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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.

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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
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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.

Table Linen and Napkins.

Linens 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 can not go wrong in buying them, the prices are very reasonable in view of the conditions of the wool market.

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The Triennial Assessment.

Continued from last week.

We are just beginning to realize the extent and the value of the coal fields of Sullivan county. Thus far they have almost entirely escaped the attention of the assessors and commissioners. Conservative estimates place the merchantable coal in Sullivan county at over 20,000,000 tons. What is the value of this coal per ton, for the purposes of assessment? Coal royalties in Sullivan county vary from fifteen to twenty cents per ton. That is the amount the owner of the coal land receives from the companies that buy it and operate the mines. In other words these amounts represent the selling price in the market. The question now arises, what value should the assessors and the County Commissioners place upon it for taxable purposes? Inasmuch as it requires many years to take all the coal from any given coal tract, it would be manifestly unfair to place upon the coal an assessment equal to the amount of royalty paid for it. But the present worth or present value of such deferred payment would seem to be a fair basis of assessment. So, if the operation covers a period of ten years the rate should be higher than if it covers a period of twenty-five years. In the Wyoming Valley coal region the assessments run from \$50 to \$60 per foot of vein per acre, depending upon the thickness of vein. The thicker the vein the more valuable per foot. Thus a three or four foot vein will be assessed at \$50 per foot, or from \$150 to \$200 per acre, while an eight or ten foot vein will be assessed at from \$480 to \$600 per acre. In this connection it may be starting news to the great majority of taxpayers in Sullivan county that the rich coal lands of the Bernice region are at present assessed at only \$18.00 per acre! The amount is so insignificant as to appear ridiculous. Recent litigation in this county has made clear to everyone that our coal lands have enormous values. Why should they not be assessed at their real market value? No one asks that they be assessed for more than they are worth, but the farmers and property owners throughout the county demand and have a right to demand that the same principle shall be applied in assessing coal lands that is applied in assessing farm lands, houses and lots in villages, stores, hotel properties, and other forms of real estate, to wit, an assessment that shall represent their real and actual value. Anything short of this is not only unjust and unfair, but a plain violation of the law.

The officials whose work it is to make these assessments and to finally adjust them, have a most important duty to perform. The great body of taxpayers throughout the county are looking to them to perform these duties without fear or favor and with exact justice to all. We firmly believe that they will do this and that the triennial assessment of 1906 will be the most correct and equitable of any yet made. The News Item will give from time to time extracts from the assessments that we may deem of interest to the general public.

An exchange says: Count Boni is trying to keep the wolf from the door by selling scandals of the French Smart Set to a scandal mongering newspaper. That is about the size of the man, but it ought to inspire the wolf to extra efforts.

To Prevent Deceit.

Every applicant for a license to practice medicine in Pennsylvania will hereafter be required to present with his application for examination by the State medical boards a photograph of himself certified by the dean of the college from which he was graduated and signed by the candidate himself.

This rule was adopted by the State medical council for the purpose of making more difficult impersonations at these examinations next June.

Awarded Heavy Damages.

Oscar W. Shaffer, a Phillipsburg baker was awarded \$18,000 damages against the Lehigh Valley Railroad company by a jury in the Hunterdon court last Saturday. The jury was out all night and returned with a verdict at 9 o'clock.

Shaffer was injured in a grade crossing accident by the Black Diamond Express on November 17, 1905. The accident occurred at Phillipsburg while he was driving in his bakery delivery wagon. The crossing is protected by hoisting gates in charge of a man in a tower, but on the day of the accident the gates were tended by a foreigner while the regular gateman was off duty. The baker wagon was permitted to enter the crossing almost at the moment the express was due and was struck by the engine and thrown several feet. Shaffer had a miraculous escape from death. As a result of the accident the horse died some time later and Mr. Shaffer is said to be a cripple for life, having partial paralysis of one leg and side.

World's Temperance Sunday was very fittingly observed at the M. E. church at Forksville. After the close of the lesson period the children of the Sabbath school, under the leadership of Miss Sara Haskell, marched from the primary room with flying banners and waving flags singing a stirring temperance song. A short program consisting of music, reading and recitations was rendered in a most excellent manner, after which the pastor, Rev. D. J. Ebert, took charge of the service. He took for his theme "Man Traps," and delivered a strong sermon full of warning against the wiles of the enemy.

The topic of the Epworth League service was announced as "The Use of Strong Drink," Leader, Mrs. Anna Nye. The evening service was attended by an unusually large audience as were the preceding services. It was a very interesting and profitable meeting, a fitting closing to a memorable day in the annals of temperance observance.

Eleven were killed and 104 were injured in the United States during the football season of 1906, according to the Chicago Tribune. Last year eighteen players were killed and 150 severely injured. The decrease in casualties is especially marked among high school players. In the season of 1905 eleven high school players were killed and forty-seven injured, while in the season just closed seven were killed and forty-seven hurt. This year not one fatality has occurred among the larger American colleges.

The Factory Inspector, a quarterly periodical published in New York, and devoted to the interest of factory inspection in the United States and in Canada, has the following editorial comment in its October issue concerning our State Capitol building, a cut of which was given:

"There has been some complaint, by the way, at the cost of this splendid architectural structure, which will remain a landmark of beauty and usefulness for centuries. The expense of building it was some \$13,000,000; but, all things considered, it is difficult to see how it could have been erected for the money, especially as public buildings invariably cost somewhat higher than private ones of the same character.

"This imposing structure should awaken a feeling of pride in the breast of every citizen of the State. Artistically as well as architecturally, it is a monument to the talents and genius of its designers and builders. The decorations are, of course, lavish and ornate, but they are pleasing to the eye and will have an educational influence to the advantage of everyone who views them, and this great building was completed in four years after it was begun."

There should be a compulsory vaccination law in this state such as they have in Germany, and then there ought to be a law to imprison those misguided persons who advocate resistance to the enforcement of the vaccination law.—Exchange.

County Institute Announcement.

The forty-fourth annual session of the Sullivan County Teachers' Institute will be held in Kiene's Opera House Dushore, Pa., during the week beginning Dec. 31, 1906.

Instructors:

Hon. Henry R. Pattengill, Ex-State Supt. Public Schools, Michigan.
Dr. Charles C. Ellis, Parkersburg, Pa.

Supt. W. W. Evans, Columbia county.

Prof. J. W. Yoder, Professor of Music, Lock Haven State Normal School.

Evening Lectures and Entertainments:

"Dollars and Dunces" a lecture by Dr. Ellis, Monday evening. Concert by the Imperiales, a ladies' concert company, Tuesday evening. "Nancy Hanks, and the Nineteenth Century," a lecture by Dr. Pattengill Wednesday evening. A concert by the Irma Male Quartette, Thursday evening.

We take more than usual pleasure in announcing this year's Institute. We feel safe in saying that the Institute promises to be one of the best ever held in the county. The day sessions will be both instructive and interesting, while the evening lectures and entertainments represent the best talent that we could procure.

There will be no weak number in the program. Every night will be present an A. No. 1 attraction.

All schools must be closed during the week of the County Institute.

Every teacher is expected to attend the Institute and is paid only for the actual number of days in attendance.

Thanking the general public for the generous patronage it has given us in the past and promising all friends of the Public Schools an array of Institute talent that will merit an even more liberal patronage than has ever before been extended.

I remain, yours,

for the Schools.

J. E. Reese Killgore, Co. Supt.

Tickets for the coming lectures and entertainments will be placed on sale at Geo. T. Deegans' store, Dushore, at 8:30 a.m. Thursday morning, Dec. 27.

Course tickets admitting to all the attractions of the week with reserve seats 35 cents each night. General admission, 25c.

With upraised mallet the sheriff at Elizabethtown, Ky., will this week auction off "Dock" Auberry, a shiftless white man who refuses to work and the words of the auctioneer will probably bring back to the older among the spectators the scenes of slave times. Auberry's services will go to his purchaser for a period of nine months. The proceedings will be under the State Vagrancy Law, which is called into use so little that action under it invariably attracts attention. He was tried last week and convicted, being found by the verdict "strong, able bodied, with no visible means of support and too lazy to work."

A black bear held up the United States mail near Roaring Branch Tuesday, and this new fangled road agent is still at large. Elmer E. Warrer, rural mail carrier out of Roaring Branch, having a horse and regulation United States rural delivery cart came upon a bear that stood in the roadway. His horse took fright and the wagon was nearly overturned, the bear persistently standing and looking, but finally making off into the woods about the time the mail carrier's horse was frightened into a frenzy.

The conscience fund of the treasury department has received another contribution. This time the amount is \$500, sent by "A soldier of 1861" and who stated that he accepted the amount as an inducement to answer Lincoln's call for volunteers. Since the war the man has prospered but for half a century his conscience has been troubling him until he could stand it no longer. Nothing but the return of the money could make reparation for his lack of patriotism. The envelope containing the remittance was mailed at Meadville, Pa.

BERNICE ITEMS.

S. A. Deffenbach was at Muncy attending his uncle's funeral.

The following Sayre visitors were spending Thanksgiving with friends at Mildred: Mr. and Mrs. John Crowley and family, Dennis Burk, and John Hannon, and James A. Bowles of Athens; Paul Fuinski of Pittston.

Misses May and Ernie Williams of Pittsburg, are visiting Mildred friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Saxon of Colley spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. F. F. Schaad.

Miss Rose Helpin, the youngest daughter of James Helpin, is at Binghamton, N. Y., where she will make her future home.

James J. Connors, who has been quite sick for the past two weeks, is able to attend his duties again.

The young people of the Presbyterian church are practicing for a Christmas festival.

Jerome Ortleff of Dushore, was awarded the contract to build the Lutheran church at Mildred.

Andrew Carnegie, bestower of libraries; capitalist, author and philosopher has entered upon his 70th year. It was November 25, 1839, that the light came to his eyes over the heather of his native Scotland.

Mr. Carnegie is in as rugged health as it in all these years he had been free and wild in the land of cakes by brae and burn, instead of amassing millions to give away with a conscience pang that it is not so good to die rich.

Mr. Carnegie has given away nearly \$150,000,000 of his colossal fortune and declares that he is still ready to give. Libraries have been reared all over the land with his capital, and many others are in process of erection. Not only in the matter of libraries has Mr. Carnegie invested his money for the public good; but he has expended many millions along other educational lines. There have also been innumerable contributions to charity, but in this matter Mr. Carnegie does not take the public into his confidence.

President Roosevelt's special message to Congress on Porto-Rico will be sent to Congress on the 11th of December. The President's views on the island and the legislation he favors are the direct outcome of his recent visit to Porto Rico.

The President's special message on Panama will be laid before Congress on December 18th. With only a bare reference to Panama in his regular message, Mr. Roosevelt reserved his observations and recommendations regarding isthmian affairs until he completed his trip of inspection of the work in progress which he will deal with in a special message.

The Prohibition State Committee spent approximately \$13,000 during the recent campaign, according to the report of the State Chairman McCalmant, who completed his statement recently. Practically all the money received was paid out. The number of contributions was the largest in the history of the party in this state, reaching a total of nearly \$15,500. They vary from 2 cents to \$1,000. The National organization gave two thousand dollars. Contributions came from Florida, California and Colorado.

School Appropriations.

There are only eighteen school districts in Pennsylvania which have not been paid by the State treasurer, and the amount of money due to the schools of the State, outside of \$200,000 still owing to Philadelphia, is very small, hardly \$20,000. A few days ago \$100,000 was sent to Philadelphia and the remainder will shortly be forwarded. All of the State's appropriation of \$100,000 for township high schools has been paid out, and it is probable that an increased appropriation will be asked for next year, because of the growth of these institutions in all parts of the State.