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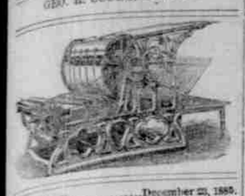

WEDNESDAY.....December 23, 1885.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

Under the winter arrangement, which went in vogue 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	7.30	12.15	5.15
" SOMERSET	7.25	12.50	5.45
" Garrett	7.45	1.00	P. M.
" Meyersdale	7.56	1.12	
" Stoneycreek	8.10	1.25	
" Rockwoodville	8.25	1.40	
" Boswell	9.00 A. M.	2.15	P. M.
Ar. Johnstown	9.50 "	3.05	"

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

	Somerset Acc.	Balto. Mail.	Acc.	Rockw'd Acc.
Lv. Johnstown		9.30 A. M.	2.30 P. M.	
" Boswell		10.05	3.25	
" Rockwoodville		10.16	3.40	
" Stoneycreek		10.29	3.52	
" Coleman	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 "	5.15 "

Gold rings at Wood's.

Cheap goods at Wood's.

Toilet sets at C. N. Boyd's.

Christmas goods at Wood's.

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.

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

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

Nice 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 gift 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.

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

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.

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

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

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

Cumberland has a novelty. It is a goose that crows like a rooster.

Weibley 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.

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

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

Excursion tickets will be sold over all the railroads during the holidays.

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

A postoffice will be established at St. Vincent monastery, Westmoreland county.

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

The largest assortment of Men's and Boys clothing 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 Weibley'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.

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

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

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.

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 Weibley'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.

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

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 Weibley'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 Weibley's Book Store.

The poor ye have always with you.

Kittanning has a borough poor farm and finds it very satisfactory.

The board of County Commissioners will not be in session this week.

Court Proceedings, New Advertisements, etc., will be found on Second Page.

F. J. O'Connor, Esq., will open a law office in Johnstown early in '86.

Attorney J. W. Weakland, of Johnstown was in attendance at court last week.

By the advertisement of Parker & Parker they are selling goods at bottom prices.

Mr. Thos. Hooper, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the new lightning slinger at the Western Union.

The children of the Presbyterian Sabbath School will receive the usual Christmas treat.

There promises to be an unusually large attendance at the Teacher's Institute this year.

On many of the sidewalks there is decidedly too much ice for convenience and safety.

Station Agent Lambert who has been on the sick list is able to attend to his duties again.

Mr. S. F. Picking went down to Pittsburgh town on Saturday to see the Christmas things and may hap take in a show.

A Christmas Ship with St. Claus on board is expected to sail into port and anchor at the Disciples Church Christmas day.

Mr. John H. Valentine, of Confluence is now a full fledged American citizen, having been naturalized by the Court last week.

Dr. James Biesecker, who has been attending lectures at the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, is home for the holidays.

L. C. Colborn, Esq., was appointed Commissioner by the Court to take testimony in the matter of the petition to remove the School Directors of Shade township.

The members of the Methodist Sunday School will hold a "Christmas Floral Service" in their church on next Sunday evening, at half past six. All are invited.

The Jury Commissioners, Messrs. Rayman and Fisher, are busy filling the wheel for next year. Seven hundred names will be placed in the wheel; an increase of one hundred.

A union service will be held in the Lutheran church Wednesday evening to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the "Women's Crusade." The program is published in another column.

Bedford and Everett are now connected by telephone. The line was completed on Saturday. The instruments are in the Bedford House, at Bedford, and the La Palace hotel, at Everett.

Sheriff Winters last week presented his petition to the Court asking for the appointment of a jailor. A rule was granted on the County Commissioners to show cause why one should not be appointed.

Miss Marion Platt, of Beaver College, accompanied by Miss Mary Darragh, of Beaver, Pa., Miss Flora Snyder, of Loutherville, Md., and Mr. Stewart Schell, of the Indiana Normal School, are at home for the Xmas holidays.

George D. Weber, a Balto. and Ohio railroad conductor, well known in this place, fell from a car near Hyndman on Wednesday night and was killed. The deceased lived at Meyersdale, where he leaves a wife and two children.

Mr. Lewis W. Fogg, of Boston, a former engineer on the S. P. R. R., located at this place, stopped off here several days this week on his way to Lincoln, Neb., where he goes to accept a position on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

The session of the Bedford county Teacher's Institute which closed last week is reported in the Bedford papers as a very decided success. The attendance was larger than at any educational meeting ever held in the county. Of 268 teachers employed 251 ware present.

At a stated meeting of Somerset Lodge No. 558, F. & A. M., held December 15th, 1885, the following named brethren were elected and installed in their respective stations for the ensuing Masonic year. E. E. Patton, W. M.; C. J. Harrison, J. W.; J. M. Cover, S. W.; L. C. Colborn, Treasurer; John Bills, Secretary, and A. J. Colborn, R. to G. L.

Miss Bertha Mier the popular and obliging manipulator of the electric current in the Western Union Telegraph office at this place resigned her position on Monday last. The resignation caused considerable surprise among her many friends, but if they will look at the marriage column of the HERALD next week they will understand the matter better. We would tell all about it now but we promised not to.

IN HARD LUCK.—The Hammersly Opera Company, that played here recently, had their baggage locked up at Mt. Pleasant, on Saturday, on an attachment issued by the proprietors of the Fisher House, at Greensburg, for a $50 board bill. The same night the goods were spirited away to Scottdale, and made ready to be shipped on the railroad, when they were overhauled again and only released after the manager paid the claim. Several of their best people left them at Mt. Pleasant, and the possibilities are that the company will soon go to pieces.

Mr. Jacob Cunningham died suddenly at the home of his son Elias Cunningham, Esq., about 5 o'clock on Friday, December 18th. Mr. Cunningham was born on the 19th of April, 1801, and at the time of his death was probably the oldest citizen of Somerset. He was a man possessed of great kindliness of heart, of sterling honesty and integrity, who greatly endeared himself to all. Of quiet, retiring disposition, he was fond of the delights and enjoyments of home. Sincerely loved by many friends, he will be sincerely mourned.

As was to be expected, the Fayette county jury that tried Archibald Buchanan, of Connellsville, promptly returned a verdict of not guilty. Buchanan was a Democratic inspector at the last February election and was charged with being drunk while serving on the board, with having opened and examined tickets, and with general misconduct as an election officer. The testimony of a number of good men was offered, substantiating the charges. The attorneys for the defendant succeeded in arousing the partisan feelings of the jury, and the result was an acquittal. The *Courier*, in speaking of the matter, says that the verdict "is a matter of surprise and indignation, in the face of the evidence."

On Thursday night a number of young men and boys were coasting on the hill at the east end of Main street. About 9 o'clock, when most of the little chaps had left, a number of the larger boys captured a two horse sled which was laboriously dragged to the top of the hill, piled full of yelling, struggling, merry boys, and with "one, two, three and away," started down the icy hill at a rate of speed that would have shamed the "limited." When about half way down on the third trip, the sled came into collision with a small jumper being drawn up the hill by Joe Love. The large sled was overturned and the boys sent sprawling in all directions. Love was thrown violently to the side of the road, where he lay perfectly unconscious. He was picked up and carried into Mr. Park Trent's shop, where kind hands attended him. After twenty minutes anxious work he was revived and removed to his home. Art. Snyder and Tom. Heffley, two of the boys on the large sled were hurled to the ground with such force as to be stunned. Snyder was assisted to his father's house and has been confined to bed ever since. Heffley, although terribly sore and badly bruised, was able to be at his case in the *Democrat* office on the following morning.

Rev. Dr. Buckley, at a great meeting held by the Methodists in New York City, last Thursday evening to celebrate the sixty-sixth anniversary of the formation of their Foreign Missionary Society and to rejoice in the prospect that they would succeed in raising a round million of dollars during the present year for missionary purposes, stated that since 1820 the Methodists of this country have contributed nineteen millions of dollars to their foreign missions.

Prof. Weller requests us to announce that in addition to the dates advertised by the Balto. and Ohio Railroad for selling excursion tickets, he has arranged with them for the sale of excursion tickets from all ticket offices in the county to Somerset on the 28th and 29th of December, good until January 4th, to accommodate all those wishing to attend the Institute. Also, the train for Rockwood will be held at Somerset until after lecture on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

OUTINGS AND INNINGS.—This department of *The Philadelphia Weekly Press* is devoted exclusively to amusements for the home circle and the promotion of social intercourse. It has games for the parlor, out-of-door sports, entertainments suitable for church sociables, hints to amusement committees and to young peoples' social clubs, singing games, dancing games, romping games, quiet games, games of memory, games of skill—in fact, all kinds of games. It is a regular feature of the paper, and is issued every week. Send for a sample copy and see what you think of it.

A Pittsburgh coal operator is erecting a plant of ovens at Imperial that will, if successful, revolutionize the coke business and create a flurry in natural and artificial gas circles. The object of the oven is to utilize all the products of the combustion of coal in the manufacture of coke; in other words, instead of making coke at the mine, it is proposed to locate the ovens alongside of the furnaces and rolling mills, so that the gas may be all collected and used in the mills for fuel and the coke used in the furnaces. The idea is to use bituminous slack, now unmerchantable owing to natural gas. The claim is made for the ovens that for every ton of coal they realize 10 gallons of coal oil, 19,000 feet of fuel gas and 35 bushels of coke.

We are in receipt of a communication from Casselman giving the substance of an order issued by the Directors of Upper Turkeyfoot Township, forbidding night gatherings at the Casselman school house. Our correspondent claims that the order is issued for the purpose of preventing the meeting of the Casselman literary society, and is exceedingly vexed thereat. The communication is not published for the reason that many things are said in it which are not calculated to do good, but to stir up strife on the banks of the turbid Casselman. A well conducted literary society is considered a great aid in training young men for after life by many of the best educators of the State, and we doubt not that if the matter is presented to the school board in the proper light, the obnoxious order will be promptly countermanded.

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.

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.

A disastrous fire, that at one time threatened the destruction of the entire eastern end of the town, broke out in the old "Rising Sun" building in Bedford, last week. The "King's House" or "Rising Sun," as it was called at a later day, stood on the corner of Pitt street and Mann's square. The south end of the building was of brick, the centre part of logs, weather-boarded, and the north end of stone. It was occupied by Harry Gilchrist, confectioner, R. B. Metcalfe, saddler and upholsterer, J. M. Hoffer, jeweler, Mrs. A. W. Anderson and her family of three children, and John Harris and his two daughters. The flames were communicated to the house occupied by Dexter White's restaurant, and both buildings were totally destroyed. The uninsured loss is about $21,000. The *Gazette* says that the log part was the building which served as headquarters for the commandant of old Fort Bedford in the days when savage beasts, biped and quadruped, roamed the trackless forests hereabouts. In 1794 an army was sent from Philadelphia—that city being then the seat of government—to put down the Whiskey Insurrection which had broken out in Western Pennsylvania. Gen. Washington accompanied the army as far as Bedford, and with him came Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the treasury, Gen. Henry Knox, secretary of war, and other distinguished men of that day. They rested for a time in the commandant's house before setting out on their return trip to Philadelphia. The old house was Bedford's most interesting relic, for its walls had heard the gentle voice of the immortal Washington and the eloquence of the great Hamilton.

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.

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.

On last Tuesday evening, Rev. J. M. Collins of Uniontown Pa, gave a series of stereopticon views illustrating life among the Burmans and Karens, supplemented by some home scenes, and accompanied by explanatory lectures. Those who came to hear departed greatly benefitted and delighted. Burma is pre-eminently the Baptist mission field, and the views exhibited amount to an evenings walk, with a well-informed guide, among the choicest scenes of that country, and will repay one for the expenditure of time and means. COX.

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

Following is a report of the Casselman school for the month ending Dec. 14, 1885:

Whole number in attendance—Males 17, females 19, total 36.

Average attendance during month—males 15, females 17, total 34.

Per cent of attendance during month—Males 91, females 94, total 93.

Average attendance during the term—Males 14, females 15, total 32.

Per cent of attendance during term—Males 92, females 95, total 94.

No. of pupils attending every day during month, 16.

No. of pupils attending every day during term, 13.

No. of visits by patrons, 6; by directors 0.

These two months have been spent profitably to all. We thank the citizens for their co-operation in the school work, and hope the school may continue to be a success.

L. L. WEIMER, Teacher.

The largest and most complete assortment of books in Somerset are offered at Weifley'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.

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.

The tramp nuisance continues unabated, and citizens are daily annoyed by importunate scalawags. Since the tramp has become a fixed institution—one that has forced itself upon the country—some kind of protective action on the part of the people seems to be a matter of public necessity.

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.

John Royer, who died recently in Woodbury township, Blair county, left $2,000 to the foreign missionary society of the Lutheran church; $2,000 to the home missionary society; $1,500 to the missionary and educational society, and $500 to the Lutheran college at Gettysburg.

Our line of carpets and rugs is full; what is nicer for a Christmas present than a nice rug? Call and see them at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

Gen. Beauregard will give a history of the Shiloh Campaign in the January number of the North American Review. He claims that Gen. Algernon Sydney Johnson acted only as a corps commander at Shiloh. Gen. Beauregard emphatically asserts (contrary to the common belief) that he was the sole commander on both days, and, without naming them, controverts the reports of Grant and Sherman as to the nation's forces being taken by surprise.

Canon Farrar has an article on the Church in America in the January number of the North American Review.

The Marquis of Lorne, Col. Ingersoll, Millionaires Astor and Carnegie, an Irish Member of Parliament elect, John Boyle O'Reilly, Cassius M. Clay, Sir John MacDonald, and Frank B. Sanborn have articles in the January number of the North American Review.

Don't fail to read the advertisement of the great red letter sale of

PARKER & PARKER.

Teachers and others visiting Somerset during Institute week, will find at Weifley's Book Store a large and varied assortment of books in all departments of literature, and they will do well to call and inspect this stock. We also sell school reward cards and everything in the way of school supplies. Heretofore I have kept these goods in an inconvenient, up stair room, but I am now located in a commodious front floor room in Mammoth Block, next to Boyd's Drug Store.

W. H. WELFLEY.

If the *Inquirer* tells the truth, a few days ago a couple of sons of Fred. Zimmers, of Bedford county, went to the woods to chop down some trees. On felling an oak tree they were surprised to find snakes crawling out of the hollow top. Twenty-five blacksnakes, somewhat stiff in the joints, were killed by the boys. Their nest was surrounded by ice, and consequently they had rather a cool bed.

UNION SERVICES.—Union services will be held in the Lutheran Church in Somerset, on Wednesday evening, December 23d, to celebrate the 12th anniversary of the "Woman's Crusade." Will follow as near as possible, the following

PROGRAMME:

1. Reading the Crusade Psalm—Ps. 146.
2. Singing, "Hail to the Lord's Anointed!" Tune Webb.
3. Prayer.
4. Singing, "Give to the Winds thy Fears!"
5. Address or reading, "What the Crusade Did." (Union Leaflet 47.)
6. Address or reading, "Power of Temperance Education." (Teachers' Series, No. 11.)
7. Reading, "Scientific Temperance Instruction," by Frances E. Willard.
8. Recitation or singing, "The Temperance Ship," by J. G. Whittier.
9. Reading, "An Element of Success and Causes of Thanksgiving."
10 Collection for the Literature Department National W. C. T. U.
11. Grand anthem, "For God and Home and Native Land."
12. The benediction.

"The cause of temperance is the cause of Christ, and sooner or later, will surely triumph. This is as certain, as that Christ shall reign till "He hath put all enemies under His feet." Intemperance is His greatest enemy, and must go down, before He shall give up the kingdom to the Father."

At Weifley'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.

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 he 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.

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.

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

POOR BOARD REPORT.—In compliance with the provisions of the fifth section of the Act of Assembly approved April 15th, 1845, providing for the erection of a House of Employment and the support of the poor of said county, the Directors of the Poor submitted their report for the year 1885 to the Court of Quarter Sessions, of the "Number age and sex of the persons maintained and employed in said house of employment or supported and assisted by them elsewhere, And of the children bound out by them to apprenticeship, with the names of their masters and mistresses and their trade, occupation and callings."

The Directors say: "This, it is believed, is the first report made under the said Act, and owing to the lack of precedent and *data*, and to the imperfect manner in which the records of the said institution were kept for many years, a great deal of trouble and difficulty was experienced in preparing the report, especially in procuring the dates of admission and the ages of the persons supported or assisted, and in many cases it was impossible to ascertain the day and month when they were admitted or assisted, and in a large number of cases the ages are only approximated. With this report as a basis and with such improvements thereon as time and experience will necessarily indicate, future annual reports can be prepared with much less trouble and greater accuracy. The summary gives as the number of adults in the Poor House during the year 73 males, 46 females; the number of children at 16 males, 16 females, a total of 151.

Number died, discharged, etc., adults, males 25, females 13; children, males 12, females 12, a total of 62.

Outside relief, adults, males 71, females 16; infants, males 8, females 8, a total of 43.

Children maintained by families, males 5, females 4, a total of 9.

In State Lunatic Hospital at Harrisburg, males 2, females 2, a total of 4.

In Dixmont Hospital, males 1, females 1; total 2.

In the Reform School, males 1, females 2; total 3.

Children bound out, males 21, females 19; total 40.

Children out on trial for binding out, males 6, females 1; total 7.

Total number maintained, Adults, males 62, females 32; Infants, males 46, females 38; total, 198.

Amount paid for the maintenance of children by families, $240.00.

Amount paid for the maintenance of persons in the hospital at Harrisburg, $231.80; in the hospital at Dixmont, $86.29. Amount paid to Reform School, $219.00. The total amount paid for maintenance outside of the Poor House, (not including out door relief) is $777.09. The report shows that $754.80 was received from other sources than the county treasury.

The report is a comprehensive one which we would like to lay before our readers in its entirety would space permit.

PARKER & PARKER.—The place to buy cheap goods.

The County Teachers' Institute will convene in the Court House next Monday, December 28th. Following is the programme of exercises:

Organization, Monday, 2 P. M.; Adjournmnet, Friday noon.

Instructors.—Rev. N. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., Kutztown, Pa.; Prof. G. M. Phillips, Ph. D., West Chester, Pa. Prof. E. O. Excell, Chicago.

Teachers' Work—"What the Schools of Somerset County Demand."—D. C. Eichnor; "Modern Methods of Teaching English," W. H. Cover; "Civil Government," A. C. Holbert; "Class Teaching," J. C. Spelcher; "Teachers' Reading Circles," J. M. Berkey; "How to Put Up School Work," J. D. Meese; "Systematic Instruction in the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic," Levi Lichliter; "How Much Home Study Should be Required of the Children in Our Public Schools?" Hon. Fred Grof; "Memory and Its Culture," J. A. Berkey; "The Teacher's Work," G. M. Baker.

Directors' Session, Wednesday Afternoon.—The following questions are submitted: 1. Arbor Day in the Schools; 2. The Value of School Visitations by Directors; 3. How Should Directors be Guided in the Selection of Teachers? 4. Should School Boards Purchase the Text-books, and is County Uniformity Desirable?

Evening Lectures.—Monday Evening, Rev. Russel H. Conwell; Subject, "Acres of Diamonds." Tuesday Evening, Dr. James Hedley; Subject, "Sunny Side of Life." Wednesday Evening, Rev. John DeWitt Miller; Subject, "Love, Courtship and Marriage." Thursday Evening, "Meigs-Underhill Combination." Meigs Sisters, Vocal Quartette; C. F. Underhill, Readings and Personations.

Tickets for Lectures.—For the Course, $1; with reserved Seats, $1 40; Single Admission, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, 25 cents; Reserved seats, 40 cents; Thursday evening, 35 cents; Reserved seats, 50 cents. Tickets for sale at Boyd's, Fisher's, and Weifley's. Persons wishing Reserved Seats can secure them by writing to C. N. Boyd, after December 23th, who will hold tickets for them.

PRESS NOTICES OF THE LECTURES.

"As an Author and Orator Col. Conwell has won high honors."—N. Y. Tribune.

Col. Conwell is one of the most eloquent and gifted speakers in the country.—Cin. Times.

New York City. From J. A. Bennett, Sec. Y. M. C. A.—"Dr. Hedley pleased our people exceedingly. The best critics pronounce him one of the finest lecturers of our unusually good course. He must come again next year. March 13, 1885."

"We have had some of the most noted orators of the American platform, but Dr. Hedley is a special favorite with our people." Supt. G. H. Hugus, Greensburg, Pa.

"The Rev. John DeWitt Miller has lectured before the students of Eastman College several times within the past three years, giving the best of satisfaction. He is an eloquent and forcible speaker, possessing in a rare degree the faculty of combining theories and facts in such a way as to be highly enjoyable."—E. White, President of Eastman College.

"The Meigs-Underhill Combination spent several days at Chautauqua this season, to the delight of our great audiences. The Meigs Sisters are highly cultivated singers, rendering the most classical music with ease and effectiveness. Their charming part-songs can never be excelled at Chautauqua. Mr. Underhill is a remarkable reader, a master of pathos and humor, and has a repertoire apparently inexhaustible.—J. H. Vincent.

ATTENTION, JUSTICES.—Under the new Scalp Law a new form of affidavit and certificate is necessary. I have had printed a blank that is approved by the Commissioners, and they will receive no other form. Orders filled by mail at 15 cents per dozen.

W. H. WELFLEY,
Somerset, Pa.

MT. MORIAH ITEMS.

J. J. Zimmerman contemplates building himself a fine residence on his Beachly farm.

Our old butcher, J. P. Rhoads, is again plying his trade; he sells his meat in Johnstown.

The new tax law is the subject of general conversation, being condemned by nearly everybody, both rich and poor.

Jacob Zimmerman, Jr., last week purchased a valuable farm from Mary Ankeny, being the one occupied by her son Alonzo, the consideration being $5,000. He contemplates making some needed improvements.

Cornelius Buechley is busily engaged in putting out coal. He had a full supply on hand, but the few days of good sledding cleaned them all out for him. There is always a demand for a strictly first-class article.

The only business in this section that appears to have any life in it, is coal and lime. Emmert, Lohr & Co. have rented Philip Mowry's quarry. They work four, and some days five men, and yet are unable to supply the demand for lime.

On Friday, the 11th inst. Alex Casebeer met with a serious accident by falling on the ice, crushing his left hand, and otherwise injuring himself. His wounds were dressed by Dr. Joseph Covode, of Jenner X Roads, and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

During last fall Mr. H. D. Lohr opened out a coal and lime quarry. He says the coal is of first class quality and still improving, while the lime is of the very best in the county. This adds largely to the value of his already valuable farm. The quarry is now being worked by Frank Dawson, his son-in-law.

REPORTER.

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.

1872. 1886.

The existence of our firm dates from March 1872, and it is now the oldest business house, without change, in the town of Somerset. It's career during the thirteen years, and more, intervening has been one of constant activity, energy and perseverance, and whatever has been acquired financially, is the result of hard labor and close attention to business. We fully appreciate the fact however that success could not have been attained without the co-operation, influence and liberal support of our patrons and friends in the town and vicinity of Somerset, therefore we congratulate all on the close of another year, which has been on the whole entirely satisfactory. Accept again our heartfelt thanks for favors already received at your hands, and rest assured that not a stone shall be left unturned to merit a continuence of your valued patronage. To say that our losses by fires, (two in number), together with those of insolvent debtors, and otherwise, from the beginning would buy one of the best farms in Somerset Township, is not simply imagination nor is it exaggeration, yet we are still on our feet, and come up smiling, after having handled this fall, 75,000 pounds buckwheat flour, 7000 bushels potatoes, 1500 bushels of apples and several hundred bushels chestnuts, while the producer (otherwise known as farmers) chuckles with "the root of all evil" in his pantaloons. Our business block and wharehouses combined—Main Cross Street—also large and commodious warehouse near R. R. Station, are well known to everybody, and it is scarcely necessary for us to state that they occupy more ground surface and space than those of any other business house in the County of Somerset. Every department of the aforesaid block and wharehouse is filled to overflowing with goods—composed of Groceries, Confectioneries, Teas, Spices, Soaps, Tobacos, Cigars, Foreign and Domestic Fruits and Nuts, Grain, Flour, Feed, Fish, Salt, Bacon, Lard, Oil, Country Produce &c, &c., all of which have been bought for shot cash, therefore, we assume that no square competitor can successfully cut below our retail prices, quality of goods duly considered.

Preparatory to the holiday trade, the walls and ceiling of our salesroom were handsomely papered, the shelving and other wood-work neatly painted, metal show cases have been added to the fixtures, and on the whole it is now one of the finest storerooms in town. Our holiday goods, consisting in part of pure fine candies, foreign fruits and nuts, is immense. The 5 and 10-cent counters, superintended by Master Harry Keifer, have been replenished with a greater variety and larger stock than ever before, whilst the toy department in the same room is a wonder, to the average girl and boy, to behold.

Come to see us. Welcome everybody. Merry Christmas to all! Happy New Year, 1886, and prosperity to those who are deserving.

Respectfully,
COOK & BEERITS.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.—The following letters, remaining in the Postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, if not called for on or before January 2, 1886:

Andony H.	Lester Henry
Anawalt Mollie	Luston Mrs Nettie
Beard Mrs Eva care of Jno. Beard.	Meyers Henry
Beard Daniel	Miller Hiram
Begley David	Purdy T H
Coleman Mrs N E	Pearl Jonathan
Dietz J	Pritts Ephraim
Friedline Bruce	Pritts Henry
Frunt Miss Annie	Ream Jacob
Foster William	Sumpstine Susan
Hay John F	Trent W N
Johneon John	Wendel Sam'l
Lister J C	Zechler Peter C

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Headquarters for Tub, Can, Shell and Plate Oysters at W. H. Platt's Oyster Rooms, Basement of Cook & Beerits' Block.

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.

MARRIED

WILBERT—KNOST.—At the Glade House, in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday, the 10th day of December, 1885, by Rev. D. K. Lavan, Mr. John A. Wilbert, of Meyersdale, and Mrs. Margaret Knost, of Garrett, this county.

EDMUNSTON—FIKE.—On Monday, the 14th day of December, 1885, at the Glade House, by the same, Mr. John V. Edmunston, of Henry Clay Township, Fayette County, Pa., and Miss Kate Fike, of Petersburg, Somerset County, Pa.

DIED.

DAVIS.—On Thursday morning, November 19, 1885, at her home in Confluence, Pa., of apoplexy, Mrs. Margaret Davis, relict of Mr. John Davis.

WEIGLE.—After a lingering illness of nearly a year, at his residence in Shanksville, December 12, 1885, Jacob Weigle, aged 83 years, 2 months and 3 days.

Father Weigle was united in matrimony with Sarah Reiman March 6th, 1836. The fruits of this union are eleven children, seventy-two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a faithful husband and a kind father. As a citizen of this county he was well and favorably known. His habits of life were few and unostentatious, and his demeanor towards all with whom he came in contact was kind and courteous. For 79 years he was an exemplary, faithful member of the Lutheran Church, always contributing liberally of his means, and acting in whatever way he could for her prosperity, temporal and spiritual. The family, community and church have consequently sust