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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
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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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THE GRANGE

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NATIONAL GRANGE MEETING

Announcement of Forthcoming Annual Meeting at Denver, Colo.

The executive committee of the national grange has issued a circular of information concerning the next annual meeting, Nov. 14 to 21, at Denver. It will be the fortieth annual session. A reduction of the fare one-third, on the certificate plan, has been secured to Chicago from eastern points. From Chicago to Denver the Western Passenger association has made a single rate plus \$2. The one way fare from Chicago to Denver is \$29.50 plus \$2, which would make it \$31.50 for the round trip from Chicago. Any members of the Order in the eastern states who expect to make the trip to Denver can secure further information by writing their state master. Tickets will be good to return from Denver until Dec. 10. National grange headquarters will be at the Albany hotel, Denver. On Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 14, there will be public exercises in the Chamber of Commerce, at which a welcome will be extended to the national grange by Governor McDonald of Colorado. The mayor of the city and master of the state grange will also speak. Responses will be made by Hon. N. J. Bachelder, master of the national grange, and others. There will be extensive exhibitions of agricultural and horticultural products of Colorado, for which prizes have been offered. Tuesday, Nov. 20, will be known as Colorado day. There will be an excursion to Fort Collins to visit the State Agricultural college, and possibly the trip will be extended to Greeley, Colo.



J. A. NEWCOMB,
Master Colorado state headquarters
(grange.)

The national grange at its forthcoming session will be asked to consider a resolution adopted by the Oregon state grange relative to the postal service. The resolution empowers a committee of three members of the Order to employ all necessary assistance, as lawyers, stenographers and expert accountants, to proceed to Washington and investigate the public records and all other available sources of information in the postal department, and "if any unnecessary financial drains are discovered the national grange shall at once convey the facts to the president of the United States and to the national congress and demand public investigation." That committee will have a job on its hands if appointed. There would not be much trouble with the postoffice deficiencies if congress would cut out the flagrantly abused franking privilege, which now costs the government \$19,000,000 a year. Another resolution will relate to the basis of representation in the national grange, changing it from the present two delegates to each state to a number based on the number of members in each state—in other words, on popular representation.

AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.
To Whom Belongs the Property of the Grange That Disbands?
Sometimes the question arises in the minds of members of a grange that owns its own hall. To whom do the hall and other property belong in case the charter should be surrendered for any reason? It may be stated as the general interpretation of the law that the real estate of the grange, such as halls, barns, etc., in case the grange disbands should be sold at public auction or at private sale and the proceeds be equally divided among the members of the grange in good standing at the time when the grange disbands. The personal property of the grange—as, for instance, rituals, regalia, etc.—whose charter has been surrendered for any reason belongs to the national grange until such time as its charter may be revived. The state grange has no right to the property of the subordinate grange any further than to see that the provisions of the law under which the grange is organized or incorporated are fully complied with.

Go Slow on City Ownership.

Until politics in America is purified far beyond its present condition any large experiment in government ownership may be called a "thief breeder" with much safety. The more authority there is vested in the hands of politicians (with all due deference to our national administration) the more corruption there will be. It is a short-sighted citizen who would take more business out of private hands and commit it to the tender mercies of the politicians.—Troy Press.

VanBuskirk Without Legal Assistance, Hearing Was Postponed. Will Be Tried at Next Term of Court.

George VanBuskirk, the woodman, accused of killing Ellis Snell, after delivering himself to the Sheriff last week, was in good spirits and confident of his acquittal at next term of court, until Tuesday when he was to have a hearing before a justice of the peace, he found himself unable to secure the services of a lawyer and the case was postponed until next Monday to give the prisoner an opportunity to secure counsel. It appears that he is unable to guarantee a sufficient sum of money to pay for the extra amount of work and responsibility in defending him of the crime he is charged. At any rate the lawyers are passing the job around, or at least not elbowing each other in an effort to offer him their services.

The prisoner in an interview said: "I admit that I acted hastily, and that my act virtually caused the death of Snell, but I am sure they will see that I had to defend myself. I mean to plead that I acted in self-defense, and that I was irresponsible at the time I stabbed Snell, for both of us had been drink on the day of the fight. I know I did something that I would not have done if I had stopped to think, and I suppose I will serve a few months for it. I never had any other trouble with Snell, but he was a man that the men in the camp did not like and had been mixing it up with others."

Although this story came from the lips of the accused man, others in touch with the situation seem to hold forth less encouragement for the accused man. Atty. R. J. Mullen has been employed to represent the prosecution. It is stated that witnesses will prove that had it not been for intervention, VanBuskirk would have killed his man outright. Examination of the deep wound through Snell's lung showed that the knife had been twisted after being sunk into the man's body, and the shirt which Snell wore will be produced in the evidence. It is said that witnesses will testify to the effect that at the supper table the two men exchanged unfriendly words and when Snell had finished with his meal he advanced in reach of VanBuskirk and gave him a heavy fist-hung blow over the mouth and passed on to the lobby. VanBuskirk at once rushed out and got a long stick of wood and went to the lobby where he took Snell unawares and gave him a stunning blow on the head, and then rushed to the kitchen and armed himself with a butcher-knife. The cook, Mr. Alexander Hess, protested with VanBuskirk and tried to induce him to deliver the knife. He then endeavored to keep the intoxicated man with him in the kitchen which he succeeded in doing until the usual hour for retiring. Snell remained in the lobby after the other men had retired. VanBuskirk on going to the lobby encountered Snell and the deadly conflict ensued. Snell being the heavier of the two had succeeded in laying VanBuskirk out on the floor of the camp and as both men lay clinched was when the prisoner used the butcher knife. By the time the men in the room above could reach the combatants VanBuskirk had not only made the stab which proved fatal but had inflicted a bad wound on Snell's cheek and severed a portion of one ear. The long, sharp bladed knife was raised ready to be plunged the second time in the victim's body as Eugene Shoemaker grabbed the arm of VanBuskirk and prevented the stroke. With other assistance close to follow the men were separated, and Snell was hastily taken to Hills Grove for medical attendance.

The only phase of this affair that appears favorable to the defense, is the fact that Snell was aware that VanBuskirk was armed with a deadly weapon and was making serious threats, so it is rumored. He could have easily avoided the intoxicated man while in his rage, and delirious from the effect of liquor. But the evidence is likely to show that VanBuskirk wanted blood, and got it.

A strange and weird bear story comes from Catawissa, and this time the depredations of bruta were committed within the very confines of the borough, and were nothing short of an attempt by a large bear to get into the tower house of the P. & R. railroad and attack the operator.

It is related as follows by C. M. Cornelson, who is the night telegraph operator at the tower located just across the creek from Catawissa where the P. & R. crosses the track of the Pennsy. Wednesday morning not long after midnight his attention was attracted by the growling of a dog followed by a scuffle inside the tower. Looking out the window, he says he distinctly recognized a good sized bear which was just chasing away one of the neighborhood dogs which had attacked it. The bear then came up to the tower house and sniffed at the window and door apparently in attempt to gain an entrance. Cornelson fearing the bear might get the door open, ran down and threw the bolt on the door. The bear heard him and renewed its efforts to get in, starting to growl when a couple dogs appeared and began to bark at his bruiship. It was not long before the barking attracted several other dogs from near by houses, and soon a lively skirmish was under way, the dogs and bear having a lively chase about the tower and around trees. The canines were too numerous for the bear and the beast fled up the hill, being followed for a distance by the yelping dogs.

A plant, which it is said will cost a million dollars to erect and equip, and which will employ 100 men to start with, is to be located near Scranton in the near future. It will be known as the Miles Manufacturing company, and the probabilities are that it will be located at Virginia Station, on the Laurel Line. The product of the plant will be chemically prepared paper and the capacity is claimed, will be twenty tons a day. The plans for the building, which will be of concrete, have already been prepared.

The law which went into effect on the first of the year, requiring the manufacturers of patent medicines to print the formulas on the labels is one of the best things that has ever been done in the interest of the American people. Though the new law is in force but a few days, it has had the effect of driving from the market medicines that are injurious to the health of the manufacturers of these concoctions, rather than tell the cures, have taken the only alternative and have suspended operations in their dope factories. Several patent medicines concerns, long looked upon as well established have "gone under" on account of the new law.

Fish Commissioner Meehan has received notice from the Pennsylvania Railroad company that cans of fish will be carried free during '07 as heretofore. The company has issued instructions to baggage masters to take all proper care of cans of fish and to allow messengers of the Department of Fisheries who are traveling in charge of the fish to have access to the cans at all times. The messengers have to pay their fare, however. The courtesy of free transportation of fish to and from hatcheries and the return of empty cans is one which is allowed by the railways throughout the State.

One of the officials of a town near Philadelphia has been the butt of much good natured railery for some days past as the result of a bull made by him at a recent official meeting.

Complaint had been made that the hose in use by the fire department of the town had been very unsatisfactory and that at the last two fires to which the company had turned out, sections of the hose were found in a leaking condition. After considerable discussion as to the proper action to be taken the official in question surprised his colleagues when he arose and said: "I move, Mr. Chairman, that until further notice the chief of the fire department be instructed to have an inspection of all fire hose made two days before every fire."

MEMORANDA.

Hon. John C. Schaub is attending the session of Legislature at Harrisburg.

John Duly was a Dushore visitor on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDermott are Harrisburg visitors this week.

John Collins has returned to Vintondale, after spending a short time with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collins of Mildred.

County Supt. Kilgore of Dushore, was visiting our schools Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Hogan of Waverly, returned home on Thursday after spending two weeks with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Haley.

Dennis Burk of Sayre, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burk.

The following are under the doctor's care: John S. Line, James Wheatley, Joseph Stelman, James J. Connor, Arthur Miner and Lewis Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman were Dushore visitors on Wednesday.

At the Same Old Game.

According to the New York World grafting continues among the officers of the Pennsylvania railroad, despite the exposure of crookedness among these officials by the interstate-commerce commission. The World charges that nepotism, favoritism in awarding contracts for supplies and evasion of the law are the more serious offenses committed by those who are high up in the councils of the Pennsylvania railroad. As these offenses are contrary to the provisions of the state constitution the interstate-commerce commission may decide to investigate the World's charges.

It is said that the election of E. M. McCreas president of the Pennsylvania to succeed the late President Cassell was regarded as a "steering" out the grafters who have been growing rich at the expense of the stockholders of the company. This statement would seem to confirm the allegation that grafting continues one of the evils connected with the management of this big railroad. It is evident that President McCreas has a strenuous job before him.

Higher Prices for Pure Foodstuffs.

It is stated that in consequence of the enforcement of the pure food law the manufacturers of foodstuffs will increase the price of their product and that the public will be forced to pay much higher prices for what they eat. The manufacturers who have been poisoning the people for years with impure foodstuffs are now determined, it is asserted, to take advantage of the new law to reap a harvest if they shall be forced to comply with the new law.

This was to have been expected. The manufacturers of foodstuffs who are unscrupulous enough to sell poisonous foodstuffs to the people will not only raise the price of the goods they must make pure, but they will stamp all the goods they now have on hand as pure and sell them at higher prices until the law shall go into effect in October. So that it would seem that the protest of the people against eating poisonous foodstuffs is to be punished by compelling them to pay exorbitant prices for the pure article.

The Auto Line Assured.

Everything has been arranged by the Bangor representative, backing the auto car project, for the line which is to be operated between Picture Rocks and Montgomery, to have the line in operation by the opening of Spring. The machines have been ordered and three cars will be placed on the route at the start, and more will be added as the business increases.

Residents along the proposed route are eagerly anticipating the opening day of the auto line, for they expect it to answer a great need. The facilities for reaching the towns linked by the line are not the best, and the auto cars will offer a schedule that will bring Picture Rocks and Montgomery within an hour of each other.