

Are you coming to the Fair? Good fresh butter appears to be a scarce article in this vicinity.

The board walk to "grave hill" has been re-laid in a neat and substantial manner.

We regret that the State Fair at Pittsburgh last week did not pay expenses. The deficit will be about \$700.

Our streets were quite crowded with people from the country, more people being in town than for some time.

Forest fires destroyed several houses and barns in Crawford county last week, and several thousand acres were burned over.

The country is draped in mourning, and the wail of sorrow that comes up from all points is a sad reminder of what the nation has lost.

Any of our farmer friends having from fifty to one hundred bushels of oats can find a ready purchaser for the same by addressing us at this office.

Messrs. Jack Colburn, Frank Kimmel and George Colburn, of Bethany, W. Va., visited Friday, for the purpose of attending college at that place.

A curious advertisement in an English paper reads: "Masters and others are requested not to marry Miss Sampson, as she has a wife and family living."

On account of the inducement offered by the R. & O. Railroad in the way of cheap rates, a number of our country friends are visiting the Pittsburgh Exposition.

We are requested to announce that the annual meeting of the Somerset County Agricultural Society will be held on Tuesday, September 28, and closing on October 11, between Somerset and Lanesville, near Samuel's church.

The Grand Jury, at the recent session of Court in Uniontown, passed on fifty-two bills of indictment, returned twenty-seven true bills, and twenty-five ignoramus; examined one hundred and twenty-three witnesses, and returned the grand jury to jail all in one week.

As a living at Ararat, Wayne county, Pa., a killing party has been organized between two towns, the other day, when some of the matter flew into one of his eyes. Inflammation set in soon afterward and the sight of the eye has been entirely destroyed.

The Mt. Pleasant and Latrobe Railroad is under construction. A. H. Hutchinson & Co. are building the first half mile of the road which will be an extension of the road from Latrobe to Mt. Pleasant.

The committee of ladies appointed at the meeting last week to solicit subscriptions for the relief of the Michigan sufferers, called on many of our citizens, and succeeded in raising the sum of \$50, which was forwarded by mail to the proper authorities by Burgess Welby.

Now is the time to cut down all weeds and prevent their spread by destroying the seed pods while yet green, and also to destroy insects that are scurrying about the stalks and washing the trunk and large limbs with strong soap.

This has been a remarkably favorable summer for building purposes and for making out-door improvements. Notwithstanding the fact a large number of new buildings have been erected, comfortable tenement houses with a cheap rent are not to be had.

Our young friend, Mr. Samuel Ferguson, has been in the city on a special excursion train, carrying a close call on Tuesday last. He was assisting to shift the cars at the Johnson turn-table, when the cable, which was being used to place one of the coaches in proper position against the engine, snapped, and he was badly wounded, but being "tough enough" after a few hours rest he was able to resume his duties.

At a meeting of the School Directors of Somerset, held in the Council Chamber, Friday night, the following teachers were employed for the coming term for five months, commencing on Monday, the 17th day of October: Principal, R. H. Sanner; Grammar school, Miss Ella Kimmel; Intermediate, Miss Clara Schuch; A. H. Intermediate, Miss Lizzie Koser; A. Primary, Mrs. M. J. Connelly; B. Primary, Miss Kate Snyder.

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