

Local news at a premium. Another cold spell has arrived.

The Connelville gas well is down about 500 feet.

Read the Herald, hand it to your neighbor, and ask him to become a subscriber at once.

Mr. Rufus H. Dull has sold his handsome residence at Connelville, and will move to Somerset in the spring.

Mr. Charles D. Beagle, of Bedford, was last week appointed Deputy United States Marshall for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Owing to the intense cold and the small number of pupils able to reach the building, on account of the snow blockade, there was no school on Monday.

Saturday and Sunday, when the thermometer was below zero, and twelve degrees below zero, every blasted fool you meet says "This is cold enough for you."

On Saturday a small amount of ice was hauled from the dam to the various ice houses in town. It was about 5 inches thick and of a very poor quality.

It is a lucky thing for the farmers that now the severe freezing weather has come the fields are covered with a nice blanket of snow. It is a great protection to grain and grass fields.

Mr. M. H. Bartlett, of Glade, has purchased the residence of H. H. Dull, in Rockwood. It is understood that Mart will leave the "garden spot" for Rockwood when the "trains start again."

All the station agents of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company are now obliged to wear a badge on the lapel of their coats. The badge are nickel-plated and bear the simple legend, "Station Agent."

J. Cal. Lowry, Esq., of Elklick, it is understood, will shortly remove to Somerset and hang out his shingle. He will occupy part of the office of H. F. Schell, Esq. We are glad to welcome him to Somerset.

Mr. James Snyder, city engineer of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting the family of his uncle, Elias Cunningham, Esq. Mr. Snyder is on his return from a trip to New York, preparatory to going to San Francisco.

Mr. A. H. Coffroth, Jr., editor of the Somerset Democrat has been confined to his home for some time by a severe attack of rheumatism. His medical attendants were pleased to see him so far recovered as to be at his office Tuesday.

Court convened on Monday morning. A call of the panel showed that there were not enough jurors present to proceed with the trial of cases. The afternoon trains brought in quite a number and the Court was able to go ahead.

The Washington Observer is fifteen years old and is proud of it. We hope some of its delinquent subscribers in a fit of remorse will give it an all round which a goodly number of the staff of the Smith well will be struck. It deserves it.

The Board of County Commissioners, at their meeting last week decided the following persons for the year 1886: Clerk, A. J. Hileman; Attorney, J. R. Scott; Physician, Dr. J. H. Kimmel; Custodian of public grounds, Chas. A. Kimmel.

The grand jury at the recent term of the Indiana County court recommended that the County call a convention of road Supervisors and instruct them as to their duties. This is an excellent one and will be complied with profit in this and other counties.

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Superintendent Bridges of the Soldiers' Orphan's Schools has forwarded to each of the Grand Army of 1st of 369 children who will be discharged from the schools during 1886. This is done so that effects can be made to secure them places to make an honest livelihood. All the children to be discharged are sixteen years of age.

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Mr. J. W. Tate, of Bedford, the new Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, is one of the first of the Democratic appointees to discover that the revenue officers are not to be given a happy one. While checking the usual record on the first week of the month he attempted to find Gladden's run, in Southampton township. His buggy was swept out into the deep part of the stream and overturned, and the Deputy jumped into the rushing mountain torrent, where he had to sink or swim. The team was rescued with some difficulty. Mr. Tate lost a stomach containing all his official papers.

Errors HERALD.—The Mercersburg Observer has been persistently trying to create the impression that in some way we have misused or not properly accounted for, or applied to my own use the funds that came into my hands as Chairman of the Republican County Committee. Please publish the following statement in reply to these unwarranted insinuations.

On July 15th, 1885, the auditing committee, George H. Ziegler, James M. Cover and E. D. Yates, Esq., audited my accounts, and in their report say: "We find the Chairman's accounts are true and correct in every particular; that he has kept a close and accurate account of all moneys received, to wit: \$1,410, and has properly and judiciously expended the sum of \$797.91 for said primary, leaving a balance of \$612.09, which has been securely invested."

From this balance of \$612.09 I have paid two bills \$160, \$100 each, Chairman Geo. W. Pile, money previously advanced, \$272.90, \$151.00, Respectfully yours, J. R. Scott.

We are in receipt of a little book, which in richness of humor and grotesqueness of illustration, may be said in the language of the wild West, to "take the cake."

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