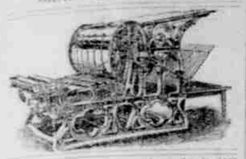
The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.



WEDNESDAY.....December 15, 1886

Beautiful moonlight.

The new moon shines.

Prepare for Christmas.

Bad colds are numerous.

Shelter your dumb animals.

Poultry is plenty and cheap.

Taffy pullings are now in order.

Eggs are as scarce as hen teeth.

This is the month of blizzards.

Oysters are now large and luscious.

Remember the poor and help them.

Winter don't open till December 21st.

The country roads are rough and exceedingly icy.

The old year is going and the new one coming rapidly.

Beaver will be inaugurated on the third Tuesday in January.

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

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

The New Year is approaching. Have you your resolutions ready?

Hats and Bonnets at from 25 cents up at M. M. Tredwell & Co.

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

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

Christmas cards were never more handsome nor artistic than those of the present season.

An excess of apples rotting so rapidly this winter the fruit will be very scarce towards spring.

Some ladies have crawled into their sacks or, more properly speaking, into the sacks they don't advertise.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for silk mufflers, silk and satin handkerchiefs, for kid and cashmere gloves and mittens. MRS. A. E. UHL.

We will make large additions to our stock of Holiday Goods this week and the following. M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

The small boy now counts on his fingers the number of days until Christmas, and soon will have to start to Sunday school.

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

The poor directors of Westmoreland county estimate that $40,000 will be required to meet the expenses of the county home for the coming year.

A new two cent stamp is to be issued with a blue tinted back ground, relieved by an embossed head of George Washington, of cherry-tree fame.

We have an immense stock of Handkerchiefs, Ladies and Gents, the latest styles and very cheap. Nothing more appropriate for a holiday present.

At Weffley'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.

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.

Persons wishing to make presents for their friends will find a large assortment of Germantown, Saxony, Zephyr and all kinds of Knitting yarns, as well as Embroidery Silks at M. M. Tredwell & Co.'s

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.

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSONS,

The Harlingdon, Oxford, Saybrook, Augusta, Coquette, Isola and Moritz are among the most stylish Hats of the season. M. M. Tredwell & Co have them in felt and other material with the latest goods to trim them in.

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.

It is much more sensible in the giver and more pleasing to the recipient to go to M. M. Tredwell & Co and purchase a useful present for your friend such as Handkerchiefs, Collars and Cuffs, Hose, Gloves, Scarfs &c., than to waste your money in articles that are of no real value.

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.

The old soldiers of the Mexican war hold on to life with great tenacity and in large numbers. It was supposed that nearly all of them were dead, but no less than 78,000 have turned up for pensions within the past five years.

Hats, Bonnets, Frames, Hoods, Caps, Toboggans, Velvets, Velvetines, Satins, Astrachans, Ribbons, Tips, Plumes, Feathers, Wings, Algerine, Pompons, everything in the Millinery line in endless profusion at M. M. Tredwell & Co.

Washington county owes the State $20,542 and refuses to pay until some provision is made for reimbursing the county for the additional expenses in making the assessment of 1885. Several other counties have taken the same stand.

A celebrated lawyer once said that the three most troublesome clients ever he had were a young lady who wanted to be married, a married woman who wanted a divorce, and an old maid who didn't know what she wanted.

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., } Respectfully,
June 16, 1886. } COOK & BERKITS.

It is said that the diphtheria may be prevented from spreading by the free use of sulphur among children. Rub together an equal bulk of sulphur and fruit jelly of any kind. Give each member of the family a mouthful of this mass three times a day with instructions to hold it upon the tongue until dissolved, swallowing it as it melts. It is said that this simple practice has defended whole families from the dread disease when there was necessary exposure.

Barnard's comet is now quite a conspicuous object, and be easily seen with the unaided eye about 5:30 A. M. The comet is quite bright, has a tail some four or five degrees in length, and is situated a little to the northeast of the bright star Arcturus, which rises near the northeast.

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
" "Magpie"	30c
Velnable's "Vinco"	31c
Good Tobies, ₩ 100	90c
Good Cigars, ₩ 100	$1.10

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

Monday was an extremely disagreeable day.

Mr. A. E. Fyan of Bedford spent Monday in Somerset.

Read the large advertisement of C. N. Boyd, to be found in another column.

Mr. Ferg G. Parker, of Johnstown, spent several days of last week in Somerset.

The President's annual message will be found on the first page of this paper.

It is only a little over a week till Christmas. Get ready to hang your stocking.

Meyersdale contributes her full quota of the crowd in attendance at court this week.

Several coasting accidents occurred last week, none of them very serious however.

The friendly candidate is again becoming quite numerous. There are several of them in attendance at court.

Another cold wave struck this section Tuesday morning. Everything is again frozen up tight, and with a little bit more snow the sleighing will again be splendid.

We notice that the literary people of a number of localities in our county are aiming at improving their minds by establishing debating clubs and literary societies. Nothing could be more inducive to mental improvement.

Becher, the clothier, is holding an auction each morning, afternoon and evening, to dispose of his immense stock of clothing, gents' furnishing goods, hats, caps, etc., which he must dispose of by the first of January, as he expects to leave Somerset on that date.

The sleighing and coasting was most excellent during the greater part of last week. Kimmell's hill was assuredly a board and each evening it was crowded by children with sleds and jumpers. The coasting was never better, and the children enjoyed it immensely.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found the report of the Directors of the Poor to the Court and Grand Jury for the year 1886. The report was prepared with great care by Dennis Meyers, Esq., clerk and attorney to the Directors, and was presented by him to the Court Monday morning.

The young son of Mr. Jonathan Rhoads, an account of whose accidental shooting appeared in last week's HERALD, died from the effects of his wounds Thursday. Our informant was in error when he stated that Dr. Brubaker was the unfortunate young man's attending physician.

Mr. Hiram Cramer formerly a citizen of this county but for many years past a resident of Agency City Iowa, dropped in to see us last Wednesday and dropped a ten dollar bill on his subscription account. Mr. Cramer has been a constant subscriber to the HERALD for over fifty years.

The *Johnstown Tribune* says: Mr. George C. Miller, chiefclerk in the post-office, has at least temporarily, and probably permanently, retired from his position, owing to ill health. He is under the care of Dr. W. B. Bowman. Mr. Earl Ogle will act as Mr. Baumer's assistant for the present.

Handerchief parties are the latest. Each lady is required to bring two handkerchiefs of the same kind, one of which she will retain and the other is dropped into a bag. Each gentleman will draw one, and the lady holding the one to match the one he draws, will freeze on to him for the balance of the evening.

The St. James Lutheran Church of the Immertown charge of which R. S. Stouffer is pastor, will be dedicated Sunday Jan. 9th. A number of ministers are expected to be present. Rev. J. F. Shearer, of Somerset will preach the dedicatory sermon. This church was built during the last summer, and is said to be a model of completeness.

W. C. Smith has severed his connection with the Bedford *Republican-Inquirer*, and will be succeeded by W. H. Clouse of Woodbury township that county. It is said that Mr. Smith proposes being a candidate for Prothonotary next year and for that reason wishes to be entirely free from other pressing cares. The HERALD wishes the "Squire" abundant success in his political venture.

Mr. Simon Livengood last week killed a large black bear in Elklick township, within two miles of the town of Salisbury. The bear weighed two hundred and fifty pounds. He had evidently come from the wilds of Maryland and was crossing the Negro mountain to the Allegheny mountains when killed. This is the first bear that has been killed in this section for some time.

Court convened at half-past ten o'clock Monday, with a large number of people in attendance. There being no criminal case ready for trial a civil case, that of F. E. Weimer vs. Lewis Pugh and Ord Barnett, was taken up. The verdict was in favor of the the defendants. Towards evening the case of the Commonwealth vs. Barney Wilmoth was called, charge F. and B. with intent to commit rape. This case is being tried this, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Sam Kantner, who is employed in his father's wooden mill below town, made a most miraculous escape from a horrible death one day last week. While the machinery was in operation he attempted to place a belt on one of the large wheels. In some manner he became entangled in the belt and was dragged with it while it made one complete revolution when he fortunately extricated himself, somewhat bruised, but not seriously injured. We congratulate you, Sammy, on your fortunate escape.

The Sheriff's sale held Friday afternoon was well attended, and at times the bidding was quite spirited. The first property sold was that of A. A. Stutzman, situate in Shanoytown township. Tract No. 1 was sold to John M. Glessner and Peter T. Miller for $931. M. H. Hartzell paid $115 for tract No. 2, and tract No. 3 was knocked down to Aaron Spangler for $5. The Henry P. J. Custer farm in Paint township, was bought by Edward Holsapple, for $2,010. The two lots of Simon Grof, in Confluence borough, were sold to A. N. and Ross Fissne, for $1,105.

The January number of *Arthur's Home Magazine* is at hand, with an unusually attractive table of contents and charming illustrations. The short stories are capital, and the serial by M. G. McClelland begins well and promise to be one of the best by this rising young writer. In addition to the stories, the women folks will find many things useful in its well-filled departments, and the illustrated bits of fancy work suitable for little, inexpensive presents are quite the right thing to keep fair fingers at work in the holiday season now at hand.

The enlarged form of the Magazine is a great improvement upon its old style, and places the *Home* prominently before the public as one of the best of the lower-cost monthly magazines. The price is but two dollars a year, with reduction and premiums for clubs. Sample copies, ten cents each. T. S. Arthur & Son, Philadelphia, are the publishers.

Marriage Licenses were granted to the following named persons since our last issue:

Newton Lohr of Johnstown and Carrie Slagle of Quemahoning township.

Charles H. Wiedhelm of Garrett county Md, and Ella S. Glover of Meyersdale.

George Adam Klinges and Sarah Hay both of Berlin.

George H. Johnson of Shade township, and Sarah Jane Truxel of McKeesport Pa.

John W. Rummel and Sarah B. Zimmerman, both of Conemaugh township.

James Hauger and Lizzie Caleman, both of Brothersvalley township.

Benjamin G. Bittner of Brothersvalley township and Susan A. Hochstetter of Summit township.

Simon S. Miller, of Elklick township and Lydia D. Beachy, of Preston county W. Va.

Frederick Wilson Dull of Ursina and Candice Lichliter of Upper Turkeyfoot township.

Winfield Scott Burnworth, of Draketown and Levenia Roamsburg of the same place.

Buy Your Tickets.

The tickets for Kate Castleton Crazy Patch Co., will be put on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Furnishing Store, on Friday Dec. 17th, sale to begin in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Palaces on Wheels.

The Pennsylvania railroad company is having constructed for the limited express trains a number of elegant sleeping, drawing-room, dining and smoking cars, with all the modern conveniences and improvements. Lunch counters, barber-shop and bath-rooms will be special features of these new cars.

Who is He?

A white "Indian doctor" from Somerset county was in town to-day. He wears a blanket and leggins like a big buck and is about as forbidding in appearance as an untamed Sioux. He is said to have a large practice among families far up in the mountains.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Events of 1887.

The almanac for 1887 gives a few items of general interest: New Year's Day comes on Saturday; Washington's Birthday on Tuesday; St. Valentine's Day on Monday; April Fool Day on Friday; Memorial Day on Monday, Fourth of July on Monday; Christmas on Sunday; Easter Sunday will be on the 10th of April; Lent begins March 2nd. There will be four eclipses of the sun and two of the moon. One February, visible as a partial eclipse in the United States. The others that occur are not visible in the United States; the annual eclipse of the sun, February 23rd; August 19th of the sun.

How the Vanderbilts Look at it.

H. McK. Twombley, who represented the Vanderbilt interest, and who to-day controls the majority of the stock issued in the South Pennsylvania, remarked the other day: "The mistake that we made was that we did not sell out for cash. We are now tied up, no matter which way we turn. The Pennsylvania holds our agreement to sell, so that we cannot go ahead and build the road if we wanted to, and the court has enjoined them from delivering us the bonds, so that they can't pay us if they wanted to. The six millions that we have dropped in the ground in the State of Pennsylvania will have to stay there indefinitely."

Christmas and New Year on the B. & O.

The B. & O. as usual will extend Holiday Greetings in the shape of Round Trip Tickets at greatly reduced rates over their entire system. The low rates go into effect at all stations on the Main Line and Branches east of Ohio River, including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Divisions, on the 23rd, and those who go to take Christmas Turkey with friends may remain until after New Year and enjoy themselves to the utmost. If they do not want to go on that date they can purchase tickets on the 24th, 25th, 30th and 31st of December, also January 1st.

These tickets are all good to return until January 4th, inclusive.

For further information see large posters or call on Station Agent.

Death of Jacob Custer.

Mr. Jacob Custer died at his home at Stoystown on Sunday, Dec. 5, 1886. He was born at Davidsville, Sept. 16, 1805. When a young man he learned the carpenter trade. He was married to Miss Sarah Kimmel, of Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, on Nov. 18, 1827. He worked at his trade until the spring of 1832, when he opened a general store in part of the building now occupied as a hotel by his son Samuel. He prospered in business, and in 1840 leased the extensive property of the late Samuel Kimmel, at Pine Mills, and engaged in store and hotel keeping; also operating a grist mill and other enterprises. At this time Rockingham Furnace, in Shade Township, was owned and operated by John Foust, better known as "Stuffle Funk." Mr. Foust became indebted to Mr. Custer for a large amount for supplies furnished his hands, and in 1841 Mr. Custer bought the furnace property. He disposed of his lease on the Pine Mills property to John and Perry Tantlinger, and removed to Rockingham, and engaged in the manufacture of pig iron, which his son Samuel, then quite a boy, hauled to Johnstown whence it was shipped to Pittsburgh by canal.

He prospered for some time, until in 1844, when the Tariff of '42 was repealed and pig iron fell to $12 per ton. He was then compelled to stop work. Shade furnace, then owned by John and William Slayock, two miles from Rockingham, was also blown out. All of Mr. Custer's property went under the Sheriff's hammer and failed to satisfy his creditors. In 1846 he removed to Stoystown, with considerable debts still resting on him and engaged in the foundry business. By his untiring industry he again prospered and soon payed all his debts. In 1860 he associated with him in business his son Samuel. In 1862 their foundry, with machinery, patterns, etc., was totally destroyed by fire. The next two years father and son engaged in stock dealing. Tiring of this, they engaged in storekeeping in Stoystown. The store was subsequently sold to J. S. Zimmerman, now of Johnstown.

Mr. Custer then engaged in the carpenter ing business, later taking with him as a partner his son-in-law, C. W. Pugh, and carrying on the furniture and undertaking business. A few years later he sold his interest in the business and retired. But, although age and infirmities prevented him from performing physical labor, he could not remain idle and he soon opened a small grocery, which he continued to attend up to within six months of his death.

His first wife died in 1852. He was again married on 1862 to Miss Jane Thompson, of Schellsburg, who also died about twelve years ago. He was the father of fourteen children by his first wife, eight of whom are living, viz: Samuel, Jacob, Laura, wife of Charles Hendricks; Kate, wife of C. W. Pugh; Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, and Eliza, unmarried, all of Stoystown; John, of Harrisburg, and George, of Cincinnati. There are thirty-seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. One sister survives him, aged eighty-eight years, living in Ohio; also one stepsister, the mother of Judge Masters, of Johnstown.

Mr. Custer was a consistant member of the Lutheran Church for a bout sixty years, was an active temperance worker being identified with the Sons of Temperance, Good Templers, and all prominent temperance movements. From his youth he took an active part in politics, being a strong Whig and Republican and a strong Abolitionist. Mr. Custer had a remarkable memory and his reminiscences of his early life, which he often related, were highly interesting. In 1838, in company with Henry Shoemaker, he made a trip to the "Far West," which was then the western part of Ohio, making the journey on horseback, going as far as Sandusky, which was then only a trading post for the Indians. The accommodations at the "hotel" were a bed on the floor of a log cabin.

During Harrison's campaign he was instrumental in raising a pole one hundred and fifty feet in height, at Pine Mills, on which was a flag fifteen feet long, made from material furnished by him, and a streamer bearing the legend "Tippecanoe and Tyler, too" and a large barrel marked "Hard Cider" The opposing party taking advantage of Mr. Custer's absence from home bored down the pole and stole the flag. The guilty parties were detected, suit was brought and settled by the parties paying for the flag and costs.

While operating Rockingham furnace he bought most of his supplies from the late John Dibert who was then in the mercantile business at Stantan's Mills, and he often referred to Mr. Dibert as an exemplary man. A full history of Mr. Custer would be a large part of the history of Somerset county. Few men have been better known and more universally respected than him, and in all his business enterprises his dealings were marked by strict honesty, while he was ever ready to aid in all charitable enterprises. He died as he lived—an exemplary citizen and Christian. Peace to his ashes.

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 & Berkits' Block.

Bargains. Bargains!

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

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 theis 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.

Tax Payers Take Notice.

An additional five per cent. will be charged on all State, County and School Tax not paid on or before January 8, 1887.

S. P. WEIMER,
Collector of Milford Township.

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 3d, 1887.

HENRY KREGAR,
Tax Collector for Somerset Borough.

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.

Special Bargains for Christmas.

To those wishing to buy substantial and useful Christmas gifts, I will sell all kinds of dress goods at special low prices for the Holidays consisting of cloths, cashmeres, corkscrews, delaines, silks, satins, wraps, and in fact anything in the dry goods line. Very low prices for underwear, gloves, etc.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

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.

SCHOOL TEACHERS HEADQUARTERS.

Headquarters for School Teachers and Directors during the Institute, will as has been the custom for eight years past, be established at Fishers large book store. A large room and good fire will ensu comfort and convenience, and teachers desiring seats reserved can be accommodated by writing to Chas H. Fisher, Fishers Book Store, Somerset.

Holiday Goods at Boyd's

Of the many handsome Holiday goods in Somerset none surpasses that of C. N. Boyd. The many readers of the HERALD ought to call there before they make any purchases, nice goods at low prices seem to be the rule. No "samples" bought from traveling men after haveing been carried on the road until they are worn, and then bought because they are cheap. Goods new, fresh and attractive.

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.

A Card of Thanks.

On December 9, 1886 about 8 p. m. I was surprised by a number of the citizens of Somerset taking possession of my house and depositing quite a pyramid of the substantials of life in my room. To say that we were not surprised would not give it the correct version. My family joins with me in expressing our sincere thanks to the kind friends for this generous gift. May the rich blessings of a kind providence rest upon the donors.

D. K. P. LAVAN.

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.

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.

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, placques, 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 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!"

REPORT

OF THE

POOR HOUSE DIRECTORS

TO THE

COURT AND GRAND JURY FOR THE YEAR 1886.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the court of Quarter Sessions, and the Grand Jury of Somerset county, Pa.

In compliance with the provisions of the Fifth Section of the Act of Assembly approved 15th April, 1845, providing for the erection of a House of Employment, and the support of the Poor of said county, the undersigned Directors of the Poor and House of Employment of said County, herewith respectfully submit and lay before you their report for the year ending 30th November, 1886, of the "Number, age and sex of the "persons maintained and employed in said "House of Employment, or supported or assisted by them elsewhere, and of the children by them bound out to apprenticeship, "with the names of their masters and mistresses, and their trades, occupations and "callings, and also an account of all sales, "purchases and donations, devises and bequests as have been made by or to them."

The report made by the board last year was the first report made under the said Act, and this report will, on examination, be found to contain some improvements on the former report.

Besides the information required by the Act of Assembly, the board have furnished herewith, under suitable headings, the dates of admission and discharge of the inmates, the residence of those assisted elsewhere, and of the masters and mistresses of children apprenticed; the amounts paid for maintenance when elsewhere than in the House of Employment, and other items deemed to be of interest to the Court, Grand Jury, and the public.

The lists mentioned in the Act of Assembly are hereto attached in separate schedules with explanatory headlines and headings, and a summary of these schedules will be found on the last page of the report.

REUBEN WOY,
JOS. ANKENY,
JOHN C. BARRON,
Poor Directors.

Attest:—
DENNIS MEYERS,
Att'y and Clk.

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SCHEDULE "A"—IN POOR HOUSE.

List of the names, number, age and sex of the persons maintained and employed by the Directors of the Poor of Somerset county Pa. in the House of Employment of said county, during the year ending November 30, 1886:

MALES.

Ahearn Thomas, age 35, admitted March 29, '86, got well March 30, '86.
Ahearn, Thos Jr age 4 admitted March 29, '86, father got work May 4 '86.
Ahearn Tobis age 3 admitted March 29 '86 father got work May 4 '86.
Albright Eman'l age 46, admitted June 15 '75.
Arnold Samuel age 56 admitted Feb 16 '78.
Ash Max age 53 admitted July 29 '86 eloped Aug 14 '86.
Bailey Wm age 14 admitted Jany 20 '86, hired out to COber Jany 28 '86.
Bailey John age 46 admitted Feb 21 '86 got work April 18 '86.
Beal Dan'l age 82 admitted March 2 '86 died March 14 '86.
Bennett Franklin Jr age 18, adm June 30 '86.
Bolden John age 51 admitted Nov 28 '85, got well and work april 13 '86.
Bookman Sam'l age 63 admitted july 15 '85
Bookman Noah 8 age 7
Boucher Jonas age 57 admitted aug 31 61
Brubter Patrick age 57 " jan 22 '86
Briskey Rudolph age 41 adm jan 23 '59.
Brown John age 37 adm feb 15 '86
Butts John age 55 adm jan 7 '86 died jan 15 1886.
Conrad Jacob age 56 adm feb 1 '77
Countryman Alex age 61 adm june 9 '76.
Cross Milton age 25 adm sep 15 '78
Custer Adam age 31 adm dec 31 '68
Custer Thos age 23 adm dec 31 '68 hired to F Custer dec 18 '85
Devine Jon age 45 adm nov 13 '86 got well nov 15 '86
Eckhard Leonard age 69 adm apr 23 '86
Enfield George age 77 adm aug 15 '86 taken away by his son sep 24 '86.
Figge Conrad age 69 adm may 24 '86
Fisher John age 61, adm nov 29 '75
Fisher Joseph age 61 adm oct 22 '85 got well nov 25 '85
Gahagan Jacob age 76 adm sep 3 '75.
Gonley J W age 51, adm oct 30 '85 got well nov 9 '85
Grain John col'd age 20 adm nov 17 '86
Harrison Edward age 11 adm march 19 '86 left to go to father june 5 '86
Harrison Peter age 9, adm march 19 '86 left to go to his father june 5, '86.
Harrison George age 2 adm march 19'86 left to go to his father june 5 '86.
Hart Henry age 68 adm may 16 '73 and dec 29 '82
Haus John aged 55 adm may 31 '80
Hoffman John E aged 21 adm feb 22 '86 eloped aug 27 '86
Hummell Benj F age 41 adm nov 27 '80 left on a visit sept 2 '86 returned oct 31 '86
Imhoff John age 79 adm apr 29 '67
Isken Harvey age 14 adm feb 19 '86 taken to reform school march 3 '86
Kimmel Theodore age 34, adm jan 14 '86 recovered may 18 '86
Klink Philip age 78, adm july 10 '85 discharged july 15 '86
Knable Theodore age 28 adm july 15 '78
Kooser James age 34 adm june 9 '82 and jan 2 '83
Launtz Sam'l age 74 adm nov 22 '86
Lenker Henry age 20 adm dec 1 '84 oct 25 '85 and may 28 '86; eloped oct 5 '85 and nov 25 '85; hired to J W Koontz june 8, '86
Lichtenberger Rudolph age 78, adm dec 14 '85 died feb 6 '86
Lichty Jacob C age 83 adm jul 11 '82 died oct 28 '86
Lynch Robt col'd age 41 adm aug 28 '85 died oct 5 '85
Maust Moses age 36 adm sept 21 '82 left with F Launtz march 31 '86
M'Clintock Mitchell age 54 adm aug 4 '84 and july 3 '86; went home june 2 '86
M'Guire James age 61 adm dec 2 '85 recovered dec 27 '85
McCarty Patrick age 28 adm july 12 '86
Meese Christian age 55, adm june 16 '74
Meese William age 56, adm july 8 '68
Meese Cyrus age 47 adm feb 10 '83
Messelbach John age 40 adm oct 7 '69.
Meyers Fred'k age 81 adm july 11 '70.
Miller Charles age 78 adm feb 1 '73.
Miller Henry age 76 adm june 13 '85 eloped april 20 '86
Miller Daniel P age 51 adm may 25 '78 and june 13 '85
Moore John age 74 adm feb 5 '58
Muller James age 61, adm oct 13 '85 eloped oct 25 '85
Page Otis age 66 adm feb 19 '86.
Patton Albert age 35, adm may 27 '86.
Patton Harvey age 40 adm may 27 '86.
Pohlman Samuel age 21 adm march 29 '61, oct 19 '85 and july 22 '86 and eloped june 20 '86 and august 27 '86
Quier Conrad age 18 adm nov 4 '85 sent to West Pa Hospital nov 16 '85
Rayman Jacob age 81 adm '74
Rhoads David age 78 adm nov 29 '84
Rhoads W H age 2 adm june 27 '85.
Rice Dan'l age 55 adm jan 19 '86 recovered march 1 '86
Rook Henry age 77 adm march 15 '83
Rook George age 41 adm march 15 '83
Ross Wm age 80 adm nov 1 '84
Ruh Scott N aged 41 adm may 6 '86 sent to West Penn Hospital may 6 '86
Smith Charles age 40, adm nov 8 '86 got well nov 15 '86.
Spencer James age 46, adm jan 19 '86 recovered feb 12 '86
Stahl Alfred aged 78 adm june 21 '78 went home may 17 '86
Stull John aged 70 adm feb 6 '85 and july 8 '86 eloped april 19 '85.
Suder Fred age 74, adm aug 4 '82
Swertzentruber Irwin age 22 adm dec 21 '83.
Sweitzer Wm age 27 adm aug 29 '74.
Sweitzer John age 41 adm '74
Thomas Isaac age 53 adm march 12 '86 died sept 7 '86.
Underkoffler Adam age 82 adm oct 13 '82 died sept 4 '86.
Walker John F age 20 adm may 5 '85.
Walker Matthias age 46 adm aug 28 '84 recovered march 5 '86.
Weaver Eman'l age 17 adm dec 16 '85 eloped april 12 '86.
Weyand Theodore age 25 adm aug 5 '86 left with his sister sept 1 '86.
Witt Jesse age 39 adm sept 9 '85 eloped october 1 '85.
White John age 35 adm march 24 '86 recovered april 12 '86.
Zimmerman Austin born feb 22 '86 left with mother april 20 '86
Zimmerman George age 36 adm feb 2 '86 eloped april 14 '86.

FEMALES.

Ahearn Mary age 28 admitted March 29 '86 discharged May 4 '86
Ahearn Elizabeth age 14 admitted March 29 '86 discharged May 4 '86
Auman Elizabeth age 83 admitted Feby 3 '86 eloped Feb 12 '86
Bailey Maggie age 20 admitted Nov 14 '85 Jan 20 '86 eloped Jan 24 '86 recovered Apr 30 '86
Bailey Phoebe age 51 admitted Jan 20 '86 recovered April 20 '86
Bailey Catherine A age 23 admitted Jan 20 May 19 '86 recovered April 20 '86
Bailey Mary E L age 2 admitted Jan 20 '86 main by Irwin Custer Mar 1 '86
Barndt Sarah age 34 admitted Sept 1 '79 died Feb 24 '86
Bittner Belinda age 35 admitted Mar 17 '84
Bookman Margaret age 3 admitted July 15 '85 out on trial to J Keim Feb 10 '86
Bookman Sarah age 40 admitted Jan 8 Nov 3 '86 eloped Jan 24 '86
Boucher Hannah age 63 admitted April 14 '85
Clark Maggie age 36 admitte d July 15 '85
Jan 5 '80 eloped Dec 27 '85
Custer Elizabeth age 68 admitted Dec 67
Custer Mary aged 56 admitted Oct 9 '82
Emery Maggie J age 26 admitted Apr 10 '75
Fisher Catherine age 50 admitted June 30 July 8 '86 went home July 1 '86 to West Pa. Hospital July 22 '86
Harmony Rosa age 70 admitted May 29 '84
Harrison Eleanor age 7 admitted March 19 '86 went home June 5 '86
Harrison Isabella age 30 admitted Mar 19 '86 went home June 5 '86
Harrison Isabella age 3 admitted Mar 19 '86 to Jacob O Kimmell April 9 '86
Harrison Easter born April 26 '86 went home with mother June 5 '86
Hart Mariah age 34 admitted Mar 10 '80 went home May 17 '86
Hartzell Nancy age 40 admitted Sept 1 '82 died Mch 26 '86
Haus Cath age 43 admitted Feb 9 '82
Hook Mary age 40 admitted Apr 14 '75 Nov 28 '85 hired out Nov 23 '85 discharged July 19 '86
Hoyle (or Harsh) Lizzie age 12 admitted Oct 9 '86 to Pa Reform School
Jackson Mary age 20 admitted Aug 27 '85 eloped Dec 26 '85
Johnson Nancy age 66 admitted Apr 13 '86 went to her brother's May 18 '86
Keefer Harriet age 61 admitted '77
Keefer Lenah age 36 admitted Oct 13 '85
Klink Cordelia age 36 admitted Oct 7 '85 discharged July 13 '86
Landis Sarah age 66 admitted Jany 2 '80
Lenhart Caroline age 64 admitted Nov 30 '53
Lichtenberger Rachel age 55 admitted Dec 14 '65 to George Moore Mch 1 '86
Masters Sarah age 26 admitted May 1 '86
Masters Ellen age 2 admitted May 1 '86 to S C Fox Nov 19 '86
Masters Mary J born Oct 14 '86
Meiser Rosa (Deitz) age 81 admitted June 28 '76
Miller Judith age 33 admitted May 15 '85
Miller Annie (Mrs Charles) age 76 admitted Feb 1 '75
Miller Magdalena age 61 admitted June 13 '85 went home May 31 '86
Mock Rachel age 38 admitted April 16 '75
Nicklow Mary age 92 admitted Feb 14 '82 died April 16 '86
Nickelson Elizabeth age 76 admitted Mar 13 '83
Pritz Ann age 57 admitted May 5 '66 July 21 '61
Rice Susan age 45 admitted March 21 '55
Ringler Rosa age 22 admitted Oct 13 '83
Rhoads Mary age 25 admitted Nov 29 '84
Summers Christena age 81 admitted Jany 17 '74
Seese Cath age 76 admitted Oct 29 '85 June 28 '76
Snyder Clara age 36 admitted Aug 30 '75 Dec 15 '85 hired out Dec 27 '85
Schrock Lavinia age 46 admitted Sept 22 '86 to West Pa Hospital Sept 22 '86
Tressler Susan age 20 admitted Nov 14 '82 Oct 23 '85 May 29 Oct 15 '86 hired out Oct 22 '85 Feb 6 '86 to Joseph Lape June 14 '86
Weller Margaret age 33 admitted Jan 16 '85
Young Cath age 74 admitted Oct 5 '82 Sept 23 '73 and june 28 '82

SCHEDULE "B"—At their homes—Outdoor Relief.

List of the number, age and sex of the persons supported or assisted by the Directors of the Poor of Somerset county, Pennsylvania at their homes during the year ending Nov. 30, 1886.

Name	war'nt	age	res'der	destit'n	date of admission	cause of destitution	am't paid per year.
David Humbert	1865	70	Milford tp	old age			$100
Hannah "	"	70	"