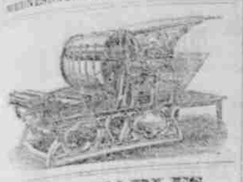
The Somerset Herald.

WEDNESDAY.....January 7, 1880.



TIME TABLES.

BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

On and after Dec. 14th, 1879, trains on this road will leave and arrive at depot, corner of Grant and Water Streets, as follows:

EAST. MAIL.	EAST. MAIL.	WEST.	WEST. MAIL.
		Leave:	
		New York	8.30 p. m.
		Philadelphia	12.10 m.
		Baltimore	7.10 "
		Richmond	10.10 p. m.
		Washington	8.35 a. m.
		Cumberland	2.50 p. m.
		Martinsburg	4.37 "
		Ohio Tyle	9.05 "
		Connellsville	9.55 "
		Connellsville Junction	10.25 "
		Mt. Pleasant	7.10 "
		Connellsville	7.55 "
		Somerset Junction	8.30 "
		Meyersdale	9.02 "
		Rockwood	9.35 "
		Tunnel	9.45 "
		Arrive:	
		Pittsburgh	12.30 a. m.

Altitude (as published by Baltimore Time) 11 minutes below Pittsburgh time.

The Express train leaves Pittsburgh at 9.35 P. M., arriving at Connellsville 11.01 P. M., Mineral Point 11.30 P. M. In return the Express leaves Connellsville at 3.20 A. M., arriving at Mineral Point at 3.50 A. M., Pittsburgh 5.15 A. M.

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Through Mail trains daily.

Express trains daily except Sunday.

Information, trains and Fayette Express (except Sunday).

Office corner Fifth Avenue and Smithfield, Pittsburgh; corner Grant and Water Streets, Connellsville.

E. H. MYNDERSE, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
L. S. HYNDMAN, Supt., Connellsville.

P. W. & B. R. R.—PAN MINERAL POINT.

SOMERSET & CAMBRIA RAILROAD.

On and after Monday, Nov. 17, 1879, trains will run as follows, connecting with Mail trains on P. W. & B. R. R. (except Sundays).

LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
10.30 a. m.	12.45 p. m.
2.50 p. m.	4.20 p. m.

Connect with Local West.

Local connects with Express East.

For further information see Time Table, to take effect Monday, January 5, 1880, and conditions in force during the Summer.

Somerset every Saturday at 8.30 a. m. with the Mountain Express to Pittsburgh at 4.45 P. M., and on Monday at 8.30 A. M. with Local West, returning to Somerset at 5.45 P. M.

W. H. SANNER,
Superintendent.

J. PETIT,
Agent at Pan Mineral Point.

Leave Somerset	12.10 p. m.
Arrive at Pan Mineral Point	1.05 "
Leave " "	1.05 "
Arrive at Somerset	1.55 "

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.—The Republicans of Pennsylvania are requested to send delegates, appointed according to their representation in the Legislature, to a Convention, to meet at Harrisburg, at 12 M., on the 4th day of February next, to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention, to nominate Presidential Electors, to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, and a candidate for Auditor General; and to transact such other business as may be brought before them.

By order of

F. C. HOOTON,
Chairman State Committee.

SAMUEL F. BARR, }
C. L. MAGEE, } Secretaries.

West Chester, Pa., Jan. 1, 1880.

REPUBLICAN MEETING.—The annual business meeting of the Republican party of Somerset county will be held in the Court House, Somerset, on Tuesday, January 27th, 1880, at 7 p. m. A full turnout is confidently expected.

JOSIAH KELLER, Chairman.

ED B. SCULL, Secretary.

Splendid sleighing all last week—at Erie.

Our subscription list is increasing right along, and we can't help it.

All the lads and lassies are pining for good skating exercise in the open air.

We are again compelled to hold over a number of interesting communications.

The saloon keepers' tills will indicate the amount of swearing off that has been done.

There will be a two weeks' term of Court, commencing on the 26th of this month.

We neglected last week to return our sincere thanks to Mrs. A. J. Schell, for a basket of elegant cakes sent us.

A union prayer-meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, each evening, during the present week of prayer.

A few days ago John P. Rhoads, of Soydersville, killed a Berkshire hog, nineteen months old, that weighed 547 pounds.

This is Leap Year. Now, girls, you have another chance to leap into some fellow's arms without waiting to be asked.

The Pittsburgh *Daily Dispatch* is in a measure one of the necessaries of life in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia.

M. R. S. Scull left for Philadelphia Saturday, to attend the West Philadelphia Academy, under the principalship of Prof. P. W. Hastings.

The first almanac was printed in 1460, and the issue for 1880 contains the same fresh and sparkling jokes that appeared in the first number.

There is double trouble this time as two figures will have to be scratched out when it is forgotten that the old year has been supplanted by a new one.

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New Year's Day was one of the most pleasant winter days we have ever had. Bright, clear and warm, it was too delightful for this season of the year. Business was only partially suspended, and a good many store and office doors remained open. There were no games or sports about town, no drunken men that we observed, and the day passed off very quietly indeed. The carrier boys were around with their annual greetings, and received quite liberal donations from subscribers, to whom they return their most sincere thanks. In the afternoon there were family reunions and turkey dinners. Later in the day the young gentlemen were out calling on their lady friends, and the streets were thronged with people. In the evening a dozen or more Somerset ladies and gentlemen attended a phantom party at the residence of H. L. Baer, Esq., and as many more a social gathering at the residence of Mr. Curtis Kooser.

The entertainment given by Mr. Arthur Love and his most estimable lady, in the Court House, Monday evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather was, but slimly attended. Those who were present can't say enough in praise of these young and brilliant entertainers. They are both finished musicians; their character delineations are wonderful, their acting faultless, their sketches original, their local hits good and their songs immense. They were earnestly solicited by a number of those present to give another performance this evening, but owing to other engagements they were unable to comply with the request; they however, agreed to return next week and will give another of their inimitable entertainments on Tuesday evening, the 13th inst., when, judging from the enthusiastic manner those present last night speak of the performance, we have no doubt they will be greeted by a crowded house. To hear Mrs. Love sing "Robin Adair" is, of itself, more than worth the price of admission.

While a hearty welcome will be tendered the New Year, upon its advent into the world, the ladies of marriageable age, and people who were born on the 29th day of February will have reason to rejoice in a particular manner. It will be a Leap Year, and according to time-honored usage, which extends back to a period whereof the memory of man runs not to the contrary, there are rights accorded the fair sex which are denied them during three out of every four years. Their prerogative consists in arranging for balls, excursions, etc., and inviting their male company, and they are also authorized to pop the question to the man upon whom their affections have been lavished, but who is tardy about making the momentous announcement for himself. Just imagine, young man, how bashful you will be when the lady upon whom you are "mashed" will call at your home some evening before long, and ask you to be hers for life, or until a divorce court separates you from her. The cold chills will run up and down your spinal column, but the whispered affirmative answer will come all the same. Young men and women who came into the world on the odd February day can compress four anniversaries into the one, and just abandon themselves to the most solid good time possible.

HAPPY NUPTIALS.—On Tuesday evening last an event occurred at the Lutheran church, this place, of a most happy nature. We allude to the marriage of John S. Shaffer, an attaché of this office, to Miss Laura Picking, youngest daughter of Mr. Barnet Picking. At precisely eight o'clock the wedding party advanced down the main aisle to the altar. Ed H. Baer, Ed B. Scull, Frank Postlethwaite, and Geo. R. Scull acting in the capacity of ushers. Owing to the absence of Prof. Heffley, who is usually on hand on such occasions, Mrs. Val Ray kindly consented to preside at the organ, and as the procession moved up the aisle, played the wedding march, and during the ceremony soft, sweet music. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. A. M. Whetstone, pastor of the Lutheran church, who understands how to tie the matrimonial knot in the neatest and tightest way possible; and was witnessed by from five to six hundred people, every available seat in the large spacious church being occupied. After the wedding a most elegant and sumptuous repast was served at the home of the bride. We were not present, but have since heard such descriptions of it as to make us wish we had been. Miss Picking, now Mrs. Shafer, is one of our most excellent young ladies, and will make a wife that any man might be proud of. John ought to be a happy man, and we have no doubt he is. As for him, he is a good-looking, honorable and energetic young man. Both have our sincere wishes for their happy future. The boys of the HERALD wish us to return thanks to the friends of the bride for the delicious cake sent them.

A FUGACIOUS LIBERTINE.—For the past eight or ten months a man named Marshall Spindler has worked at the blacksmith shop of Curtis Kooser. He hailed from some place in West Virginia. In his intercourse with men he seemed an affable, moral gentleman. He was industrious and sober, and a capital workman. With the ladies he pursued the course of a reckless and remorseless libertine. Some weeks ago he was forced to marry a girl living in Somerset township. After his marriage he continued his attentions to other girls—never even paying his wife a visit after he was joined to her. On Tuesday another victim lodged information against Spindler for *fornix et cet*, and he was arrested by Constable Gilbert. On one pretext or another he delayed the execution of the warrant, and finally saying he had to go up stairs to get a book to make settlement with his employer, he gave the officer the slip, passed out of the back door, took to his heels, and escaped. All efforts to catch him proved ineffectual.

Spindler's victims were poor girls whom he seduced under promise of marriage. We hear that the two we have mentioned are not the only ones that have succumbed to his villainy.

We publish a description of the man, hoping it will be inserted in our exchanges, and other communities saved from his presence: He is about five feet nine inches high, tremendous chest and arms, small eyes, large nose, heavy jaws, dark hair, and aged in the neighborhood of thirty years. He speaks quickly, in low tones, and is well calculated to deceive any one not posted in the evil ways of the world.

His Honor and Soly have been having a very busy time of it for the past week. From thirty to forty small boys, charged with being riotous and disorderly and having committed various other breaches of the borough ordinances on New Year's eve, have been brought before his Highness, fined, imprisoned or discharged, as their respective cases merited. Court convened Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock and continued in session the balance of the week, adjourning only for a brief space at intervals for fresh culprits to be brought in. By Saturday morning Soly commenced to look haggard and weary from much running, and he was again ordered by the Mayor, in a deep, bass voice, to "bring in more prisoners." As he thought of the long chase up streets and down alleys before him he gave vent to his ever wrought feelings by a small bit of profanity, not intended for his Honor's ears, but simply as a relief. "What's that you say," thundered his Honor. "Did I understand you to say that I was a d——d old leather head?" Soly looked meaning, took a bite of sweet cracker, and said "yes." "Then I fine you five dollars, by d——n. No profanity, not a d——n bit of profanity will be allowed in this Court," and he sank back into his seat exhausted. Soly looked dejected, wiped the drop from his nose, paid the fine, sneaked out and the Court stood adjourned for the time.

Saturday afternoon Court reconvened and the balance of the day was taken up in hearing testimony and imposing fines on such as had escaped the vigilance of the policeman the day before. It came out in the testimony that after the fine was imposed on Soly, he redoubled his vigilance and when an unfortunate hove in sight he chased him at a rate of speed that would have put the blush to Rarus or the Maid. Up to the present time of writing forty-four small boys have been ruthlessly dragged before his Honor, for no other crime than having celebrated the advent of the New Year, in accordance with a custom so time honored that "the memory of man runneth not to the contrary."

ADVERTISED LETTERS.—The following letters remain in the Postoffice at Somerset, Somerset county, Pa., and will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for till January 31:

Briner Charles, Brubaker Miss Nancy, Baker Miss M. J., Baker Miss Elizabeth, Bittner Solomon, Emert Mrs. Sharlot, Henry Miss Emma, Fletcher Jacob, Penrod John S., Schaff Miss Iona, Von Koehnan Dr., May Frank, Myers A. G., Woolley Mrs. Linnie, Walker Miss Ella P.

A. C. DAVIS,
Postmaster.

TO THE OLD YEAR.

Muffled and shivering
Out in the snow,
Like a lone traveler
Weary and slow—
Weary and slow—
Weary and dreary the last hours go,
Of the dying year;
And always and ever,
With frightful endeavor,
With "now, love, or never,"
He catches at me.
He seeks to embrace me,
With love to solace me,
And woes me to follow
O'er hill-top and hollow,
To lands that are hidden forever from me.
But, "old time," I know thee,
Out in the snow—
Too well, do I know thee,
Plodding so slow,
Through the deep snow,
Wrinkled and furrowed, I see thee go,
The ghost of a year!
I fear not to follow
O'er hill top and hollow,
Like skimming of swallow,
Thy progress to see,
And companion to be,
While thus voyaging free;
And mark the conclusion
Of all life's confusion—
And how time will reckon and settle with me!
But going, I go not
Out in the snow;
And staying, I stay not
Out in the snow,
Why should I go
Trudging and freezing alone in the snow,
To see thee laid low?
For thou, art the same—
Save differing in name,
And brighter in fame,
As those gone before;
Only one thou dost add,
To the number I had
To spend from my childhood—
One less of my manhood
Is left, since thou, SEVENTY-NINE, art now dead!

—*Uncle Joy Bee.*

JENNERTOWN ITEMS.—ED. HERALD.—As it is very seldom I bother you with any items from this place, please publish the following in your valuable paper, as they may be read with interest by some of your many readers:

Dr. Brewster is with us at present, and appears to be doing well at his profession.

Mr. J. P. Kantz, who has been confined to his room for several weeks, is able to be about again.

The store room formerly occupied by Frank Sipe is now being filled up with goods by James M. Cover, of Jenner X Roads.

The Cornet Band take the opportunity of thanking, through your columns, all who contributed towards the purchase of their instruments.

We are sorry to see so many of our good neighbors leaving us to seek homes in the far West. The three Brooks' families will proceed on their journey westward in a few weeks.

Messrs. Ed and Frank Sipe, on Monday last, started on a journey to the far West; and, from what we can learn, they intend to make Nebraska their future home. May they have all the success due them.

The boys of the Cornet Band feel quite elated over their new instruments; and well they may be, for they have the finest set of instruments in the county. If I am rightly informed, the retail price was $392.

Our schools have been poorly attended during the past few weeks, on account of sickness. Scarlet-rash appears to be the prevailing epidemic in our community. It is not so bad, however, as it was a few weeks past.

The Christmas festival held in the Lutheran church great surpassed our expectations. At an early hour the people began to gather in, and despite the snow storm and mud, the house was filled to its utmost capacity. The children seemed over-joyed at the sight of the trees, with their fruit-laden branches, dropping gifts into all their hands. The committee of arrangements deserve credit for the judgment exercised in arranging the gifts. The address delivered by Rev. Spangler was very appropriate.

W. S. M.

FRIEDENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 3d, 1760.

EDITOR HERALD:—Having not seen anything in your valuable paper from this place for a long time, I thought I would give a few items.

Christmas has come and gone and with it almost another year, but not without leaving some vestige of the past.

To some it has been a year of joy and prosperity; while to others it has been a year of sorrow and misfortune. But I must tell you how the good people of Friedens observed this day. The Lutheran church was the place selected to have a Christmas tree.

The day previous, there were two large trees brought from the woods for the purpose, but they were much too small to hold the presents, and an addition of one hundred and eighty feet of rope had to be secured and suspended from the window to hold the gifts. On Christmas eve there could be seen people wending their way towards the church in groups of from four to twenty, until the church was crowded to overflowing. A Christmas anthem was sung by the choir, followed by an address and prayer by the Rev. Welch, after which the distribution of the presents took place. The these were taken from the trees by several gentlemen and distributed through the congregation by four young ladies. The young ladies and gentlemen were ladened with gifts, such as handkerchiefs, dolls, pop corn, etc. After the distribution of the gifts and singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced and all returned to their respective homes—the gentlemen accompanying the girls to assist them in carrying their presents. The Christmas tree was a success throughout, and much credit is due to the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Messrs. O. P. Shaver, Austin Fritz, and Henry Fritz are still with us, and are becoming very popular with the fair ladies of this place, much to the disgust of some of our gentlemen. But as they have come east for some particular purpose, as the western fellows generally do, we will not say anything. They are jolly fellows, any how.

New-year was greeted by the firing of rifles and shotguns.

More anon,
F. R. A.

A WONDERFUL RECORD.—Myriads of so-called "specifics" and "cures" for Rheumatism have already been brought before the public, and many of them have even been endorsed by the certificates of respectable and prominent citizens, who have derived benefit from such preparations. There is no doubt that a great many of these "Liniments," "Oils," etc., so widely advertised and freely recommended for Rheumatism and painful complaints of a similar nature, have genuine merit and will relieve certain types of the complaints named; but when Rheumatism, Neuralgia, and kindred diseases have become chronic and threaten serious results, you may rest assured that they will help but very little. Although not recommended as "infallible," the peculiar qualities of St. Jacobs Oil especially adapt it to those cases which may be termed "chronic," and which have previously withstood all known "specifics," as well as the prescriptions of the best physicians.

We would mention, as an example, the case of Mr. A. Heilman, editor of the *Pittsburgh Republican*, who suffered with Rheumatism for two years. After vainly using all the best recommended remedies and exhausting the skill of the most experienced physicians without even temporary relief, it required only two bottles of St. Jacobs Oil to effect a permanent cure. Mr. C. Hanni, a well-known citizen of Youngstown, Ohio, secured for his wife, who for twelve years had been a constant sufferer from Neuralgia in the head, the services of the ablest physicians in the land but they were unable to do anything for her; half a bottle of St. Jacobs Oil cured her. Mr. Wm. Reinhardt, Elmore, Wis., reports the case of a neighbor who for twenty-four years had suffered so terribly with Rheumatism that, at times, he could hardly move around; a few bottles of St. Jacobs Oil cured him. "To cap the climax," however, Mr. A. Seiger, of Taylorville, Pa., writes that his mother, who had been a continual sufferer with Rheumatism for the past thirty years, used one bottle of St. Jacobs Oil and was immediately relieved of all pain. These are results which truly deserve to be brought to public notice; but they are not exceptions, as will be seen by the numerous other certificates from all parts of the United States. It should be the duty of every one to call the attention of his suffering friends and neighbors to this wonderful, efficacious preparation, especially as the low price of 50 cents a bottle places it within the reach of all persons, rich and poor.

Report of Somerset County Teachers' Institute, held in the Court House, Somerset, Pa., beginning Monday, Dec. 22d, and ending Dec. 26, 1879.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Music; prayer by Rev. Critchfield; reading of minutes—adoption—and roll call. "How shall good teachers be kept in the profession?"—was opened by Bell, who, in brief remarks gave the generally accepted theory, "pay more wages;" he also thought that an education of the public to respect our profession was necessary, yet, in summing up, he remarked that as money ever commands respect, he believed that all could be embraced under the first stated principle. Followed by several speeches, all of which tended to advance the theory of "more wages." Methods of teaching spelling. R. R. Sanner opened the question, who gave in brief his methods of teaching this branch. His ideas were generally accepted as the only true way to success. Further discussed by Holbert, who advocated spelling reform.

Chair appointed committee to draft resolutions on the sickness of Mr. Hanna.

Professor Young was then introduced to the institute who lectured on Derivation of Words. Prof. Young at once gained the confidence of the Institute by his able lecture. He showed a full comprehension of his subject and, aided by his happy style of delivery, he doubly impressed his audience; adjournment.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Music; recitation—Woman's Rights—by Miss Ella Musselman. This lady rendered the piece in such admirable style, that showed her "master of the situation." It surely was inimitable and deserves the praise it elicited from the delighted audience. Music.

Lecture, "*Nihil sine labore*," by Prof. Young. Interesting as were the several features of the Institute, all joined in pronouncing that nothing equaled this lecture. Delivered in a fine style of oratory, abounding in fine logical argument, rounded sentences, filled with pathos, wit and fact. This lecture is beyond our criticism. Gymnastic exercises with Indian war clubs—Profs. Young and Sharpe. Adjournment.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Music; organ solo, Prof. Heffley—hymn—prayer by Rev. Whetstone; reading of minutes—adopted, on correction of Holbert—roll call. Unfinished business, report of committee on resolutions on sickness of Mr. Hanna.

Chair appointed Messrs. Miller, Cook, and Saylor, to wait on Mr. Hanna. Motion of Rev. Critchfield to send greetings to Westmoreland County Teachers' Institute, carried. "Should pupils be required to study outside of school?" was opened by A. J. Colborn, Jr. This question was discussed pro and con and no definite conclusion was reached. Lecture, Odds and Ends, by Professor Young. Christmas anthem, by Irvin J. Heffley.

Music; Lecture on School Hygiene, by Dr. Moore; an able paper read, replete with practical information, well deserving the practice of all our teachers.

The schools of our childhood—discussed by Rev. Critchfield and others. After several motions it was finally decided not to hold regular session of the Institute in the afternoon; but all who saw fit to engage in the exercises could do so. Adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Informal meeting. An interesting meeting was held, discussing many subjects, C. B. Cook in the chair; A. J. Colborn, Jr., Secretary.

THURSDAY EVENING.

No session was held this evening as the Rev. S. W. Davis had engaged the Court-room for his lecture on Egypt and the Holy Land. A full house greeted the lecturer; many of our teachers availing themselves of the opportunity for this rare treat.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Music; prayer by Rev. Davis; reading of minutes and roll call dispensed with. The chair appointed as committee on resolutions: Rev. Critchfield, J. C. Weller and A. C. Holbert; on publication, R. R. Sanner, Milton J. Pritts and A. J. Colborn, Jr.; on permanent certificates: M. F. Groff, J. F. Dively, A. C. Holbert, J. C. Miller and H. G. Bell.

Chair read the following telegram from Westmoreland County Institute, in reply to our greetings:

"Greensburg, Pa., Dec. 26, 1879. To Superintendent and Teachers of Somerset county, Somerset, Pa. The Westmoreland Teachers' Institute, numbering 335 members, sends best wishes in return to greetings. H. S. Reihl, Chairman."

Speeches on Institutes were made by Profs. Miller and Young, and Rev. Davis, all of whom believed in saying that this Institute was a grand success and favored institute works.

Committee on resolutions reported as follows:

Resolved, 1. That County and District Institutes, properly conducted, tend to the creation of correct public sentiment on the subject of education, and therefore should have the earnest support of all true lovers of the cause.

2. That teachers who are allowed the time for attending County Institutes, and get paid to be present, manifest a want of professional zeal that merits the censure of this body.

3. That it is the duty of every teacher to subscribe for and read at least one journal devoted to the interests of his profession.

4. That we regard intemperance as one of the great evils of our day, and that it is our duty to do all in our power, by both precept and example, to save the youth of our land from falling into this snare.

5. That it is the teacher's duty to impart to his pupils such instruction in morals and manners as shall promote in them courtesy toward each other, submission to law, and respect for those who are in authority over them.

6. That we recognize in our County Superintendent a faithful and impartial public officer, and that we consider the skill with which he has arranged and conducted this Institute worthy of commendation.

7. That we tender our thanks to the Instructors present during this session of the Institute, to the choir for the excellent music furnished, to the County Commissioners for the use of the Court-room, and to all who have in any way contributed to the success of this meeting.

N. B. CRITCHFIELD,
A. C. HOLBERT,
J. C. WELLER.

Music; Professor Young was called upon to say a few words in favor of Normal schools; he yielded to Prof. J. E. Miller, who recommended the attendance of all teachers at some Normal School, and on account of the proximity to Indiana State Normal School, he would say that it presented advantages over others.

Professor Young could not refrain from complimenting teachers of Somerset county, on their behavior and brightness when attending his Normal School. Prayer by Rev. Critchfield. Doxology—Praise God, etc. Adjourned.

R. R. SANNER,
M. J. PRITTS,
A. J. COLBORN, JR.,

EXPERTISTON OF 1876.—Wandering thro' the United States section of this truly wonderful Exhibition, hyperornamented and over-displayed as the most of it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbors' finery, surmounted by the motto *Dignis Proemia* and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparations of the house of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

I was aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods, and remember well their agents in London, Messrs. Newberry, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Having a leisure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate perfection to which they have brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skillful and, pre-eminently, the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors distance us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that Dr. Ayer's manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it on my way home.—*Correspondence of the London, England, Telegraph.*

That "noble red man of the forest," Swift-Runner, the cannibal who ate his mother, his wife, and his seven children last winter, and has just been hanged for his appetite, must have been an inordinate lover of fresh meat. Now a missionary wouldn't stand any chance at all if he were around.—*Bellefonte Watchman.*

Christmas was with us on its annual visit, and as usual, full of joy and good will. It is the gladdest day of all the year. It celebrates the advent of the purest love to our race. It has outgrown all prejudice, opposition and narrow minded bigotry, and is now accepted throughout all Christendom as the day of joy. The great body of the entire Christian and civilized world gather on this day around Bethlehem's manger, which is the radiating centre of Christmas day, in the east, and in the west, in the north and south, on the land, or floating on the sea—from one end of the world to the other—men, women and children, of all nations, all tongues, and grades, are, on that day, directing their thoughts and hands to deeds of kindness and love. Christmas creates a new world of thought and feelings; it brings "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will to men." Christmas is not only the most blessed, but likewise the greatest of all holidays—Thanksgiving Day or Washington's birthday are little local affairs, while Christmas is the biggest and most joyous world day. Standing amid the festal day of earth's nations like "Joseph's sheaf amid the bowing sheaves of his brethren." There is no other feast or fast day beaming with such fullness of joy, and scading forth such blessed rays of light and joy into the home circle, and, above all, into the hearts of children; no other festival develops and reveals in its customs, songs and gifts, the mighty power of religious thought so simply and magnificently as Christmas and its celebration. The distribution of Christmas gifts, in domestic and social circles, belongs to the most pleasant pictures and events of the life of the heart, to the most refreshing memories of the past; constantly prompting and encouraging us to remember and love one another, and above all to "love Him who first loved us."

One of the elements entering into the beauty of Christmas, lies in the fact that it is a day sacred to friendship, made so by the merry laugh, cheering words and the many gifts prompted by loving hearts.

The writer of these lines was himself very pleasantly surprised on Christmas eve. During my absence several ladies visited my room, leaving a number of useful articles together with an envelope containing a handsome sum of money. This was a very unexpected visit, one however, that will always gratefully be remembered. The donors and parties who especially interested themselves in bringing about this pleasant surprise, and in this way manifested their kindly feelings, I hope will accept my heartiest thanks.

A. M. WHETSTONE.

URSINA ITEMS.—The school children of Ursina were entertained at the Lutheran church, on Wednesday evening, preceding New year day. The church being gaily ornamented with evergreen, mottoes, etc. Two beautiful trees ladened with good things to please the average boy. The Ursina band, in charge of their teacher, Prof. Heffley, was on hand with their best music. Music by the choir. All passed off pleasantly; everybody seemed pleased.

Lincoln Hanna, principal of the Ursina public schools, is lying very low with consumption.

T. I. Robinson has been confined to his room for several weeks. His son, Doctor George Robinson, from Southern Virginia, is visiting his father.

MATRIMONIAL.

Last Thursday evening, January 1st, 1880, at 8.30 p. m., in the Lutheran church, Ursina, Pa., Miss Binnie, daughter of John H. Benford, became Mrs. John Lyons, of the firm of J. B. Lyons & Co. The Rev. Felton performed the marriage ceremony, which was beautiful as well as solemn and impressive. J. B. Lyons and Thomas Maxwell, acted as ushers. The church was crowded. Prof. Heffley was on hand with his Ursina Cornet band, who treated the newly married couple to some of their best music. After the bridal party had gone to the Benford house, a sumptuous repast was served to the guests.

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The Oakland *Itemized* this week says the project of a railroad from Confluence, Pennsylvania, to that place "is about taking definite shape, and that the Baltimore and Ohio company have seen the necessity of such a road and propose putting a corps of engineers at work at once to locate the route.

It is difficult at this distance to see what would sustain such a road, at least in the interest of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, as by way of the Connellsville route nearly the whole region in question is drained, and the Hempfield, to be completed, will furnish a western outlet from the coke fields.—*Cumberland News.*

FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND STRONG.—In the past few months there has been more than 500,000 bottles of *Shiloh's Cure Sold*. Out of the vast number of people who have used it, more than 2,000 cases of *Consumption* have been cured. All Coughs, Croup, Asthma and Bronchitis, yield at once, hence it is that everybody speaks in its praise. To those who have not used it, let us say, if you have a Cough, or your child the Croup, and you value life don't fail to try it. For Lame Back, Side or Chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by G. W. Benford, Druggist, Somerset, Pa.

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