The Somerset Herald.

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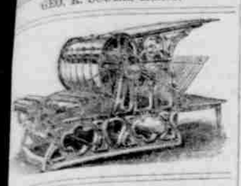

DNESDAY.....January 23, 1884.

...ing elections on February 19th.

...al frame Spectacles, at C. N. Boyd's.

...ional Sweet Potatoes for sale at Keller & ...'s.

...lows from three cents up at A. ...'s.

...siness is secured by the most ...ive advertising.

...ese and eggs should decline in price ...that the holidays are over.

...ake your choice of weather. There ...several kinds and you can't go wrong.

...he best stock of Cigars and Tobacco in the ...ty can be found at Keller & Sanner's.

...The section hands are kept busy keeping ...railroad crossings free from ice and ...

...NOTICE.—All persons indebted to me by ...book account will please call and ...at once.

SOLOMON UHL.

...Borough will vote on the question of ...ing a County Poorhouse on the 19th ...ebruary.

...ook Trout, Salmon and Labrador Her...ing can't be beat, at Keller & Sanner's.

...Times now are the goose bone, the musk ...and the thin corn husk that foretold a ...winter.

...Gaystown Almanacs for sale to town ...country merchants at Fisher's Book ...

...One of the engineers of the South Penn ...ompany, while serving in Fulton county, ...his name.

...The Ferrier Bros' have just introduced ...called to their stock of Winter Boots ...Shoes, a Ventilated Rubber Boot that ...not sweat or chill the feet.

...Now is your chance to get bargains, at A. ...'s.

...It is already certain that there is one crop ...that will not be a failure this year. The ice ...crop is certainly safe.

...FOR RENT—The large room or offices ...recently occupied as Internal Revenue ...Office, on Main Cross Street. Inquire at ...this office.

...Mr. Vennor ventures this: "The latter ...part of January will be mild, but February ...will be cold and stormy."

...The highest cash prices paid for wheat at ...Miller's mill, Berlin, Pa.

CALVIN HAY,
Proprietor.

...American Presbyterians will commemo...rate next year the second centenary of their ...organization in this country.

...Please call and examine my stock of fall and ...winter hats before purchasing elsewhere. ...They are all fresh, having just been received ...from the eastern cities.

Mrs. M. M. TEDWELL.

...Santa Claus is here, and the girls have a ...chance for what they want, and widows ...can pass their plate for the second piece ...of pie.

...Stoneystown, Lancaster, and Vennor Al...manacs, German and English at Fisher's ...Book Store.

...The Commissioners of Fulton county ...have decided to build a bridge over Licking ...Creek. This will be the first and only county ...bridge in Fulton county.

...On or before January 14, 1884., all persons ...owing themselves Indebted on our ...Books, will please call and settle at once ...either by cash or note.

PARKER & PARKER.

...The Buffalo Lime Company is now sell...ing good lime at eight cents, delivered on ...the cars at their works. For orders, write to ...William Mason, Garrett, Pa.

...BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE.—The greatest ...medical wonder of the world. Warranted ...to speedily cure burns, bruises, cuts, Ulcers, ...Salt Rheum, Fever sores, cancers, piles, chil...blains, corns, tetter, chapped hands, and all ...skin eruptions, guaranteed to cure in every ...instance, or money refunded. 25 cents per ...box. For sale by C. N. Boyd. jun20.

...It is said that raw oysters are excellent ...for a cold. We do not know how true that ...may be, but one thing we do know, and that is ...that it is a medicine that is not hard to ...take.

...I have the largest assortment of spectacles ...any dealer in the county. All ages and ...sores.

C. N. Boyd.

...LOST.—Between New Lexington and Jen...ner's Roads, on the road, by way of Mill...wood, Somerset and Sipesville, a package ...containing a lad's black cashmere dress. ...The finder will confer a favor and be reward...ed by writing to the undersigned.

E. J. CRITCHFIELD,
Jenner X Roads, Pa.

...Just what you want, and all at lowest ...prices. Pure Drugs. Fine Stationery. A ...large assortment of miscellaneous articles. ...Good goods. Low prices.

C. N. Boyd, Druggist.

...FOR SALE.—One pair of wheat burrs, and ...pair of choppers, first-class.

RUDOLPH HOOVER,
Somerset, Pa.

...Selling out regardless of cost, at A. Na...than's.

...The Roller Process Flour for sale by Messrs ...Keller & Sanner, has had a large run. They ...have just received a new lot which will be ...sold about 20 per cent. lower than the price ...heretofore asked in Somerset.

...Ginghams, five cents per yard, at A. Na...than's.

...I would respectfully inform my friends of ...Somerset county that I have opened a new ...drug store at 232 Main Street, Johnstown, ...Pa., where I would be pleased to see them. ...My stock consists of Pure Drugs, Chemicals, ...Patent Medicines, Dye Stuffs, Perfumery ...and Fancy Goods generally. At this season ...I would call attention to the insecticides, ...such as Pure Paris Green, Pure Powdered ...White Hellebore, Persian Insect Powder, ...etc. When in need of anything in the ...drug line come and see me or write for ...prices. All inquiries cheerfully answered.

CHAS. GRIEFFER
232 Main Street.

...All flannels and woolen dress goods re...gardless of cost, at A. Nathan's.

...Having purchased the exclusive right to ...sell the McGuire Patent Bed Spring in Som...erset county, I will shortly make a canvass ...of the county to solicit orders. I think ...this spring superior to any yet offered for ...sale.

J. F. BEACHY.

...MEAT MARKET.—Main Street.—We have ...just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat ...Market in which all meats can be kept cool ...and clean. Mutton, Beef, Pork, &c., kept ...constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties ...buying meat can have it kept in the Refrig...erator until wanted.

...We have, also, 100,000 new brick for sale, ...which we will sell by the hundred or thous...and at a low price.

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

...No Household is complete without a copy ...of the local county paper and a copy of a ...leading city weekly paper—one gives you ...the home news and the other the news of ...the entire world. The Pittsburg weekly ...*Commercial Gazette* is a journal for the politi...cian, for the farmer, merchant, mechanic ...and for the family. Subscription per year ...$1.25.

...A celebrated circus manager is on the ...hunt for a new curiosity for his show. He ...is seeking to find a young married man ...whose wife can cook as well as his mother ...did. Twenty-six States have been explored ...thus far without success.

The sleighing continues excellent.

The County Auditors are still in session.

Monday night was one of the coldest of the winter.

But little sickness is reported at present in this community.

A gradual and substantial lengthening of the days is very noticeable.

Harry, only son of Mr. Samuel Custer, is seriously ill at the home of his parents in Stoystown.

Arthur Love's Musical Comedy Company will give another of their inimitable enter-tainments in the Court House on Friday evening, January 25th.

A drove of fine young horses which had been bought in this neighborhood, was taken past our office Monday on their way to the eastern market.

We had a very pleasant call from County Superintendent Weller Monday morning. He reports the public schools of the county to be in a flourishing condition.

The thermometer took a downward turn Saturday night, and has been hovering on the verge of zero ever since. Sunday and Monday nights it reached several degrees below.

It is estimated that it will take one million and a half of ties for the South Penn Railroad. It will take at least sixty million feet of lumber to make these ties.

Col. J. M. Reid drove his handsome team of bay horses from Connellsville to Somerset last Thursday, in a little over four hours. The weather was cold, and the sleighing excellent.

The Odd Fellows last week purchased from Mr. J. B. Snyder one-half of the building which he now occupies on Main Cross Street. The consideration was twenty-five hundred dollars.

In another column will be found the advertisement of A. Nathan, who is offering his entire stock of dry goods at cost from now until April 1, 1884. He proposes to give purchasers rare bargains.

A young miss of sixteen asks what is the proper thing for her to do when she is serenaded by a party of young gentlemen at a late hour. We are glad to be able to answer that question. Steal softly down stairs and untie the dog.

On Tuesday morning last a large black bear entered the orchard of Mr. Stiffler, at Canoe Creek, Blair county, and although discovered and pursued by several hunters, succeeded in escaping uninjured into the mountains.

Messrs. D. S. Beachy, of St. Joseph, Missouri, Mahlon Beachy, of Morrill, Kansas, and L. C. Beachy, of Pueblo, Colorado, are visiting relatives and friends in this place. They are the guests of their brother, J. F. Beachy.

Farmers and other should now give whatever protection they can to birds and other game. The snow now covers the ground and birds will perish with hunger unless they are fed. Domestic fowls also require the best of treatment.

The state encampment of the G. A. R. of Pennsylvania will be held in Lancaster, on February 6 and 7, 1884 and it will be a large affair. It is expected that there will be not less than 800 delegates, beside a number of visiting posts with bands of music.

Mr. John M. Holderbaum last week sold the old Snyder property, on Main street, to Mr. Alex Benford. The property is now occupied by the families of Messrs. George Snyder and Gillian Lint. Mr. Benford takes possession on the 1st of April.

Messrs. Shalcross & Oliver, lumbermen, have opened a central office in Somerset, in charge of Mr. Oliver. They have a very neatly fitted up office on the second floor of the Mammoth Block. Their mills in this county are located in Shade and Paint townships.

A package containing a lady's black cashmere dress was lost recently between New Lexington and Jenner X Roads, on the road by way of Milwood, Somerset and Sipesville. By returning the same to E. J. Critchfield, Jenner X Roads, the finder will be suitably rewarded.

A party of fourteen ladies and gentlemen from Somerset drove over to Meyersdale last Thursday morning, took dinner at the Jones House, and returned in the evening. The Jones House is one of the best country hotels in the State, and the dinner on this occasion was in full keeping with the well established reputation of the house.

While the snow lies in heaps in front of houses as it does now, there cannot be too many precautions taken, especially in the case of children against cold on lungs. It will be a wonder if the mortality reports do not show a largely increased number of deaths from pneumonia, resulting from the chilling effects of this great body of snow.

The time is fast approaching when our citizens will be called upon to select suitable candidates for borough officers. The right way to have good, efficient officers is to see that such men are named, nominated and elected to fill the places of trust that are to be given out by our people. Every citizen is interested in good government, and a good government can only be secured where good men are put at the head of it.

At a recent meeting of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company, the following board of officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Alexander Musser; Vice President, S. F. Beiman; Secretary, D. J. Brubaker; Directors, E. J. Walker, George C. Lichty, John H. Snyder, Samuel Musser, Josiah Kimmel and Peter Walker. The annual financial statement of this most excellent Company will be found in another column.

The famous plow case is among the causes that will be taken from this county to the Supreme Court. This is a case in which James Parson sued the Supervisors of Somerset township for eight dollars, damages done his plow while working on the road. The case has already been tried three times, "Uncle Tom" getting a verdict each time, but the Supervisors are not satisfied that they are responsible for breaking the plow, and want the Supreme Court's opinion on the matter. The counsel are Coffroth & Ruppel for the Plaintiff, and Hay and Uhl for the Defendants.

The trial of young James Nutt at Pittsburgh for the killing of N. L. Dukes, has attracted as much attention from the press, and interest from the general public as any case ever tried in this country, not excepting the celebrated "Guiteau" case. The trial has been in progress over a week, and at this writing is not yet finished. The enterprise displayed by the Pittsburgh *Commercial-Gazette* in reporting the proceedings, has enabled its readers to follow the trial as closely as though they were present in Court. Every syllable of testimony, every word spoken by court, counsel, or parties in interest, is faithfully and fully reported.

A short time ago an agent of the American Rapid Telegraph Company left a mortgage at the Recorder's office to the Boston Safe deposit Company for $3,000,000. The agent said that he had the same mortgage recorded in every county through which the line passed in the State, and that he believed the Recorder at Carlisle to be the fastest writer in the State, he having recorded the mortgage in two days. The instrument is a large one, covering some eighteen pages of the large mortgage docket. The efficient clerk in the Recorder's office at this place put the entire article on record, in writing as plain and neat as copper-plate, from half-past ten one morning till five the next evening, besides attending to the other business of the office during this time.

CESSNA AND BLAINE AT CINCINNATI.—A paragraph has been going the rounds of the press recently, copied from the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, stating that Hon. John Cessna, Chairman of the Committee on Rules at the Republican National Convention in 1876 had framed the rules with the intention of injuring Blaine's prospects, and that he had boasted after the passage of the resolution that he had now got even with Blaine for not making him Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, while he was a member and Blaine was Speaker, to which Mr. Cessna replies in the Bedford *Gazette* of last week, as follows:

"I never asked Blaine for the Chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee. Everybody knew that Gen. Butler was to have the position, and I didn't have the faintest idea of getting it. Neither did I ask for the Chairmanship of the Committee on Rules at the Cincinnati Convention; it was a high honor, and came to me altogether unexpectedly. I had no intention of injuring Blaine or anybody else when I framed the rule to prevent delegates from changing their votees until after the announcement of the result of the ballot. That rule was adopted simply to prevent the tremendous confusion and uproar that always follows when some lunatic jumps up and wants to change his vote. The man who rendered me the most assistance in framing the rule wass a gentleman from Iowa who was one of Blaine's most earnest supporters.

RAILROAD NEWS.

The Collins Brothers, of Philadelphia, among the most widely known railroad men in this country, have been awarded the contract for building that portion of the South Penn Railroad in this county between the Allegheny and Laurel Hill tunnels. Their contract embraces some twelve miles, and includes the Quemahoning tunnel. One of the firm is in Somerset at present, for the purpose of going over the line and making contracts for the erection of all needed buildings. They expect to commence work as soon as the weather will permit.

Contractor McFadden is having coal delivered at the Allegheny tunnel at the rate of 2,500 bushels of coal per day. Most of the boat is taken from the banks in the neighborhood of Berlin. We are told that one hundred and fifty teams are engaged in this business, and that Mr. McFadden wants 200,000 bushels of coal delivered while the sleighing lasts, as a portion of the road leading to the tunnel can scarcely be traveled with a wagon.

The contract for the construction of the Laurel Hill tunnel has at last been awarded, and the contractors, Messrs. Putman and Kuhns, have their agents on the grounds arranging for the building of shanties, boarding houses, etc. They propose to commence operations as soon as they can prepare shelter and accommodation for their laborers.

The following, written by one of the South Penn Railroad engineers located at the Allegheny tunnel, is taken from the Bedford *Gazette*:

"I had intended reminding you of my variegated but peaceful existence ere this late day, but the frigid wave came here in its glory and caught us in its cold embrace, and cavorted round in the arms of rude Boreas (how's that for high?) till the very tears froze in our eyes and we dared not venture out of doors without a complete suit of mustard plasters over our anatomy to keep up the circulation of the blood. Reduced to plain English, this means that the thermometer got down to 16 and remained in that vicinity for three days, during which there was precious little work done by anybody. We are slowly but surely reviving under the influence of warmer weather and much hot toddy, and all ready for another relapse.

The "great bore" is doing as well as can be under adverse circumstances. It is the pride and admiration of all this part of Somerset county. The aborigines devote much valuable time to it. They all come, daddies, youths and kids, maids and old maids, lovers and would-be-loved. They gape at the garlic eaters with wonder and at the incongruous Fenians with doubt, and after a period of brilliant silence go home and tell the most stupendous lies about what had been done, what they saw doing, and what was to be done. They had some coons at work last year, but these estimable amendments, finding chickens very scarce in the country, concluded to leave just about the time the contractor thought he could do without them. They went.

There is always lots of excitement about the pits. The various bosses devote much of their existence to sending off heavy blasts, so every now and then you hear a mealy-mouthed Parnellite howl out, "Foire! git out of there, ye sons of guns!" and there is a general hurry up the hill for a place where the sky-scraping stones, trees, water, typhoons, etc., can be seen without being snuffed out by one on the return trip. The ingenuous Italians usually crowd into the powder house, which is close by the work, and some day there will be a circus from Circusville. So far only one man has seen fit to stop stones with his head, and he was buried last Saturday at New Baltimore. The horny-handed sons of toil attended his funeral in a body, and got drunk afterward.

At the east end there is always lots of fun. Two stables and an office are pretty nearly on a line with the pits, and every other day a few tons of stones come crashing through them, and the carpenters devote the next day to repairing the damages. The local boss who was to sleep there has distinctly refused to do so, as they are working at night now. He is young, he says, and his fond parents would be much shocked to meet him in Hades so soon. They ought to be underground in about a month; with the work, I mean, not as corpses, not all, anyhow."

We learn that the contract for the division from Bedford to Burnt Cabins has been awarded to the contractors of the Sideling Hill tunnel. Several sled loads of material for the manufacture of dynamite passed through this place last week. The manufactory is to be built on Sideling Hill, near the tunnel. We learn that the dynamite factory at the crossings is the enterprise of private parties.—*Fulton Republican.*

The railroad enterprises projected in this State for the coming year, the Philadelphia *Press* says are more numerous than those undertaken by any State in the Union, and they are also more important. They are directed to the encouragement of local interests, and yet three out of the four great trunk lines of the country are deeply interested in their construction, and they have already gone so far as to pledge themselves to the investment of millions of money during the present year. Railroads can be built cheaper in Pennsylvania than in any other State in the Union as far as regards the cost of materials, and the confidence shown by the investment of capital at this time is only another proof of the universal faith in the vast resources of the Keystone State."

EDITOR HERALD:—Not having seen anything in your paper from this neck o' woods for some time, I thought for the benefit of your many readers, especially those formerly living in this section, I would pen a few items in order that they may know how their old friends are thriving.

Lime hauling is all the go. I will give the names of persons and number of teams at present engaged in hauling: Samuel Dickey, three teams; J. D. and Daniel Dumbold, two teams; Scott King, assisted by J. Poorbaugh, two teams; Henry Whipkey, two teams; George Crossen, one team; G. W. Lowry, one team; Henry Kregar, two teams; N. B. Cramer, one team; Jeremiah Cramer, one team; Daniel Schrock, one team; Smith King, one team; besides there are a number of Fayette county teams engaged in hauling. If the sledding lasts, there will be burnt in this section between fifty and seventy-five thousand bushels of lime, all of which comes from the Hyatt quarry, except a few thousand bushels from the Walker farm.

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Middlecreek, Jan. 19, 1884.

EXPLOSION OF A STOVE.—During the cold weather persons who use water-backs in their stoves should use considerable care to avoid accident, though most of the plumbing is done in such a way as to permit the draining of the water-back as well as of the other pipes. The Johnstown *Tribune* tells the following:

"The residence of Mr. Joseph Hinchman, on Somerset street, was the scene of a terrible explosion Monday morning. The kitchen was supplied with a stove to which there was an attachment known as a water-back. This is simply a coil of pipe encased in metal and located in the stove where the fire has direct access to it so that the water, in passing through the coil, is heated, and then conveyed wherever wanted in the house by connecting pipes. Mr. Hinchman had shut off the water in the cellar from the street main. What water remained in the pipes when the family retired froze, but the pipes did not burst. In the morning the cook kindled fire in the stove shortly after 6 o'clock. At fifteen minutes of 7 o'clock she was frying potatoes, and was standing between the stove and the western side of the room. Mr. Hinchman, the only other member of the family who had arisen, being only a short distance from the stove. He had at that moment his doubts about the safety of the water-back, and was just about to make an investigation of it, when a terrible explosion occurred, the stove being blown to atoms, and he and Miss Calderbach were thrown with great force into the corner of the room. The kitchen, which is an ordinary sized room, presented an appearance that defies description. Pieces of the stove were lying everywhere, and sticking in numerous places in the walls and ceiling, and lying on shelves and chairs. Miss Calderbach's left arm was fractured near the elbow, probably by a piece of the stove. Mr. Hinchman did not need the attention of a doctor, although his eyes and face were slightly affected, and the skin was peeled off one of his wrists by a flying piece of iron. How he and Miss Calderbach escaped terrible deaths is inexplicable, the more so as they were both within a few inches of the stove when it exploded. As to the cause of the explosion, an explanation is scarcely necessary. The water in the pipes above the stove was frozen and when the pipe in the water-back became heated steam generated, and an explosion followed as an inevitable consequence."

The retirement of Mr. Carl Schurz, a few weeks ago, from the editorship of one of the leading journals of New York, on the ground that irreconcilable difference of opinion existed between him and his associates with regard to the conflict of the Telegraph and Railroad men with their employers, has awakened curiosity in no ordinary degree, and hence when he defines his position upon the question at issue, viz., "Corporations, their Employes and the Public," as he does in the *North American Review* for February, he is sure to command an attentive hearing. To the same number of the *Review* J. C. Shairp, Principal of the University of St. Andrews, contributes an admirable sketch of the life and works of "Henry Vaughan, Silurist," a poet of the 17 century whose genius exhibited a rare and almost unique combination of gifts. Senator J. J. Ingalls writes of "John Brown's Place in History," his purpose being to disprove the several counts in the indictment of the hero of Potawatomie contained in the recent article by the Rev. David N. Utter. The question "Must the Classics Go?" is discussed by Prof. Andrew F. West, of Princeton College, who presents a very forcible argument for the retention of Greek and Latin in the curriculum of our educational system. "Race Increase in the United States," by Congressman J. Randolph Tucker, makes a very substantial contribution to sociological science. The Rev. M. J. Savage, in pointing out sundry "Defects of the Public School System," advances certain views of the ends to be attained by State education which, if accepted, would very materially modify, and indeed revolutionize the existing system. Finally an important question in hygiene, "Rival Systems of Heating," is treated by Dr. A. N. Bell and Prof. W. P. Trowbridge, who point out the advantage, from the standpoint of both economy and of health, of the different methods in use for warming houses. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, New York, and for sale by booksellers generally.

EDIE AND VICINITY.

The Messrs. Friedline are putting their steam saw mill in order, preparatory to beginning work.

Solomon Baker moved into his new house on Tuesday of last week and seems to be happy, for they are both girls.

John Bittner, A. F. Stahl, Michael Shaulis, and Sally Friedline each contemplate erecting new barns the coming spring, and Samuel Fadely a new house.

Joseph Ankeny built an addition to his house this winter. Should Vanderbilt come through this neck o' woods to view the railroad, or on any other business or pleasure, he will find first-class accommodations there.

Nicholas Loug, of Greensburg, last July purchased all the timber land he could get in this vicinity, paying one dollar on each purchase, and agreeing to pay the balance on the 1st of January, but he has failed to put in an appearance, and the people who dealt with him have lost their faith in the Greensburg deacon.

Sunday, January 13th, seems to have been a particular day for the churches at and about Edie. Preaching at all the churches, besides preaching both morning and evening at St. John's Evangelical Church. The members concluded to pay off the old indebtedness and dedicate the church, which was done on the evening of that day.

Our neighboring township of Jefferson seems to have her share of illustrious men, or doctors, or superhuman beings. One professes to cure rupture by pow-wowing over the afflicted on the first Friday in new moon, for three successive months. Then Dr. Daniel Shaffer, the "faith doctor, who has performed so many and such extraordinary cures, but if you endeavored to find them it will be like hunting for Hexibarger—you would always be several miles from them—has his home in Jefferson. And now one turns up claiming the grand title of "Doctor Mesmeriser." He claims he can find hidden or lost treasure. It is said that he, with several of his equally superstitious greenies, went to the "Alleghenies some time ago, to a cave; there Dr. G.'s oracle made him believe that a sum of money was secreted in a part of the cave, but, as all such things are, they would have to reach the money by reaching through a dog's mouth, which lay on the hidden treasure, and as they were too cowardly to do that, they concluded to make a hole through the earth and rock above the cave. But instead of the treasure they find nothing but rock. The doctor explains matters by looking into the oracle and exclaiming: "Now we are beat; the dog has run away with the money!" Now he has discovered the fact that there is a great deal of money concealed in "Laurel Hill," and if he can get a couple of partners to do the digging and blasting, we may hear of his striking a bonanza.

LAVANSVILLE ITEMS.

Why don't our school have a spelling bee?

Our brass band is progressing at a rapid rate.

A sleighing party went from this place to Berlin last Saturday. They report a pleasant trip.

Our school, under the supervision of Mr. Pritts, is not surpassed by any in the district.

Mr. Abraham Kuhlman has purchased a house in Bakersville, where he will make his future home.

ARON.

Somebody did remark that our winter this year would be summerlike, but straw hats and linen dusters havn't yet made their appearance.

The Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges will be observed this year at Mt. Pleasant on January 24th. The Rev. Dr. Woodburn, of Allegheny, will preach at 11 A. M., and also in the evening. The students and faculty will also conduct prayer meetings. Friends from a distance are cordially invited to attend any of the services they can. There is a great deal of religious interest among the students, and this memorable Day of Prayer will no doubt quicken that interest.

NOTE THIS—If any of our readers have private receipts for liniment, family medicines, horse powders, etc., that they desire to have compounded, they will do well to consult Campbell, the Druggist, 264 Main street Johnstown. His stock of drugs, dye stuffs, etc., as not only fresh but pure, and his prices reasonable. His aim is to please his customers, and he knows that the way to do this is by selling strictly pure goods at reasonable figures. Don't forget the name and number, 264 Main St., Johnstown.

"His Sweetheart," very funny, will be presented by Arthur Love's Musical Comedy Company, Friday eve, January 25th.

A LIFE SAVING PRESENT.—Mr. M. E. Allison, Hutchinson, Kan. Saved his life by a simple Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, for Consumption, which caused him to procure a large bottle, that completely cured him, when Doctors, change of climate and everything else had failed. Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs and all Throat and Lung diseases, it is guaranteed to cure. Trial bottles free at C. N. Boyd's Drug Store. Large size $1.00.

George Burtch, the inimensely funny comedian, is still with Arthur Love's Musical Comedy Company.

IN THE COURTS OF JUSTICE.—The following is a little conversation our reporter recently heard:

"I called to see you, Mrs. Justice, as I heard you had been in Somerset Saturday. I want to go, and thought you could give me some idea where to go."

"Yes, I can do that very thing, Mrs. Bright. I was all around, and I only found one place where they did not have any old goods to sell, and there the goods were all new and bright, and to my surprise cheaper than the rest offered their old goods at. Nice new calicos at 5 cents; ginghams at 7 cents; shirtings, 7 cents; tickings, muslins, jeans, etc., at any price you want them, and cashmeres! my, how cheap they sell all kinds of dress goods—and what do you think, thirty pieces of Brussels carpet, with all the ingrains, venitians, cottage, hemp, etc.; they must have seventy-five pieces of carpet. You couldn't see a better assortment in the city, and so cheap! Hemp, 20 cents per yard; cottage 20 cents per yard, and oh! the handsomest Brussels at 70 cents—"

"Now stop, Mrs. Justice; whose store are you talking about?"

"Goodness, Mrs. Bright! I thought by what I told you, you would know; why, J. B. Snyder & Co.'s; no old goods there. They sell too many; turn them around too fast; don't let them get old. Ta, ta!"

MARRIED.

SMITH—COUGHENOUR.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Bedford county, Pa., on October 14, 1883, by Rev. W. A. Reininger, Mr. Louis F. Smith to Miss Margaret E. Coughenour.

POORBAUGH—BOYER.—December 30, 1883, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Northampton township, this county, by the same, Mr Calvin Poorbaugh to Miss Elsie E. Boyer.

WEIMER—ZIMMERMAN—At Milford Station, January 15, 1884, by Rev. D. K. Lavan, Mr. William A. Weimer and Miss Mary M. Zimmerman, both of Somerset County, Pa.

A HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

THE CITY OF COLUMBUS DASHED TO PIECES ON SUBMERGED ROCKS.

Passengers Clinging to the Rigging or Hurled by the Gale into the Sea on the Coast of Martha's Vineyard.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 18.—The steamship City of Columbus, of Boston and Savannah Line, went ashore this morning off Gay Head, Martha's Vineyard. The vessel soon broke up. One hundred persons were washed overboard and lost.

ACCOUNT OF THE DISASTER.

Captain Wright has made the following statement regarding the loss of the vessel:

"The City of Columbus left Boston at 3 P. M. on Thursday, carrying eighty passengers and a crew of forty-five. At 3.45 A. M. to-day. Gay Head Light tearing South half East, the vessel struck on the outside of Devil's Bridge buoy. The wind was blowing a gale West by North. The vessel immediately filled and keeled over, the water breaking in and flooding the port side of the saloon.

All of the passengers excepting a few women and children, came on deck, nearly all wearing life preservers. All of the boats were cleared away, but were immediately swamped. A majority of the passengers were washed overboard. Seven passengers left the vessel on a life raft, and about forty more took to the rigging. At 10.30 A. M. the Gay Head life boat put off and took seven persons. Another life boat put off between 12 and 1 o'clock.

The revenue cutter Dexter came along at about 12.30 and sent off two boats.

"Twenty-one persons, one of whom was dead, were placed on board the Dexter, and after all the persons were taken from the vessel, the Dexter proceeded to New Bedford. Three persons died after going on board the Dexter."

The revenue cutter Dexter has landed at New Bedford seventeen persons and four dead bodies taken from the wreck. Captain Gabrielson, of the cutter, estimates the loss of life at 100.

The ledges on which the City of Columbus struck are considered by mariners to be one of the most dangerous point on the coast. The ledges consist of a formation of submerged rocks, constituting a double ledge, the outer strata of which is called the Devil's Back, both ledges being called the Devil's Bridge. The ledges are abreast of Gay Head light on the mainland, and extend a little to the Southward of it. The outer ledge, or Devil's Back, is about an eighth of a mile from the mainland.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VESSEL.

The City of Columbus was built of iron, 2200 tons burden, and, like her sister craft, the Gate City, had the rating for twenty years. She was steered by steam, and provided with electric lights for navigating the Savannah River at night. Her freight capacity was upwards of 4000 bales of cotton and she had accommodations for 114 first-class passengers and sixty second class passengers. Her cabin appointments were very elaborate, being unsurpassed by any ocean steamers. She made her first trip from Boston to Savannah September 14, 1882.

MEN BLOWN TO ATOMS.

ALLENTOWN, January 18.—A terrible explosion, involving the loss of three lives and the almost total destruction of the works of the Vulcan Dynamite Company, took place near this city this morning. Three other persons were slightly injured. The works are located in the Lehigh Mountain, two miles and a half South of this city. Fourteen men were in and about the buildings, which were of frame. The explosion took place in the mixing room where John Druckenbrode, Isaac Kramer and Jacob Heffner were at work preparing the mixture entering into the composition of the glycerine cartridges.

These men were instantly killed, and their bodies so frightfully mangled that it was only by bits of clothing found on them that the remains could be identiged. Druckenbrode was thrown forty feet away. His face and the top of his head are missing, and his feet were blown off. There was scarcely a stitch of clothing on his body, which was also badly burned. He leaves a widow and two children in poor circumstances, and had worked only a few days.

Isaac Kramer's body was thrown 200 feet distant. Both his legs are gone as well as his head, and his back was split up to his neck. He was an unmarried man, twenty five years old. Jacob Heffner's body was blown about 150 feet. Merely a trunk remains, the head, legs and arms being missing. Bits of human flesh were scattered about, and several pieces were found hanging from trees. Heffner was nineteen years old.

Three men working in the packing house were slightly cut by pieces of glass and splinters. The hind leg of a horse was cut off.

The cause of the explosion will probably never be learned, as those who might account for it are dead. Several trees, eight to ten inches in diameter, were torn out by the roots by the force of the explosion, while others were cut off as though the work had been done with an axe.

The place where the mixing house stood was a deep hole. Houses in the immediate vicinity suffered considerable damage, and many window panes were shattered. Pictures and looking glasses were thrown down, shutters unhinged, and in some cases locks shaken off the door's. Plastering fell from the house of Peter Lime and stunned his wife. In this city, over two miles distant from the explosion, window panes were cracked.

The grinding house of the Vulcan Company, drying house, and the storage house containing half a car load of nitrate of soda, were demolished, and the packing house badly shattered. The wreck afterward took fire. Fortunately, the main magazine containing a great deal of manufacturing material, did not blow up or the loss of life would have been appalling. This is the third time the works have exploded. The first time no life was lost but in the second explosion Henry Welsh was blown to atoms.

The Coroner held an inquest this afternoon, the jury rendering a verdict, after examining ten or twelve witnesses, that the death of the men was accidental, the cause of the explosion unknown, and the company was exonerated from all blame.

The Liquor Question In Schuylkill.

WILKES-BARRE, January 16.—A war is imminent here between the temperance people and the liquor dealers. According to statistics furnished by the internal revenue collector of the district, there are over eleven hundred persons now selling liquor. In the county an application has just been made to the court for the granting of one hundred more. This has aroused the Law and Order society, and they propose to fight the applicants in open court, and to that end have employed ex-Attorney General Palmer as their counsel.

A Storekeeper Shot.

HIGH BRIDGE, N. J., January 16.—Glen Gardner, a quiet villag enear here, has a sensation to day. D. P. Hill, a merchant, lies at his home, suffering from the effects of two pistol shots in his head. Mr. Hill says that at about three o'clock this morning he was asked by a man who came to his home to go to his store and sell him some gloves for a funeral. The man was a stranger. When Mr. Hill and the purchaser neared the store two men, who stood in front of it, fired upon Mr. Hill, both shot taking effect in his head. The two men fled and with them went the stranger who had called Mr. Hill to the store. Dr. Hunt, who is attending Mr. Hill, says the wounds may prove fatal. Mr. Hill recently married a lady from Whitehouse. She was not at home at the time.

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148 Sullivan St., New York, June 24, 1882.

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Estate of Josiah Dively, late of Salisbury Borough Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary on above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against it to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, March 12, 1884, at the late residence of said deceased, in Salisbury Borough.

M. L. DIVELY,
jan23. Executor.

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Estate of John P. Putman, dec'd, late of Middlecreek township, Somerset County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Saturday, March 8, 1884, at the late residence of said deceased.

SILAS PUTMAN,
jan23. Executor

ANNUAL
Financial Statement
OF THE
FARMERS UNION ASSOCIATION
AND
FIRE INSUSANCE COMPANY
OF
Somerset County, Pa.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1883.

Number of Members		862
Total amt. of insur sub. to assessment		$1,230,150
Mills assessed during year		4½
Resources of Co. Dec. 31, 1882	$1105.06	
" during year 1883	5420.06	
Total		$ 9525 12
LIABILITIES		
Am't due Dec. 31, 1882	200 00	
" of loss by fire during year '83	5915 49	
Due for all other expenses including pay com. & exonerations	492 11	
Total		$5607 11
Excess of resources		718 01
RECEIPTS.		
Received on assessments	$3347 40	
" for membership	70 47	