The Somerset Herald.

WEDNESDAY, - - - - December 1873.

TIME TABLES.

SOMERSET & MINERAL POINT RAILROAD.

On, and after Monday, July 7th, 1873, trains will go as follows:

	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Mail East	11:15 a. m.	1:45 p. m.
Mail West	4 p. m.	6:15 p. m.

W. F. ALTFATHER, Gen'rl. Supt.

P. W. & B. R. R.—PASS MINERAL POINT.

Express East	11:36 p. m.
Express West	5:21 a. m.
Mail East	12:02 p. m.
Mail West	4:50 p. m.

The Constitutional Election.—Official Returns.

We give below the official vote on the new Constitution, as received at the State department, in all the counties of the State:

	FOR.	AGN'T
Adams	637	2461
Allegheny	15315	1899
Armstrong	2456	1617
Beaver	307	1189
Bedford	2211	774
Berks	6114	1866
Blair	1782	2248
Bradford	4246	1193
Bucks	4443	2935
Butler	3577	496
Cambria	1972	1813
Cameron	419	30
Carbon	1747	699
Centre	2911	1071
Chester	5630	797
Clarion	2287	945
Clearfield	1428	1222
Clinton	2274	161
Columbia	2306	784
Crawford	5608	841
Cumberland	3350	1654
Dauphin	3139	2296
Delaware	1868	797
Elk	592	229
Erie	6624	742
Fayette	2727	883
Forest	330	18
Franklin	2904	1275
Fulton	993	52
Greene	988	1864
Huntingdon	2468	494
Indiana	1599	3130
Jefferson	1396	812
Juniata	931	639
Lackawanna	8102	4447
Lancaster	20,434	923
Lawrence	1,76	1489
Lebanon	3072	1897
Lehigh	3889	2201
Luzerne	3814	1747
Lycoming	1093	1693
M'Kean	3890	2194
Mercer	1599	376
Mifflin	6354	2030
Montgomery	1640	351
Monroe	1065	164
Northampton	2245	2481
Northumberland	2170	1621
Perry	1491	1016
Philadelphia	49114	24994
Pike	668	63
Potter	549	617
Schuylkill	6156	2620
Snyder	408	2236
Somerset	892	2072
Sullivan	484	197
Susquehanna	2973	3073
Tioga	2561	1910
Union	1599	317
Venango	4716	198
Warren	2487	128
Washington	4626	638
Wayne	1560	257
Westmoreland	4061	2456
Wyoming	1766	125
York	4514	3691
Total vote	253744	108594
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Majority	144150	

A Happy New Year!

DIARIES for 1874 at Benford & Kimmell's.

SCHOOL ROOMS should be well ventilated.

Go to G. W. Benford for your Neckties, Collars &c.

FRANK COWAN'S Christmas Story, at "Our Own Drug Store."

THIS is the last HERALD we will print in 1873.

BRING your clothes of G. W. Benford, he makes a fit.

FOR Quinsey or Epizootic use Morrison & Bro's Liniment.

SCHOOL BOOKS of all kinds for sale at Benford & Kimmell's.

I have tried Morrison & Bro's. Liniment for Epizootic and it cured.

IF you want to buy a Looking-glass, cheap, go to Blymyer's Hardware store.

A square acre is 208 feet 8¾ inches on every side.

BEST Brands of Cigars and Tobacco's kept at "Our Own Drug Store."

WE had a regular old fashioned snow storm on Saturday and Sunday.

NICE assortment of Glass, Queens, and Willow Ware, cheap for cash, at Rhoads Bros.

BRICK! BRICK!! BRICK!!!—250,000 Brick for sale by Samuel Shaffer, Somerset Pa.

G. W. BENFORD keeps constantly on hand a large stock of gents furnishing goods.

PERSONS contemplating building will do well to call at Blymyer's Hardware store and get his prices.

BEST Brands of Flour, fresh ground Buckwheat Flour and Corn Meal at Rhoads Bros.

SEND to W. W. McKaig & Son., Cumberland, Md., for price list of ten different sizes of Heating Stoves.

If you want to see a large and full stock of Hardware, and if you want to buy goods cheap, go to Blymyer's.

THE best Cough Syrup known is made by Morrison & Bro. of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. For sale at all stores, at a price to suit all.

ALWAYS up to the wants of their customers. Fresh Groceries received almost daily at Rhoads Bros.

If you want to see the largest and cheapest assortment of Knives and Forks, go to Blymyer's Hardware Store.

We wish to call the attention of our readers to the sale of horses and colts, advertised by Messrs Yutzy & Scott, of Ursina, in another column.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.—What shall I buy, Candy is soon eaten and will not cure my cough, but a bottle of Morrison & Bro's Cough Syrup will.

PURE Drugs, Chemicals, Dye Stuffs, Patent Medicines, and a full line of goods usually kept by Druggists at Benford & Kimmell's.

THIS is the time of year for Colds, Coughs, Whooping Cough, &c. We know this medicine as good for these diseases as Morrison & Bros. Cough Syrup.

FLOUR, Grain, Feed, and all other goods in our line, at Panic Prices. For cash only. Come and see,

COOK & BEERITS

If you wish to present your boy with a serviceable Christmas present go to Benford's clothing store and buy him a suit of those elegant clothes.

CHRISTMAS passed off pleasantly and without any accidents. Services were held in the different churches, and business was pretty generally suspended.

THAD a horse with a lump on his leg, caused by a kick, and one with a lump as large as a goose egg, caused by the colic. A bottle of Morrison & Bro's. Liniment removed them entirely.

FURS AND SKINS.—The highest cash prices will be paid by me for all kinds of Furs and Skins.

JOSIAH ZIMMERMAN,
Somerset, Pa.

MR G. W. BENFORD has established a clothing store, at his old stand, opposite the Somerset House. He keeps a good supply of clothing, and having bought at "panic prices," he can sell as cheap as the cheapest.

The rates of fare on the P. W. & B. Railroad have been again reduced. The present rates are: from Pittsburg to New York $10, to Philadelphia $7, to Washington City and Baltimore $5.

I have used Morrison & Bro's Cough Syrup in my family for three years, and it has done us more good than any other medicine we ever used. It is sold cheap, these hard times.

ALL kinds of Castings and Wrought Iron work made at McKaig's Foundry and Machine Shop, for twenty-five per cent. less than you have been paying. See advertisement in this paper. d 3-tf.

THE BALTIMORE BUTTER COMMISSION HOUSE.

B. BROOKE, NYCE & Co.

54 South St. Baltimore, Md.

We again offer to our many patrons, the benefit of our services for the sale of their *Butter* Our long experience warrants us in saying, that we command unequaled facilities, for placing it to the best possible advantage, and as we make Butter a speciality, allow nothing else to interfere with its careful handling.

Our reputation for promptness is well established, and from those who have not yet had the benefit of the many advantages we possess, we solicit a trial, and will use all our abilities to give entire satisfaction.

Liberal advances made when desired, and all letters of inquiry promptly and cheerfully replied to.

Respectfully, &c.,
B. BROOKE, NYCE & Co.

Cards can be obtained at the Express office and Railroad Depot.

USE Morrison & Bro's Cough Syrup. It will cure any cough.

MORRISON & BRO. Mt. Pleasant, Pa., keep Pure Drugs, Patent Medicines of all kinds, Perfumery, Soaps, &c., and proprietors of a noble Cough Syrup and Liniment. For sale at the stores.

T. J. PICKING & Co., Proprietors of the Eagle Livery Stable, continue to furnish the public with the best of teams at moderate rates. They keep the best teams in Somerset County.

A FAIR young creature, with a penchant for cards, thus addressed an epistle to her masculine friend: "Come and play youcur with me this evening." And he got mad, and said a "graduate" who had such spells as that was no right bower for him.

A WARNING.—We have heard of persons not a hundred miles from here who might take a hint from the following:

A lad in Worchester, Mass. has been fined $5 and costs amounting to $14.50 for stealing a copy of a daily newspaper from the door of a subscriber. In passing sentence the Judge said it was not the mere market value of the goods stolen that called for severe punishment, but the great annoyance attending such petty pilfering.

EUFAULA, ALA., March 29, 1870.
Messrs J. H. Zeilin & Co., Macon, Ga.:
GENTS: Your Simmons' Liver Regulator has been in use in my family for some time, and I am persuaded that it is a valuable addition to the Medical Sciences.
Respectfully yours,
JNO. GILLSHONTER.

THE Epizootic is coming! last winter I had several horses that had it, I tried a number of different medicines without effecting a cure, then I tried Morrison & Bro's. Liniment, it excells all other medicines. Rub the throat glands and under or between the jaws and let them smell it. I guarantee a relief. I reccommended it to my neighbors and it had the same good effect. S. P.

FOR the benefit of those of our readers who anticipate celebrating their wedding anniversaries, and do not know exactly the order in which they come, we print the list as follows: Three days, sugar; sixty days, vinegar; 1st anniversary, iron; 5th, wooden; 10th, tin; 15th, crystal; 20th, china; 25th, silver; 30th, cotton; 35th, linen; 40th, wooden; 45th, silk; 50th, golden, and 75th diamond.

MANY large and small packages were shipped through the express and post offices to friends and kindred away from home, to serve as memorials of the happy, blessed Christmas time. Truly it is reserved for this festive season, the time honored aniversary of the birth of the Redeemer of the world, to bring home to us the wonderful application and realization of the Scriptural saying, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

A DEER was shot under very peculiar circumstances, near the Beesecker School House, in Jenner township, on the 19th inst. A dog chased the deer some dozen rods past the school house on to the ice of the adjacent creek, two of the school boys followed. The dog caught the deer while on the ice and one of the boys, scarce 15 years old, despatched the deer with a pistol. Queer that a deer should be caught at such a place, and queerer still, that a schoolboy should have a loaded pistol in his possession, but nevertheless the above is an actual fact. SNID.

THE West Chester *Village Record* says: Upon the late property of Ziba Darlington, Birmingham township, Albin Seal, a few days since, found a tortoise marked "Z. D. 1820," which brief legend Ziba recognized as the work of his hand in the days of his youth. Many had he marked thus, but before the hungry children of a neighbor they disappeared—the only cases of eaters of land tortoises of which we ever heard. As a stay-at-home the tortoise is a model; within a hundred yards of the same spot for years and years, was found a tortoise marked by Ziba's father in 1789.

MOUNTAIN CAKE.—To the yolks of six eggs, well beaten, add two cups of white sugar, three-quarters cup butter, one cup sweet milk, three-and-a-half cups flour, having in it one measure of Banner Baking Powder. Whites of two eggs beaten stiff. Bake in jelly cake pans. When cold spread each layer with an icing made with the whites of four eggs, beaten stiff, one pound of powdered sugar and one tablespoonful extract of lemmon.

Each can of the Banner Baking Powder contains a small measure, to be used even full, according to printed directions. If you cannot obtain this really valuable article from your grocer, send twenty-five cents by mail, addressed to Banner Baking Powder, P. O. Lock Box 317, Pittsburgh, Pa., and you will receive, postage paid, a quarter pound package, together with a list of fifty valuable Recipes.

ON Tuesday night, at 10 o'clock, Miss Kate, daughter of one of our well known citizens John M. Holderbaum, was married to Mr. Harry Cromwell of Philladelphia, formerly of Bedford. Over one hundred friends were present and the occasion was one of great merriment. The bride was dressed handsomely, all in white, with a wreath of beautiful orange flowers on her head, and looked quite elegant. Immediately after the ceremony the assembled company were invited to partake of a supper that was most bountiful, after which dancing and the usual festivities were kept up until about three o'clock, when the bridal party, with a host of friends, departed by special train to Mineral Point, from thence after bidding all farewell they took the morning express for Pittsburg.

WE have learned recently that Messrs. Camp & Rose have purchased the farm of Mr. Samuel Bridighan, near Mineral Point, containing about two hundred and thirty acres. We understand that these gentlemen will shortly place a steam saw mill on the premises and will then be prepared to saw to order, White Pine, Yellow Pine, Spruce and Oak, and as their mill will be convenient to Railroads they will be able to fill orders promptly. Both the gentlemen of this firm are enterprising, energetic business men. Mr. Camp has a reputation throughout the county as being one of the most thorough lumbermen in the business.

The sugar orchard in which quite a number of pic-nics were held last summer, by many of our citizens, is on this farm, and we move that hereafter this spot be known as Camp Rose, in honor of one of the gentlemanly proprietors of the farm Mr. E. L. Rose.

ROXBURY, Pa. Dec. 26.

ED. HERALD:—As I have seen nothing about our little village in your paper for some time, I have concluded to give your readers a few items from it. It might not be out of place to state that Roxbury is situated on the Somerset and Bedford pike, ten miles east of Somerset, at the crossing of the Shanksville and Berlin road. Our town has of late been improving rapidly, and had it Railroad facilities would rank second to none.

Michael Krone has improved his hotel and store, and is doing a brisk business.

Wm. Dively, the blacksmith of the place, still follows his trade, and keeps a good business.

Our enterprising tanner, Abraham Musser, has erected a commodious finishing house, and made a number of improvements on his dwelling.

Our enterprising shoemaker, George Brant is kept busy supplying the people of this vicinity with "new understandings."

J. Musser, teacher of the Musser School, gave his scholars a Christmas treat.

The Pleasant Valley Literary Society, meets weekly. I hope it may prove a success.

Roxbury boasts of a new saloon.

Roxbury

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—Instead of buying your children worthless Toys, &c., for Christmas gifts, purchase for them some thing both useful and ornamental. Messrs Snyder and Uhl, have a large assortment of fine boots and shoes, that are beautiful as well as serviceable. Call and buy a pair for each of your children.

OUR Carrier requests us to say that he will make his best bow and deliver his annual address on New Year's morning. He hopes that you will be well supplied with the "ever needful," and will favor him with a quarter. It is certainly worth five cents more per year to have your paper delivered at your door than at the Post Office.

MRS. MORGAN informs us that for the first time this season, he has filled all his orders and will hereafter, during the winter, be prepared to furnish all kinds of Woolen Goods as soon as ordered.

Send on your orders if you want goods that will give satisfaction.

THE year 1874 will have its events both public and private. It is very often of use as well as of interest, to keep a diary and record of what transpires, as by not noting time and dates in this convenient manner business is forgotten and neglected. To record events regularly and systematically, every day in the year forms a useful habit, and is mental training fully worth all it costs.

ANY person being unable to procure Morrison & Bro's medicine, from their druggist, can be supplied by sending to the Proprietors at Mt Pleasant Pa. 25 cts. a bottle or 5 for $1 is the price of either Syrup or Liniment. It can be sent by express to any place. It has been sent to old Kentucky State.

THE basement of the new M. E. Church at Dale City, will be dedicated on Sunday, January 4th 1874 at 10½ o'clock A. M. Rev. R. L. Beacon and other eminent ministers will be present. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

S. W. DAVIS,
Pastor.

A SAFE ADVERTISING AGENCY.—Having done a good deal of advertising business with Messrs J. Weaver & Co. Pittsburgh, we most heartily recommend them to our readers as a prompt and reliable business house. They have every facility offered by the largest Eastern establishments having made complete arrangements at all the chief publishing centers. As regards the country press of Western Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio, they can *do better* than any other house, and offer some very strong inducements. Advertising agencies have become necessities of the times. They can do for you cheaper than you can do for yourself, and at far less trouble and delay. If, therefore, you wish to try country or general advertising, give Messrs Weaver & Co., a trial, and our word for it, you will be satisfied.—*Peoples Monthly.*

MESSRS OSGOOD & Co., of Boston have sold the *Atlantic Monthly* to Messrs H. O. Houghten & Co. It may appear impossible, but it is nevertheless true, that the new publishers have greatly improved its tone. If we may judge from the Prospectus of the magazine as indicating their purpose to keep it equal to its old reputation, and to the present number as one of the most attractive yet issued. The important article by Professor Agassiz against the Darwinian Theory contains the results of the studies of a long life, and presents the eminent author's most matured convictions. Whittier, Holmes and Bayard Taylor are the poets of the number. Mr. Aldrich, whose story of "Marjorie Daw" took the edge off the panic, begins a Serial Story. "Prudence Palfrey." Mr. Charles Dudley Warner starts for Baddeck, and rambles on the way thither. Fox Hunting in England is vividly described by Colonel Waring; and a story of the Southwest is begun by Rev. Mr. Baker, the author of "The New Timothy." A substantial paper by David A. Wells on Local Taxation, and a curious account of the Dollar Symbol, serve to render the magazine well balanced.

REPORT of the Ursina School for the months ending November the 18th, and December 23d, 1873.

Whole number in attendance during first month,—Males 47; Females 41; total 88.

Average attendance during first month,—Males 35; Female 31; total 67.

Percent of attendance during first month,——Males 77; Females 76; total 76.

Present every day, Charlie Harah, Charlie Kersten, Harry Davis, Charlie Smith, Elmer Jennings, Gustavus Kersten, Laura Davis, Emma Lewis, Lizzie Kersten, Jennie VanSickel, Lizzie Yutzy, Fannie Baer, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Keim and Lucretia Davis, 15.

Whole number in attendance during second months,—Males 46; Females 46; total 92.

Average attendance during second month,—Males 35; Females 34; total 69.

Percent of attendance during second month,—Males 76; Females 75; total 75.

Present every day, John Harah, John King, George Anderson, Gustavus Kersten, Ellsworth VanSickel, Charles Kersten, Elmer Jennings, Luther Honce, Charlie Smith, John Davis, Herman Meyers, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Yutzy, Lizzie Kersten, Lizzie Keim, Laura Davis, Lucretia Davis, Amanda Nicola, Ellie Berger, Jessie King, Sadie Grice, Ida Lichliter and Emma Lewis, 23.

Present every day during term till date, Gustavus Kersten, Charles Kersten, Elmer Jennings, Charlie Smith, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Yutzy, Lizzie Kersten, Lizzie Keim and Laura Davis, 9.

The following are the names of those who have made the greatest progress in their classes.

Spelling—Thomas Anderson, Bertie Jenkins, Wm. Maust, Ellsworth VanSickel, Asa Wirsing, Jessie King, Lizzie Keim, Emma Lewis and Ettie Berger.

Reading—Ellsworth VanSickel, Harry Lewis, George Anderson, Hattie Stutzman, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Kersten, Kate Davis, Jessie King and Maggie Lewis.

Writing—Gustavus Kersten, Maggie McDermitt, Lizzie Yutzy and Lizzie Kersten.

Arithmetic—Elmer Yutzy, John Harah, Ellsworth VanSickel, George Anderson, Wm. Nedrow, Wm. Robinson, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Yutzy, Lizzie Kersten and Ella Zimmerman.

Geography—Gustavus Kersten, Ellsworth VanSickel, George Anderson, and Maggie McDermitt.

Grammar—John Harah, Harry Lewis, Gustavus Kersten, Hattie Stutzman, Mollie Benford, Lizzie Yutzy and Lizzie Kersten.

History.—Mollie Benford.

Our visitors, so far, have been very scarce. Parents, do not forget to visit your school frequently, it will cheer the teacher and inspire your children to be more industrious; it will show that you take an interest in their education. To-day your children are forming the character of the lazy dreamer or thinker. To-day their minds are being shaped for imbecility, or gaining that manly prowess, which will enable them to delve with success amid the sublime wonders of the "rock-ribbed earth." Would you have them live while the mouldering monument is crumbling into dust; would you have them lay their intellectual foundation broad and deep; and that will out last the granite rock. Send them to school every day where they will think something, and do something.

The scholars are all making good progress; bestowing to our extremely handy roads and streets, many of which are still without pavements, the children could not attend as regular as they would have had their row been better.

I. J. Miller,
Jennie Lewis,
Teachers.

Masonic Banquet.

Somerset Lodge No 338 A. Y. M. held a special meeting on Saturday night last, "St. John's night," for the installation of officers elect, viz: W. M. A. J. Colborne; Sen. W. Chas. F Uhl; Jun. W. Geo. W. Kimmel; Sec. L. C. Colborn; Treas. Geo. W. Benford; After the installation, the members of the lodge repaired to the Hill House, where a sumptuous repast had been prepared. Some eighty members of the fraternity partook of a supper, so elegantly gotten up, that the host and hostess were complimented on all sides. Everything passed off quietly, and at 12 o'clock M. a special train conveyed the members from the southern portion of the county to Mineral Point.

Ursina Items.

OUR town is a little dull at present. Items are as scarce as henteeth—but greenbacks are scarcer.

We learn that Rev. M. D. Lichliter, is holding a protracted meeting at Draketown; quite a revival is reported. We hope that the city will be saved from the awful calamity that befell old Sodom and Gomorrah.

Our large store building, which was spoken of some time ago, has at last made its appearance; it indeed, makes quite a show. We believe the first floor will consist of store room, tailor shop, shoemaker shop &c., the second will, no doubt, be finished for a hall of some kind.

Passing the "Sycamore Hotel," now converted into a dwelling house, a few days since, we were sorry to see that the old Sycamore had yielded up the ghost. The storms are prostrating its branches to the earth—soon it will disappear from our sight. This old familiar tree, whose glory and renown are spread over land and sea, is passing away; No more will its long, waving branches shelter us from the noon-days scorching sun; no longer will its great arms, spreading far and wide, rock the little bird while singing its sweet songs; no more will it support the drunkard from falling into the ditch—whiskey, no doubt, was the cause its death. Beware drunkard that it does not kill you.

TOM CROW.

Christmas at Centerville.

GEMINARA, Dec. 25th, 1873.

MR EDITOR: As it is not often the you hear from us, we wish to report to you the interest manifested by the members of the Reformed Church of Centerville and vicinity this year in the Christmas festival held in their church. Never before had Christmas been celebrated here as it was this year. About three months before Christmas, the pastor of the Reformed Church, proposed to the Sunday School Scholars, that if they would from that time on save their pennies for the orphans, then the officers and teachers of the school and members of the church, would get up a Christmas tree for them, and give them a treat. The children with one voice consented; the following conditions were also agreed to. The schollar under eight years of age that had the highest sum of money for the orphans; the one under ten and over eight; the one under fifteen and over twelve; these four should have honorable mention in the papers.

When Christmas was near at hand, the young people went to the woods and brought in pine, laurel and moss; wreaths were made, letters were covered, arches and festoonings put up, and speeches committed by several of the boys. On Christmas evening the church looked beautiful, the pulpit was nicely decorated with strips of paper covered with laurel leaves, around the chancel were put up a number of arches covered with spruce, and from side to side beneath the arches were mottoes cut of pasteboard and covered with tissue paper, with the light shining through them, the motto "Glory be to God," first confronted you as you entered the church and seemed to be cut out of golden letters. Other mottoes of different colored paper and some covered with evergreens helped to beautify the beautiful little church. To the left of the chancel was a spruce tree tastefully trimmed with various ornaments and gifts for the children. The tree was set in the center of a circular yard; this yard was surrounded by an elegant fence; there were many things here to interest and instruct, a fount, ain with a number of fish sporting around in it, the town of Bethlehem, the virgin with the child in her arms, the sheep and the shepherds with angels hovering around them, the jewish house illuminated, these and many other things were to be seen in the yard.

The services of the evening were interesting and appropriate. The following is the order of the exercises: Hymn, "Silent night, Holy night," referring to the night on which the Saviour was born. A suitable passage of scripture was then read, followed by prayer, the school joining in the repetition of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed: Hymn, "Hark what mean those holy voices." Then an address by one of the scholars, Elmer E. Weller, subject, "The true way of celebrating Christmas." Song, "Merry Bells," an address by Jacob Miller, explaining the festival; Song, "Christmas Carol," then the roll was called and the children brought their offerings in sealed envelopes; next an orphan's speech by Milton Phillippi. The boys did very well, every one praised them. The church was then darkened. Directly in the arch of one of the east windows was seen a beautiful large star around which hung a number of smaller stars, the motto surrounding it was, "Star in the East." This star was made by Josiah Phillippi and was considered one of the most beautiful things of the evening. While the church was yet dark, the school sang a hymn referring to the star of the East; the tree was then lighted up, and the children came forward and sang "gather around the Christmas tree," its fruits are spread for you and me." An opportunity was then given for all to come forward and look at the tree. A collection was then taken up, by the boys who had made, the speeches, for the benefit of the Orphans. While the collection was being taken up the choir sang "Gloria in Excelsis." The children were called forward and received their gifts. The larger ones afterwards received some gifts, among them our worthy pastor, Rev. J. E. Truxal, whom's not forgotten. He could not help but smile, when a purse with ten dollars in silver pieces, presented by the ladies, with other presents were handed him.

We wish to say a word of Josiah Phillippi. In a corner he had a little tree with a hornets nest on it. The tree was trimmed very nicely. It was a beauty. His squirrel, rabit, fish, railroad, girl and boy see-saw-ing, and many other curiosities drew the attention of all.

The children's offering for the Orphans amounted to $24,05; this together with the collection taken up, makes about $33 for the poor. Well done. The scholars according to the agreed conditions, worthy of special mention are: John Grant Walter, age, 5 years; Ellen S. Hay, age, 9 years; John Hay, age, 10 years; Milton Philippi, age, 12 years.

The exercises were closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

SPECTATOR.

MINERAL POINT, Dec. 29, '73.

EDITORS HERALD: The undersigned was much surprised to find in your issue of Dec. 17th an article written at Casselman, and signed "A Subscriber," casting out sure and reproach on the Postmaster at this place. This felonious writer insinuatingly says: "we wish that he (the P. M.) would not throw the HERALD to one side in order to get it out of the way of the smaller packages of papers and letters, and then forget to change them on Tuesday evening we are told, and next day it is again forgotten, and so on until it is found in the way of some other mail matter, which generally occurs on Friday and sometimes even at the eleventh hour on Saturday." This empty bluster and bad grammar, dictated from malice, and full of misrepresentations was designed as a personal injury to the P. M. here; but the writer has failed in his purpose, as the fault of the irregularity in the transmission of the county papers is not found at this office.

The HERALD generally comes here Wednesday. The noon train from Somerset brings the paper sth and eastward, and those for Gebharts, Glade, New Lexington, and Kingwood, the evening train of the same day bringing the papers going westward. But during the last six weeks they have come irregularly, sometimes on Thursday and even as late as Friday at noon. Under these circumstances "A Subscriber" and others are served late in the week with their papers, and for these reasons it was quite inopportune to exhibit the folly, misapprehension, and ignorance that mark the communication from Casselman, so far as it moved or touched either in person or interest the P. M. at Mineral Point.

Y. D. M.

BENFORD & KIMMELL have a nice lot of Perfumery, very handsomely put up, for Christmas.

Positive Notice.

Over two years have passed since the stores of Weyand & Platt were closed out. Yet hundreds of accounts, over two years old, are unsettled, and thousands of dollars unpaid. This must no longer be. These small accounts added together make a large sum, which we greatly need. The accounts must be settled at once, either by cash, note or judgment. Those indebted will oblige us by attending to this at once, before costs are added.

Somerset, Penna., December 31, 1873.
Weyand & Platt.

HOO BACK, Dec. 25th.

MY DEAR FRIEND: Again I lift my gentle goose quill to hold a pleasant tete-a tete with you.

The time has come! Now, I make my first appearance in the presence of all the great worthies of our Republic, and of all the sparkling high born beauties, Miss Nellie chief among them. Now my prodigious faculties are brought to the task, my hands wave gracefully, my ideas gush forth in their well-trained musical tones. His Excellency, the President, and those very distinguished gentlemen, whom the people vote into periodic settings, all stare at me. A bland smile of approval illuminates every countenance; sounds of praise greet my ears from every corner. Ah! those beautiful eyes, beaming their floods of admiration and tenderness, they place a crowning cap-sheaf on all my triumphs. Magnificent girl, there she stands in all the splendor of a tall dress, her charming eyes bent on me, I approach, our hands clasp as if we were old friends, we talk of poetry and lore. What bewitching music? What a shaking of feet; My spring soled boots quiver, I find myself born away, *sotto voice* on the light fantastic toe, around and around we whirl she and I, my happiness is now complete. Oh if there be a heaven on earth it is this, it is this. Our footsteps slacken pace, the weary dancers sink into their seats, my partner among them. Where am I? On my knees I fall, my eyes close musingly, my thoughts turn inward, again I press those velvet fingers, my heart's emotions concentrate to a point and leak out of the corner of my mouth in an audible tone; Queen of my beating heart will you be mine? She shrieks, my eyes open to see a woman swoon. Murder! who struck me? Over my prostrate form, a fierce looking man is bending, with uplifted cane, begone! he cries, that lady is my wife. I have been kneeling to a strange woman, there stands my girl a short distance from me giggling. I struggle to rise but cannot, help! help! A heavy hand is laid upon my arm, Cicero! Cicero! I start, and struggle and look up. Whose familiar voice do I hear? Aunt Debby stands by me exclaiming, Bless you! you have been asleep and dreaming something bad I guess. But you did yell I thought you had a fit. Now I am awake yet so nervous am I, that I can scarcely write. I will address you to the full extent of your name, Adam M. Simplicity Honey Thunder, its a whole mouth full is it it, take notice that your friend has given up his visit to Washington for the present being fully convinced that the winding up incident in his vision is prophetic. Just think of it, Adam. A well meaning gentleman like myself popping the question to a married lady; I shudder at the thought of it; after all my trouble I must stay at home, I had my trunk packed with pinafores, toothpicks, and all; Aunt Debby made me a set of the former, out of Uncle Josh's linen duster. A beautiful flag graces the center of each, embroidered by her own hands, with some bright colored bits of yarn left from her new carpet. I am much pleased with the new toothpick, after using the one part of it I take the other, and with it apply finely powdered silver sand moistened with soft soap to my teeth, it works like a charm! O, how they glistened! I still have my eye on that other place but I'm not going there for a wife—I believe there are as good girls in the home market as elsewhere, I am bound to marry soon and settle down. Were you not a little severe on me in your last regarding my elocutionary exercises, other great men have done the same; where did Demosthenes go for the purpose but to the woods and caves with the whole hair side of his mouth paved with pebbles to balance his top-sided tongue? You had better, consult History, Adam, before you criticise your superiors, you will have to go to school awhile before you can write like my cousin Bobolink and I, we are destined to have our names enrolled in the annals of fame. Just read his wonderful production in the HERALD you will find it rare, as it is admirable—winding up with a glimpse of humor truly praiseworthy. In conclusion, be assured of my tender emotions. Write soon I will subscribe my full name.

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ANKENY—STEEL.—On the 23rd inst., by Rev. H. F. Keener. Mr. Wm. M. Ankeny to Miss Sarah L. Steele, both of this county.

REIBER—DEAL—On the 18th of Dec. 1873, at Deal's Mills, by Rev. W. E. Crebs, Mr. Wm. H. Reiber to Miss Lousia Deal, both of Somerset county, Pa.

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" upper "	70c
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