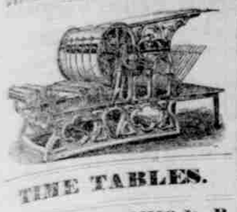
The Somerset Herald.

WEDNESDAY .....January 14, 1880.



TIME TABLES.

BALTIMORE & OHIO R. R.

PITTSBURGH DIVISION.

Trains leaving Pittsburgh and arriving at depot, corner Grant and Water Streets, as follows.

EAST.	MAIL.	WEST.	MAIL.
		Leave.	
[illegible]	[illegible] a. m.	New York	8:50 p. m.
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Philadelphia	11:35 a. m.
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Baltimore	7:10 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Richmond	10:15 p. m.
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Washington	8:30 a. m.
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Cumberland	2:55 p. m.
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Grafton	3:31 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Rockwood	4:47 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Ohio Pyle	5:06 "
[illegible]	[illegible] p. m.	Connellsville	7:01 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Broad Ford	7:35 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Mt Pleasant	7:47 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Greensburg	8:20 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	West Newton	7:16 "
[illegible]	[illegible] a. m.	Monongahela	7:52 "
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Glenwood	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible] "	Pittsburg	8:25 p. m.

Allegheny City is one hour faster than Pittsburgh time.

The Express train leaves Pittsburgh at 8:55 P. M., arriving at Connellsville 11:01 P. M., Mineral Point at 3 A. M. In return the Express leaves Mineral Point at 3:45 A. M., arriving at Mineral Point at 3 A. M., Connellsville 5:10 A. M., Pittsburgh 7 A. M.

The most direct and pleasant route to the East is via the Baltimore and Washington City.

Through Mail leaves Pittsburgh at 7:40 A. M., daily, arriving at Baltimore at 7:10 A. M.; Washington at 8:20 A. M.; New York 6:40 A. M.; Philadelphia 10:10 A. M.

Express leaves Pittsburgh at 7:10 A. M., daily, arriving at Baltimore at 7:10 A. M.; Washington at 8:20 A. M.; New York 6:40 A. M.; Philadelphia 1:45 P. M.

Through Mail trains daily.

Express trains daily except Sunday.

Baltimore accommodation trains and Fayette Express leave except Sunday.

Ticket offices, corner Fifth Avenue and Smithfield Streets, and depot corner Grant and Water Streets, Pittsburgh, Pa.

E. A. FORD, Agent.
E. H. RYNDANIN, Supt., Connellsville.

P. V. R. 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 Pittsburgh, Pa., B. & O. R. R. (except Sundays).

	LEAVE.	ARRIVE.
Mail East	10 30 a. m.	12 15 p. m.
Mail West	3 20 p. m.	5 30 p. m.

Mail East connects with Local West.

Supplement to Regular Time Table, to take effect Sunday, Jan. 5, 1879, and continue in force during the winter.

Train will leave Somerset every Saturday at 7 o'clock A. M., and on Monday at 3:15 P. M., connecting with the Mountain Express West at B. & O. R. R., and on Monday at 3:15 P. M. with same train west, which arrives at Pittsburgh at 9:45 A. M.

J. H. PATTON, Superintendent.
W. H. SANNER, Ticket Agt.

Pittsburgh & Ticket Agt.

Day Passenger Express	Leave Somerset	12:15 p m
No. 14	West	1:10 p. m
Night Express	East	11:22 a. m.
No. 15	West	4:47 p. m.
Express Mail	East	12:37 a m
No. 13	West	3:45 a. m

Buss at Boyd's.
Hair Brushes at Boyd's.
Fancy Goods at C. N. Boyd's.
Mop Handles at C. N. Boyd's.
Writing Books at C. N. Boyd's.
Stereoscope views at C. N. Boyd's.
Spectacles and Eye-glasses at Boyd's.
Dates for 1880 at C. N. Boyd's.
"The Badge of Innocence" at C. N. Boyd's.

The next holiday, February 22d, comes on a Sunday.

Best selected stock of Cigars and Tobacco in Somerset at Orton's.

The largest assortment of Pipes and smokers' articles in Somerset county at Orton's.

Call and get prices of Nails, Iron, Glass, Stoves, Hardware, &c., before purchasing elsewhere. Byers & Barnett, Somerset, Pa.

NOTICE.—Persons knowing themselves indebted on my books, will please call and settle without further notice.

G. R. PARKER.

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to me on book accounts, will call and settle without further delay.

SOL. UHL.

Jan 7th, 1880.

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

Always on hand—the celebrated Golden Star Flour, made at Springfield, Ohio. Best in market. A full line of Family Groceries and Grain, cheap for cash.

JOSIAH KELLER.

WHY WEAR PLASTERS?—They may relieve, but they can't cure that lame back, for the kidneys are the trouble and you cannot reach or act directly on their seat by taking and restore their healthy action. Kidney Wort has that specific action—and at the same time it regulates the bowels perfectly. Don't wait to get a plaster, but get a package to-day, and cure yourself.

A NICE WHITE BUTTER.—No dairyman can afford to make and sell white butter. People who buy butter want it yellow, and are willing to pay several cents per pound more for it than they would for the hardly looking stuff they often get to take. By using Wells, Richardson & Co's Perfected Butter Color, every dealer can have the golden color of June the year round. It is sold by druggists and merchants generally.

THE BEST I EVER KNEW OF.—J. G. Dorsey, a prominent and influential Citizen of Iowa City, says: "I have had the Dyspepsia and Liver Complaintfor several years, and have used every remedy I could hear of, without any relief whatever, until I saw your Shiloh's Vitalizer advertised in the paper, and was persuaded to try it. I am happy to state that it has entirely cured me. I unreservedly call it the best Remedy I ever used." Price 75 cents.

Sold by George W. Benford, Somerset, Pa.

A MOTHER'S GRIEF.—The pride of her heart, the life and joy of a home, are her children, hence her grief when sickness comes and takes them away. Take warning, if you are running a terrible cough, if they have a Cough, Croup, or Whooping Cough, which lead to Consumption, if you do not attend to it at once. SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE is guaranteed to cure them. Price 10 cents, 50 cents and $1 00. For Lame Back, Side or Chest, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Price 25 cents.

Sold by G. W. Benford, Druggist, Somerset, Pa.

A REMARKABLE RESULT.—It makes no difference how many Physicians, or how much medicine you have tried, it is now a established fact that German Syrup is the only remedy which has given complete satisfaction in severe cases of Lung Disease. It is true there are yet thousands of persons who are predisposed to Bleeding and Lung Affections, Consumption, Night Sweats, Asthma, Severe Colds settled on the Breast, Pneumonia, Whooping Cough, &c., who have no personal knowledge of Boschee's German Syrup, but we would say that 50,000 bottles were sold last year without one complaint, and consequently we feel safe in saying that no other medicine can compare with it, but one bottle. Regular size 75 cents. Sold by all druggists in America.

The Pittsburgh *Weekly Dispatch*, is in a prosperous condition. It is one of the best papers in the country, full of the freshest and most reliable news, procured by the most liberal expenditure. Always a first-class paper and a welcome visitor to the family fireside, the *Weekly Dispatch* will be better than heretofore in every department of its work. Its general and special news features have long been well known, and its commercial, trade and market reports, they will be among the fullest, most accurate and valuable published. Terms, $1 50 per annum, or in clubs of ten, $10.

Address,
BOOK O'NEILL & Co., Publishers,
Dispatch Iron Building, Pittsburgh.

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.

This is Leap Year. Girls, look before you leap.

We have heard nothing said of late about "the wintry blasts."

Subscribe for the HERALD for 1880. It costs you but two dollars.

The Reformed church of Rockwood will be ready for dedication in the course of three or four weeks.

The *Conference News* rejoices in the fact that "the new year finds our entire force on the way to heaven."

A postoffice has been established at Pinkerton, this county and Mr. Richard M. J. Zahniser appointed postmaster.

To those who read our appeal and promptly paid us their bills we feel grateful. We have still other bills that need attention, and ask of all an immediate payment.

At the recent meeting of the Commissioners, Mr. Wm. M. Schrock was continued as clerk, and John R. Edie, Esq., as counsel to the board; Mercantile Appraiser, C. B. Cook.

Several very large flocks of wild pigeons flew over town last week. They were going in a northerly direction. This is a sure sign of a general freeze up about the middle of July.

The appointments made by the new Board of Directors of the Poor, are: Counsel, J. R. Scott, Esq.; Clerk, H. F. Knepper; Steward, Harrison Berkey; Physician, Dr. Harry Kimmel.

The parties who blew the "stuffin'" out of the street lamp in front of the Express office have not been discovered, and His Honor the Mayor, and Policeman Gilbert refuse to be comforted.

One of our bachelor readers of the HERALD, may he never die, sends us a number of new subscribers, which, he says, "are good as old wheat in the mill." Suppose he means politically as well as financially.

The new Somerset Hotel Company seems to be somewhat of an enigma. If any of our citizens know the names of the gentlemen composing the same they keep their knowledge from newspaper reporters.

A check is generally designed for immediate payment and not for general circulation. It is the duty of the holder to present it for payment as soon as he reasonably may. If he does not he keeps it at his own risk.

Town Council evidently believes in at least part of poor Richard's old saying—"early to bed and early to rise,"—at least strangers are led to believe so by the promptness with which street lamps are turned out at an early hour.

"Never leave what you have undertaken until you can reach your arms around it and clinch your hands on the other side," says a recently published book for young men. Very good advice; but what if she screams? asks a bashful paragrapher.

After the middle of 1880 Winneck's comet will make its appearance in the heavens after an absence of five years and seven months. We shall be glad to welcome the old boy home again, but we can't promise him receptions equal to Grant's.

We wish to return our thanks to those of our friends who have so kindly interested themselves in increasing the circulation of the HERALD. We have already received a large number of additional subscribers, and our list, like everything else, is booming.

Among the new names added to our list last week, was that of Mr. Jeremiah Hoover, of Falls City, Nebraska. Mr. Hoover is a former Somerset county boy, but has been in the West for a number of years. He is at present paying a visit to his brother Ed.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Jordan, of the Bedford *Inquirer*, has been compelled, on account of failing health, to dispose of his interest in that paper. It is said that he will go to Florida to recuperate. Here's to you Sam; may death never get a hold on your bones.

Some time during the Holidays an advertisement appeared in the HERALD offering a wonderful Bible for a dollar. Don't send for one it you have not done so already, as the thing has since been discovered to be a swindle. If you want a bible, and of course you do, get King James' version.

On one day of last week Mr. Alex. Benford disposed of his store, in New Centreville, to a Mr. Neff, from one of the eastern counties. It is said that Messrs. Walter & Truxal, of Gebhart's, are in the arrangement. It this be the case, they can be depended on to liberally advertise the change.

Rev. Bishop Gilmour, of Cleveland, Ohio, has used the Great German Remedy, "St. Jacobs Oil," and endorses it highly. He writes about it as follows: I am pleased to say that the use of St. Jacobs Oil, has benefitted me greatly, and I have no hesitation to recommend it to all as an excellent curative.

A gentleman travelling through Volusia county, Florida, recently saw the following on a sign board on the outside of a store:

To trust is to bust,
To bust is hell;
No trust, no bust,
No bust, no hell.

The value of being fully acquainted with all the important news of the day is as apparent to every thinking man as the entertainment afforded at the family fireside. This can be secured in such full degree by subscribing for and receiving the Pittsburgh *Weekly Dispatch* for the full year, that all should take advantage of the offer.

The streets of this town are in a terrible condition just now. They seem to have a good enough bottom, but there is too much mud on them. This should be scooped up and carted off. It is the best manure extant for gardens, a fact that the gardeners of the vicinity should remember, provided the Council will allow them to haul it away.

During the next ten days we will send bills to every one of our subscribers who owe us for over one year's subscription, and hope they will respond promptly, with the cash. All bills must positively be settled within thirty days from time of mailing at this office. We hope those indebted to us will choose the wiser part and save themselves, as well as us, further trouble.

A dispatch from Bedford announces that Representative D R. Anderson, of that county, died at his home in Centreville, on Thursday morning last. Mr. Anderson, who was elected to the lower house of the Legislature in 1878 for two years, was a native of Bedford county and was forty-four years of age. He was a merchant who had held a number of local offices, and greatly interested himself in politics.

As the time for spring elections draws nigh, the aspirants for political honors in the different townships are commencing to come to the surface. The people should see to it that good, reliable men are chosen. Let there be particular care exercised in the selection of election officers. The election this year is one of exceeding great importance, and the very best of men should be selected as election officers, in order that the ballot may be cast in accordance with the strict letter of the law.

Sometime ago we published an announcement of the fact that a lot had been purchased by the Reformed church at Johnstown, and that an effort would be made to erect a chapel. We have just been informed that arrangements have been made through Rev. Bates, of this county, and Rev. Love, of Westmoreland county, to build at once. The contract for the erection of the chapel has been made, and it is to be completed by the 1st of August, 1880.

The engineers on the S. & C. railroad are busily engaged in putting in cross sections on the northern end of the proposed road. Mr. Hunt, the permanent engineer in Johnstown, informs us that he will have eight miles next to Johnstown ready to be let to contract to-day, Tuesday. Chief engineer Randolph and J. G. Harvey, one of the directors of the road, are in town. Both gentleman say that work will be commenced on the road at the earliest practical moment.

After the numerous discussions of Mr. Edison's Electric Light, it will be interesting to see exactly what claims for it Mr. Edison himself is willing to endorse. A paper is announced to appear in the Midwinter *Scribner* by Mr. Edison's mathematician and assistant, Mr. Francis R. Upton, which, besides the writer's intimate connection with the invention itself, has the further voucher of a letter from Mr. Edison, certifying that it is "the first correct and authoritative account." It is said that the paper will contain much that has not and will not be elsewhere published.

The year which began last Thursday must, in the course of nature, witness events of wide and momentous import on both sides of the Atlantic. Not in the United States alone, but in all the chief European nations, and throughout Central Asia, there are signs that the coming twelve months will be one of strain and crisis, of agitation and of change. Of the political and social problems which everywhere confront us, few, perhaps, will be fully solved; but in every case the conditions will have been materially altered for the better, or for the worse, when the next year rolls around. Subscribe for the HERALD and keep yourself posted.

TOWNSHIP OFFICERS.—The term of office of every township officer hereafter elected, whose term of office would, under existing laws, expire on the first Monday of April of any year, shall expire on the first Monday of March next preceding the said first Monday of April, and the terms of the successors of such township officers shall begin on the first Monday of March, and shall continue for the period now fixed for the duration thereof by existing laws. And township Auditors shall meet on the second Monday of March, 1881, and so on each year thereafter. This act was passed June 4, 1879, hence it will not affect officers whose terms expire next spring.

IMPORTANT SURGICAL OPERATION.—On Saturday, Dr. W. F. Fundenberg, our occulist, operated upon Mrs. Josiah Tewell, of Centreville, Bedford county, Pa., for the removal of her right eye, the sight of which has been entirely lost since three years, from what cause is not known. For the past year or so the eye has been giving her very much pain, and recently has been much worse, endangering the sight of the sound one to such an extent as to justify the removal of the blind one, which operation was successfully performed, the patient being under the influence of chloroform. She returned home to-day fully recovered from the effects of the operation and will come back in a few weeks to have an artificial one inserted.—*Cumberland Times.*

Mr. J. S. McCaleb, cashier of the First National Bank, on behalf of certain capitalists of this place and Somerset, recently applied for and received permission from the Comptroller of the Currency to establish a National Bank in the latter place, to be called the First National Bank of Somerset. The subscription books will be opened in a few days. The capital stock is fixed at $50,000, and it is expected that the principle portion of the shares will be taken in Somerset, instead of here, as asserted by some of our exchanges.—*Keystone Courier.*

We rather incline to the opinion that if Mr. McCaleb expects to get the greater part of his $50,000 capital subscribed in Somerset, he will be disappointed, as Somerset capitalists seem to have no money to invest in a National bank.

It might be just as well for some parties to understand that the HERALD is not run as a charity, or merely for the sake of gratifying the public. We are tired of being asked to insert advertisement after advertisement, "Just for the good of the cause, you know." Persons who would never think of going into a store and asking a merchant to give them part of his goods, will walk into a newspaper office and expect to get any amount of free advertising, "because I'm hard up, you know," or it won't take up much room. Just put it among the local items." We don't ask anyone to take or read the HERALD out of charity, and we don't propose to have others dictate to us what the HERALD shall do towards any charitable enterprise. If you want the paper, subscribe and pay for it, like you would for anything else you desire; but don't go to your neighbor or come to the office and beg for it.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.—Thomas Scott and Charles Flannigan, aged 17 to 20, and Sheridan Parnall, a boy of 10 or 12, all of Confluence, attempted Thursday to run a raft of railroad cross-ties from that place to Draketown siding, about a mile down the Yough, but the current, owing to the recent rains, was too strong for them and carried them on down the river. The alarm was given by persons passing along the stream who heard their cries for help, and they were quickly followed. About two miles below the place they expected to land the raft was found on the rocks, shattered, and all felt sure that the boys had perished. But after an hour of despair the word comes that they are safe. It seems they clung to pieces of the raft when it broke up, and after a wild ride at lightning speed of another mile were, fortunately, thrown to the shore. This should be a warning, not only to our young friends who made such a narrow escape this evening, but to all the boys of the place who pride themselves on being "water rats," and are so foolishly venturesome on our rivers.

We are always glad to publish any items of interest from any part of the county, but when, instead of news, the parties take advantage of our allowing them the space, to get up a personal, church or society fight, it is time to call a halt. We have published a number of articles from Hooversville, innocent and in offensive they seemed at first to us, but as they have created considerable dissatisfaction we will have to put an end to it. The whole neighborhood seems to have taken sides and is anxious to rush in to print. We have, at present, as much matter as would fill three or four closely printed columns in regard to private affairs. While all this is doubtless very interesting to the people of that neighborhood, as they comprise less than a hundreth part of the readers of the HERALD, we do not feel called on to inflict it on the other ninety-nine hundredths. We have selected the two following articles out of the mass for publication, and if the latter is complied with the parties have an opportunity of settling their differences among themselves. This ends it so far as the HERALD is concerned, unless the parties are willing to pay for their articles at our usual advertising rates.

Resolutions passed by the Council of the Hooversville charge, on January 3d, 1880:

1. *Resolved.* That we censure and condemn those members of the Hooversville congregation who tried to cast a reproach upon the character and influence of their pastor, Rev. J. B. Shoup.

2 *Resolved*, That we have found brother Shoup to be a gentleman of culture and refinement; a genial companion and friend, a devoted and zealous Christian whose labors of love amongst his people and others, in sickness and distress, will never be forgotten. As pastor, he has done his duty in the charge.

B. F. Clark, A. F. Lohr, John Graef, Harrison Lohr, Isaac Ream, Aaron Lohr, Phillip Reitz, J. B. Wagoner, S. Zigler, Abraham Lambert, Wm. H. Sorber, Jonathan Lambert, Michael Peply, Amaniah Lohr, Charles W. Weigle, Council.

A CHALLENGE.

Before Mr. ——, and Vindicator writes to the HERALD for publication, we propose that they select a place as near the centre of the charge as possible, (Lambertsville and Mr. —— house excepted) and let us know where and when it will be, and then and there show where we have persecuted Mr. ——, We shall be ready to show we did no persecuting. If they won't do this they can't face what they put before the public.

HOOVERSVILLE.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY.—A marvelous Cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Head Ache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of the complaint, without extra charge. Price 50 cents.

For sale by G. W. Benford, Somerset, Pa.

"ECHOES" FROM SIPESVILLE.—Sipesville, the capital and Metropolis, as well as the centre of wealth, population and trade of Somerset township, district No. 2, is perched away up here on the Ground Oak ridge, far above the "common level of humanity."

The strong arms of "Ike" and "Perry" wield their hammers in quick rivalry, and the shrill notes of the anvil sound very ungrateful to our ears as they separate us from the "arms of Morpheus" at 4 o'clock A. M.

George Fritz, our farmer, is now enjoying the fruits of a bountiful harvest. Dr. Shaffer is still successful in his war against death, while grandfather Sipe is pondering over the great changes of almost a century.

Near us are Ed. Keller, the great architect of the "understanding;" the great quarries of Shaffer, Pile, et al., and flouring mills, and around us beautiful farms dot the landscape.

This is the land of "Credit;" although cash was never known to be refused. Greenbackers and greenbacks are strangers here, and butter, eggs and chestnuts answer for filthy lucre.

This is the centre of trade between Somerset and "over the hill;" the rumbling of the wheels as they go pounding down the pike under a burden of twenty hundred, reverberate in our ears like so many muffled drums beating. Large quantities of pork can occasionally be seen walking to market, staying with us long enough to prepare our streets for the spring crops.

Scarlet fever and diphtheria are threatening us from the north. Either one is terrible; or to use an Irish saying, "one is as bad as the other, and a little worse." I am not far enough on in Medical science to prescribe for you, but a good remedy for it is not to be had. There is no sickness in the "ville" nor will there be so long as a certain skunk has the kindness to call around every night; a sure preventative unless "too much of the good thing."

There has been no crime committed here since two-thirds of the population, capable of bearing arms, spent several hours shooting at a swine. The quadruped was safe as long as it stood still, but while moving around—let daylight thro' both shoulders, and, oh! what a squeal as life and death came together. At present I am trying to resurrect my hearing with cough syrup.

I might tell you about the "shooting match." How Dave was going to "put it up" but found out by Hedgins that "he set it up;" how a barrel of *sour kraut* ran away with a team. That the Casebeer church rejoiceth in an organ, making it the centre of attraction. That Peter Speicher has laid the corner stone for a new house and that it can't rain till the ground is soaked, but I wont.

1880 was introduced to us at an uncomfortable early hour on the morn of the first, by two anvils and enough powder to take us very suddenly from "dreamland" to the place we "picked ourselves up." This is leap year! Ladies are again allowed to propose—and since the ushering in of the new year, we heard of several new engagements. We boys confess that we are somewhat bashful; but we are all for sale, cheap. Maxim: "Examine home manufacture before buying elsewhere." Several weddings have already taken place, followed by the unearthly sounds of the "horse fiddle," etc., showing us that civilization is not yet perfect, and there is within me a "peculiar something," mingled with a touch of sorrow, as I see the youth, of both sexes, "pair off" and leave our ranks and society forever.

The population of Sipesville to-day, January 5th, 2 p. m., is forty; although during the intermissions of school one might fancy it to be ten thousand. Seated where I am you can take in the whole town without turning head or eye. And we are favored; the early dawn smiles upon us, while the valleys around are hushed in slumber, and we are last to be embraced by the golden arms of the sun as he sinks below the Laurel Hill.

This is destined to become the Metropolis of the county. If the Somerset and Johnstown rail road don't run through Tilden avenue, and if we don't get the Court House, and if Musselman and Stutt don't give us a saloon within nine months, we will secede and take matters in our own "claws," and I or some one else will be President. We will make our money, have saloons and be happy.

"And don't you forget it."

SLINK.

WEST BRANCH, CEDAR CO., IA., January 5th, 1880.

ED. HERALD: If you will allow me space in your valuable paper, I shall try and give you a few jottings on my journey home, and my observations while in Somerset county, for the benefit of your many readers. We are at home safe and sound. We left Johnstown, Pa., Tuesday, Dec. 30, at 10:30 a. m., and arrived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, and in West Branch, New Year's morning at 4 o'clock. We were in Chicago two hours and a half and in Cedar Rapids six hours and a half. We saw several steamboats on the Ohio river. The river was clear of ice; but, lo, when we came to the Mississippi river, we saw teams crossing on the ice from Milton, Ills. to Clinton, Iowa. Cedar river is also frozen over, but Saturday, January 3, it rained all day. The weather is nice and warm; but, oh, the mud!

We passed through some of the finest country I ever saw from Chicago to Cedar Rapids. Chicago is bound to outstrip the eastern cities so long as the Great Northwest holds her as the commercial centre. There are some large towns along the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad, such as Elgin, Dixon, Morrison, Sterling, Clinton, Lisbon, Mount Vernon and Cedar Rapids.

We were in old Somerset county eight weeks and visited a great many friends, but did not get around to all, for the time was too short. We are sorry that we could not see them all, but duty called us home or we would have stayed longer. We were loath to leave as we were kindly treated by all, and especially by our parents. It is a pleasure for us to tell our children who stayed at home, of their grandparents, uncles and cousins, and to show those nice photo's we received when in old Somerset county.

We wish to return our sincere thanks to you for your kindness in taking us around from place to place and caring for us; and the only way we can repay you for your kindness is for you all to come and see us, and we will try to do our best in our limited circumstances to return the compliment.

Our kindest regards to one and all,

J. W. BELL.

CHRISTMAS AT HARNEDSVILLE.—MR. EDITOR: While the good people in all quarters have been making merry over their Christmas trees and turkeys, the quiet little town of Harnedsville has not been idle. Please allow me a little space in your paper, that I may give you a racy sketch of the same.

We had been made to expect something good from the entertainment which our Harnedsville Sun lay School were going to give us, but we must confess that we were more than agreeably disappointed. On entering the church, of course the first thing to attract attention was the neat and tasteful arrangement of the room.

The exercises of the evening opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Smith, followed by an address by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Taylor. The address was filled with nice thoughts and good common-sense Christmas talk. Following the preacher members of the Sunday School, mostly little folks, appeared upon the stage and offered their well selected speeches or read their essays written for the occasion. Mr. Harry Daniels was about to close this part of the programme with a manly little oration, when, "Out in the street there arose such a clatter, he had to run to the door to see what was the matter." And, upon opening it, in stepped jolly old Santa Claus, who entertained the audience for awhile on both fun and the contents of his peanut basket. This ended the speechmaking; and when he had gone and Superintendent Guller had succeeded in restoring quiet, the distribution of the presents on two large trees began. Something over an hour was occupied in this pleasant task. Mr. Kemp, the president of the exercises, was busily engaged in reading names and sending out messengers for the whole of that time. Five hundred and one presents in all were distributed, ranging in value from $20 in gold down to a five cent toy.

This is the first demonstration of this kind Harnedsville has ever had; but we are sure that a Sunday School that can give such an entertainment is certainly alive to the interests of the cause, and must be doing a grand work.

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Lancaster county's tobacco crop for the year is estimated at $20,000,000.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—Pursuant to a call of the Executive Committee, the quarterly Sunday School Convention of the Evan. Lutheran church of the Hooversville charge, commenced at the Graeff church, Dec. 27, 1879, and was called to order by the president, C. W. Weigle, after which the meeting was opened by singing a hymn, followed by reading the 11th chapter of Isaiah, after which Jon. Yoder led the convention in prayer. All Hail, etc., was then sung. Minutes of previous session read and approved. Miss Ida M Shoup recited a well written poem, entitled, "Year by Year," which was finely read. Organization. On motion of Wm. Trent, Jon. Yoder was elected President; Hiram J. Meyers, Vice President; E. M. Lambert, Secretary; John Graeff, Treasurer. In the absence of John Koontz, Samuel McGregor delivered the address of welcome. Reports of the different schools by their secretaries received; Hooversville and Graeff's responding: Shade and Lambert's absent. Suggestions of improved plans for next year's work received and laid on the table for the evening session. Queries drawn and discussed. On motion, a committee on resolutions was appointed, consisting of Rev. J. B. Shoup, C. W. Weigle and Samuel McGregor. "Pass me not," etc., was then sung, after which J. B Shoup taught an object lesson on the black board, after which the house adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m. Benediction by Rev. Shoup.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at the hour appointed, with the President in the chair, and was opened by singing, followed with prayer by Jon. Wagner. Music. Should Sunday visiting ever be allowed to interfere with Sunday school duty?—discussed by Jon. Yoder, L. Koontz, C. W. Williamson, A. Wechtenheiser, Wm. Trent, A. Lohr, C. W. Weigle, and J. B Shoup. Music. Object lesson from Prov. 6—16 to 19—by the pastor. Queries drawn and discussed. On motion, the house adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock p. m. Benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

House convened at the hour appointed; was opened with prayer by Philip Reitz. Queries drawn and discussed—in which several of the ladies took part. Discussion. Improved plan for next year's work.

It should be the aim of every established school to bring into its ranks all children on its territory, and each school should send out Missionary committees whose duty it should be to bring in as far as possible all children and parents. Discussed by Shoup, Lambert, Wechtenheiser and Koontz. Inasmuch as there are isolated communities all around us, too far from us to be taught in the school, we should have special teachers and committees to carry the blessings of the Sunday school to them and it should be done at least every two weeks, before the hour session. Discussed by Shoup, Koontz and Wechtenheiser. We evidently should do better than heretofore for the infant department of our schools; it is suggested that we secure a good, illustrated, infant class lesson leaf or paper of some kind answering the purpose, and the best teaching talent assigned to this class of scholars. Discussed by Koontz and Trent. Report of committee on resolutions received and adopted. Roll call of officers and teachers for the year; two responding from Shade, five from Hoovers, nine from Graeffs, one from Lamberts. The Necrologist, Wm. Trent, reported five deaths for the year ending Dec. 27th, as follows:

Graeff school, H. B. Keel, aged eleven years.

Lamberts school, Cora S. Lambert, aged 10 years and 28 days. Sadie E. Spangler, aged 9 yrs., 4 months and 16 days. Stella V Lambert, aged 3 yrs. Will we be allowed to say, beautiful, golden trio of precious jewels?

Esa D. Ling, of the Shade school, aged 14 yrs., 7 mo. and 13 days.

MUSIC.

Evening parting. "Between two years," lines by Master Jacob Wallace, which was well read. Song, Come let us anew, etc. Lord's prayer in concert; Good Night, was then sung, led by Miss Isora Smith, of Smith Grove, Pa., and was well rendered.

On motion of the Secretary the convention is to meet at Hooversville during the latter part of March.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. *resolved*, That in the estimation of this Convention, it is necessary in order to attain the end of its organization, that all the schools of the Pastorate be organized and conducted on essentially the same principles.

2. *Resolved*, That it is necessary in the estimation of this Convention, for every teacher in the several schools to subscribe a pledge binding him to make his work in the school a matter of conscience.

The convention was certainly a success, in the work of schools, and would have been more successful had not the report of two of the schools been almost a failure, as will be seen in their report above.

SECRETARY.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS.—The Reformed people of Somerset county and indeed of the whole church, are taught by their pastors and the church papers, that a Christmas service that is entirely selfish in its nature, fails to be imbued with the true christian spirit of the season. The custom of giving gifts in families and among friends, and to the children of Sunday schools, is encouraged. But it the gifts of love and charity end with these, then has the offering, in a certain sense, been only a selfish one. Hence, the Sunday school and congregations of the Reformed church, from the youngest child to the oldest member, are always directed to bring Christmas offerings for some benevolent cause outside of, and beyond the immediate congregations. These offerings the congregations of Somerset county have for the last decade been devoting to the cause of the Orphans. The Orphans' Home, at Butler, Pa., and at Womelsdorf, Pa., are supported mainly in this manner. Below will be found the different amounts contributed by the churches during the last Christmas season.

Somerset charge—Somerset congregation, $12 50; Centreville congregation, $10 79; Lavansville congregation, $7 58. Total, $30 78.

Paradise charge—composed of the Salisbury, Wilhelm, Grantsville and Mew German congregations, one-half for Orphans', the other half for foreign missions—$53 00.

Stoystown charge—Stoystown congregation, $6 70; Mt. Tabor congregation, $3 83; Friedens congregation, $2 00; Hooversville congregation, $1 82. Total, $14 35.

Meyersdale charge—Meyersdale congregation, $8 67; White Oak congregation, $2 03; total, $5 70.

Zion charge, $6 15; Berlin charge, $5 00; total, $11 15.

Beam charge—reported in part, $2 68; Final total, $117 66.

A. E. T.

CHRISTMAS AT CENTREVILLE.—Christmas eve the exercises were held in the Reformed church, and though the weather was very inclement, the house was filled. Two large evergreen trees, one on each side of the chancel, together with wreathes and arches, adorned the audience chamber. The exercises consisted of prayer, Christmas songs, speeches, and questions and answers appropriate to the occasion. The trees were well filled with good things for the children, together with many nice gifts for friends. The pastor and family were kindly remembered. All seemed to be well pleased.

CHRISTMAS EVENING.

The exercises were held in the Lutheran church; the weather was still very inclement and the roads very bad, yet the audience chamber was well filled. On the right of the chancel stood a very beautiful evergreen tree, and on the left were the organ and singers. Wreathes and festoonings showed that busy hands had been at work. Back of the chancel, in neat ever green letters, on pure white back-ground, hung the motto, "Jesus is our Shepherd." The exercises were prayer, Christmas songs, speeches, and questions and answers on the birth and boyhood of Jesus. The tree bent beneath the load of rich presents for friends, numbering about one hundred and fifty, together with the well-filled pouches of good things for the Sunday-school scholars. The pastor and family were kindly remembered with a number of nice and useful gifts, and last, but by no means least, a well filled purse for the pastor.

J. N. U.

A STRANGE PEOPLE.—Do you know that there are strange people in our community, we say strange because they seem to prefer to suffer and pass their days miserably, made up by Dyspepsia, and Liver Complaint, Indigestion, Constipation, and general debility, when SHILOH'S VITALIZER is guaranteed to cure them.

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MANSFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 6th, 1880.

DEAR EDITOR:—Enclosed you will find $2 00, one year's subscription for the HERALD. You will please excuse me for not sending the money sooner. I intended to send it last week, but forgot it; because Sue Hay, from near Berlin, a cousin of mine, was visiting us several days, so you will perceive your money was forgotten. I had so many questions to ask about friends that I could think of little else, but will try to be more punctual in the future. I see by reading the HERALD that you have had several marriages in high life. Good luck to them; I hope at the close of life they will be able to look back and say they did not wish it changed! I expect to hear, some of these days, that the Business Manager of the HERALD, E. B. S., has taken unto himself a rib. Well, I would really be glad especially if she was one of Somerset's fair daughters, for there are many more ladies than gentlemen in Somerset.

I hope you had a merry Christmas and a happy New-year. I have been much pleased with the course you have taken in regard to the affairs of the government. Yes, keep on and drum away until every rebel has gone home to remain there until they know how to respect Northern carpet baggers. I think it is an insult to our brave boys in blue to allow such proceedings in Congress as we had last year. Perhaps some one might ask how are we to help it? I say don't vote such men into office, and my word for it, you will have no occasion to be ashamed of the proceedings at Washington.

I like a red-hot Republican paper. I want none of your milk-and water papers. My motto is, "be sure you're right, and then go ahead, and have no fears but all will be well." Although prudence is more frequently of use than any other intellectual quality. You may think it is not becoming for women to talk thus. I beg leave to differ with you on that point, should you think I was meddling with that I had no right to. For my part, I think (and I believe there are men who think I am right on that question) if women took a deeper interest in political affairs and not so much in gossiping, it would be an advantage to them and their children.

It is woman after all that rules the world. I do not believe that either of my sons will ever vote the Democratic ticket, although most of my relations are 'good (?) old Democrats,' and I believe some of them are still voting for Jackson. I have been on the right side since John C. Freemont run for President. I cannot see how a Christian can vote with the present Democratic party. Take the Catholics and whisky portion out of the Democratic ranks, and there would not be a corporal's guard left—at least in our large cities.

When I get the right of suffrage I propose to run the editor of the Somerset HERALD for President. And why not? I am sure he would do better than some of our Presidents have done. When I began this letter I thought I would only write a few lines, and here I have written a sheet full. Please forgive me; I am all alone in the house, have no one to talk to, and the rain is coming down in torrents; the mud is so deep that one has to remain in doors. Excuse mistakes, for I can think faster than I can write; that is the reason for so many blunders. Good by.

Respectfully,
T. A. L.

MARRIED.

SCHROCK—NAIR.—Dec. 11, 1879, at the Lutheran parsonage, Lavansville, by Rev. L. L. Sieber, Mr. Geo. W. Schrock to Miss Priscila L. Nair, both of Bakersville, Pa.

PRITTS—LAPE.—At the Lutheran parsonage, Friedens, Jan. 4th, 1880, by Rev. J. J. Weich, Mr. Chauncey Pritts to Miss Sarah C. Lape, both of Somerset Co., Pa.

BOWMAN—SHAFFER.—At Stoyestown, Dec. 8, 1879, at the residence of Capt. Noah Bowman, by Rev. J. S. Wagner, Mr. Luther M. Bowman to Miss Julia A. Shaffer.

HAY—BOWMAN.—Jan. 8th, 1880, at the residence of Urias Bowman, by Rev. H. F. Keener, Mr. John Allen Hay to Miss Lizzie U. Bowman, both of