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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.

**RETTEBURY,**  
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.

## 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

MIXED SUITING.

In all the new dark and evening shades. 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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The capitol contract probers have brought to light some things that demand an explanation, to say the least. For instance, it has been shown that Sanderson & Co., the contractors, charged the State over \$138,000 for cut glass chandelier globes "imported" from Western Pennsylvania, which cost them something over \$29,000. The State also paid over \$59,000 for thermostats devices for registering the degrees of heat in the building. There are supposed to be 752 of them somewhere—at least that number was bought—but thought they are scattered all through the building, in the private corridor, the passage to the elevator, the alcoves, the main entrance outside, and even in the "slop sink," it is impossible to locate them all. As they were specially designed and cost \$79 apiece, the architect should know where he had them placed. The one in the room where the investigation is being carried on is likely to register an unusual degree of heat as the work progresses.

Every man against whom anything is alleged is entitled too, and doubtless will be given chance to explain his action. Perhaps Sanderson & Co. can make it perfectly clear why they charged four times as much for glass as it cost, and possibly Architect Huston can justify the purchase of more thermostats than he could find use for. If so, they have a duty to themselves and to the public in doing it.

A New York woman who has been lecturing in Chicago declares that women wear new clothes that men may make money. She says that "we have new fashions because the dry goods manufacturers want to reap big profits. If you should refuse to wear new clothes for six months there would be a world wide financial panic." Thus the greed of mere men and not the pride of lovely women is at the bottom of all trouble over dressmaking bits.

It has been supposed that women donned new gowns to please the men and make each other jealous, but this New York woman destroys this illusion and makes it plain that if the manufacturers of dress fabrics were not so anxious to get rich quick there would not be so many changes in the styles of frocks and the women would not be ashamed to appear on the street with the same dress twice in one year. Lucky is it for the man who pays the bills that the manufacturers of men's suitings do not follow the example of the manufacturers of women's apparel.

In some of the cities as well as the counties of the contest for delegates to the national convention of 1908 has already begun. The new primary law of this state greatly alters the methods and customs prevailing heretofore. Some of the tactics employed in Congressional district conventions during former years will be known no more, because the voters will have a direct voice as to who they desire to represent their particular party at the gathering which names the man to succeed President Roosevelt.

The new primary law provides that on presidential years the spring primaries are to be held on the second Saturday in April, while on all other years they shall be held on the first Saturday in June, which this year happens to come on the first day of the month.

All the delegates of all the parties to the various national conventions will be chosen on the same day, excepting those elected at large by the State Conventions. It virtually abolishes the district conventions, although it doesn't change the representation, as each Congressional District is entitled to two delegates, same as in former years. Candidates for Congress and members of the Legislature in 1908, as well as all county officers at the same time as the national delegates.

The days now draw nigh when the man of the house will eat his dinner from the third round of the step-ladder and sort his collar from a bonfire in the back yard. If young and inexperienced he will say things and create trouble; but the wise man will keep his counsels with much think-jug and little speech.

## Helsman-Didlake Wedding.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the Helsman House in Mildred, Pa. when Miss Mamie Helsman daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Helsman of Mildred, Pa. and Mr. Henry T. Didlake of Unionville, Va. were united in holy matrimony Wednesday morning March 20, 1907, while the guests were assembling in the parlor and the adjacent corridor awaiting the arrival of the bride and groom. Promptly at 7 o'clock the March began headed by Rev. R. H. Bent followed by the bride and groom accompanied by Miss Lorena Helsman and Mr. Alfred Helsman acting as bridesmaid and groomsmen.

The bride was dressed in a very costly costume made up of white Japanese silk. The traveling dress was made up of Herring bone brown cloth. The groom was attired in a full dress suit of black.

After the ceremony had been performed the guests were ushered to the dining room where they were seated before a very beautiful table of delicacies of which the guests freely partook of and many interesting jokes were exchanged. The dining room had been beautifully decorated for the occasion it being trimmed with pink, green and lemon decorations. The happy couple left on the morning train for an extended trip among the cities of the Eastern Coast.

Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life. The guests present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. William Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Harris Collins; Mrs. Benjamin Helsman and Mr. Paul Hood of Berneice, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Basley, and Miss Gertrude Basley of Sonestown, Pa. Mr. George Morter of Powell, Pa. Miss Jennie Watson of New Albany, Pa.

The churches and social organizations that have been accustomed to make money out of their summer excursions have been notified by the railroad companies that this "rake-off" will no longer be allowed. Here tofore these organizations has arranged to provide so many passengers at so much per head to be hauled to some nearby resort, the organizations selling their tickets at an advance over the price quoted to them by the railroad company and thus realizing a profit on each passenger hauled. Under the new rate law this is known as "rebate" and "discrimination" and is not allowed. Violation is accompanied by a large fine. The railroad companies have agreed to abide by the law and hereafter excursions for private profit will be unknown.

This does not mean, however, that there will be no low rate excursions. It simply means that the passenger an individual will hereafter get the advantage of the full low rate and will not be paying a rebate to the persons arranging the excursions for which purchases a ticket.

The question of whether it is right for a minister to perform a marriage ceremony on the stage of a theatre, assisted by members of a theatrical company has divided the Ministerial Association at Pottsville. Such a marriage was performed at the Academy of Music Friday and a lively discussion over the event will take place at the ministers' meeting this week. The preacher who performed the stage wedding declares that it was no worse at any rate, than the holding of sour kraut suppers and other festivities in the churches represented by the protesting ministers.

Here is a statement by the York Dispatch, followed by a question that demands the thoughtful attention of every Christian congregation: "At a mock wedding in a Chester county church sixteen young ladies were married to sixteen young men. After the ceremony the spectators were permitted to kiss the sixteen young brides for the sum of sixteen cents. Is it not time for the reform wave to strike the church."

The county commissioners of Lehigh county have county tax rate this year at one and eight-tenths mills on the dollar, which is said to be the lowest rate of any county in state.

## Death of George W. Smith.

George Washington Smith an old and respected citizen of this community died Tuesday evening March 19. The cause of death being a complication of diseases for twelve long weeks until death relieved him. Mr. Smith was born in Carlisle January 8, 1840, being 67 years 2 months and 11 days. He was a son of Jacob and Mary Anna Smith. On March 24, 1864 he was married to Emma L. Lisson in the Episcopal church at Muncy. After a short residence at at Hughesville they settled on a farm near EaglesMere where he resided at his death. Mrs. Smith's death having occurred about two years ago. The following children survive: George R., Henry, Edw. L., Mrs. Philip Houseknecht; Mrs. Monroe Bennett; and Walter C. also one brother and five sisters and twenty-one grand children. The four sons and Mr. Houseknecht and Mr. Bennett acted as pall bearers. The services were conducted from the EaglesMere Baptist church by Rev. A. G. A. Buxton P. H. D. who was accompanied by five of the vested choir of Laporte. Interment in the EaglesMere Cemetery.

The first warm days of spring bring with them a desire to get out and enjoy the exhilarating air and sunshine. Children that have been housed up all winter are brought out and you wonder where they all came from. The heavy winter clothing is thrown aside and many shed their flannels. Then a cold wave comes and people say that grip is epidemic. Colds at this season are even more dangerous than in mid-winter, as there is much danger of pneumonia.

The House Committee on Education reported with an affirmative recommendation the bill introduced by Representative Hadgood, which provides a new method for the distribution of the school appropriation. Hereafter one-fourth of the amount is to be distributed on the basis of the number of children between six and sixteen years of age; one-fourth on the number of paid teachers regularly employed, and the remaining one-half upon the basis of the comparative rate of valuation and tax levy.

The bill is designed to favor the districts which assess property at its full value and levy the highest rate of tax. Thirty-one townships levy the maximum tax (13 mills for maintenance) allowed by law and yet cannot keep their schools in operation during the minimum term of seven months.

Two hundred and fifty-nine districts levy a school tax of 13 mills, and 238 other districts levy a tax for school purposes at the rate of ten mills or more. In 1895 the rate of State appropriations per pupil was \$5.14; in 1905 it had sunk to \$4.30 by the increase of school population and the amounts taken out for common schools.

Under the proposed appropriation of thirteen millions the rate per pupil will be \$4.89, or twenty-five cents less than in 1895.

To help the districts which have taxed themselves to the limit, there should, it is contended, be either an increase of the school appropriation to fifteen millions, or a different method of distributing the appropriation. All the districts in the State have been using their State money for school purposes, with the exception of Philadelphia, which has the State school appropriation in the city treasury.

While amusing herself with a bottle last week Hazel, the two year old daughter of John C. Marsey, of Hughesville, without the knowledge of her grandmother, who had her in charge, opened a bottle and drank a portion of carbolic acid which it contained and died before Dr. O. C. Cooner, of Picture Rocks, who was immediately summoned, arrived to administer antidotes. The child had for some time been living with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clark, at Tivoli.

## BERNICE ITEMS.

Dr. J. L. Brennan of Mildred was a Williamsport visitor last week.

C. E. Jackson was a Sayre visitor on Saturday.

Benjamin Hyman was a Wilkes-Barre visitor last week.

James J. Ramsay of Wilkes Barre was visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsay of Mildred.

Miss Josie Brennan of Scranton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McLaughlin of this place.

Clarance McLaughlin of Williamsport is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thos. V. McLaughlin of this place.

Miss Grace Schaad who is attending the high school of Towanda is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schaad of this place.

Mrs. John Schaad of Mildred who has been visiting her son (George of Parson, Pa. returned home on Friday accompanied by her daughter.

James Bennett and James Merdeth of Towanda were business callers at this place Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Conners of Mildred were Lopez visitors Friday.

The Schaad and Randall mine has shut down for some time.

Mrs. F. F. Schaad is under the doctor's care at this writing.

The store of Frank Meyer's was broken into on Thursday evening and over \$65 worth of jewelry was taken. An entrance was gained by removing one of the large window panes. There is no clue to the party.

The voters of this place are grooming L. J. Lowery for sheriff this fall.

Squire Lowery of this place has opened a candy store in connection with his law office he has on hand a good assortment of choice candies cigars and tobacco and fruit in their season. When in need of any thing in this line give him a call.

Fire of an unusual origin completely destroyed the Lopez kindling wood factory Wednesday, and sounded the death knell of that once little lumbering town. Flames, originating from a hot bearing on a gear wheel in one of the drying shed adjacent to the main factory building broke out in fire just before the noon hour and in two hours time the factory and all the outbuildings including drying sheds had been swept away.

The employees made a desperate resistance with fire hose, but there was a high wind blowing at the time and the flames were fanned into an uncontrollable fury. Nothing was left but a quantity of lumber in the rough, the rest having been devoured the flames.

Hon. Moses Shields, Wyoming county's representative in the Legislature, introduced by request a bill a few days ago authorizing county commissioners to purchase bridges.

The legislation provides that in counties where sections or districts are separated by rivers across which toll bridges are operated, the county may purchase them and the State will bear half of the cost. In case the county commissioners can come to terms with the owners, the board of public grounds and buildings, must be notified and furnished with a description of the bridge and the cost. The board is given 20 days in which to approve or disapprove the purchase. The bill also provides machinery for the appointment of viewers in case the commissioners and owners fail to agree.

Fire at Muncy Valley last Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock destroyed furniture in the home of William Reese to the extent of \$200 and the blaze would have consumed the dwelling had it not been for the timely work of the town's fire brigade. The fire is supposed to have started by the careless lighting of matches by one of the children of the family while playing in an upstairs room.

John J. Hoffa of Dushore, died Monday morning, aged, 66 years. He was a lieutenant in the Civil War in which he served four years. He is survived by a wife and several grown children.