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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,**  
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.

Soft Warm Blankets and  
Comfortables.

There's all the difference in the world in blankets and comfortables.  
Prices doesn't give you much clue to their actual value—for a very poor blanket  
or comfortable may seem far better than it is—at first.

We're blanket and comfortable "specialist"—proud of the fact that, as poor  
ones cannot get into this store—they can't leave it.

You may be sure of one thing—the money you spend with us for blankets  
brings you full value. For the prices you'll be asked to pay will return as much of  
beauty and softness, and actual durability as any store can give you.

White and Grey Cotton Blankets, good, large sizes, for  
**50c to \$2.00**

White and Colored Blankets, with small per cent of cotton  
They are so soft and fine you could hardly tell them  
from all wool, for

**\$3.00 to \$4.50.**

Then we have the strictly all wool Blankets, in white,  
grey, scarlet and fancy plaids. An excellent assortment to  
select from, at

**\$5.00 to \$10.**

Comfortables and Sateen or Silklike covers. They are  
filled with pure white cotton. Some specially good val-  
ues for \$1.00, \$3 75

### Muslin Underwear Sale.

We are having our Annual Sale of Muslin Underwear  
this week. We have been planning for this for several  
weeks. We are now prepared to show the best garments  
you have ever purchased for the price.

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### Ellis Snell Fatally Stabbed.

Ellis Snell of Hillsgrove, was fatal-  
ly stabbed on Monday of last week  
by a woodsman named Bu-klrk from  
Lycoming county, while engaged in  
a fight at Sones' lumber camp on  
Dry Run near Hillsgrove where  
both men had been employed. On  
December 31, Snell died from the  
effect of his wounds. Nothing can  
be learned of the murderer as he  
left for parts unknown immediately  
after the stabbing occurred.

### The Debt of Sullivan County.

We have compiled from the county  
records and auditor's report of last  
year, the following statement show-  
ing the condition of the finances of  
the county on the 31 of December,  
1905. It will be seen that the county  
was in debt at that date to the  
amount of fifty-nine thousand eight  
hundred and fifty-nine dollars.  
The county auditors will meet  
next week and adjust the accounts  
of the county officers for year ending  
December 31, 1906.

Statement of the financial condition of  
Sullivan County December 31, 1905.

Liabilities.	
Co. orders bearing interest.....	\$11,166.50
Judgments " " " " " " " " " "	6,940.00
Bonds at 4 per cent interest " " " "	\$33,000.00
" " " " " " " " " "	5,000.00
Balance due to retiring Treas.	1,217.25
Road funds used for county purposes to be refunded.....	3,036.51
School and building funds used for Co. purposes to be refunded	2,237.59
Poor funds used for county pur- poses to be refunded.....	1,066.46
Redemption fund used for Co. purposes to be refunded	402.08
Overdue bills and accounts un- paid.....	511.00
Cherry Township, Road Tax claim	500.00
Balance due on Elk creek bridge	530.00
	\$65,607.39

Resources.	
Amts. due from Collectors	4486.00
Surcharges due from State	802.76
Cherry Twp. poor district	142.90
Notes and obligation of prisoners and others for Quarter Sessions costs paid by the county.....	586.36
	6,018.02

Liabilities in excess of resources 59,589.37

A young man residing near Wilks  
Barre made application for a mar-  
riage license on Wednesday and  
when the clerk demanded a dollar  
he was in a quandary as he could on-  
ly raise seventy cents. Happily his  
prospective mother-in-law was along  
and she loaned him thirty cents, to  
enable him to secure the desired  
document.

Game Warden Shoemaker, the  
terror to illegal fishermen in this  
section of the State, arrested two  
Tunkhannock men the other day,  
charging them with fishing at Lake  
Carey in violation of the law. The  
men paid fines of \$25 each.

### Evangelistic Tour Party.

An Evangelistic Tour Party com-  
posed of Deemer Beidelman, one of  
the Pennsylvania State Sunday-  
School Field Secretaries, some of the  
officers of the Sullivan County Sun-  
day-school Association, and local  
pastors will visit a number of places  
in Sullivan county in the interest of  
evangelistic work. Afternoon and  
evening services will be held in each  
place. Singing, prayers, exhortations  
testimonies and addresses, all of a  
strictly religious nature will com-  
pose these services. The presence  
and participation of all christian  
people and especially of Sunday-  
school officers, teachers and pupils  
are invited. All pastors are especial-  
ly urged to attend. The general  
public outside of the above named  
classes will be cordially welcomed.  
The Tour Party comes to make, if  
possible, the Christ of the Christ-  
mas season the controlling influence  
in your lives. The exact itinerary  
of the party has not been arranged  
yet, but it will probably commence  
in the west end of the county at  
Hillsgrove on January 6, 1907, and  
visit one or more place in each town-  
ship. Exact notices will be given  
out later. The County S. S. Chair-  
man will accompany the party as  
much as possible. Deemer Beidel-  
man, of the State Field Force, will  
conduct the music.

The Sullivan Co. S. S. Com.  
per V. Hull, Chairman.

### Mr. J. V. Rettenbury Succumbs to an Attack of Paralysis.

John V. Rettenbury, one of Du-  
shore's most prominent businessmen,  
died of paralysis on New Year's  
Day at 11.30 a. m., after a lingering  
illness of the past two years.

Mr. Rettenbury was born in Dev-  
anshire, England, in 1831, and came  
to America when eleven years of  
age, locating in Western New York.  
In 1878 he moved to Monroeton, and  
in 1879 to Dushore, and purchased  
the jewelry business of Charles Mos-  
bacher and has continued in that  
business until his death. Honest  
and upright in all his dealings his  
career was one of marked success.  
In 1879 Mr. Rettenbury married  
Miss Bernice Kellog of Monroeton,  
who with two nieces survive.

The funeral was held from his late  
residence Thursday at 1 o'clock. In-  
terment at Bahr cemetery.

Postage stamps of the issue of 1907  
put on sale at the 6000 presidential  
offices will bear on their face the  
name of the State and city in which  
the postoffice is situated. The chief  
reason for this innovation is said to  
be the belief that it will help to do  
away with the big postoffice robber-  
ies and make it much easier to trace  
criminals. Another reason is to en-  
able the postoffice department to  
determine the amount of business  
done by the different postoffices and  
prevent padding through stamps  
sold to some residents who do busi-  
ness in adjoining cities.

There appears to be a singular  
misconception in the radical wing of  
the Democratic party concerning re-  
vision of the tariff. For instance, a  
West Virginia paper which doesn't  
know any better, says that "to re-  
vise the tariff would eventually split  
the Republican party and loose the  
campaign contributions from the  
tariff-protected trusts that have been  
the breath and life to that party."

Considering all that the Republi-  
can party has done toward "denatur-  
ing" the all-god evil effects of com-  
binations known as trusts, these re-  
flections ought to come under the  
head of "belated ignorance." The  
life and breath of the Republican  
party, it is true, depended on pro-  
tection to home industries, but the  
party has never relied for success on  
injustice to those interests which the  
Democratic party has proclaimed  
against in national conventions and  
in season and out of season. Revi-  
sion of the tariff is a serious matter.  
The "breath and life" of the Repub-  
lican party has for some time been  
the means of keeping in employ-  
ment many who were former sup-  
plicants at the soup houses of the re-  
vised tariff of the Cleveland admin-  
istration. Will the survivors ever  
forget those dark days? When it is  
time to revise the tariff it will be  
done by the Republican party, its  
most friendly critic.

As for contributions to parties, it  
was the sugar trust elected a Dem-  
ocratic president. Now a Republi-  
can administration has brought that  
same trust to book for violation of  
the law.

An investigation into the charge  
that the railroads of this country  
have been paid \$10,000,000 annually  
over and above what they have  
earned in carrying the mails will be  
made by congress. The charge was  
made by Representative Murdock,  
of Kansas, who accuses the postoffice  
department of favoring the railroads  
in the matter. If his charge shall  
be substantiated then the postoffice  
department has paid out to the rail-  
roads on the past thirty years \$300,-  
000,000 which the railroads have not  
earned.

It is believed that if the railroads  
were required to carry the mails at a  
reasonable rate the annual deficit  
in the postoffice department would  
be wiped out and the department  
would be more than self-sustaining.  
If congress shall discover that the  
government has been robbed through  
collusion between the department  
and the railroads the latter should  
be compelled to make such restitu-  
tion as it is possible to demand under  
the law.

### Dr. Volney Homet Dead.

Dr. Volney Homet died at his  
home in Wyalusing Wednesday  
morning of last week of heart affec-  
tion, from which he had suffered for  
some time. Mr. Homet was born at  
Asylum, opposite Homet's Ferry,  
seventy-three years ago, his ancestors  
being refugees who fled from France  
at the time of the revolution in 1793,  
his grandfather being steward in the  
household of Louis XVI.

Receiving a good education, he  
later studied medicine, being engag-  
ed in the practice of it when the  
Civil War broke out. At the call of  
Lincoln for volunteers, he entered  
the service, joining the 7th Regt.  
Pennsylvania Reserves, where he  
served as surgeon till the close of  
the hostilities. Returning home he  
settled in Camptown, where he  
practiced for a number of years, but  
later removed to Wyalusing, where  
he has since resided.

His wife died about fifteen years  
ago, since which the household has  
been under the management of his  
daughter Jessie, an accomplished  
lady, who tenderly administered to  
the every want of her aged father.  
The doctor was a man of quiet ways,  
public spirited, a great reader and  
successful as a practitioner. He was  
a member of Jackson Post G. A. R.,  
an organization in which he took  
great interest. He also was a mem-  
ber of the Bradford County Medi-  
cal Society.

Dr. Homet was a brother-in-law to  
Hon. Thomas J. Ingham, who spent  
several day of last week in Wyalus-  
ing, returning home Monday.

In every community there are  
persons who will sign petitions with-  
out examining into their purport.  
It takes only a plausible solicitor to  
obtain the signatures of business  
men rigid in other matters and men  
in other walks of life who are ordi-  
narily careful as to what they sub-  
scribe to. In the majority of cases  
it is the one careless thing that most  
men do. It's "only a petition;"  
what is the harm in signing it?

There is a case, however, that  
comes out of the west which goes to  
show that it is a dangerous habit to  
fall into. There arrived in Denver  
some weeks ago an accomplished  
woman who declared that the object  
of her visit was to solicit support for  
the establishment of a benevolent  
institution. She talked up the en-  
terprise good and strong before  
springing her scheme on the unsus-  
pecting. Finally she made the  
rounds with a petition, which she  
explained would involve no finan-  
cial obligation on the part of the  
signer. Of course she had no trouble  
in getting signers, some 2,000.  
All went well with her until some  
one with leisure and an inquisitive  
turn of mind read the document  
through. The examination reveal-  
ed a cleverly worded paper that made  
the signers jointly liable for over  
half a million dollars, to be devoted  
to the enterprise the woman was  
promoting.

It will now cost these gentlemen  
a pretty penny for their release.  
This may be a lesson to some in  
other sections of the country who  
have been accustomed to do just  
what the Denver people did.—Dis-  
patch.

Edison claims that with his new  
battery, costing \$200, anybody can  
ride in his own private carriage  
without cost for fifteen years, and  
that a horse in that time will be a  
curiosity. Cobalt is the new mineral  
he uses to avoid the weight of the  
battery heretofore used, and he gives  
Wisconsin credit for helping him  
out by furnishing the mineral in  
sufficient quantities for his purpose.  
If Edison is correct about this every-  
body will have an auto of their own.

The Pittston papers report that  
one by one the men in that city who  
went to California with the intention  
of settling there are returning to the  
Wyoming valley. One man, a machi-  
nist, who was induced to go be-  
cause he had heard or read that men  
of his trade were paid \$7.00 per day,  
on arriving in California could no-  
where find that skilled machinists  
were paid more than \$3.50 a day and  
he returned home.

### BERNICE ITEMS.

The following Sayre visitors spent  
the Christmas holidays with their  
parents and friends at this place:  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGee, Mr.  
and Mrs. A. L. Roberts and family,  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom McSparran, Mr.  
and Mrs. John Crowley and Robert  
Mathews.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Connors, of  
Philadelphia, spent Christmas with  
the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
James Connors of Mildred.

Mrs. Judson Harney of Factory-  
ville and Edith Harney of Scranton,  
spent Christmas with the latter's  
parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Harney  
of Mildred.

Miss Bessie Wheatley of Lopez,  
visited her parents Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gansel were  
Laporte visitors Christmas.

Wyoming visitors—Edward Han-  
non and Patrick White.

Miss Cassie and George Schaad  
who are attending Juniata School  
spent their holiday vacation with  
their father William Schaad of Mil-  
dred.

John Connor who is attending  
school at Allegheny, spent the holi-  
days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
James J. Connor of Mildred.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. J.  
Schaad, on December 19, a son.

A foreigner had his leg broken in  
the mine on Saturday. Dr. Bren-  
nan set the broken limb.

As the time draws near for hold-  
ing the spring caucuses it would be  
to every one's interest to select the  
best men to fill the various offices.  
It is not the man who will spend  
two or three hundred dollars to be  
elected to a twenty-five dollar office  
for no man will spend one dollar  
unless he can see his way clear to  
make two in return, and until the  
voters refuse to accept money or  
presents from any candidate, politics  
will be corrupt and good men will  
be defeated.

Misses Maggie Watson, Lucy  
Hannon and Bessie Gallagher are  
attending the teachers institute at  
Dushore.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Sullivan of  
Hoboken, N. J. are visiting the lat-  
ter's parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Han-  
non.

Allen Ande of Mildred spent  
Christmas with his parents at La-  
quin.

London Truth is discussing the  
proper age for young men and wo-  
men to marry. It thinks that from  
twenty-seven to thirty-two for the  
girls, and thirty-five to forty-five  
for the boys, is about right. The  
old Greek philosopher beat this all  
hollow. He said that the time for a  
young man, was not yet, for an old  
man, never.

Philadelphia and Reading officials  
have announced that a plant would  
be erected to manufacture cement  
props for all the company's collieries  
in the anthracite region, the new  
method being intended to do away  
with fresh timber, which now costs  
the company thousands of dollars  
monthly to support underground  
workings.

John B. Ault, a resident along the  
road between Williamsport and  
Jersey Shore, claims the distinction  
of having the largest calf in this  
part of the state. At birth the ani-  
mal weighed 117 pounds, and is per-  
haps the largest calf ever known in  
Lycoming or adjoining counties.

Plans to evangelize the world  
within 25 years will be discussed at  
the thirteenth annual conference of  
the foreign Missionary boards which  
will be held January 9 and 10 in  
Philadelphia. The movement has  
been endorsed by every Protestant  
denomination, and prominent men  
from all over the country will take  
part in forming the plans.

Four black bears were seen the  
other day within a few miles of  
Bloomsburg by W. H. Reigle, a  
Montour township farmer. The  
bears were in one of Regie's fields,  
not far from his house, and on seeing  
the farmer they at once made a break  
for the woods. Hunters tracked the  
animals to the banks of the river,  
where the trail was lost.