The Somerset Herald.

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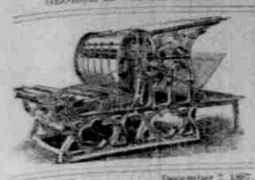

WEDNESDAY ..... December 7, 1887.

Court next week.

Christmas is three week away.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for Toboggans.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for Millinery goods.

The marriage market is growing brisk.

Holiday Goods at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Mufflers from 25 cents up at Mrs. Uhl's.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's for good kid gloves.

Doughnuts have taken the place of chestnuts.

For toys, dolls, and fancy articles go to Mrs. Uhl's.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for good cheap silk umbrellas.

Go to Hoffley, Somerset, if you want a cheap Overcoat.

For a good hat or cap, cheap, J. B. Snyder's is the place.

Hoffley has the largest line and cheapest Overcoats in Somerset.

Hoffley is selling the cheapest Overcoats, to close out his stock.

Hoffley is selling the cheapest suits in Somerset, to close out his stock.

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

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

A visit to Somerset will not be complete unless you call at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Christmas will soon be here, and the little folks are looking anxiously for its coming.

Don't fail to call at Heffley's and get one of those cheap Overcoats before they are all gone.

An ingenious cigar manufacturer is making excellent imported Havana cigars out of paper.

It will pay you to call and get one of those cheap suits at Heffley's, before they are all gone.

Plush cases in all conceivable and artistic designs are selling for a trifle at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The State Grange Patrons of Husbandry of Pennsylvania will meet in Harrisburg, December 11th.

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

Lycoming county paid $600 for sheep killed by dogs during the months of September and October.

You'll be surprised when you learn how cheap Biesecker & Snyder are selling their beautiful Holiday Goods.

The people of Altoona will make an effort to obtain an appropriation of $150,000 from Congress for a public building.

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

If you want a nice Handkerchief or Muffler, silk or linen, for your sweetheart, J. B. Snyder's is the place to get it.

If you intend making a Christmas present, don't fail to go to Biesecker and Snyder's before you make your selection.

A new line of dress goods, ginghams, calicoes, cretons, etc., just received at

J. B. SNYDER'S.

General Grant's widow visits the tomb at Riverside Park every Sunday. Thanksgiving Day she placed flowers on the casket.

What shall I give for a Christmas present? No need to ask, after seeing the hundreds of lovely things at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Everybody who intends making a Christmas present should call at Biesecker & Snyder's and get something useful, as well as ornamental.

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.

Judge Hunter has fixed the third Monday in June as license day in Westmoreland county, and as the date on which all licenses which may be granted shall begin and end.

The people of Berlin and vicinity are requested to call and examine the fine stock of Xmas goods now being opened at our store.

MATTHEWS & KIMMELL.

Your eye is forever resting upon "a vision of loveliness" in print. But if you visit Biesecker & Snyder's store, it will repose on the genuine article in the shape of Holiday attractions.

Twelve hundred acres have been leased and a company is being organized to drill another test well for gas and oil at Connellsville. The new venture will be located on the south side of the borough.

It is said the diphtheria epidemic at New Castle had its origin among the Italians there. Candy strewn over the corpses has been thrown into the street and eaten by children, thus spreading the disease.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSONS.

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.

To those who don't wish to purchase Jewelry or fancy goods for Christmas, but prefer things substantial and useful, let us say that we have a large stock of Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Silk Scarfs, Toboggan Caps, Collars, Cuffs, etc.

M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

It will interest and delight you to stop and look in the show windows of M. M. Tredwell & Co., at the display of Holiday Goods, but if you step inside and inquire for prices, you will not only be delighted, but surprised at the cheapness of the goods.

We have just received a car load of Portland and Swellbody 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.

Dolls! Dolls!! Dolls!!! China Dolls, Rouge Dolls, Wax Dolls, Big Dolls, Little Dolls, Dolls that cry, Dolls that talk, Dolls that open and close their eyes, Dolls of all qualities, Dolls at all prices.

M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

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.

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

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

We have gone to some pains to select goods suitable to the Holiday season. Our stock consists in part of Jewelry, Vases, Perfumery, Purses, Pocketbooks, Cigar Cases, Match Safes, Paper Weights, Work Baskets, Dolls, &c., and instead of selling them at fancy prices we have marked them down so low that all can indulge in the pleasure of making presents.

M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

Christmas is only a little over two weeks off.

A decidedly cold wave struck this section Sunday night.

Representative Scull left for Washington Friday morning.

Ex-County Superintendent Weller was among our callers Monday.

The contractor have completed the new brick building on the jail property.

Capt. W. M. Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant, is spending a few days at the Somerset House.

District Attorney Biesecker is in attendance at the Cambria county Court at Ebensburg.

An unusually large number of people from the surrounding country were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Charles W. Stanford, of Brooklyn, N. Y., is a guest at the home of her father, Capt. Wm. M. Schrock.

County Superintendent J. M. Berkey is in attendance at the Bedford County Teachers' Institute at Bedford, this week.

The county officers recently elected will enter upon their duties January 2, 1888. The terms of all county officials are for three years.

Treasurer-elect George J. Black spent Monday in Somerset. He has decided not to move his family here until the first of April.

Large quantities of live poultry are daily shipped from this place. Much of it goes to Pittsburgh, Scottdale, and other places in the coke regions.

Johnstown, being disappointed in getting the Republican National Convention, will content herself with a new toboggan slide—five cents a slide.

The north-bound mail train was side-tracked at the S. & C. station for several hours this, Tuesday, afternoon, owing to a freight wreck near Stoystown.

The skating on the dam below town was most excellent several days last week. The boys built large fires along the banks of the stream at night, and enjoyed the sport immensely.

Michael Long, Esq., of Wellersburg, sold his valuable farm of two hundred and fifty acres, to Samuel Fox and Josiah Way, for $6,400. This farm is situated in Black township, and is well timbered.

A fund is being raised by the veterans of Adams county for the purpose of erecting a monument in the public square of Gettysburg in memo ial of the county's representatives who fell in the late rebellion.

Mr. Wm. B. Coffroth, the Borough Assessor, is busily engaged in distributing the pink blanks among our taxable inhabitants. The blanks must be returned to him, at the Court House, on December 14th and 15th.

Judge Baer was confined to his house the greater part of last week by a severe cold, which he contracted while holding court at Bedford the previous week. Judge Ewing, of Pittsburgh, is presiding over the Bedford court this week.

The people of Lancaster will urge an appropriation of $100,000 for the erection of a building in that city to accommodate the postoffice and internal revenue offices, the latter of which recieves over a million dollars annually as collections.

The Johnstown *Tribune* says: Mr. Charles Ogle has arrived home from Missouri, where for some time past he has been with an engineering corps surveying a line of railroad. Charley is the picture of health. He will spend the winter in Johnstown.

In addition to the prize, a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, offered by the Coopersdale Academy to the best speller among Somerset county's school teachers, the County Superintendent will give a handsome edition of Washington Irving's complete works.

Contractor John M. White has just completed thirty coke-ovens for the Ursina Coal & Coke Co. It is understood that the Company propose increasing their plant to 200 ovens next year, in which event Ursina will likely experience a revival of her for a time lost boom.

Rev. E. F. Swift, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Allegheny City, died very suddenly at his home last Wednesday evening of pneumonia. Dr. Swift had many friends in Somerset, where he frequently spent his vacation, who will be grieved to learn of his death.

General Simon Cameron was a witness before the Lancaster county court the other day and in response to inquiries concerning his age, said that while he isn't a remarkably young man he isn't as old as Methuselah, having been born March 8, 1799. The old gentleman has a good memory, and is in robust health.

Preston White, who, by the way, is not white, but very black, was lodged in jail Saturday morning by the constable of Rockwood borough to await trial at next week's term of court. In a fit of anger Preston struck a fellow workman an ugly blow with a pick, driving the steel into his side to the depth of several inches. The injured man had to be sent to the poor house, and Preston will probably be sent to the penitentiary.

We have it on reliable authority that a contract was entered into during the latter part of last week between the owners of eight of the largest mines in the Elklick region and a Mr. Hamilton, representing a Baltimore syndicate, for the entire output of their drifts. The operators agree to ship every bushel of coal mined to the syndicate and are forbidden to sell to any other parties during the year the contract is in force. The coal is to be shipped direct to the Baltimore wharfs, were it will be used for coaling outgoing steamers. This new contract will give employment to a large number of men and will no doubt increase all business in the Meyersdale region.

A sixteen-year-old son of Mr. William Hay, of Elklick township, met with a very serious and what is feared fatal accident at Meyersdale on Saturday. Young Mr. Hay had driven to town with a wagon load of turkeys and the birds unaccustomed to "metropolitan" noises grew noisy themselves frightening the horses into a run. The increased momentum of the wagon increased the noise of the fowls until the horses became unmanageable. The young man in his efforts to check them was thrown from his seat to the ground, the four wheels of the heavy wagon passing over his stomach. He was gathered up and carried to a neighboring house where medical aid was at once summoned. It is thought that he received fatal internal injuries, but is still living at this time.

The Uniontown correspondent of the Pittsburgh *Gazette* says: "The Republicans of the new Twenty-fourth district, composed of the counties of Fayette, Greene, Washington and part of Allegheny, are considering three methods by which their candidate for Congress may be nominated—the old three-conferee system, that of the popular vote, and the plan generally in vogue in Ohio, known as the liberal delegate system, allowing each county one delegate for, say, every 500 Republican votes. On the vote cast for Hart at the late election, this basis would give a nominating convention of 38 delegates, of which Washington would have 13, Fayette 12, Allegheny (part) 9, and Greene 4. The Republicans of each county have appointed a committee of three and they will meet at Pittsburgh on Friday, Dec. 9, at 12 m. There is already talk of candidates. Hons. George V. Lawrence and J. K. Billingsley, Col. Chil l W. Hazzard and Editor E. F. Acheson are all spoken of from Washington county. J. M. Thompson, P. S. Newmyer and J. M. Reed are mentioned in Fayette."

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.

The Grand Opera House was filled last night with a fashionable audience to witness the opening of the Rinehart sisters' Comic Opera and Burlesque Company in the "Waif's Luck," which is, as the program says, semi-dramatic, semi-operatic, semi-musical conglomeration of absurd humor, nonsensical fun, ridiculous situations and extravagant hilarity. During the play new and taking specialties are run in by the company, introducing many new and bright songs and jokes, not a chestnut among them. The singing of Misses Birdie and Goldie Rinehart was very fine. Little Stella and Lee were as cute as could be, especially the latter, who, with her sly little wink, captured the audience from the start.

The splendid clog reel and Irish jig dancing of Miss Stella was particularly fine, in fact the finest seen here, even executed by much older persons for quite awhile. She was recalled several times.—*Wheeling Intelligencer.*

Will appear in the Somerset Opera House Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 12th, 13th and 14th. Prices of admission 35, 25, and 15 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents, now on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Hat and Furnishing Store.

Marriage of Miss Lindsay.

Miss Mary G. Lindsay and William D. Henry, manager and a member of the Masillon Stone and Fire Brick Company, were married at 6.30 Thursday evening at the elegant home of the bride's father James H. Lindsay, of Lindsay and McCutcheon, on Ridge avenue, Allegheny. Only about a hundred of the immediate relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. John Paxson, of New York City, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. P. Cowan, in the double parlors which were almost a forest of plants and flowers. The bride wore a beautiful dress of moire antique with diamond ornaments.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry left on the night express for an extended tour of the Eastern cities. On their return they will take up their residence with Mr. Lindsay on Ridge avenue.—*Pittsburgh Times.*

Miss Lindsay is one of the most popular of the many Allegheny people who make Somerset their summer home. Miss Annie Sanner was in attendance at the wedding.

A Forgery Detected.

Tuesday morning Capt. C. J. Harrison, of the Somerset County Bank, received a letter from the Chemical Bank of New York enclosing a draft and asking him to telegraph whether or not it was O. K. The draft was dated Somerset, Pa., November 23, 1887, and was on the Chemical Bank of New York. The amount called for was $850, payable to the order of Arthur A. Miller, and was signed M. J. Pritts, Cashier, Somerset County Bank. Arthur A. Miller had the draft cashed at the bank of S. K. Linscott, Holton, Kansas, and from there it was sent to Kountze Bros., New York, who sent it into the Chemical Bank, where the forgery was detected and payment refused. The imitation of M. J. Pritts' signature was pretty good, but the printed part of the draft was badly bungled up and did not bear a very close resemblance to the blanks used by the Somerset County Bank. An effort will be made to detect the forger and bring him to justice.

The Last Gun

For the year 1887 will be fired at 12 p. m. on December 31st, and to make room for the large stock of Holiday Goods placed in the 5 and 10 Cent Counter Room of Cook & Beerits, it becomes necessary to push the old line of small things into the background, and the shelves are now loaded down with the thousand and one toys and useful articles for the Festive Season. If you meet any one who says, "Times are hard and money is scarce," kick the dust from your shoes and strike a "bee line" for our Headquarters, where, to your surprise, you will find business already going with a rush, and to make doubly sure that you get what you want, come early, and come often.

CONA SPANGLER, Manager.

Some unknown exchange says this: If the air in your cellar is too damp, the dampness may be removed by placing a peck or so of unslacked lime in an open box on the floor. A peck of unslacked lime will absorb about seven pounds, or more than three quarts of water, and in this way the air in the cellar can always be kept dry."

Nice Christmas Goods at Weifley's Book Store.

I invite my friends and patrons to call and examine the fine line of Holiday Goods now on exhibition. The stock embraces many useful and beautiful articles, such as Mirrors, Work Boxes, Toilet Sets, Plush and Leather Cuff and Collar Boxes, Plush Boxes of Papers, Music Holders, Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Ladies Satchels, Paper Knives, Inkstands, Paper Weights, Picture Frames, Japanese Goods, Novelties in Brass Goods, Whisk Holders, Waste Baskets, and many other nice goods.

Bibles, Hymn Books, Teachers' Bibles, and a large and varied assortment of Standard and Miscellaneous Books. Also, Childrens' Books in great variety. Come and see for yourselves.

W. H. WEIFLEY.

We find this timely advice floating about on the sea of newspaperdom: This is the time of the year to obey proper health rules. Many a cold will be taken in churches and places of amusement. The people will walk to church or the public hall in their warm overcoats and wraps, and retain them in an atmosphere warmer than that outside, and become bathed in perspiration. The true method is to remove coats and wraps on entering a warm room and donning them upon leaving for the exercise of the colder outside air.

Confluence Items.

Some of the citizens of our town and vicinity are being subpoenaed to appear before Court, to show that one of our landlords sold whiskey contrary to law. The accused stoutly denies the charge, while the accuser declares that it is the case. One thing is certain, the good of public morals does not form the basis of action, but personal feeling seems to be at the bottom of the whole affair. Time will tell which is right. It is not generally believed that our landlords sell any intoxicating drinks, yet it may be so; but if it is, it is being done very carefully. If all prosecutions were brought from an honest desire to improve the public morals, and for the suppression of crime, the number would decrease to the minimum in a very short time. When an officer, or any one else, stands by and sees the law violated with impunity, and walks away and says nothing about it because the violators are friends of his, and then discommodes himself to find an accusation against some one else, though it be only of little importance, there is something wrong about it. It is to be hoped, however, that there are no such underlying motives in any prosecutions instituted in this town. There is plenty of room for prosecutions in more than one case and for more than one crime, and against more than one individual, but it is not always best to be too rash.

MACK.

For Rent.

Comfortable offices on the first and second floors of the addition to Printing House Row. For particulars, inquire at this office.

Christmas, 1887.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl wishes to call the attention of the public to her large stock of goods suitable for holiday presents, consisting of a great variety of silk, worsted, and woolen dress goods at very low prices. Ladies and gents ties, handkerchiefs, mufflers, collars and cuffs, combs, brushes, mirrors, toilet cases, fancy articles, skirts, toboggans, hoods, kid and cashmere gloves and mitts, ribbons, stockings, jewelry, a big drive in ladies and children's wraps, table covers, fancy silk and linen table scarfs, vellings, underwear, corsets, new style fascinators and nubias, crepe, silk and white ties, pocket books, purses, and satchels. A large line of shawls, handsome ruching, handsome fur muffs, and a large assortment of toy dolls, etc. A large stock of standard makes of blue and fancy calico at 5 cents a yard.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Out in Butler county a few days ago a number of school boys played "hanging the anarchists" to such purpose that the three lads who enacted the role of the anarchists and were strung up to the ceiling, were resuscitated with extreme difficulty.

One Cent Apiece.

Since purchasing the stock of H. H. Zimmerman I have reduced the price of Tobies to one cent apiece. I have on hand the largest line of 5 and 10 cent Cigars, Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Match Safes, Tobacco Boxes, Snuff and Snuff Boxes, in town. Also, a line of Pocket Knives, Fishing Tackle, Shoe Blacking, Brushes, Matches, etc. Your patronage solicited.

ED. S. KANTNER.

Sometimes the lamp-wick obstinately refuses to be turned up in an orderly manner. It will seem firmly wedged at one side, while the other runs up to a point, causing a weariness and vexation of spirit. To overcome this depravity take a new wick and draw out a single thread near the selvedge, and the wick will be found quite tractable when introduced into the burner. The cogs will take it up properly and it will appear in good form and give an even flame when lighted.

The Mt. Pleasant Institute.

The first term of the Mt. Pleasant Institute closed on the 6th inst. This has been the largest Fall term the school ever had.

Miss Mather, who has won a wide reputation as a music teacher, has been in the Boston Conservatory for three months, brushing up. She has just returned to find a very large class awaiting her.

An unusual large number of students are planning to go to College.

The President is busy providing for the extensive repairs made in the summer and fall, and still going on. The coming need seems to be more room.

Never Saw The Like.

The beautiful spread of elegant and useful Books, Albums, Pictures, Bibles, Frames, Fancy Mantel and Wall Ornaments, Wall Pockets, Writing Desks, Inkstands, Plush Goods, Bronzes, Wisk Holders, Box Papers, Purses, Toys, Blocks, Sleds, Masks and a wonderful variety of handsome and useful goods, suitable for Holiday presents, is a sight to behold at Fisher's Book Store.

Go and see.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for pretty goods to decorate your house.

Industries Clustering About the Grapeville Gas Wells.

The Greensburg *Press* says that on account of the supply of natural gas at Grapeville that point is likely to become a manufacturing center of considerable importance. The Keystone Glass Company has finally decided to locate there, and on Monday will let the contract for its buildings. The agents of the two Philadelphia glass companies who were in Pittsburg the other day looking for a location are now at Grapeville, and have said that in all probability they will select sites near the gas wells for their building. The Pennsylvania Implement Works have also been located near Grapeville.

Holiday Goods.

We have laid in a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and confectionieries for the holiday trade. Our candies, figs, dates, raisins, cranberries, almonds, prunes, etc., etc., are all nice and fresh and will be sold at prices that will compare with city houses. We have a large stock of choice goods and we mean to sell them. There is no need for the people of Berlin and vicinity to send away for any of their Christmas goods as they will discover after once having seen our stock.

MATTHEWS & KIMMELL.
Berlin, Pa.

Call at Heffley's and see those cheap Gum Boots and Shoes for men and women, the largest line and best selection in the market.

Excursion Tickets to California via Pennsylvania Railrodd.

On and after December 1, 1887, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco, Los Angeles or San Diego, Cal., at greatly reduced rates. The tickets will be sold via Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati or New Orleans, and thence to the Pacific Coast by the principal lines available at the respective termini of the Pennsylvania Railroad's system. The tickets will contain an "exchange order," which will be taken up at the eastern terminus of the transcontinental line, and an excursion ticket of that line substituted therefor. Intending tourists have the choice of the several routes and a different route may be chosen for the return trip to the point of exchange, if it is selected when the exchange order is surrendered.

The extreme limit of the return coupon will be six months from the date of sale as stamped on the back.

The trip will be made by the regular trains of the lines interested in California travel, and the sleeping car facilities will be the same as usual.

Full information in regard to rates, routes, sleeping car accommodations, and other matters relating to the excursions may be procured by addressing Thomas E. Watt, Western Passenger Agent, Pennsylvania Railroad, No. 110 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Christmas Gifts.

Santa Claus has been side tracked at Biesecker & Snyder's drug store for several days unloading the choicest presents his pack contained. Call and see the many beautiful gifts before making your purchases.

Wanted.

A tract of timber land to put a saw mill on, or I will sell my 32-horse-power saw mill on reasonable terms. Parties having timber land to sell or wishing to buy a saw mill should call on or address

JAMES PARSON
Somerset, Pa.

The mill cost $2,400 when new.

A Correction.

SOMERSET HERALD.

Please correct a statement in your last issue. My children died of membranous croup. They did not have diphtheria. I only tended two cases of diphtheria in this village during the last year and they are now convalescent. There is no reasonable ground for saying that it was carried from Jennertown.

C. P. LENHART M. D.
Jenner X Roads, Pa.

Dec. 5th, 1887.

A Bedford Woodchoper's Misfortune.

On Saturday, in Colerain Township, Bedford County, William Stiffler was severely cut in the face by an ax which was in the hands of his brother. They were engaged in dressing cross-ties, and the injury was the result of a stroke of the ax, which glanced. The cut extended from the nose to the right ear. Dr. Enfield was summoned from Bedford, but when he reached his destination Stiffler was almost dead from the loss of blood. It was with the greatest difficulty that the Doctor succeeded in stopping the flow. Stiffler is now recovering.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's and get some of the great bargains in wraps.

Whoa, There! Stop a Minute!

"Hellos, Fisk! Is that you? Gimmimee, where have you been? I see you are loaded down with packages. Oh, I see; the wrappers have the beehive on. How is J. B. Snyder? Does he have his Holiday goods in?"

"You are right he has, Mike! No foolishness, either! Good, substantial goods. I never saw a nicer line of Queensware, Glassware, Lamps, etc. My, but they are nice! I was surprised at the nice line of Carpets and rugs that Snyder keeps for this time of the year. He has a better line now than any other store that in the county keeps in the season. J. B. says he can buy them cheaper now, and sell them cheaper, than in the spring. Well, Fisk, it makes me tired to think of it, but twelve more of my boys need overcoats."

"You are in luck, then, Mike, as Snyder told me he has put all his Overcoats and Heavy Suits down—way down in price. J. B. always does that this time of the year. He never keeps any goods over—his goods are always fresh and nice. Then, when Snyder says its all wool it is all wool, and you can bet on it. Say, Fisk, do you think Blaine, or Cleveland will be nominated? Ha, ha! By-by!"

Rinehart Opera Company.

Monday night the Rinehart Comic Opera Company, for the first time, will appear at the opera house. This troupe is one of the finest on the road and are playing to packed houses at each performance. The following is from the Chicago *Herald*: The Rinehart Sisters, under the management of that clever young manager, Fred G. Conrad opened a week's engagement at the Colisseum on last Monday evening by playing that beautiful burletta, entitled: "Red Riding Hood" which was played to a crowded house. The graceful beauty, splendid singing, charming acting by the Misses Goldie and Bertie Rinehart, and the fun made by Messrs. Charles Harris and Phil Peters, all are attractions too strong for the susceptible public to resist.

Will appear in the Somerset Opera House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December, 12th, 13th and 14th. Prices of admission will be 35, 25 and 15 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents now on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Hat and Furnishing Store.

Dedication of a New Church.

There stands in Stoneycreek Township an old log church. In this quaint, old style building, with a gallery around three sides and sounding-board above the pulpit, the Lutheran and Reformed congregations of the neighborhood have worshipped for 60 years.

The present pastor of the Lutheran Congregation, Rev. C. B. Gruver, realizing that this building was too antiquated and unsuited to the needs of the congregation and the times, persuaded his members to secure an adjacent lot, and to take steps towards building a new church. The result of the joint labors of both the pastor and people is an exceedingly beautiful and churchly building.

It is Gothic in style, inside and outside. The audience room is 34x50 feet, with a pulpit recess in the rear. The ceiling is 22 feet high in the centre, finished in paneled chestnut, with cherry boarding and false rafters. The wainscoating is of ash and cherry. The pews have curved backs and seats, and are also made of ash and cherry. The windows are of stained glass, and all save two were the gifts of friends of the congregation. The two in the pulpit recess were put in by the congregregation; the one on the one side having on it the names of deceased pastors, the other the names of the living pastors. All the furniture is in perfect keeping with the style of the building. The tower, which contains a 300-pound McShane bell, is surmounted by a beautiful and well-proportioned steeple. Indeed, it would be hard to find anywhere in the county a handsomer little church. When we take into consideration the comparative poverty of the people, it is an evidence of their liberality, and of the wise management of their pastor.

Sabbath day, November 20th, came cold and blustery, yet the church was well filled, many having come from quite a distance. Rev. J. F. Shearer preached the dedicatory sermon. The pastor then made a statement of the cost of the building and furniture, which was $2,500; also that $800 was needed in order that the church might be dedicated free of debt.

Rev. Shearer, in his usual happy and forcible manner, appealed to the people to raise this amount. They had come with a mind to the work before them, and are long more than the required amount had been subscribed.

The dedicatory service was then read by the pastor, after which the congregation sang with a will "Praise God."

After the evening service enough was secured to swell the amount to $725, which will not only pay all their indebtedness, but also buy them an organ. The neighbors and friends of the congregation deserve more than a passing word of praise for their liberality.

There were present and assisted in the services Revs. M. L. Young, A. Sell and S. Stouffer.

S. S.

School Teachers' Headquarters.

As has been customary for many years past, school teachers and directors will make their headquarters during the Institute week at Fisher's Book Store.

A large room, heavily stocked with elegant and useful goods; teachers will want at the Institute and holiday season. Vast quantities of books, beautiful reward cards, and handsome goods for presents, suitable for everybody.

The list of 1,100 words, for the grand contest, for two valuable prizes to take place at the Institute, can be obtained only at Fisher's Book Store. Three cents by mail.

Tickets for the lectures for sale at Fisher's Book Store. Reserved seats can be secured by writing to

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Henry S. Witt, of Fayette County, and Annie E. Sullivan, of Upper Turkeyfoot Township.

Henry Bittinger, of Garrett County, Maryland and Susannah Fuller, of Elklick Township.

Lincoln H. Stern and Sophia L. Sipe, both of Somerset Township.

Andrew C. Snyder, of Rockwood, and Lucy J. Phillippi, of Middlecreek Township.

Santa Claus will be at Matthew & Kimmell's Store at Berlin. Call and see him.

The Rineharts.

Once again are the talented Rinehart Sisters, Bertie and Goldie, and the charming little folks in Newark. Their old friends will be glad to see them—doubly so when they note the improvements made by them on an already good basis. They are supported by a large and select company, and will assume a repertoir comprising four operas and comedies, including the old Newark magnate, Red Riding Hood. The company comes under the management of Mr Fred Conrad, who has given Newark people many nights of amusement in past years.—*Newark News.*

Will appear in the Somerset Opera House, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, December, 12th, 13th and 14th. Prices of admission will be 35, 25 and 15 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents, now on sale at P. L. Casebeer's Hat and Furnishing Store.

Farm For Sale.

Situate in Jenner Twp., Somerset Co., Pa. Contains 100 acres, fine young orchard, good water, 75 acres clear; balance well timbered, in good condition. Convenient to Schools, Church, mills, & stores. For particulars address

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Blankets—Eider-Down Quilts and Cotton-Filled Comforts.

We offer a very large assortment in these goods, from medium to finest qualities.

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Pittsburgh, Pa.

Goose Bone Prophecies.

Of all animals or birds the goose is most prompt in giving signs of a change in the weather, and even at the dead of night by its peculiar quacking heralds a meteorological evolution, says the *Louisville Times*. The goose is the only living thing that travels far enough North or South to feel the effect of contact with these two separate winds before they meet and mingle in the temperate zone, and is thus more easily affected, and has within itself a true prophet of the weather.

The bone from which the following predictions are adduced was taken from a goose that was hatched during the first week in April and killed on the 19th of October, and comes within the rule of the very best bone that could be produced. The bone is very distinctly marked, indicating a warm, wet, and unhealthy winter. Such will be the general character of the weather for the three winter months. It will be such a winter as the old proverb says makes a fat graveyard.

December will come in with sudden changes, and during the first seven days there will occur several blizzards and probably some of these first days of the first week will be as cold as any of the season. On to the 14th the weather will be more fair, with fresh, nipping air, and whenever the wind changes to the South, rain will quickly follow. Following this up to the 22d, the weather will be warm for the season, but as the days commence to lengthen there will be a gradual fall of the thermometer, with a promise of colder and clearer weather, for the holidays. This will be followed by rain or snow, and one or the other will accompany the old year as it goes out.

Falling weather will continue almost through the month of January. There will be frequent storms, with more or less rain or snow. Probably the coldest weather will occur about the middle of the month, followed by warmer weather and a heavy fall of rain or snow. From about the 21st of the month on to the end fair and cold weather will prevail.

February will come in clear and cold, followed by changeable weather with more or less snow or rain, which will prevail until past the middle of the month, then will follow a springlike weather, and the trees will begin to bud, but the spots near the end of the keel indicate a sudden change and stormy weather at the close of the month, bringing March in like a lion.

Although the winter will be a very changeable one and the cold wave flag will be a frequent sight, yet there will not be any severe weather. The continued falling weather during January and the heavy snows that are promised will be apt to bring the river up out of its banks, and it is more than likely that a dangerous flood will follow in February. Along about the first week in December the weather will be severe for the season, but the coldest days will come to us about the middle of January, while February will be more like spring. Umbrellas, gum coats and overshoes will be more used than heavy wraps.

Holiday Specialties.

As usual, during the Festive Season, (and during all the year, for that matter) we have in stock a full line of staple and fancy Groceries and Confectioneries, consisting in part of Vienna and Reitz Flour to make the bread, best New Orleans Molasses and finest Flavoring Extracts to bake the cake, finest Gunpowder and Hemo for Tea, Java, Climax and Rio for Coffee, Evaporated Fruits for Dessert, together with the best and Purest Sugars for Sweetening. Candy, ten pounds for $1.00. Figs, Dates, Olives, Currants, Citron, Raisins, Prunes, Grapes, Cranberries, Oranges, Lemons, Peanuts, Cocoanuts, Almonds, Brazils, Pecans, Filberts, Walnuts, Shell barks, Chestnuts, &c., all of which will be sold at prices—quality of goods considered—that will compare favorably with those of any other house in the trade.

Respectfully,
COOK & BEERITS

Road Law.

The following act, to enable road commissioners and other officers having in charge the opening, constructing and repairing of public roads, highways and bridges, to purchase necessary and improved implements, materials, etc., and to provide means therefor, was passed at the last Legislature.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted etc., That from and after the passage of this act the road commissioners and other officials having in charge the opening, constructing and repairing of the public roads, highways and bridges in any township in this commonwealth, and hereby authorized at their option, to purchase for the use of their respective districts, plows, scrapers, road machines and such other implements and materials as may from time to time, be found necessary in the opening, constructing and repairing of said roads, highways and bridges.

Sec. 2 If necessary for the payment of the machinery, implements and materials mentioned and referred to in the first section of this act, supervisors, road commissioners or other proper officers having in charge the opening, constructing and repairing of roads, highways and bridges in the several townships of this commonwealth may, and are hereby authorized to collect annually in cash not exceeding 25 per cent. of the rates of assessments by them respectively laid in each year for road tax to be collected in the same manner that the road taxes not worked out are by law collected.

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.

The best selection of Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, also Neck-wear, in Somerset, at Heffley's.

A Candid Acknowledgment.

Extract from a letter of Dr. D. W. Atkinson, Siloam Springs, Ark.

"I know that many physicians are very much prejudiced against all proprietary medicines, and I think sometimes foolishly so. I am, however, willing to acknowledge merit wherever it is deserved. I have prescribed Simmons Liver Regulator, and have given it a pretty thorough trial myself, and think it deserves all the praise it receives. My patients praise it very highly, and it gives good results wherever it is used.

A School Report.

Following is a report of the Barclay school, No. 3, in Jefferson Township, Somerset County, Pa., for the month ending November 28, 1887:

Number of pupils enrolled, 26.
Average attendance during the month, 22.
Average attendance during term to date, 21.
Per cent. of attendance during month, 90.
Per cent. of attendance during term till date, 89.

The following pupils attended every day during the month:

Dellie Barclay, Mamie Miller, Cora Miller, Frank Barclay, Edward Schrock, John Schrock, Willie Schrock, and Franklin Schrock.

Visitors—C. L. Ramiser, Director Uriah Schrock, and Prof. J. Schrock.

Thanking the citizens for their co-operation in our school work in the past, we earnestly solicit the same in the future.

W. A. WHITROAD, Teacher.

Littell's Living Age for 1888.

This standard weekly magazine soon enters upon its forty-fifth year. It is the only satisfactorily fresh and complete compilation of the best periodical literature of the world, and hence its long continued success. In the multiplicity of periodicals it is well nigh indispensable to the American reader, as it alone enables him, with a small outlay of time and money, to keep pace with the best literature of the day, and abreast with the work of the most eminent living writers. Its prospectus for 1888 is well worth attention in selecting one's reading matter for the new year. Reduced clubbing rates with other periodicals are given, and to new subscribers remitting now for the year 1888 the intervening numbers are sent *gratis*. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

Robberies in Bedford County.

On Wednesday night the postoffice at Mann's Choice was completely wrecked, the safe was blown open, and all the money, stamps, and other Government property taken. During the same night the store of Thomas Kidwell, of Fossilville, was entered and robbed of from two to four hundred dollars worth of goods. The post office at Bedford was also burglarized Wednesday night. All the stamps and money were taken; also, knives, jewelry and clothing. One of the burglars is said to be pock-marked.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's and see the handsomest assortment of useful and fancy articles for holiday presents.

Writing Desks, Manicures, Toilet Cases, Whisk holders, Photograph Albums, Autograph Albums, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Portfolios, Music Boxes, Work Boxes, Toilet Glasses, Vases, Bric-a-brac, Wall Pockets, and a thousand and one other articles suitable for Christmas presents, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Officers Elected.

At a stated meeting of Somerset Lodge No. 358 F. and A. M. held at Somerset on November 22, 1887, the following named officers were elected to serve during the following Masonic year:

W. M.—James M. Cover.
S. W.—John S. Snyder.
J. W.—A. C. Holbert.
Treasurer—L. C. Colborn.
Secretary—John Bills.
Trustees—H. C. Beerits, C.