The Somerset Herald.

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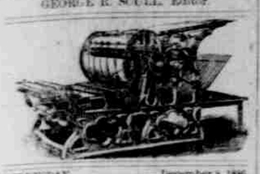

WEDNESDAY.....December 8, 1886.

Celery is crisp and good.

The overcoat is on the outside now.

All attention at Benford's Drug Store.

Christmas Goods at Benford's Drug Store.

The little folks are already talking Christmas.

The December term of court begins on the 13th.

Call on George the clerk at Benford's Drug Store.

The Chrysanthimums are now the popular bouquet.

Go see the Grand display at Benford's Drug Store.

Toboggan caps are all the rage with the fair sex.

The average tramp will take anything except a bath.

The matrimonial mill is running very regular just now.

Tuesdays and Wednesdays are the favorite wedding days.

Progressive euchre promises to be popular again this winter.

All Silverware sold by E. McDowell engraved free of charge.

Only bargain in lamps at the New York 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store.

Hon. B. F. Meyers is a candidate for the postmastership of Harrisburg.

The prospectuses of the leading papers and magazines continue to come in.

Finest line of Goods at Benford's Drug store ever brought to Somerset.

A cold contracted now may last all winter. Don't be in a hurry to catch one.

Local dealers are preparing to meet what promises to be a lively holiday trade.

Go and see the large lot of Holiday Goods at the New York Store, Somerset, Pa.

The young man will soon be looking up a new set of resolutions for the New Year.

Just received at E. McDowell's, for the Holidays, a fine lot of Roger's Plated Ware.

Evil company has been the ruin of many a boy who started in life with the best intentions.

Signor Gix has canceled his engagement to lecture before the teachers' institute at Greensburg.

An exchange says that chloride of lime is an infallible discourager of rats, as they flee from its odor as from a pestilence or a cat.

The New York 5, 10 and 25 Cent Store is having large trade now in Holiday Goods, next door to Miller's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

The true hero is the man who dare tell his wife the whole truth when he comes home after the regular time. But such heroes are mighty scarce.

A contemporary says: "A business man with no advertisement in the paper, reminds us of a bumblebee without a stinger. He is only half equipped for business."

Some fellow says the reason a man seldom returns a borrowed umbrella, is this: When the weather is dry he thinks the owner doesn't need it, and when it is wet he needs it himself.

At Weifley's Book Store will be found the most complete assortment of Family Bibles ever brought to town. Also, a great variety of Pocket Bibles and Teachers' Bibles, in Fine Bindings.

Some of the boys who roam the streets until late at night should be at home hours before they can be found there. Police interference should be called into requisition for the benefit of the future of the boys.

We have on hand a large number of good brick which we will sell in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices very reasonable. Yard opposite the planing mill.

HOLLBROOK BROS. & PARSON.

The Chambersburg *Repository* has been sold at Sheriff's sale to H. Gehr and Thad M. Maloy. The former proprietors, John H. and A. Nevin Pomeroy, have leased it and will continue to publish it.

Four pairs of Men's Heavy Pure Woolen Socks sent postpaid to any address on receipt of One Dollar. M. L. TAUBER,
Manufacturer of Hosiery,
Gladdens, Somerset Co., Pa.

Two hundred fewer loads of coal were weighed on the borough scales at Johnstown last month than in the corresponding month of 1885, and the record for this month will show a much larger falling off. This is the result of the introduction of natural gas.

At Benfords drug store can be seen one of the largest and best selected stock of Holiday Goods ever brought to Somerset. Here you can buy your Christmas presents from the most trifling to the most expensive. Call and see our stock. G. W. BENFORD & SON.

Farmers, in fact all men residing in the rural districts, should beware of strangers who approach them with projects and plans of any sort. Report shows organized gangs of swindlers are roaming through the country trying to make money in one way or another.

Late statistics show that there are 15,385 licensed houses where strong drink is sold in Pennsylvania. The range is from none in Butler, Forest, Huntingdon, Greene, Indiana and Potter, and one in Washington county, to 4,157 in Philadelphia and 2,683 in Allegheny.

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In rural districts women should not be left alone, unless protected by a watch-dog or a revolver. Scarcely a day passes but that the papers contain accounts of depredations committed by villainous tramps in the sparsely settled districts. Country people should be protected from these raving wretches.

MEAT MARKET.—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.

LIME, PLASTER, CEMENT.—Car load in Stock and we quote as follows:

Best White Lime ₱ barrel	$1.25
Akron Cement ₱ barrel	$1.75
Portland Cement ₱ barrel	$4.00
Calcined Plaster ₱ barrel	$2.50

Somerset, Pa., June 16, 1886. Respectfully, COOK & BEERITS.

The danger arising from a thoughtless custom among school children is illustrated by the following from an exchange: A boy fifteen years old traded chewing gum with a companion who had diphtheria. He contracted the disease and died, and from him his father, his brother and two younger children have contracted it, the wife and mother being the only one of the family not thus afflicted.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

To Dealers we quote as follows by the box:

Lorillard's "Climax"	42c
" "Army and Navy"	40c
" "Splendid"	38c
" "Canary"	33c
" "Tip Top"	31c
" "Magnie"	30c
Venable's "Vinco"	51c
Good Tobies, ₱ 100	90c
Good Cigars, ₱ 100	$1.10

Cash orders only (less 2 per cent.) Solicited.
Respectfully,
COOK & BEERITS.
Somerset, Pa., June 16, 1886.

Court next week.

Christmas is only a little over two weeks off.

The mercury dropped down to below zero several mornings last week.

Mr. W. T. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale, paid a business visit to the county seat Monday.

Prof. Fred Graf, principal of the Meyersdale public schools, was in Somerset Saturday.

The indications are favorable for a lively holiday trade. Local dealers are laying in large stocks to meet it.

The great Gilmore band, of New York, will appear at the Johnstown oper house on the evening of the 17th.

The borough lockup is not much used these days. An occasional drunk is given quarters there over night.

The sleighing was excellent Sunday, and was taken advantage of by almost every one who had a team, or could hire or borrow one.

Another slight fire occurred in the S. & C. Station house at Johnstown Friday evening. The damage amounted to about five hundred dollars.

The anticipations of the jolly holiday season are dispelling the recollections of the Thanksgiving feast. Santa Claus is the coming king.

Altoona last week paid over to a Mr. Lutz, who some time ago fell through a defective board walk and broke his leg, the handsome sum of $3,750.

Dr. Hostetter says that no work will be done on the South Penn road until the reorganization, which will take place before the first of the year.

Dr. A. J. Endsley and family last week moved from Johnstown into their handsome new residence, recently purchased from Mrs. Kiernan, on Main street.

Work on the several new dwelling houses in course of construction in Somerset has been discontinued, on account of the extremely cold weather of the past week.

The good sleighing Saturday brought an unusually large number of people to town. The principal streets of the town were thronged with sleds and sleighs all day long.

The ice on the dam and ponds below town is frozen to a thickness of from ten to twelve inches. Owners of ice houses have already commenced to store away a supply for next summer's consumption.

The regular term of criminal court begins on Monday next. The cases returned so far are of the most ordinary character. The District Attorney will have about twenty-five bills to lay before the grand jury.

The programmes for the forthcoming Teachers' Institute were printed in the HERALD job rooms last week, and although we say it as shouldn't, it is the best executed specimen of artistic printing ever attempted in Somerset county.

Mr. S. W. Bowman writing us under date of Nov. 27th, from Forest Hill, Placer county, California says: "We are having very nice warm weather; just rain enough to lay the dust. There are plenty apples on the trees and plenty grapes on the vines."

T. T. Everett, D. D., will lecture on Monday evening of Institute week, on the "Winning Side of Life." Rev. A. A. Willits, Tuesday evening, on "On the Wing, or a Summer's Flight Over the Sea." Rev. Joseph Cook, Wednesday evening, on "Ultimate America." Hon. R. G. Horr, Thursday evening, on "The Labor Problem."

John P. Reed, Esq., and the heirs of the late William P. Lyon, Esq., the owners of the White Sulphur Springs at Bedford, have contracted for the erection of a large hotel on the Springs property. The building will be two stories in height, one hundred feet long by thirty-two feet wide, and will be surrounded by a ten-foot porch. The work is to be completed by May 1st.

The predictions of a mild winter which some weather prophets indulged in, are not being carried out by the behavior of the weather. There has not been a season in many years in which the temperature has so early shown winter characteristics as it has during the past ten days. Two severe snow storms and several mornings with the thermometer down nearly to zero, look like anything but the beginning of a mild winter.

Mr. Albert Walter, while cutting straw in his father's stable Monday morning, met with an accident that came within an ace of costing him two of the fingers of his left hand. He was running the machine quite rapidly, when the feeder became clogged, and in attempting to remove the obstruction his left hand was drawn under the knives, and two of the fingers were almost entirely severed from the hand. The coarse, heavy gloves that he had on saved the fingers from being cut entirely off.

Before purchasing their Christmas presents, our readers will find it greatly to their advantage to first consult the HERALD advertising columns, and then make their purchases. The merchants who have sufficient enterprise to lay in a stock of really choice Christmas goods, and who will sell them on a fair margin all advertise in the HERALD, and you cannot only find a much larger stock of goods to choose from, but can save money by patronizing those merchants whose advertisements are to be found in the HERALD.

The farm implements, stock, etc., belonging to Mr. Kaufman were sold Friday at his late home, near Davidsville. One hundred and twenty-two articles were sold inside of three hours. They brought $969. Mr. Kaufman's old sleigh, which was the first vehicle of the kind in Conemaugh Township, and was about sixty-five years of age, brought sixty-five cents. It had been used constantly, with slight repairs, by Mr. Kaufman ever since it was built.

The shares of stock in the turnpike from Johnstown through Stoystown to Somerset, sold for sixty cents and sixty and a-half cents on the dollar. The shares were $100 each.

A young son of Mr. Jonathan Rhoads, of Somerset township, met with an accident while out hunting Saturday, that came near costing him one of his legs. He had his gun charged with bird-shot, when, thinking he might strike some larger game, he put a charge of buckshot in on top of the original load. After scouring through the woods for some time he espied a cotton-tail, and started in pursuit of it. The rabbit ran into its hole, when the young man tried to stir it out with the stock of his gun. In doing this the gun was discharged, and its contents took effect in the fleshy part of the young man's leg. Dr. Brubaker is attending him, and thinks he can save the leg from amputation.

Miss Kate Castleton is poaching upon Lotta's preserves as a "dramatic cocktail." Her acting is like a champagne fizz—very delightful. Of course she is a success. Her cunning ways, her funny songs and vivacious comedies are enough to start an audience laughing and to keep it laughing for an entire evening. Miss Castleton's play of "Crazy Patch" is appropriately named, being a hotch-potch of songs, dances and amusing situations. It is merely a series of opportunities for giving new versions of popular airs and burlesques of standard times. Therefore it delighted the large audience which attended its presentation last night at the Grand Opera House and created a degree of enthusiasm which will keep people going to see Kate Castleton all week.—*St. Louis Republican.*

The above Company will appear in the Somerset Opera House, Thursday evening, Dec. 23d. P. L. Casebeer, Manager of the Opera House insures the people of Somerset and vicinity that this is one of the finest Companies now on the American stage, and, all that fail to attend will miss a grand treat. Tickets will be on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Furnishing Store after the 15th. Admission, 75, 50 and 35 cents. Reserved seats, 75 cts.

The vacancy caused by the death of District Attorney Stayer, of Bedford, will be filled by appointment by the Court. The appointee will hold the appointment until the 1st of January, 1888, the end of the term for which Mr. Stayer was elected.

The near approach of Christmas has awakened an interest in our people who desire to make selections of Holiday gifts, and, as usual the point of greatest interest is at the Drug Store of C. N. Boyd. His stock is large and has been selected with special care, and, if handsome goods and low prices will sell them, we speak for Mr. Boyd an exceptional Holiday trade this season.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remaining in the Postoffice at Somerset will be sent to the Dead Letter office if not called for within ten days from this date, November 8, 1886:

Boyd, Ella; Benson, Henry; Boyd, S. A.; Griffith, A. M.; Jackson, Charles; Long, Harvey S.; Marshall, E. H.; McClintock, John P.; Slagle, Carrie; Shumaker, Miss Susan; Spurgin, James M.; Scheide, Val.; Tipton, Jacob; Trent, Mollie; Wood, Maggie R.; Waserman, Karl.

J. K. COVERODE, P. M.

Record Your Deeds.

It is a fact not generally known by the owners of real estate throughout Somerset county, that the law provides that all deeds and other conveyances which shall be made and executed within this province, and which shall not be recorded in the proper office within six months after the execution thereof, shall be considered fraudulent and void against any subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for a valuable consideration. It is therefore very important that all freeholders see that their title papers are properly recorded.

Remarkable Journalistic Success!

The Pittsburgh TIMES during the past year, by a liberal expenditure of money and ceaseless energy in all its departments, has worked its way to the head of the list of one-cent papers in the country, and is fully as good and complete a newspaper as any of its more expensive contemporaries in this State. Its news-gatherers cover every important occurrence, foreign and domestic; its editorials are able and fearless; its market reports corrected daily by experts in every line, and what is especially commendable—everything of an objectionable character is excluded from its columns. THE TIMES is in every respect a first-class family paper, and we take pleasure in referring to its success and recommending it to our patrons. It is mailed to any address for $3.00 a year; by the month, 25 cents.

Scribner's Magazine.

Nothing in current literature can be more interesting than ex-Minister Washburne's article on the downfall of the French Empire—which it is to appear in the first number of *Scribner's Magazine*, to be published on December 15th next. When it is remembered that Mr. Washburne was the only minister of any leading nation who had the courage to remain in Paris during the siege and the Commune and while the Republic was being established, it may be well imagined that the story he has to tell of the experience is of remarkable historic value. Mr. Washburne has told his story simply, with charming *naiveté*, concisely; and nothing in periodical literature will attract a greater attention, or appeal to a larger number of readers, than the papers the ex-Minister to France has contributed to the opening numbers of *Scribner's Magazine.*

The Short Days of Winter.

The shortest days of the year are gradually crawling upon us. Though short now, especially the afternoons, daylight will be curtailed still further until the 21st of this month, when after a standstill of some days it will again begin to lengthen. Pretty near all the northern half of the planet is now turned so far away from the sun that we who live in this part of what is by a pleasant fiction called the temperate zone, only get his life-giving beams at such an angle that we lose most of his heat-giving power, as well as of his light, notwithstanding that we are two or three million miles nearer to him than we are in the long, bright and heated days of June. Then he smiles down upon us from a position almost vertical, while at present he shines, if at all, from a point low down in the south.

A Word to Parents.

An exchange contains the following for parents who have children of school age: "One of the greatest drawbacks to the success of our common school system is the irregular attendance of many pupils. In every school there are children who attend by fits and starts, who are at their places to-day and absent to-morrow. At the end of the term they are decidedly behind their more punctual fellows, and the responsibility is almost invariably put on the unfortunate teacher. Parents who permit their children to absent themselves from school upon the most trivial pretext, are generally the most severely critical in their attitude toward teachers. They do not seem to remember that the children have only been in the schools semi-occasionally, or if they do remember it, they esteem it as a fact that a child who is irregular in his attendance will make as much progress. Parents ought to remember this and improve in this respect. Send your children to school every day, and you will be agreeably surprised at the result."

Husband Items.

The sleighing at present is excellent, and everybody seems to be making good use of the snow.

We have had very cold weather for the past week, and the roads are considerably drifted with snow.

The school at this place is in a very flourishing condition. There is a very large attendance, and the teacher is meeting with flattering success. A spelling school will be next in order.

This being the season of the year when our sportsmen are out after deer and wild turkeys, our local Nimrods spend most of their time in the woods in search of this game. As yet, however, we have not heard of any being captured.

A protracted meeting has been in progress at this place for the past four weeks, resulting in a number of conversions, of which nearly all have been added to the church. Owing to the bad roads, the attendance was not as large as it otherwise would have been, but a good spiritual interest was manifested.

OCCASIONAL.

HUSBAND, Pa., December 4, 1886.

Jennertown Items.

Plenty of snow in this section of country. Sleighing is excellent which is highly enjoyed by every one possessing horse and cutter.

Game is plenty and is brought to town daily. Our friend J. O. Rauch shot a fine buck this week, also a brace of grouse. Wild turkeys are seen in droves.

W. F. Gaul the boss painter and decorator is home at present and is pushing work on his elegant new house.

"Ginseng" John is the boss blacksmith of our town. He is the mate of the famous "Mormon" Tom of Hangman's Gulch.

Our school is in a flourishing condition, under the able management of the teacher, Prof. Williamson, truly a worthy gentleman.

E. B. Kautz, of Kautz Brothers, will erect a very fine residence the coming spring, and has already commenced the foundation. Our Burgess is becoming quite a dude. There's "something in the air."

The Lutheran Church of this place will, as usual, celebrate Christmas by having a Christmas tree, in connection with a children' service. This congregation, one of the largest in the county, is in a prosperous condition, due to the untiring efforts of the Rev. S. S. Stoutler, who has labored in this place for a number of years. The congregation has purchased an elegant Burdette organ from the agent, Joseph Crist, and have organized a choir, which is led by Prof. D. Wiand, of this place. JUNIOR.

For Sale.

A good heating stove. Enquire at this office.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

By the Can, Quart or Stew, at W. H Platt's, Basement of Cook & Beerits' Block.

Grand Opening of Holiday Goods.

December 1, 2, 3, and 4 the Grand Opening of Holiday Goods will take place at Fisher's Book Store. Come every one and take in their gorgeous display at Fisher's Book Store.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Pay Your Tax.

An additional five per cent. will be charged on all borough tax not paid on or before December 7, 1886, on all county tax not paid on or before January 5th, 1887, and on all school tax not paid on or before February 5d, 1887.

HENRY KERGER,
Tax Collector for Somerset Borough.

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

During this week I will show the largest and best selected stock of Holiday goods in town, consisting of dolls, toys, ornamental goods, fancy goods, hosiery, gloves, jewelry, ladies' silk handkerchiefs and mufflers, gents' silk handkerchiefs and mufflers, leggins, wool hoods, art work, shawls, ladies' wraps, veiling, neckwear, kid gloves, cashmere gloves, corsets, skirting, etc., etc. It will pay you to see my line of goods before making your selections.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Taxpayers, Take Notice!

An additional five per cent. will be charged on all State and County Tax not paid on or before January 11, 1887, and on all School Tax not paid on or before the 9th of February, 1887.

HERMAN STAHL,
Collector.

Selling at Cost.

Having had a much larger sale of Ladies' and Childrens' Wraps up to this time than at any previous season, I will sell the balance of my stock at cost, to cash buyers. I still have a very fine line of Ladies' Short Coats, Dolmans, Newmarkets and Circulars, and a fine line of Childrens' Wraps, all of which will be sold at Cost. Prices as low as they would be after Christmas. You can have a good choice now. I must have the room for Christmas goods.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

The Kind of Winter We May Expect

We have collected the predictions of a number of reliable weather prophets, and lay them before our readers, so they may know what kind of weather is in store for us this winter.

The most severe winter ever experienced.

The mildest winter known for many years.

There will be more snow storms than usually experienced in this latitude.

There will be very little snow.

The winter will be a very wet one on account of the frequent and heavy falls of rain.

The frost will penetrate fifty two feet into the ground, and delay plowing fully a month.

Farmers will be enabled to do their plowing six weeks earlier than usual, as the frosts will be light and soon leave the ground.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.

Many Sunday-schools are puzzled to know just where to go to get wax candles, candle holders, gilt papers, and other ornaments for Christmas trees. Everybody is hereby notified that at Fisher's Book Store everything of the kind can be obtained. At Fisher's Book Store Sunday-school teachers and scholars will also find a large variety of Bibles, Testaments, reward cards, chromos, Christmas cards, and a very large stock of elegant books, large and small, cheap and handsome, suitable for Holiday gifts. If you want pretty and cheap Holiday gifts go to Fisher's Book Store.

A Soldid Gold Watch Free.

We have the prettiest lot of Sunday-school, Reward, Christmas and Visiting cards of any house in the trade. To introduce samples at once, we make this liberal offer: The person telling us the longest verse in the Bible before Christmas will receive a lady's watch worth $60; Solid Gold, Hunting Case, Stem Winding. If there be more than one correct answer the second will receive a a gentleman's watch, solid Silver, Stem Winding, Hunting case; the third an Open Face Silver Nickel Watch. Enclose 24 cents in stamps with your answer, for which we will send you a pack of samples of our lovely cards, price list, agents' terms, a Christmas book, over 150 illustrations, and a plain gold ring, made from heavy 18K, pure rolled gold plate. We warrant every one for five years. You must write at once to W. C. Griswold & Co., Lock Box 40, Centerbrook, Conn.

Stop at Fisher's Book Store.

And take a look through the immense and handsome display of nice goods for Holiday Gifts.

NOVELTIES, RARE WARES AND CURIOS.

Books in Sets, Books of Poetry, Books of Prose, Books of Travel and Adventure, Elegantly bound and handsome gift books, toy books for the little ones, and interesting valuable and instructive books for the boys and girls. Teachers' bibles, family bibles and handsome testaments, albums, picture frames, plaques, decorated, painted and plain, writing desks, card cases, wall pockets, easels, hand painted ornaments, wisp holders, Christmas and New Year cards and novelties, scrap books and pictures, fancy ink stands, fancy match safes, paper weights, gold pens and holders, pencils, ladies and gents first class pocket books, box papers, also, a well selected assortment of toys.

A Fine Display of Holiday Goods at Weifley's Book Store.

Now ready for inspection, a fine line of Christmas Goods in Plush, Leather, Bronze, &c., consisting in part of Cuff and Collar Boxes, Fine Writing Desks, Fine Writing Paper in plush and fancy boxes, Photograph Albums, Pocketbooks Music-holders, Mirrors, Whisk-holders, Work-baskets, Engravings, Picture-frames and Mouldings, Vases and Pitchers in bronze and fancy wares, Family Bibles, Pocket Bibles, Standard and Miscellaneous Books in great variety, including a full line of the Red Line and Gilt Edge Poets, at wonderfully low prices. For the children we have an immense lot of Toy Books, Juveniles, &c., as well as all sorts of Blocks, Games, &c., &c. Call and see these beautiful goods and make your selections now, while the stock is full, for many nice things we have cannot be duplicated.

W. H. WELFLEY.

A Fact for the People.

"Hello, Fisk! How are you? Shake! I hope you are well."

"Yes, well, excepting a bad cold."

"Chestnuts! I forgot my bell, Fisk, or I would ring it on you. Well, how is Mrs. Fisk, and the babies?"

"They are all well, excepting—excuse, I forgot—Chestnuts?"

"Have you been in Somerset lately, Mike?"

"Yes, was up last week."

"Did you buy anything?"

"Yes, I bought a whole wagon load of stuff—looked all around, priced goods in every store, but I tell you the honest truth, Fisk; if a person wants to buy good goods, cheap, there is only one good, reliable place, and that is J. B. Snyder's. He won't keep any trash there. If I have any produce, he always takes it. Most of the stores will take butter and eggs, but they are cash. Snyder takes any other kind of produce."

"Well, Mike, I am going to buy a lot of goods soon, and, of course, I will go to Snyder's. I would have gone there before this, but I owed J. B. Snyder & Co. a little bill, and I want to pay that, as no doubt J. B. needs it, as he took the books and all, when he bought the store himself. He has been waiting me a long time, but, dem it, he might send a fellow a statement of his account, because a man's patience will wear out. By-by!"

Bargains, Bargains!

Sweeping reduction in prices of Tinware and Glassware at the New York Store, next door to Miller's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

Next Year's Election.

Next year's election in Pennsylvania will not be of special importance politically, as the only offices to be filled are Judge of the Supreme Court to succeed Chief Justice Mercur, and State Treasurer to succeed Colonel and prospective Senator Quay. Quay will be elected to the United States Senate in January, and will probably resign the control of the Treasury on the 4th of March next, as that will be the beginning of his Senatorial term, and Governor Beaver will then appoint a State Treasurer to serve until the first Monday of May, 1888, by and with the advice and consent of Quay and the Senate, in which Quay will advise and the Senate will consent. It is an undecided question whether the State Treasurer who shall be appointed will be eligible to an election next fall to succeed himself. The letter of the Constitution would seem to make a State Treasurer serving by appointment eligible. Its language is: "No person *elected* to the office of Auditor General or State Treasurer shall be capable of holding the same office for two consecutive terms." The liberal method of construing the Constitution now accepted all around would make the new State Treasurer serving by appointment eligible to election next year, and the Republican candidate will doubtless be indicated by the Governor's appointment.

There is one Supreme Judge to be elected next year for the full term of twenty-one years, to succeed Chief Justice Mercur. Should another vacancy occur on the bench by death or resignation three calendar months before the election two Supreme Judges would be elected, and each party would elect one, as each voter can vote for only one candidate for Supreme Judge when two are to be chosen; and if three were to be elected, each voter would vote for only two. There have never been two Supreme Judges elected on the same day since 1874, when Judge Paxson, Republican, and Judge Woodward were elected as the Judges added to the Court by the new Constitution. They were both elected for the full term of twenty-one years, instead of the old term of fifteen years, and they drew lots for the senior commission to determine which should succeed to the Chief Justiceship when it reached their commissions. Judge Woodward's daughter drew the ticket from the hat and drew the junior commission for her father, giving Judge Paxson the right to the Chief Justiceship. Had the senior commission been drawn by Woodward his death a few years later would have transferred his right to the Chief Justiceship to Judge Paxson. There are now only two of the seven Supreme Judges who hold under the old fifteen year term. They are Chief Justice Mercur, whose successor will be chosen next year, and Judge Gordon, who will succeed Mercur as Chief Justice for one year, when his term will expire.

MARRIED.

WALKER—SPANGLER.—On Thursday, December 2, 1886, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Francis H. Walker and Miss Alice K. Spangler, both of Somerset Quinty, Pa.

SIVITS—SMITH.—On Monday, November 29, 1886, at the residence of the officiating minister, by Rev. D. P. K. Lavan, Mr. James A. Sivits, of Boone Postoffice, and Miss Rosy A. Smith, of Glencoe, this county.

LESLIE—BIRD.—At the residence of the officiating minister, in Somerset, on Monday, the 22d day of November, 1886, by Rev. D. P. K. Lavan, Mr. Isaac D. Leslie, of Fort Hill, and Miss Louisa Bird, of Listonburg, this county.

BLUBAUGH—MUSSER.—On Tuesday, November 30, 1886, at the residence of the officiating clergyman, by Rev. D. P. K. Lavan, Mr. Thomas G. Blubaugh and Miss Lizzie M. Musser, both of Stonycreek Township, this County.

ZIMMERMAN—HAUGER.—On Tuesday, November 30, 1886, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. William G. Zimmerman, from near Somerset, and Miss Susan C. Hauger, of Ligonier, Westmoreland County, Pa.

BRANT—WEYAND.—On the 4th inst. at New Centreville, Pa., by Rev. J. H. Zinn, Mr. George Brant, of New Centreville, and Mrs. Catharine Weyand, of Berlin, Somerset county, Pa.

DIED.

WILKINSON.—Suddenly, in Harrisburg, Pa., on Monday, November 29, 1886, of gastritis, Caroline A., only child of John S. and Minnie T. Wilkinson, aged 8 months.

BAKER.—Solomon Baker was born February 8, 1825, and died October 20, 1886, aged 62 years, 8 months and 12 days.

His companion, Susan Baker, died in March, 1877. Father Baker was the father of four children, one son and three daughters, all still living. He was the grandfather of 22 grandchildren, 15 boys and 7 girls, 18 living and 4 dead. Mr. Baker was twice chosen Justice of the Peace by his fellow citizens which indicates their appreciation of his worth and integrity. He was still the incumbent of the office at the time of his death. The children of the deceased hereby make grateful acknowledgment to their neighbors for their kind offices in their affliction.

GARDNER.—In New Centreville, on Wednesday, December 1, 1886, Mrs. Anna, wife of W. H. Gardner, M. D., aged 38 years, 11 months and 6 days.

It is with sorrow, mingled with joy, that we record the death of this noble, Christian woman. Sorrowful, indeed that she is taken away from her husband, her children and her friends in years so early, but joyful to the bereaved hearts to know that she has entered upon a nobler life, being free from the pains that she endured with Christian patience for several years. From what could be learned from her surviving and only brother, who so keenly feels the loss of an only sister, she was taught of the Savior and loved Him in her infancy. Her mother was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, and with the faith of a Eunich the daughter was in her tender years led to Christ, connecting herself with the same church. She grew up to womanhood in the Christian graces. She attended a select school at Grantsville, Md., in 1867, the principal being W. H. Gardner, where their first acquaintance was formed, which grew into mutual affection, and resulted in their marriage in 1872. Subsequent to his teaching at Grantsville, and before their marriage, he established for himself a lucrative practice at Centreville, and bringing his young wife from Cumberland, Md., made this their home. There being no organization of the church of her childhood in her new home she connected herself with the church of her husband, the Disciples, of which she remained a faithful member until death.

Her views of christianity were broad and comprehensive, not narrowing the church to a single denomination, but she recognized all to be christians who loved Christ, and manifested their faith by their works. Her church here, being without a regular pastor, it was the writers privilege to visit her frequently during her last illness. How gladly and cheerfully we were always received and how comforting to her soul were the prayers offered up at her bedside! How clear was her spiritual sky. When spoken to of the probable nearness to death she was not only ready, but had a "desire to depart and be with Christ which is far better." Her hour at last came and it was peaceful and calm. As in sleep she closed her eyes, which knows no waking until the great resurrection morning. We feel a loss in her departure, for she endeared herself to all christian people and to the community by her pure christian life, her kindness of heart, and her deep and earnest sympathy for all. But none feel the loss so much as the husband and her two little children—a daughter and son; for to them it is the loss of a faithful, affectionate, and devoted wife; and to the children the loss of a good christian mother. The Lord comfort them.

The funeral services were held on the 3d inst. in the Lutheran Church, conducted by Elder Vogel of Somerset, assisted by the Lutheran pastor. Z.

Glade, Pa., December 6, 1886.

Reduced.

The price of Heating Stoves has been reduced 10 per cent. at Miller's Hardware Store.

A Liberal Offer.

We call the attention of our readers to the prospectus of the *Weekly Press*, of Philadelphia, published in another column. This is one of the best of the great Metropolitan Family Newspapers.

The Approaching Holidays

In a few more weeks, the merry Holidays will again be upon us. What pleasant associations and hollowed recollections of the dim past they will recall, and how they will be enjoyed by the youth and beauty of the land. New ties will be formed, and old animosities buried in the grave of forgetfulness. The world is always the better for the appearance of that period of the year.

Notice.

The sale of the "Maurer farm," situate in Somerset Township, containing 156 acres and allowance, belonging to the estate of David Bell, deceased, was continued from November 27th until Friday, December 10, 1886 at 2 o'clock p. m., when it will again be offered for sale by public outcry, at the Court House in Somerset. D. J. HORNER,
Administrator and Trustee.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY EXTENDS THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON.

In pursuance of its annual custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that christmas and New Year excursion tickets will be sold between all the principal ticket stations on the main line and branches. The holiday season is the only period of the year most exclusively devoted to the interchange of social visits and the enjoyment of pleasure trips. In order to encourage this custom and to offer all possible benefit to those who desire to indulge in holiday pleasures and festivities, the Company reduces the rates during the favored period. Excursion tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th 25th, 30th and 31st, 1886, and January 1st, 1887, good to return until January 4th, inclusive.

Charges Against John Rather.

On the 26th of November Barbara Reininger made information before 'Squire Isaac Earnest, against John Rather for poisoning a horse belonging to the prosecutrix on the 23d of October, 1886, also for poisoning a horse in July, both of which died. Jeremiah S. Reininger, on the same day, made information against him for throwing stones into his house, striking him and endangering his life, on the 23d of August, 1886. On the same day Jackson Stuckey also made information before the same justice for threats to wound him. These informations, we understand, are based on the admissions to the detectives. Mr. Rather is still in jail under the charge of burning Stuckey's barn.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

Rheumatism

We doubt if there is, or can be, a specific remedy for rheumatism; but thousands who have suffered its pains have been greatly benefited by Hood's Sarsaparilla. If you have failed to find relief, try this great remedy.

"I was afflicted with rheumatism twenty years. Previous to 1883 I found no relief, but grew worse, and at one time was almost helpless. Hood's Sarsaparilla did me more good than all the other medicine I ever had." H. T. BALCOM, Shirley Village, Mass.

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Prices for December 8, 1886.

Apples, dried, ₱ lb	7c
Apple Butter, ₱ gal	40@50c
Beans, ₱ bu	$1 25
Bran, ₱ 100 lbs	$1 00
Butter, (roll,) ₱ lb	20c
" (keg) ₱ lb	—
Buckwheat, ₱ bu	50c
" meal,	—
Beeswax ₱ lb	30c
Bacon, (Sugar-cured Hams) ₱ lb	14c
" (Country hams) ₱ lb	12½c
" (Shoulders) ₱ lb	10c
" (Sides) ₱ lb	10c
Corn, (ear) ₱ bu	35@40c
" (shelled) ₱ bu	35@40c
" Meal ₱ lb	2c
Chop, corn and oats, ₱ 100 lbs	$1 25
" all rye, ₱ 100 lbs	$1 65
Eggs, ₱ doz	20c
Flour, Roller Process, ₱ bbl	$5 00
" Vienna, ₱ bbl	$6 25
Flaxseed, ₱ bu	75c
Lard, ₱ lb	8@10c
Middlings, ₱ 100 lbs	$1 25@$1 50
Oats, ₱ bu	30@35c
Potatoes, ₱ bu	35@40c
Peaches, dried, ₱ lb	8@10c
Rye, ₱ bu	75c
Salt, (No 1,) ₱ bbl	$1 00
" (Ground Alum) ₱ sack	$1 10
" (Ashton) full sack	$2 00
" ½ "	$1 00
Sugar, yellow, ₱ lb	5@6c
" white, ₱ lb	6@10c
Tallow, ₱ lb	4@5c
Wheat, ₱ bu	80@90c

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Graef, late of Shade Township, Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement to the undersigned Executor, residing in said Township, without delay.

C. W. WILLIAMSON,
dec8.6t Executor.

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