The Somerset Herald.

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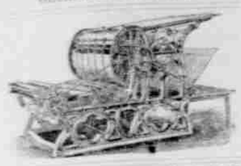

WEDNESDAY March 16, 1887.

New goods at J. B. Snyder's.

There are now over 11 hours of daylight.

The comet is now visible in the western sky.

The March lion showed his teeth on Monday.

Stick to your flannels till they stick to you.

Pork growers say March frosts never kill hogs.

The milkdrinker is ahead of the croaker this year.

The fishing time is coming along right smart.

Ice is beginning to have considerable power.

There are five thousand cases of measles in Rockville.

Florida strawberries are in the eastern markets.

The good and the candidate ye have always with you.

Ice fish will soon bite—and so will the newspaper.

The opening songs of the birds will be welcome inside.

Easter this year will come fifteen days earlier than last year.

The weather now-a-days is as uncertain as the politician tempter.

While a number of business changes will take place in March

Many pavements about town will need repairing when spring opens.

For a nice set of quinceware J. B. Snyder is the best place to get them.

On the 20th inst. the sun crosses the line of the equator, when the days and nights will be equal.

Uncle Wm. Cramer died at McConnellsburg Friday morning last week. It is the only one in the county.

A good line of dress goods, shirtings, ginghams, prints, white goods, etc., etc., for sale cheap at Snyder's.

A bill has been introduced into the Legislature defining that dog taxes be turned over to school purposes.

Wanted—two year old fresh Fall cows. Inquire of Call at HERALD office, Somerset.

For Rent—A frame dwelling house on Main Cross street. The particulars call on

GEO. R. SCULL.

Conemaugh is to have natural gas. The Penn Central have granted the Grapeville Co. the right of way to pipe the gas to that place.

Township supervisors for county officers are making up all sides and the chances are there is plenty of material to choose from, without party or fusion issues.

If you are out of bill heads, letter heads or any kind of job printing needed just send your order to the HERALD office and it will be filled promptly, at low rates.

The fellow that wants to have the earliest and biggest head of cabbage, the first roasting ear, and the most precious young potatoes is now inquiring after seed.

SOMERSET NORMAL AND PREPARATORY SCHOOL, opens next term begins Monday, April 4. Send for catalogue.

J. A. BERKEY, Principal.

The mutterings of gentle spring is near
Soon on our hearts a throbbing
Now we watch for will soonest hear
The first notes of the robbing.

—Somerville Journal.

Wild geese are flying northward, which is said to be a sure sign of the approach of spring. But the goose, like the ground hog may be a little previous in their prognostications.

The postal laws makes it larceny to take a newspaper from the office and then refuse to pay for it. Think of this, you slow coaches who pay no attention to the gentle reminders sent you from time to time.

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.

HOLDERBAUM, BAER & PATSEY.

The practical working of Prohibition in Rhode Island does not appear to give satisfaction. Last week a memorial from the merchants and business men of Providence, representing about $40,000,000, was presented to the General Assembly asking for the repeal of the prohibitory law.

New Market.—We have just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat Market, in which all meats can be kept cool and clean. Hams, beef, pork, &c., kept constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties buying meat can have it kept in the refrigerator until wanted.

ROSE HAYES & CO.

It is predicted that the "Star of Bethlehem" will appear this year for the sixth time since the birth of Christ. This star is said to appear directly south of the north star and to be visible to its dazzling light at noonday like a star, its many times the magnitude of our sun, whose orbit is yet uncalculated in our astronomy.

The Examining Commissioners have sent an invitation to all Justices of the Peace throughout the county, as follows: "The time for the repeal of the act for paying bounties on hawks owls, etc., has passed the Senate, and is expected to become a law soon. We therefore notify you to pay no more bounties on animals mentioned in the act of 1885."

The Connellsville Courier is responsible for the following: A son has been born to the wife of John Swope, formerly a resident of Everson, but now of Dunbar, which presents the unique formation of nine fingers. The second and third fingers of the hand are webbed from tip to base. The same fingers on the left hand are webbed from the first joint below nail. At the nail of the second finger of this hand another perfectly formed finger protrudes. The child is healthy and uses its hands with freedom.

See! Pretty Good.

"Hello, Mike, old fellow! Shake! How are the family? Haven't seen you for some time."

"All right, Fisk! Glad to see you! where have you been, Fisk?"

"Well, Mike, I will tell you, but don't give it away. I was going to be a candidate, and went to Somerset to set up the pins. I first went to J. B. Snyder's and bought this new suit of clothes. Aren't they nice? Snyder has his new spring stock in. If I could run as well for an office as Snyder can run the clothing business of Somerset, I would be sure to be elected."

"How about your being a candidate, Fisk?"

"Well, Mik, after buying the clothes from Snyder I started out, and every man I asked to vote for me said he would, provided I vote for him. Jerusalem! Mike, one day did me. No, I am no candidate."

"Ha, ha, Fisk; I see" But I am glad you told me Snyder has his new spring clothing in; my boys all need new suits, and I never go back on Snyder; Peter bought one two years ago; his is good yet; but Henry, James, Tommy, Ben, Sam, Jacob, Dan and the other five smaller boys need suits. Bye-bye, Fisk; will see you again."

Grass Seeds.

Our stock, as usual, consists of a large quantity of choice western timothy, which is being sold at comparatively low figures. Choice mammoth and small clover in limited supply, owing to large crop of home production.

COOK & BERKITS.

Court again next week.

The setting hen is just now receiving special attention.

Sunday was a beautiful day, warm and spring like.

Eight prisoners are at present confined in the county jail.

We received another invoice of the "beautiful" Sunday night.

Work has been commenced on Capt. C. J. Harrison's new house on Turkeyfoot street.

Maggie Mitchell is being billed to appear at the Somerset Opera House on the 7th of April.

Mr. R. S. Scull is spending the present week in Baltimore visiting his brother, Mr. C. O. Scull.

Mr. Joseph W. Gnegler last week sold his house and lot on Patriot street to Capt. C. J. Harrison, for $1,000 cash.

The McGriff Brothers have sold their cigar factory to Mr. Harry Benford who will hereafter conduct the business.

The reason why General Cameron had so many friends to congratulate him on his eighty-eighth birthday, was because he never deserted any of them.

Mr. P. S. Wolfersberger, for many years agent of the B. & O. Railroad at Rockwood, has resigned, to accept a position under the H. C. Frick Company, at Mt. Pleasant, where he will move with his family on the 1st of April.

The plasterers are at work on General Coffroth's new house, on Union street. It will be ready for occupancy by about the 1st of May. When finished it will be one of the most complete, comfortable, and convenient-ly arranged residences in the town.

Messrs. Biesecker and Snyder took charge of the drug store, which they recently purchased from Mr. C. S. Boyd, Tuesday morning. One of the gentlemen, Mr. Biesecker, is a practicing physician, while the other has served a long apprenticeship in the drug business, and understands it thoroughly.

We dropped into Fisher's Book Store a few days ago, as Mr. Fisher was wrapping up four large, elegant and expensive books and remarked upon the good sale. "Yes," replied Mr. Fisher, "I just sold them to an English gentleman, who intends sending them as a present to his father in London."

We are in receipt of another lengthy communication from "Ned" pertaining to the "spelling bee" in the "Glades." As both parties to this controversy have already had two whacks through the HERALD, we think it about time for them to let up till the "spelling bee" season comes around again.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Shaffer, a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and the Theological Seminary (Reformed Church) at Lancaster, Pa., and two years at the University of Berlin, Germany, for many years the President of the Keiskome Normal School, was recently elected President of the new Reformed University at Wichita, Kansas.

Our local base ball clubs will be pleased to remember that "cursed" balls have gone out of fashion, that any ball over the base and between the knee and shoulder is a fair ball, that a batter now gets four strikes, that a pitcher has but five balls, and is not allowed to jump around and do the wild Indian act. These are points of the new rules.

A very ugly fight between three young men, all of whom were somewhat inebriated, occurred on Union street at a late hour Saturday night, much to the alarm and annoyance of the good citizens living in that neighborhood. We understand that all parties have been arrested, and have entered into bail for their appearance at the next court of quarter sessions.

Miss Lucy, daughter of Mr. John H. Young, of Stoystown, Somerset county, came here a week ago to visit two of her sisters who are living in this city. She stopped with her sister, Mrs. Dempsey, who resides on Chestnut street, and while there the first day after her arrival was attacked with pneumonia. She died on Monday, and the remains were taken to Stoystown over the B. & O. railroad on Tuesday.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

Messrs. John R. Scott and Frank Grainger last week purchased from H. L. Baer, Esq., Agent for the Artisans Deposit Bank of Pittsburgh, all that institution's interest in the Hugus addition to Somerset borough; said interest comprising some twenty-five or thirty lots of ground. The consideration was $7000.00. We understand the purchasers contemplate erecting tenement houses on a number of the lots during the coming summer. If they do we have no doubt but that they can make it a good paying investment.

Justices of the Peace are entitled to payment out of the county treasury of their fees in all cases of felonies and misdemeanors, whether the defendants are discharged, or held for court. Heretofore when a Justice of the Peace found after a hearing that there was no reasonable grounds for holding an accused person for court, he and the constable had to lose their fees. The Supreme Court now holds that in such cases they are entitled to payment just as much for a discharged case as for one in which conviction takes place.

The competitive examination of applicants for the appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy from this Congressional district, will take place on Wednesday of next week. The session examining board for this county, composed of Drs. Brubaker, Patterson and Kimmell will inquire into the physical condition of the several applicants, while the mental examination will be made by a board composed of County Superintendent J. H. Cessna, of Bedford, Prof. E. B. Johnson, of Johnstown, County Superintendent Weller, of Somerset, and another gentleman, yet to be selected, from Blair county. So far Mr. Scull has received applications from eight young men, four of them from Blair county, one from Cambria and three from Somerset. The one passing the best examination will be recommended for the appointment by Mr. Scull, and will have to report at Annapolis on the 15th of next May, and there undergo an examination at the hands of the Academic board.

John Hentz and Russell Marshall, the two young men who were convicted at the recent term of criminal court, the former of aggravated assault and battery, and carrying concealed weapons, and the latter of assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons, were called before the court for sentence Saturday evening. Sentence was suspended in the concealed weapons cases, and in the other cases the defendants were each sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars to the county, to pay the costs of prosecution, and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of thirty days.

At the same time A. F. Domer, who was convicted at the same term of uttering and publishing false and fraudulent tax receipts, was sentenced to pay a fine of fifty dollars to the county, to pay the costs of prosecution, and to undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months. Before sentence was imposed upon Mr. Domer his counsel presented to the Court a petition signed by from sixty to seventy of the most reputable citizens of Meyersdale, Mr. Domer's home, setting forth the fact that he was a young man of irreproachable character, having a wife and two children dependent upon him for support, and also stating that it had been the custom for years at Meyersdale to allow citizens to vote who had been exonerated from their state and county tax and were otherwise qualified to vote, and praying the Court to suspend sentence as to the imprisonment. Under all the facts and circumstances connected with the case, and the trial thereof, the sentence is looked upon as an unnecessarily severe one, and an earnest effort will be made by Mr. Domer's friends to have him pardoned at the next meeting of the Board of Pardons.

Experienced liverymen say that March and April are the severest months in the year on horses.

At a meeting of the town council last week it was decided to retain policeman Gilbert in his present position for another year.

Gas and Oil.

Charles H. Fisher, Secretary of the Gas and Oil Committee, reports that he is in correspondence with an expert geologist of National reputation, and hopes shortly to have something definite for publication.

Marriage Licenses.

Since our last issue Marriage Licenses have been granted to the following named persons.

Nathaniel Hart, of Confluence, and Tillie Bailey, of Lower Turkeyfoot township.

Daniel F. Lepley, of Connellsville, and Emma Lichty, of Summit township.

Value of Beecher's Estate.

The New York *Tribune* estimates that Mr. Beecher's earnings during his lifetime were $1,000,000, of which $500,000 was as pastor, $300,000 as a lecturer, and $200,000 as an author. One of his leading parishioners estimates his estate at $100,000—his farm at Peekskill, worth $50,000; an insurance of $25,000 on his life, and his house in Brooklyn.

A Suggestion to Letter Writers.

The Postmaster General makes the following suggestions to the public: "Print your name and address on the left hand corner of all mail matter. This will assure its immediate return to you for correction if improperly addressed or insufficiently paid, and if not called for at its destination it can be returned without going to the dead letter office. If the patrons of the mail would do this, it would enable the mail department to restore at least 90 per cent. of all undelivered mail matter. The letters would be returned free, and parcels on payment of postage."

Earthquake in Bedford County.

Three distinct earthquake shocks were felt in Coleran Township in the neighborhood of Ralmsburg, about 3 o'clock on Sunday afternoon last. The shocks were violent enough to cause windows and doors to rattle, and were accompanied with a dull, rumbling sound like distant thunder. The vibrations were from east to west.

A number of people in town declare they felt something like an earthquake shock on Sunday last. We have heard reports of the same experience in Cumberland Valley and at Mann's Choice. It was probably caused by what our Mann's Choice correspondent suggests—blasting.—*Bedford Republican-Inquirer.*

"Samantha at Saratoga."

Miss Marietta Holly the distinguished humorous author known as "Josiah Allen's Wife," has just finished her new book, "Samantha at Saratoga," in the inimitable mirth-provoking style of "Samantha at the Centennial" "Betsy Bobbitt" etc., and has sold the MSS for a good round sum to Messrs. Hubbard Brothers, of Philadelphia, who are employing the best humorous artists in the country to illustrate it, and propose bringing it out this spring at a popular price by subscription. Miss Holly spent all last season amid the whirl of fashion at Saratoga, and takes off its follies, flirtations, pug dogs, low neck dressing, &c. &c., in a style that is overflowing with richest humor, and must create a great sensation.

The Golden Argosy.

published by Frank A. Munsey, 81 Warren street, New York, makes some very attractive announcements for the current month, including serials by Horatio Alger, Jr., Edward S. Ellis, and others.

The number for March 12th contains the opening chapters of "Pirate Island," a thrilling story of a shipwrecked crew's adventures in the Southern Pacific. Besides the serials, of which six are published each week, the *Argosy* contains numerous shorter stories, sketches and articles, both interesting and instructive.

The *Golden Argosy's* circulation is now increasing with phenominal rapidity, and its success is well deserved. Its publisher spares no effort to present the best literature in the most attractive form, and there is nothing cheap about it except the price—$3 a year.

Revision of the State Tax Law.

A new revenue bill has been favorably reported by the Committee of Ways and Means of the House at Harrisburg. It is an act to revise and consolidate the several revenue laws of the State, with such changes as Supreme Court decisions have made necessary and other alterations designed to make the law explicit and easily understood. The important changes are as follows:

The tax on watches, household furniture, including gold and silver plate and pleasure carriages, is repealed.

One half of the tax on money at interest is to be returned to the counties collecting it.

Any mortgage or other security containing a provision making the borrower liable to pay the tax upon it is made void in any court of law or equity.

The stock of companies which pay to the State the tax imposed on said stock is exempt from taxation in the hands of the holder.

Redeeming Trade Dollars.

The treasury department has issued a circular notifying holders that trade dollars, if not defaced, mutilated or stamped, will be redeemed or exchanged at the offices of the treasurer and the several assistant treasurers of the United States. Requests for redemption of these coins, stating amount held should be forwarded to above named officers, who will file applications and notify holders in their turn when presentation may be made and payment obtained. After notifying these officers, and upon receipt of notification from them, such coins may be forwarded by express or otherwise, transportation charges being prepaid, when receipts will be issued for the amounts purporting to be contained in deposits in the order of their reception upon count and ascertainment of the amount of each deposit. Payment will be made therefor, in standard silver dollars or in fractional silver coin, at the option of the holder. Defaced, mutilated or stamped trade dollars found in deposits will not be redeemed or exchanged by any of the subtreasury officers, but they will be returned to depositors or purchased as bullion at sums of three dollars and upwards by United States mints, at the option of the depositor.

Arming the G. A. R.

Representative David D. Roper, of Lehigh county, introduced a bill Thursday at Harrisburg, the subject of which is to arm the Grand Army of the Republic with the fifty calibre muskets now used by the National Guard and provide them with ammunition, so that they may be used as a home guard in case the militia is called away and may assist the militia in putting down riots. The bill directs the Adjutant General of the State to issue from time to time to the regularly constituted Posts of the G. A. R. such arms and ammunition as may be in his control belonging to the State as may not be necessary for the arming of the National Guard. The Posts must give bond in the sum of $10 for each musket conditioned for their safe-keeping and return at any time upon ten days notice. To retain a musket after ten days notice to return it is made a misdemeanor punishable with a fine of $50. Not more than sixteen stand of arms (forty-eight muskets) can be issued to any one Post.

Mr. Roper says that the $28,000 of the Congressional appropriation to the militia which this State will receive is to be expended in providing the guard with 45-calibre rifles like those of the regular army, and that the present 50-calibre guns will only rust in the State arsenal if the Grand Army does not use them.

Fish.

Here we are again with our stock of fresh-caught mackeral salt fish, direct from the Atlantic coast, together with the usual crops of Herring from the Northern Lakes, at prices moderately low for cash, or in exchange for country produce.

COOK & BERKITS.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened on Monday morning of last week, with Judges Baer, Shaver and Walker on the bench. The following cases were disposed of:

CIVIL LIST.

Deitrick Trimpey vs. Wm. Sweitzer; ejectment 11th March 1887. Plaintiff takes a non suit by leave of Court.

John F. Blymyer, Adm. of Daniel Weyand, dec'd, vs. Jonathan Rhoads and Jacob Marker; Sci fa. 10th March, 1887, by direction of the Court the jury return a verdict for the Plaintiff in the sum of $404.81. Same day Defendants' counsel file a motion for a new trial. On Argument List for 1887.

James A. Martin and Mary A. Martin, his wife, in right of said Mary A. Martin vs. Peter S. Hay; Ejectment. Jury return a verdict for the Defendant. Motion for a new trial. On Argument List for 1887.

Elisha Moon vs. The Somerset County Railroad Company; Petition for assessment, etc. Parties at interest agree that this case and No. 168, December term, 1884, shall be tried together and the same jury is sworn in that case. Verdict for Plaintiff for $300.

Andrew J. Moon vs. The Somerset County Railroad Company; Petition for assessment, etc. By agreement of all parties at interest this case was tried with No. 167 December term, 1884, and the same jury is sworn in that case. Verdict for Plaintiff for $250.00 damages.

Heirs of Daniel Weyand, dec'd vs. Herman B. Coughenour; ejectment. Case settled by the parties, the Plaintiff's releasing all interest on the land upon payment by the Defendant of $100 and costs.

G. W. Glass, Administrator of Elizabeth Boyer, dec'd vs. Wm. S. Dively; Assumpsit. By leave of Court Plaintiff takes a non suit.

J. B. Critchfield and W. H. Sanner, late partners, use of John M. Critchfield vs. Archibald Livengood; Appeal by Defendant. Jury return a verdict for Defendant for $40 and costs. Motion for a new trial. On Argument list for 1887.

Croyle Brothers vs. Mrs. J. R. Walter & Son; Summons assumpsit. Plaintiff takes a non suit. Record costs to be paid by Defendant.

Jonathan H. Fritz vs. Jacob Critchfield, defendant, and Jesse Hoover, terre tenant; Sci fa. Verdict in favor of Plaintiff filed.

Alfred Daniels vs. John Ream, case sur slander. Case settled. Defendant confessing judgment for costs.

Philip Nedrow vs. Phillip Walker, Adm'r of Amos Nedrow, dec'd; Assumpsit. Plaintiff takes a non suit.

Friedens Literary Society.

Friedens Literary Society met on Friday evening, March 11, 1887, at 7:30 o'clock. The society was called to order by the President, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

Solo, entitled "Grandmother's Chair," by D. W. Meyers.

Declamations by Oscar Baldwin and Everett Stahl.

Refered question—"Has the Stage a Moral Tendency" Opened by D. W. Meyers. followed by E. J. Dickey and S. D. Elrick.

Discussion of queries.

Dialogue, entitled "No Such Word as Fail."

Recess.

Music by the Tromps. "Little Brown Jug."

Discussion of Queries.

"Dialogue, "Meeting for the First Time in a Public House."

Referred Question—"Which has the Greater Influence Upon Man, the Love for Money, or the Love for Woman?" Opened by S. D. Elrick, followed by E. J. Dickey, D. W. Meyers and John Grissey.

Dialogue, "Marrying a Poetess."

Closing address, S. D. Elrick.

Music, "God Be With You."

Society adjourned *sine die*.

Thus closed one of the most interesting literary meetings ever held in our village. Literary work of this kind is too much neglected in many of our districts, and the results are a lack of mental culture and general information. Our meetings were all largely attended by both young and old, and during all the time great interest was taken in work of the society by its members; and those who didn't help in the work of the society manifested their interest by their attendance and attention, so that we are led to think the people of Friedens and vicinity are always alive in a good work. Many have already expressed their regrets that the society does not meet again in the near future, but we hope we will in succeeding winters have those at the head of our schools who will continue this work.

S. D. Elrick, principal of Friedens schools, has just closed his school term. We know he has been successful as a teacher, therefore he has the thanks of the parents and scholars for the good work he did in the schoolroom during the past winter. As a teacher he was esteemed by all, and we hope that he may again return in the future to take charge of our schools. He also has the thanks of the Society for the active part he took in making it a success.

A CITIZEN.

Literary Notes.

The first instalment of the collection of unpublished letters of Thackeray, to be published in *Scribner's Magazine*, will appear in the April number. The letters will be preceded by an introduction by Mrs. Crowkfield, to whom most of them were written. They will be arranged in a simple chronological order, regardless of their relative importance, and will be accompanied by Mrs. Brookfield's and by other notes. In the arrangement of the letters, as well as in some additional annotation, the Editor has had the privilege of advice and assistance from Mr. James Russell Lowell, who kindly consented, with the cordial approval and thanks of Mrs. Brookfield, to give this aid in their preparation for the press. A brief note from Mrs. Ritchie to Mrs. Brookfield is also printed with the first instalment, expressing cordial pleasure in the knowledge of Mrs. Brookfield's intended publication.

The letters in the April number are about twenty, of varying length, written from 1847 to 1846—several of the longer ones from Paris, Brussels, and elsewhere on the Continent. It would be difficult to speak too strongly of the interest and value of the longer letters in this and the following instalments, and of the great importance of many to a true understanding of Thackeray's character. They are like reading a new and more than ever interesting story from the well-known pen; but one with an intimate personal character which no other could have. Everything in them is intensely characteristic of Thackeray, his humor pervades them all; they abound in shrewd comments on men and events, and contain many glimpses of his own opinions and beliefs on subjects of which he seldom spoke. They are especially notable for their references to his own work; and to characters who are now everybody's friends, and whom he mentions always as though they were realities.

Let Us Reason Together.

Only a few years back if you were in need of a carpet, you were compelled to send away for it. There seemed to be no merchant enterprising enough to keep a line, but that has changed. We now have one merchant in Somerset who keeps as fine a line of carpets, rugs, oil cloths, &c., as you will find anywhere, and at prices as low, if not lower, than you can buy them in the city. That merchant is J. B. Snyder. He informs us he has just received a fall spring stock, and will be pleased to show any one his line, whether wishing to buy or not. He will measure your rooms, cut and match carpet to fit. He has a line of Brussels at 50, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 81 per yard. Flowered Carpet at 25, 30, 35, 37½, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, and 75 cents per yard. Hemp and rag carpet at prices to suit buyer. Call on J. B. Snyder and see his line before buying elsewhere. It will pay you. Wool, and all kinds of produce taken in exchange for carpet.

Mrs. Druse was Hung

February 28th, but this does not stop the workmen who are now making for A. H. Ferner & Bro., a lot of Ladies' and Gents' Fine Hand-made Shoes for the Spring trade. Will be ready for sale April 1st.

Our Harrisburg Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

HARRISBURG, March 12, 1887.

The week has been one of work and business in the House, notwithstanding the effort on the part of many well-meaning members to prevent it. Before the House adjourned on last Friday, a resolution passed to limit the speeches to five, and not to exceed ten minutes on each bill, when under discussion. While this resolution has to a certain extent been disregarded, it has had a salutary effect. Talk is cheap, however, and there is any amount of it here. It is a mistaken notion that the member who does the most talking and makes the greatest number of speeches has the most influence, and can do the most to bring about good legislation. He soon talks himself to death, and his usefulness is gone; still, he must have his say on every bill, and much valuable time is thus consumed, without accomplishing any good whatever.

The bill for an act authorizing and requiring school directors to pay school teachers employed, passed third reading on Tuesday, with an amendment. It is doubtful if it will pass finally, as it met with considerable opposition.

The "Motor Traction bill," designed originally for Pittsburgh, was amended in the Senate, and sent to the House for concurrence, was called up by Robertson, from that city. It took the remainder of the day, but passed by the majority required by the Constitution, and all it now needs is the signature of the Governor, to become a law. The law as now passed is general, and applies to all cities in the State which have, or may have, passenger railways. The great difference between the interests of the two cities, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, made it very difficult to legislate so as to suit both cities, foremost of which was the six-cent fare clause; it finally passed without any such clause. A strong effort will be made to have the Governor withhold his signature, but it is generally believed that he will sign it.

Had not the motor traction bill been taken up, the bank bill would have been next in order, but the gentleman who had the bill in charge did not seem very anxious that it should come up; it is very doubtful if it will pass, there being strong opposition to it becoming a law.

On Wednesday, the day for second reading of bills, and on motion, the Revenue bill was made a special order for that day. This is what is commonly called the tax bill, and is of much importance. It has many features of the act of 1885, and makes some radical changes. It exempts personal property from taxation for State purposes—such as household furniture, gold and silver plate, owned by any person; also, treasurer's commissions and watches. It provides that one-half of the net amount of taxes which shall be collected and paid under the Act shall be refunded to the county or city for local purposes, and thus relive them. The act, if it becomes a law, taxes all corporation partnerships, companies and persons three mills on personal property—excepting the manufacturing corporations, which does not apply to liquor manufacturers and the manufacturers of gas. This last clause was rejected after a spirited debate, and as the bill now stands all manufacturing corporations will be taxed, which is but right and just. The bill occupied two full days was fully and ably discussed, and it is believed that it will pass third reading without much opposition, and that it will become a law. It is an improvement on the law of 1885, and has the basis of a good and substantial revenue law, and with some amendments and alterations in the future, it is believed that it can be made very acceptable to the people of the State. It is very difficult, however, to pass a general revenue bill for the whole State, with her varied interests and different resources. The greatest good to the greatest number must be the rule, which a wise legislature will adopt.

The Senate did nothing of any importance this week. The six months school bill has not been reached yet, nor will it be for some time.

Both Houses were treated to a lecture on Wednesday evening, from Mrs. Hindman, on "Woman's Suffrage. There was nothing new in the lecture, it being simply a rehash of the old question.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote, will likely pass the House, to submit the question to the voters. It is to be regretted that the time of the Legislature, which is certainly getting valuable, should be wasted in such foolishness.

The Senate Judiciary General Committee are a tie on the Anti-Discrimination bill before them, and as yet none has been reported. By a party vote on Thursday, the bill as prepared by the caucus committee was ordered to be reported, and will be placed on the calendar.

Last Tuesday was Hon. Simon Cameron's 88th birthday. He had but recently returned from the Bermuda Isles, where he found life too slow, and too far from civilization, and spent the day at his home in Harrisburg. He was the recipient of flowers, congratulatory telegrams, and a large number of callers, including the Governor, and many members of the Legislature. The House unanimously passed a resolution extending its compliments to "a statesman and diplomat of world-wide fame, of whom Pennsylvania is justly proud," with "the hope that he may long be spared to his native State." The kindly expressions of every one, irrespective of party, of genuine friendship, shows in what high esteem and regard General Cameron is held, and emphasizes the truth of

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

He stands to-day a perfect type of Pennsylvania manhood, grand, noble, kind-hearted and high-minded. He was for more than eighteen years United States Senator from his State, Minister to Russia, Secretary of War, and has figured in State and National politics for more than half a century.

More anon.

PHILIP.

Grand Opening of New Spring Goods at Parker & Parker's.

All the new and choice styles in plain and fancy silks.

All the new and leading novelties in plain and fancy dress goods, plain and fancy trimmings to match in wool.

French satines in all the new colors.

French Batistes in all the new colors.

Century cloths, Dress Ginghams, Lawns, Calicoes, cretones, White Goods in plain and fancy checks, Laces, Hamburg Edgings Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, Towels, Shawls, Jersies, etc.

Our stock is full and complete in all kinds of goods, at prices never before offered. We want every person to call and we will fully convince you that we have got the goods at the right prices.

PARKER & PARKER.

All Go West!

The B. & O. will run an excursion to the West on Tuesday, March 29th, at specially low rates. The Inter-State Commerce bill goes into effect about April 1st, and rates will advance. Shape yourselves to go on the 29th, and save money. In writing for information state plainly name of town, county and state you wish to go, the number going, and the railroad station from which you will start. Address J. W. Patton, T. P. Ag't. B. & O. R. R., Somerset, Pa.

FARMERS

Having horses for sale, and will let me know by mail, will be pleased to bring you buyers.

C. F. RHOADS,
Somerset, Pa.

Important Notice.

Persons knowing themselves to be indebted to C. N. Boyd will confer a favor by settling all accounts before April 1st.

Respectfully,
C. N. BOYD.

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.

Advice to Constables.

A constable's return, as a rule, doesn't return very much. This is especially true in cases where there are violations of the liquor laws. When violations occur the constable is the busiest man in the community. Judge McIlvaine, of Washington county, at the last term of court, gave the following sensible advice to constables:

In making returns against those who are violating the liquor laws, a constable should be careful, where he acts on his own knowledge, not to make accusations which he cannot sustain by proof, as a failure in cases of this kind almost universally results in the county having to pay the costs; no returns should be made on mere rumor, or simply with a view of satisfying mere clamor and of making and earning fees; but on the other hand, where there ary violations of the law in this regard within a constable's ward, borough or township, it is his sworn duty to see that the guilty parties are returned. It is his business to be on the lookout for such offenders, and the constable that shuts his eyes and stops his ears, in order to be able to say and swear that he has no "knowledge" of any such violations of law within his bailiwick, to say the least is not a faithful officer. Knowledge is obtained by keeping one's eyes and ears open, and by making inquiry and by investigation; and when a constable comes here at the beginning of each court and swears that "within his knowledge" there are violations of the liquor laws within his township, borough or ward, the law supposes that that "knowledge" is not a reckless guess, but is the result of honest inquiry and observation. I have thus particularly referred to this matter for the reason that the act of assembly from which I have quoted provides that "it shall be the especial duty of the judges of all the courts of quarter sessions to see that these matters are faithfully made."

Husband Items.

The sweet spotza!

Moving will soon be in order. There will be quite a number of changes made this spring.

Mr. Wm. Bowman our merchant and postmaster was in Bridgeport last week on a prospecting tour.

Mr. Gideon Bowman of Allegheny was making a short visit through here last week seeing his old friends.

Mr. George P. Snyder will have public sale on Tuesday, March 15, at which nearly all of his personal property will be disposed of.

A new schedule went into effect on the mail west through here last week. The mail from Somerset is due here in the afternoon instead of in the morning as heretofore.

OCCASIONAL.

Facts Worth Knowing.

In all diseases of the nasal mucous membrane the remedy used must be non-irritating. The medical profession has been slow to learn this. Nothing satisfactory can be accomplished with douches, snuffs, powders, syringes, astringents or any similar application, because they are all irritating, do not thoroughly reach the affected surfaces and should be abandoned as worse than failures. A multitude of persons who had for years borne all the worry and pain that catarrh can inflict, testify to radical and permanent cures wrought by Ely's Cream Balm.

Notice.

Having sold my Drug store to Dr. Jas. E. Biesecker and John N. Snyder, I desire to thank my many friends for the generous patronage given me during the past eight years, and I can assure them it has been appreciated, and I trust the same liberal patronage will be extended to my successors who are enterprising business men and will no doubt increase and extend the trade in every branch. Call and see them.

Respectfully,
C. N. BOYD.

R. G. Chase & Co., 1430 South Penn Square Philadelphia, are in want of a few agents to canvass this and adjoining counties for the sale of their hardy nursery stock. Write to them for terms.

Please the Babies.

Nothing so good for baby's health as an airing these bright spring days, in one of those elegant baby carriages, at Fisher's Book Store. Buy one.

Go West, Young Man, Go West.

But before you go call at J. B. Snyder's and buy a good trunk. He has just received a new lot, and is selling them very cheap.

OYSTERS! OYSTERS!

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

Look Out for April 1st.

The place to get judgment notes, receipts, leases and deeds for April settlements and Spring sales is at Fisher's Book Store.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Somerset will be sent to the Dead Letter Office at Washington, D. C., if not called for within ten days from this date, March 26, 1887:

Anberry, Frederick; Bowlin, Andrew; Brown, W. W.; Comman, Miss Laura E.; Fitler, George G.; McDowell, Mrs. Geo.; McGinnes, Charles F.; Kanmez, Barbara; Mason, H. H.; Maser, Wm.; Sarbly, H. S.

Postals—Gearing, John; Heffley, I.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

MARRIED.

HART—BAILEY.—In Somerset, Pa., on Thursday evening, March 10, 1887, by Rev. N. B. Critchfield, Rev. Nathaniel Hart to Mrs. Tillie Bailey, both of Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset County, Pa.

DIED.

SMITH.—On Friday, March 4, 1887, at the home of her son Jacob, near Sipesville, Pa., Susanna Smith, aged 89 years, 6 months and 5 days.

She was the mother of seven children, seventeen grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Four of her children preceded her to the spirit world. The deceased was received into the Reformed church under the pastorate of Father Glesy, and has been a faithful member for about sixty years. Hebrews 4, 9-11 was selected by Mother Smith for her funeral text. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest."

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Charles Hyatt, deceased, late of Lower Turkeyfoot Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of administration of 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 on Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1887, at the grist mill of Wm. Burkholder in Drakstown, in said township.

J. W. BURKHOLDER,
Administrator C. T. A

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To James B. Reininger and Frederick H. Reininger, residing in Bedford County, Pa., Samuel R. Reininger, residing in Blair County, Pa., Mary, wife of Lablas Blough, residing in Cambria County, Pa.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of partition issued out of the Orphan's Court of Somerset County, Pa., I will hold an inquest on the Real Estate of Frederick Reininger, deceased, situate in Paint Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Wednesday, the 29th day of April, 1887, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, } JOHN WINTERS,
March 16th. } Sheriff.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Washington Baker, residing in Fulton, Multnomah County, Oregon:

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., I will hold an inquest on the Real Estate of Solomon Baker, deceased, situate in Jefferson Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1887, when and where you may attend if you think proper.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE, } JOHN WINTERS,
Mar. 16, 1887. } Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Caroline Matilda McCahen, deceased, late of Jenner Twp., Somerset county, Pa.

Letters of Administration 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 at the residence of said deceased, on Saturday, the 23d day of April, 1887. DANIEL STUFFT,
mar4 Administrator.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fi. Fa. and Vend. Ex. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa., I will expose to public sale at the Court House in Somerset Borough, Pa., on

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1887,

at 1 o'clock p. m., all the right, title interest and claim of Edward Taw, of in and to the following described real estate, viz.:

A certain piece or parcel of land situate in Summit Township, Somerset County, Pa., bounded as follows, to wit: Beginning at stones at lands called Benjamin Ashmead, South 29 degrees, West 92 perches to stones; South 71 degrees, West 34 perches, to stones; North 29 degrees, east 92 perches to stones; north 71 degrees, east 34 perches to place of beginning, containing 20 acres more or less, and having thereon erected a one and a half story dwelling house and stable, it being part of a tract of land conveyed by C. G. Litt and wife to Edward Taw, by their deed dated April 6, 1881, with the appurtenances.

—ALSO—

Four certain contiguous lots of ground situate in Meyersdale Borough, Somerset County, Pa., known on the plan of said Boro. as lots Nos. 158, 159 and 161, bounded by alley on the North; lot of —— on the East; Large street on the South, and —— street on the West, each containing about one-fifth of an acre, and having a stable thereon erected, with