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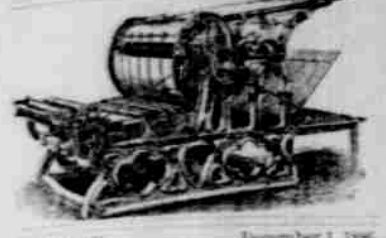


Illustration of a turkey, likely related to the Thanksgiving article.

There are some wild turkeys on Mount Moriah and other ridges, but they are very wild, and not few of them have been shot.

The storm in this section very severe last week, but did very little damage, with the exception of blowing down a lot of fences and some timber.

Winter has commenced, the snow at this point being from a foot to fourteen inches in depth, with plenty of mud under it, making locomotion very disagreeable.

Joseph Priest says that the very best Christmas present that a man can make to his wife, sister or daughter is an improved White Sewing Machine, or a Barlett Sewing Machine.

There have recently been several fine monuments put up in the Union cemetery at this place. This cemetery has no doubt more fine monuments and tombstones in it than any other cemetery in the county.

William Walker's business has slacked up some, and he is now ready and waiting for that young man who has made up his mind to have a good custom-made suit to wear in the holiday week.

Mr. W. R. Sanner purchased the Coal Hill Farm, lying south-west of the borough, from Mr. Landrick Brown, Monday morning.

The Herald added ten new subscribers to its list in one week last week, and it wasn't a good week for advertising either.

The introduction of natural gas into the mines of Johnstown, Pa., will result in the discharge of about five hundred men.

Mr. C. H. Fisher, the Somerset news dealer, spent several days last week in Pittsburgh, laying in a stock of holiday goods.

The noble army of patriots who are willing to serve their country to the last drop of blood and follow at Harrisburg this winter is daily increasing.

The peach crop is extremely ruined. This was some pressure, but we want to get there on time this winter; we were away behind last year.

The annual newspaper and magazine progressions has arrived. Some of the best reading matter published in the country is advertised in our columns this week.

A great many of our country neighbors come to town to do their shopping. The shopping was not first-class, but locomotion on railroads was not on a par with what it used to be.

Laying brick with the snow coming down like a blanket and the mercury freezing the mud is rather a hard business, but this is what the contractor did on General O'Neil's new house several days last week.

There were not so many people present at the Union Thanksgiving service Thursday morning as there should have been. The very disagreeable weather, to doubt, kept many persons at home who would have otherwise been present.

The festival held by the ladies of the Episcopal church Thursday and Friday evenings, was quite a success, financially. The net proceeds amounted to considerably over one hundred dollars, sufficient to pay off the debt on the persons.

John F. Duncanson, Bedford county murderer, was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for a period of eleven years and six months. The jury deliberated for twelve hours, when they delivered on a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree.

The approaching December court will present a fine opportunity to those of our country neighbors who are in arrears to other being or with a neighbor of the amount of their indebtedness. We hope every one owing as to the Herald will avail themselves of this chance.

The barn of Albert Berkley, situated in Paint township, two miles above Sayle, Pa., was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning, the loss estimated at \$10,000. The barn, except the fire stack, was consumed. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, in which there is an insurance of \$800 in the Kittingham Company.

We are in receipt of cards autographing the marriage of Mr. Edward F. Coffin, of Ligonier, to Miss Estella K. Conover, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Conover, of Jenner S. Road. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on Thursday, November 23, 1886. The Herald extends its hearty congratulations to the happy young couple.

A race on the north branch road freight track, on the 8 & C. Railroad, jumped the track near Kaufman's run Thursday morning, and was seriously wrecked as to blocking the track and necessitating the transfer of passengers on the main train. All trains were delayed several hours, and the mail from the west was not brought to Somerset till the following day.

County Superintendent W. C. Miller has announced that the coming Teachers' Institute, at this year's close, Mr. Weller's series of officers this will be the last institute that will have the management of and he is naturally anxious that it should be a success. The program he has mapped out we think he can carry out on any day.

During the past week Clerk Stader has issued marriage licenses to the following named persons:

James Thomas, of Commonwealth Township, and Lizzie Horner, of Jenner Township.

Theodore G. Rayman, of Bristow Township, and Annie S. Miller, of Somerset Township.

George Swanson and Annie Mary Fay, both of Summit Township.

William Lutz of Sande Township, and Annie K. Kinner, of Jenner Township.

James A. Smith, of Somerset Township, and Roy A. Smith, of Northampton Township.

P. L. Gieseler, Manager Somerset News, has secured Miss Kate Casselman for December 23d. This is one of the very best newspaper women that is ever been in Somerset, Pa. He is bound to give her a guarantee of \$200. We hope the people of Somerset and vicinity will appreciate his efforts for good attendance. The following is from the Clinton Leader on the subject of the association:

American stage-boys who can be compared with the great John, that woman Kate Casselman. " " " It has been reserved for her to attain to eminence among the great artists of the age."

The notes of the Somerset Athletic Association were formally opened Thursday evening. The association numbers about fifty young men, and the season are fixed up in most attractive style, with horizontal bars, parallel bars, trapeze, swinging rings, swinging triangles, sand bags, holding gloves, Indian clubs, dumb bells and other devices for healthful exercise and the development of manhood. The team in charge of the junior, who is constantly in attendance and is well lighted and comfortably seated. A large clock and watch runs adjust the exercise time, which opens into a smoking and reading room. The rules of the association prohibit betting, gambling, gaming and profanity, and no smoking is allowed in the exercise room.

Every week this valuable periodical presents whatever is new in the world of science, art and manufactures. Full of practical information and directions to the thoughtful and only what has been ascertained, but also suggests the possibilities still to be revealed. For forty years Munn & Co. have conducted this paper in connection with the procuring patents for new inventions. The Scientific American is authority on all scientific and mechanical subjects, and should be in every household. Copies of the paper may be seen at this office, and subscriptions received.

Dr. J. B. Hoffman, D.D., is a resident dentist, Somerset, Pa., can be found daily at his dental rooms in Bar's Block. Everything pertaining to the profession, promptly done by late and approved methods.

Wanted: Hide, Fox, Park. I will pay the highest cash price for all kinds of hides, pelts and skins. I also want 100 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark. H. C. CENKINER.

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