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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 mixure 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 Baton 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 comes.

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Will Likely Instruct Legal Proceedings.

Harrisburg, April 20—Civil suits to compel the Pennsylvania Construction company, of which Congressman H. Burd Cassal was treasurer, and John H. Sanderson & Co., to return at least \$3,000,000 of their profits on their capital contracts, are in prospect. Counsel for the capitol investigation commission says that basis for such suits was established by the admission of former State Treasurer Harris that the law of 1895, creating the board of public grounds and buildings, had been violated in awarding these contracts.

This admission, counsel declares, invalidates fully \$2,000,000 of the furnishing and decorating contracts for the \$13,000,000 building, and fully \$1,000,000 can be recovered on the Cassel firms \$2,000,000 metallic furniture contract and \$2,000,000 on the "trimming" contracts of Sanderson. The law of 1895, which Mr. Harris admitted was violated by the board of which he was a member, provides that all contracts let by the board of public grounds and buildings shall specify "the quantities needed for the year and that the quantities given in the lists of schedule shall be the estimated maximum quantity that is likely to be required during the year." It also provides that the board "shall disallow any payment in excess of fair cash prices."

In Mr. Harris' testimony these two admissions on which counsel proposes basing the prospective suits stand out: Virtually at the furnishing contracts awarded by the board of which Mr. Harris was a member violated the act of 1895 in that the quantities required were not specified and that the articles contracted for were not for use in the current year, but for a building not yet constructed. None of the "1,000 per cent. profit" charges of Sanderson and none of the charges by Cassel's firm were reduced to "fair cash prices" by the board.

Counterfeit pennies by the hundred are being circulated throughout this city and street and steam railway conductors are experiencing no end of trouble.

The coppers are of uniform and regular size but are not stamped; in some instances, designs bearing strongly on the standard pennies have been found.

Conductor John Metz, on one of the Pennsylvania accommodation trains, stated that he has been receiving the counterfeits from foreigners at a wholesale rate and like many others is of the opinion that they are being made in this vicinity.

A pile of over three hundred of the imitations were found lying along the Pennsylvania tracks above town yesterday, evidently having been dropped by one of the counterfeiters. Several lead nickles were found near by and from all appearances a counterfeit den is going full blast some where near town.

It will be remembered that several weeks ago, half and quarter dollars, of poor imitation were unearthed in different parts of town but it is thought that owing to their flimsy make-up and chance for detection, the counterfeiters ceased circulation.—Shamokin Dispatch.

The majority of the troopers of Company B, Pennsylvania State Constabulary, are now patrolling the trout streams in Luzerne, Sullivan, Wayne, Lackawanna and Columbia counties. Troopers adopt various tactics in guarding the undersized speckled beauties from being hooked. Some of them guard the streams in full uniform, with carbine in hand, while others dress as tramps and prow around unknown to the fishermen, watching all the fish that are landed. Captain Page and Sergeant Wilhelm are fishing for trout in several of the counties in plain clothes for the purpose of guarding the fingerlings.

Harry Gottshall, aged 19 years, whose home is near Hughesville, is in the Williamsport hospital as the result of having been injured in a runaway Sunday afternoon. His skull is fractured and two pieces of bone were removed in an operation performed Monday. He was thrown out of a vehicle and his head struck a stone.

The people of the United States are the greatest sugar consumers in the world and they are largely dependent upon foreign producers for their supplies, but if Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson is clear in his views as to the future of beet sugar, the sugar producers of this country will soon be able to sell sugar for a price against which the foreign sugar makers will find competition utterly hopeless.

This achievement is foreshadowed by prospective reductions in the cost of production. The cost of planting and thinning the crop has heretofore been heavy, because of the fact that the normal seeds of the sugar beet contain from one to five germs. The seeds must be planted by hand, and when they have germinated the grower must go over the field and laboriously thin out the surplus plants.

To remedy this, the department of agriculture has been patiently developing by the process of selecting a one germ seed that will produce a single stalk, and now has a seed that will do this fifty times out of a hundred. When after further cultivation, the single seed germ, is brought to perfection, Secretary Wilson says the cost of production will be decreased 25 per cent, because the planting and the cultivation can all be done by machinery.

The secretary predicts that with this and other important economic changes the United States will be able to produce sugar for two cents a pound.

This thing of going fishing on the first day of the trout season has become a fad with a large number of anglers. The call of the stream is irresistible, and regardless of the state of the weather the trout hiker to the wilds with as pleasant anticipations as are felt by the woman with a new bonnet on the eve of Easter morn. What the premature trout says to himself when he stands on the banks of the stream and finds two-inch ice on the water and a cold wind blowing through his whiskers would not sound well if repeated by phonograph at a social gathering.—Williamsport News.

The bill now before the state senate providing for the levying of a tax upon all soap clubs or organizations of people doing business with firms outside of the state. If exact statistics were made public, the amount of business done by associations of people with firms from other states would be seen to be surprising. There are numerous clubs that are called soap clubs, which trade not only on soap, but in many other branches of the grocery trade. While the amount of business transacted by any one club is not large, if a tax were to be levied upon it equal to the regular state mercantile tax the payment of the same would undoubtedly prove burdensome and destroy the profits.

According to the state rating all mercantile establishments must pay an annual tax at the rate of \$1 for business not exceeding \$1,000; \$5 for a business not exceeding \$5,000, and so on in the denominations of fives. These clubs would likely all be rated under the minimum class, which would mean a tax of \$1 per year, but with the additional tax of \$2 for every mercantile establishment doing business and their members would be compelled to come back to the local trade with their business.

Harrisburg, April 18.—For the first time since they came together the members of the House held three sessions yesterday, inaugurating a series of evening sessions preparatory to adjournment May 16.

Despite the fact that they had put in a hard day's work, the lawmakers were in good spirits, and made merry last night when passing on second reading the bill increasing the salaries of Representatives and Senators to \$1,500 a year. They are now getting \$750.

Every institution which exists for the purpose of taking in and relieving the suffering and the afflicted, making no discriminations for any reasons whatever and asking no remuneration from the poor and the unfortunate, deserves the assistance of the State, but no other.

The newspapers of Williamsport have agreed unanimously that hereafter they will not print free of charge any cards of thanks or other notice of a similar character which have heretofore been published gratis. This is a step which has been long contemplated and a rigid adherence to the rule adopted by the publishers will relieve the columns of the newspapers of a large amount of matter of no especial interest to the public.

Cards of thanks in the event of the death of a person have gone out of date. People who extend to bereaved relatives such assistance as lies in their power during sickness and after the death of one of the family do not perform this friendly act for the purpose of having public thanks extended to them. The card of thanks is unnecessary and is in bad taste, and if people shall insist upon having these cards printed they should be willing to pay for them.

The fact is that the newspapers have been imposed upon by the public in a manner which would not be submitted to by a merchant or manufacturer. A newspaper is the means by which its owners strive to make a living, just as a merchant depends upon the goods in his store to bring him profit enough to sustain him and his family. It is just as fair to ask the merchant to give some of his goods free to the people as to ask the newspapers to occupy part of their space with free notices and advertisements.

Harrisburg, April 22—Representative Edgar R. Kiess, of Lycoming, is looming up as a candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer. He is popular in the house and has been acting as chairman of the rail-road committee since Thomas V. Cooper, of Delaware, abandoned that position.

Mr. Kiess belongs to the younger element in the legislature that is practically in control of the lower branch. This element also includes Representatives Beidleman, of Dauphin; Mayer, of Lebanon, and Dunsmore of Tioga. Practically no bill gets through that they oppose.

There is a tremendous truth in this gospel of laughter if more of us only knew it. A laugh will do for the health what bottles of medicine never can do. For, after all, cheerfulness is just as contagious as disease. Try growling once into a sunny face, and you simply cannot do it. You cannot discourage a woman who, every time she opens a door, greets you with a pleasant face and expects something pleasant to turn up. Be as furiously mad as you please, or as glum or morose as you like, but let a baby smile at you, and can you help smiling back?

Cigarette dealers and smokers will be interested in a bill which has been reported to the house providing for the infliction of severe penalties upon the person who in any way aids the youths of the state to bring on dry rot of the brain and suspension of the body's growth by smoking cigarettes. The introduction of this measure in the legislature proves that the people of the state are aroused to the danger of cigarette smoking by boys.

If this bill should become a law it would effectually put a stop to the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and cigarette papers and tobacco for cigarettes, and prevent the giving away of cigarette papers and tobacco for the making of cigarettes by boys who have not reached the age of discretion. This law is demanded in the interests of the boys, whose health, mental and physical, is endangered by the use of cigarettes and to bring about a lessening of the number of youths who find their way to insane asylums, almshouses and prisons.

The bird of peace is singing pretty loudly in this country at the present moment. Let us hope its dulcet note will soon win the allegiance of kings and emperors and other rulers across the great waters.

There are 28 prisoners in the Lycoming county jail and Sheriff Riddell states that this number is not unusually large for this time of the year. Last week there were 31 prisoners.

BERNICE ITEMS.

John McLaughlin who has been visiting Scranton friends returned home Monday.

The following Sayre visitors were attending the entertainment on Wednesday; Mr. and Mrs. J. Crawley, Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzharris, John Fitzharris.

Frank Crowley and his brother of Pittston are spending a few days with their parents on Sugar Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of Scranton are visiting the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. John Harney of Mildred.

Mr. Harry Jackson is visiting his brother C. E. Jackson of this place.

Sidney Osler of this place is a Carbondale visitor.

The people of Mildred, Lopez, Dushore and vicinity witnessed one of the best plays that has ever been produced in this county on Monday and Wednesday. The play was entitled Sunshine and Shadows it was held under the auspices of St. Frances church. Rev. J. A. Enright is to be congratulated upon his ability as a dramatist.

A few friends of H. F. McLaughlin met with him on Saturday evening and gave him a surprise. The evening was spent with games of all kinds after which refreshments were served and the party departed each for their own home all reporting an excellent time.

The Mildred Athletic Base Ball Nine will have a dance in the K. of L. Hall April, 30 also at the same time and place the young ladies of the Bernice high school will give a box social. Don't forget the time and place.

James Ramsay has bought out the stock of boots and shoes of John Sick's store and has taken possession of his store where he will conduct the business as Mr. Sick has in years gone by.

Rev. J. A. Enright is visiting friends at Alleghany, N. Y.

Mr. Michael Murray of Dunmore and Miss Mary Cumisky of Mildred, were married at Binghamton, N. Y. last week.

Squire Lowery of Mildred was calling on Lopez friends Sunday and Monday.

Mr. John Regan of Mildred won the baby prize at the fair Wednesday night.

We are glad to state that James J. Connor of Mildred has recovered from an attack of chills, but they seem to be contagious as C. E. Jackson and H. P. McLaughlin is under the Doctors care at the present writing for the same trouble.

The new postal law went into effect March 1st whereby it is permissible to send souvenir postal cards through the mails, containing writing on either side. Hitherto it has been permissible to send cards with writing on the reverse side only. Many of the handsome cards are manufactured in Germany. The law there permit writing on the left hand half of the front of the card, with the right half reserved for the address.

These cards are often very handsome, and the reverse side is entirely occupied by the lithograph. To write on the reverse side of these cards is difficult because of the glazing of the surface, and also because it mars the beauty of the cards. By the new law people will be permitted to write on the front of the cards, in the space reserved for that purpose, as is permitted in foreign countries where they are made. Hitherto extra postage has been charged in cases where people have written on the front of these souvenir post cards. They are now forwarded at the price of one cent each.

The new law does not refer to the ordinary one cent postals issued by the Government, which are without ornamentation of any kind. These cards, of course, have an entirely blank reverse side, for the sole purpose of the communication. No writing will be permitted on the address side of these cards. They bear the words, "This Side For the address only," as they have hitherto.