The Somerset Herald.

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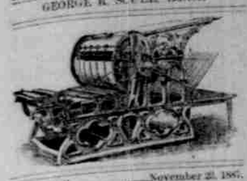

WEDNESDAY..... November 23, 1887.

Next in order will be the holiday trade.

Trade dollars are now only worth about 60 cents.

Have you sized up your Thanksgiving turkey?

A neat thing in pantaloons—$1.000 in the pockets.

The Democrats take their defeat good humoredly.

No trouble to suit you with spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

In Boston the young ladies refer to naked truth as undraped actuality.

A fine new line of Ladies Pocketbooks just received at Biesecker & Snyder's.

An elegant assortment of pocketbooks just received at Snyder & Biesecker's.

The fellow who was born on the 29th of February will get a birthday next year.

Great reduction in the price of spectacles and eyeglasses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Kings combination spectacles reduced from $2.00 to $1.50 at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The Democrats did not carry a single township in Indiana county at the general election.

There are a good many girls who have not yet heard that we're only a month and a half off Leap year.

Boston girls chew ten tons of gum per annum. How many hundred weight is consumed in Somerset?

Tooth-ache? Call at once on the dentist. What dentist? McMillan, Baer's Block, (up stairs,) Somerset, Pa.

For good and cheap Butcher Knives, Butcher Saws, Steels and Saw Blades, go to Jas. B. Holderbaum's.

Colt, Winchester and Flobart Rifles Breech and Muzzle-loading Shot Guns, for sale by James B. Holderbaum.

The farmers in the western part of Westmoreland county have organized to deal out summary justice to barn burners.

The official vote of Franklin county shows that Grover Cleveland and Jefferson Davis each received one vote for Coroner.

McMillan, operative and mechanical dentist, performs all dental operations in a style first class. Office in Baer's Block, Somerset.

Oil has been discovered on the farm of Joshua Bailey, near Warnersville, Berks county, and a company has been formed to work it.

With the approaching holiday season comes a rumor of another matrimonial boom in this place and vicinity during that happy period.

The Berks county lawyers who had a rough and tumble fight in the Court room a few days ago, have been fined $50 each for contempt of Court.

The two greatest attractions in England at present are Buffalo Bill and Slugger Sullivan. The honors between the two seem to be pretty equally divided.

The celebrated "Enterprise" Meat Cutters and Stuffers can be found at Jas. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store. Prices low as the lowest, and sold on trial.

Sportsmen can obtain good results by using the Chamberlain Machine-loaded Cartridges. Ask for them at

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM'S.

Forest county claims the Republican banner offered by Chairman Cooper. The vote was 2 per cent. and the majority for the State ticket 6 per cent. above the Blaine vote.

The Pennsylvania Company are making and distributing along their extensive lines, neatly padded stretchers to be used in emergency in case of accident to carrying injured persons.

Floods in this country as well as in China have often caused great loss of life, but the record of the worst of them sinks into insignificance when compared with lives lost in the ocean horrors of the present year.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSON.

Sleighs, Sleigh Bells, Whips, Double Harness, Single Harness, Fur Robes, Wool Robes, Lap Blankets, Horse Blankets, Collars, Saddles, Bridles, etc., at way down prices at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

This is a good season to trim grape vines. If neatly pruned now and laid on the ground they will produce all the better next season. When lying on the ground the snow covers them and frost is not so likely to injure them.

We have just received a car load of Portland and Shell-body Cutters of different styles and of good quality. It will pay to call and examine them before you place your order for a sleigh.

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM.

The fellow who was born on the 29th of February will have an opportunity to celebrate his birthday next year. Ladies will likewise have an opportunity to freeze onto the modest and resisting young man. Next year with its 888 is going to be a notable one in many respects.

It will interest hunters to know they can find a good line of Powder, Shot, Caps, Gun Wadding, Primers, Turkey and Duck Calls, Powder and Shot Flasks, Cleaning Implements, reloading tools, and all kinds of Gun Repairs at Jas. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

A few weeks ago an old stocking, in which was about seventy counterfeit dollars, was found near Blacklick, Indiana county, in a lone corner. It had evidently been hid there for two or three years for the stocking was almost rotted away. The question, is who put them there?

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

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

We give the following for what it is worth but if true it is important that our people should know it. Fires from exploded coal oil lamps are frequent. Don't attempt to put the fire out with water; it will do no good, but instead, will spread the flames; but run for your flour barrel and throw a handful or two of flour on the flames, and presto! they will be extinguished.

An exchange rises to remark that if you have anything it don't know and which the people ought to know, if it is worth knowing, don't you know it is your duty to let them know it, that the people may also know, that it came from you know, but they can't know unless you let them know, the things which you know, that will be good for all people to know, you know.

The following letters and postals remaining in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within two days from this date, November 21, 1887:

Bert, Henry; Ball, J. W.; Buchanan, A. Brown, Anna; Claycomb, Harrison; Coleman, Henry; Chapman, Mrs. Lydia; Elder, A. C.; Greed, H.; King, S. T.; Koontz, D. H.; Lehman, Emma; McCartney, Rolad; Miller, C. C.; Miller, H. J.; Meyers, John; Robinson, E.; Smith, W.; Smith, George; Schrock Albert, care of Perry Schrock Walker, William P.; Whitmeyer, Wilson.

Postals: Baker, Chauncey; Carver, John A.; Fritz, W. H.; Miller, H.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

The ice harvest will soon commence.

James L. Pugh Esq., is in Pittsburgh this week.

Four weeks from next Sunday will be Christmas.

Shooting matches and raffllings are very popular just now.

Madame Fry Concert Company at the Opera House to-night.

J. R. Scott, Esq., spent Saturday in Johnstown on legal business.

Mr. William T. Allison left for Johnstown where he expects to make his future home, Tuesday morning.

Walter Emerson, the greatest cornet player living, at the Opera House Friday evening, November 25th.

A union Thanksgiving service will be held in the Reformed church Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Mr. George H. Love, mention of whose illness from typhoid fever was made in our last issue, is slowly convalescing.

We direct the attention of our readers to the change in the large advertisement of Geis, Foster & Quinn, Johnstown.

A. J. Colborn Esq., spent several days of last week in Frostburg, Maryland, visiting his children, who are residing there.

The ground has been covered with a blanket of snow for the past two or three days. A few inches more would make good sleighing.

One lone, solitary carpenter is at work on the repairs to the Court House, that have been recommended by four or five successive Grand Juries.

The County Commissioners are engaged in delivering the assessment books to the Assessors of the different Boroughs and Townships of the County.

A new schedule went into effect on the B. & O. and Somerset and Cambria Railroads, Sunday morning. The changes made from the former schedule are very slight.

The men who were engaged in boring a well on the academy grounds struck water in "paying quantities" last week and the well is now cased up and has a first-class pump in it.

Mr. Hez. Zimmerman last week disposed of his tobacco store to Mr. Ed. S. Kantner. We bespeak for the new proprietor a continuance of the former patronage of the store.

Mr. Ed Alcott, who recently returned from England, brought with him twenty-one Shetland ponies. He has them on his farm at Hermitage and intends keeping them for breeding purposes.

Mr. Peter Lex had the honor of being the first person to occupy a cell in the new borough lock-up. He was caught on the streets drunk by Policeman Gilbert Thursday night, and was incarcerated.

Mr. Frank M. Higgins, managing editor of the Pittsburgh *Commercial-Gazette*, died at his home on Centre avenue, Pittsburgh, Saturday morning, from congestion of the brain, complicated with pneumonia.

"Governor" Pile, who has been in the employ of the B. & Railroad as a boss carpenter for a number of years, last week quit the company's service and returned to Somerset, where he will work at his trade.

Georgie Boyd was convicted of larceny in the Pittsburgh Courts last week and was sentenced to the House of Refuge during the remainder of his minority. Georgie is between sixteen and seventeen years old.

Three months and twenty days to prison and $50 fine was the sentence imposed by the Washington county court on a man for illegal liquor selling. Look out for violations under the Brooks high license law.

Old Boreas, with chilling breath, swooped down upon us Friday morning, causing pedestrians to move along at a quicker pace than they did during the balmy days of the beautiful Indian summer weather of the week previous.

If a thing is worth advertising at all, then the best way is to advertise it in the paper that has the largest circulation. That is simply business. No other paper in Somerset county pretends to compare with the HERALD in circulation.

The visiting of schools by patrons and citizens, is in the line of duty, and a visit at least once in two months by every head of the family should be made. Encourage the teachers and pupils by your presence, and words of commendation.

An exceptionable and noteworthy feature of our borough schools is the even tenor of the way in which they are conducted. Not a word of complaint has as yet reached our ears, a convincing evidence that the term is going to be a successful one.

Mr. Sebastian Geisler, a former well-known resident of this county, but for the past eight years of Poolshluck county, Iowa, is visiting friends and relatives at his former home. He is accompanied by his wife and daughter. At present they are visiting Mr. Geisler's son, Lorenzo, in Somerset township.

The Boston Stars, that appear in the Somerset Opera House Friday evening, November 25th, is without a doubt the finest music al entertainment that ever appeared in Somerset, and the price of admission will be as usual, 50, 35 and 25 cents. Reserved seats 50 cents. Now on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Hat and Furnishing Store.

The "Frosty Suns of Thunder" mowed a broad swath in Somerset county at the election, rolling up a Republican plurality on the State ticket of over 2,100, and a still greater plurality on the county ticket. We admire their pluck and capacity to stick to the ticket, which is the producer of such handsome results.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

Mr. John W. Megahan, one of Somerset's most promising young men, was married Thursday to Miss Permelia Heffley. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Weakly at the residence of the bride's parents in Berlin. The newly married couple have gone to housekeeping in Mr. Megahan's house, which he built on Patriot street a year or more ago.

How the fire which occurred in Mr. Jacob Pile's planing mill, near the S. & C. R. R. station, about ten days ago originated, is still a mystery. Had it not been for the effective work done by the chemical engine the building with its contents would have been entirely destroyed. Mr. Pile's loss, by injury to the building and tools destroyed is about two hundred dollars. He has already repaired the building, placing it in as good condition as before the fire. He had no insurance.

Judge Baer left for Bedford Monday, to hold court. His health is such that he did not wish to undertake presiding for a full week's court, and had arranged with Judge Rowe, of Franklin county, to preside at Bedford this week. He received a telegram on Monday morning stating that owing to sickness Judge Rowe would be unable to fulfill his engagement. In consequence of Judge Baer's absence the argument court that was to have been held here to-day has been continued indefinitely.

The competitive examination of applicants for the West Point cadetship from this district will take place to-day, Wednesday. Eighteen applications for examination have been filed with Congressman Scull. Every county in the Congressional district has several applicants. The pension examining board, composed of Drs. Brubaker, Patterson and Kimmell will conduct the physical examination, while the mental examination will be conducted by Capt. W. H. Sanner, H. L. Baer, and A. C. Holbert, Esqr's.

We have not heard of any deer being bagged by any of our local sportsmen yet this season.

The Episcopal Parochial school, located on Locust street, Johnstown, was destroyed by fire at an early hour Tuesday morning.

Very long and narrow pocketbooks for women are the latest fashion in that line. An exchange also says that some ladies persist in wearing them extremely flat.

The fact that the anarchists, to a man, are infidels may be included among other evidences that the safety of society is mainly dependent upon the religious character of the people.

Elder I. N. Conner will preach in the Disciples' church each evening this week. The congregation was so well pleased with his Sunday sermons that they decided to engage him permanently. He will move here with his family on the 1st of January.

The Supreme Court of West Virginia, where a marriage license law exists similar to that of Pennsylvania has declared that a marriage is illegal and void, where a license has not been previously taken out. This question has never been passed upon by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

A Union Memorial Service will be held in the M. E. Church next Sunday evening at 6:45 in memory of John B. Finch. All are cordially invited to attend as there will be service nowhere else in town at that hour. Able speakers will address the meeting.

COMMITTEE.

Next year (1888) will be a peculiar one in this respect: That the last three numerals which compose it will be the same figures, a circumstance which can only occur once in a century, or more strictly speaking, once in every 111 years, as it will be 111 years before another "three of a kind" (1999) will be reached.

The newspapers are giving publicity to the fact that at Easton last week Judge Schuyler decided to be unconstitutional the twelfth section of the act of May 13, 1887, which requires each constable to visit once a month all places in his district where liquors are sold, but they do not give the grounds upon which the decision is based.

Senator Cameron, in a recent conversation, said: "I think Allison will receive the support of Mr. Blaine's friends if they determine not to press their first choice. I know nothing of their plans, as I have just returned from the West. I presume the meeting of the National Committee will lead to a comparison of notes which will give some idea of the drift of things."

Mormon missionaries are meeting with remarkable success at Rochester, a town a few miles below Pittsburg. Two brothers (Gilbert and Ferdinand Lloyd) and their wives are among the latest converts. They were baptized Sunday and will leave for Salt Lake to-morrow. They have always been ranked with the best citizens of the place, and are men of education and considerable wealth.

The Greensburg *Press* says that three hundred miners and coke drawers who came out at United last Friday are still out. Trimbath of the Amalgamated Association, was down trying to fix up matters, and Thursday went to Pittsburgh to confer with Mr. Schoonmaker. A report from that place yesterday stated that twenty-five of the men have been ordered to vacate the houses in which they have been living.

The Chairman of the Republican Committee of Indiana County offered a flag to the township giving the largest increased vote over the Blaine vote in 1884. The per cent was estimated on the average vote cast for the ten candidates on the Republican ticket. In three townships the average vote exceeded that polled for Blaine. A little vigorous cutting here and there reduced the average of some of the districts.

Our exchanges warn farmers to beware of circulars sent forth (with stamps for return postage), with a request that they be filled out. In a short time the farmer will be surprised at the return of this piece of paper to which the signature is attached, transformed into a bona fide promissory note, which has been discounted at some bank, and which he will have to pay. The safest way is to have no correspondence whatever with strangers on any pretext.

The following is a suggestion worth remembering and practicing: "When you buy a quantity of postage stamps don't tear off that little strip which is on the outside of the sheet. Tear off the outer row of stamps leaving them attached and then when you have occasion to enclose a stamp in a letter fasten it in with a part of the strip instead of wetting a corner of the stamp. Wet the strip and it will adhere to the letter, leaving the entire stamp easily detached by your correspondent."

W. T. Manning, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, has invented a patent safety switch lock, and applied it to a switch stand also invented by him. The lock is so arranged that when the switch points are thrown for the main track they are automatically locked in that position, and cannot be thrown for the side track until it has been unlocked by a key made especially for the purpose. The usual custom of brakemen to hammer locks open with a coupling pin, which has caused so many wrecks, will be impossible when the Manning lock is used. The switch stand is a verticle lever showing a signal only when the switch points are thrown for the side track. The lock will be placed on switches at various points along the Baltimore and Ohio lines for a thorough trial.

A terrible accident occurred at Mr. Nelson Shaulis' lime quarry, near Sipesville, in Somerset Township, about four o'clock Friday afternoon. There were only two men at work in the quarry at the time, Stewart Putman and Benjamin Fisher. They had been blasting the lime stone, using giant powder for an explosive. A blast that they had prepared would not discharge, when Putman went to work to drill it out. He had only been at the task a short time when his drill, coming in contact with some of the powder, caused it to explode with terrific force, sending fragments of stone in every direction. Putman's left hand was torn almost torn off, and his head and face were frightfully cut and gashed by the flying missiles. Both of his eyes were blown out, and it is thought that death will shortly result from his injuries. Should he live, he will be totally blind. He is a married man, with a large family. Fisher was considerably cut and bruised about the face and head, but was not seriously injured.

For some months past the impression has been gaining ground that there was something wrong with the borough scales and that our people were being greatly swindled in the weight of the coal, hay, etc., they were purchasing. One day last week one of our prominent citizens ordered a load of coal from a local dealer and when the bill was presented for payment was astounded to find that the weigh bill called for 72 bushels. He refused to pay the bill and had the coal racked and measured. By actual measurement the load contained 50 bushels of coal. A petition, largely signed by prominent citizens, was gotten up and presented to the borough authorities requesting them to have the scales tested. The authorities complied with the prayer of the petitioners and the test disclosed the fact that the scales were terribly out of gear, weighing at least twenty-five per cent. too strong. The authorities at once telegraphed for a new set of scales and suspended, for the time being, the ordinance compelling all dealers to have weighed all hay, coal, etc. sold within the borough limits. Just how much our citizens have been gulled out of within the past three or four years in this way it would be difficult to estimate. Of course the dealers, who alone have profited by this defective weighing, are in no way responsible.

The Jackson Gas Well.

A report reaches town that gas was struck at the Jackson township oil well last night, and that it shot to the top of the derrick thirty-five or forty feet. The drilling continues. The hole has now attained a depth of about one thousand feet. The contract is to sink it two thousand two hundred and fifty feet. A new Board of Directors will be elected at Vinco on the 28th inst.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Must Pay License.

About a year ago Justice of the Peace Cornelius, of Warren, Pa., decided that Goer, a book agent, must pay a borough license. The Warren county court reversed the decision of 'Squire Cornelius. And now comes the Supreme Court with a decision reversing the lower court and affirming the judgment of the Justice of the Peace. This means that book agents must pay municipal licenses the same as other peddlers.

Pennsylvania Governors.

Since 1790 there have been twenty Governors of Pennsylvania. Of these eleven were lawyers, two printers, one a Lutheran preacher, one a tanner, one a civil engineer, one a farmer, one an iron manufacturer, and two were merchants. Only six of these are living, to wit: Pollock, Curtin, Hartranft, Hoyt, Pattison and Beaver. The Democrats elected eleven of the twenty, the Federalists one, anti-Masons one, Whigs two and the Republicans five.

The Boston Stars.

The following letter from the well-known lecturer and humorist, Robert J. Burdette, to the Redpath Lyceum Bureau, published by permission of the latter, explains itself.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Oct. 11 1887.

DEAR R. L. R.:—

"Went to hear the 'Boston Stars' last night. Grand thing. Big as a prairie. If people don't like that programme, and the way it is read, sung, and played, then the people don't know what they want. It is the best arranged entertainment on the boards this season. I don't believe the 'Stars' themselves know how good it is."

Yours as ever,

ROBERT J. BURDETTE.

At the Opera House Friday evening, November 25th.

More Taxes.

Auditor General A. Wilson Norris has sent a circular letter to the County Commissioners which will interest the tax-payers of the county. On the 1st of November, the Auditor General notified that body that, in accordance with a recent opinion of the Attorney General of the State and also of recent decisions of the courts, all personal property held in trust, whether for the benefit of resident or non resident cestui que trustent (including mortgages on property outside the State, and stocks and bonds issued by corporations of other States) is liable to taxation in this State, and should, therefore, be included in the returns of taxable property required by law to be made.

A Woman of Nerve.

Mrs. H. F. Brooks, of Stauffers, Westmoreland county, on last Thursday escaped from terrible injury, if not death, and her escape must be attributed to her own wonderful nerve, says the Connellsville *Courier*. A fine cow with twin calves belonging to the lady was pasturing in a neighboring field. The owner went out alone to see her, ad just as she turned to leave the field the cow, with lowered head, rushed towards her. The lady was struck in the side and thrown to the ground by the force of the unexpected attack. She did not lose her presence of mind, but, grabbing the horns, she held the enraged animal until her cries brought assistance and she was rescued from her perilous position.

Big Time Court Week.

There will be a big time next court week. There will doubtless be a big crowd of people in Somerset, many of whom will come to town specially to select school books out of the immense supply at Fisher's Book Store. School books and school supplies for every district in the county. Hundreds of people will be attracted by the elegant and immense display of Holiday Goods that will be opened out in this large and handsome store room. This display of Holiday Goods will exceed anything ever before attempted in Somerset. Come and see it. Justices of the Peace and Constables will avail themselves of the chance whilst at Court to go to Fisher's Book Store and lay in a supply of blanks. School teachers will not forget that I have as large and fine a stock of Reward Cards as can be bought in any of the large cities.

Teachers' Institute.

Superintendent Berkey has about completed his promgam for this year's session of the Teacher's Institute and will have it printed and in the hands of the teachers early in December. That the program is a strong one all must agree when they learn that Prof. Wm. C. McClellan of Washington and Jefferson College, Prof. Maltby, of the Indiana and Dr. Day of the Allentown State Normal Schools have been secured as instructors. All of these gentlemen have well-known reputations throughout the State as educators. Prof Weeden, of Allegheny City is to have charge of vocal music, and he comes with an established reputation. Miss Maggie E. Dotts, of Montgomery county, is to give talks on reading at the day sessions and recitations in the evening. Miss Jean Glen, of Meadville, is to be the soloist and she promises to prove a most charming feature of the Institute in that she plays her own accompaniments on the harp. Miss Glen and Miss Dotts have appeared before the teacher's institutes of several of the eastern counties this fall and were everywhere spoken of as highly gifted and entertaining young ladies. The day sessions will be held in the Court House and the evening entertainments will be given in the Opera House.

The lecturers, of which mention was made in the HERALD several weeks ago, will be in the following order: Monday evening, Ex-Lieut. Gov. Will Cumback, of Indiana; Tuesday, Wallace Bruce, of New York; Wednesday, George Wendling, of St. Louis; and Thursday, Judge Turgee.

MIKE.

B. and O. Reorganization.

At a stockholders meeting of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Monday, the following directors were elected: James Sloan, Jr., Charles F. Mayer, James L. McLane, Wm. Keyser, Wm. F. Burns, Robert Garrett, James Carey Coale, George W. Dobbin, John Gregg, George A. Von Lingen and Decatur H. Miller. The first four named succeed Aubrey Pearre, John K. Cowan, W. W. Taylor and Joshua G. Harvey, and represent the New York and London syndicate.

The stockholders ratified the action of the directors in subscribing the stock and bonds of the Wheeling and Pittsburgh road, which will be included in the consolidated mortgage as additional security. The report of the President was presented, showing the revenue of the past year to have been $20,659,035—an increase of $2,236,508 over the revenues of the preceding year. The earnings of the main stem were $11,201,348 and the expenses $6,858,004, leaving a net balance of $4,454,343. The surplus fund, which represents invested capital derived from net earnings and which is not represented by either stock or bonds, now amounts to $48,083,720.

The report then relates the known facts about the sale of the company's express business to the United States Express Company, and the execution of the car trust mortgage of $2,500,000 last February, and adds: "Under an arrangement made with a syndicate of eminent bankers funds sufficient o cate care of the floating debt of the company have been secured, and this debt, it is expected, will be funded during the coming year, in accordance with the plan which has received the approval of the syndicate.

Thanksgiving.

The B. & O. Railroad Company, in accordance with its usual custom, will sell Round Trip Excursion Tickets at greatly reduced rates to and from all Stations on its lines east of the Ohio River. The tickets will be sold November 23rd and 24th, good to return until November 25th, inclusive. For further information call on Ticket Agents B. and O. R. R.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following named persons since our last report:

Augustus H. Brant, of New Centreville, and Savilla Bowman, of Northampton township.

Herman Hittle, of Northampton township and Mary Huppart, of Allegheny township.

John R. Lehman, of LaGrange County, Iowa, and Barbara Speicher, of Conemaugh township.

John W. Megahan, of Somerset, and Melia Heffley, of Berlin.

Manassas J. Rhoads, of Somerset township, and Carrie S. Stoy, of Shade township.

William A. Walter and Alice Eicher, both of Shade township.

William G. Ogline and Ida C. Pile, both of Somerset township.

Leonard L. Ferrel, of New Centreville, and Jennie Blubaugh, of Ursina.

Confluence Items.

Messrs. Phineas Snyder and Marshall Glotfelty, both of Harnedsville, this county, while engaged in weatherboarding a building for Dr. B. A. Fichtner, of Confluence, the scaffold gave way, and both were precipitated to the ground. Mr. Snyder was badly injured, and is confined to his bed. Mr. Glatfelty was also considerably bruised, but not enough to disable him. The cause was defective nailing.

A traction engine, manufactured by Aultman & Taylor, Mansfield, Ohio, wast brought to this county by Miller, Richter & Hoffman, of Garrett county, Md. The manufacturers showed the engine off to good advantage before they took it out of town. It was a new thing for the boys, and also for some of the old folks. It is to do duty in what is known as the Cove settlement, in the of Garrett county, Md. It is a 12-horse power. A wagon, loadened with a saw mill, was hooked to the engine, which was taken along seemingly with as much ease as a buggy.

MACK.

Judges Elected.

At the recent election eight Law Judges were elected in judicial districts in the State outside of Philadelphia. The numbers of the respective districts voting and the Judges elected in each are as follows, those marked with a star being the districts for each of which an Additional Law Judge was authorized by an act of the Legislature.

Dist.	Counties.	Judges Elected.
5.	Allegheny	Jacob F. Slagle, R.
*14.	Fayette and Greene	Nath. Ewing, R.
*15.	Chester	Wm. B. Waddell, R.
21.	Schuylkill	Oliver P. Bechtel, D.
30.	Crawford	J. J. Henderson, R.
*38.	Montgomery	Aaron S. Swartz, R.
*45.	Lackawanna	John P. Connolly, D.
*48.	McKean and Potter	T. A. Morrison, R.

Judges Ewing, Swartz and Morrison were appointed *ad interim* by Governor Beaver after they were nominated by district conventions and Judge Swartz has already become President Judge of Montgomery county by the death of B. Markley Boyer, for whom no successor has so far been appointed. Stephen F. Wilson was appointed Judge of Tioga county in Judge Williams' place, but the latter resigned too late for the issue of a writ of election and the vacancies in Montgomery and Tioga counties will be permanently filled by election next year.

A New Coke Field.

As an item of interest, I will inform you that the fires have been lighted and that six coke ovens now proclaim that in the near future Connellsville coke will have a formidable rival, and when the oil and gas which is under us is brought to the surface Berlin will be the Eldorado to which all eyes will be turned, and at least one of our merchants has prepared for the good time coming. That merchant is Paul G. Nowag. His counters and shelves are literally loaded down with astonishing bargains in all descriptions of Dry Goods. He is selling 27-inch Ladies' Cloth at 25 and 36 cents. Tricot Cloth at 35 to 50 cents, and 52-inch at 75 cents.

Ladies' and Children's Coats and Wraps in endless variety at from 60 cents for child's to $25.00 for Ladies' Seal Sacques.

Men' and Boys' Clothing and Boots and Shoes, as well as Hats and Caps Notions and Fancy Goods, he has in largest variety, and cheap. His display of Jewelry, Watches and Clocks is one of the most attractive departments. He is selling Gold Watches at $10.00.

In the Millinery line Mrs. Nowag not only offers the Ladies the largest assortment at lowest prices, but in addition is giving a genuine Oil Painting 34x28 inches with every $10 purchase. Space prevents my mentioning all bargains in detail, and I can only advise your readers to call at Paul G. Nowag's Store, Berlin, Pa., and see for themselves.

REPORTER.

Upper Turkeyfoot Items.

There is a spell of weather coming, we think.

Daniel Henry, Chauncey Pile and J. Hyatt all smile. They are girls.

Over six hundred bushels of buckwheat were raised here this year, on a few farms.

Romanus Pile had his new house raised a few weeks ago. His brother Zack is doing the work. Zack understands his business, and can make anything out of wood except a hornet's nest.

During the summer there were eight or ten ponds made here, in which carp were put. Our people intend, in a few years, to eat fish which cost them no money. More ponds will be built next year. Success to the enterprise.

Frank Nickels has everything ready for his new house, which he contemplates erecting next summer. He narrowly escaped having his left hand torn off while planing boards at S. Metzler's new planing mill. Don't fool with it again Frank, while it is running.

The Henry Baker Sheller Company are running their lime quarry in Fayette county for all there is in it. From twenty-five to thirty teams are run daily hauling limestone during the sledding season. There is as much lime burned and used here as there is in any other part of the county. It pays, boys.

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Next Year's Weather.

J. Williams Thorne, of Lancaster county writes to the West Chester *Village Record* as follows: "The winter of 1887-8 will be a a moderate one. There will be but few cold days; scarcely any in which the mercury in the thermometer will stand at or below zero; there will not be more than three or four weeks of good sleighing, most likely, not so much as that. The Delaware river at Philadelphia will not be so firmly frozen over as to seriously obstruct navigation. There will not be more than one heavy snowfall; most probably not any that will obstruct the high ways. Spring will open more than usually early. Oats will be sown and potatoes planted before the end of March. There will be no frosts in April or May sufficiently severe to injure the fruit. The summer will be moderately warm with enough rain to insure good crops of grain and grass generally. The crops of wheat and corn will be more than usually heavy. Apples, peaches, pears and cherries will be abundant and of a good quality.

"The basis of these predictions is the well-known astronomical fact that the earth, the sun and the moon occupy very nearly the same position every 18 years, and that the heat of the sun, the attraction of the sun and moon and the revolution of the earth on its axis, are the chief cause of all the movements in the earth's atmosphere. It is true that the larger plants exert a perturbing influence sufficient to modify these atmospheric phenonena resulting from the sun and moon. But this perturbing influence is scarcely felt except when the attracting force of several planets is exerted in the same or nearly the same direction. Whatever the amount of this perturbation it is susceptible of calculation, and no doubt it will be determined in the near future."

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.

Concert.

The singing class conducted by H. J. Byllman, at Casebeer's Church, will give a concert on Saturday evening, November 26, at 7 o'clock, consisting of solos, ducts, trios, quartetts, anthems, and heavy choruses. A small admission fee will be charged, to meet expenses. All are invited.

Issue of Bank Checks.

Judge Biddle, of Philadelphia, delivered an opinion, which is not only valuable to the merchants and bankerr of Pennsylvania, but to every man who has dealings with banks or who receives checks in payment of either goods sold, loans made, or for any other purpose. The case was the State National Bank of New Jersey against Abraham Weil, and it was on the rule for judgment for want of a sufficient affidavit of defense.

The Judge, after a lenghty opinion, concludes by saying:

The rule, therefore, is well established in the two greatest commercial cities of the world, that a check on a bank, where all the parties are residents of the same city, must be presented on the day upon which it bears date, or on the next day, and if not, the risk of the solvency of the drawee is upon the payee. We think that rule should be applied to this case, there being no circumstances to except it from its operation, and that the delay in the presentation of the check was unreasonable. The defendant is therefore not responsible for its non-payment. The rule for judgment is discharged.

Literary Notes.

A posthumous essay entitled "In Dickens Land," will appear in the Christmas *Scribner's* by Edwin Percy Whipple, the late critic and lecturer, who was one of the most ardent admirers of the genius of Charles Dickens.

Precious stones are not a staple of this country but an article in *Harper's* Christmas number on this subject furnishes much interesting information in regard to such gems as have been found. It is written by George F. Kunz, the leading American authority on this subject. Diamonds of poor quality have been picked up in America outside of jewelers shops, but Mr. Kuns makes it clear that the recent alleged discoveries of these precious things in Kentucky amount to nothing. But sapphires, however, and spinels—who will find the lost bed of them in Orange County?—crystals of topaz, beryls, garnets (the finest in the world), tourmalines, amethysts and turquoises are obtained in several localities in considerable profusion. The most striking feature of the article is the lithtographed page of these gems. Doubtless it is the best magazine lithograph of its kind ever produced. The usual number of impressions for color on such work does not exceed a half a dozen, but surely twenty must have been needed to get the fine effect of the gems on this sheet. It is a new departure for *Harper's* colored pages.

Robert Louis Stevenson's remarkable ballad of "Ticonderoga," which will appear in the Christmas *Scribner's*, will be splendidly illustrated from drawings made by two of the author's friends—William Hole, A. R. S. A., and Will H. Low, the American artist and illustrator of "Lamia," to whom Mr. Stevenson recently inscribed two poems.

Mr. Murat Halstead, editor of the Cincinnati *Commercial-Gazette*, has written an essay in which he tabulates the white and colored vote in the Southern States by congressional districts and by States, in support of the proposition that the Democratic party in the South has nullified the war amendments to the Constitution. He declares that the great political issue next year is not merely whether the Democratic party shall retain control of the Executive Department of the Federal Government, but whether the country shall run the risk of Democratic control of the Senate and the Supreme Court also, by which, he expresses fear, the war amendments to the Constitution may de declared invalid. This essay is contributed to the *Forum* for December.

Resolutions of Respect.

To the Officers and Members of Somerset Lodge, No. 458, I. O. O. F.:

Your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions expressive of the sentiments of this Lodge on the demise of the wife of Past Grand Wm. B. Coffroth beg leave to submit the following:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst by death the faithful and much respected wife of our beloved Past Grand Wm. B. Coffroth, *Therefore be it*

Resolved, That we sincerely deplore the death of our friend and sister, Mrs. Mary H. Coffroth, who in Christian profession and private life, always evinced the character of a noble woman.

Resolved, That by her death the husband has lost a dear wife, the children a loving and affectionate mother, the church an exemplary and faithful member and the community at large one of its best citizens.

Resolved, That we tender to the sorrowing family and relatives our warmest sympathy in their great bereavement.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, published in the county papers, and a copy transmitted to the bereaved family.

W. H. SANNER
J. B. SNYDER,
J. R. SCOTT,
Committee.

MARRIED.

WALTER—EICHER.—At the residence of Mr. Frederick Weimer, in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday, November 16, 1887, by Elder Henry F. Schell, Mr. William A. Walter and Miss Alice Eicher, both of Somerset County.

ZERFOSS—TRENT.—On Sunday, October 30, 1887, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Shanksville, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Cyrus Zerfoss and Miss Louise A. Trent, both of Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pa.

AUMAN—WALKER.—On Thursday, November 10, 1887, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. Peter H. Auman and Miss Alice E. Walker, both of near Somerset.

SOMERSET MARKET.

Corrected Weekly by COOK & BEERITS,

DEALERS IN

Choice Groceries, Flour & Feed.

Prices for November 23, 1887.

Apples, dried, ⅌ lb	Inside
Apple Butter, ⅌ gal	40@50c
Beans, ⅌ bu	$1 20
Bran, ⅌ 100 lbs	$1 00
Butter, (roll,) ⅌ lb	18c
" (keg) ⅌ lb	15c
Buckwheat, ⅌ bu	50c
" meal	——
Beeswax ⅌ lb	20c
Bacon, (Sugar-cured Hams) ⅌ lb	12c
" (Country hams) ⅌ lb	12½c
" (Shoulders) ⅌ lb	10c
" (Sides) ⅌ lb	11c
Corn, (ear) ⅌ bu	50@60c
" (shelled) ⅌ bu	60c
Meal ⅌ lb	2c
Chop, corn and oats, ⅌ 100 lbs	$1 25
" all rye, ⅌ 100 lbs	$1 50
Eggs, ⅌ doz	12c
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	35@40c
Potatoes, ⅌ bu	60@75c
New Potatoes	$1 00
Peaches, dried, ⅌ lb	8@10c
Rye, ⅌ bu	50@60c
Salt, (No 1,) ⅌ bbl	$1 25
" (Ground Alum) ⅌ sack	$1 25
" (Ashton) full sack	$1 50
" " ½ "	$1 00
Sugar, yellow, ⅌ lb	5@7c
" white, ⅌ lb	7@10c
Tallow, ⅌ lb	5@7c
Wheat, ⅌ bu	80@90c

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jonathan Emerick, dec'd, late of Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

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 will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 24 day of December, 1887, at the late residence of dec'd.

NATHAN EMERICK
JONATHAN EMERICK,
Executors.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Margaret Livingstone, deceased, late of Conemaugh Twp., Somerset Co., 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 will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, Nov. 26, 1887, at the late residence of deceased.

DAVID J. LEHMAN,
Administrator.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

To John Toepon, residing in Russel, Lucas Co, Iowa, William Toepon, residing in Ham