

### FRENCH DECORATION FOR DEAN COULTER

It is in Recognition of Agricultural Work He Did in France.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 7.—Dean John Lee Coulter, head of the college of Agriculture, West Virginia University, has received from the French government the decoration of the "Chevalier du Merite Agricole" for his services for Belgian and French agriculture while he was in Europe last spring.

While Dean Coulter was in France with the army overseas educational commission and since he had traveled all over Europe before the outbreak of the war investigating agriculture conditions and was familiar with the condition then existing he was asked by the French ministry to deliver a series of lectures and to serve in an advisory capacity in connection with the rehabilitation of French and Belgian agriculture. This service was without pay.

Before returning home, Dean Coulter was nominated by the French secretary of Agriculture, as the result of the fine work done by him, for the decoration he has just received.

### GEORGETOWN

Jesse Arnet and family moved last Monday from the Reason Stewart house into a company house at Laurel Flat.

Harry Broch and family will move in the near future from the John Cox house in to a company house at Laurel Flat.

John Fortney and family will move to the Knob mines in the near future.

Will Thorne and family of Pharaoh Run moved from the Bakers property a few days ago to the Ann Brockover place.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Barbe are smiling over the arrival of a new daughter born October 23.

Mrs. Lily Ammons is in Fairmont for treatment for her eyes.

Mrs. Tuxie Belen has returned home after spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Michael.

Gilbert Thorne and Miss Kate Snider attended S. S. at Arnettsville Sunday.

D. B. Snider of Fairmont was calling on relatives here a few days.

Earnest Hawkins of Osgood and Miss Elsie Hayhurst of Royal Chapel were married a few days ago at Oakland, Md.

Otis Miller was a business caller at Morgantown one day last week.

Frank Fortney is still visiting his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. William Gantz at Fairmont.

Mrs. Ota Michael and Mrs. Nora

Arnet spent one evening last week calling on Mrs. Hammond.

Miss Lullie Snider was calling on Mrs. Hammond recently.

Karl Arnet sold his property for \$3,000 to the railroad company and the company is building some houses on it.

Mrs. Mabel Rogers and two children spent three weeks with Mrs. Guver Snider.

Mrs. Aaron Henry of Morgantown was visiting Mrs. Gruver Snider recently.

Miss Kate and Archie Snider spent Halloween at Fairmont.

### Evening Chat

**Slang Tag Day.**

One of the High school girls tells me that yesterday was Tag Slang day at the school and that some rather amusing experiences was a result of the same. In the entire four years the pupils were given cards to pin to their coats and dresses and every time a slang word was used, the person who heard it had the privilege of placing a cross on the card. The boys and girls report that there are so many perfectly good slang words and phrases that it was almost impossible to speak at all without uttering something contrary to law. A number of the girls had their cards filled with crosses almost before you could say "Jack Robinson." You can imagine what a lot of fun everybody had. They tell me that even the teachers, including Principal Colebank, had a few marks and that the grown-ups were watched more carefully than anyone else. During a recitation in class, some one would jump up and mark some one's card when necessity arose. When classes were changed the laughter and fun in the halls proved contagiously exhilarating. One girl

would say "Gee, I haven't had a cross yet!" She would promptly be marked with one. Then, would come thoughtlessly "Holy Smoke, I never meant to say that!" One of the other girls would say "Now girls, let's see if our class can get the least marks. Let's cut out all the slang!" And so it went all day long. By late afternoon most of the cards were black with pencil crosses. A report on all cards was made this morning.

**Is All Slang Vulgar?**

Isn't it true that the English language holds no words so comprehensive, so filled with dynamic meaning as the occasional, pertinent slang word or phrase? Just listen to this: "I'm all in." Doesn't it convey just the proper expression of abject weakness we mean it should? "I won't do a thing to you," holds much more of a threat than plain "I'm going to do something to you." There are thousands of them. It's becoming difficult these days to talk plain unvarnished English. Talk would prove unenterprising if never interjected with an occasional unclassical phrase. I'm not in favor of "low-down" slang—but slang of a more refined kind. If one may call it that, —slang which through hard experience has proved itself not only adequate but wonderfully expressive, would be sadly missed in trying circumstances. We may talk of gold-leaf days and sun-kissed flowers, of shadowy pathways and whispering trees; and though days are never made of pure gold, nor does the sun ever come down to kiss a poor little flower and not even once does a tree actually whisper—we love the metaphors, never for an instant forbidding them. Slang to some extent takes the place of metaphors. A figure of speech which is founded on a resemblance, which delicately brings to the imagination a more perfect picture because of its pretty suggestiveness, makes of an ordinary sentence a tiny work of

art. Slang, which is composed of sharp, biting, scintillating words—words which make us a dynamic sentence, hitting a thought straight on the head—can be nothing else but forceful English whether legitimately the King's English or not.

**The Curio Shop.**

I touched two days ago on the humanness of the Odds and Ends sale which is being conducted by the women of Christ Episcopal church this week on Madison street. At the time I missed speaking of something a bit deeper than that. I am hearing from a number of persons that articles have been purchased from this place of unusual value and that are collectors from out of town have found a number of things here which they have taken away to sell for higher prices in another city.

I fell in love with two oil paintings there today—tiny pictures framed in gold which were price-marked \$10 a piece, a price much lower than their actual cost. They gave the plain, bare room an air of splendor, as though scarcely belonging, but touching everything about with golden light nevertheless. One of the church women told me today that many a memento, picture, ornament or piece of cut glass and even a favorite dress or piece of furniture had been donated

to the sale out of genuine love for the new Christ church which is to be built from various profits to be made from time to time, of different nature. I believe there were many in the city who felt that the Odds and Ends at the sale this week were mostly cast-off articles of little intrinsic value. This is not so. Valued possessions as high as \$100 have found place in the sale-room and beloved belongings have been generously donated—for the sake of the little new church to be built. Many things are changing hands daily and every dollar taken in is going for a worthy cause.

Today victrola records are to be sold and many a song and dance will be played in a strange home tomorrow. What a frolic for the music fairies. Last night it was "Forgotten" on Fairmont avenue. Perhaps tomorrow Evan Williams will sing his best on an entirely different street. Not that he'll mind in the least. Though in life he had a rather bad temper, a usual failing of artists; in death he sings still—sweetly, richly, sympathetically—for each and everyone alike.



### PREPARE FOR WINTER NIGHTS

Our showing of Electric and Gas Library Lamps is unusually varied and offers an excellent choice.

Reading lamps of metal or wood, with a number of shade styles in rich coloring effects.

Prices Range from \$3.50 on up to \$35.00

Hall's Hardware

It Was Awful.

"Walter," he called smiling the air suspiciously, "never mind my order now. I can't eat where there's a smell of fresh paint around."

"If you'll just wait a few minutes, sir, replied the waiter, "those ladies will be going." —Mezz Kit.

Italy has 400,000 women textile workers.

Emma R. Steiner is the only woman in the world who has successfully adopted as a profession the direction of opera, handling orchestras composed of men in the estry.

## Farmington Rink

Now Open  
New Shows  
New Floor  
Good Music

## SAVE MONEY ON THESE EXTRA SPECIAL UNDERSELLERS

ON SALE THIS Friday and Saturday at UNDERSELLING HEADQUARTERS

**FAIRMONT UNDERSELLING STORE**  
MAIN ST. OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE FAIRMONT, W.VA.

Girls' Velvet Corduroy Coats, sizes 3 to 6, in several shades, \$5 values for

3.98

Ladies' Silk Dresses, special purchase and sale at

9.98

Made of satin messaline in all the wanted shades; \$15 values.

3.98

for Men's Corduroy Pants, narrow wale, castor shade, in all sizes, \$5.00 values.

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS ON SPECIAL SALE FOR ONLY

15.95

Styles to suit the young and old; large assortment of \$20 values.

The Greatest Blanket Bargain In Town

1.98

per pair for size 60x74 grey blankets, two to a customer.

98c

for ladies' fine white voile waists new styles, \$1.50 values.

5.50

for boys' W. L. Douglas Shoes, in black or tan, present value \$7.50.

# Follow The Crowds To The Great SPIRO'S SALE 107 MAIN ST. FAIRMONT

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SPECIALS AT THE GREAT SALE  
Don't Mind the Crowd--There Will Be Plenty of Polite Salespeople To Wait Upon You



Thousands of satisfied customers will tell you of the wonderful values to be had here. We wish also to state that any article or articles purchased at this sale will be cheerfully exchanged or money refunded if you wish. We are here to stay and after the sale will try to make this one of Fairmont's leading Men's Wear Stores. We are anxious to please you. Now, folks, you can get here.

### MEN'S SUITS

There are too many styles to classify. We want you to slip in and look at the wonderful styles you will find the highest grades of quality including the famous Kuppenheimer's clothes for Men. Suits as low as \$12.50. Come as early as you can, while the selection is good. Remember the early bird catches the worm. Look, folks, what you can buy here. Note the prices:

- 50c Hose ..... 27c
- \$1.00 Silk Hose ..... 43c
- \$1.50 Pure Silk Hose ..... 77c
- \$1.00 Wool and Cashmere Hose ..... 67c
- \$1.00 Silk Neckwear ..... 47c
- \$1.50 Silk Neckwear ..... 67c
- \$2.50 Silk Neckwear ..... 97c
- 25c Arrow Collars ..... 18c
- 35c Men's Caters ..... 23c
- 10c Men's Handkerchiefs ..... 7c
- \$1.00 Men's Belts ..... 43c
- Working Gloves ..... 23c up

We have a wonderful line of Dress Gloves including the famous "Dents" English make Gloves at before the war prices. Kindly call early, they will not last long.

Union Suits for Men, the kind you pay \$3.00 for on sale at ..... \$1.97

As fine a line of Overcoats and Suits as you ever seen, priced below wholesale. The cold wave is here and a few dollars spent for warm, comfortable clothes now will keep the doctor away.

Look for the Big Sales Signs at 107 Main St.

## SPIRO'S SALE

Formerly "Richard Gilkeson's"

### OVERCOATS

\$30.00 Overcoats, out they go for \$14.97. Lots of the new English cut coats. You must see them to appreciate the values. Also don't forget we have some wonderful values in Raincoats. \$27.50 Raincoats for \$14.87. Also fine Cravenette Coats \$15.00 values, for \$6.97. You can also buy Mackinaws here for very little money.

- Men's Heavy Winter Caps ..... 77c
- Fine Spring Needle Ribbed Underwear \$1.27
- \$12.00 Sweaters ..... \$6.87
- Others as low as ..... \$1.97
- \$7.50 Heavy Flannel Outside Shirts for \$4.97
- Others as low as ..... \$1.97

- \$3.00 Dress Shirts, slightly soiled, out they go for ..... 97c
- \$3.50 Shirts ..... \$1.67
- \$4.00 Shirts ..... \$1.97
- \$5.00 Shirts ..... \$2.37
- \$4.00 Hats for ..... \$1.87
- \$5.00 Hats for ..... \$2.37
- \$6.00 to \$10.00 Hats ..... \$3.37
- \$1.50 Caps for ..... 87c
- \$3.50 Caps for ..... \$1.87
- Hundreds and hundreds of men's all wool Pants and fine worsteds will be sold so low you will want to buy two or three pair.

There is only one way to size up this great sale now clamoring for your attention, and that is by actual comparison. We are sure of your business if you will do this