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We are showing some new Novelties in fine cotton and mercerized fabrics for shirtwaists, neat designs in stripes, figures and checks, also a complete line of plain materials for dresses, including India, Liou, Persian Lawns, French Lawns, Mulls, Swisses, etc.

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Hunters Up in Arms to Kill the One Dollar Tax Bill.

Lycoming county sportsman are up in arms against the bill now before the legislature providing for a tax of \$1 on every man or boy who goes hunting. This bill has the endorsement of Secretary Kalbfus, of the state game commission, who believes such a law should be passed in order that the money received from the tax might be turned over to the commission to enable it to more satisfactorily protect the game of the state.

A petition signed by about twelve thousand gunners in this county has been prepared for submission to the legislature, protesting against the passage of the gun tax. The hunters in other counties are taking similar action, and the prospects are that the legislature will be overwhelmed with petitions declaring that the proposed law would work serious hardship on the owners of guns. If the legislature is inclined to consider public sentiment it will not pass this measure.

Outside of the game commission we do not know of anybody who wants the gun tax bill passed, unless it should be the gentleman who are members of hunting clubs which have private preserves and some of whom may be desirous of keeping other hunters out of the woods. If such a measure should become a law its provisions would impose a hardship upon the poor man who might desire to go hunting on one day in the year and at no other time. The tax would not be felt by the pot hunter.—Williamsport News.

Andrew Rhoe Dead.

Mr. Andrew Rhoe of Cherry township, died at his home Thursday February 28.

Mr. Rhoe was well advanced in years at the time of his death and had been in ill health for several years. He was a prosperous and well-to-do farmer, highly esteemed by all who knew him.

He is survived by a wife and three children, John and William Rhoe, and Mrs. William P. Shoemaker of Laporte.

In an article in behalf of the horse the Reading Times and Dispatch says that the deep snow and cold weather produce conditions particularly perilous to the horse. Now is the time for all who have to do with horses to be most thoughtful of them. The animals are likely to become overheated, toiling through deep snow with heavy loads or speed, with light sleighs, and drivers unaccustomed to the zero weather that so seldom visits this latitude too often allow them to stand for a little while unblanketed. Another cruelty to a horse is to put a bit in his mouth on a very cold morning, as the cold iron will take the skin off the tongue. The bit should always be warmed or at least held in fresh water for a short time, when the mercury goes below 20 degrees, before placing it in the animal's mouth.

E. E. Chubbuck, of Orwell, Bradford county, has been chosen superintendent of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, near Sunbury, and will take charge of the institution on March 2. This is the position so acceptably filled so long by Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Burges, and to which several other Wyoming county people were aspirants.

The Towanda Review, in speaking of the matter, says: "The new superintendent of this famous I.O.O.F. charity is one of the best known and most active Odd Fellows in the county, and that he and his wife will give splendid care to the nearly 70 children committed to their custody is a foregone conclusion."

Farmers and rural residents in this section are cautioned to be on the lookout for a scoundrel who is operating a new scheme. He is selling a stretcher for barb wire fencing. The machine and section of fence are left with farmers, and a contract signed by the latter for \$300 to be paid in case the stretcher is accepted. The swindler never appears but later the signer is confronted with a note at his bank for \$300.

Mrs. M. C. Lauer Ends a Beautiful Life, Surrounded By a Loving Family.

Mrs. Marie C. Lauer of Laporte died on Wednesday morning Feb. 27, 1907. Her death has cast a gloom over our community, as she was one of the best known and highly respected ladies in our village.

Mrs. Lauer was born in Germany June 25, 1834. She came to this country with her father, Fred Charles Loeb, with the rest of his family when she was twelve years old. The family located in Philadelphia.

On Feb. 7, 1853, she was married to Maritz C. Lauer, who came from Saxony, Germany. Mr. Lauer was a mineral chemist and employed at Phoenixville, Pa. They came to Laporte in 1859. Mr. Lauer died May 8, 1886.

Mrs. Lauer has ten living children, five sons and five daughters, who although they live far apart, were all gathered at her bedside when she died.

It may be truly said of Mrs. Lauer that, although she did not acquire wealth, her life was a success. It was full of good work; it abounded in faith, hope and charity. And her good influence was like sunshine upon all who had the privilege of associating with her. She will be long and affectionately remembered by her many friends.

Mrs. Lauer was a member of the Lutheran Church, and in sympathy with all classes, who try to live uprightly and do good. Her good influence will be greatly missed in this community.

The funeral of Mrs. Marie C. Lauer will be held on Saturday March 2, 1907, at 1:30 p.m. Services in the Episcopal church.

Benjamin Tripp Passes Away at An Advanced Age.

Benjamin Tripp one of the oldest and most respected residents of Fox Township, Sullivan County, Penna. died at the home of his step-son C. W. Kelley in Freehold, N. J. Feb. 15 aged 86 years 8 months and 18 days.

The deceased moved into Sullivan County in 1865, when the county was quite a wilderness. He had lived with his daughter for the last two years at Shunk, Penna. In the spring of 1906 he went to Elmira, N.Y. to visit friends. In July he went to Freehold, N. J. to visit his son and stepson. His death was very sudden as he was sick only about one hour.

The remains were brought to Canton, Pa. where the funeral was held at the home of his son W. J. Tripp, interment in West Hill Cemetery, at Shunk, Pa.

The following children survive him. Mrs. W. E. Porter, of Shunk. W. J. Tripp of Canton, Pa. Henry Tripp of Elmira, N.Y. A. E. Tripp of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. and W. J. Tripp of Freehold, N. J.

Death of Dr. George T. Wing.

Dr. George T. Wing died at the home of his daughter Mrs. H. P. Tripp, in Elmira, Wednesday morning after a lingering illness from declining health for the past two years.

Deceased was in his 84th year, and the grim reaper gathered his ripened harvest so peacefully and quietly that the end was scarcely perceptible.

He was born and raised in Schoharie county, N. Y., where in early life he pursued the cooper's trade, later he studied medicine and after the war in which he served as a mechanic in the constructing corps, he began the practice of medicine in Binghamton. Later he moved to Shunk, this county where he lived for some time before taking up his residence in Tioga county. Three children survive, they are Mrs. H. P. Tripp and George Wing of Elmira, and Charles L. Wing of Laporte.

A DAY OF DAMAGING FIRES.

Thursday Was Full of Hardship for Several Laporte Families. Two Houses and Two Barns Destroyed.

Thursday of this week will be remembered as a day of misfortune to a number of people living in the vicinity of Laporte, as within the course of a few hours four families were made homeless by fire.

About 10 o'clock Thursday morning the large frame dwelling house at Lake Mokona dam, known as the "old boarding house" which was occupied by the families of A. L. Lovelace, George Stackhouse and William Sykes, was found to be on fire near the center of the building. When it became known that the house was on fire, some one rushed through the different apartments to shout a warning to the occupants and in so doing thoughtlessly left the doors remain open and the strong wind that was blowing at the time drove the flames through the entire lower story of the building which made impossible any effort to save the household goods of Mr. Sykes and Mr. Stackhouse. The members of these two families were compelled to leave their home with nothing more than their clothing which they were wearing. The family of Mr. Lovelace was more fortunate as they were able to remove part of their furniture before the building collapsed.

None of the parties had any insurance, and much sympathy is felt for them in their misfortune.

The above mentioned fire had not ceased smoking when the children going home from school at noon saw the smoke issuing from the home of J. M. Rosencrants, on his farm about two miles from Laporte, but which being situated on an opposite hill is plainly seen from town. In a few minutes the house was burning fiercely, and collapsed in about twenty minutes when just at this time it was seen that the large barn had caught fire from sparks from the burning house, and in a few minutes more this also was a mass of flames.

Mr. Henry Karge who was driving toward the Rosencrants home saw that the house was on fire and hastened to the scene but found no one at home except Mrs. W. J. Lord, Mr. Rosencrants' daughter who was not aware that the whole roof of the house was ablaze. It was already then too late to save any household goods from upstairs. With the help of Mr. Karge, Mrs. Lord succeeded in removing part of the downstairs furniture and most of the family's clothing. By the time the barn was found to be on fire Mr. Rosencrants' son John, who with his mother and father had been to Laporte, arrived on the scene and helped to save the live stock from the burning building. All the hay and grain were consumed.

This is indeed a hard blow to Mr. Rosencrants, who by years of hard labor had made himself a comfortable home of which he has been deprived by this unfortunate occurrence. There was no insurance on either of the buildings, which makes loss a complete one.

February Court A Short One.

The February term of court was a very short one. Court convened on Monday at 2 p. m. and adjourned the same afternoon until the May term. There was but one criminal case, that of George Van Buskirk for the murder of Eli Snell, to be tried, and was to have started Monday, but was continued partly because the defense had failed to subpoena all their witnesses and partly because Judge Terry was unable to hear the trial on account of the serious illness of his daughter. All the jurors and many of the witnesses were on hand and were anxious to have the trial begin. In the absence of Judge Terry, Judge Fanning of Towanda presided, and a motion for the continuance of the trial until the May term of court was made and carried, and the accused man will have three months more of confinement before his trial.

BERNICE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. William Mapes was visiting the latter parents Mr. and Mrs. William Allen of this place.

Miss Mary Hannon of Mildred, returned to Hoboken N. J. after spending the past week with her parents at Mildred.

Frank Meyers of Mildred, was called to Philadelphia on Wednesday on account of the serious sickness of his daughter Ruth who has been under the doctor's care for typhoid fever. Mr. Meyer returned home Friday evening accompanied by his daughter who is now under the care of Dr. Hermann of Dushore.

Mrs. William Roe and daughter of Wysox is visiting friends at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gansel of Berwick, is visiting his brother Ernest of Mildred.

Miss Lucy Hannon of Mildred and Marian Osler of this place were Dushore visitors on Saturday.

Dr. Brennan of Mildred was visiting New York friends last week.

The picnic held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Cook for the benefit of the Presbyterian church was a success.

The following members of the Bernice lodge No 962 I. O. O. F. along with their friends spent an enjoyable time on Friday evening to partake of a supper prepared by the members wives:

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schaad, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Barely Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. William Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Powers, Mr. and Mrs. James Spence, Mrs. A. L. Weed, Mr. and Mrs. W. Osler, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David Spence, Mr. and Mrs. James Ditchburn, Misses Maiben Osler, Cora Weed, Margaret Watson, Jessie Wheatly, Carrie Green, Mattie Ditchburn, Mrs. H. C. Watson, Messrs. John L. Lines, David and Bernard Shields, Jesse, Fred and Leslie Gore, Sidney Osler, Tom and Henry Mihelins, Harry Weed, Fred Weaver, George Spence, James Green, Bert Walters, Robert Watson, and Charles Hilgert.

The following young people tendered Miss Mina Merton a pleasant surprise at the home of her parents, on Saturday evening on the occasion of her thirteenth birthday: Misses Beatrice Shaffer, Jennie Roe, Mattie and Marthea Allen, Anna Bartlow, and Minnie Meyers; Messrs. Leslie Mahaffey, Charles Helesman, Charles Hood, Ed. Brogan, Albert Allen, Fred Gore, Bernard Shields, John Kellog, Eugene Mott, Frank Helesman and John Osler.

The following Jurors, were attending court at Laporte on Monday: William Schaad, Edward Holmes, William J. Cook, and John Harvey.

Court Guest Nearly Froze to Death at County Seat Monday Night.

Roland Hunsinger a court guest wandered out from the Laporte hotel at a late hour Monday night and would have frozen in the zero atmosphere had it not been for the fact that George H. Lilley happened along and found his prostrate body lying in the road far from any assistance and openly exposed to the raw elements. Hunsinger was benumbed, unable to walk and had to be carried to a place of refuge where he might be warmed and where he might have preserved in him the ray of life that still remained.

During the early evening he went to the Laporte hotel, and enjoyed the circle of court enthusiasts gathered there. When he left the place it was already 11 o'clock and the thermometer was registering close to the zero point. When he had walked a short distance from the hotel he must have been overcome by the cold, for he fell over helpless in the street and would have frozen to death had it not been for the luck of being found by a passerby; and this was a mere piece of luck, for there was sparse travel on the stretch of roadway where the man was found.