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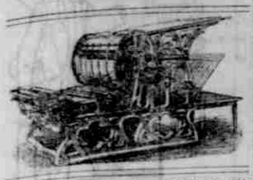

WEDNESDAY.....October 14, 1885.

Walkerboot at Ferner Bro's.

Children's odd pants at Becher's.

Waterproof school bags at Welfley's Book Store.

Buy your school supplies at Welfley's Book Store.

For a good white shirt go to Becher's Clothing Hall.

A big line of Sealskin Caps at Becher's Clothing Hall.

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

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

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

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

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

MOTHERS, TAKE NOTICE.—If you want a good Boys' School Suit or a childs Kilt, call at Becher's Clothing Hall, where you can get the best selection, and at bottom prices.

Just received, New and Fresh. A very large and beautiful stock of Chromos, Pictures 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. HOLBROOK BROS & PARSON, Somerset, Pa.

Farms for Rent.

The undersigned offers his farms in Allegheny township for rent. Address,
SAMUEL WALKER,
Mt. Healthy, Pa.

A business experience in Somerset, extending over years, gives us such a knowledge of the local trade that we cannot fail to meet the full wants of our customers.
M. M. Tredwell & Co.,
Mammoth Block.

Hats, bonnets, trimmings, gloves, hosiery, collers, cuffs, kerchiefs, knit goose, yarns, embroidery silks, corsets, jewelry and novelties of all descriptions at lowest figures.
M. M. Tredwell & Co.,
Mammoth Block.

The only genuine and original Gruber's Hagerstown Almanacs are those sold at Welfley's Book Store. Buyers will at once recognize the familiar, old-fashioned covers. We can supply country merchants at favorable rates.

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 Refrigerator until wanted.
ROSS DAVIS & Co.

At Welfley's New Book Store you can buy

Spellers,	Readers
Arithmetics,	Grammars,
Geographies,	Physiologies,
Histories,	Copy Books.
School Books,	Slates and Pencils,
Pens and Paper,	Writing Books.
&c., &c.,	&c., &c.

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.

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.

You can get at Boyd's Drug Store:

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

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.

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.

Becher the Clothier has the largest assortment of best Red Medicated Flannels, White Merino and fancy woolen underwear that has ever been brought to Somerset. Call early. See for yourselves, and lay in your supply before the sizes are broken.

We are opening and receiving twice a week throughout the season, a fresh invoice of Hats and Trimmings, and all that pertains to the Millinery trade. We offer no old or out of style goods.
M. M. TREDWELL & Co.,
Mammoth Block.

In anticipation of the cold Cold Wave which has arrived, we are opening a magnificent line of Fall and Winter Millinery. We have Hats, Bonnets, Frames, Ribbons, Satins, Velvets, Wings, Birds, Feathers and everything in profusion in the latest and cheapest styles. M. M. Treadwell & Co.
Mammoth Block.

DAIRY FARM FOR RENT.—The farm on which I live, at Millwood Station, Westmoreland County, on the line of the P. R. R. containing 168 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.

NO SURRENDER.—We shall never give up the Small Profit Plan! New Fall Goods! New Fall Goods! Becher's Clothing Hall is now filled with the largest and handsomest Stock of Clothing, Hats, and Gents Furnishing goods that has ever been brought to Somerset. These goods are all new and fresh. Just from the manufacturers, and consisting of all the latest style Corkscrews, Diagonal, fancy and plain cassimers, cutaways, straight-cut, sack and Prince Alberts suits, and at prices lower than any house in Somerset.
B. BECHER, JR.,
Leading Clothier and Hatter.
Next door to Knepper's Shoe Store,
Somerset, Pa.

The war of ballots takes place in Ohio today.

A severe rain and wind storm swept over this section Monday night.

Many trees were blown down by the force of the storm Monday night.

The next regular term of court will commence on Monday, December 11th.

Postmaster Coffroth and wife were in attendance at the Bedford county fair last week.

The senior Editor of the HERALD has been at Detroit and Macklnaw, Michigan, for the past week.

Dr. James O. Kiernan left for Philadelphia last Friday, where he expects to remain for several weeks.

We would suggest that the Philson boom be photographed, by the instantaneous process, before it has time to collapse.

Our good looking young friend, Mr. S A. Dean, of Petersburg, dropped in to see us Saturday afternoon. He is ever welcome.

The attention of our readers is called to W. H. Wood's new advertisement, who is selling off at cost, to make room for the holiday trade.

If our Republican friends will go to work, they can readily give the gallant Quay the same majority in the county that was given Blaine last year.

A. W. Emmons, of Uniontown Pa., will conduct service in Presbyterian church on Sabbath next at 10:45 A. M. and 7 P. M. seats free; all are welcome.

Our genial old friend Daniel E. Davis celebrated his seventy first birth-day Tuesday. Time has dealt kindly with him, as he is still as active and supple as a boy.

J. L. Pugh Esq., administrator of the estate of John J. Spangler deceased, will sell the Spangler lots in Morrellville, near Johnstown, next Saturday at one o'clock p. m.

The Somerset county *Times* will be moved to Somerset the latter part of this month. It is understood that Mr. A. G. Benkhardt will hereafter be associated with Editor Werner in the publication of the *Times*.

The seat on the Allegheny county bench, made vacant by the resignation of Judge Kirkpatrick, has been filled by the appointment of Christopher Magee. The new judge is 57 years of age, and has been practicing law for over thirty years.

Irwin G. Custer, the Republican candidate for Jury Commissioner is an honest, hard working young man, and one of the most active Republicans in the county; that he will be elected by the usual Republican majority goes without saying.

All contractors on the South Pennsylvania Railroad were ordered to quit work last Thursday. The Messrs. Collins were the last to quit work in this county. They kept a force of hands at the big cut, near John C. Schrock's, up till Saturday night.

John C. Barron, the present Republican candidate for Poor House Director, was a candidate for the same office at the June Primary in 1884 and received 1391 votes, being the second highest man on the ticket and only falling 149 votes short of a nomination.

Rev. Appleton Bash, who succeeds Rev. Pershing, as pastor of the Methodist church at this place, preached his first sermon to a large and appreciative audience on Sunday evening last. Somerset was made a "station" at the late general conference, and hereafter services will be held both morning and evening.

Up to date the Editor of the Meyersdale *Commercial* has failed to lay before the public the amount of money contributed to the fund for the prosecution of the county officers together with the names of the contributors. Was the entire amount consumed in the ten per. cent paid for collection, or were there no funds contributed?

An attempt was made to burglarize the agent's office at the S. & C. R. R. station Monday night. The burglars broke the hinges, knob and clasp off of the safe doors, but were unable to effect an entrance. They also broke the money drawer, under the ticket windows, open, but as it was empty they were not very well re-paid for their trouble.

At the Republican primary election of 1884 John C. Barron received 425 votes in Somerset borough and township out of a poll of 763 votes, although his successful competitor, Mr. Josiah Ankeny, was a resident of the same township. Rather a good endorsement at the hands of the friends and neighbors of the man whose hired enemies are now maligning and abusing him as a "copperhead and traitor."

The following item has been going the rounds of the newspapers during the past few weeks:

The powerful combination formed by the farmers of Bedford, Huntingdon, Somerset and Fayette counties to contest with the Pennsylvania railroad company and W. H. Vanderbilt in the South Pennsylvania railroad matter has resulted in a movement to construct another line to compete with the Pennsylvania company. Prominent iron masters, coal operators, bankers and merchants living in the counties have signified their willingness to extend the necessary financial aid to make the undertaking a success. The Baltimore and Ohio railroad, it is said, have signified a willingness to assist the scheme, and preliminary meetings have been held.

Several weeks ago a Washington correspondent forwarded an interesting statement from Major Howson, of the United States Marine corps, to the effect that the medical examination of Candidates for apprenticeship to the navy shows that between 80 and 90 per cent. were physically disqualified on account of heart disease and similar ailments brought on by smoking cigarettes. This announcement has aroused the greatest interest in medical circles all over the country. Numerous inquiries have been received by the officers requesting further particulars. Medical Director Gibson has taken up the matter and will thoroughly investigate it. To this end he is now making a very thorough examination of the cases at the navy yard. So far the investigation has even more than sustained Maj. Howson's statements. On Friday there were eight boys at the navy yard as candidates for the position of apprentice boys. Seven out of eight had heart trouble and all were deficient in eyesight, caused by the use of cigarettes. The result of Medical Director Gibson's investigations will be published in a medical review

The first marriage license taken out in this county under the new law was issued by Clerk Shafer at a late hour Saturday night. About half-past 10 o'clock a young man put in an appearance at the Recorder's office and asked to have a marriage license issued. Mr. Shafer informed him that the lady to whom he expected to be married would have to be present, and as it was rather late, he would have to be expeditious in getting her there. The bride elect resided about one mile south of town and it was after 11 o'clock when she, in company with the groom appeared at the Recorder's door. Then a new obstacle presented itself; the young lady was under twenty-one years of age and, before the license could be issued it was necessary that her father's consent should first be obtained. Nothing daunted, the tired but anxious groom started back for his intended father-in-law, and just as the minute-hand on the Recorder's watch was indicating the hour of twelve, he again put in an appearance with Dr. Frederick Zimmerman in tow, and the license was issued forthwith.

Being a practical jeweler, I am prepared to do all kinds of repairing promptly and cheaply. W. H. WOOD.

W. H. Wood is selling the very best and all kinds of Jewely, Watches and Silverware at cost.

This is the first and last opportunity ever offered in Somerset to buy a good time-keeper at cost. None but the best makes kept on hand. W. H. Wood, No. 2, Baer's Block.

PRIVATE SALE.—My barn having been burnt, I am compelled to sell my live stock, consisting of horses, cows and young cattle. Purchasers can see this stock at my farm, three miles north of Berlin, on Bedford turnpike. ISRAEL SCHROCK.

WANTED, WANTED! Plumbago, Transient, Up a Tree, and every other person in Somerset county to know that the largest, finest, best selected and cheapest stock of Buggy-whips, wagon-whips, whip lashes and raw hides ever exhibited in the town or county can be found at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, No. 3, Baer's Block, Somerset, Pa.

VERY IMPORTANT.—The Somerset Township School Board, at their meeting on Saturday last, rescinded the adoption of Mill's Physiology and finally adopted Steele's series, and contracted with me to furnish the same to the schools. Parents, teachers and pupils will therefore call at Headquarters, Fisher's Book Store. Mr. Fisher being the authorized agent, and secure their Steele's Physiologies.

ANOTHER ARBOR DAY.—State Superintendent Higbee has issued a circular letter to the various County Superintendents in which he names Thursday, October 29th as "Fall Arbor Day," on which shade trees, shrubs, vines, etc., shall be planted by schools upon their school grounds, under the general direction and encouragement of Boards of Directors, Superintendents and teachers, on which also fruit trees, shade trees, etc., shall be planted about their homes by the individual pupils—boys and girls—by the teachers and by all others who may be sufficiently interested in this important work.

The South Penn Railroad may not be completed, but we believe it will. The Pennsylvania Central and Baltimore & Ohio are daily carrying new hardware to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, No. 3 Baer's Block, Somerset, Pa. New line of locks, knobs, hinges, latches and everything to finish up a building, and tools to do the work. Iron, horse-shoes, horse-shoe nails, blacksmiths' tools, guns, powder, shot, wads and caps, meat choppers, sausage stuffers, butcher knives, butchers' saws, glass and paints—anything you want, and at prices to suit the times. Come one and all, and buy your hardware.
J. B. HOLDERBAUM.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Somerset county Sabbath School Association the following persons were appointed delegates to the 21st annual State association to be held at Sunbury Pa., Oct. 20, 21 and 22.

Elder J. H. Knepper, Berlin; M. J. Pritts, Somerset; Gen. M. A. Ross, Addison; Rev. W. M. Covert, Meyersdale; John H. Snyder, Stoystown; Isaac Jones, Somerset; Cyrus Moore, New Lexington; J. S. Hartzell, Addison; J. Piatt Philson, Berlin. Special rates can be had on P. R. R. from Johnstown by applying to Jacob Shipman, Sunbury Pa. and for entertainment Mr. Deppen, Sunbury Pa.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.—Prof. Weller on Friday, September 25th examined Mr. J. M. Berkey's class of normal students, in Ursina Borough. Whole number in normal class 43, of whom 20 were examined. Two got professional certificates, 19 first grade and nine second grade. The examination was very thorough. The school board of Ursina borough have employed Prof. J. M. Berkey for the winter term, and have made arrangements with him to teach a normal school next spring. The professor was much liked by all who attended his school, as he fully understands his business, and as an instructor does his whole duty.
SPECTATOR.
Ursina, Pa., Oct. 10, 1885.

Don't fail to call at E. McDowell's Jewelry Store and see his immense Stock of Watches Clocks and Jewelry, and his prices will surprise you.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.—The following letters, remaining in the Post office at Somerset Pa., will be sent to the Dead Letter office if not called for before August 31, 1885:

Begley, Mrs. Amanda	Ream, Harry (2)
Crouse, Mrs Lizzie	Saylor, U. H.
Conover, J. J.	Barchus, J. S., (care of J. L. Saylor.)
Dillon, Mrs. Jane	
Deugher, Pat	Umbarger, Mrs. M.
Headington, Wm.	Weimer, Mrs. Marg.
Harris, I. Frank	West, Peter
Jackson, Rob't	Waghar, Port
Jackson, Sam'l	Plens, Miss Kate
Keyser, Miss Lucy	Yates, Fleming
Killinger, G. A.	POSTALS.
Lint Mrs. Mary	Dillon, Mrs. Jane
Miller, C. C.	Holmes, B. F.
Morriman, Ollie	Rhoads, Wm.
Peno, Mr.	Newell, Jas.
Radler, Wm. F.	Hoffman, Mrs., (care of Mrs. Carrie Shaffer.)
Rhoads, Wm. J.	

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.,
Somerset, Pa., October 10, 1885.

Mrs. M. E. Shrock, intending to discontinue the sale of Gentlemen's furnishing goods, will commence to close out the entire line of that department on the 15th The assortment in Shirts Half-hose, Gloves, &c, is full. Call early.

All goods warranted as represented and sold at cost at W. H. Wood's closing out sale.

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.

WHO PAYS THE COSTS?—The trial of the balance of the cases against the Poor Directors and county Auditors came up last Wednesday and Thursday, and after a most careful and thorough examination, in each and every case, Judge Baer was compelled to say to the Jury that there could be no conviction, as there was not the slightest particle of evidence of criminality on the part of any of the officers. In seven of the cases the county was found to pay the costs, in nine of them the defendants, and in one the prosecutor, Samuel P. Snyder. We have not the space to refer to these trials as we would like, nor is this the time, as there are still several important matters connected with them that remain unsettled; but we promise to do so in the future. The investigating committee cost the county $323.75; the court costs, in the trial of the cases were over $500.00 with a probability of reaching the neighborhood of $1000.00 as the immense witness bill of the prosecution was taxed to one case and will have to be divided among the different cases. It is impossible just yet to get at the exact cost, but as most of the witnesses were subpoenaed in the embezzlement cases, and in these cases the county being found to pay the costs, the witness bill will have to be paid by the county. If this is done the entire costs to the county will aggregate about $1200.00.

New home-made flannels and blankets just received. MRS. A. E. UHL.

MRS. M. E. SCHROCK has just received a large and elegant assortment of Millinery goods, Notions &c.; the goods are all new and consist of the latest novelties in trimmings and newest shapes in Hats, Bonnets, &c.

The School Board of Somerset Township, has appointed me agent to handle the introduction and exchange of Shelden's Readers recently adopted in Somerset Township. A full supply of them is expected by Saturday, after which date I shall be prepared to sell or exchange, as may be desired. Local dealers can be supplied. A full supply of all the other School books in use in the Township will be found at my Book Store. W. H. WELFLEY.

The leading article in November *Harper's* will be an interesting description, under the tittle of "An Indian Journey," of portions of the Plymouth County Coast, in Massachusetts, written by Mrs. Lucy C. Lillie. Mrs. Lillie's sketches of travel in England have frequently delighted readers of *Harper's*. In returning to home soil and native subjects she finds quite as much picturesque material, and almost as much historical association as in the wonderland of "abroad." If she helps to show Americans how much there is to be seen at home, which most of them don't see, she will have done a pleasant service to her countrymen. The article is charmingly illustrated by R. Swain Gifford and his wife, and by other artists.

A full supply of Shelden's Readers at Welfley's New Book Store.

FALL IN FOR ROLL CALL?—If any readers of the HERALD, knowing the present post-office address of any of the following-named officers and enlisted men, or of any other members late of Company G, 51th regiment Penn'a Vols., recruited in Somerset county, will communicate with J. W. Yocum, editor of the Spy, Columbia, Lancaster county, Pa. it may put a thousand dollars in the pocket of its rightful and deserving owner:

Capt. Franklin B. Long; Lieutenants Adam Troutman and George Lyberger; Sergeants Philip Bender and James M. Phillips; Corporal John Bigger; and Privates Elias Crosby, Nathaniel Crosby and Joseph Imhoff.

Complete stock of newest styles of Hats, Bonnets and Trimmings, and all kinds of Millinery goods. The best work and cheapest goods. MRS. A E. UHL.

SOMERSET SCHOOLS.—The Borough Schools opened Oct. 12 with the largest attendance they ever had on the first day. The rooms are as follow: No 1, A. C. Holbert, 17; No 2, J. A. Berkey, 35; No 3, Miss Craver, 27; No 4, Miss Ada Knepper, 54; No 5, Miss Kate Snyder, 58; No 6, Miss Hattie Stutzman, 53; No 7, Mrs. M. Connelly, 70. The rooms of course are not expected to remain as above. Many promotions must be made and will be made in due time. Parents please see to it that children attend promptly and regularly, and let us make this the best session of the Public School ever taught here.
A. C. HOLBERT,
Principal.

Just received the latest styles of dress goods. Call and see. MRS. A. E. UHL.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

CIVIL CASES.

Jacob P. Miller vs. Wm. H. Sufall; Trespass q. c. f. Verdict for the defendant.

Lydia Reman vs. Susannah and C. C. Walter: Judgment bond. Case settled.

Walker & Leydie vs. A. K. Geist; Trespass q. c. f. Verdict for the defendant.

Susquehanna Mutual Fire Insurance Company vs. Eliza A. Flick; Assumpsit. Case settled.

Eli Shaffer vs. John Taney; Appeal by the defendant. Case settled.

Bertha M. Berkebile vs. James and Ellen Bohan; Case sur slander. Settled.

Susquehanna Mutual Fire Insurance Company vs. J. R. Walter; Assumpsit. Settled.

Jacob Sipe's widow and heirs vs. A. H. Tospon; sci fa. Verdict for plaintiff for $391.69 with interest from April 28, 1884.

Edwin Deal vs. Larmar Township; Appeal by defendant. Verdict for the Plaintiff for $128.59.

Martha and J. F. Hunter vs. Joseph J. Daniels; Appeal by defendant. Verdict for the plaintiff for $32.75.

COMMONWEALTH CASES.

On Wednesday morning the Court resumed the trial of cases on the Commonwealth list, which had been held over from the first week:

Commonwealth vs. Reuben Woy, Daniel Kimmell, Jesse Hoover, Alexander Korns, Poor House Directors, and Franklin Launtz, Steward; Embezzlement and keeping fraudulent accounts, on information of Samuel P. Snyder (Cases tried together.) Verdict not guilty.

Same vs. Alexander Korns, Daniel Kimmell, and Jesse Hoover. Being concerned in public contracts, on information of S. P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, but defendants to pay the costs.

Same vs. Josiah Ankeny. Being concerned in public contracts, on information of Samuel P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, and the Prosecutor, Samuel P. Snyder, to pay the costs.

Same vs. Reuben Woy, Jesse Hoover and Josiah Ankeny; Misconduct and Malfeasance in office, on information of Samuel P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, but defendants to pay the costs.

Same vs. John P. Rhoads, Israel Emerick and James M. Meyers (late Board of Auditors.) Misconduct and Malfeasance in office, on information of Samuel P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, and the county to pay the costs.

Same vs. Jacob K. Bowman, Joseph W. Meyers and N. B. Penrod, (County Auditors) Misconduct and Malfeasance in office on information of Samuel P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, and the county to pay the costs.

Same vs. Alexander Korns, Daniel Kimmell, Reuben Woy and Jesse Hoover. Extortion and taking illegal fees, on information of Samuel P. Snyder. Verdict not guilty, but the defendants to pay the costs.

ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEWS.

The following petitions for Road and Bridge views were presented and acted on by the Court.

Petition of citizens of Conemaugh township for a bridge over the Stonycreek at the point where the public road leading from Davidsville to Foust's mill crosses said creek, on the boundary line between said townships. Viewers, Joseph Cable, Samuel McGregor and David E. Wagner.

Petition of citizens of Lairmer township to vacate and supply a portion of the public road leading from White Oak, in said township, to Roddy's, in Northampton township. Viewers M. D. Miller, Joel Yutzy and Jonas Cook.

Petition of citizens of Paint township, for a public road from a point in the public road lead from Jacob Hoffman's farm to the Shade Furnace road, near where a small run crosses said road on land of Jacob Hoffman, to the Somerset & Cambria Railroad, on lands of Lehman, where said railroad crosses Paint creek. Viewers, Wm. M. Schrock, Stonycreek twp., Alexander Walker and John H. Hite.

Petition of citizens of Conemaugh township for a public road from a point at or near the blacksmith shop of Jacob Thomas to a point on the public road near residence of Isaac T. Kauffman. Viewers, L. C. Colborn, John W. Dickey and C. C. Musselman.

Petition for Inspectors to view the bridge over the Middle creek, in Milford township, called the "Mason Bridge," E. D. Yutzy, Henry Zimmerman and Fed. Dull, were appointed.

Petition of citizens of Salisbury borough for the removal of the present Board of School Directors. Presented September 28. Answer presented Oct. 10. Whereupon H. L. Baer, Esq., was appointed Commissioner to take testimony and report opinion to the Court.

An Adjourned Court will be held on Friday, the 6th of November, to begin at 10½ o'clock a. m.

An extra, or special Court will be held for two weeks in January next, for the purpose of cleaning the Court-docket of accumulating business, to begin on Monday the 11th instant.

THE NEW JAIL IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT EVENTS.

MR. EDITOR.—Words fail to describe my gladness when I found Mr. Smith, the philanthropist of the *Semi-Weekly Commercial* had decided that he had glory enough for one day, and that "Plumbago" should be forgiven. My heart bled with sorrow as I thought of the many unkind thrusts that I have given this truly excellent man, and I am willing to do my share on the benevolent line when I say that I may have seen a great many better men than he, but I certainly have seen very few worse.

Now I want your readers to look on the findings of two different Grand Juries, one at the May term and the other at the Term of Court just ended:

MAY TERM.	SEPTEMBER TERM.
We, the members of the Grand Jury have gone through the County Jail and have made a careful examination of the same, and after due consideration have come to the conclusion that to make repairs to said building would be spending money uselessly. We would therefore recommend the building of a new jail, and that the old building be sold, with a certain amount of ground, and apply the proceeds thereof to the new building. We further recommend the building of the new jail on the North corner of the Court House grounds.	We, the members of the Grand Jury have gone through the County Jail, have made a careful examination of the land, and after due consideration have come to the conclusion that building a new jail would be spending money uselessly. We would therefore recommend the following repairs to the old jail: The tearing out of the inside of the jail department and arranging in two parts—one for the male and one for the female inmates. The inside to be sheeted with iron. A veranda in front of the dwelling. A roof over the door of the basement. Painting of the wood-work, outside. Leveling of cellar floor. Fence from street to coal-house. A new wood shed. Repairing of the cess-pool and water-closet so as to be healthy to inmates.

I propose to make no comment on the findings of these two Grand Juries. Both sets of men were under oath and, hence all must allow that they acted conscientiously, and yet the two findings are as diametrically opposite as virtue and vice. The finding of the May Term threw the Semi-Weekly Philanthropist into spasms from which he has not yet recovered. The finding of the last Grand Jury is a step backward. This finding recommends what I think I am safe in calling utter impossibilities. No modern science can ever make the Somerset Jail anything but what it is—a miserable pen for wretched inmates. When the *report* of this Grand Jury was read Judge Baer was moved by his utter shame and disgust to exclaim: "Yes, repair—but let your repairs be from the ground up." Judge Baer is an enlightened gentleman. He knows what a jail should be, and I have no doubt he experiences a thrill of nervous horror whenever his duty compels him to consign a fellow being to the damp, reeking atmosphere of that infernal "black hole" which the people of Somerset county dignify by the name of jail. The oldest member of the Bar, too, a gentleman whose experiences in life have not tended to smooth the asperities of a disposition naturally perhaps, not of the mildest, exclaimed in his grim way—"Yes, repair it and after you're done, set a match to it and get rid of it; it never was fit to be used as a jail." I venture the assertion that none of the *Beach*, none of the *Bar*, none of the County officials was not thoroughly disgusted at this finding of the last Grand Jury. But the words of the verdict have gone forth, and so far as I am concerned I can say, "So be it." Now, however loth I may be to do so, and every one who has read my articles will bear me witness that I am loth to talk about the shortcomings of others, I must turn to a sad, sad picture. Mr. Smith, the old girl of the *Commercial-Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Law*—has always arrogated to himself great praise for his actions in unearthing what he has always dubbed "The Poor House Frauds." According to his last issue—should I say "*the* last issue?" Mr. Editor, Well, I'll stick to "his" for there is an old rule in Kirkham's Grammar, "When the sex is unknown or doubtful, use the masculine pronoun"—According to his last issue, he "has been weaving the web of evidence around those men for years." Good God! what a human *spider* she is!! Think of it! Here sits Lou, "within his darksome den" and spins, and spins the web that shall presently be loaded with the carcasses of the human flies, whom he can entice "up his winding stair." Here he sits munnbling his thumb, and muttering like Macbeth's witches:

"Double, double, toil and trouble
Do thou cbaldron boil and bubble
For a charm of powerful trouble,
Like a Hell-broth, boil and bubble."

Finally, the spider has got her victims in her toils. The *spider of prey* is always feminine, and she rushes into Court, but the human spider in this instance is as much disgusted to see the net work of evidence that was years a-spinning dissolve like the baseless fabric of a vision, as is his reptile prototype when she catches a bumble-bee instead of a fly.

Think what a monster has been nurtured in this County. Here is a man, who by his own acknowledgment has seen his fellow citizens pursuing a wrongful course for years—and yet, instead of going to them and uttering words of counsel and advice, he gloats over their wrong-doing, and prosecutes them for his own aggrandizement. The human spider!

Let not Mr. Smith try to wriggle himself from the cross to which I have nailed him. He's there to stay, and his efforts will only lacerate the punctures that my nails have inflicted.

I want to give the readers of these articles a little bit of "mighty interesting reading." While Mr Smith was posing in the role of philanthropist he sent out these bits of English, and any one who peruses them will have no difficulty in seeing why I styled him "*Ten-Per-Cent-for-Collection-Sm-ith*."

These circulars were sent by the hundred to the agents of the Meyersdale *Commercial*, with the following letter of instructions, allowing, as will be seen, ten per cent. for collection:

September 11th, 1885.

DEAR SIR: We hereby send you a lot of circulars to distribute and a subscription paper to the Poor House prosecution fund. We ask you to distribute these circulars generally among your people and to solicit subscriptions to the fund. Almost everyone will be glad to give a dollar, more or less to assist in the prosecution and reduce taxation. As fast as you get a number of names put them in with the name of district, and each amount subscribed, to "The Meyersdale *Commercial*." Spell all names and make all figures very plain and legible. We will allow you ten (10) per cent. on such amounts for your trouble. Deduct that and send balance to your nearest banker, who will receipt for the same. Please also notify either of us whether you will accept the position and terms; if not please hand to some one who will, and notify us, always giving full name and post-office address. Please act promptly and vigorously. Respectfully, S. P. SNYDER,
LOU. A. SMITH,

TO THE TAXPAYERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY:

The period for investigating the officials of the County Poor Home is past, and the result is known to you. It is in effect that nearly Two Thousand Dollars, within three years, have been improperly used or squandered. The next object will be to recover as much of this sum as possible, and prevent future like peculation. For years private and personal efforts have been made to get at the truth of this matter, which resulted finally in the appointment of a Board of Visitors, who in pursuance of their sworn duty, made the report embracing the above stated facts. Much money, time and labor has been expended by the *Commercial* to bring the matter thus far and now it is the duty of the tax-payers of the county to assist in meeting the expenses that will be incurred in seeing that justice is meted out to all concerned.

YOU ARE ASKED

to contribute to this purpose. The first information was made by S. Snyder, Esq., Constable of Somerset Borough, who has been untremitting in his efforts to unearth the frauds by which the people have so long been swindled. We propose in issuing this notice to call your attention to the facts and state that contributions to the

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will be received in every district in the county. Subscribe as liberally as you feel it will be to your interest. Always give your full name and district as every sum so contributed will be duly acknowledged in the *Semi-Weekly Commercial*, or you can send your contribution to any bank in the county, who will acknowledge it for you in like manner. Every dollar so received will be applied to the purpose outlined above and fully accounted for. Attorneys have been engaged and all the legal machinery employed to render exact justice to all. You should be prompt in this. All contributions should be in within a month from this date, September 4th, 1885. Printed headings are supplied to all solicitors for this fund. For further information see the *Commercial*. Now let all go to work. Respectfully submitted,
S. P. SNYDER,
LOU. A. SMITH.

And now, having made clear Mr. Smith's philanthropy, let us look for a short time at his last and latest, viz: his desertion of the Republican Party. With fulsome eager hem he clasps Mr. Sam Philson in his arms and shouts, "this is the way I long have sought." Sammy, beware! Lou will be a millstone about your neck to drag you to depths dark with disaster and black with defeat.

The Republican party of Somerset county have merely paused to ask, "Can it be true? Has he really left us?" and when once satisfied of this fact, the Longmeter Doxology—"Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow"—will ascend from every throat in the Republican ranks. Smith has always been an obstructionist, a fomenter of dissensions, and he is now beginning his old tactics. Lou has never advocated man or measure that did not fail. I defy any man to place his finger on a single thing that Lou A. Smith announced should be a success that is not to-day branded with the mark of failure. Where is the man whom he has ever attempted to elevate that he has not depressed? Far be it from me to gather up the wrecks that strew the shores of the sea of opportunity and hold them up for the winds of adverse comment to whistle through—but what is Lou A. Smith himself but a dwarfish model of gigantic failure?

The Democrats will sigh. Philson may be able to hire him to support Barron—for Sammy, let me whisper in your ear, I'd rather give him ten dollars for his pronounced and virulent opposition than have his strongest support gratuitously.

And now, Republicans, let us shake hands all round and say of Lou as the boy said of his mother's visitor:—I know it's naughty, but I can't help it, and so thank God she's gone.

Yours truly,
PLUMBAGO.
Addison, Pa., October 10, 1885.

A full assortment of Brocade and plain Velvets, plain and fancy Braids, Fringes, Laces and Moss trimming for dresses.
MRS. A. E. UHL.

Plain and Fancy dress goods at 5 and 10 cents. MRS. A. E. UHL.

Red, White and Gray underwear for Ladies, Men and Children.
MRS. A. E. UHL.

Germantown Shetland, Saxony, Zephyr and Angora wools, all shades.
MRS. A. E. UHL.

Home-made and Eastern Knit Hoods at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

Ladies, and Children, wraps, in all the latest styles, best goods, lowest prices.
MRS. A. E. UHL.

Robbons, Gloves, Stockings, all kinds of Trimmings, Jewelry, Cuffs and Collars for the Ladies and Gentlemen, Corsets and a thousand and one articles that I cannot enumerate. Cheap! MRS. A. E. UHL.

The largest assortment and best quality of Yarns can be found at Mrs. M. E. Schrock's Somerset Pa. Send in your orders early for Yarns and our celebrated home made wool Hoods.

BARGAINS IN JEWELRY.—Having bought at Sheriff's Sale a large lot of Jewelry, consisting of Lace pins, Earrings, Bracelets, Chains, Charms, Cuff buttons, Watches and Clocks, I am determined to sell them below first cost. Don't fail to come early, as the goods are going fast. E. MCDOWELL.

NEW READERS FOR THE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.—Sheldon's readers have been introduced into the Somerset Township Schools. Parents, teachers and pupils are hereby informed that I have them on my shelves for sale and exchange. Bring in your old readers to Fisher's Book Store and get them exchanged for new ones.
CHAS. H FISHER.

MARRIED

EMMERT—YOUNG.—At the home of the bride's mother, near Friedens, on Sunday, September 27, 1885, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Edmund Emmert to Miss Sadie E. Young, both of Somerset county, Pa.

BARNHART—ZIMMERMAN.—On the same date, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, by the same, Mr. John Barnhart of Stoyestown, to Miss Annie Zimmerman of Johnstown, Pa.

FISHER—DENNER.—At the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, on Sunday, September 13, 1885, by the same, Mrs. Peter Fisher to Mrs. Catharine Denner, both of Somerset county, Pa.

ROSS—GOOD.—On Sunday, September 20, 1885, at the residence of Mr. Hiram Weigle, by the same, Mr. John Ross, of Shanksville, to Miss Emma Good, from near Friedens, Somerset county, Pa.

ZIMMERMAN—SPANGLER.—At the residence of the bride's father, near Friedens, on Friday, September 25, 1885, by the same, Mr. George H. Zimmerman to Miss Julia A. Spangler, both of Somerset Co., Pa.

BARNDT—GARDNER.—At the residence of the officiating minister, in Berlin, Pa., on Sunday, September 27, 1885, by Rev. J. S. Wagner, Mr. John J. Barndt to Miss Mary E. Gardner, both of Stoyestown, Pa.

PHILSON—LANDIS.—On Wednesday, September 30, 1885, at the residence of the officiating magistrate, by Emanuel Masters, J. P., Mr. J. B. Philson to Miss Essie M. Landis, both of Berlin, Pa.

NICKLER—ZIMMERMAN.—At the residence of the brides parents October 11th, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Benjamin J. Nickler of Rockwood, and Miss Annie Zimmerman of Somerset.

The above marriage is the first license issued in Somerset Co. and this was issued by our obliging Register and Rec