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For Ladies' Spring Suits.

The wearing days of spring are just beginning. But the selling days are slipping away. This has been an unusually backward season which compels us to dispose of a number of ladies stylish suits and gowns at a price. They come in Navy, Black, Brown and in the new fancy mix ure striped and checked materials that are so popular this season.

We offer today an exceptional opportunity to procure a thoroughly well made and new up-to-date tailored suit or dressy gown at a remarkable reduction from the regular price, and at a season when there are still months of wearing time ahead. The suits are made with Eaton pony or cutaway coats lined throughout with silk or satin the skirts are cut over the very latest models. At the prices we have marked these suits makes it economy to buy one if only to wear till hot weather begins.

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Death of Ernest Lauer.

The sad news of the death of Ernest V. Lauer of Laporte, youngest son of M. C. and Marie C. Lauer came as a great shock to this community last Saturday morning.

About two weeks ago Mr. Lauer sustained an injury to his knee by an accidental fall upon a saw. The wound was given immediate attention and, although painful, was not considered especially serious. But in spite of every effort to prevent it, blood poisoning developed. For the past week his condition has been most serious and two physicians and a trained nurse have been in constant attendance. Strong hopes were entertained for his recovery until two days before his death, when complications arose too serious for medical skill to combat.

Mr. Lauer was born at Thornhale, January 3, 1877, but his parents removed to Laporte when he was but a few months old. With the exception of a year or two spent in attendance at school at Athens and two years spent in the west, he has lived his entire life at this place.

He was a young man of splendid habits and sterling worth. His generous, unselfish nature endeared him to all and his happy, genial disposition made him a general favorite. Thoughtfulness for others and helpfulness in every situation were marked characteristics of his life. That he should have been called away at the very threshold of what promised to be a highly useful and successful career seems sad to contemplate.

The funeral services were held Tuesday and were conducted by Rev. G. A. Buxton, of St. John's Episcopal church. The services were most impressive and the church was filled with mourning relatives and sorrowing friends. Following the services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in the family lot in Mountain Ash cemetery.

The sympathy of the community goes out in an especial manner to the afflicted family of the deceased who have so recently suffered a double bereavement in the loss of a mother and brother.

Hon. E. W. Samuel Visits Panama.

The Congressional party which left New York on March 6th for Panama, in order to make a thorough inspection of the developments and workings at the great canal in process of construction, arrived home safely Saturday afternoon. The trip was successful from beginning to end, and all of the party landed in New York in the best of spirits. Congressman E. W. Samuel, of this district, was one of the forty-six Members of Congress who constituted the party. His story of the trip is highly interesting.

The Congressmen who were to take the trip, upon the invitation of President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Taft, assembled at Washington on March 5th. Twenty-seven states were represented by the legislators chosen.

On Wednesday afternoon, March 6th, the party set sail for the canal zone on the ship Panama, owned by the Panama Steamship Company, which the United States Government controls sixty-nine seventieths of the stock. The voyage lasted six days and was uneventful, except for the fact that it was very pleasant, good weather prevailed throughout.

On the way the islands of San Salvador, upon which Christopher Columbus first set foot after leaving Spain in 1492, was passed. The members of the party gathered at the rail and saw the island of Cuba and Hayti as the ship sailed on the bosom of the briny deep.

Most of the Congressmen employed the time on the trip in studying the conditions at Panama and familiarizing themselves with the details of the work they were about to inspect.

On Tuesday, March 12th, the port of Colon was sighted, and in a few hours the party landed. The statesmen were met at the dock by the officials of the Panama Commission and the Consul General of Colon, who gave him a royal welcome.

A special train was then taken to

Panama. The railroad is situated directly on the course which will be taken by the canal. No stops were made until the special reached its destination.

Arriving at Panama, the party went to Hotel Trivoli, erected by the United States Government for the lodging of employes and American citizens who are desirous of obtaining the comforts of home while in the land of the stranger. The hotel is a magnificent structure and the Congressmen were much impressed by it.

In the afternoon the party went about the town, purchasing straw hats, negligee shirts and light clothing, that they might not suffer from the torrid weather. In the evening they were visited by several United States people.

On Wednesday the party boarded a special train and were soon at the Culebra Cut. The party inspected the cut and then visited the hospital at Panama. This institution was built by the French and is complete in every particular.

Friday the Congressmen visited Taboca, which will be the entrance to the new canal. The first lock of the canal is there situated. After a short inspection the party entered launches and were taken to Taboca. On this trip the members sailed on the Pacific Ocean, an arm of that great body of water lying between the two towns. At Taboca a sanitarium for the convalescent is located. This was also built by the French, but is now maintained by the United States.

Saturday was spent in the ancient city of Panama, the many attractions affording considerable pleasure to the Congressmen.

On Sunday a special train conveyed the party to the Gatun Dam, where the great canal locks will be built. From that place the party went to Cristobal and inspected the storehouses and shops.

Sunday afternoon the party embarked on the Panama and set sail for the United States. The first two days of the voyage were very rough and many of the Congressmen were stricken with sea sickness. Tuesday the ship arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, and the party spent four hours viewing the ghastly ruins of the recent earthquake.

The rest of the voyage was pleasant and the party arrived in New York City on Saturday afternoon.

Bill to Increase Salaries of State Officials.

Senator Godcharles, of Northumberland, introduced a bill at Harrisburg Wednesday by unanimous consent providing for increase of the salaries of most of the State officials, with the provision that heads of departments could not take advantage of the increase during their present terms. According to this bill the salary of the Governor is increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000 a year. That of his secretary from \$2,500 to \$3,000. Salaries of Insurance Commissioner and the Banking Commissioner are reduced from \$6,000 to \$5,000 each.

Some of the others are increased. Following is the list: Lieutenant Governor, \$5,000; Secretary of the Commonwealth, \$8,000; Attorney General, \$12,000; Auditor General, \$5,000; State Treasurer, \$8,000; Secretary of Internal Affairs, \$5,000; Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$5,000; Adjutant General, \$5,000; Factory Inspector, \$5,000; Chief of Mines Department, \$5,000; Highway Commissioner, \$5,000; Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, \$5,000; Superintendent of Printing, \$3,000; State Librarian, \$3,000; Superintendent of State Police, \$3,000; Fish Commissioners, \$3,000 each; Secretary of Agriculture, \$4,000.

Albert Wigfield a farmer residing near Butler, while cutting fence posts announced that he was going to cut his leg off. Following his statement he placed his leg against a log and with three blows of his axe severed it cleanly between the knee and the ankle. He was taken to the Butler county general hospital in a farm wagon and when asked why he did it he replied "The Lord directed me to."

Ex-Judge Benj. Taylor Dead.

Ex-Judge Robert Taylor, Jr., better known everywhere from Muncy to Dushore as "Ben" Taylor died at his home at Strawbridge Tuesday evening of Brights disease and uremic poisoning. He was aged seventy-five years and six months. The funeral, in charge of the Rev. S. B. Biddack, will be held Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Interment to be made in Mount Zion cemetery.

Judge Taylor suffered a sudden and violent attack of illness last Thursday while returning to his home from Muncy Valley, and though the attention of a physician was secured in a very short time his condition soon became hopeless. Characteristic of the disease he soon became deranged, due to the violent neuralgic pains in the head and he suffered intensely. A trained nurse from Williamsport was secured.

In 1886 he was elected associate judge of Sullivan county, and served five years with honor and distinction.

Besides a large circle of friends, he is survived by his widow, and the following children: Mrs. A. T. Armstrong, of Hughesville; Harry, at home, and Miss Edna, also at home.

Mrs. Jerome Reed Passed Away.

Mrs. Jerome Reed died at her home in Laporte township, Friday, April 12, aged 49 years 8 months and fifteen days. She was a patient sufferer from cancer for the past year and the best of medical skill could not allay the malady. She was a patient in a sanitarium at Rome, N. Y., several weeks last Fall but as no permanent relief could be given she returned home and received local treatment with but little hope for recovery.

She is survived by a husband, one son Roy Reed, and one daughter, Mrs. Benjamin King.

The funeral services were held on Monday from the M. E. church at Nordmont, and were conducted by Rev. T. F. Ripple of Laporte. Interment was made in Cherry Grove cemetery.

An Elk county paper says: In these days, when lumber prices are gilt edge, and each splinter of wood or bucket of sawdust is worth its weight in pennies, Elk county is experiencing some unique revivals in lumbering. No fewer than three jobs of second harvesting on timber land that we originally cut off from 20 to 30 years ago are now in progress, and none of them shows less than \$10,000 clear in sight.

Two years ago the old Divine saw mill, near Rofie, was torn down and moved to Venango county, because its owners believed that all marketable timber had been gathered and cut. But last fall the New York and Pennsylvania company bought up the old tract of land at a very low sum per acre, and people wondered what they were going to do with it. But now a fair sized mill has been rebuilt on the same site occupied by the old Divine mill, the miles of tramway into the mountains have been rebuilt and truck load after truck load of "clean up," shingle bolts and lath bolts is brought to the mill.

Hundreds upon hundreds of saw logs that were in the heyday of lumbering believed to be of insufficient value to bother with, are now being brought to the mill, and as much as \$20 worth of lumber sawn out of part of them. Pine tree stumps from four to seven feet high, round as a dollar and weather-reasoned to the core, are found in the gulleys and swamps where in deep snow or on account of almost inaccessibility the first choppers extravagantly cut them far above the ground. These stumps yield a bounteous crop of the best kind of shingles. Besides, since the abandonment of the tract by the original owners, a second growth of hardwood has grown into trees of from nine to fourteen inches, and these, mostly oak, quarter sawed, are worth from \$75 to \$90 per thousand feet.

BERNICE ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor of Orwell, Pa. were visiting friends at this place last week.

Mrs. Jackson of Sayre is visiting her son C. E. Jackson at this place.

Our popular young man James Mellvay, of this place was calling on friends at Seeman, Pa. last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGee, of Sayre are spending a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ryan of Mildred.

Quite a number of Dushore people attended the entertainment in the St. Francis basement on Friday evening.

The following friends of Miss Josie Brennan of Scranton met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McLaughlin to tender a farewell party on the occasion of her returning home; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. McLaughlin, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Harry McLaughlin, Misses Anna and Katie Donahue; Alice Cunningham; May Early, and May McLaughlin; Messers Charles Jackson, James Mellvay, Dr. J. L. Brennan, Eugene McLaughlin, Leonard Donahue, and Thomas Murray. All reported a good time but Buster who has not forgotten his scare from the woman in black.

John Hoffa of this place visited Miss Welsh of Coveytown on Sunday.

Miss Welsh of Waverly formerly of this place was attending the entertainment held in the basement of the St. Francis church on Friday.

Misses Rummel and Snow of Sayre were at the entertainment Friday evening.

Miss Anna Donahue of Sayre who has been visiting her parents at this place for some time has returned home.

Our popular squire who has been attending sales every night for the past two months has decided it not safe to travel at night as long as the woman in black is around.

Hon. John C. Schand is spending his vacation with his family at Mildred.

A few friends of our popular landlord James J. Connor meet at his home on Saturday evening and spent an enjoyable time. There never was a more social gathering. All enjoyed themselves and none more so than the host, but toward the close there seemed to be a chill strike the merry company but we think it was a case of cold feet.

The following are under Dr. Brennan's care; C. E. Jackson, L. J. Lowrie and Benjamin Hymen.

The following were Dushore visitors last week; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jackson, L. J. Lowrie, Daniel Schoonover, Robert Watson, James Halpen, and Howard Halton.

It is rumored that the wedding bells will soon ring for H. Halton and Miss H. Tubach of Dushore.

Pike county is certainly behind the times when it comes to getting married. According to the records of the clerk of the court there has not been a single marriage in the county this year. The clergy, magistrates and the court clerk are very uneasy about the existing state of affairs and are anxious to ascertain the cause of the trouble. According to a newspaper man, Pike county girls don't like to marry in the cold months but prefer to wait for the balmy days of June when the flowers will be plentiful and cheap. Someone else offers the solution that the boys are all leaving the county to seek work elsewhere, but whatever the cause may be there is nothing done in the marriage line.

The modern woman's aim is to be business like, and her affairs of the heart, such as they are, she conducts on the same principles as she would conduct a public meeting or a charity bazaar. She plays hockey and golf fences and wrestles in order to develop her muscles, and learns judo principally because it is the fashion but also because, as an ethereal debutante remarked the other day, "It's so jolly useful if you want to knock a man down."