



December 10, 1884.

Only six more nights to sleep till Christmas. Sleets and sleighs were very numerous in town Monday.

Court was in session all last week, and until nine o'clock Saturday night.

The address of welcome at the Teacher's Institute to be delivered Monday night, by W. H. Ruppel, Esq.

The merry jingle of the sleigh bells was heard in this section for the first time this season, Sunday afternoon.

The friends of Mr. A. J. Lull will be pleased to learn that although still confined to his bed, he is gradually improving.

Mr. Will Lull, of Washington City, arrived in Somerset Saturday evening, where he will remain over the holidays.

The second week of the December term of Court commenced at 10 o'clock Monday morning. It will continue during the greater part of the week.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, Iowa, will deliver a lecture on the subject of temperance, at the Court House on Friday evening, December 28th. Admission free.

Reserved seats for the Cantata to be given in the Court House Saturday evening by the members of the Disciples' Sunday-school are now on sale at the drug store.

Mrs. Jacob Swartzendruber died at her home in Broetvalley township Friday night, of typhoid fever. Mrs. Swartzendruber was the eldest daughter of Mr. Jacob J. Coleman.

The trial of James Nutt has been fixed to take place the second Monday of January. He will remain in confinement until his trial comes up in the Allegheny courts in January.

Charles Hyatt, one of Lower Turkeyfoot's oldest citizens, died last Saturday evening, in the 89th year of his age. He was a member of the Turkeyfoot Regular Baptist Church for many years.

Blair Henry went to Somerset on Saturday to take the position of clerk in the Somerset House. It is a good hotel, has a first class landlord and with a good clerk it is business, no doubt, soon.

Mr. Jacob D. Voller, formerly of Stony-creek township, this county, but at present a citizen of McPherson county, Kansas is visiting his old home and friends here. He has been prosperous in his new home, but his mother is not so well.

Somerset Lodge No. 538 F. & A. M. at a stated meeting held December 11, 1884, elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year: C. W. Hollibaugh, W. M.; E. E. Patton, S. W.; J. M. Cover, J. W. C. Colburn, Treasurer, and John Mills, Secretary.

Mr. Samuel Compton, of Elklick township, has shown an unusual curiosity in the shape of a gold watch, which he says was taken from the person of the celebrated rebel general Stone-Well Jackson, at the time he was killed. It is a handsome old watch and is in perfect repair.

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It was the worthy principal of our Somerset public schools who was born in France he does not style himself Professor, but writes a French motto that should be made his article read last week.

Report of Sipe School, Jenner township, for second month ending December 12, 1884. Per cent of attendance during month, 87. The following named pupils were present every day during month: Emma Beam, Leona Shanks, George M. Sipe, William and Russell Beam. Number of visits, 7. Retained pupils, 12. Parents, 12. Citizens and patrons for their cooperation with me in the school work.

Report of Jenner Public Schools for the past month: Whole number in attendance, 294; Average, 38; Per cent, 86. The following named directors visited the schools during the month: Lewis Cramer, John Rink, A. B. Kautz, and W. F. Gault. Patron, Henry R. Kelly, County Superintendent, J. C. Wetters. I heartily return my thanks to the citizens of this district for their cooperation with me in the school work.

The jury in the case of Ephraim Coleman tried for the murder of John Hawks, at Pittsburgh, returned a verdict of murder in the second degree Friday morning, having been out from 5:30 Wednesday until Thursday afternoon after court had adjourned, before agreeing. The ballot stood ten for second degree and two for manslaughter until the case was compromised on a recommendation for extreme mercy. The extent of the law is 12 years in the penitentiary, and the minimum penalty is 1 year. Counsel for defense state that a motion in arrest of judgment and reasons for a new trial will be filed.

The story comes up from Middlebrook township that some two weeks ago a man by the name of Frank Poleman, who has figured considerably in our criminal courts, was killed by a citizen of that township and his body placed upon a log pile, which was then set on fire. The story goes that the body of the man was buried and buried under a heap of stones. Poleman's dog, by its pitiful howling around the stone pile attracted the attention and excited the suspicion of two farmers, who overturned the pile of stones, and thus discovered the charred remains of a man. The reason assigned for the murder is that Poleman had run across an illicit distillery in the mountains, and the moonshiners, fearing that he would divulge on them, concluded to put him out of the way and appointed one of their number to do it. The story is believed by some and scoffed at by others. We give it to our readers for what it's worth.

The drought that is threatened by the following order of Judge Ray, on Monday last is more appalling to the farmers of Kansas. The rule says: First, All applications for various or restaurant licenses will be heard on Monday evening of the February and May Terms, respectively, and all previous orders and rules inconsistent herewith are repealed. Second, If more than one license shall be applied for in any borough or township, and the same citizens shall have signed the certificates of more than one petitioner, such certificates may, in the discretion of the Court, be viewed with disfavor, and unless the necessity for all the licenses applied for is established, in the case shall be satisfied to grant a license to one of the petitioners. It will not be considered as making out the necessity for more than one house; and if upon such petitions, it becomes necessary for the Court to decide between applicants, it may regard the order of time in which the certificates were signed. Under the old rule the license was granted on the first Monday evening after the second Monday in January, and the first Monday after the second Monday in April. It will be seen that under the new rule, licenses are to be renewed until February term, and those expiring in April until the May term, so that all the bars in the county will be closed about one month.

Is MEMORIAL.—The following tribute of respect to the memory of Miss Mary Keiser was adopted by the M. E. Sunday School on December 8, 1884: WHEREAS, Through the mysterious dispensations of an All-wise Providence Sister Mary Keiser, a worthy member of the M. E. Church and Sunday School of Somerset, Pa., has been removed from our midst by death; therefore be it

Resolved, That this event has deprived our Church of a consistent member, and our Sunday School has sustained the loss of an earnest, faithful teacher, and it has left in our midst a vacancy that we all sadly feel.

Resolved, That we deem her one who endeavored to lead a Christian life, and we recognize in her death the hand of Him who doeth all things well, and that we take heart to him who is the author of our redemption. We also recall the words of the Divine Instructor: "Be ye also ready."

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the county papers, the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, and that a copy be presented to the family of deceased.

Mrs. A. W. KYNDLER, Mrs. W. H. PLATT, Mrs. KATE HEAR, Mrs. BEETHA MIER, G. W. STYDER, Committee.

Mr. ESTOR.—Having personally visited the snake den, three miles southeast of this place, I know where I speak when I say it is the most interesting and romantic spot in this mountain range. Only those who have gone there at this season of the year, when the cold weather has driven the dreaded snake to its winter quarters and dismantled the trees of their foliage, which to some extent caused too much summer to the scene, can comprehend the magnitude of the small though solid party which visited there last Sunday. To one who has been there it is not strange to hear the young men of the party speak so enthusiastically of crossing deep crevices from two to ten feet wide, and climbing perpendicular walls of the same dimensions with their bodies, and all with their surprise and delight at the sublimity of the view which met their vision when reaching the main, or highest rock. Those who have the courage to stand on that elevation and near its peak and look over at the valley below and at its base, are surprised to see appear no larger than sapplings. Looking downward and across a deep chasm from this point, you can see what is known as Falling Timber. When looking over that once thickly timbered valley, and seeing it so equally as empty, it is a sad thing which without that terrible hurricane in 1851, and then turning to the west and beholding finely cultivated farms, extending back many miles into Maryland, forms a contrast grand beyond description. Whether our young men are so delighted with the surrounding scenery, the exploration of deep caverns, the rough entrances of which have been made smooth by the continual ingress and egress of rattlesnakes, the wildest trap they found and mistook for a bear trap, the pretty bird with such beautiful plumage they captured in the hollow of a large tree, or the society of such exceptionally pleasant and affable ladies, best known to themselves. Hope their pleasures will continue, and their contemplated visit to Laura's Cavern, of which they have been so long desiring, will be equally as enjoyable as those to Fall Fox Cave and snake den.

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The most notable Tennessy, has accepted a peerage, but retains his own name. It is now Baron Tennessy, therefore. We trust the new Baron hasn't forgotten what he wrote himself.

How'er he be, it seems to me, 'Tis only noble to be good. Kind hearts are more than coronets, And simple faith than Norman blood.'

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Cyrus Bokus vs. Samuel Compton; appeal by defendant. The jury in this case went out about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. They returned about 9 o'clock and asked to be discharged, as they could not agree. The Court gave them further instructions, but did not discharge them. About 9 o'clock Saturday night they agreed. This case is of more than passing interest. The facts in it, as we learn them, are: That Bokus took \$25 worth of wheat to Compton's mill, in Elklick township. When he called for the flour there was neither grain nor flour. The wheat had been lost, sold by miller, who pocketed the money. Bokus sued Compton for the price of the grain and the loss of his flour. Justice of the Peace Compton appealed to Court, claiming that his mill bins were for the convenience of the public and that he wasn't liable for the grain placed in them for storage. The jury favored Mr. Compton's view of the matter, and gave their verdict for the defendant.

James R. Hendrickson vs. James H. C. Harrison and William M. Schrock. Continued, and ordered to hold for second week of next term.

James Kimmel vs. David Kimmel. Appeal by defendant. On motion of plaintiff's attorney leave was granted him to enter a non-suit.

Robert Pickworth and James M. Shields vs. B. F. Lung; Ejectment. By order of Court, jury return a verdict for defendants.

Other cases on the civil list were either settled, discontinued or continued.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Superior Courts of Somerset County Pa. We, the members of the Grand Jury would respectfully report that we have this day visited and inspected the public buildings of the County. At the Court House we found everything in first class condition; the buildings and the out buildings are all in good repair, are kept scrupulously neat and clean and are sufficient for the comfortable accommodation of all the inmates; the papers all seemed to be carefully clothed and well cared for in every respect. We were informed that during the past year a number of persons were allowed to board at the poor farm and paying their board while engaged in other business. This we think should not be allowed, for various reasons: this is the recommendation that we have to make. We think the institution is a credit to the County, and that the Stewart ward Directors are entitled to the thanks of all citizens for the manner in which it is kept. The pauper class in Somerset County is certainly well cared for.

Tickets for the three lectures during the Teachers' Institute are now on sale at C. N. Boyd's Drug Store. Season reserved seat tickets, \$1.25. Single admission, 50 cents. Reserved seat, 30 cents.

Hetty's window is full of linen handkerchiefs at five cents, and the best selection in town at four cents. Don't fail to call before they are all gone.

Not this—If any of our readers have private receipts for the present family medicine, they will do well to write to us, and we will be glad to send them a copy of the book.

The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union will celebrate its Tenth Anniversary, Sabbath, December 23d. The officers of the Penn'a W. C. T. U. earnestly urge the general observance of the occasion, not only by the local Unions, but also