The Somerset Herald.

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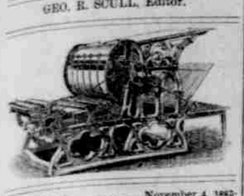

WEDNESDAY.....November 4, 1885.

The pumpkin crop is immense.

Butchering season is drawing near

The fly is seeking its little winter bed.

Semi-annual house cleaning season.

The cigarette nuisance is abominable.

The festival oyster has not increased in size.

Large quantities of pork are being marketed.

"Josh Billings" was an auctioneer twenty-five years.

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

Indian summer's mists are due, but they never will be missed.

Make a solemn vow before tackling the stovepipe not to swear.

Our merchants seem to be doing a very satisfactory business.

Winter is forging along. Are you prepared for its advent?

Parents, visit the schools and encourage both teachers and pupils.

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

Our 7, 8, 9, and 10-cent brown and lead-colored Canton Flannels are big bargains,

PARKER & PARKER'S.

Tramps begin to crowd the county prisons and almshouses throughout the State.

Bleached and unbleached muslins, 5-6, and 4-4 cents a full yard wide, that are very cheap

PARKER & PARKER'S.

Those of our young men who desire to get up with the sun, should not sit up so late at night with the daughter.

A full line of ladies' knit hoods, mitts, mufflers, gloves, children's hoods, mitts and caps at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

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.

New handkerchiefs, new collars, new corsets, new rochings, new cuffs, new gloves, all new goods coming daily for the holiday.

PARKER & PARKER'S.

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.

PIANO FOR SALE.—A nearly new Upright Piano, Cabinet Grand. Price, $200 cash. For further particulars

APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.

We have just received 40 pieces of new standard calicoes at 5c.; dark styles, that we are going to offer at 4c. per yard.

Parker & Parker.

Not an application for marriage license has been made in Fulton county since the new law went into effect, while two applications for divorce have been made since that time.

Too much talking on subjects that have no foundation in fact, do the talkers no good and generally has a different effect than intended on those talked about, especially after the truth becomes known.

BRICK, BRICK, BRICK! As good as the best and cheaper than the rest. Four hundred thousand on hand. Yard opposite the Planing Mill.

HOLDERBAUM BROS & PARSON,
Somerset, Pa.

Great attraction in new dress goods—all the leading styles in cloths, plaid, Monner d'Oie, satines, and a great variety of fancy dress goods that must be seen to be appreciated at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

The citizens of Huntingdon insist upon Peter Herdic supplying them with pure spring water instead of water from the Juniata, which is said to be impregnated with all kinds of filth rendering it unfit for drinking and culinary purposes.

Grand arrival of new coats in ladies' Newmarkets, Astrican-trimmed, fur-trimmed, plush-trimmed, tailor made—all new goods and all new styles, at prices never before equaled, at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

It is said that a Norristown man, who is very fond of pickeled tripe, ordered his wife to have his favorite dish for supper. Being unable to procure the article, she served up a quarter of a yard of Turkish toweling, and her husband never discovered the difference.

An exchange says call a girl a chick, and she smiles; call a woman a hen, and she howls. Call a young woman a witch, and she is pleased; call an old woman a witch, and she is indignant. Call a girl a kitten, and she rather likes it; call a woman a cat, and she'll hate you. Queer sex, isn't it?

The little migratory bird known as the snow bird, is said to have already made its appearance in some sections. This bird is only a winter resident of this section of the country. They come in October or November and remain until spring, about the latter part of April, when they leave for their summer home or breeding grounds, but where we know not.

Mr. H. G. Cunningham requests us to say that the report that he has discontinued the purchase of hides, is utterly false and calculated to do his business an injury. He is buying all the good hides offered, and paying the highest market price for the same.

40 pieces more 24-inch plaid and striped dress goods at 6c.

40 pieces brocaded dress goods at 5c., at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

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

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.

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,
Cimjet Sets,	Base Balls,
Base Rods,	Base Hooks,
Eye Glasses,	Spectacles,
Fine Cigars,	Soda Water,
Good Goods,	Low Prices.

WANTED, WANTED! Plumbago, Transient Tips Free, 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 rawhides ever exhibited in the town or county can be found at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, No. 3, Baer's Block, Somerset, Pa.

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.

Here's to you, to'd John Barron.

Thanksgiving turkeys are fattening.

An Adjourned Court will be held Friday.

John A. Walter is collecting the school tax of the borough.

The chestnut season is about over. The crop was a fairly average one.

The Bedford papers are now denouncing the panther story as a "demnition" lie.

There was an unusual large number of people from the country in town on Saturday.

The first regular snow storm of the season put in an appearance in this section last Friday.

Messrs. William and Franklin Rodgers, of Shade township, were among our business callers Friday.

Editor Coffroth, of the *Democrat*, returned Thursday from a two weeks' sojourn in Maryland and Virginia.

H. S. Endsley, Esq., who has been confined to his bed for the past two weeks by serious illness, is slowly convalescing.

The weather was so extremely disagreeable Sunday, that many of our fair-weather Christians remained home from church.

Mrs. John H. Boyts, who was visiting relatives in Somerset for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Irwin Monday morning.

The members of the Somerset Silver Cornet Band will please consider our hat off in honor of the charming serenade tendered us Saturday evening.

Our staunch Republican friend, John Hammer, Esq., of Hooversville, paid us a friendly call Friday afternoon. He was strongly for Quay and the county ticket.

Hallow E'en was observed by the Somerset small boy in the accustomed manner Saturday evening. The usual amount of bell ringing, corn throwing, etc. was indulged in.

F. J. Kooser, and daughter, returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Columbus, Cincinnati, and Urbana, Ohio. Mrs. Kooser remained for a more protracted visit.

Mr. J. Imbrie Miller, Chief Engineer of South Pennsylvania Railroad in this county presented each of the ministers of the borough with a fifty dollar bill before taking his departure.

The Misses Joe and Alice Elder, daughters of Col. Samuel Elder of Ligonier, and Miss Barbara Meyers, of Meyersdale, spent last week in Somerset at the residence of Mr. Edward Scull.

Constable Ed Maurer, of Jenner township, arrived in town Monday morning with John Thomas, of the same township in his custody, and lodged him in jail to await trial at court, on a charge of adultery.

Mr. William H. Piatt brings to Somerset the choicest oysters that the eastern market affords. His saloon in the basement of the Cook & Beerits block is neatly and comfortably fitted up and is a good place to visit when you are hungry.

The South Penn engineers of Lutz's division, held a public vendue in the Diamond, Saturday morning, for the purpose of disposing of the plunder they had collected during their four year's stay in Somerset. Good prices and lots of fun were realized.

Won't the editor of the Meyersdale "Commercial" please publish the circular he alleges was issued by Chairman Scott? He knew there was no such circular issued, and knew that he was lying when he said so. This is only one more instance of his relying upon the ignorance of his readers.

The real estate of the late William Zimmerman was offered for sale at public outcry in front of the Court House, Saturday afternoon. It was not bid up to the amount the Administrator thought it should bring, so was not sold. The heirs, we believe, have since decided not to sell, but to divide it among themselves.

HOME TO VOTE.—Dr. James E. Biesecker, who is attending lectures at the Jefferson Medical College Philadelphia, arrived home Friday night with the deadly intent of remaining until election day in order to help swell the majority for Quay, Barron and Custer. The Doctor always takes his straight, thank you; no sugar.

The managers of the Johnstown Opera House have "billed" Frederick Warde, the celebrated tragedian, very extensively at this place. Excursion tickets from this place, and intermediate points, to Johnstown, will be sold by the Railroad Company. "Damon and Pythias" is the attraction for Wednesday evening, November 5th.

The new Reformed church at Everet, will be dedicated on Sunday, November 8th. The services will commence at 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. U. Heilman, of Alexandria, Huntingdon county, will preach the dedicatory sermon, and Rev. J. M. Schick, of Meyersdale, Somerset county, will preach in the evening. Other ministers will also be present. A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend.

The threat of the Meyersdale Commercial to re-open the Poor House cases as a piece of beastly, unparalleled ignorance and stupidity, is without equal. As well might it threaten to disinter the bones of poor, old Priius, the murderer and subject them to a new trial. The one would be as possible as the other and the thought of either could only emanate from a naturally stupid brain made more densely so by an excessive use of "peruna."

The Altoona *Tribune* gives as its opinion that "the decision of Superintendent Higbee, that teachers must attend county institutes, though the law forbids the directors from paying them for the time thus spent, would scarcely stand the test of judicial scrutiny. Teachers ought to attend these institutes, of course, but the law which undertakes to compel them to do so should also provide for paying them. The new law is an outrage."

Jas. L. Pugh, Esq., Administrator of the estate of John J. Spangler, deceased, sold the "Barclay farm" at public sale Saturday afternoon. The purchaser was Mr. Jabob S. Picking, proprietor of the Central Hotel and the price paid was $8,000.00. This is $415.00 more than the property brought at the previous sale. Shortly after it was knocked down by the crier a bidder came along and offered $8500.00 for it. If this offer is made in open court a resale will in all probability be ordered.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. F. Deyo, who for the past three years have been residents of Somerset, departed for their home in New York on the early train Saturday morning. Mr. Deyo was an engineer in the employ of the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and had charge of the construction of the Negro Mountain Tunnel. During their residence here they made many warm friends, who parted from them with genuine regret. They bear with them to their old home the kindest wishes and regards of their many Somerset friends and acquaintances.

Now that the election is over the editor of the Meyersdale "Commercial" will, we hope be able to find time to write out a detailed statement of the amount of money he received in response to the circulars he sent out, an i to which Samuel P. Snyder swore on the witness stand he had attached his name without his knowledge or consent for the prosecution of the county officials. It may require some "figgerin'" to deduct the ten-per cent. offered for collection, but as the storekeeper said to his clerk when he asked him "what five barrels of flour would cost at five dollars a barrel," "figger' on it now and no d—d guess work."

Monday night was a regular old-timer. The snow came down like a blanket, and covered the ground to a depth of several inches.

Mr. A. J. Hileman, Clerk to the County Commissioners, informs us that he last week received all the necessary blanks to complete the assessment under the new revenue act. The blanks are numbered by the thousands.

This is a levelheaded subscriber that an exchange tells about: Calling the other day to renew his subscription, he remarked that he found it much cheaper to pay for his paper in advance than at the end of the year. When he paid in advance he felt that he was getting something every week for his money; but to square up at the end of the year was like paying for worn out clothes—there was none of the pleasure of anticipation in the transaction.

PUBLIC VENDUE.—I will expose to sale by public outcry at the residence of Mr. John Roberts, on the corner of Main and East streets, Somerset, Pa., on Saturday, November 7, 1885, an assortment of household furniture, consisting in part of beds, bedding, chamber and dining room furniture, carpets, two heating stoves, one Upright Christie Piano, and a large number of small articles. Sale at 1 P. M. Terms cash.

JOHN MARSTON.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.—The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past week by Clerk Shafer:

Samuel H. Friedline of New York City to Louisa Crouse of Lavansville.

Chauncy Yutzy of Stonycreek township to Lucy Ringer of Allegheny township.

Isaac W. Kauffman of Conemaugh Township to Lucy A. Blough of same township.

Mark A. Gellespie of New Baltimore to Sophia Foller of same place.

A GOOD TEMPERANCE SPEAKER IN THE COUNTY.—Mrs. M. L. Wells, of Indianapolis, Indiana, on her return from the National Convention of the W. C. T. U., has kindly consented to stop off a week in the county and speak at the following places:

Meyersdale, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Nov. 3d and 4th.

Berlin, Thursday evening, Nov. 5th.
Stoystown, Friday evening, Nov. 6th.
Somerset, Saturday evening, Nov. 7th.
Rockwood, Monday evening, Nov. 9th.
Ursina, Tuesday evening, Nov. 10th.

She will speak in the Court House in Somerset. Subject, "Constitutional Amendment." Mrs. Wells comes highly recommended. Don't fail to hear her.

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.

TO OUR READERS.—We cannot too strongly urge upon our readers the necessity of subscribing for a family, weekly newspaper of the first class—such, for instance, as the *Independent*, of New York. Were we obliged to select one publication for habitual and careful reading to the exclusion of all others, we choose unhesitatingly the *Independent*. It is a newspaper, magazine, and review, all in one. It is a religious, a literary, an educational, a story, an art, a scientific, an agricultural, a financial, and a political newspaper combined. It has 32 folio pages and 22 departments. No matter what a person's religion, politics or profession may be, the *Independent* will prove a help, an instructor, an educator. Our readers can do no less than to send a postal for a free specimen copy, or for thirty cents the paper will be sent a month, enabling one to judge of its merits more critically. Its yearly subscription is $3.00, or two years for $5.00.

Address, THE INDEPENDENT, 251 Broadway, New York City.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.—Why should we buy our Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents Furnishing Goods at Becher's Clothing Hall? is a question that is being asked every day. But the answer is easily and plainly told. The first reason is, that it is the only place in Somerset, where you can find an exclusive stock of clothing and Gent's Furnishing goods.

Secondly, There is not any article pertaining to a first class Clothing establishment that can not be found at Becher's Clothing Hall.

Thirdly, You will find the largest and handsomest Stock of Suits and Overcoats for Men's, Youths' Boys' and Children's wear, that has ever been seen in Somerset.

Fourthly, Becher is an experienced Clothier, and he does not sell you old stock for new. When he has an article in his store that does not sell as readily as it should he reduces the price to such a low figure that a customer cannot help but buy.

Fifthly, Becher pays cash for his goods, and thereby saves a heavy discount, which he proposes to give to his customers.

Sixthly, All goods are guaranteed as represented or money refunded.

The public is respectfully invited to call and examine his mammoth stock before purchasing elsewhere, and they can readily solve the mystery.

B. BECHER, JR.,
Leading Clothier and Hatter,
Somerset, Pa.

"STEP IN THE BOX."—The following persons have been drawn to serve as jurors at the December term of court, commencing Monday, the 14 day:

GRAND JURORS.

Addison—Frank Mitchell, B. McClintock.
Allegheny—Frederick Shaffer.
Berlin Borough—David H. Fisher.
Conemaugh—Jacob D. Swank, Moses W. Yoder, Samuel Keim.
Elklick—I. A. Kretchman, Jos. Patten, M. J. Beachy.
Jenner—William Johnson, John J. Gardner, D. L. Wiand
Middlecreek—Michael Anson, Nelson Saylor.
Paint—Frank Kaltenbaugh.
Quemahoning—Samuel Fiegle.
Shade—John Manges.
Somerset Borough—Peter Fink.
Somerset—Peter Pritts, Joseph F. Rhodes.
Upper Turkeyfoot—Freeman Broucher.
Wellersburg—Alex H. Long.

TRAVERSE JURORS.

Addison—Joseph Null, Rudolph Faucett.
Brothersvalley—George Krissinger, Wm. Dickey.
Conemaugh—George Kniss, Jr., Augustus Kohler.
Elklick—John Blake, Asa Newman.
Jefferson—John Kooser.
Jenner—George E. Barnett, Geo. Reiman, Jacob Friedline.
Larimer—George Seibert, John M. Wilt
Middlecreek—Alex C. Moore, Norman B. Cramer.
Meyersdale—L. Morrell.
Milford—Austin Barkley, Perry Schrock, Jeremiah Long, John Kuhlman.
New Centreville—Daniel W. Will.
Northampton—Jacob Kammerer.
Quemahoning—John W. Trostle.
Somerset Borough—A. J. Schell, Frank Gilbert, J. J. Berkeybile.
Somerset—Abraham Weller, George Altmiller, Philip Cupp, Isaiah C. Johnson, Franklin A. Fritz, John Zeigler.
Southampton—Solomon Reiber.
Stonycreek—John C. Speicher, Noah Rayman.
Upper Turkeyfoot—Daniel Wetzel, S. P. Weimer.

Turkey raffling's are popular.

Tuesday was one of the stormiest election days we have had for many years. The air was raw and disagreeable and the snow come down all day long.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, The all wise Father has called to himself our sister and Schoolmate Annie C. Mostoller who departed this life Oct. 26, in the full hope of a glorious immortality and

WHEREAS, She was a faithful member of the Brethren Sunday School of the Trent Church, therefore

Resolved, That we the members of the aforesaid School, hereby bear witness to her integrity kind manner and Christian character and that we lament her decease as the loss of a true friend and Schoolmate.

Resolved, That we condole with her family and friends in their bereavement and do assure them that they "need not mourn as one without hope" but that if they follow the example she set "their parting is but for a moment" and that a rest remains for them with her, beyond the vale of tears

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be handed the family of the deceased and that they be published in "Brethren Evangelist and our county papers.

J. M. YODER, JOHN SEIBERT,
M. W. HUNTER, FLORENCE M. YODER,
SADIE E. TRENT. Committee.

In its issue of October 29th the Meyersdale *Commercial*, in speaking of the costs in the Poor House and Auditors' cases, says: "Well, we will have to let the old man of the HERALD lie about the costs till the election. It is his last hold. The truth of the matter is, the costs have already been paid in *every case* into the hands of their attorney." * * *. That the editor of the Commercial is a very ignorant man, all who know him are aware. That he will lie like a Trojan, no one doubts. But that he would try to impose upon the credulity of his readers by so stupid a lie as the above, was hardly to be expected. We believed him capable of almost any kind of lying, but this breaks the record. Now, the truth of the matter is "this: We have seen each and every of the counsel employed by the defendants in these cases, and they all say that not one penny of the costs have been paid to them by their clients. The prosecutor's bill filed amounts to $392.25. This has all been taxed to one of the cases against Alexander Korns. The defendants' attorneys have filed a large number of exceptions to this bill, and the Court will be called upon next Friday to pass upon the exceptions. As most of the witnesses were subpenaed in the embezzlement cases, and in these cases the county was found to pay the costs, the major portion of this bill will have to be paid by the county. We give below an exact statement of the cases, and the record costs which the county, under the instructions of the Court and the verdicts of the juries, is bound to pay. Some of them have already *been paid by the county*, and the balance will be paid as soon as the bills are presented In the first five of the following cases the defendants were charged with a felony, and the verdict being "not guilty," as a matter of law the county is bound for the costs. In the other two cases the verdict was "not guilty," and the *county* to pay the costs:

Commonwealth vs. Reuben Wey.	No. 46 Sept. Sessions, 1885. (Embezzlement and Larceny.) Verdict, "not guilty."	
District Att'y Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 45
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 00
Constable Snyder		50
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$ 14 95
Same vs. Dan'l Kimmell.	No. 50 Sept. Session 1885. (Same charge.) Verdict, "not guilty."	
District Att'y Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 45
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 00
Constable Snyder		50
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$14 95
Same vs. Jesse Hoover.	No. 51 Sept. Sessions, 1885. (Same charge.) Verdict "not guilty."	
District Att'y Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 45
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 00
Constable Snyder		50
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$14 95
Same vs. Alex. Korns.	No. 52 Sept. Sess. 1885. (Same charge.) Verdict "not guilty."	
District Attorney Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 45
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 00
Constable Auman		1 58
Justice Roth		2 00
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$18 03
Same vs. F. Launtz.	No. 53 Sept. Sess. 1885. Same charge. Same verdict.	
District Attorney Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 45
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 00
Constable Snyder		50
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$14 95
Same vs. J. P. Roads, I. Emerick, Jas. M. Meyers	No. 54. Sept. Sessions 1885. Misconduct and malfeasance in office. Verdict "not guilty, and county to pay the costs.	
District Attorney Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 70
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Justice Lint		2 50
" Wilt		70
" Lint		1 50
Constable Kneisman		98
" Snyder		3 94
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$22 32
Same vs. J. K. Bowman, Jos. M. Meyers, N. B. Penrod.	No. 55, Sept. Sessions, 1885. Same charge, and same verdict.	
District Attorney Biesecker		$ 5 00
Clerk N. B. C.		2 70
Sheriff Winters		1 00
Constable Auman		50
Justice Lint		2 50
Constable Snyder		2 22
Jury fee		4 00
Total		$17 92

When you add to this $823.78 *paid by the county* for the Investigating committee, about $400.00, *paid by the county*, for court expenses during the trial of these cases, and the major portion of the Prosecutor's bill of $392.25, you will have a sum in excess of $1600; and this is what the Meyersdale "Commercial's" malicious prosecution of honest and upright public officials cost the hard-fisted taxpayers of Somerset county. A large portion of this money has been paid and the balance will be paid out of the county treasury, and no amount of wilful, malicious and stupid lying on the part of the "Commercial" can wipe it out.

TO THE SOMERSET HERALD:

Mr. Editor:—The junto that write the articles (by courtesy) in answer to Plumbago, after almost exhausting the fish-market in order to secure brain-food have met, and after due comparison of notes, have sent forth what they are vainglorious enough to call "KEEN THOUGHTS," and have signed "Regulator." The gentle zephyrs that sigh in the vesper breezes above Meyersdale, and float into the open windows of the "*Semi-Weekly Commercial* office, startle the editor from his dreams of journalistic fame, and awaken gladsome reminiscenses, as they softly whisper "*Perunn!*"

The wakened echoes about Meyersdale shall moan to him, in Echo's wondrous voice, of *Perunn!*

The storm, fresh from the Chesapeake, shall scream to him of *Perunn!*

The birds that sing their native hymns, shall close the chorus with, *Perunn!*

And when *charity* carries forth his corpse and lays it away to rot in solitude, a preacher hired by donation shall say, *Perunn!*

A certain professional gentleman of Somerset has been charged with the authorship of my articles; just why, I know not; is his style so peculiar that an entire county attributes my articles to him? or did the same grow out of the fertile imaginations of *scribleremdos*, who've never formed a style? "When went there by an age, since the great flood, but was famed with more than with one man?"

Everyone in this end of the county knows the professional gentleman alluded to, and everyone knows that the man (or *boy*, at the instigation of men of emasculated minds,) who accused the gentleman of being a horse-block declaimer, or curb-stone oracle to a crowd of loafers, while he himself was filled with beer, *lied*—a WICKED LIE, which measures the depth of mind they have, and of meanness to which persons may fall. The people of Somerset would spit on such a lie with contempt should the name of the party be mentioned. Bear in mind, Scribblerus, "The man that dares traduce, because he can with safety to himself, is not a man." Defamation of character is not argument, suspicion is not certainty, your or anyone else's guess as to the identity of Plumbago are not proofs, and "Curses are like chickens, which sooner or later come home to roost."

I now shall take up the worst part of this article—a part that lies below the morality of an "Asiatic eunuch"—and Edward Gibbon, the historian of "Rome's Decline and Fall, says: "They are a set of unfortunate beings, without morality, without passions—except *hate*." Now let us see: These Asiatic eunuchs, *in hate*, tell their beardless amanuensis to write that the professional gentleman is an aspirant for office, and if he doesn't keep his pen from paper he'll not get the office he seeks. What follows? Why, 'Keep quiet; I will work for you; you will be elected by *our* influence, and we expect *your* support because you will be the creature of our votes." Good God!! All the "plain" talk amounts to this. And still there's "more to follow." I feel defiled—as though my friends would say to me, "Avaunt! Wash off the stink of the cesspool," and yet I've assigned the task, and I see no way to avoid it. Here is the assertion: "Mr. Plumbago * * * You are fast driving from your support friends who stood by you in the past, when a friend in need was a friend indeed." Every friend of the gentleman alluded to knows the circumstances; he has never hesitated to tell them. He had but *four* friends; *they* were enough; it is an utter impossibility that either of these could have penned "Keen Thoughts," in the *Commercial*, because all are GENTLEMEN—the supposed Plumbago doesn't associate with any other kind of men, and all of them know that when a friend casts into the teeth of his friend the act which established his friendship, he has given a receipt in full—with the balance perhaps in the debtor's favor. A casting up of so-called (and supposed) friendly acts done toward another, is not the evidence of friendship, but rather of the desire to subsidize—*to buy*. There is but *one* man in the whole county of Somerset who has always made it a point to solicit friendship on the ground of past favors—but in this case he has never granted any favors. Before I leave the professional gentleman, in whose behalf I've penned all the foregoing, I may say, in times past he's been my friend, and is so to-day, but it is not his habit to defend himself against silly liars, or bitter aspersionists.

"For Time, at last, sets all things even,
And never yet was human power
That could evade, if unforgiven,
The patient search, the vigil long,
Of him who treasures up a wrong."

Now let us turn to more pleasant things. The so-called "keen thoughts" of the *Commercial* are so much of the nature of a Phillippic against a *supposed* antagonist, a mental ignisfatuus existing only in the diseased intellectuality of the creatures who dictated the article—that it is exceedingly difficult to find aught worthy of reply. But *they* quote the *Commercial* as an illustration of the falsehood of my assertion that Smith had been a failure in all he had ever undertaken, and add the invidious comment "The *Commercial* has grown more in five years than the HERALD has in twenty-five." "The *Commercial* is a grand success." Well! I admit that the *Commercial* runs, but it is like a carbuncle, it runs filth, and how soon the mortgages plastered all over it shall check its ordurous course, no man can tell. The HERALD sprang forth like an armed Pallas—the goddess of wisdom among the ancients—and during all the vicissitudes of years has maintained its position as the intellectual representative of the county. No position it has ever taken has been abrogated when it came to a vote of the people of the county, demagogues to the contrary notwithstanding. The *Commercial* is a grand success, and has registered against it more Waterloos than it has seen years. All the reputation it has ever won has been built on the defeat of principles it has laid down.

Plumbago admits that no new jail can be built before at least two grand juries have set. He goes further, and claims that the two grand juries last convened acted conscientiously and according to their oaths. He therefore dismisses the "new jail" from controversy. But look for a moment at the attitude of the *Commercial's* correspondent in regard to a new jail. "The *Commercial* said it should not be, and lo! the thing was not." Omnipotence and omniscience are attributes of the "Grand Architect of the Universe," and of Him alone; and fulsome flattery, or gross ignorance only belittle themselves when they attribute or assume them as belonging to any creature of his handiwork, to say nothing of the feelings of the sworn jurors at such an imputation. I thought that the *jurors* said there should not be a new jail. "Keen Thoughts" says 'twas the *Commercial*—what do the jurors say? Even Fayette county has only got her ill repute through traverse juries—not through grand juries.

"Keen Thoughts" calls Pumbago an anonymous fellow. When I saw "the soft impeachment" I turned at once to the end of the article to see who wrote it and found—"No matter what but sure it was not that I sought."

"Was the third term movement a success?" asks this keenest of "Keen Thoughts." I answer, in Somerset county, 'Yes!' in the nation at large, 'No!'" "Was Beaver elected governor in 1882?" he again inquires. In this county, 'Yes!' In the State, 'No!'" But will the *Commercial* man claim for a moment that he *lassed* the few hundred that voted against James A. Beaver? Gods! will the Anti-bossists of Somerset County stand idly by, and silently list to the base aspersions of so great an ignoramus? Surely the *Semi-Weekly Commercial*, great though it be in both ignorance and doubly great in villainy, does not pretend to be the lever which moves the State or the Nation, and therefore I shall say no more in reply to the questions pertaining to either which have been asked by "Keen Thoughts."

The "Poor House Frauds" so called have been like things appeared in the Arabian Nights that is mere figments of the imagination. In other words there has been no fraud. There has, however, been the payment or must be, of hundreds of dollars of costs by the County, because the charges of *felony* were not sustained. Whether a charge of Conspiracy against "Semi-Weekly-Ten-Per-Cent-For-Collection-Peruna-Smith, and Samuel P. Snyder, the man of brains and bowels, can be sustained or not remains to be seen. Lawyers think it can be sustained, demagogues say it can not. The people believe the lawyers and hope to see the men, in whom their confidence has been reposed in the past, vindicate themselves of the calumny by appeal to the Criminal Court.

And lastly, when Tuesdays sun shall have sunk behind the Western horizon—when the electric pen shall carry to Smith, his coadjutors, and their adopted son, Saintly Sam Philson the news of Tuesday's fight and Tuesday's vote the lines will be dark with disaster and black with defeat, whilst on the other side, every true Republican will read the message writ in the flash of Jove's horrific weapon—spread all over it in characters of living light. "The Ticket is elected—and John C. Barron is the people's choice."

Yours truly,

PLUMBAGO.

Addison, Pa., Oct. 31, 1885.

SOMERSET COUNTY LUTHERAN CONFERENCE.—The Somerset County Conference of the Lutheran Church met at Davidsville, Oct. 21–23. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather at the opening of the conference, the attendance was good.

The principal interest centered on the discussion of the subjects which had been assigned in the program of exercises. The topics were all questions of the day, live and practical, and worthy of the attention not only of a comparatively small religious body, or of a particular denomination, but of everyone, whatever may be his church relationship or whether he sustains any such relationship at all.

These questions were: 1. The Christian Sabbath—Tendency of the Times with Reference to. 2. Congregational Unity. 3. The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church. 4. Ministerial Support. 5. Ought the Church need a Revival. 6. The relation of the Church to the Popular Amusements. 7 The best method of Developing Lay Help. 8. What benefit does the Community derive from the Church.

Without attempting to give an abstract of the discussions we will give the following resolutions passed by the conference, indicating the drift of the discussions and expressing the unanimous sentiment in regard to these topics which the resolutions specify. The following is the report of the committee on

RESOLUTIONS.

Inasmuch as subjects of a highly practical character have been discussed by this Conference, your committee deem it proper to offer resolutions respecting them. We therefore present the following:

Resolved, 1. That we, sensible of the danger threatening the Christian Sabbath, recognize the pressing need of calling the attention of our people to the proper observance of the day and urge them to discountenance Sunday newspapers, Sunday excursions, and other means of Sabbath desecration.

2. That the want of congregational unity is found in the failure of the members to learn and obey the broad gospel commandment inculcating love to God and man, and requiring us to forgive one another "even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us." We recommend, therefore the more earnest study of His command and the imitation of His spirit of forgiveness.

3. That the support given to many of our ministers is inadequate, and therefore we urge our people, in accordance with the plain teaching of God's Word, to provide liberally for the temporal wants of those who minister to them in spiritual things.

4. That this Conference hereby declare its opinion that such places of amusement as public balls, horse-races, circuses and skating-rinks, on account of their tendency to withdraw the affections from spiritual things, and the strong temptations to vice they afford, ought not to be frequented.

TEMPERANCE.

This is a subject that demanded and received the attention of Conference. The opening sermon was on the subject of Temperance, preached by Rev. L. L. Sieber, of Connellsville, in the absence of the President of Conference, Rev. Poffinberger who on this duty was assigned, and the following preamble and resolutions on this all important subject were adopted:

As intemperance is on the increase, and the liquor traffic has attained such stupendous proportions that its business exceeds that of any other business in the United States; and as this condition exists notwithstanding the efforts and labors of the temperance people; and as the liquor interest is combining all its forces for political power, dictating terms to existing political parties, determining their selection of candidates for office preventing effective legislation to prohibit or restrain the evil traffic, and by its power or money evading existing laws; as it has proven itself the enemy of morality, the church, the family and the community; therefore, discerning the signs of the times, impressed with the determination and united efforts of the liquor interst as also by the renewed efforts of the temperance people,

Resolved, 1 That it is the duty of the entire church, of every minister, and of every member to take a decided stand in opposition to this evil, and by all lawful means wage uncompromising warfare until the evil is abolished.

2. That we reaffirm our former action, and the action of Allegheny Synod on this subject, recommending church councils to discipline members who encourage the traffic by signing petitions for license or renting property for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

3. That we view with great gratification the work being done by the Women's Christian Temperance Union, to which many Lutheran women of this county belong, and pray for the blessing of God upon their efficient labors.

4. That we approve of the principle of constitutional prohibition, believing that the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors for any except mechanical or medicinal purposes is the only remedy against this evil.

5. That in order to attain this end, as well as to meet the combined efforts of the liquor interests, the time has come when Christians should vote as they pray and teach on this subject.

Appended to the former set of resolutions was one returning thanks to the good people of Davids' ville congregation for their generous hospitalty extended to us during the session of conference.

The place of next meeting is Ursina, and the time is the first Tuesday in next May.

SECRETARY.

MARRIED

FRIEDLINE—CROUSE—On Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the Somerset House, by Rev. Hiram King, S. A. Friedline of New York to Louisa Crouse of Lavansville, Pa.

SIPE—WAGNER—On Wednesday, September 23, 1885, at the Lutheran parsonage in Hooversville, by Rev. J. N. Unruh, Mr. Frank B. Sipe to Miss Lizzie J. Wagner, both of Shade.

ESCHRICH—FRITZ—On Thursday, September 24, 1885, at the home of Mr. Lorenzo Herring, by the same, Mr. George R. Eschrich to Miss Ellen M. Fritz, both of near Mostoller's.

DIED.

MOSTOLLER.—At Pugh, Pa., on Monday, October 26, 1885, Miss Anna C. Mostoller, aged 18 years, 2 months and 7 days.

BERKEY—On Monday, October 26, 1885, near Jenner X Roads, Rosanna, wife of Allen Berkey, aged 35 years, 2 months and 12 days. Interment at Friedens.

KING.—At her home near Ursina, Pa., on Friday, October 23, 1885, Mrs. Eve King, widow of Jacob King, dece'd, in the 89th year of her age.

The deceased was a member of the Turkeyfoot Regular Baptist Church for nearly sixty years, having been baptized and received into the fellowship of said church on the 26th day of November, 1825. She was a woman of strong faith and consistent life, and many of those who were pastors of the church during her membership, will be able to recall words of encouragement spoken by her at the time when they were most needed. Her remains were laid to rest in the Jersey cemetery on Sunday, October 25, at which time a memorial sermon was preached bo the pastor, Rev. James R. Brown. Mrs. King was a daughter of John Prinkey, who also resided in Lower Turkeyfoot township, and was the father of a large family, among whom were the wives of Samuel King and Shafet Dwire, late of Upper Turkeyfoot Township, and Jacob N. Hartzell, Joias Younkin, John Graham, Jonathan M