. H. Birdsall, an officer of the Fidelity and Casualty Co., of New York, with having made faces and grimaces for the purpose of influencing the juryman. Mr. Munson pointing his finger at Mr. Birdsall, declared: "Lycoming juries are honest, and such an action is an atrocious insult. That manner of conducting cases may do in New York city, but it is out of place here. At one time during the trial it was necessary for the court to reprove Birdsall for making audible comments on the evidence while standing near the jury box."