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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.

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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.

New Spring Dress Goods

We are now ready for the Spring trade. We are showing as fine a display of Dress Fabrics as can be found anywhere. A splendid assortment of plain, dark color and the new light pastel shades. They are not gaudy in effect but soft delicate shades that will be popular this season for dressy gowns.

WIDE CLOTHS FOR SUITS.

The Tailor-Made Suits is again "the thing" street wear. We are showing a large variety of plain and new mixed fabrics in gray and other coloring for Tailor Suits.

NEW SPRING SUITS.

There's more individuality in Ladies' Tailored Suits this season than ever before. We have looked through many lines. We think we have the best from several manufacturers. In this first showing of the seasons styles you will find the prettiest Spring Suits imaginable; made of the new plain pastel shades and mixed materials. Better come in and see them.

COVERT JACKETS.

For Ladies and Misses. Not only are the styles unusually desirable, but we have a large variety to select from and the values are unapproaching anywhere.

BEAUTIFUL WHITE GOODS.

There'll be lots of White Goods sold this season. Don't you think it pays to buy your white goods now when the stock is new and the style range is complete

Educational Mass Meeting. Evening Session.

At 8 p. m. the meeting was called to order and devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Ebert.

Prof. Hughes of Jamison City was called upon to speak on the subject, A uniform Course of study in our High Schools. He said that this is the age of organization and no great movement can be considered an unqualified success without it. No institution for the betterment of the race is expected to work along so many different lines as our educational institutions, and, can we believe in the future success of our system without a unity of method. Should a pupil be forced to leave one high school and enter another one he is handicapped by the non-uniformity of the curriculum.

Mr. Frank Hartung of the Forks-ville High School transported his hearers on the wings of eloquence to the scene of a great city fire, and a generous burst of applause which greeted its conclusion proved the appreciation of all who participated.

Dr. I. H. Woodhead followed with a sound talk on the subject of school sanitation. Sanitation may be defined as the applying of measures for the protection and the promotion of public health and the removal of elements injurious to public health. The healthiest possible site should be selected for a school house; pure air and sunlight should be sought. A knole sheltered from winds and well drained is the ideal situation for a country school house; a quiet side street for a village or town school house. Trees should not shade the building. Buildings should be two story high and should face the east or west, each school room should provide fifteen feet of floor space, and three hundred feet of air space to a pupil, study rooms or class rooms in which blackboard exercises are given should not be larger than 21 by 33 feet. To insure proper heating rooms should not be more than 14 feet high. Walls should be painted a lighted gray; paper or dark paint should never be tolerated. Window spaces should equal one-fourth of the floor space and should be provided with shades that roll from the bottom. The desks in a mixed school should be of three sizes, the seats should be comfortable with supports for the back and rests for the feet. A thermometer should hang in every room three feet from the floor and the mean temperature of the room should be 68 or 70 degrees.

A vocal solo by Miss Emma Benjamin was well received.

Ex-Supt. M. R. Black discussed the subject, "The Superintendent in Relation to the School." The superintendent's relation to the school is similar to the relation of the teacher to the pupil. He is the educational leader of his county. The reports of our national, state and county superintendents are mirrors reflecting the educational status of the section under their supervision. The superintendent is an executive of the law and no matter how difficult of enforcement or distasteful to him personally the law must be enforced by him; laws are to us a school master, by them we are taught to govern ourselves and the communities in which we live. Laws that meet opposition are not always evils but are generally in advance of public sentiment; former opposition to the enforcement of the study of physiology and the compulsory attendance law now disappearing prove this assertion. It is impossible for a superintendent to indorse the work of a school board that disregards the law, and because of this fact he is often criticised when he should not be. His advice should be followed at all times by school boards contemplating the purchase of school apparatus.

Prof. Flick followed Mr. Black with a discussion on "The True Function of the Public School." The function of the state is to provide for the lives and happiness of its citizens, and to train the youth to become useful members of society. Pennsylvania is not behind in intellectual advancement, neither is

she the paragon of educational progress. Ours is the first state to pass a law providing for a universal high school education and provide facilities sufficient to enable any child to be trained for the occupation in life he wishes to pursue. The parent may be an obstacle to the true function of the public school by lack of interest in the progress of their children, by failing to commend and seeking to condemn because of a personal prejudice, the effort of the teacher, by allowing or encouraging the non-attendance of your children at school during part of the session. The true function of the teacher is to become the most vital element in the community in the encouragement and development of that which is true, beautiful and good. To teach the mature mind the truth of God is a noble work but to imprint upon the plastic mind of the youth this imperishable truth is a nobler work, herein opens to the teacher a splendid project, a glorious possibility. To see a soul open clean and sweet in the light of God's truth, and be conscious of the influence we exert in its development is the true reward of teaching. This development can be obtained by creating for our pupils high ideals of noble manhood, by setting for them a high moral standard, by creating for them a life of thought which eventually glide into a life of deeds.

Recitations: The Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat; The Barefoot Boy; The Dead Doll; By Marjorie Black, Dudley Wright and Nova Darby of the Forks-ville primary.

Prof. J. H. Balentine of Sones-town was called upon to make an address on "The Elements of a good School." Mr. Balentine jokingly remarked that in view of what had already been said on the subject, placed him in the position of the Irishman who, when offered hash remarked, "The man that chewed it can ate it." He briefly enumerated the elements of a good school as a good building, good apparatus, good pupils and a good teacher.

By request Dr. Davies was called and charmed his hearers with a song entitled "She Waits By The Deep Blue Sea." Responding to uncontrollable enore with the selection, "Rock Me to Sleep.

The dessert of this educational feast was an address by Superintendent Kilgore which was listened to with rapt'd attention. Cold type gives us his logic but it fails in imparting the inspiration of his burning eloquence.

Benediction by Rev Ebert and meeting stood adjourned.

H. H. Green, Sec'y.

HEMLOCK GROVE ITEMS

Sunday school at 10 o'clock a. m., class meeting at eleven.

Miss Anna Hern of Muncy Valley, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Anna Quinn.

Mrs. Martha Taylor of Beech Glen, called on friends last week.

Mrs. G. C. Swank of North Mt., spent several days at the home of Wm. Bay last week.

M. J. Phillips was a Muncy Valley visitor Saturday.

Albert Swank of Muncy Valley, spent Sunday as the guest of his father.

Walter Lawrenson was a county seat visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Fulmer spent Sunday with friends at Mt. Vernon.

Death of Alta Lowe.

Miss Alta Lowe daughter of the late John and Mrs. Lowe, died from the effects of an operation at the Williamsport Hospital, last Thursday. Miss Lowe was born and grew to womanhood in Laporte township, this county, but for some time previous to her death she had resided with her mother in Williamsport. She was aged 30 years. The remains were taken to Watsontown where they were interred by the side of her father who died several years ago.

DESTRUCTIVE.

FIRE AGAIN VISITS THE COUNTY SEAT.

**Pupils Barely Escaped Without Harm.
A \$6000 Property Loss, Partly Covered
With Insurance.**

The handsome school building at Laporte was completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon entailing a loss of \$6000. The fire was discovered shortly before the recess period and the pupils were only able to escape in safety with their wraps and personal belongings before the interior was a mass of flame. The fire originated in the hot-air flue which was constructed within the partition separating the two lower rooms. There were but two rooms of the building occupied. The primary grade was taught in one of the lower rooms and the advanced grade in a room on the second floor. It was in the lower room not occupied where the fire first broke out and when discovered was then under such headway that it could not be extinguished with the means at hand to be brought in use.

A pupil in the upper room seated near the register noticed smoke issuing from that point and called the Principal's attention to it. Mr. Shoemaker believing something wrong with the heater went at once to the basement, but finding nothing wrong returned to the first floor to make further investigation. Here he found the South room to be on fire. The alarm was sounded and all available water at hand hurriedly applied which proved of no account. The books saved would not make an armful, the balance including a valuable library was consumed.

The building was erected in 1890 at a cost of \$3500 and with additional improvements, furniture, books, etc. the approximate value would reach \$6000. It was a two story structure veneered with brick and handsome in design. Four large class rooms were well furnished and equipped with valuable apparatus suitable for all needs and second to none in the county.

The school directors are now wisely considering the erection of a two room building which will for present provide sufficient accomodation. It is believed that the plan will call for a two-story building, constructed in such manner as to permit of an annex should future needs demand more room. The Borough council will be asked to consider the proposition of granting the school board a building site in the Park opposite the Court House.

Lost Their Clothing in Fire.

Word was received here on Wednesday that the large store owned by the Cotton State Lumber Company at Mechem Junction, Miss., was burned down and a number of persons including Mr. Simon Brieger and son Carl formerly of this place lost all their clothing. They had rooms in the store building and were away when the structure burned. Messrs John and Edward Flynn and several other Laporte people are located at Mechem Junction.

The liquor license decision in Luzerne county came down last week and 359 application were refused nearly all new houses and many old houses where, it was shown that the law was violated.

The open winter that we have been enjoying is not an unmixed blessing. The unusually mild weather caused a large falling off in the demand for coal and checked the calls for heavy clothing. The result to the crops is still an open question and will be a matter of doubt for some time to come.

Lumbermen in the interior Pennsylvania, despairing of sufficient snow to move their logs, used skids to convey them to the railroads, and many of the mills are fully stocked.

Court Notes.

In re Exception to the partial account of Mrs. Fred Newell Admrx-Daniel Fairchild decd. Atty. E. J. Mullen appointed auditor to pass upon exceptions.

F. C. Schanbacher vs Twp of Forks suit of damage, Court directed Jury to find verdict for defendants and same was done according to instruction.

Anna Woodhead vs Joseph Woodhead, In divorce; Cathern A. Regan vs Michael J. Regan, in divorce J. H. Bohn Esq. appointed commissioner to take testimony.

Adella M. Rosencranz vs Geo. H. Rosencranz In divorce, Alias Subpoena is awarded.

Petition to sell Real Estrte of L. W. Barth decd. is granted.

Petition for John K. Bird Guardian of Lilly McCarty to provide payment of \$100 or somuch of same as may be necessary to Willis Eye Hospital for treatment of said Lilly McCarty.

First National Bank of Dushore vs P. Connor Judgement extend against the defendant for want of affidavit of defense.

Howard Lyons vs Boyd P. Bennett and Fred W. Peale, Verdict returned for plaintiff as follows:—\$4 per thousand and for 736,000 feet of lumber. Councils for Defendants move the court to enter judgement upon the verdict in favor of the defendants. Motion is filed by leave of Court and same is directed to be placed on the argument list for next term.

D. J. McCarty vs H. O. McCarty, judgement extend against defendants for want of an appearance.

Frank Craft appointed guardian of John Craft and Jessie Craft.

Jeremiah Donovan appointed guardian of Anna Ruth Donovan and Geo. and Theodore Donovan.

Philadelphia, Pa.
My Dear Mr. Wing,

Will you kindly grant me the favor of your columns again to express my appreciation of the work of the good people of Laporte in pushing the work of advertising of the place as a summer resort.

Having arranged to issue a sixteen page illustrated circular with twelve or more illustrations in half tone, I desire to make three suggestions: First, Let the beautiful secluded walks about Laporte be kept clear of rubbish and village refuse, by burning up all such things in the early springtime and thereafter as often as they accumulate. The walk through the old road above Cold-spring is a most beautiful one, if nature is not imposed upon in its care. The old road to the second ward is also very refreshing in its beauty and may easily be preserved. The road to Mokoma is equally attractive for a short ramble for recreation. There are others that might be mentioned, but I am sure that the good taste of the people of Laporte will see to it that these beauties are preserved for their own sake as well as for their attractions to summer guests.

Second: If it seems wise to the lot owners and other property owners in the Lake Mokoma Land Company properties, I should like a list of their names and addresses that a feasible plan may be sent to each one for the improvement and utilization of the Lake for pleasure and maintenance of its attractive conditions.

Third: Let there be an efficient herdsman whose duty shall be to teach the cattle of Laporte the courteous habit of absenting themselves from the streets and pleasant walks of the village during such times as the citizens and guests may desire to frequent these streets and walks; and whose further duty shall be to remove all results of the violations of proper decency by the cattle as they pass through the streets of the town.

Arrangements are made to have the illustrated circular ready for distribution by the first of April. In the meantime it will be the part of wisdom to let every one interested in the good of the town write down from time to time the name and address of every one to whom a circular might be interesting and who might have influence for the good of the movement.

Very Respectfully,
L. L. Ford.

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