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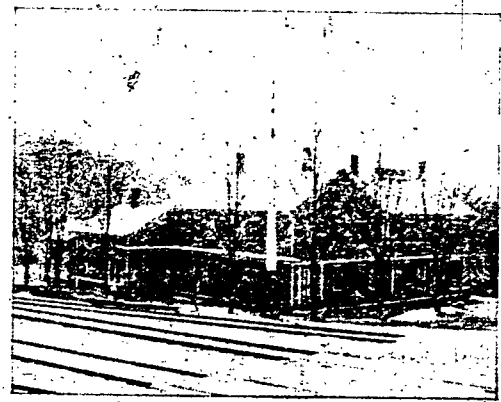
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**HOP BOTTOM** (the postoffice name) or **Poster** (the name of the railroad station,) is one of the most thriving boroughs on the line of the D. L. & W. Railroad. It is about eighteen miles by rail from Montrose and eleven miles direct, via country roads. The village lies in a picturesque valley, on either side of which are high hills, hence the location is not as favorable for village purposes as those of some other towns in the county, as the valley there is narrow and can be reached from the east and west only by passing over hills that are almost mountainous in height, on roads that are difficult to keep in repair; nevertheless, the community has prospered and is at present a distributing point for a considerable area. One of the natural advantages is the water-power of Martin's creek, which is utilized to a fair extent, but could not doubt be still made of the greatest advantage for the location of new enterprises requiring power. In 1863 the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad built a substantial depot building, back as 1852, but after the depot was built, and regular railroad facilities obtained, the general business of the place began to grow, new and substantial business houses and comfortable residences were constructed, and the population was fast increased. Hop Bottom was the original name of the village. After the increase of railroad business the name of the postoffice was changed to Foster, the name of the postoffice also being changed to that title in 1875. In a short time the village and postoffice reclaimed the name of Hop Bottom, but the name of the railroad station has since been continued as Foster.

Mr. E. M. Tiffany is one of the oldest and most prominent citizens of the village. He was engaged in mercantile business there for many years, finally disposing of his store to a young man, John W. Bisbee, who had been a clerk for him from boyhood. Mr. Tiffany, while practically retired from active business, continues his interest in a number of lines in the county, one of which is a director of the Farmers National Bank of Montrose. Mr. Tiffany owns one of the handsomest homes in the county, an illustration of which appears in this edition. It is a mansion that would reflect credit upon any community, and is one of the chief attractions of Hop Bottom.

The Foster House at Hop Bottom is one of the best kept hostelries in Susquehanna county. The rooms are neat and comfortable and Landlord Stone is always "on the job" to see that guests get plenty of everything the markets afford (including pie three times a day) to satisfy the inner man. A neat cafe is attached, and if all the hotel keepers in the county were as particular to strictly keep within the bounds of the license laws, there would be less complaints from the temperance element.

Mr. Stone, besides being an up-to-date hotel man, is a famous butcher and hunter and the office of his hotel is graced with a number of trophies of the rod and gun.

One of the largest and most important mercantile houses in Hop Bottom is kept by E. M. Loomis. He carries a full line of general merchandise, including dry goods, groceries, boots, shoes, hardware, farm implements, etc. Mr. Loomis is very popular with his customers, as an evidence of which his business is constantly increasing.

J. W. Bisbee conducts one of the largest and best general stores in town. His place presents a very neat and attractive appearance, and it is at all times stocked with a dependable line of dry goods, dress goods, boots, shoes, groceries, etc. Mr. Bisbee is one of the brightest and most progressive young business men in the Hop Bottom section. He was for a long time a clerk for Mr. E. M. Tiffany, who he succeeded in the business, and no one is more popular with the purchasing public.

Frank R. Zimmerman conducts at Hop Bottom one of the largest and most important feed and grist mills in the county. It is fitted up with modern appliances and is kept busy to its utmost capacity all the time. Mr. Zimmerman makes a specialty of buckwheat grinding, and all of his feeds are high grade.

Roberts Brothers' grocery and general store is a model of neatness. The Messrs. Roberts are two of the most popular merchants in Hop Bottom and their business is one that reflects credit upon the town. Keeping the best of goods, selling at a close margin of profits and uniformly polite toward all who enter their doors, they have succeeded in building up a very satisfactory trade. Farmers will find in A. Cirello's business of meat, eggs, poultry and anything else that is marketable, at the ruling market prices. He also is an expert shoemaker and repairs ladies' and gentlemen's shoes on short notice and in the best possible manner.

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J. F. Cool

**OUT** of the little band of farmers and burghers who comprised the town of Montrose thirty years ago, there went down into Scranton a Mr. John F. Cool, a young man of twenty-four or twenty-five, who wished to try his fortune in the city, then a much smaller town than the one which now graces the valley of the Lackawanna. After spending some time in the city without finding anything which exactly suited him, he decided that he would like nothing better than to count and inspect lumber, in which a "great deal of skill and training is required." He accordingly took a course at night school. Mr. Cool very soon obtained a position in one of the lumber yards of the city, where he proved himself so capable that he was soon regarded as an expert in his line. For a number of years he continued in this occupation, the lumber demand growing and the business becoming more profitable each year. As a greater number of people flocked from the East to the rich mining centers in spite of the rough mining which he had made, he and his wife, formerly Miss Emma Allen of South Montrose, spoke frequently of the many happy days they had spent in the handsome home of Enoch Cool, at South Montrose, was left vacant by his death, they bought the place, stocked it with hopped cattle and made a number of improvements, then settled down to the kind of life they loved best.

After three or four years calls began to come from the city for him to return to his former position. Although he dearly loved the country life, like every man who has once been taken into the current of swiftly moving events, the continual changes of a city, he found it hard to get out, but he succeeded, and after closing up his affairs at South Montrose and selling his home, he and his wife turned their backs on the farm for the last time.

After his return to Scranton he seemed to like his work better than ever and threw himself with renewed vigor into the business. This was a valuable man and an asset to the yard, and he was made yard manager, and his boss told him that if he wished it, his position would be long.

Mr. Cool, though had put together a small fortune, sufficient to support himself and his wife in comfort during the rest of their natural lives; so, as he was not a man who had worked simply to enjoy themselves when they had time as he and his wife were both of simple tastes, they were satisfied to pause in the struggle for existence, and to rest as old age comes on, enjoying the fruits of their years of labor.

Mr. Cool, however, they have sold their place in West Scranton and are in temporary quarters on the "Hill Section," where they are awaiting the building of their new and beautiful home. Mr. Cool is a man of about fifty-four years of age, but he has always lead a very careful life. He has gone through none of the wear and tear that soon ages a man, and he and his wife have the happy faculty of knowing how to enjoy themselves when they have any time on their hands; so, as he gradually drops the strings which connect him with his business life, he will be better fitted to occupy his time to the best advantage as he and his wife travel down the road toward the sunset of old age.

## POPE & STROUD

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The agency for Delaware, Lackawanna & Western coal in Montrose and vicinity is conducted by Messrs. Pope & Stroud, and they are kept busy nearly all the time, so great is the demand for this coal. As to quality, no anthracite in Pennsylvania is superior to the D. L. & W. coal. It has been tried and has not been found wanting in any respect, hence the output in this section is very large. This celebrated coal is promptly delivered and guaranteed in every respect. When one buys D. L. & W. coal he gets fuel that is mined with care and selected for customers—not for a day but continuous patronage.

This firm has been in business in Montrose about eight years. Mr. E. P. Pope was born in Gibson, Susquehanna county, in 1838 and is therefore one of the oldest business men in Montrose. He lived in Gibson upward of forty years and for a long time was engaged in woolen manufacturing. He served as constable of Gibson township eight years and in 1882 was elected sheriff of the county. That year he came to Montrose. At the close of his term as sheriff he ran the Searle stage and express routes to Alfred and New Milford and when the Del. Lack' & W. built the branch to Montrose Mr. Pope continued as agent for the United States Express Company.

Mr. Ely associates with Mr. Pope as the D. L. & W. coal agents, and they handled the "Lackawanna dusky diamonds" two or three years, when Richard B. Stroud, widely and popularly known as "Dick," took his father's place in the firm and this continues to the present.

Mr. Pope also does general hauling and teaming. He makes a specialty, in that branch of the business, in hauling freight and baggage to and from the railway stations, also moving pianos, safes, and all such work, which he and his men gives most careful attention, and he also conducts a bus line to the depots. He is one of our most public spirited citizens.

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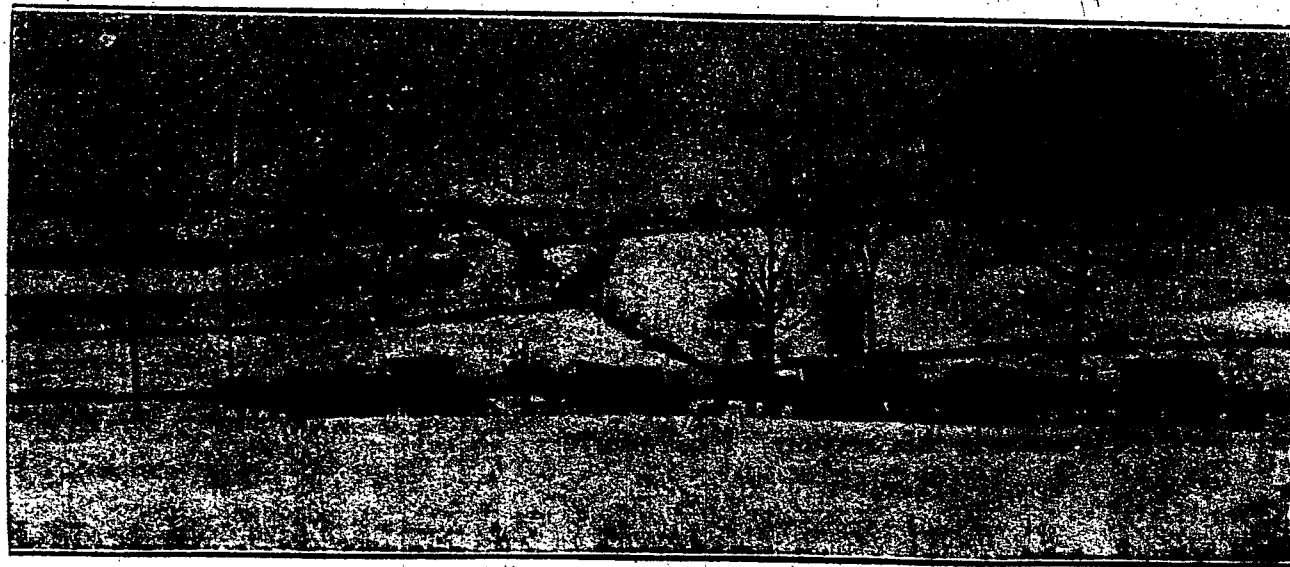
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