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Nothing in Town to Compare With
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House Furnishing Goods, Tools of Every
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Table Linen and Napkins.

Linen are like money, there are good and there are counterfeit. We won't take counterfeit linen any more than we would take bad money. Neither will you when you know what you're getting. To be sure about what you're getting in linens come here and get the kind you will be proud to own.

Needn't pay much for them either—not as we sell them. Our linen prices are always fair; now they are very low considering the rise in linen.

Ladies' Suits

Get the suit now, don't wait until the last minute and have to buy in a hurry. Besides the selection is best now and if you wait until later the stocks will all be picked over. Better choose the new suit to day while the stocks are yet complete.

Kid Gloves.

Of course you will want new kid gloves to go with the new costume. We are showing an excellent line of kid gloves in a splendid range of colors for a low price. You can't go far wrong if you spend your glove money here.

Wool Dress Goods

Have you given them their share of attention? Is the winter dress still unbought? Our assortment of plain and fancy mixed fabrics are now at the best. Of course you expect to find the prices right so we will say nothing about them.

Corsets for All Figures.

Every figure has its appropriate corset here. We use the greatest care in giving the customer the right model. Some brands are best for stout figures, others suit slender figures better. We know the brands and we know their limitations. Ask our corset advice on these.

Knit Underwear.

How about your underwear supplies? Have you everything you need? If not let us furnish what you want. You won't find any better values than we are showing in either men's, ladies or children's warm knit undergarments. Some specially good values in ladies' Union suits.

GOOD WARM BLANKETS

either white or colored in all qualities are here and you cannot go wrong in buying them, the prices are very reasonable in view of the conditions of the wool market.

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FAMOUS COAL LAND CASE IS DETERMINED

The Jury Finds a Verdict for the Plaintiff
for Over \$24,000.

W. W. Jackson and others, the heirs-at-law of George D. Jackson, deceased, a former resident of the borough of Dushore, Sullivan county recovered on Thursday last a verdict in ejectment against Rush J. Thomson, a practicing attorney of Sullivan county, living at Dushore, for an undivided interest in the 102 acres of coal lands located in cherry township, Sullivan county, which verdict includes the sum of \$24,055.33 as value of the coal taken out of said lands by Walter B. Gunton under a mine lease with said Thomson.

George D. Jackson died in 1879, possessed of interests in various valuable timber and coal lands in Sullivan county. By his will he appointed his wife, Bernice W., and son George C. Jackson, as his executors, giving them power to make sale of his real estate. Rush J. Thomson, Esq., one of the defendants in the action is the son of a sister of George D. Jackson. He has resided for many years in the borough of Dushore and was one of the attorneys of the estate of George D. Jackson, as well as the personal attorney of the executors. Thomson was also a director of the Citizens National Bank at Towanda. In the year 1897 George C. Jackson, on account of various unsuccessful business enterprises, became financially embarrassed. There were claims against him in the hands of the sheriff for considerable amount, and he was also indebted to the Citizens' National Bank of Towanda, in the sum of \$4,500 on notes endorsed by his mother, Bernice W. Jackson. In order to secure the bank upon these notes and to obtain from them an additional \$3,500 with which to meet the most pressing claims against him, George C. Jackson and his mother offered to convey to Rush J. Thomson, as trustee for the bank, various interests held by them in valuable timber lands located in Cherry township, Sullivan county. The bank refused to accept a conveyance of these lands unless they were made to Rush J. Thomson absolutely and were accompanied by a conveyance from Bernice W. and George C. Jackson as executors of the estate of George D. Jackson, to the said Rush J. Thomson absolutely of the undivided one-third interest of the estate of George D. Jackson in the 102 acres of valuable coal lands which was the subject of the present action in ejectment. This conveyance the executors of George D. Jackson had no power to make for the purpose of securing the payment of their own individual debts, but under the stress of circumstances they were finally constrained to make the conveyance demanded by the bank in order to save themselves from financial ruin.

Accordingly on the 9th day of July 1897, they executed to Rush J. Thomson absolutely four deeds for undivided interests in valuable timber and coal lands in Sullivan county. The deeds having been executed and delivered to Thomson, he immediately took possession of the lands thereby conveyed and proceeded to strip them of timber and bark, realizing a profit from the same of over \$25,000, out of which he paid to the Citizens' National Bank of Towanda, the \$8,100 due from Bernice W. and George C. Jackson individually and some other claims against him, making the total amount expended by him on their account about \$14,000.

In 1898 Thomson, in conjunction with the other owners of the 102 acres of coal land, in which the estate of George D. Jackson had owned a one-third interest, leased the same to Walter B. Gunton for a term of ten years, with the privileges of taking out the coal at a royalty of twenty-cents a ton. Between the years of 1898 and 1905, Walter B. Gunton mined and sold from this tract of land about 350,000 tons of coal, upon which his banks showed he had made a net profit of \$250,000.

Upon the 350,000 tons of coal taken out by him, he had paid to Rush J. Thomson about \$22,000 as royalties. In 1899 the heirs of George D. Jackson began legal proceedings against Rush J. Thomson and the Citizens' National Bank of Towanda, to recover the property of which the estate had been deprived by the deeds of 1897. The case was taken several times to the supreme court and reversed for technical reasons, first in favor of one side and then in favor of the other. Finally in 1902 the present ejectment was brought against Thomson and Gunton, the heirs alleging that the conveyance made by the executors to Thomson was ultra vires, and had been obtained by Thomson by reason of a confidential relation existing between himself and the executors.

The trial of the case began on Monday, October 29, and after having been conducted for five days was continued for a week on account of the intervening election. The trial was resumed on Monday, November 12th and proceeded for four days longer, the jury bringing in a verdict Thursday night. The jury was directed by the court to find a verdict in favor of the defendant Gunton, he being an innocent lessee for value. The jury found a verdict for \$24,055.35 against the defendant Rush J. Thomson.

The defendants were represented by I. McPherson and Rodney A. Mercer of Towanda; James W. Platt of Tunkhannock; Albert F. Heess of Dushore and A. J. Bradley of Laporte. The interests of the plaintiffs were looked after by A. Walsh of Dushore; E. J. Mullin of Laporte; S. T. McCormick and R. K. Foster, of Williamsport.

James P. McMahon, a prominent citizen of Renovo, has recently invented and has had patented, covering the United States and Canada, what is known as a smoke consumer, to be used on both stationary and locomotive engines. This invention relates to an apparatus for consuming smoke and gases in fire boxes and locomotive engines. The primary object of the invention is to provide a smoke consuming apparatus which will not only consume the smoke and other objectionable products of combustion, but will also appreciably multiply the heat units and operate to minimize the consumption of fuel.

The apparatus is easily applied and reliable in operation, and consists of and especially designed burner adapted to spraying fuel oil over the bed of coals, thus consuming all smoke and gases arising therefrom.

On a trial trip of seventy-two miles the amount of oil used amounted to thirty-six cents, saving by actual weight about one-third of the amount of coal. The inventor would like to hear from anyone who would be interested relative to purchasing a part or all, or to manufacture on a royalty.

Supt. W. W. Evans of the Columbia County Public schools was in Berwick on Tuesday in conference with Mr. W. F. Lowry Superintendent of the local works in regard to the visit of the school teachers of the county to the Berwick plants of the American Car and Foundry Company on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 5th when the county teachers' institute is being held at Bloomsburg.

The teachers, three hundred in number, will go to Berwick by trolley and spend the entire afternoon in going about the works. The steel plant will be the main point of interest and the object will be to study geographically and economically the steel car industry. Mr. Evans will conduct the trip and accompanying the party will be several men experts in the study of steel car construction. Principally noted among these well versed men will be Dr. Charles A. McMurray, principal of the California State Normal school.

Superintendent Evans is very enthusiastic over the plan and every effort will be put forth by the management of the works to make the visit of instructors a pleasant and successful one.

Stealing Railroad Scrap Iron.

Having suffered long in silence, patiently overlooking numerous offences, the management of the S. & N. Y. has finally determined to begin a crusade against wholesale stealing of scrap iron from their premises. Constable Guy C. Hollon and Chief of Police Miller, of Towanda, were called into service with the result that Elazer Talada, of Towanda, is in jail, and warrants are issued to be served upon Casper Talada and Piggy Goodale, of Athens, and the company has recovered a load of junk valued at about \$150.

The Towanda Review says that General Manager Newman is understood to have issued orders to arrest and prosecute to the limit of the law any persons found guilty of this form of thievery. The company has for several months suffered the loss of car wheels, journals and all kinds of railroad iron and even other kinds of property. It is now proposed by the officials to put an end to these lawless depredations by the enforcement of severe measures.

The trial of Joseph Francke of Overton against D. F. O'Brien and others which was begun in the September term of court of Bradford county, is a case in which Francke, who is the postmaster at Overton, charges four Overton men with forcible entry and detainer. The trouble grew out of a misunderstanding between the lodges of Macabees and Grangers of that place. Both of these orders shared a single hall, until last summer, when the Macabees decided they needed a hall to themselves. The Grangers then, it is stated, entered into a contract with Mrs. Lancaster, an aged woman, to lease part of the large building in which she made her home. Postmaster Francke is Mrs. Lancaster's son-in-law, and when he heard about the lease he advised her to repudiate it and refuse the grangers admission to the hall. Mr. Francke and D. F. O'Brien then tried to hold occupancy of the premises at one and the same time, which being obviously impossible, led to the trial at court which was again before Judge Fanning last week.

A troop competition, a new feature in the life of Troop B. of the State Constabulary, stationed at Wyoming, occurred on Saturday, and showed the members of the troop to be very proficient in horsemanship.

The first event was a saddling contest for squads consisting of a sergeant and five men. The horses were tied to a picket line with the saddle four yards in front of the line, the blankets on the ground in front of and the bridles alongside the saddles. The horses had to be saddled and bridled according to regulation; cinches had to be tied according to regulation and the squads had to form, after saddling, five yards in front of the stables with the sergeant ready to report. This event was won by a squad in two minutes, thirty-six and two-fifths seconds.

The second was an equipment match with one sergeant and four men in each squad. The men were stationed at the front door of the barracks with putties, helmets or batons and the horses were tied on the picket line. The saddles and horse equipment were in the saddle room and the butties, helmets and batons on the front porch. At a given signal the men went to the saddle room, got the horse equipment, saddled and bridled the horses returned to the barracks for their personal equipment, putting on the same before mounting, returned to the picket line, mounted and fell into line in front of the stables where the sergeant reported his squad. This event was won by the squad which won the previous event.

School directors at Williamsport have established a medical department to inquire into the health of the pupils of the public schools. Five examiners will constitute the staff. They will be elected annually, and each will receive \$50 a year.

BERNICE ITEMS.

Joseph A. Helsman was a visitor from Dushore on Tuesday.

Mrs. E. D. Suttill and son Dick, of Bloomingdale, Pa., were visiting friends at this place last week.

Gust Guinoski of Sugar Hill, is under the doctor's care for typhoid fever.

James J. Connor of Mildred, was a Wilkes-Barre visitor last week.

The Rev. J. A. Enright preached at Laporte last Sunday.

Misses Maggie Watson and Minnie Deffenbach were Dushore visitors on Tuesday.

There are rumors of a new Democratic paper being published in the county in the near future.

J. A. Thayer of Dushore, was a business caller at this place on Tuesday.

The spring candidates for township offices are already soliciting for votes on the pretext that they will save the county taxpayers thousands of dollars, if elected.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will have a Thanksgiving dinner in the hotel.

Albert Jenks, an elderly farmer, living near Washington, Pa., who has seldom been outside of Beaver county, never saw an automobile until recently, when he met one near a graveyard. The farmer has ever been superstitious and when he was met in the lonely road by a large touring car, well lit up, and which honk honked past him, he fell in a fit by the side of the road, where he remained until found by neighbors several hours later. He passed from one fit into another during the day and in the evening was in a dying condition.

Smithfield township is up in arms about the vaccination law. A short time ago the school directors expelled the teacher of the grammar school with non-compliance with the law by allowing children to come to school without being vaccinated, and now notifications signed by several citizens have been served on the four Sunday school superintendents of that village that they must not allow anyone to attend the Sunday school unless they are vaccinated or lay themselves liable to prosecution.—Reporter Journal.

The Lewisburg, Milton and Watertown railway company a few years ago built a long wharf along their tracks about two miles above Milton to protect the tracks from being washed out by high water. Some hunters built a fire in the wharf in order to chase a rabbit and it will cost the company \$150 to repair the damage.

The postal card craze is on the increase. The statement is made that 5,000 pieces of such mail matter passes through the Williamsport post office every twenty-four hours. This craze has increased the sale of one cent stamps to such an extent that during the past week 600,000 one cent stamps were sold at the Williamsport post office.

Charles Decker, a Canton blacksmith, while out hunting rabbits, was accidentally shot by his son. Mr. Decker, Sr., was on top of a brush pile trying to scare bunny out and just as he came out his son shot at the rabbit, but hit his father in the ankle, tearing the bone and flesh in a terrible manner and necessitating an operation.

The pay roll of the Pennsylvania railroad in Sunbury amounts to \$95,000 a month, so the recently announced ten per cent. increase which will go into effect on December 1st, will mean that the Pennsylvania distributed an additional \$100,000 in Sunbury each year.

It is said that the best way to preserve apples in winter is to wrap them in newspapers so as to exclude the air. The exception is made, however, that the newspaper must be one on which the subscription has been paid, else the dampness resulting from what is "dew" may result in spoiling the fruit.