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We have just opened some Infants' Long Dresses with lots of taste and baby-like beauty in them. Some plain, others with hoes and tucks. Prices start at 25c and up to \$2.75  
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Infants' and Children's Hand Crochet ed Sacques, in plain or white or pink and blue trimmings, 25c to 1.50.  
Baby's and Children's White Mull Caps, at 25c to 75c.  
Infants' Cashmere Bands, 25c and 50c  
Infants' Wool and Cotton Hose in white, pink, blue, tan and fast black extra qualities, for 15c and 25c.

## Ladies' White Dresses.

Ladies' White Lawn and Swiss Dresses in the newest styles. Neatly made and trimmed with embroidery or laces. It doesn't pay to make them when you can buy nice dresses here for \$3.00 to 17.50.

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## CONVENTION

OF SULLIVAN COUNTY SUNDAY  
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION AT OVERTON.

Again that interesting annual event, the Convention of the Sullivan County Sunday School Association so eagerly looked forward to by Sunday School workers throughout the county, is a memory, but it will be one of the most pleasant memories to all those who were there either as officer, delegate, or visitor.

People living in rural districts are noted for their hospitality, but the hospitality of the people of Overton and Forks township is not to be excelled in this county, as on every side were heard remarks commenting on the cordial welcome received not only as a convention but by each individually.

The convention opened Thursday morning with an unusually large enrollment.

While particular mention cannot be made of each address given at the convention, it can be said that each speaker thoroughly understood his subject and knew just how to convey his thoughts to the audience. Of course it would not have been a convention without Mr. Deemer Beidleman, State Field Worker, and Mr. Vernon Hull, president of the County Association. Every one who has heard Mr. Beidleman since he has been engaged in Sunday School work in this county knows something of his fund of knowledge pertaining to the work, also that not a dull moment would be allowed to creep into the convention for where Mr. Beidleman is there is sure to be something doing. He has been doing splendid work in the county. His motto is: Get people into the Sunday School, keep them there from the cradle to the grave; organize the school, make it attractive, get out of the old rut. And last but not least of all he believes in teach, preach and practice giving. Teach the children the joy of giving.

Rev. P. H. Hoover gave an excellent talk on "The Convention Spirit. Whether by his talk Mr. Hoover created this spirit or whether those in attendance brought the Convention Spirit with them, that it was prevalent was manifest long before the closing session.

A most delightful period was spent when Mrs. S. A. Snyder read a paper on "Gettysburg Reminiscence", making the audience forget for the time being that they were in Sullivan county instead of at the great State convention at Gettysburg listening to the splendid addresses which she as a delegate had the privilege to hear.

Then there was Rev. R. H. Bent of Bernice. One cannot listen long to one of Mr. Bent's inspiring talks without feeling that the Holy Spirit is hovering very near, making one long to be lifted to a higher spiritual plane.

One of the pleasantries of the convention was when Mr. Hull called forward James A. Muller, former Field Worker, and introduced him as the honor man of Princeton University of the class 1907. The audience gave Mr. Muller the chatauqua salute.

Mr. Hull, progressive, earnest, enthusiastic, by his untiring work and devotion to the cause made the convention such a complete success. He is rapidly bringing Sullivan county into the front ranks of the State's Sunday Schools.

It was apparent there was one thought in the mind of every speaker, around which all other thoughts centered, that being, Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. Unless Christ dwells in us and we in Him, our Sunday School work will be a failure.

"The Standard of Excellence" as appointed by the State for the Counties was explained by Mr. Beidleman and it is as follows: 1, County organized. 2, Annual Convention held. 3, Complete district organization in the County. 4, Annual convention or institute held in each district. 5, Statistics gathered annually and sent to the State workers. 6, Pledge made to State and paid. 7, County represented at State Convention. 8, Fifty per cent of the schools

having Cradle Rolls. 9, Thirty per cent of them having Home Departments. 10, Twenty per cent of schools having Teachers Training Classes.

Counties attaining all these points are called "Front Line" Counties. Mr. Beidleman stated that Sullivan County fails to have enough Home Department and Teacher Training classes to come up to the Standard, but it is ahead on many points especially on No. 8, being the first county in the State according to the number of schools and population in the amount paid to the State Association Sullivan County voted \$110 to the State this year.

Home Department, Normal work and Cradle Roll, are called "Forward Movements."

Nearly every one who addressed the convention tried to impress upon those present the supreme importance of these departments. Mr. Hull advised that where it is thought schools must close during the winter, the Home Department be at once instituted.

The following officers were elected Pres., Vernon Hull, Hills Grove; Vice Pres., M. R. Black, Forksville; Rec. Sec., Oliver Bender, Dushore; Cor. Sec., Rachel Rogers, Lincoln Falls; Treas., Charles Kilmer, Forksville.

Miss Harriet E. Grimm who has been recording secretary for six years declined re-election. The convention gave her the Chatauqua salute in recognition of her services.

An unusual and sad feature of the convention was a memorial service for former Vice Pres. Rev. B. G. Welsh. A paper prepared by Rev. S. B. Bidlack, was read by Walter Hazen of Sonestown. By vote of convention it was ordered to be published in the county papers and the "Hughesville Mail" and a copy sent to Mrs. Welch.

### MEMORIAL PAPER READ.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Members of the Sullivan County Sabbath School Convention: This is not a common incident in the program of a Convention, when its members pause for a time and enter into the solemn service in memory of the dead. But a good man and a member of this association has fallen. And because of what he contributed to this work and to our Schools, as well as to the lives of countless men and women we are now assembled in the honor of his memory, and desire to express in our feeble way, our appreciation of him and all the Godly work he did.

A little more than Sixty Seven years ago the subject of our paper, Benjamin Welch was born in England, from a noble family of the famous Islands. At five years of age he came with his parents to this country and settled in Philadelphia, Pa. Here Mr. Welch received his training and education. He chose a business career, and graduating in such a course he early began his profession. While a young man he came to Danville, Pa. and secured a position with the Danville Steel plant Company. His hard work, unselfish devotion to the company's interests and consistent life soon made him the leading force of the association.

He enlarged the plant until it became one of the largest steel companies of the country.

In the year of 1878, the Williamsport and North Branch Rail Road then built as far as Halls to Hughesville became involved and went into the hand of receivers. Mr. Welch was appointed as receiver of the road. He came to Hughesville and found a small track with big debts and no capital on which to work. At once he began to interest money men in the line and soon had it re-organized on the working basis. Gradually but steadily he began the extension of the road up the valley.

Soon its locomotives were heard blowing their whistles in Sonestown twenty miles above Hughesville. After a few years he conceived a plan to extend the line on into Binghamton N. Y. Now there lay before him the most difficult proposition yet encountered the big twisted

joins of the Alleghany Mountains but by his persistent will he found men and money and began to climb the mountains. After using every point of the compass and cutting rock and filling ravines, he finished one of the most difficult roads in this section of the country, that from Sonestown to Satterfield.

His next enterprise was Eagles Mere. On the top of the Alleghany Mountains he found Lewis Lake and changed the name to the beautiful Eagles Mere. He then organized the Eagles Mere Land Company and erected cottages to rent. Built a hotel called the Chatauqua Inn, erected an Auditorium and started a Chatauqua Association composed of Literary entertainments and class study. He built another rail road called the Eagles Mere, Narrow Gage. This work started what is now conceded to be the finest summer resort in the Eastern half of America.

His third enterprise was the Eagles Mere Electric Light Company. Down the mountain and through the little town in which I live is a little stream known as the Hunter Lake Outlet. In this stream Mr. Welch saw power that could bless humanity. Finding money and men he built a dam and layed huge pipes for a mile down the steep mountain. At the lower end he erected a turbine wheel and now manufactures electric lights for Eagles Mere, Sonestown, Muncy Valley, Picture Rocks, and Hughesville and many of the homes along the line that runs down the valley.

In his enterprise Mr. Welch has done more for our country, county and Muncy Valley than any other man or companies. His road has increased the land to twice its former value. By his genius he could look into nature and see her hidden powers, and unfold them and make them serve and bless man.

Mr. Welch was a man of religion. He was a local preacher in the church to which he belonged. When he was announced to fill the pulpit men came out to hear him.

He was for many years a delegate to our conference and took a leading part in her legislation.

He was a man of influence in politics, and one time influenced the State Legislature to grant him a charter to build a road from Sunbury to Danville. After forty years this charter was sold to the Bloomsburg and Danville Electric Railroad Co. Mr. Welch was Superintendent for more than five years of the Sonestown Sunday School. He was an active member of this association and appeared before us many times with strong papers and speeches.

The committee misses him. We all miss him, but he has gone to Heaven. He died triumphantly. He longed to go home for more than a year after his illness of last May, God took him. He is now wearing a crown won by much good work for the Lord.

S. B. Bidlack,  
Muncy Valley, Pa.

Nicola, the magician, who is a guest at the forest Inn, Eagles Mere, created a sensation at the lake by doing a wonderful trick under water. He did the well known handcuff trick and other cabinet work and then announced that he would dive into the lake from the high diving board with his hands tightly handcuffed together and loosen the clamps from his wrists. At 5 o'clock he went to the lake and in the presence of nearly a thousand people he did as he announced he would do. He remained under the water just 12 seconds and emerged free. His skill was liberally applauded.

Organization among farmers for mutual protection is becoming more necessary every day and year.

To Boom a Town.  
Help all civic societies that are a benefit to your town.  
Do your share in keeping the streets and sidewalks clean.  
Don't spoil the appearance of your street by neglecting your lawn.  
Patronize the merchants in your own town.

## DEDICATION

SERVICES AT THE EAGLES MERE  
METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Eagles Mere was dedicated Sunday August 11.

A half hour of informal reception was held at 10:00 a. m. At 10:30 Rev. Robert Forbes, Asst. corresponding secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, preached to a large concourse of people.

At half past two o'clock Rev. S. B. Bidlack, a former pastor of the church, and J. Horace McFarland a layman prominently identified with the new church enterprise spoke forcibly and effectively concerning the necessity and power of the church.

At 7:30 p. m. Rev. C. C. McLean M. A., D. D., of Dixon, Ill. preached to a crowded auditorium and lecture room.

The dedicatory services followed. Rev. Robert Forbes, assisted by Rev. Thomas Wilcox D. D. of Williamport, and Rev. W. H. Shaffer of Philadelphia had charge of these services.

Subscriptions and cash amounting to over \$1200 were received at these services. With the amounts that had been previously subscribed the church has a small indebtedness which will soon be liquidated. The Board of Church Extension will make a gift of \$250 to the church.

When fully completed the church will be estimated at \$6000.

The choir of the Methodist church of Picture Rocks had charge of the music during these services. Much favorable comment was heard for the excellent music rendered by the choir.

The following clergymen were present and assisted in these services: Revs. Forbes, Wilcox, McLean, Shaffer, Allen, Bidlack, Ripple.

Hon. Alcan Hooper, ex-mayor of Baltimore, made this church enterprise possible when he offered in the year 1905, \$1000 if \$2000 more was subscribed. Instead of a \$3000 church being built a \$6000 edifice has been erected and practically paid for.

### September Jury List.

#### List of Grand Jurors.

John Wapels, Benjamin Speary, Andrew Rose, Merritt Barnhart, Frank McMahon, James Brislin, John Randall, Edward Henly, Harly Arms, W. Scott, Collins Michael Gilligan, James Brechly, Edward Burk, Hugh Parker, Lloyd Dunham, William McHenry, James Bennett, H. W. Osler, John Green, Reuben Thrasher, Leroy Wentzel, Fred Hoffa, Elias Diltz, Walter Lawerson.

#### List of Petit or Traverse Jurors.

George Adams, Thomas Hunsinger, A Starr, Olen Williams, William Sherwood, Jason Simmons, Lewis Baumgartner, F. W. Peal, Warden Bahr, James Lang, Henry Brown, David Utz, George W. Bigger, Michael Jordan, William Ryan, T. Gibbs, J. A. Vought, Fred Huffman, Daniel Miller, Charles Reinbolt, Edward Farrel, A. L. Johnson, Lincoln Moyer, J. Reese Killgore, Edward Sick, W. C. Prichard, Robert Simmons, J. B. Smith, M. S. Bird, James O'Neil, Cyrus Christman, Peter Fitzgerald, John McCarron, Barney Hunsinger, Frank Corcoran, John Jacoby, John Fry, William O'Neil, George W. Smith, Hartley Chilson, George Whipple, W. H. Rogers, J. Roberts, John Daily, Richard Douglas, Morris Williams, Asa Little, George Chapman.

#### Watch the Grange.

The grange is growing by leaps and bounds in many states. Large classes are being initiated. Let them not be too large or so large as to comprise some members who will be better off than in the grange.

In Kentucky the grange has taken a new lease of life. Five hundred new grange halls have been or soon will be completed in that state.