The Somerset Herald.

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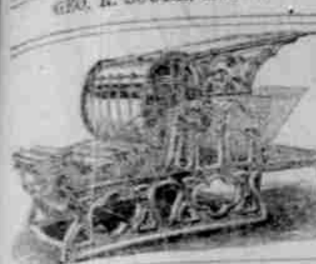

WEDNESDAY..............December 16, 1885.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Under the winter arrangement, which went into effect on the Balto. and Ohio Railroad on Sunday, December 13th, trains will run over the Somerset and Cambria Branch as follows:

NORTH BOUND TRAINS.

	Johnst'n Express	Mail	Somerset Acc.
Lv Rockwood	7.00	12.15	5.15
" SOMERSET	7.25	12.40	5.45
" Coleman's	7.45	1.00	P. M.
" Stoyestown	7.56	1.12	
" Hooversville	8.10	1.25	
" Bethel	8.25	1.40	
Ar Johnstown	9.00 A. M.	2.15	P. M.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

	Somerset Acc.	Balto. Mail	Acc.	Rockw'd Acc.
Lv Johnstown		9.30 A. M.	2.50 P. M.	
" Bethel		10.05	3.25	
" Hooversville		10.16	3.40	
" Stoyestown		10.30	3.52	
" Coleman's	A. M.	10.48	4.05	
" SOMERSET	9.00	11.05	4.25	6.00 P. M.
Ar Rockwood	9.30	11.30	4.50	6.30

PITTSBURGH DIV. B. & O.

WEST BOUND.

	Express	Mail	Cum'd Acc.
Lv Rockwood	3.40 A. M.	4 P. M.	9.55 A. M.
Ar Pittsburgh	7.00 "	7.35 "	2.30 "

EAST BOUND.

	Mail	Express	Cum'd Acc.
Lv Pittsburgh	8.35 A. M.	9.20 P. M.	1.10 P. M.
Ar Rockwood	12.07 P. M.	12.55 "	5.13 "

Gold rings at Wood's.

Cheap goods at Wood's.

Toilet sets at C. N. Boyd's.

Christmas goods at Wood's.

Eighty-five is old and feeble.

Christmas goods at Benford's.

Dressing cases at C. N. Boyd's.

The purest drugs at Benford's.

Holiday goods at C. N. Boyd's.

The wild winds whistle weirdly.

Call at Wood's, No. 2, Baer Block.

Plate glass mirrors at C. N. Boyd's.

Silk plush albums at C. N. Boyd's.

Ladies' work boxes at C. N. Boyd's.

Gold and Silver Watches at Wood's.

Clocks of all description at Wood's.

Whisks and holders at C. N. Boyd's.

Buy your Christmas Goods of Wood.

Gold pens and holders at C. N. Boyd's.

The cheapest Holiday goods at Wood's.

Handsome gilt frames at C. N. Boyd's.

Diaries for 1886 at Fisher's Book Store.

All kinds of Silverware at W. H. Wood's.

The best place to buy Jewelry, at Wood's.

Old Boreas held regal sway on Saturday.

Gold pens at Wood's, No. 2, Baer Block.

Large salmon are being caught in the Juniata.

Gold spectacles and eye-glasses at C. N. Boyd's.

Music boxes and musical instruments at Wood's.

Go and see the Christmas goods at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

Best assortment of holiday goods at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

Go to G. W. Benford & Son's for Christmas presents.

Overcoats way down this week at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

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

A beautiful line of Silk Handkerchiefs at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

A nice lot Christmas goods will be found at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

Christmas goods, in neat boxes, can be seen at Becher's Clothing hall.

Sandals, overshoes and gum boots of every description, at Sol Uhl's.

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

Boots, shoes, slippers, gum boots, arctics and sandals of every description at Sol. Uhl's.

The largest assortment of Men's and Boys Gloves can be seen at Becher's Clothing Hall.

George W. Benford & Son have one of the finest assortments of Holiday Goods in Somerset.

All goods bought at Becher's Clothing Hall are guaranteed as represented, or money refunded.

Do you want Uncle Tom's Cabin? You can buy it for a dollar at Welfley's New Book Store.

Now is the time for knit Jackets. If you want to see a handsome line, go to Becher's Clothing hall.

A year's subscription to a good weekly paper like the HERALD makes a very acceptable Christmas gift.

When you buy jewelry, watches or silverware at Wood's, you know you are getting the worth of your money.

If you want to see something wonderful in the way of $6, $8 and $10 suits, go to Becher's Clothing Hall.

W. H. Wood has the largest and cheapest stock of Christmas presents ever brought to Somerset. No. 2 Baer Block.

If you want to make your father, brother or best man a suitable Christmas gift, call at Sol Uhl's and buy him a pair of slippers.

It is surprising how cheap good jewelry has gotten. Call at Wood's and see for yourself. We do not deceive anybody.

BARGAINS.—Bargains in dry goods, such as silks, cashmeres, cloths and all kinds of staple goods. Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Hiram Morrison, a well-known citizen of Mt. Pleasant, is suffering from a severe paralytic stroke, that affects his speech.

CLOSING OUT.—Ladies and childrens wraps at prices to close out—want the room and they must go. Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

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.

Sol. Uhl has just finished fitting up his stock of boots, shoes, etc., for winter wear. If you are in need of anything in his line don't fail to give him a call.

You have the largest and most tastefully selected stock of Jewelry in the county to select from when you buy at W. H. Wood's, No. 2 Baer Block, Somerset, Pa.

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.

TO LET.—A large, new frame house on Union street, conveniently arranged, location desirable. Immediate possession given. For further information call on or address this office.

We have marked our Millinery goods away down within the reach of everyone. Hats, trimmed and untrimmed all styles from twenty-five cents up.

M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

At Welfley's Book Store in Somerset may be bought

All Standard Books,	Red Line Poets,
Childrens' Books,	Fringe Books,
Bibles,	Hymn Books,
Christmas Cards,	Stationery,
Christmas Novelties,	Fine Engravings,
Fine Inkstands,	Paper Weights,
Writing Desks,	Fine Papers in
Good Chromos,	Plush Boxes,
Dollar Chromos,	Swiss carved goods
Japanese Goods,	Picture Frames,
Photograph Albums,	Reward Cards,
" Frames,	Sunday S. Cards,
" Easles,	Pocket Books,
Pocket Knives,	Cigar Cases,
Checker Boards,	Scrap Books,
Card Receivers.	

All these goods and many more can be found at Welfley's Book Store.

Shut the door.

Study the new schedule.

Our coal men are the busiest people about town.

Bedford county will expend $500 in bridges next year.

The national debt for November was increased $1,487,000.

The number of persons in attendance at the Sheriff's sales Friday, was very small.

T. R. Marshall, the Johnstown lumber merchant, was visiting Somerset friends last week.

Messrs. Joe and Ed Love, who have been attending school at Sharon, are at home for the Holidays.

All the murder cases set down for trial at the December term of the Fayette county courts, have been continued.

Mrs. Houston, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Stewart, of Chester county, daughters of Mr. W. B. Coffroth are at home for the Christmas Holidays.

Burglars broke into the store of Henry Heffley one night last week, and captured a considerable quantity of clothing, underwear, and jewelry. No clue.

The ice on Kantner's dam has been in excellent condition for skating for the past week, and as a consequence the rink is deserted. The boys say that ice beats the little wheels every day in the week.

Mr. L. S. Pugh, of Stoyestown, son-in-law of the late Mrs. John Galbreath, is in the city for the purpose of attending the funeral, which takes place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. He is accompanied by Mrs. Pugh. *Johnstown Tribune.*

The County Commissioners on Monday last appointed Mr. J. B. Dumbauld, of Milford township, Mercantile Appraiser. Mr. Dumbauld has had considerable experience in the mercantile business and is well fitted to discharge the duties of the appointment.

Court opened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with President Judge Baer and Associates Collins and Snyder on the Bench. Twenty members of the Grand Jury answered to their names. Mr. Moses Yoder of Conemaugh, was excused, and Jacob Swank, Esq., appointed foreman.

The Chambersburg *Repository* says that Col. Conwell's lecture, "Acres of Diamonds" was one of the finest ever heard in the Cumberland valley, and was the best delivered before the Teachers' Institute of Franklin county at their recent session. Col. Conwell will deliver the same lecture in Somerset on Monday night of Institute.

Mr. A. J. Colborn, Jr., after passing a highly creditable examination before a committee appointed for that purpose, on Monday evening was, upon their recommendation, this Tuesday morning admitted to the practice of the law before the several courts of Somerset county. Jack is bound to take a front seat in the bar wherever he locates, and his many friends will take the same interest in his success then as they do now.

THE HELPING HAND.—This department of the Philadelphia *Weekly Press* is devoted exclusively to information and open discussion of subjects of interest to women, and covers the entire field of practical household work, home culture and entertainment. It is attracting much attention. In connection with this department *The Press* offers the magnificent book, "Great Truths by Great Authors," the book and *The Weekly Press* for one year being sent for $1.75. The publishers' price of the book alone is $2.00.

The entertainment given in the Court House Monday evening, by Dr. J. J. Villers, of Brooklyn, under the patronage of the R. P. Cummins Post, G. A. R., was one of the most enjoyable they have so far given us. Dr. Villers captured his audience, which was a large one, at the opening, and kept them in a continuous roar of laughter for an hour and a half. His description of a rural debating society was perfect, as was his impersonation of Josh Billings and other celebrated humorists, while as a ventriloquist he is certainly the best ever heard in Somerset. The entertainment throughout was far superior in character to the ordinary funny-man show, and should Dr. Villers again appear in Somerset he is sure to have a large audience and a hearty welcome.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ON THE B. & O.—The B. & O., as usual, will extend Holiday greetings in the shape of Round Trip Tickets at greatly reduced rates over their entire system. The low rates go into effect at all stations on the Main Line and branches east of Ohio River, including the Pittsburgh Division, on the Twenty-third, and those who go to take Christmas turkey with friends may remain till after New Year and enjoy themselves to the utmost. If they do not want to go on that date, they can purchase tickets on the 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st of December, also January 1st. These tickets are all good to return until January 4th, inclusive. The plan adopted by this Company of issuing Round Trip Tickets has been in vogue for several years, and has become not only popular with their patrons, but quite successful in a pecuniary point of view. For further information see large posters, or call on station agents.

On Friday night last Mr. Will Traup, a clerk in Schell's hardware and stove store, stopped on his way home from the skating rink, to leave his skates at the store. He noticed that the door at the rear of the store was ajar, and walked back, closed it, and was just stepping out of the front door when his attention was attracted by a slight noise. He at once struck a light, and discovered in the middle of the floor a large collection of tinware tied together and ready for removal. A further search revealed the form of a man hiding beneath a range. Traup took him by the collar, stood him on his feet, and was much surprised to recognize John Durst, a young man living on the outskirts of town. Troup says Durst offered him $20 if he would let him go and promise not to tell. He admitted that he had a pal outside, but refused to give his name. Owing to the lateness of the hour he allowed Durst to go, but promptly reported the matter to his employer in the morning. Durst will be remembered as the young man who shot himself a few months ago. Durst has skipped, but the officers are keeping a sharp look out for him. A number of the stores in town have been broken into during the past few months, and the merchants have made up their minds to put a stop to it.

At the meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad held at Pittsburgh last week, all of last year's officers of the Company were re-elected. The usual calm current of the stockholder's meeting of the P. & C. was ruffled by the kick of some of the stockholders who demanded the appointment of a committee to investigate the books and accounts of the road with reference to its dealings with the Baltimore & Ohio, and that the members of the committee be in no manner connected with the Baltimore & Ohio company. The movement is backed by a number of the minority of stockholders and is said to be only preliminary to legal proceedings to compel the B. & O. to account for the immense sums received by mortgaging this now valuable and paying piece of Railroad property. They are informed that the five millions or more realized from the recent consolidated $10,000,000 mortgage was partially or wholly expended upon the Philadelphia branch. It is also said that the several millions realized some years ago out of the first consolidated mortgage of $5,000,000 were spent upon a piece of road in Ohio, now a part of the Chicago route. There are about 38,000 shares of stock, 32,000 of which are owned or controlled by the Baltimore and Ohio people. Since the ten million mortgage was recorded, the stock has decreased in value from $25 and $30 to $15 per share."

The largest and best selected line of hanging lamps ever in Somerset can be found at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

The man who advertises counts his money at the beginning of the year. The man who does not will be equally busy counting his stock on hand.

STRAYED.—Eight sheep, six lambs and two old ones. Send information as to their whereabouts to WILLIAM M. RHOADS, Lull, P. O.

Wanted, everybody to come to Welfley's Book Store and buy a pair of those nice dollar chromos in nice, heavy walnut frames. They have never before been affered at that price.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Wax dolls, china dolls, indestructible dolls, bisque dolls with natural hair and eyes, musical dolls, crying dolls, Pa and Ma dolls, cheap dolls, fine dolls, best assortment of dolls in the county. MRS. A. E. UHL.

NOTICE THIS, EVERY ONE OF YOU.—For the next two weeks we will sell our Boys Clothing regardless of cost. If you want a cheap and good boy's suit call and see us before buying elsewhere.

J. B. SNYDER & CO.

Gentlemen and Ladies are often puzzled as to what they shall select to make a Holiday present. In this dilemma call on us and we will assist you in making a sensible choice that will delight both giver and recipient. M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

You can make no more suitable present at the holidays, than a pair of nice fitting boots or shoes. I have in stock a large assortment of custom-made and city-made goods, adapted to this purpose. Call and see them, at Sol Uhl's.

I have the largest, handsomest and best line of Holiday Goods and Jewely ever carried in Somerset, and am selling at the smallest possible profit. Call and examine before making your Christmas purchases elsewhere. W. H. WOOD.

When you are purchasing your Christmas turkey, don't forget to buy your relative your friend, and your neighbor a Christmas present and keep in mind that from the stock of novelties, Fancy Goods, Jewelry, etc., etc of M. M. Tredwell & Co., is the best and cheapest place to select.

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.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.—Toys of all kinds trunks, doll carriages, doll chairs, willow goods, wire goods, china goods, work baskets, plush goods, match safes, mirrors, frames, banks, tea sets, bureaus, wash sets vases, ice pitchers, choral tops, bisque figures, &c., &c. MRS. A. E. UHL.

The largest and most complete assortment of books in Somerset are offered at Welfley's Book Store. Toy Books, Childrens' Books, Standard Books of all kinds at popular prices. Fine Fringe Books and Finely Illustrated Books a specialty. They will make nice Christmas presents. Come and make your selections now, while the stock is full.

FANCY CHRISTMAS GOODS.—Silk and cashmere mufflers, silk handkerchiefs, ladies men's and children's linen handkerchiefs, wool mittens, leggins, scarfs, home knit hoods, table covers, table cloths, napkins, towels, outline work, veiling, embroidered goods, neckwear for ladies and gentlemen, collars, cuffs, gloves, hosiery, jewelry, pins, necklaces, bracelets, cuff buttons, charms, rings, &c. MRS. A. E. UHL.

The "Blizzard" that has just reached us from its far away home in the Rocky Mountains makes warm mittens, gloves, hoods and articles of that description seasonable and appropriate presents for the Holidays. M. M. Tredwell & Co have these at such low prices as to make every one a millionaire who buy them.

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 Book Store will be found a full line of choice books for the Holiday season, including works in all departments of literature. All the standard English and American authors. Attractive and excellent books for children. Tasteful and inexpensive volumes for Christmas presents. Also, many novelties in the way of inkstands, paper weights, ash receivers, picture frames, beautiful Swiss carved goods, and bric-a-brac. Fine writing papers in plush boxes, photograph frames of all sorts. The finest Christmas cards in satin, and many other nice goods.

HAVE YOU A SLEIGH.—Do you want a sleigh. No young man can afford to do without a sleigh at the pride they are offered at the hardware store in Somerset. It is a very stylish cutter and one of the most substantial styles made. It has white elm runners, white elm or second growth hickory beams, white elm arms bent and spliced in back, second growth hickory shafts, is ironed with all wrought braces, wrought T and draw irons, steel shoes, handsomely painted and ornamented and finished with the best varnish, plush or brussels carpet trimmed, has shifting shafts, leathered and tipped, and sleigh bells, saddle chimes, robes, blankets and whips. A complete outfit. Call early and get your choice.

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM.

WE PROTECT THE PEOPLE, THAT IS THE REASON THEY SUPPORT US.—Becher, the Leading Clothier and Hatter, has just received a most magnificent stock of Holiday Goods that, together with his immense stock that he had on hand fills his store so that be can hardly turn around, and in order to make room he has decided to give his customers, and the public generally, the benefit of one of the greatest reductions in clothing, hats, caps, and gents' furnishing goods, that has ever been witnessed in Somerset. For style, quality and workmanship, our stock can not be excelled, so call early, as anybody in need of clothing that will avail themselves of this rare opportunity, cannot fail but purchase when they see our prices in comparison to other houses.

B. BECHER, JR.,
The People's Clothier,
Somerset, Pa.

GRAND OPENING OF HOLIDAY GOODS.—Great attractions and great bargains in ladies' plain and fancy linen handkerchiefs, silk handkerchies at 10, 25, 30, 35 40 and 50 cents, up to $1.00.

Ladies' neckwear in all the new styles. New stockings for ladies and misses in cashmere from 25 to 75 cents.

We have just received a handsome line of new table linens, napkins, towels, bedspreads, lace Hamburg edgings, etc.

A full line of new black silks, black and colored cashmeres, silk warp cashmere tricots, ladies cloths, plaid, plain and fancy cloths, new brocades, and a great many new attractions in dress goods, that must be seen to be appreciated.

Another new lot of ladies coats in newmarkets, in seal browns and blacks, plush-trimmed, that are very cheap.

A full line of shawls, ladies' skirts, ladies' and childrens' underwear in scarlet and white, blankets, flannels, bleached and unbleached muslins, Canton flannels, tickings ginghams, calicoes, shirtings, etc.

New attractions in Gents Furnishing Goods in Silk Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs, Silk Scarfs, Gloves, Suspenders, Linen Handkerchiefs, Underwear, &c., New Silk Umbrellas.

Every peason call and see our new goods and compare prices before purchasing elsewhere. No trouble to show goods, at

PARKER & PARKER'S.

Deer and wild turkeys are said to be very plenty on Laurel Hill, or about the Fayette and Somerset line. Charles Solomon, a lad of 15 years, bagged a turkey last week that weighed 23¼ pounds.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

The annual "Week of Prayer" begins on Sunday, January 3d. The Evangelical Alliance has suggested the following topics:

Text for sermons for the opening day: "Occupy Till I Come."

Monday, praise and thanksgiving.
Tuesday, humiliation and confession.
Wednesday, the church and the family.
Thursday, home and foreign missions.
Friday, nations and governments.
Saturday, the Christian life.

Text for Sunday, January 10th, "Let your loins be girded about and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for the Lord."

MR. EDITOR:—In visiting Mr. E. W. Horner's Marble Works, on Union Street, Somerset, Pa., we find that he has on hand a large and fine selection of Italian and Valido Blue Monuments and Headstones made from all the latest style designs and is now offering them for sale at so low a price that persons in need of Memorial work will secure a bargain by placing their orders with him. Look to your interest. Do not order until you have examined his work and learned his price. You will then agree with me that it will be to your interest to place your orders with him as you can rely upon all orders being promptly and carefully filled in the best of stock and workmanship. Give him a call and be convinced.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—The coming Institute promises to be more numerously attended and more interesting, than any heretofore held. By general consent and because of the convenient location and comfortable store-room, the teachers and directors have decided to again make Fisher's Book Store the usual headquarters for teachers, directors and their friends, during the Holiday Season and Institute Week. Here will be found a warm stove and cordial welcome. A large and handsome stock of chromos, reward cards, pictures, frames, volumes of poetry, histories, biographies, dictionaries, albums, writing desks, gold pens and pencils, vases, and hundreds of pretty and valuable articles for presents and practical use. During the Institute week special attention will be paid to the teachers. Tickets for the lectures at Fisher's Book Store.

HOOVERSVILLE ITEMS.

Butchering time is about over for this season.

Snow is scarce in this vicinity, and as a matter of course no sledding.

The camp train will be moved from here to Sand Patch on Sunday next. At least it is so reported.

The interment of Isaiah Rodgers, whose tragic death you announced in the last issue of the HERALD, took place at Hooversville cemetery on Wednesday, December 9th, at 11 o'clock A. M. The sad occasion was improved appropriately by Elder McCallum, of the Disciple Church, from the well known words, "Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. Truly this neighborhood lost a good citizen, one who was diligent in business, and the Disciple Church one of her most zealous and liberal members. LINGO.

Vanderbilt's will was read by more persons and with a great deal more interest than was President Cleveland's message, considering that none of them were mentioned in either. As an instance of this we quote the following from the New York *Times*, where the author not only read the will but took out his pencil and "figgered on it":

"Let us try and describe Mr. Vanderbilt's great fortune in terms of linear, square and cubic measurement and of weight. Everybody understands these terms and they make a definite impression on men's minds.

If this sum of $200,000,000 were in standard silver dollars it would present such features as this:

Put lengthwise, dollar after dollar, it would stretch a distance of 4,672 miles, making a silver streak from New York across the ocean to Liverpool.

Piled up, dollar on dollar, it would reach a heighth of 335 miles.

Laid flat on the ground, the dollars would cover a space of nearly 60 acres.

The weight of this mass of silver would be 7,160 tons.

To transport it would require 358 cars, carrying 20 tons each (this is the capacity of the strongest freight cars) and making a train just about 2 1-2 miles long.

On ordinary grades it would require 12 locomotives to haul this train. On roads of steep grades and sharp curves, 15 or 20 locomotives would be needed.

In one dollar bills this two-hundred-million-dollar fortune would assume such shapes as this:

The bills stretched lengthwise would extend 23,674 miles, or nearly the circumference of the earth at the equator.

Piled up one on another, close as leaves in a new book, they would reach a height of 12 miles.

Spread out on the ground they would cover 746 acres, or nearly the whole surface of Central Park, including ponds and reservoirs.

A safe deposit vault to contain these bills would require to be 23 feet long, 22 feet wide, and 20 feet high.

DENSMORE, KANSAS, December 7, 1885.

MR. EDITOR:—Among your patrons there may be some desirous of seeing an item from Western Kansas. I am located about fifty miles south of the parallel passing through Somerset. There is a vast difference in temperature, however. We have had no snow falls yet, this season. Cattle are still grazing on the prairies. The weather is pleasant, as the heat is not oppressive or the cold severe, at this season of the year. This is no wood, but a corn country. Timber is found only along the banks of rivers and streams. The varieties are boxelder, ash, elm, walnut, and cottonwood. This part of the State is well watered, as can be observed by tracing the north fork of Solomon river through Norton county.

There is a vast area of farming land, free from surface stone, and composed of dark, rich, sandy loam, covered with a heavy sod, the same being used extensively in the erection of barns and sheds, and by some for dwellings. It is claimed to make a comfortable house, being warm in winter and cool in' summer. Among these structures may be found some with bay windows and arched doors. The more primitive structures were built regardless of taste, some living in holes, or excavations made along the banks of ravines and covered with poles, twigs and sod. The era of sod building is almost over. Society is improving. Frame structures are being erected, and immense cribs in which to store corn. Much of the corn is thrown on piles, similar to stone on some of the eastern farms.

At present corn is worth 25 cents per bushel, while coal rates about the same. The former is extensively used as fuel by many of the farmers. The land is not adapted to corn growing only, but small grain and vegetables, such as potatoes, melons, sweets, etc., are successfully grown here. Prices of land vary according to quality and location. Eight hundred dollars will buy a good farm of 160 acres, within three or four miles of the railroad. Three years ago land rated at two dollars per acre. Farming land is not enclosed by fence. The herd law is in force here, that is for every one to care for their own stock, and not allow them to trespass. It is a common sight to meet a herder mounted on a twenty dollar pony, with a forty dollar saddle.

The health of the countrry is good. Cyclones and earthquakes are feared and felt no more, and fever and ague is atmost unknown. Respectfully,

J. A. G.

The latest style derby hats and anything in the hat or cap line, cheap at J. B. Snyder & Co.

HOW DO YOU QUALIFY.—We give below the remarks of Judge Baer to the first Jury called on Monday. The habit of affirming that he calls attention to has become so prevalent as to call for remark from every stranger that visits our courts. There are a great many good, true, honest men in the county who are conscientiously opposed to taking an oath in any form. When such men affirm they are entitled to great credit for having the courage of their convictions and their scruples on this point will be fully and freely acknowledged by the Court; but a great many people have got into the habit of affirming simply because they consider it less binding on their consciences, and the Court has decided to prevent this by requiring every one to take the oath in one of the forms prescribed by the Act of Assembly unless they show that they have conscientious scruples in the matter. The Courts action meets with general approval and hearty commendation.

GENTLEMEN:—From some remarks made in your presence, when constables and grand jurors were about to be sworn, you would naturally infer that the Court looks upon the growing custom of men in judicial proceedings claiming to make simple affirmation instead of making a direct appeal to Almighty God, in confirmation of truth, by taking one of the solemn forms of an oath, as a custom fraught with great evil to the public good, and tending to weaken the sanction of oaths or affirmations in any form, and to demoralize judicial proceedings. We have no doubt of it, whatever. No one has greater respect for that noble class of Christians who make a liberal application of the teachings of the Master in Matth. 5 from 34 to 38: "I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by Heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; neither by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King; neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair black or white, but let your communication be yea, yea, nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these, cometh of evil."

And also of the passage in the Epistle of James 5:12. "Above all my brethren, swear not, neither by Heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath, but let your yea be yea and your nay nay, lest ye come into condemnation."

And though I personally do not agree that these passages have any reference whatever to the taking of an oath in judicial proceedings, I nevertheless give all men credit for equal sincerity and pure motives who construe them differently, and as by law men may qualify themselves according to their conscientious persuasion by taking a corporal oath or an affirmation, no one will more cheerfully concede the right of all good citizens to decide for themselves whether they shall conscientiously refuse to take the oath, and when any one refuses to take the corporal oath on account of conscientious persuasion we shall permit him to affirm. The law reads:

Be it enacted, That all and all manner of crimes and offences, matters and causes whatsoever to be inquired of, heard, tried and determined, by virtue of this or any other act or law of this province, or otherwise, shall and may be inquired of, heard, tried and determined by judges, justices, inquests and witnesses qualifying themselves according to their conscientious persuasion respectively, either by taking a corporal oath, or by the solemn affirmation allowed by act of parliament to those called Quakers, in Great Britain; which affirmation of such persons as conscientiously refuse to take an oath, shall be accounted and deemed in the law to have the full effect of an oath, in any case whatsoever in this province. And all such persons as shall be convicted of falsely and corruptly affirming or declaring any matter or thing, which, if the same had been upon oath, would by law amount to willful and corrupt perjury, shall incur the same penalties, disabilities and forfeitures, as persons convicted of wilful perjury do incur by the laws of Great Britain.

All and all manner of crimes, offences, matters, causes and things whatsoever, to be inquired of, heard tried and determined, or done or performed, by virtue of any law in this province, or otherwise, shall and may be inquired of, heard, tried and determined, by judges, justices, witnesses and inquest, and all other persons qualifying themselves, according to their conscientious persuasion respectively, either by taking the solemn affirmation, or any oath in the usual and common form by laying the hand upon and kissing the book, or by lifting up the right hand, and pronouncing or assenting to the following words: *I, A. B., do swear by Almighty God, the searcher of all hearts, that I will ——: and that as I shall answer to God at the great day!* Which oath so taken by persons who conscientiously refuse to take an oath in the common form, shall be deemed and taken in law, to have the same effect with an oath taken in the common form.

Whether a strict construction of the word persuasion, as used in the law refers to the creed or belief of one who is a member of a particular Christian church that teaches the unlawfulness of taking a corporal oath, we will not now discuss or decide, though how it should be made to apply to persons of full age, standing aloof from all church connection, not Mohammedan, Catholic or Protestant, we can't well conceive.

Under the old dispensation we read, Deut. 10:20: "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and shalt *swear* by His name."

If the new dispensation only binds those accepting Christ, the old is, besides being the law to the Jews, in harmony also in this point with the law of nature and obligating, on all, and in it we read not of affirmation.

A lawful oath forms a part of the moral worship, and the moral worship of God is perpetual. The safety of communities and men consists in the maintenance of truth. An oath is a calling on God, as the one who knows the heart that he will bear witness to the truth, and punish me if I swear falsely. That the Apostles made use of an oath is too plain for cavil; St. Paul says, "God is my witness whom I serve with my spirit in the Gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always. Again, I call God for a record on my soul that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth. But I came not as a preacher—I want to challenge the minds and consciences of the jurors, by referring them to certain sound principles, in the hope that as good men and true they will stand forth courageously, and help maintain the sacred obligation of the oath as a confirmation of the truth, and in the hope that such of them as have no conscientious persuasion that compels them to refuse to be sworn, will freely and cheerfully take the oath in that form which to them seems the most solemn and impressive and as most likely to awaken the conscience to the great solemnity of the act, to the end that witnesses may come to regard the binding obligation of the oath as it was wont to be regarded in former days.

All that is done in Court is supposed to be done under the solemnity and sanction of an oath. I repeat, you have no right to stand up and affirm from mere choice and habit; you only have such right if you have a conscientious persuasion, and, when you have such conscientious persuasion, the Court will not only respect it, but also give you great credit for asserting it.

Don't think for a moment the Court fears you will do less than your duty under any form of oath. What we are doing is to guard this citadel of justice from the inroad of a custom that is becoming so general that it is becoming alarming. For the increase of affirmation is far ahead of the increase of either morality, or a sound faith.

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MARRIED

SMALL—REEL.—On September 17, 1885, by Rev. E. Manges, Mr. Wm. H. Small, to Miss Jane Reel, both of Shade township, Somerset county, Pa.

BERKEBILE—BOHAN.—On the 8th day of October, 1885, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. W. A. Jackson, Mr. Elmer E. Berkebile to Miss May Bohan.

LOHR—MILLER.—At Hooversville, on the 10th day of December by Rev. W. A. Jackson, Mr. William R. Lohr to Miss Ella Miller, both of Shade township.

BRANT—BRANT.—On the 24th day of October, 1885, by T. A. Fisher, Esq., of Berlin, Pa., Mr. W. A. Brant to Miss Susan A. Brant, both of Allegheny township, Somerset county.

BRANT—RISHEBERGER.—On Thursday, August 13, 1885, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. J. Brant, of Westmoreland county, and Miss Nancy C. Risheberger, of Somerset Co.

BLAUCH—PFILE.—On Tuesday, November 24, 1885, at the same place, by the same, Mr. Harry K. Blauch and Miss Anna Pfile, both of Somerset county.

FOUST—SARVER.—On Thursday, December 3, 1885, at the same place, by the same, Mr. David M. Foust and Miss Maggie J. Sarver, both of Somerset county.

DIED.

WILLIAMS.—On Tuesday, the 8th inst., near Kingwood, Mrs. Rebecca A. Williams, aged 39 years and 3 months.

BECK.—On Oct. 11, 1885, at the residence of Mr. John Moreland, in Tipton, Iowa, Mr. W. H. H. Beck, aged 28 years, 8 months and 7 days.

Mr. Beck died after a very short illness. He was surrounded by his wife and a few of the neighbors and passed away quietly and peacefully. He was born in Somerset county, Penn'a, February 14, 1857, and died October 11, 1885. He was united in holy wedlock with Miss Alice A. Good, on October 4th, 1885. A young widow, mother, brother and sister remain to mourn his loss. He united with the M. E. Church at about 20 years of age of which he was a consistent member to the time of his death. During his illness he expressed his desire to go home and be with Jesus. In the midst of life we are in death. REV. A. J. KISSELL.

HORN.—At his home, on Thursday, Nov. 19, 1885, Mr. C. H. Horn, in the 64th year of his age.

Henry Clark Horn was born in Bedford county, Pa., July 7, 1822, and died at his home near Tipton, Nov. 19, 1885, aged 63 years, 4 months and 12 days.

Four days before he died he had an attack of acute pneumonia, which so quickly hurried him to the end of this mortal life. He felt immediately that he would never get well. During his intense sufferings he would whisper "Jesus, blessed Jesus." He died leaning on the Divine Arm. His funeral occurred the following Saturday and was largely attended. His pastor, the writer, delivered the sermon from the text, "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like His."

"How blest the righteous when he dies."
—*Tipton (Ia.) Advertiser.*

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Sheriff Shafer of this place.

SPECIAL COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Honorable the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County have ordered that a Special, or Adjourned Court of Common Pleas, Quarter Sessions, and Orphans' Court, for the trial of causes therein, shall be held at Somerset on

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1886,

Now, therefore I, John Winters, High Sheriff of Somerset County, hereby issue my proclamation giving notice to all jurors and witnesses summoned, and to all parties in causes to be there and then tried, to be in attendance on said Court.

JOHN WINTERS,
Sheriff.
SHERIFF'S OFFICE, Dec. 16, 1885.

LIST OF CAUSES.

Following is the List of Causes set for trial at a Special Term of Court, beginning January 11, 1886:

W. T. Wallace vs. A. J. Holliday.
Pearson Lohr vs. Somerset & Cambria R. R. Co.
Liston Bros. & Eston Cunningham vs. William Kensinger.
John Neff's Assignee and Coffroth vs. D. W. Growall Garnishee.
J. A. Friedline vs. George F. Auman.
Mount Zion Church vs. Samuel Walker.
Anni J. Lambert vs. William Johnson.
Elizabeth Logan vs. Frank Friedline.
J. P. Baker vs. J. H. Miller.
P. W. Trimpey ex rel etc. vs. Deitrich Trimpey.
Deitrich Trimpey vs. Wm. Sweitzer.
M. Wright et al vs. Somerset Co. R. R. Co.
J. & S. Lenhart vs. E. & A. McDowell.
A. J. Moon vs. Max Schweibinz et al.
Eliza Moon vs. Same.
J. F. Sittner vs. H. Johnson Garnishee.
Elizabeth Lohr vs. H. Lenhart.
E. Hiteshew's use vs. J. J. Spangler.
Joseph Cummins vs. O. A. Ross.
Marshall Bros. vs. Patterson & Kuhn.
Elizabeth Schrock's use vs. Sam'l Meyer's Adm.

SECOND WEEK.

John F. Bender vs. Bedford and Stoyestown T. Road Co.
Daniel Weyand's heirs vs. John Berkeybile.
M. Goggin Ag't vs. J. B. Barnes.
Isaac Hugus vs. Nicholas Berkey.
Same vs. Abraham Faith.
Thomas J. McKaig et al vs. G. H. Hocking et al.
Peter Meyers' Admr. vs. Mary Meyers et al.
John A. Beene, Rec'vr &c., vs. H. L. Baer.
S. & M. P. R. R. Co. vs. S. & C. R. R. Co.
Ann M. Lindsey vs. J. S. Black et al.
David Lohr's Ex'rs vs. Margaret H. Lohr.
Fred'k Smith vs. Josiah Long.
George Holtshour vs. Nicholas Murphy.
Wm. F. McCall vs. Pitts. & Conn. R. R. Co.
John F. Blymyer Admr. &c. vs. Jno. Rhoades, et al.
Samuel Clark vs. Samuel Philson.
G. L. Miller vs. Daniel Yutzy's Admr. &c.
John H. Uhl, Assignee &c. vs. S. and M. P. R. Co. et al.
Edward Sitersvs. B. F. Lung.

Proty's Office, Dec. 16, 1885. N. B. CRITCHFIELD, Prothonotary.

EXECUTOR'S SALE

— OF —

Valuable Real Estate.

BY virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa. to me directed, I will expose to public sale on the premises in Jenner township, on

SATURDAY, JAN'Y 9, 1886,

at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, the following described Valuable Real Estate, late the property of David Maurer, dec'd, situate in Jenner Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of Edward Coffin, Gillian Friedline, Adam Friedline, Herman Umberger, Solomon Bowman, H. K. Musser, Oliver Hay and Jennie Scott, containing

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JOHN A. WALTER, Auctioneer. H. W. MAURER, Administrator.
dec16.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Annie D. Sherwood by her next friend Jane P. Pratt, vs. Benjamin Sherwood. In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, Pa., No. 78 December Term, 1885. (In Divorce.)

To Benjamin Sherwood, Respondent:

SIR:—This is to notify you that your wife, Annie D. Sherwood, by her next friend, Jane P. Pratt, has made an application in the above Court for a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii* from you on the ground of willful and malicious desertion.

The undersigned has been appointed Commissioner and will hold a meeting at the offices of Coffroth & Ruppel, in the Borough of Somerset, Pa., on Tuesday, January 5, A. D. 1886, at 10 o'clock A.M., to take testimony of libellant's witnesses upon the merits of the case.

The said Benjamin Sherwood is notified to be present with his witnesses.

J. G. OGLE, Commissioner.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Isaiah Rodgers, dec'd, late of Quemahoning Township Somerset County, Pa.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, January 30, 1886, at the residence of the Administrator in said Township.

WM. E. RODGERS, Administrator.
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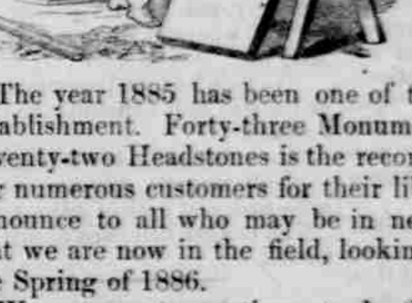

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The Annual Election of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County, will be held in Berlin on Tuesday, the 29th day of December 1885, to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Six Directors, to serve the coming year.

By Order of the Board.

nov25-5t. D. J. BRUBAKER, Sec'y.