The Somerset Herald.

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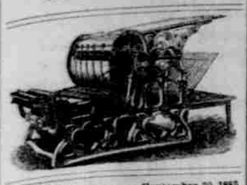

WEDNESDAY.....September 30, 1885.

Walker boot at Ferner Bro's.

The Bedford county fair will commence October 6th.

Weifley is at all times prepared to take a good Photograph.

A new line of Hats and Caps just received, at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

Four hundred children attended the Bedford public schools the first day.

Just back from the east—J. B. Snyder. Look out for new goods this week.

All the latest novelties in Hats can now be seen at Becher's Clothing Hall.

The largest stock of goods ever brought to town will be found at J. B. Snyder's.

Tin-Types and Gems taken in the best style at Weifley's Photograph Gallery.

The prices at Weifley's Photograph Gallery are as low as those of any other in town.

All the leading novelties in Gents Furnishing Goods at PARKER & PARKER'S.

New Goods of all kinds at MRS. A. E. UHL'S.

Canton Flannels at 6 cents, 7 cents, 8 cents, 9 cents, 10 cents, and 12 cents, at PARKER & PARKER'S

Ladies', mens' and children's red white and mixed underwear a specialty at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's to see her new Millinery goods—they are the cheapest in the county.

Encourage home industries; patronize home business men, and in that way build up your town.

A full line of New Goods of all the New styles in Dress Goods at PARKER & PARKER'S.

Our Ladies' Coat Department is now full, all new and the latest styles, at J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

A full line of New Flannels, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, and Bed Spreads, at PARKER & PARKER'S.

Call and see the latest style dry goods, in Nigerheads, Tricots, Cashmeres, Ottomans, Gray-cloths, Satin Berbers, &c., &c., at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

New Handkerchiefs, Collars, Ruchings, Hamburgs, Laces, Cuffs, etc., at PARKER & PARKER'S.

The town of Ligonier is overrun with white rats, all having sprung from a single pair purchased by a landlord there last spring.

Persons desiring to have a good Cabinet Photograph taken, will do well to have the work done at Weifley's Photograph Gallery in the Mammoth Block, Somerset, Pa.

A fine line decorated Chamber Sets, Hanging Lamps, etc.; our fall stock now in. Call and see them, at J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

PUBLIC SALE.—I will sell my persona property at public sale on Thursday, October 15, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M.

ELI BOWMAN.

Just received, New and Fresh. A very large and beautiful stock of Chromos, Picture and Picture Frames. Largest stock and most elegant styles in the County, at Fisher's Book Store.

BRICK, BRICK, BRICK! As good as the best and cheaper than the rest. Four hundred thousand on hand. Yard opposite the Planing Mill. HOLSBROOK BROS & PARSON, Somerset, Pa.

6 pieces of 27-inch Dress Goods at 6 cents.
6 " " New Calico " 4 "
6 " " " " 5 "
6 " " New Gingham " 5 "
6 " " New Dress Goods " 5 "
at PARKER & PARKER'S.

During this week I will receive my new stock of ladies and childrens wraps, consisting of Newmarkets, circulars, new style long and short wraps for ladies, also a combination wrap. The prices will be much lower than last year. MRS. A. E. UHL.

Our patrons know that during our closing out sale we disposed of nearly all our stock. We have now the largest stock of goods we ever had, and all new and fresh. Don't let them sell you old and out-of-style goods when you can buy new and fresh goods for less money at J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

MEAT MARKET.—Main Street.—We have put 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 having meat can have it kept in the Refrigerator until wanted.

ROSS DAVIS & Co.

TO OUR PATRONS.—We have now secured the sole agency at Somerset for the famous and well-tested Walker boot, which we will sell for the smallest profit possible. We buy direct from the factory, therefore have none but new goods. Call and see them.

Respectfully,
A. H. FERNER & BRO.

Never in the history of Somerset has there been as fine a line of Clothing as you will find now at J. B. Snyder & Co's. Don't buy an overcoat before seeing our line, all new. We don't do like other merchants, carry an old stock from year to year, and try to palm them off on our customers for new goods. We buy Clothing to sell, and make such prices that it will sell. This fall, especially we can give you a bargain. Come and see us.

Ladies, don't pass this notice! Something entirely new! No merchant in this County has ever attempted to keep in stock a full line of fine French Chinaware. Having had frequent calls for that class of goods, we have bought, and have now in stock a splendid line of French and English China, plain and decorated. Please call and see them while the stock is complete, at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

You can get at Boyd's Drug Store:

Insect Powder,	Sticky Fly Paper,
Pow'd Hellebore,	Paris Green,
Mixed Paints,	Tube Colors,
Paint Brushes,	Shoe Brushes,
Croquet Sets,	Base Balls,
Base Rods,	Bass Hooks,
Eye Glasses,	Spectacles,
Fine Cigars,	Soda Water,
Good Candy,	Low Prices.

Having completed our arrangements to buy all our goods for cash, being very careful when and where we buy, and having a trade that justifies us in buying in large lots, we feel fully satisfied that we can sell you goods cheaper than any other merchant in the county. We mean business. Our stock is full, and running over. Call and see us.

J. B. SNYDER & Co.

SCHOOL BOOKS FOR COUNTRY MERCHANTS.—Country and Town Merchants are informed that I can supply them with School Books, School Supplies and Almanacs at city prices. I carry as large a stock of School Books, slates, pencils, inks, tablets, &c., as many city houses and can wholesale at advantageous rates. Copy books lower than you can buy them in the city. Try me and be convinced. C. H. FISHER.

Fisher's Book Store, Somerset, Pa.

Don't think of buying carpet or rugs until you see our line. Just having returned from the east where we bought some extra bargains, buying in large lots, five times as many as any other merchant in the county could buy, we certainly can give you lower prices than any one else. We have a good Brussels at 50 cents. Flowered, one yard wide, at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 60 and 75 cents per yard. Please call and see for yourself, at J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

We are having beautiful fall weather.

Chestnuts are in market. The crop will be immense.

The crowd in attendance at court is unusually large.

Editor Werner of the Rockwood *Times* is in attendance at Court.

There are eighty-one criminal cases down for trial at this week's court.

Ex-Sheriff Shafer is lying seriously ill at his residence on Patriot street.

The streets are very dirty. What has become of the street sprinkler?

Apples are selling at ten cents per bushel, and are a drug in the market.

The game of base ball between two scrub nines Saturday afternoon was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators.

The senior editor of the HERALD returned from Williamsport, where he spent a very pleasant week, Saturday last.

Mr. E. H. Reid, of Scottdale, who has large real estate interests in this county, was in Somerset on business Monday.

Mr. Peter Heffley left for Philadelphia Monday morning on business. He expects to return the latter part of the week.

Mr. Charles E. Herr, Editor and proprietor of the Petrolia *Record*, with his wife and family, are visiting relatives in Somerset.

Mr. J. Harry Fritz, who for the past several months has been making a tour of the far west, returned to his native heath on Saturday.

General M. A. Ross, of Petersburg, hale, hearty and active as a boy of twenty, paid the HERALD sanctum an enjoyable visit Friday morning.

A Pink T will be given at the residence of F. J. Kooser, Esq, by the ladies of the Disciple Church Sewing Society, this evening. Be sure to go and take your firends.

We were shown six tomatoes last week of the Virginia Mammoth variety, raised by Mr. Nihiser in his garden on Patriot street, that weighed fourteen pounds. They were simply enormous.

The County Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was in session at Shanksville Thursday and Friday of last week. A number of ladies from this place were in attendance.

Last week a juryman at Bedford who was fifteen minutes tardy in getting into the box after dinner was fined by Judge Baer $5 for keeping the Court out of business that length of time.

The Real Estate of Jonathan Dormeyer, deceased will be again offered for sale by the Administrators in front of the Glade Hotel Somerset Borough, on Saturday October 3, 1885 at 1 o'clock P. M.

Our staunch Republican friend, Mr. Silas H. Cable, of Jefferson township, while on a business visit to the HERALD office Monday, paid his subscription in advance to June 1, 1887. A good example for others to follow.

Mr. Thomas Jones, one of Somerset's boss painters, left for Ebensburg, Cambria county, Monday morning, with a force of hands, where Mr. Jones has taken a contract from Mr. Thomas Collins for a large job of painting.

The equinoctial storm came in on schedule time, and blew things around in the regulation manner. Many fruit trees, especially apple, were almost completely divested of their fruit by the force of the storm.

Messrs. George W. Pile and George Auman last week disposed of their meat market property on Main Cross street to a Mr. Armstrong, of Pittsburg, for fourteen hundred dollars cash. This don't look as though the wonderful depreciation in real estate that was to take place in Somerset upon stoppage of work on the South Pennsylvania railroad, had quite come yet.

Mr. Peter Levy, one of the oldest citizens of Somerset County, died at his home at Davidsville Wednesday night. While going up stairs a short time ago he sustained a severe fall by the railing giving away, and it is thought that the injuries received by this hastened his demise. He was 90 years six months and three days old. His wife who is about ninely years of age survives him.

At 6 o'clock Monday evening Messrs. Dorwin & Shields struck the last pick on their contract on the South Penn. They are the first of the original contractors in this county to stop work entirely and with whom the Company have settled in full. Their contract covered some five miles, commencing at the big fill beyond the Summit and extending to a point on Daniel Kimmel's farm, and embraced some of the heaviest work on the road outside of the tunnels. It would have taken them from six to nine months to complete their contract. As fast as they can get cars on the S. & C. they will ship their stock, cars, tools, etc., to a point in Wisconsin where they have a large contract.

BOYS AGAIN.

It is related of the late Judge Black that, in 1857, just after he was appointed attorney general, at the Astor House in New York, scores of leading politicians called upon him. One day a small gray-haired man arrived at the hotel, and registered himself as Judge J. Williams, Iowa. On seeing the name of Judge Black on the book he took a card and wrote: "The supreme judge of Iowa presents his compliments to the attorney general of the United States." He sent this up to Judge Black's room, together with a half sheet of paper on which he had written:

O Jerry, dear Jerry, I've found you at last!
And memory, burdened with scenes of the past,
Returns to old Somerset's mountains of snow,
When you were but Jerry and I was but Joe.

In less than three minutes the great, dignified Judge Black was coming down the stairs two steps at a time, with a little bell boy in close pursuit. Two old schoolmates and law students were together after a separation of some thirty years.

Considerable excitement was created on our steeets about half-past seven o'clock Wednesday evening, by the report that Johnnie Durst had been shot, and his light was fast going out at the residence of Jacob Thomas, on West Union street, where the young man was lying, and where a large crowd was rapidly collecting. Dr. J. M. Louther was summoned, and found that the ball had entered the left breast, immediately below the heart. Repeated probing failed to reveal the exact location of the ball. Young Durst's story, which he volunteered shortly after the shooting, and which he still insists is true, is substantially as follows: "I left this house and was going to go over to Main street and from there up town. When I got to the corner of the lane leading to Main street I met a man, who drew a revolver and shot me, and then he jumped over the fence and ran through the field. I staggered back and yelled for help, and Lizzie Thomas came and took me into the house. I got a note to-day warning me and my brother Bill that we were going to be shot to-night, but I didn't believe it. The man who shot me wasn't very tall and wore dark clothes." This story is not generally credited, from the fact that the young man's underclothing was burned by the powder, showing that the pistol must have been very close to his body, while there was no hole in his coat, and in his inside coat pocket a 32-calibre five-shot revolver was found with one chamber empty. The ball was located and extracted by Dr. Louther on Saturday, who thinks the young man may recover. Durst is 18 years of age and a son of Caspar Durst, of the suburb known as Showmantown.

A game of base ball will be played at this place on Saturday between the "Glades" and a nine from Ursina. Arrangements, which have not yet been fully completed are being made for a game between the "Railroaders" of this place and the Prostburg nine. If this game comes off it will in all probability be the best one ever played in the County and will attract an immense crowd.

Becher, the Clothier and hatter, is daily receiving his fall stock. He has just returned from the eastern markets, and says that he intends showing the people of Somerset and surrounding country the handsomest stock of Clothing, Hats and Gents, Furnishing Goods, for the least money, that has ever been seen. So do not fail to examine his goods before purchasing elsewhere.

It is gradually becoming an established fact that I am selling all kinds of dry goods including Silks, Cashmeres, Jersey Cloths, Plaid Cloths, Plain Cloths, Flannels, Shawls, Canton Flannels, Shirtings, Ginghams, Underwear for ladies, children and men at lower prices than elsewhere, Come and see them and judge for yourself.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Vanderbilt now says that whether the South Penn is sold to the Pennsylvania or not it will not be completed, and will therefore never become a competitor of the Pennsylvania. But the last previous argument by the paid advocates of the transfer was that the road would be completed from Harrisburg, if the Pennsylvania bought it and not otherwise, as it was said to offer great natural advantages as a short and low grade freicht route.

DAIRY FARM FOR RENT.—The farm on which I live, at Millwood Station, Westmoreland County, on the line of the P. R. R. containing 108 acres, on which is erected a barn 60x88 feet, with stabling for over one hundred head of stock; the farm is now devoted to dairy purposes, and the raising of grain, fruit and vegetables. A good and convenient market for all I can raise. Will rent for several years to a reliable person.

GEORGE RHEY,
Millwood, Westmoreland Co., Pa.

NEW GOODS! J. M. Holderbaum has just received a full line of goods of every variety suitable for the fall season which he proposes to offer very low for the cash. Special attention is called to the stock of Clothing and Gents Furnishing Goods which we believe to be the largest and most complete stock ever offered in Somerset County, and at prices that will defy competition. Don't forget the place, and to call at the Somerset Clothing House, No. 4, Baer Block.

SECOND-HAND SCHOOL BOOKS.—To make the burden of buying School Books as light on parents and children as possible there has been opened out at Fisher's Book Store, at Somerset, a department devoted to the sale of second-hand school books. Many of these books are as good as new and can sell them at much less than the price of new books. Every body desiring to save money had better look at Fisher's stock of second-hand School books. CHAS. H. FISHER.

Being out of a situation, I have consented to open a High School for ladies and gentlemen in Somerset borough, to commence on October 12. Intelligent and well advanced pupils will be admitted, who will oblige me by letting me know at once what books they have on hand and what branches they wish to study. I think we shall have fair classes in Latin, German and Algebra, besides giving Rhetoric etc, and such attention to the common branches as may be necessary. The first quarter will expire at the holidays, and the charge will be $5, with $2 additional for those studying Latin or German or both. Those who cannot meet me will confer a favor by writing.

JOSEPH J. STUTZMAN.

The School Directors of Somerset township met at the Glade House Saturday, and employed the following named teachers for the different Township Schools for the coming term: Weller, M. L. Young; Walker, W. G. Stahl; Maust, D. G. Stahl; Knepper, H. H. Miller, Pleasant Hill, W. W. Cupp; Will's, E. E. Pritts; Bromm, M. R. Bowman; Casebeer, C. L. Saylor; Beulah, C. H. Schmucker; Plank Road, J. H. Gumbert; Baer, J. B. Emmert; Hunter, Ed. Trent; Samuel's, J. D. Meyers; Snyder, E. E. Shaver; Shanlis, D. G. Lichty; Cupp, J. C. Lichty; Union, H. F. Barron; Friedens, Miss Ida Musselman; Friedens, Primary, Miss Annie Fogel; Lavansville, J. A. Schrock; Ankeny, J. W. Weighley; Sipesville, H. W. Bittner; Mountain, D. W. Meyers; Edie, J. H. Schmucker.

"Old Prob. Boyd" as the boys have began calling him, has had a pole planted in front of his drug store on the Diamond, on which to display the weather signals, the flags having been received several days since. The probable weather conditions will be indicated as follows:

No. 1. White flag with large red sun in centre, to indicate "Higher Temperature," or warmer weather.

No. 2. White flag with red crescent in centre, to indicate "Lower Temperature," or colder weather.

No. 3. White flag with red star in centre, to indicate "Stationary Temperature."

No. 4. White flag with large blue sun in centre, to indicate "General Rain (or Snow.")

No. 5. White flag with blue crescent in centre, to indicate "Clear or Fair Weather."

No. 6. White flag with blue star in centre, to indicate "Local Rain (or Snow.")

Hurrah for the Winter Schools.—At the opening of the schools many new books and school supplies will have to be bought. The large wholesale and retail School Book and School Supply house, known as Fisher's Book Store, is better prepared to supply all demands for school books and school supplies than ever before. This is positively the only place in the County where a large stock of all the different School books used in the County is kept. Here you can get everything and anything pertaining to the schools. When you want any school books go to Fisher's Book Store. The entire side of a large storeroom is devoted to school books and supplies. Polite and courteous attention to the wants and inquiries of the public. Fisher's Book Store will remain as of old the headquarters of the School Teachers. Hundreds of varieties of Reward cards and Chromos always in stock.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States convened in Annual Session at Berlin, Pa., on the evening of Sept. 16th, and adjourned on the 21st, at 10:30 p. m. This ecclesiastical body is composed of about 118 members— half clerical and half lay— and is only a District Synod, comprising the church in Western Pennsylvania. Among other items of general interest, the following resolutions on Prohibition were adopted:

WHEREAS, Alcohol, used as a drink, has come to be one of the giant destroyers of mankind, and

WHEREAS, The interdiction of the traffic in intoxicating liquors, by organic law alone gives promise of permanent relief, therefore,

Resolved, That we demand of our Legislature the submisson of the question of Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment to the popular will at the polls.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that it is utterly out of harmony with the Christian spirit to engage in the sale of intoxicants, or aid in any way in procuring license for the same.

Resolved, That Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States, believing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be an organization engaged with general efficiency in the temperance work, commends it to the confidence of our women, and counsels them to identify themselves therewith, and give it their hearty support.

Resolved, That pastors be requested to read these resolutions from the pulpit.

A full line of Dress Trimmings, Buttons, etc., at PARKER & PARKER'S.

CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS of all the leading styles just received, that we are offering very cheap. New shawls, at PARKER & PARKER'S.

Farms for Rent.

The undersigned offers his farms in Allegheny township for rent. Address,

SAMUEL WALKER.
Mt. Healthy, Pa.

We have opened up our New Fall Goods in all the new styles and novelties that we are prepared to offer at prices that will astonish you all. Please call and examine at PARKER & PARKER'S.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death, our aged brother and worthy member of the church and Sabbath school, brother Alexander McGregor. And whereas it is right that we should cherish his memory for the good deeds done by him during his earthly pilgrimage and for the rectitude of his walk and conversation in matters pertaining to the church and all its institutions. *Therefore*, be it

Resolved, 1.—That in the death of Brother McGregor, who for 32 years was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church, there has been taken away by death one of whom we shall cherish kindly and affectionate remembrances.

2.—That we deeply deplore the loss of our friend and brother, who in his Christian profession and private life always evinced the character of a true Christian man.

3.—That by his death the surviving children have lost a loving father and the community an honored citizen.

4.—That we tender to his sorrowing family and relatives our warmest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

5.—That these resolutions be published in the county papers, and a copy presented to the bereaved family.

JOHN KOONTZ,
HARRISON T. LOHR,
JOHN J. WILT,
Committee.

Two covered wagons driven rapidly over the rough crossing of Main street at half-past three o'clock Friday morning, caused many of the sleepy dwellers along that thoroughfare to wonder what wild yagers were off on such a "devil's ride." Had the dweller been wide enough awake to have glanced from his window he would have found that the wagons were occupied by Internal Revenue Agents Larkin and Plummer, Deputy Collectors Al. Edwards and Frank Stutsman, Deputy Marshal Raf. Campbell and General Storekeeper Ed B. Scull. The Simpson boys, Charlie and Ed, held the reins and acted as guides for the party, who had risen before the lark in hopes to catch the morn. The party reached Putnam's bridge, which spans the Laurel Hill creek just at the foot of the mountains, as the first gray streaks of dawn were seen in the east. Here a good deal of valuable time was wasted awaiting the arrival of a native who had given the information in regard to the moonshine distillers and who had promised to point them out to the officers.

"He cometh not," remarked Agent Plummer, "and we had better try it alone." About three miles from the bridge, along a rough and rocky road, was found the house of Jonathan Hochstetler, who was strongly suspected of moonshining. Hochstetler was not at home to receive his guests, but the officers say that judging from the way a man was seen sliding through the bushes into the thick forests of the mountain that he had been apprised of their arrival and stood not on the order of his going. In a spring house in a deep ravine just at the edge of the woods, and so sheltered by great sugar trees as to make it scarcely visible from the road, was found a complete moonshine distillery. Two stills, one copper, the other iron, holding about forty gallons each, were set in a regular furnace at one end of the building. Near them were five mash and fermenting tubs with a capacity of about 150 gallons each; in one corner was a large barrel filled with "beer," and in another a sealed tub containing a number of gallons of low wines; a five gallon keg with a few drops of "moonshine" lay on the floor. Everything bespoke recent occupancy and a hurried flight. Revenue Agent Larkin, who has had a large experience among the moonshiners of Kentucky and Tennessee, said that he had never seen a moonshine distillery better located. The stills were torn out, the mash and low wines emptied into the spring run, the furnace doors wrenched from their fastenings, and everything dismantled. A large sugar keeler, with a wooden goose neck, had been used for a cap; this had been fastened to the kettle by rye paste, or dough, a large can of which was found in the establishment. The worm had been taken from the cooler and carried off, a thorough search of the woods, fields and buildings around failing to reveal it. Naturally, Hochstetler's family denied all knowledge of it. In fact, they said they didn't know anything, and unless they were greatly belied by their looks, they spoke the truth in that. High and low, up stairs and down stairs, and in my lady's chamber the search was carried on, but it failed to reveal the hiding place of Hochstetler, or of any more moonshine whisky. Such a God-forsaken, poverty-stricken looking place as this same house is, it would be hard to find anywhere. Everything bore the impress of the fingers of want, and of careless, doless management. It is the typical home of the moonshiner, the dwelling of the Ishmaelite, who cares but little for a home from which he expects to have to flee at any moment. Hochstetler, the moonsliner, is a tall, raw-boned mountaineer, with wavy black hair that hangs down to his shoulders, blue-black eyes that glisten in a manner unpleasant to the beholder, and it is said usually appears in public with a silver moon on his hat, a belt around his body from which are slung a number of pistols, his long rifle over his shoulder, and a revolver in his boot. He imagines himself the "King of the Moonshiners," and a Jesse James or a "Texas Bill." Revenue Agent Larkin found the moonshiner's rifle in the house, loaded and capped. The cap was taken off, and the nipple securely plugged with wood. Loading up such of the "plunder" as they could carry, the party moved on. The next stop was made at the farm of a man named Peck, on whose land a moonshine distillery was supposed to be located, but a weary tramp of miles through the mountains, closely examining every place a distillery could be hid, failed to reveal anything to the officers. The premises of a man named Miller, who had been reported as a moonshiner, were next visited, but a searching examination failed to reveal anything contraband. On the homeward road the party made another call at Hochstetler's, but failed to find him. He had, however, been there in the meantime, secured his rifle and again broke for the bush.

For the HERALD.

FISH CULTURE.—THE GERMAN CARP.—*Mr. Editor*:—There seems to be a growing interest among our people in regard to fish culture. Judging from the number of persons visiting my ponds, and inquiries by mail. All who have seen my carp have expressed astonishment at the size and beauty of these fish. I now have carp which were placed in my pond in the spring of '82, that measure two feet in length, and weigh five pounds. These fish were about three inches in length when I got them. Those one year younger are now about ten inches in length and weigh from three to three and a half pounds. In April, 1884, I purchased seventy-five small carp from Mr. Finley, of Pittsburgh. Of these there were lost in shipping all but thirty-five. These did well and during this summer my first fry hatched, and I now have an abundance of small fish ranging in length from three to three and a half inches. The cool weather of last spring delayed the spawning until the latter part of June. This is about three weeks later than usual. These fry made wonderful progress for the short time they had to grow. My carp should have spawned last summer and I cannot assign any reason why they did not, except that given by Mr. Finley, viz: That they were all of the same sex, and for this reason advises every one who has a pond to procure fifty to one hundred fish to start with, and I think this good advice. As these fish are yet comparatively scarce, the state cannot furnish more than twelve to fifteen small fry to one man, and should he lose a few the chances are that his fish will not spawn, hence the wisdom of procuring a larger number if you can.

The carp is said to be a bottom fish, but mine often sport on the surface of the pond and will eat any food floating on the surface of the water. As soon as the weather gets cool and frosty, these fish cease to eat. They then congregate at the bottom of the pond and lie dormant during the winter, until the warm weather of spring calls them into active life again. In this condition they neither lose nor gain in weight. Their tenacity of life is very great; they have been kept alive for weeks in damp moss, and they are able to live a considerable length of time out of the water.

One of the great advantages of raising this fish is in the variety of food he can eat and thrive upon. Aside from the large amount of vegetable and insect food he gets in the ponds, we can feed him on any kitchen refuse, such as finely chopped cabbage, lettuce, boiled potatoes, etc. Also, melons, cucumbers, and all kinds of grain. Cheese is highly relished. Slaughter house refuse is excellent, but care must be exercised that no more be put in the water than the fish eat up clean, so as not to befoul the water.

For small fry cracker dust and cheese curd it is excellent, so also is bread crumbed fine. Of course in large ponds, mill dams, etc., is unnecessary, but to us it is a source of the greatest pleasure and amusement to feed our carp—to see the thousands of fry rise to the surface, and then those ponderous two and three year old fellows rising to the surface and smack their lips as they devour large bites of food and gracefully lash the water with their tails and fins and again disappear in deeper water.

Carp are no fish of prey, they do not devour their own fry, nor those of other kinds as do trout, bass and many other large mouthed varieties. They freely mingle and feed together, the smallest fry being as free from danger as the largest fish.

Most every farm in this county has facilities for raising this noble and rapid growing fish. There are many mucky hollows and low places, producing nothing but coarse grass and weeds, that can be covered with water and stocked with carp, thus making it the most profitable land on the farm, and supplying the table with a fine quality of fresh fish whenever wanted.

The fall is a good time to construct your ponds, directions for which I will give in a future paper.

H. H. FLICK,
Mayfield Farm,
Lavansville, Pa.

GOWEN IN THE GAME—THE SOUTH PENN AGAIN IN COURT.

It was freely predicted that when Franklin B. Gowen, the lawyer, president of the Reading railroad, got home from Europe he would take a hand in the South Pennsylvania deal. He has done so, and in a vigorous manner. His interference comes in the shape of a suit at law to prevent the abandonment of the new line. The suit is in the nature of a bill in equity against the South Pennsylvania, the Pecmickv, the Lake Erie, the Lake Shore and the Pennsylvania railroad companies; also the American Construction Company, Wm. K. Vanderbilt, H. McK. Twombley, F. B. Gowen, H. D. Hostetter, Henry F. Dimmock, Wm. H. Vanderbilt, Andrew Carnegie, Darius O. Mills, Oliver H. Payne, William C. Whitney, Stephen B. Elkins, Henry O. Frick, Edmund M. Ferguson, John N. Hutchinson, Edward C. Knight, John D. Rockafellar, William Rockafellar, Robert H. Sayre, Francis Lynde Stetson, John Keane, John U. Brookman, Charles Borie, Henry Borie, Henry D. Brookman, Augustus Schell's executor, Colgate and Company, George J. Magee, Christopher Meyer, Henry Phipps, Jr., Henry Watson, John M. Chalfant, H. Sellers McKee, Benjamin F Jones, James J. Belden, Carrington and Casey, Horace A. Hutchins, Walter T Hatch and Sons, James McCobb, W. and P. Smith, Wm. H. Tillinghurst, Ralph Bagaley, George DeB. Keim and J. Lowrie Bell

THE BASIS OF THE SUIT.

The plaintiff's claim that the abandonment of the Vanderbilt line would violate contracts entered into between the South Pennsylvania and the Reading, December 11th, 1882, which the latter say would deprive them of the benefits which would have accrued to them from the faithful performance of the terms and conditions of the contract and involve them in great loss and cause injury to accrue to them which would be irreparable and could not be adequately compensated in damages. It is alleged that on the strength of the contract the Reading entered into partial agreements with a number of railroad companies and that the abandonment of the South Pennsylvania enterprise would deprive it of a large amount of business. The contract between the Reading and South Pennsylvania provided that the lines of the Reading, the Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Youghiogheny, the Lake Erie and South Pennsylvania companies should be used for the interchange of traffic so that all traffic from the line of one should pass to and over the lines of the others, and the Reading and South Pennsylvania agreed that each of the said parties should have an easement or leasehold estate upon and over the lines of the other, to be exercised for the movement of traffic in case either of the parties should fail to comply with the covenants in the agreement in respect thereto.

VESTED RIGHTS ALLEGED.

The plaintiffs aver that by the agreement made it was provided that the Reading, Pittsburg, McKeesport and Youghiogheny, and Lake Erie companies guarantee the payment of interest on the $20,000,000 bonds to be issued by the South Penn, to the extent of 20 per cent. of the gross earnings upon traffic carried over or upon the lines of the guarantor coming from or over the line of the latter company. The Reading, Pittsburgh McKeesport and Youghiogheny, and Lake Erie, also covenanted for the period of 10 years to make good any deficiency which might exist in the net earnings of the South Pennsylvania to secure the payment of the interest on the bonds agreed to be issued. It is set forth in the bill in equity that the Reading in pursuance of the obligation imposed upon it by the terms of the indicated agreement, has expended over $180,000 to provide a connecting line from its Lebanon Valley line to that of the South Pennsylvania at Harrisburg. It has acquired property for right of way and entered contracts in relation thereto, which are without value to the company, except for the purpose of establishing the proposed connection. The attorney for the Reading declines to make any statement concerning the reasons for the suit other than those given in the bill. It is believed however, that this is the first of a series of moves in which Franklin B. Gowen will make his power felt.

MARRIED

HAY—SCHROCK.—On Thursday evening, September 17, 1885, by the Rev. Wm. G. Schrock, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Berlin, Pa., Mr. Henry Hay to Miss Ida S. Schrock, both of Brothersvalley Township, Somerset County, Pa.

DIED.

GLASS.—In Brothersvalley Township, near Mt. Zion (Hay) Reformed Church, on Thursday, September 17, 1885, Mr. Benjamin Glass, aged 80 years, 1 month and 4 days.

Thus another of those who link the past with the present has departed. A large concourse of people followed his remains to their final resting place, showing the respect in which he was held.

PASTOR.

Black Silks which we guarantee not to cut, at 75 cents, 85 cents, 90 cents, $1.00 $1.15 $1.25. Colored Silks at 75 cents, 80 cents, 85 cents, $1.00. Black Cashmeres, 48 inches wide at 65 cents, 75 cents, 85 cents and $1.00, at PARKER & PARKER'S.

Court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with Judges Baer, Snyder and Collins on the bench. The constables' returns were taken and the list of grand and petit jurors called. Eighteen grand and twenty-eight petit jurors answered to their names. Mr. Judson Hartsell, a grand juror made application for his discharge, on account of sickness in his family, which was granted. Mr. Gillian H. Walter, of Milford, was sworn as foreman of the Grand Jury. Judge Baer informed the members of the Grand Jury that on account of the large number of criminal cases on the calendar all civil cases down for trial this week had been continued, and as the Court would be dependent upon the Grand Jury for business, urged them to work as rapidly as possible and report bills as soon as found. The bar list was then called and motions made by the attorneys. Court adjourned at 12 a. m. and re-convened at 1:30 p. m. the first called for trial was that of the Commonwealth vs. Irwin Parson; charge, assault and battery, on information of H. T. Nedrow; verdict guilty. The next trial was two surety of the peace cases. In one of them Frederick Zimmerman figured as the prosecutor and his brother Aaron as the defendant. Vice versa in the other. After hearing the evidence, the Court sentenced the Defendants each to pay the costs of prosecution and to enter into a recognizance in the sum of $100, to keep the peace for a period of one year. The case of the Commonwealth vs. Henry Dunmyer, charge, larceny, was then disposed of by the Defendant pleading guilty.

The sentence in this case will be imposed the latter part of the week. Two little boys, one nine and the other eleven years of age, were next called up to answer a charge of stealing a tray of change from a storekeeper in Rockwood. The jury, under instructions from the Court, returned a verdict of not guilty, on account of mental incapacity. This took up the afternoon session, when an adjournment was had until 8:30 a. M. Tuesday. Although the criminal list is the largest known in the history of the county, most of them are of a very trivial nature, and ought not to be in Court. The attendance is very large. The cases against the county officials will not likely be reached before Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.

FOR THE SOMERSET HERALD.

THE NEW JAIL.—*Mr. Editor*: There seems to be blood on the moon, and the same sanguine hue has overflowed in the eyes of my friend, *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Smith*, in the words of Sir Andrew Ague-Cheek, "Plague on't; an' I'd thought he had been valiant and so cunning in fence, I'd have seen him damned ere I'd have challenged him; let him let the matter slip, and I'll give him my horse, grey Capitet."

What pits of trouble men dig for themselves when they attempt to meddle in the affairs of State. The new jail has brought all the terrors of the law down upon the devoted head of Plumbago, and an attempt to meddle with Somerset Borough police duty, has got *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Smith* into the Titan grip of the Criminal law.

But to think that a "bit of discussion wid our sticks," should bring me, Plumbago, from the wilds of Addison Township, where for years I've acted the part of

"A flower that's doomed to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

But now, alas! I'm to be dragged from my obscurity, paraded, a spectacle for gods and men, before the bar of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, Pa., as one who wantonly, maliciously, of malice aforethought, by force and arms, wrote, uttered, procured to be published in a certain paper known as THE SOMERSET HERALD, of Somerset County, aforesaid, a certain document, entitled, "The New Jail," in which were certain false and malicious words, phrases, clauses, sentences and discourse, derogatory to the character and social standing of one *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Smith*, by means of which humorous publication the said *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Smith* was intended to be, and was provoked to wrath, and exposed to the public hatred, contempt and ridicule, whereby the said *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Smith* was greatly and grievously damaged in body and mind, and in reputation in the community, all which were known to said Plumbago to be false and malicious. Such a document, drawn by some minion of the law, I presume, will be served upon me—and "may the Lord be merciful to me, a sinner." This is wonderful! A man who has claimed to be an editor for years, who has published a paper that has been a boon to many a soul-sick traveler through this vale of tears, a comfort to the distressed in their afflictions, because the paper is peculiarly soft, and the impression not heavy enough, usually, to unduly saturate it with printer's ink.

This journalist now comes before the Court aforesaid and pleads the "baby act" in the most feeling tones of sucking infancy. A man who is confronted with the evidence of his maliciousness every week—a man who seeks to draw the county of Somerset into league with him to punish a few ignorant officials, for acts which *prima facie* are the result of ignorance but not of dishonesty. This man who uses the mails of the United States of America to solicit subscriptions *offering ten per cent. for the collection of the same* to pay for counsel employed by him for the prosecution of men who have done days of honest labor to his minutes men who have laid up a competency for themselves in their old age, while he has made himself the *vice Editor, quasi* proprietor, and subordinate brains of the *Meyersdale Commercial!* Poor devil! and now to silence a truthful pen which neither he nor his—hangers on—can answer, he pleads the "baby-act" by making the threat of a prosecution for libel. There is a courtesy existing between newspaper Editors. A tacit understanding that they have the right of free speech; fortunately for the profession of journalism very few of its members are on the Court records as having brought libel or slander suits against other members of the profession—and those who have so far forgot themselves, have been allowed doubly-dying, to go down to the vile dust from whence they sprung, unwept, unhonored and unsung. I feel for poor *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-For-Collection-Smith*. He is surrounded by difficulties. Dangers beset him on all sides. He must have money or its equivalent. The toils of the law are entrenching him, and he may well exclaim, "What shall the harvest be?" When I entered the columns of the public press through the HERALD I supposed that a candid statement of facts and deductions therefrom would be met by an equally candid reply. The community can see how I have been deceived. The whole discussion winds up by a pleading of the "baby act" by *Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-For-Collection-Smith*.

Yours Truly,
PLUMBAGO.

Addison, Pa., Sept. 26, 1885.

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

I suppose there is no room for denial of the fact that we, as rational beings, should know more of the mysterious structure which we call our body, and also, how to take care of it. Let us consider the importance and value which we put on the intricate machineries which man's ingenuity has constructed, and how cautiously their movements are regulated. Yet the mechanical powers involved in the mighty engine, or the delicate watch springs are evolved from the innate powers of the human brains and muscles.

The intrinsic value of the thing made, is certainly less than that of the maker. Should it not, then awaken us to a sober consideration of the priceless value of the house we live in which is fearfully and wonderfully made. It is a sad reflection upon our appreciation of life and its divine author, when we desire the darkness of ignorance rather than the light of knowledge, and thus with ruthless prodigality, throw away more than half of the days of our human existence. But it is useless to contemplate the ruins which ignorance of the laws of life and health has caused in the past, if we take no steps toward reform in the future. We, who have paid heavy penalties for our ign