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Nothing in Town to Compare With
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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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Bargains that bring the buyer back.
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New Dress Goods For Spring. ARE ON DISPLAY.

Excell them? Impossible! Equal them? Try! We
are proud of our selection—eager for you to see them—
confident of your approval.

For with a great care we have picked and chosen and purchased, and know
that there are not to be found more worthy and beautiful representatives of the new-
est and best in Spring Dress Goods.

Novelty and exclusiveness are the features of the rarest combinations of weaves
colours and effect, ever manufactured are included. Certainly the display is the su-
perior of any in this section, and you need go no further in your search for modish
fabrics at the moment. Make your selections early when the fabrics, the weaves,
the color combinations and the prices are sure to delight you.

Wide Material for Tailored Suit

We are showing an exceptionally large collection of 50 to 56-inch fabrics for
Jacket Suits in the new stripes, checks and fancy mixed materials, some excellent
values at \$1.00 and \$1.25 a yard.

Plain and Fancy Panamas.

Panamas are now recognized as one of the very best materials made for service
and then they are stylish. We have them in all the plain colors and fancy mixed
and over-plaid checks.

ALL WOOL BATISTE

In all the new dark and evening shades.
There is no better fabric made for in-
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batiste for

MIXED SUITING.

We are ready to show you the most
complete line of fancy mixed suitings and
plain fabrics you will find anywhere for

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What Litigants Pay and to Whom They Pay It.

"You are fined \$10 and costs of prosecution" says the judge to the culprit who has been convicted and stands before him for sentence. What are the "costs" in such a case? ask someone. The judges are paid by the State, the cost of stenographer, jurymen, court crier and tipstaves, as well as the heating and lighting of the building are borne by the county, which also provides the necessary record books, stationery, etc. Many people are at a loss to know just what items are included in court costs which the prisoner in a criminal case or the defendant in a civil case is obliged to pay—provided the costs are placed upon him.

Costs vary so much in different cases, owing to the wide range of possibilities that enter into their conduct that no definite schedule of costs can be fixed; nevertheless in the general run of court business there are certain items that are bound to occur and these may be tabulated.

The prothonotary gets pay for filing the justice's transcript and for issuing subpoenas, etc. The clerk of the courts—in this county the prothonotary and clerk of the courts are one and the same—gets pay for drawing and swearing the jury; for entering recognizances, continuances, motions and rules; issuing capias; for entering return of indictment, etc. Then there are the sheriff's fees, constable's fees, etc. Of course there may and probably will be a whole train of costs coming up from the justice's court if they have not previously been paid. Several hundred dollars in costs for a seemingly trifling case is not at all uncommon, all of which must be paid by the convict, or boarded out in jail, in which case the county pays the costs.

In civil actions many of the items of cost are identical with those in criminal cases, though they are not all alike. The man who gets "stuck" must pay jury fees, the witnesses upon both sides, the fees of prothonotary and clerk of the courts, his own lawyer and an attorney fee of \$3 for the other side. Just why the latter item is included and why it is always fixed at \$3 is not clear, for the prosecution must pay his own counsel. He often recoups himself, in part at least, by testifying in his own behalf and drawing witness fees for the service.

The proposition to impose a state tax on anthracite seems to have a special fascination for certain Harrisburg statesmen. The fact that such a tax is not needed, and that the present revenues of the Commonwealth are all sufficient to give this scheme a quietus.

A plethoric state treasury was largely responsible for the unwarranted expenditure of \$13,000,000 in furnishing the new state capitol, and further exploitation of that sort is not likely to find favor in Pennsylvania for many a day. Any direct tax laid unnecessarily upon anthracite coal for state purposes will of course be added with interest to the price of that commodity, and the belief is prevalent that it is high enough already.

There is no demand for an increase of the states revenues, the real need is for the honest, economical expenditure of the vast amount of money raised under our present laws. Least of all is there any call for putting a tax on coal, this subject was pretty well considered when, at the instance of the operators and miners, the tonnage tax imposed during the war, was repealed at the legislative session of 1879.

A tax on coal for state purposes is virtually a tax on the consumer and the statesman will do well to go slow in that direction. There is no need of, nor is it desirable that there should be, a big surplus in the state treasury. Recent events prove this most conclusively.

In 6212 letters opened in the Dead Letter Office at Washington, in February there was found money to the amount of \$596.58 all of which was returned to the senders. In all 1,050,303 pieces of undelivered mail was handled last month as compared with 894,136 in February last year.

Preparing to Fight the Plague.

Farmers throughout this section are becoming considerably alarmed over the dangers of the San Jose scale. For years this most dreaded disease to the apple orchards has been fought valiantly, but it has grown steadily until today it has become a matter of serious concern to the apple growers.

Farmer's institutes have discussed the problem exhaustively and all sorts of remedies have been recommended but in many instances they are not carried out. Some of the more progressive fruit growers spray their orchards extensively and give them every possible attention. These suffer but little, if any, from the scale, but those who spray occasionally or not at all find their orchards dying in spite of them. When once the scale makes havoc the orchard is of little use after that.

It seems to attack young trees the more, and owners of young orchards have been warned time and again to fight the scale in every possible way. So serious has the matter become that farmers all through the state are preparing to form an organization for the purpose of seeing that there is a systematic war carried on against the ravages of this scale.

It is the intent of the large fruit growers interested to have men selected in each community who make it a duty to not only examine the trees minutely in their own orchards but to go into the orchards of their neighbors and carefully investigate them, and where there is the slightest indication of the scale most determined and radical steps will be taken to prevent its spreading. It is claimed that should the scale once get under good headway it would do a hundred thousand dollars of damage in a single season.—Sentinel

Monroeton was the scene of a terrible accident Saturday evening, and as a result John McClure a well known Towanda railroad man lies at his mother's home in the Kaykendall block, on north William street, in a precarious condition.

A Bernice branch freight train, in charge of conductor B. F. Dunfee, was switching some coal cars onto the pockets at Cranmer & Musselman's yard, and Brakeman McClure was on a car of coal which was being pushed up the incline track. Almost without warning the trestle gave way and the big car with its 60 tons of coal went down with the wreckage. McClure was caught between the timbers and that he escaped sudden death is truly a miracle. He was removed from the wreckage in an unconscious condition and for a time it was thought he would not live an hour.

McClure was taken to his home in Towanda and Dr. S. M. Woodburn who attended him, found his head badly injured, and that he also suffered from internal injuries, the extent of which cannot yet be ascertained. Sunday night he had recovered sufficiently to tell what caused accident, which is substantially as stated above.

Dr. Smithgall, postmaster at Jamison City, has rendered his resignation from that position to the department. This action is taken because, the doctor has decided to move to Larryville in Lyeoming county. It is reported, although not corroborated, that Dr. Hoffa, of Stillwater, will take up the medical practice of Dr. Smithgall at Jamison City. The latter successor as postmaster has not as yet been announced.

Now that winter is on the wane, and the customs of summer are once more being recalled to mind thoughts are turning to the ice cream situation, which will be different now from all past experience. Under the new pure food laws, all pure cream with a large percentage of butter fat must be used. Eggs cannot be used, and milk is barred out entirely. The ice cream dealers therefore, will have to increase the price.

A Chinese Laundryman of Sunbury, who died in the Mary Packer hospital at that place on Sunday, left an estate valued at from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

New Albany Will Remain "Dry."

New Albany, which at one time supported two hotels, will remain a dry town, according to the decree of the Bradford court which refused to grant the re-application for licenses of Henry L. Middendorf for the Exchange hotel, and Archie A. Cambell for the Hotel Wells. Remonstrances were filed against the places, charging that intoxicants had been sold illegally, and on the ground Judge Fanning refused the licenses.

Government expenses naturally grow with population, and period of prosperity brings larger expenditures than hard times in all corporations. But the expansion in the total of the expenditures of the Federal Government by current appropriation bills does not carry justification for the claim that the Fifty-fifth Congress, which has adjourned is a "Two-billion congress."

Aside from the fact that it is short of \$2,000,000,000 by \$115,000,000, this total is gained by including all the canal appropriations, which are upward of \$50,000,000, and are paid by bonds. It includes a post office bill, which runs for both sessions nearly \$400,000,000 an amount due solely to the expansion of the country the deficiency actually chargeable for revenue being for the two years not over \$30,000,000. It has in addition \$15,000,000 for new service pensions and a river and a harbor bill this year of \$83,000,000 a large number of whose expenditures will not be made during the next fiscal year.

If all these are deducted, the actual appropriation for two sessions is the neighborhood of \$1,400,000,000, and will probably be somewhat less than this.

Government, under the pressure of public opinion, has undertaken a large extent of new work, wages and salaries have risen and public works and the Isthmian Canal are necessities and necessary national expenditures. Taking all these things into consideration, the advance in the expenditures of nearly twenty years since they first reached \$1,000,000,000 is no larger than would be expected, and by no means as large as the advance in personal and State and city public expenditures during the same period.—Press.

The funeral of William Heindel, who was considered to be the heaviest man in Lyeoming county, took place at his home, near Dallastown. The casket and the body weighed 600 pounds, and it was necessary to place rollers under the casket to remove it from the house. A special hearse was required to convey the casket to its resting place, and the grave in which the body was interred was eight feet long, seven feet deep and four feet wide.

Governor Stuart has approved the joint resolution of the State Legislature authorizing the Adjutant General to pay for the transportation of survivors of Pennsylvania Volunteers to Petersburg, Va., to attend the dedication of the monument erected by popular subscription to men of the regiment. This monument was erected through the efforts of the regimental association, which is almost exclusively composed of Schuylkill Countians. It will be dedicated on May 1st.

Notice has been given by the anthracite community of interests to the independent producers that there will be an increase in the prices of coal to the consumers within a short time. The opinion prevails that the advance will come about the 1st of April.

Coal companies contend that the cost of mining has increased greatly in the last ten years, and that at present prices it is impossible for the companies to realize a fair return on their money. In most places, they assert, the coal now lies very deep, and is exceedingly expensive to get at.

The cost to keep the mines free of water is also said to be enormous, while the wear and tear on 10 per cent over what it was a decade ago.

BERNICE ITEMS.

Patrick White who has been working at Wyoming, Pa. returned home on Friday.

C. D. Voorhees of Sonestown was a Mildred visitor on Tuesday.

Dr. J. L. Christian of Lopez was a Mildred visitor on Tuesday.

Mrs. J. P. Murphy returned home from Wilkes Barre hospital Wednesday.

Herbert and Harry Jackson of Ithaca N. Y. was at Bernice attending the funeral of their nephew Henry Jackson.

Henry Jackson the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson died Thursday morning, funeral services was held in the house on Sunday interment in the Presbyterian burial grounds. The Rev. R. K. Bent of the Presbyterian church preached the funeral sermon.

Quite a number of out of town people attended the funeral of Henry Jackson of this place Sunday.

There seems to be some special attractive that takes our popular squire to Lopez every Sunday rain or shine.

J. A. Helsen and H. J. Schaad were Dushore visitors Monday.

Mr. Saxer of Colley was visiting his daughter Mrs. F. F. Schaad of Mildred Friday.

There was a pleasant surprise in store for Barclay Duggan of Mildred on Wednesday evening. When he returned from lodge when the following were awaiting his return home; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Meyers; Mr. and Mrs. George Driscoll; Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Doffenbach; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook; Mrs. and Mrs. James Ramsay; Mrs. Maggie Cook; Mrs. C. B. Watson; Mrs. H. J. Schaad; Robert Watson; Thomas & Frank Ramsay.

We always thought that after a man was elected to fill any office by vote of the people that it was all that was required, but we don't seem the case in the office of township treasurer. When men will get together and try and use their influence to get some other one appointed in his place this might be clean politics if it is we don't want it to be contagious.

HEMLOCK GROVE.

Miss Mazie Phillips entertained a number of her young friends at her home on Friday evening March 8. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing various games, refreshments were served and at a late hour all returned home.

Those present were Misses Ruth Phillips; Ester Phillips; Martha Lawrenson; Clara Phillips; Jessie Phillips; Edna Bay; Ruth Lawrenson Mazie Phillips; Messrs Rush Armes; Paul Swank; Earl Phillips; Howard Armes; Percy Bay; Bruce Phillips; Howard Bay; Tracy Lawrenson; Bonnie Lawrenson; and Joseph Phillips; Edward Phillips; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Phillips all of Hemlock Grove, Miss Edna Taylor of Strawbridge, Miss Cora Buck of Illinois; Mr. Raymond Phillips and Miss Irene Phillips of Hughesville, Mr. M. A. Phillips and Miss Muriel Phillips of Benton.

Albert Myers was a Williamsport visitor Saturday.

Misses Bessie and Anna Fulmer did shopping at Muncy Valley Saturday.

Mr. Raymond and Miss Irene Phillips of Hughesville called at the home of their uncle M. J. Phillips one day last week.

The following were Muncy Valley visitors Saturday; Howard Bay, Geo. Brown; Paul Swank; Thomas Phillips and Harvey Phillips.

Harvy Reece will in the near future move his family near Hughesville where he will be employed on one of A. T. Armstrong's large farms.

The following is a report of the Sheets school for the sixth month ending March 7, 1907. whole number enrolled 15. Those deserving mention for regular attendance are; Claire Richart, Phoebe Worthington, Blanche Worthington, Harry Richart, Samuel Richart, Frank Sheets, Lawrence Worthington and Owen Sheets.

H. Ottis Bay, Teacher.