The Somerset Herald.

GEO. R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....February 3, 1886.

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.....	7.20	12.40	5.45
" Coleman's	7.45	1.00	P. M.
" Stoystown.....	7.56	1.12	
" Hooversville....	8.10	1.25	
" Bethel	8.25	1.40	
At Johnstown.....	9.00 A. M.	2.15	P. M.

SOUTH BOUND TRAINS.

	Somerset Acc.	Balto. Mail	Acc.	Rockw'd Acc.
Lv. Johnstown.....		9.30A M	2.50P.M.	
" Bethel.....		10.05	3.25	
" Hooversville..		10.16	3.40	
" Stoystown ..		10.30	3.52	
" Coleman's.....	8.00 A.M.	10.48	4.05	
" SOMERSET.	9.00	11.05	4.25	6 00 PM
At Rockwood.....	9.30	11.30	4.50	6.30

PITTSBURGH DIV. B. & O.

WEST BOUND.

	Express	Mail	Cum'd Acc.
Lv. Rockwood	2.40 A. M.	4 P. M.	9.50 AM
Ar. Pittsburgh.....	7.00 "	7.35 "	2.20 "

EAST BOUND.

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

Hats and Caps at cost at Becher's.

Underwear at and below cost at Becher's.

Valentines, wholesale and retail, at Fisher's Book Store.

Gospel Hymns, wholesale and retail, at Fisher's Book Store.

Becher, the Clothier, is offering the greatest bargains ever seen in Somerset.

Gospel Hymns, in all sizes and styles, from five cents up, at Fisher's Book Store.

Comic and sentimental valentines by tens of thousands, at Fisher's Book Store.

We want our books settled up. To save trouble call soon, at

J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

As this is the dull season, we are selling Millinery, Notions, Trimmings, and all goods in our line, at the very lowest rates.

M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

A few overcoats left that will be sold regardless of cost, at

J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

Now is the time for overcoats. Becher has the largest line in town, and is selling them at and below cost.

We are closing out our winter goods cheap. Anything in the dry goods line away down in price, at

J. B. SNYDER & Co's.

Millinery, Seasonable Print Goods, Hose, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Collars, Cuffs, Jewelry at low rates to suit the dull season.

M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

NOTICE.—All persons knowing themselves indebted to us, will please call and settle, either by cash or note.

J. B. SNYDER & Co.

We will be obliged to parties having accounts on our books to settle as soon as possible.

M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

FOR SALE.—A good farm containing ninety-four acres, one mile southwest from Somerset, ninety acres of which are clear, and four acres in timber. Frame house, barn and outbuildings. One of the most desirable farms in Somerset township. For terms, etc., call on or addres George R. Scull, Somerset, Pa. All underlaid with coal.

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.

FISH! FISH!! FISH!!!

We have now in stock a shipment of late caught Fresh Mackerel Fish, consisting of Barrels, Halves, Quarters and Pails, (quality and weights guaranteed,) at prices lower than ever before. Potatoes, Oats, Bacon and other country produce taken in exchange.

COOK & BERKITS.

ARE YOU GOING WEST?—Information furnished free to persons going West. Descriptive time-tables of the principal railroads in the United States and Canada furnished free. To secure the lowest rates of through freight, the lowest passenger rates to any point west or south and to go over the most direct and best route, address,

J. W. PATTON,
Traveling Pass. Agent, B. & O. R. R.,
Somerset, Pa.

INSURANCE NOTICE.—Having taken the Agency for the U. B. Mutual Aid Society, of Lebanon, Pa., one of the best and most reliable Companies to be found anywhere. I take this means of giving notice to any one desiring to have their life insured to let me know at Stoystown, Somerset County, Pa., and I will be happy to wait on him at any time.

E. COVER, Agent.

At Boyd's Drug Store you can buy.	
Sachet Powder,	Fine Cigars,
Toilet Goods,	Cubeb Cigarettes,
Hand Mirrors,	Menthol Pencils
Odor Cases,	Rough on Corns,
Boxed Papers,	Acid Phosphate,
Tube Colors,	Insect Powder,
Diamond Dyes,	Trusses & Braces,
Spectacles,	Surgical Goods,
Eye Glasses,	at low prices.

If you want a cheap fur cap, or anything in the cap or hat line, now is a good time to buy, at J. B. Snyder & Co's.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—Becher, the popular clothier, intends making a great change in business, and in order to close out the immense stock that he has now on hand, he will sell from now until March 15th, each and every article in his store at and below cost. Anybody in need of a suit, overcoat, hat, cap, shirt, child's suit, or anything in the clothing line should avail themselves of this rare opportunity, as these goods must be sold out by March 15, 1886. Come one, come all, to

B. BECHER, JR.,
The Popular Clothier,
Somerset, Pa

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 R. HOLDERBAUM.

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 February 14, 1886:

Baker, Chauncy	Hoover, Noah
Brown, George	Miller, Charles
Burnworth, N. R.	McGirr, M. H.
Burnworth, Marcellus	McJilton, J. N.
Bean, Jacob B.	Ryon, Wm.
Brown, Wilhelm	Reynolds, Frank P.
Coleman, Henry	Shanlis, E. M.
Cruise, Mrs. S. P.	Shafer, Albert
Custer, Chris.	Schrock, Caroline
Dickson, Mrs. E. A.	Server, John H.
Fritz, Jonathan	Statler, Abbie M.
Fisher, Josiah	Stahl, Wm. H.
Geiser, John H.	Walter, Sam. A.
Gaefle, Conrad	

New Narrow Gague R. R. Co.

POSTALS.

Hay, F.	Miller, M. E.
Kingin, Rob.	Strauser, G. C.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.
Somerset, Pa. February 1, 1886.

Judge Baer is at Bedford holding a two week's term of court.

This is ground-Hog Day. No trouble to see his shadow either.

Mr. J. G. Harvey, of Baltimore, spent several days of last week at the Somerset House.

There will be a big crowd at the Court House Saturday night—"All on account of Eliza."

On last Sunday there was one accession to the Somerset Disciple church by primary obedience.

John C. Hochstetler, of Meyersdale, the sewing machine agent, paid the HERALD a profitable call Monday.

Several fine droves of horses have been shipped from this place to the eastern market within the past few days.

The opera troupe that appears at the Court House this week, is the same that gave such good satisfaction last fall.

Hon. A. J. Colborn who has been confined to his house for the past two months by sickness is slowly convalescing but is not yet able to be out.

The protracted meeting at the Metzler Church closed Sunday evening. There were thirty-nine persons added to the membership of the Church.

The county auditors are still in session. John Walter's affidavit took their wind so completely that they have not since been able to work with their accustomed vigor.

Ex-Sheriff Edgar Kyle, of Stoystown, was among our business callers Monday. He reports both politics and business as being slightly dull in ye ancient village at present.

Messrs. Keller & Sanner, groceryman, have dissolved partnership, by mutual consent, Mr. Sanner retiring from the firm. The business will be carried on by Mr. Keller.

We had just sufficient of a snow fall Sunday night to make the sleighing excellent on roads where the drifts had been previously opened. Many of our roads are still blockaded by the drifts.

Mr. A. G. Ankeny, of Dixon Ill., an old Somerset county boy, is visiting friends and relatives hereabouts. He expects to be here for a week or more, when he will return west, locating in Schuyler, Nebraska.

F. W. Biesecker leaves for New York today, where he will spend several days. He will return to Philadelphia Tuesday to attend the Supreme Court, he being of counsel for the plaintiff in error in the Coleman will case.

The regular Spring election will be held two weeks from to-day, Tuesday. In addition to the usual borough and township officers there will be a tax collector for each district to be elected and the voters of the county will by their ballots decide whether or not the Alms House shall be brought under the General Law

Rev. J. H. Zinn, formerly a pastor in this county, delivered a lecture on "Prison Life" in the Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church Bedford township, and at St. Clairsville, January 20 and 21. The lecture was full of facts, startling occurrences, telling mimicry, amusing incidents, and word painting of hardships endured.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

The twentieth annual encampment of the department of Pennsylvania G. A. R., will be held at Scranton, February 9. Railroad fare will be charged at the rate of two cents per mile. Orders for tickets must pe procured from the department commander. The tickets are good, going from the 6th to the 9th, and returning from the 9th to the 13th.

The members of the W. C. T. U. of this county are actively engaged in obtaining signers to petitions remonstrating against the granting of liquor licenses. They will present a separate remonstrance against each applicant for a liquor license at the next term of Court, and have employed counsel to argue their side of the case before the Court.

Among the successful contestants of the Pittsburg School of Design at their twenty-first annual exhibition of pupils' work, held last Thursday, was Miss Amy Brubaker, of Berlin, who was awarded a bronze medal for full lengths. Miss Brubaker has been devoting her time and attention to this live art for the past three years, and her many friends will be pleased to hear of the great success attending her studies.

The O. W. Kyle Opera Company, who sing *Iolanthe, Chimes of Normandy,* and *Billee Taylor* in the Court House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, will be greeted by a full house, every time. The Company has been greatly improved since they visited Somerset last fall as the "Hammersly Company," having added several new voices, and new and beautiful costumes. Seats for sale at P. L. Casebeer's.

The Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, at Philadelphia, will be formerly opened on the 22d of this month. This Home is to be a refuge for Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors who are unable to support themselves, and who cannot gain admission in the Homse provided by the General Government. The accommodations are limited to about two hundred and it has been decided as the most equitable plan of distribution, that each Representative district shall be entitled to admissions equal to the number of its members in the House. This will give Somerset county two admissions. Blank applications with all necessary information will be furnished by the Secretary, Thomas J. Stewart, 1202 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

It is stated in some of the papers that Judge Baer or Bear, or whatever his name is, presiding in Somerset county, has decided that witnesses appearing before him will not be allowed to affirm before giving their testimony, he affirming that they must take the oath straight. On that subject the laws and Constitution provide that a witness may affirm before any court, and that such affirmation shall be the same as a regular oath, the penalty for perjury being also the same. If Judge Baer imagines himself bigger than the Constitution of Pennsylvania, somebody will rise up and sit down on him.—*Tyrone Herald.*

If the gentleman with the alphabetical name who conducts the *Tyrone Herlad* will submit Judge Baer's opinion to any lawyer in the Commonwealth he will discover that instead of imagining "himself bigger than the Constitution of Pennsylvania" Judge Baer is simply making an earnest effort to carry out the law as it stands in the books. If you have any conscientious scruples Mr. C. S. W. Jones in regard to taking an oath when you are called as a witness before a Somerset county court you will be allowed to affirm.

THE CRESSON AND COALPORT RAILROAD.—The last rail was laid and the last spike driven in the Cresson & Coalport Railroad on Thursday last. The road is thirty miles in length, and extends from Cresson, on the Pennsylvania Railroad to Irvona, in Clearfield County. It opens up some of the most valuable coal lands and timber tracts in the Clearfield region. An arrangement will be made with the Pennsylvania Railroad to equip the road with rolling stock. The lumber and coal shipments from the country tapped by the road will be carried to the Eastern and Western markets over the Pennsylvania Central.

The stockholders of the road met in Hollidaysburg yesterday morning and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, John H. Boyis, Pittsburgh; Vice President, George J. Gorman, Pittsburgh; Board of Directors, Edward F. Earl, Pittsburgh; William R. Thompson, Pittsburgh; Peter J. Ulring, Pittsburgh; Edward Scull, Somerset, Pa.; Charles E. Pugh, Philadelphia; John S. Silver, New York City; Hon. John Dean, Hollidaysburg, and A. S. Morrow, Hollidaysburg. The general offices of the company are to be located in Pittsburgh.

For a safe investment insure in the U. B. of Lebanon. E. Cover, agent.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. G. J. Baachy can be seen at his Dental Rooms at the Central Hotel in Somerset Pa. Operative Dentistry a specially.

For fine, artistic photographs go to Williams' Gallery, Somerset, Pa. Note present prices: Two regular card photographs only 50 cents; nine good pictures with cards 25 cents.

The music loving public of Somerset are indebted to Mr. P. L. Casebeer for several delightful entertainments in the past, and this week they will be under renewed obligations for three nights of comic opera; Iolanthe, Chimes of Normandy, and Billee Taylor. Popular prices 35 and 50 cents.

FOR FEBRUARY ONLY.—During the month I will close out many kinds of goods at cost and some below cost, in order to reduce my stock as low as possible to invoice on March 1st. Calicoes, shirtings, muslins, table linens, towels and all kinds of dress goods will be sold lower than elsewhere during this month.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Also a few wraps at great bargains.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE G. A. R.—At a regular meeting of R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., Somerset, Pa., held Friday evening, January 29, 1886, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The day set apart and known as "Memorial Day," has been desecrated by the sale of intoxicating liquors; *Therefore be it*

Resolved, That we, the members of R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, G. A. R., disapprove of any and everything that tends to desecrate the day that should be held sacred to the memory of our fallen comrades, and believing that the sale of intoxicating liquors on that day is injurious to its proper observance, and should be prohibited; and it is further

Resolved, That the honorable members of the Senate and House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, be urged to enact a law forbidding the sale of intoxicating liquors on Memorial Day, May 30, under such restrictions as provided in the law applying to the liquor traffic on election day in this Commonwealth; and it is further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions bearing the official signatures of the Commander and Adjutant, be forwarded to the Hon. Thomas J. Stewart, A. A. G. of this department with the request that he lend his influence and every honorable means to secure a passage of a bill as above stated.

In the matter of the petition of more than 50 qualified electors of Somerset county, praying that the house for the support and employment of the Poor of Somerset Co., be brought under the general law for the support of the Poor of the Commonwealth and its supplements, the Court order as follows:

And now January, 22nd. 1886, this petition being presented and read in open Court, and it appearing to be signed by more than 50 qualified Electors of the County, upon due consideration thereof it is now ordered that an election be held in the several Boroughs and Township of the County at the time and places fixed by law for the election of Borough and Township officers, on the the third Tuesday of February next, to ascertain by the vote of the qualified electors of the county, whether the House for the employment and support of the poor shall come under the provisions of the general law relating to Almshouses, and that the several constables of the county give notice as required by law of the time and place of such elections. The tickets to be voted shall be in the following form. "For the General law," or "Against the General law," and the heading of such tickets shall be "Almshouse," so placed thereon that the ticket on being folded the heading may alone be exposed. The result of the election so held shall by the proper officers of the said spring election be included in their return. *Per Curiam.*

N. B. Critchfield
Clerk.

Prothonatary Critchfield will please accept our thanks for kindly furnishing us with the above. Being brought under the general law" means that hereafter five Poor Directors be elected, instead of three as at present, three Republicans and two Democrats. The holding of this election is a useless and needless expense as it goes without saying that a large majority of the voters of the county will vote "Against the General Law."

The following is from the Pittsburg Sunday *Dispatch*: "On Thursday last Mrs. F. E. Hill, wife of a prominent young citizen of Greensburg, left for Pittsburg for the avowed purpose of purchasing some new carpets for their handsome new residence. It was expected that Mrs. Hill would return in the evening on the Uniontown express, which she failed to do. Her absence caused great uneasiness to her husband and friends, and the following morning, no word having been received from her, quiet inquiries were instituted among her friends in Pittsburg, but without developing any traces of the missing wife. Since that time nothing has been heard of Mrs. Hill, though telegrams have been sent to all points where it was supposed she might be. Mrs. Hill was formerly Miss Mollie Woods, and the possessor of $40,000 in her own right. She was married about three years ago. It is said that yesterday her friends discovered that securities to the amount of $22,000 are missing.

The other case of disappearance is that of J. Thornton Marchand, a young attorney, who came originally from Philadelphia. He left town Wednesday night, and since then his friends have been untiring in their efforts to find some clue to his whereabouts. The proprietors of his hotel cannot say where he is. His friends do not know, and a most diligent search by men who had business with him fails to reveal his whereabouts. Mr. Marchand is a young man of very aristocratic family, his father having been an Admiral in the navy. He has a lucrative law practice here, and was looked upon as very bright." The young husband, Mr. F. E. Hill, is the youngest son of John Hill, for many years proprietor of the Glade House at this place, and is well known in this community. Mr. J. T. Marchand, who it is supposed left in company with Mrs. Hill, spent several weeks in Somerset last summer, and is well known to many of our young men.

THE BOARD OF REVENUE COMMISSIONERS ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

Ever since the passage of the recent state tax law, the auditor general's office at Harrisburg has been flooded with inquiries, who have asked what articles are taxable and what are not, under the law. The board of revenue commissioners, consisting of W. S. Stenger, secretary of state; W. Livsey, state treasurer; Jerome B. Niles, auditor general, finally held a meeting, and determined in answering the following principal interrogatives as found below:

Are bank deposits not bearing interest but subject to check on sight, and money in hand not invested, included in the articles "all other moneyed capital?" No.

Is a dower on real estate taxable? No.

Are deposits bearing interest in national banks, saving banks and private banks taxable? Yes.

Are musical instruments, pictures, books, &c., to be regarded as household furniture? No.

Are mortgages owned by beneficial associations taxable? Yes.

Are mortgages, judgments, bonds, notes, etc., not bearing interest, taxable? Yes.

Are bonds issued by school districts taxable in the hands of the owners? Yes.

Is the stock of corporations, paying tax on capital stock to the state through the companies, taxable in the hands of the owners? Yes.

Is the stock of the New York Central railroad and other foreign corporations, owned in this state, taxable in the hands of the owners? Yes.

Can a taxable person deduct debts from the amount of his moneyed investments, and only pay tax on the net sum thus shown? No.

If A borrows money from B on a note and lends it to C on a note, are both notes taxable? Yes.

THE S. & C. STATION BURGLARS CAPTURED.

The Famous "Shenandoah Red" and His Pals in the Somerset Jail.

In our last issue we made brief mention of the fact that the Balto. and Ohio station house at this place had been broken into Monday night, the safe blown open, a number of trunks broken into, and their contents taken. Since that time the perpetrators of the crime have been apprehended, and are now in jail awaiting trial at the coming term of court. The particulars of the capture and arrest are as follows: The party numbered four, and as soon as they had finished up the last trunk they placed a handcar, used by the repairmen, that was lying along the road on the track, and started in the direction of Johnstown. Just beyond Bethel station they dispensed with the services of the car, throwing it from the track and starting across the country.

As soon as the morning train on the S. & C. road arrived at Johnstown the police authorities were notified of the burglary and Constable Waters and Officer Varner of that place, started out to work up the case. They went out the road leading to Somerset, through Davidsville. They had proceeded as far as Tyre Hill, about four miles from Johnstown, when they met a farmer, Mr. Jerome Bowman, and his wife, in a sled going toward town. They had as passengers three men, who occupied the rear part of the sled These men at once attracted Mr. Varner's attention, and, stopping the sled, he inquired of the farmer the distance to Davidsville. One of the three men instantly sprang from the sled, and, placing a revolver at Mr. Varner's breast, said: "By G—, I'll show you how far it is to Davidsville." The officer had his revolver out almost as quickly as his assailant and was about to make use of it, when one of the other men in the sled discharged a pistol at Mr. Varner, the ball taking effect in his arm, and causing him to drop his weapon.

The man that fired the shot and his companion in the sled hastily took their departure across a field and towards the woods, while Officer Varner and the constable grappled with the man who had pointed the pistol to Mr. Varner's breast, and, after a desperate struggle, during which the fellow cursed his companions for running off and leaving him, they succeeded in putting the irons on him. He was at once put in the sleigh and taken to Johnstown, where he was identified as the notorious "Shenandoah Red," well known as a burglar, robber and outlaw in police circles in all the large cities.

As soon as "Red" had been safely locked up, the officers again started out in search of his companions. On their way out of town they met Mr. Bowman and his wife on their sled. Mr. Bowman told them that the men who had escaped, in their excitement or their fright, left some packages, tied up in red handkerchiefs, on the bed of the sled. The officers took possession of the packages, and made a hasty inspection of their contents. They were found to consist of jewelry, burglars' tools, and trinkets of various kinds, some bearing the name "Shoemaker," thus furnishing incontestible evidence that the man arrested and the three fugitives were the parties guilty of the Somerset burglary.

This knowledge gave the officers increased zeal, and they proceeded on their journey with redoubled determination. After leaving the Red Bridge the party returned to the pike, where it was learned that the escaped men had taken the back track, aiming for Foust's Mills, on the line of the Somerset & Cambria Railroad. The officers returned to Mose Yoder's, not far from Davidsville, where they left the horse and sleigh, and where they obtained the services of a young man to pilot them to the point where the tramps had last been seen. They had no trouble in getting on their trail, leading through a meadow. They had gone "single file" through the snow, making but one set of footsteps, evidently to elude pursuit, until they reached a very steep and thickly wooded hillside. Here they had trampled about at will among the laurel, underbrush, and rocks. The officers finally traced them down the hillside to the bed of the Stonycreek, about four miles above the Red Bridge, and found that they had gone down the river a short distance, then returned and crossed the stream. By this time the day was closing and it was becoming very difficult to see the footprints in some places.

By the use of matches the officers followed the trail to Ingleside Station. There the footprints in the snow indicated that the fugitives had left the railroad and started across the country toward Geistown. Darkness prevented further pursuit, and the officers with the plunder they had recovered through Mr. Bowman returned to Johnstown.

After depositing the packages of plunder at the Burgess office, Chief Harris and party this time including Detective Shepherd, drove to Geistown. There it was learned that the tramps had been at Mr. Jack Watkins' hotel drinking about 7 o'clock in the evening, and had inquired the road to South Fork. The policemen then returned to the city and searched Rosie Semple's place on Prospect, and also the resorts kept by Mary Fox and Pat Nugent, the latter the tramp who was shot on Christmas day, he having since his recovery opened a den on the hill. Nothing resulted from the search of these places, and the policemen returned to the Burgess' office. There they met Jack Watkins, who had come in from Geistown and wanted officers to accompany him on a search for the tramps. Officer Stern was detailed to go with him.

It was then agreed that Watkins and Stern should proceed to Geistown and thence to South Fork by a country road, while Chief Harris and his party should go up the Pennsylvania Railroad to South Fork, both parties to meet there in case neither of them in the meantime encountered the tramps.

Chief Harris and party were furnished an engine by the Cambria Iron Company and on it went as far as East Conemaugh. There they found nine tramps, whom they examined carefully, but without finding the ones wanted. Thence they proceeded to South Fork on a freight train, arriving there at twenty minutes after three o'clock this morning. They remained there until the arrival of the Accommodation, when they boarded it and returned to Johnstown, without having succeeded in their mission.

Officer Stern and Jack Watkins had arrived in the city before the chief and his party and had brought with them the three fugitive tramps. They had captured them in Eph. Wissinger's barn about a mile from South Fork, after searching seven barns between Geistown and Wissinger's. The tramps were asleep in the haymow and Mr. Watkins, who had entered the barn first, tramped in the face of one of the men while looking for them. He warned him not to stir. The tramp said: "If you had been two minutes later you would not have taken us alive." Officer Stern and Mr. Watkins then took their pistols from them, manacled and shackled them, obtained a sled from Mr. Wissinger and brought them to town.

At the Burgess' office they were identified as John Slane, *alias* "Stifley," who said his home is at Wooster, Mass.; Charley Gatlagher, *alias* "Laughing Charley," and Edward Button, who claims to live at No. 750 Market Street, Pittsburgh, in rooms over a store. They had on their persons a few pairs of well-worn gloves and other trifling effects, including a "prayer-book.

Slane was identified by Constable Waters as the party who shot Officer Varner Tuesday at Tyre Hill, and he made an attempt in the Burgess' office to shoot Officer Swank. The officer, a young man named Henry Metz, and several others were standing near the tramps when Officer Stern, who had possession of the pistols taken from the tramps, was endeavoring to get Slane to say which one of the revolvers was his, and handed one of them to him to look at.

Slane turned the weapon toward Officer Swank and fired, but the ball struck the railing in front of the Burgess's desk and lodged there. Had it not been for the railing the ball would have taken effect in Mr. Metz's body. Slane claimed the shooting was accidental. All the revolvers are of 32 calibre. One is an "American Bull-Dog," and a common affair, and the other a Smith & Wesson.

"Shenandoah Red," who was the first one arrested, gives his name as Burns, and he says he is not the party known as "Shenandoah Red," but the officers insist that he is.

Burgess Storey made a careful inspection of the packages which the tramps left in Mr. Bowman's sled, and took a note of all the articles in each one.

One of the packages contained one pair sleeve buttons, with three sets; one sleeve button with white stone; two diamond studs; three small medals; two necklaces, one with pearl and one with stone; one gold ring, with set; one plain ring; one charm; cotton handkerchief maked "Shoemaker;" two silk handkerchief with letter "S;" one Japanese silk handkerchief; pipe and cigar-smoker; one bottle St. Jacob's Oil; one silk scarf; one pair shoes.

Another package contained five silk handkerchiefs; one silk scarf; two string necktie; one tobacco pouch, one perfume satchel; one gold watch key; one drinking case and cup; heart pin-cushion; one pair gold bracelets; two watch chains; one set burglars' tools—drills, bits, powder-flask, etc.; one pair of pants maked "Shoemaker;" $2 57 in leather pouch; one brass check, No. 1 484.

In the third package there were one coat and vest marked "Shoemaker;" one leather note book; powder flask; two diamond shirt studs; one plain gold ring; one gold ring with letter "S;" one gold bicycle pin; one bundle of fuse; one necklace; one gold chain; one diagonal breast-pin, set with three rubies; ladies' bracelets; one set ring; part of necklace or charm; one plain gold ring; one collar-button.

Wednesday morning Constable S. P. Snyder, with warrants issued on information of Agent Lambert charging the prisoners with burglary, went down to Johnstown and returned on the noon train with three of them in charge. The Johnstown officers who made the arrest assisted him in bringing the prisoners. Edward Button *alias* "Dutchy," the fourth member of the gang, was not brought with his companions as he was wanted in New York, where he has since been taken, on a charge of murder. The *Tribune* says that the officers, with their prisoners, were followed to the Johnstown station when they left for Somerset, by a crowd of at least five hundred people, anxious to get a glimpse of the now notorious tramps. On their arrival here they were met at the station by a crowd nearly as large, and there were crowds all along the streets leading to the justice's office, where the party at once wended their way, all eager to get a glance at the burglars. 'Squire Hicks, before whom they were taken, promptly committed them to jail where they are now lodged in the "iron" cell. They demanded a hearing which will be given them by Justice Hicks to-day, Wednesday.

The prediction is freely indulged in that when the time for their trial arrives the defendants will not be present, as the disgraceful old nuisance called by courtesy a "jail" will not hold them if they desire to escape. The County Commissioners, however, are determined to do what they can to keep them till wanted, and with this in view have employed several watchmen who are constantly on duty, night and day. It is reasonably safe, therefore, to presume that these three daring outlaws will have justice meted out to them at the next Court of Oyer and Terminer, unless, indeed, the foulness and stench of the old building in which they are confined, with twelve others, should breed disease that would send them before a higher court before they are called for trial in the court below.

Two suspicious looking characters have been seen in the neighborhood of the jail several times since the burglars have been confined there, and the other night tracks were found in the snow all around the back part of the building. By some it is thought that these parties are friends of the prisoners and are meditating assisting them to escape. The Sheriff chased these strangers off the jail grounds Friday night.

A friend at our elbow suggests that possibly they were foreign contractors who had heard of our need of a new jail and were quietly taking a survey of the ground, so as to have some knowledge of it in the event they were given an opportunity to put in a bid for a new structure.

Two detectives from Wheeling, West Virginia, arrived in Somerset on the morning train Thursday. They went directly to the jail and asked Sheriff Winters to allow them to have a look at "Shenandoah Red" and his companions. They at once recognized them as the parties who are wanted at Wheeling for committing a fifteen hundred dollar burglary at that place a few weeks since.

ED. HERALD.—Probably a few items from our part of the country might be desirable to some of your many readers. Minden is a thrifty town situate along the C. R. I. & P. R. R., 28 miles east of Council Bluffs, and is in the midst of a good farming country, and there is always a good demand for all kind of produce and grain. It has a population of 600 and has 3 dry goods and grocery stores, three hardware and furniture stores, three grain elevators besides three different grain buyers, a couple hotels, saloons, restaurants, blacksmith shops, etc. The town has made rapid progress in the last year, and is one of the best business places along the line of the C. R. I. & P. R. R., (according to its size.) This is not only a corn growing country but also grain and vegetables are raised here; only I have not yet heard of one that could raise as big a pumpkin as they did in Brothersvalley Twp., Somerset county Pa., of which NOW AND THEN spoke of in one of his items last fall.

Timber is not to be found here, only what farmers have planted in their groves; and I have not seen any stones since I am here, with the exception of what were shipped here; although lumber, coal, and rock can be bought at reasonable prices. Coal is selling from $4.50 to $10 per ton; corn from 24 to 26 cents per bushel.

Sod houses are no more to be seen; instead you see nice, comfortable frame dwellings—yet a few of the poorer class live in small frame shanties. Land is selling at from $35 to $150 per acre.—This is a very healthy country; I am healthier since I live here than I ever have been before. Doctors are complaining of not having much business.

This town is inhabited mostly by Germans from Holstein, Germany; four Pennsylvania families live here, viz: J. H. Yoder, from Somerset Co.; R. A. Benson, from Lancaster Co.; Dr. M. J. Wayland and myself from Somerset county. The former is engaged in the mercantile business, Mr. B. is tending the telegraph and ticket office, Doc. is practicing medicine and is a first class Doctor only there are not enough people sick to give him continual work, and, I have been working behind the counter the two years that I am here.

We have had the nicest kind of weather till the 8th of January, when it commenced to snow and was very blustery for about a week when it turned cold and the mercury ranges from zero to 38 degrees below ever since.

Yes, and I must not forget the Editor, for the HERALD is received every Friday evening as a welcome guest; enclosed find payment for another year's subscription.

Yours Respectfully,
E. L. YODER.

Minden, Ia., Jan'y 26, 1886.

ED. HERAD:—After reading in your paper of the 27th inst., a letter from Dr. H. C. McKinley, of Meyersdale, making suggestions, &c., as to the proper and best method of getting out of the trouble, into which the Republicans of Somerset county have been placed by an amendment, and a failure to hold a primary last June; your comment upon the sameand your suggestions. I beg leave to also express an opinion and make a suggestion.

The Republican papers of Somerset county have no more authority, under the rules, to call a mass meeting for business purposes, than the most humble voter in the county. The expective candidates have less, and the late committeemen still less, because the latter can not be their own successors and their term of office is limited to one year.

At present there is no one authorized to receive fees, to announce the names of candidates who seek a nomination under the rules, to make contracts for the payment of the necessary expenses; and for the furnishing and distributing of the tickets to committeemen in the various precincts. The rules of the party are inoperative, and a dead letter, and cannot be made operative without first abolishing the provisions of the amendment, disfranchising the Republican voters in the election of a Chairman. Any effort to restore them, under the rules would be like an engineer trying to run his engine by blowing air into the smokestack.

The rules, before they were amended, were self perpetuating and satisfactory to the majority of the voters, but unfortunately they could not be left alone, but had to be amended so as to make them inoperative under the present contingency, and unfair and unequal under the most favorable circumstances. The amendment makes the holding of the annual primary indispensable in order to continue the party organization, because it abolishes the annual business meeting and makes the office of Chairman non elective by the voters of the party.

It goes farther and makes the unsuccessful candidate pay the general campaign expenses for his successful opponent. This is unequal and unfair, if not dishonorable. When a candidate, for the nomination in the party, under the rules, pays the required fee for the announcing of his name and the distribution of tickets he feels as if he was either being imposed upon, or that some one else is being cheated. If successful he is the winner of a part of his unsuccessful opponents money. If not succeseful he is the victim. The failure to hold an election under the rules, last June leaves the party unorganized for the present and the fact might as well be admitted at once. The remedy is what most concerns us. A nomination, without first restoring the organization, would not be binding upon the party.

There being no one in the county authorized to call a meeting, would it not be best for Thos. V. Cooper to call a meeting of the Republicans of the county and let them organize by selecting a Chairman and by adopting such rules as they may see proper.

B. A FICHTNER.

Confluence, Pa. Jan'y 30.

MARRIED

MILLER—HEMMINGER.—On the 28th of January at the residence of officiating minister, by Rev. I. C. Johnson, Mr. John C. Miller, to Miss Clara A. Hemminger, both of Jefferson Township.

KANTNER—WEIMER.—On January 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Eld. Peter Vogel, Mr. Samuel H. Kantner and Miss Lottie Weimer, both of Somerset, Pa.

BUCKMAN—MEYERS.—On the evening of the 31st of January, at the Lutheran parsonage at New Centreville, Pa., by Rev. J. H. Zinn, Mr. Samuel Buckman, Proprietor of the Merchants Hotel, and Mrs. Mary A. E. Meyers, both of Rockwood, Somerset Co., Pa.

NELSON—BLOUGH.—On Tuesday, January 19, 1886, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. John Nelson to Miss Julia H. Blough, both of near Somerset.

HEIPLE—STAHL.—On Thursday, January 21, 1886, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by the same, Mr. Charles H. Heiple to Miss Mary Stahl, both of near Somerset.

SNYDER—MOWRY.—On Thursday, January 28, 1886, at the residence of the bride's mother, by Rev. J. J Welch, Mr. Joseph J. Snyder to Miss Mary C. Mowry, both of Somerset County, Pa.

DIED.

HUSBAND.—Miss Sarah Hill, was born at Nineveh, now Seward, Westmoreland co., Pa., July 17, 1821, married to David Husband January 1840, united with the Disciple Church, about 1846, and died of a combination of rheumatism and heart trouble, Jan. 19, 1886.

BROUCHER.—On the 29th of January, near Kingwood, Somerset County, Pa., Mr. Samuel Broucher, aged 48 years, 8 months and 27 days.

SOMERSET MARKET.

Corrected by COOK & BERKITS.

DEALERS IN

CHOICE GROCERIES, FLOUR & FEED

Apples, dried, ℔ lb	2@4
Applebutter, ℔ gal	40@50c
Bran, ℔ 100 lbs	$1 00
Butter (roll)	18c
Buckwheat ℔ bush	40@50c
" meal, 100 lbs	1.20@1 25
Beeswax ℔ lb	25c
Bacon, shoulders, ℔ lb	8c
" sides, "	10c
" country hams ℔ lb	10@12c
Corn, (ear) new ℔ bushel	50@60c
" (shelled) old "	50@60c
" meal ℔ lb	2c
Calf skins, ℔ lb	6c
Eggs, ℔ doz	20c
Flour, ℔ bbl	$5 50
Flaxseed, ℔ bu. (60 lb)	75c
Hams, (sugar-cured) ℔ lb	12c
Lard, ℔ lb	10c
Leather, red sole, ℔ lb	30@33c
" upper, "	45@70c
" kip, "	75@80c
Middlings, and chop 100 lbs	$1 25@$1 50
Oats, ℔ bu	35@40c
Potatoes, ℔ bu (new)	30@40c
Peaches, dried, ℔ lb	8@10c
Rye	65@75
Rags, ℔ lb	1c
Salt, No. 1, ℔ bbl, extra	$1 50
" Ground Alum, per sack	$1 25
" Ashton, per sack	$3 50