The Somerset Herald.

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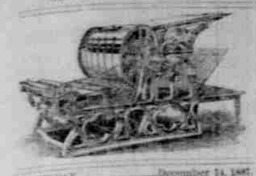

WEDNESDAY.....December 14, 1887.

Railroad travel is brisk.

Wedding bells are busy.

New moon December 14th.

December has five Saturdays.

The shortest days are nearing.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for Toboggans.

The Christmas turkey is fattening.

Are you ready for the cold wave?

Pennsylvania has 100 distilleries.

The shortest days are inching along.

Go to Mrs. Uhl's for Millinery goods.

Holiday Goods at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

Kintner will be 80 years old on the 17th.

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

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

Philadelphia has 225 newspapers and periodicals.

Big bargains in holiday gifts at R. McDowell's.

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

All goods bought of E. McDowell engraved free.

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

Blanket your horses during the chilly wintry months.

A new lot of Rogers triple plated silverware at McDowell's.

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

Gentle Rose has again been found, this time at Erie, Pa.

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

A W. C. T. U. coffee house has been opened at Harrisburg.

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

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

Hoffley has the largest line and cheapest Overcoats in Somerset.

The Active pink tax blank is again brought to the gaze of the taxpayer.

Headquarters for Xmas goods, at Matthews and Kimmell's, Berlin.

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

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

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

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

The term of the President of France is seven years, and the salary $120,000 per year.

Santa Claus will be at Matthews & Kimmell's store at Berlin. Call and see him.

The Councils of Pittsburgh are having a great time over their new charter ordinance.

Christmas shopping keeps shopkeepers hopping. It is the sort of exercise they like.

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

Ohio and Indiana are rejoicing in the fact that the backbone of the drought has been broken.

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

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

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

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

The finest stock of linen and silk handkerchiefs and mufflers ever shown in Somerset at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

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

Mayor Hoffer, of Lebanon, has instructed his officers to arrest every one who uses profane language publicly.

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

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

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

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.

The rolling days of the winter, December 1st, 2nd and 3rd, were mild, and according to an old sign this winter will be the same.

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

The Pennsylvania proposes to either enlarge or build a new station at Pittsburgh, to take the place of the present Union depot.

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

Harrisburg has organized a natural gas company with a capital stock of $1,000, and in the near future a test well will be put down.

In Indiana county there are twenty-seven applicants for the position of Commissioners' clerk, with several back townships yet to hear from.

An amount of a scarcity of water at Altoona the railroad shops to that city experience great difficulty in keeping their machinery in motion.

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

It is reported that the judges of the northwestern districts of the State are preparing rules for a uniform system of action under the new license law.

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.

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

HOTSENPILLER BROS. & PARSON.

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.

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

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

Christmas is only ten days off.

Quarter Sessions Court this week.

Turkeys in large numbers are being brought to town daily.

What teacher will get the first prize offered at the Institute?

Religious services were held in the county jail Sunday evening.

The newly elected county officers have all filed their official bonds.

Elder Peter Vogel and family have moved into rooms in the Recke building.

Elder Conner, the new Disciple minister, will move here from Indiana, about the first of January.

Mr. Rudolph Hoover and wife returned last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives in the west.

The Reading reorganization scheme has been completed and the road will be turned over to the stockholders January 1st.

The attention of our readers is called to the Prospectus of the WEEKLY PRESS which appears in another column of this paper.

Mr. Harry Smith, son of Mr. Fred. A. Smith, a former resident of Somerset, but now of Salina, Kansas, is visiting friends in this place.

James. L. Pugh, Esq., left this morning for Philadelphia on important legal business. He will return Sunday.

There are quite a number of applicants for steward of the poor House. The board will meet on the first Monday of January, and will then make their appointments.

A colored man from Rockwood was incarcerated in the county jail Sunday by the constable of that place. The colored brother is charged with larceny and carrying concealed weapons.

Never judge a man by his appearance. A shabby old coat may contain an editor, while the man wearing a high-toned plug and sporting a dude cane may be a delinquent subscriber.

George F. Baer, Esq., of Reading, spent Sunday in Somerset. Mr. Baer is one of the committee on reorganization of the South Penn Railroad and says the road will unquestionably be completed in the near future.

Dr. C. G. Stutzman has left Salisbury and located at Rockwood, where he will continue the practice of his profession. The people of that country are to be congratulated on securing so good a citizen and able physician.

This issue is full of spicy advertisements, and every one should read them. Christmas is coming, and if you want to know where to get the nicest goods for the least money, you must read the advertisements in the HERALD. All the leading merchants advertise in the HERALD.

The Pittsburgh *Times* is gradually forging to the front rank of Pennsylvania journalistic enterprise, and to-day is fairly dividing the honors with the best dailies in the State, and is one of the brightest and best papers in the country. We publish its prospectus in another column.

An effort was made last week by several of our merchants to have all their fellow merchants in the town sign a paper agreeing to close their stores not later than 8 o'clock in the evening. The scheme fell through on account of two of the number refusing to sign the agreement.

The first conviction in the Somerset county court under the new high license law took place Monday. Daniel Shaulis of "Butch and Elias stole the meat" fame, was the culprit and plead guilty to the charge of selling liquor without license and to minors. He will be sentenced Saturday.

Saturday afternoon John Ream, Esq., a Justice of the Peace of Lower Turkeyfoot township, while attempting to jump onto a passenger coach attached to a freight train at Confluence, fell on the track and his right hand was so badly crushed that it is feared amputation will be necessary.

The revolutionary war ended 106 years ago, yet strange to say there are still 38 widows of revolutionary soldiers now drawing pensions. The oldest of these widows is 94 and the youngest 69. The former was, therefore, born twelve years after the close of the war, and the latter did not arrive at marriageable age until a half century after peace was declared.

The Butler *Herald* says: Dr. C. N. Boyd will open up on next Saturday in the Diamond Block one of the largest and best selected stocks of drugs, paints, oils, patent medicines, etc., ever brought to this place. Dr. Boyd is a druggist of many years experience and has secured the services of John F. Denny, who has had an experience as a druggist for twenty years and more.

William T. Reid died of Bright's disease at his residence on Peach street at an early hour Friday morning, after a brief illness. The deceased was 45 years of age and leaves a wife and family of five children. He was a brother of Col. J. M. Reid and Mrs. B. F. Boyts of this place; S. H. Reid, of Scottdale, and R. B. Reid, of Dunbar. The funeral on Saturday was largely attended. Rev. Edie, assisted by Rev McKee, officiated.—*Connellsville Courier.*

The happy, laughing face of our broad, fat little friend, Mr. J. J. Tice, peered through the partly opened door of the HERALD sanctum Monday morning, only to say that he had just returned from a three months' visit to his children in Illinois, and was now located in Rockwood, where he will give his special attention to repairing clocks and sewing machines. Friend Tice is as full of jokes and tricks as a school boy, and is one of the men everybody is always glad to see.

Court convened at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday with Judges Baer, Walker and Shaver on the bench. The Grand Jury was called and sworn and Mr. Jas. Blough, of Somerset township, was appointed foreman of that body. A number of trifling criminal cases were disposed of Monday afternoon. During the day Monday, Judge Baer read a new set of rules of Court which he had drafted and which will be adopted before the next regular term. The crowd in attendance is not as large as usual at the December term.

The "lightning tooth puller" has come at last and promises to stay with us for a week. Last Saturday afternoon he held forth on the Court House corner, and strewed the roadbed with worn out molars thick and fast as hail falls from the heavens, leaving the dozens of aching, barrow-pronged jaws wide open in their owner's admiration and wonder. Roots and snags, tobacco-stained ivories and milk teeth all yielded willing victims to the forceps in the strong hand of the "skin." "Did it hurt?" "Not a bit." Who would own his physical cowardice before a multitude of friends? Only two of the many operated on would admit that "it did hurt a little bit," and they were "cornered."

We wouldn't be surprised to learn that our friend L. C. Colborn goes to bed in the same way that Moses did, "when the light went out" after Saturday night's experience. It had long been a custom in the Colborn household to keep a solitary lamp burning throughout the hours of the night. The lamp was deposited on a bureau in the up stairs hall, immediately outside Mr. Colborn's chamber door. About two o'clock on the night mentioned, Mrs. Colborn was awakened by an intense light shining in her room and calling her husband, he sprang to the door in time to see the bureau enveloped in flame. With the aid of a blanket the flames were smothered out and a conflagration averted. The lamp had exploded, but as it was fortunately sitting in a Japanese tray, most of the burning oil collected in it, only enough running over into an open drawer to partially destroy the childrens' wardrobe.

Sheriff's Sales.

The crowd in attendance at the Sheriff's sales held at the Court House Friday afternoon was not as large as is usual on such occasions.

The property of William Walter, situate in the town of Garrett, was sold to Val. Hay, Esq., for $21.00.

The Isaac D. Ankeny farm, in Somerset township, and a timber tract in Jefferson township, was sold to Frank B. Countryman for $3,300.

The Sophia and George Mull tract, in Stonycreek township, containing 33 acres, was sold to John H. Uhl, Esq., for $150.00.

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.

A New Law.

There is a law requiring merchants receiving queensware, to burn the straw in which it is packed. They dare not sell or give it away because queensware comes to us from foreign countries and is packed in or with straw that may contain noxious seed such as Canada thistle and it is to prevent the introduction of bad seed into this country that the law requires the burning of the straw. We call attention to the following section. "It shall be the duty of any person who shall ship or cause to be shipped into the State, any fruit trees, queensware or other property of any kind or other packed in or with straw or grass at the time of unpacking the same, and if any such person shall not destroy such grass or straw he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemenor."

Nice Christmas Goods at Welfley'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. WELFLEY.

Confluence Items.

Mrs. Stone and Perry Parnell died during the week. The former was the widow of Henry Stone, deceased, and quite an aged woman. Mr. Parnell leaves a widow and four children to mourn their loss.

The recent rains will cause farmers to smile. A number found it troublesome to get sufficient for their cattle, etc.

Cleveland knows what to do with the surplus in the treasury. Send it to England to buy iron to shoe farmers horses, and wool to make him a coat and stockings. A wise idea. Our Democratic friends don't need any masks for Christmas sports; their faces are long enough now. Some of them use a great many d's in spelling the words they utter.

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CONFLUENCE, December 10, 1887.

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 wooden dress goods at very low prices. Ladies and gents ties, handkerchiefs, mufflers, collars and cuffs, combs, brushes, mirrors, toilet cases, fancy articles, skirts, tobaggans, 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, veilings, 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.

About Diphtheria.

Diphtheria has lately increased in various parts of this State, and Dr. E. M. Hunt, Secretary of the State Board of Health, thinks this is largely due to the damp cellars which are suddenly heated in the fall. This theory has been verified for several years by reports from various places where the disease has raged. The doctor says, in many cellars, a good deal of vegetable matter is allowed to decay, and when the fires are started in the fall this decayed matter is stirred up and mingled with a peculiar dampness which must be in the cellar, and it pervades the entire house. This is the cause of much of the diphtheria, and the Board is trying to induce the people to guard against it.

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

A New Well Struck in Westmoreland County.

The Philadelphia Gas Company brought in a big roarer on the Hissem farm, on Beaver Run, in Salem township, this county, on Saturday evening. Although the well has not been tested, natural gas men who visited it say it is one of the biggest yet struck, and that when tested it will show a pressure of fully 300 pounds to the 600. This well opens up an entirely new field, the nearest wells being those in the Grapeville district, which is from four to five miles distant. The gas was struck at a depth of about 1,200 feet. A person who visited the well said a wrench weighing 300 pounds was tossed high in the air.—*Greensburg Press.*

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.

Christmas and New Year's Excursion Tickets.

The Passenger Department of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announce that, in accordance with their usual custom, they will sell Excursion Tickets during the Holidays, between all stations East of the Ohio River. Tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th and 31st, 1887, and January 1st and 2d, 1888, good for return passage until January 3d, 1888.

The Coming Teachers' Institute.

The sale of reserved seats for the "Teachers' Institute Course of Lectures" will commence at 9 a. m. next Saturday morning, at P. L. Casebeer's. One hundred chairs will be held until Monday noon of Institute week so that the best seats cannot all be taken before the district teachers get to town, as has occurred on several previous occasions. As the time for holding the Institute draws near more and more interest is being manifested, because Institute week is the biggest week in the year to a great many persons. The program for the coming session is an exceptionally good one, while the lecture course will surely compare favorably with any that has ever been heard in Somerset, and we are inclined to think the comparisons will be made with it as the standard after the eminent lecturers have been heard. We have before us a pile of "press notices" and "testimonials" from all the leading newspapers in the United States that would fill one now in a good-sized barn and half fill another, and it is needless to add that they are all favorable and highly complimentary of the celebrities who are to come before us. Those persons who have made up their mind to attend but one evening's entertainment during the week will have a hard time in deciding which it shall be. The lectures come in the following order:

Monday, Hon. Will Cumback, of Indiana—Subject, "The Invisible Some People."

Tuesday, Wallace Bruce, of New York City—Subject, "Native Mettle."

Wednesday, George R. Wendling, of Illinois—Subject, "Saul of Tarsus."

Thursday, Albion Tourgee, of New York—"Give Us a Rest."

Miss Maggie E. Dotts, who is announced give readings and recitations on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, is one of the finest elocutionists in the country. She has taken a prominent part in the evening entertainments of a number of County Institutes, and has made herself deservedly popular wherever she has appeared. She will certainly prove an attractive feature at the County Institute.

Dr. Higbee, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, says in the August number of the Pennsylvania School Journal:

"The harp of Miss Jean Glenn of Mercer, Pa., will be an attractive feature of the Institute platform this fall, and we hope it may be seen and heard in many counties of the State. This young lady sings remarkably well and plays her accompaniments on the classic instrument. There is something in the shape of harps as though they had been made by music, Bailey says in *Festus*, and Miss Glenn again makes clear the fact that they were made for noting else."

Whoa, There! Stop a Minute!

"Hellos, Fisk! Is that you? Gimminee, 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 merchant 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!"

Permanent Republican Clubs.

The Presidents of a large number of Republican clubs in New York and in other cities have issued a call for a national convention of such clubs to be held in New York city at Chickering Hall on the 15th, 16th and 17th of December. There has been a good deal of talk during the autumn concerning this movement, but it has now assumed practical shape. It is requested that each permanently organized club in the United States shall send, in addition to its President, five delegates. The purposes of the convention are to be found in the following paragraph:

"The primary object of holding this convention is to consider the propriety of organizing in the various States of the Union a large number of Republican clubs and to determine the manner of conducting the work; also devise some system that will conduce to the efficient co-operation of these clubs in State and National politics, and the formation of a National League. This work if properly carried out, will lead to increased party efficiency, to an intelligent comprehension among the masses of the living questions before the country, and to a degree of organization hitherto unknow in the history of any political party. The convention shall not name, recommend or nominate any candidate for office."

This convention should receive the cordial encouragement of every Republican. Its influence can hardly fail to be beneficial to the party. It should be dissociated as far as possible from all personal movements in the interest of any candidates. If each Republican club in the United States sends a delegation to the convention, it will be a gathering of brainy and patriotic young men such as the country does not often see.

In its report of the teachers' institute held at Bedford last week, the *Gazette* says: "Prof. J. M. Berkey, superintendent of Somerset county, was introduced by Prof. Cessna. Prof. Berkey addressed the convention on "Elements of successful school-work." 1st Element: Make the school room as attractive as possible. If our homes were as unattractive as many school-rooms, they certainly would not be as pleasant as we wish them to be. He believes in sunshine in the school room, not the sunshine that comes streaming through the colorless windows, but the sunshine of cheerfulness. 2d Element: Knowledge and recognition of the mental nature of the pupils. A knowledge of this, he said, was very necessary without it successful teaching could not be done. 3d Element: Proper recognition of the primary work. Here the work began, and a proper conception of it aided in starting aright. 4th Element: Make the teaching practical. The teacher needed individuality. An imitator was never successful. 5th Element: A proper recognition of the moral needs of the pupil. Discipline is necessary; where this is lacking, there was disorder. The successful teacher would be careful about the dull pupils; the bright ones would take care of themselves."

Holiday Excursion on the P. R. R.

In pursuance of the usual custom, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell Christmas and New Year excursion tickets between all ticket stations on its main line and branches at reduced rates. The tickets will be sold on December 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th, and 31st, 1887, and January 1st and 2d, 1888, good for return trip until January 3d, 1887, inclusive.

These tickets will enable the public to visit friends and enjoy the social pleasures of the glad season at a trifling expense for railway fare.

A festival will be held in Stoystown during the holidays for the benefit of the Lutheran church to be erected next summer. Oysters and ice cream every night between Christmas and New Year—Saturday night previous included, at which time we will also have a Christmas service. On Tuesday night, a crazy supper; on Friday night, chicken and waffles; on Saturday night, a Martha Washington tea party. On Friday night the Walker brass band, of Shanksville, will furnish the music; other nights the Stoystown drum corps will entertain the people. A grand time is anticipated.

REV. A. SELL.

Every article of goods offered by M. M. Tredwell & Co., is of the newest and most fashionable kind.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Levi L. Yoder and Cassie Thomas, both of Conemaugh township.

Elijah L. Crossen and Barbara Ellen Brougher, both of Upper Turkeyfoot township.

Adam Deanes of Allegheny township and Elmira M. McVicker, of Juniata township, Bedford county.

Wm. H. Engle and Maggie Yutzy, both of Greenville township.

Daniel Durst of Garrett county, Md., and Mary E. Livengood, of Elklick township.

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.

CORA SPANGLER, Manager.

A Big Ice House on the Loyalhanna.

Mr. Ira De Witt, of Pittsburgh, has purchased land on the banks of the Loyalhanna creek, one and one-half miles from Ligonier, and opposite to Colonel Elder's, on which he proposes to build an ice house 300 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 22 feet high, to hold ten thousand tons of ice. He will also build one in the Borough of Ligonier at the mill dam of John Freeman, 180 feet long, 40 feet wide and 22 feet high, to contain five thousand tons of ice. He has also leased one mile of the Loyalhanna creek, on which he will build two low dams.

Take Warning.

The board of Commissioners in this county should take warning in time, or some day they my find themselves in the same predicament that their brethren of Wayne county are in. The Philadelphia *Press* of a recent date says:

"It has long been evident that something ought to have been done with somebody for permitting the escape of the condemned murderer McCabe from the Wayne county jail some months ago. The grand jury has now indicted the Sheriff and two deputies for gross negligence, and the County Commissioners for not keeping the jail in condition. McCabe, who was under sentence of death, was so poorly guarded in an insecure jail that he walked out one night and it was many months before he was retaken, although he never left that section of the country. Some one is plainly responsible for this. McCabe left a confession in which he implicated two watchmen, but this appears to have been regarded by the grand jury as an effort to shield the really guilty parties. The watchmen have been exonerated in the report of the jury, and the Sheriff, his two deputies and the Commissioners will be tried on the indictment."

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.

A Libel Suit.

B. C. Hurst, of Mt. Pleasant, was tried on the charge of libel at Greensburg last week, prefferred by John T. Stauffer, of the same place. The charge was based on the publication of an article in the Harrisburg *Telegram*, in April, which set forth that a certain den of iniquity in Mt. Pleasant needed fumigating and should be cleaned out, or the indignant neighbors might consign the place to the flames if the owner did not oust the tenants. No names were mentioned, but hints were pretty strong. John T. Stauffer, believing himself to be the party meant as the owner of the house, entered suit against Mr. Hurst as the correspondent of the *Telegram*. Fifty witnesses were in attendance on the case. Eight were called on the witness stand. They had talked to the defendant about the article, who always spoke of being accused, but never admitted the authorship. The paper was not admitted as evidence, the manuscript could not be found, and consequently a verdict of not guilty was returned, with the prosecutor to pay the costs, which will probably amount to over $500.

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.

The Precious Season.

We have entered that portion of the year which may be denominated the beginning of the season of indoor festivities. The festival of Christmas is the most joyous of the year. All classes of people, all shades of society, join in its rejoicing, and share in its gifts and thankful spirits. Christmas and Easter are the great festivals of the christian church. The one celebrates the fulfillment of the promise of salvation, the other the finished work of redemption. There is something peculiar in the joys which attend the Christmas season. Its coming is heralded for weeks, in many little ways. The children are first to feel its nearness, and they are found in the nursery, planning and working at the gifts they intend for parents and friends. The influence of Christmas on the family is one of the deepest and holiest. For the impressions of childhood are most lasting, and the good feeling and peace which is imparted by the Christmas season has a powerful influence on their lives. How often we hear the old people refer to the days of their childhood, when the Christmas tree with its varied attractions of gifts filled their souls with delight. Now, the stores, with their windows filled with beautiful wares tell plainly the nearness of Christmas. The crowd stop oftener to examine and discuss the relative merits of the attractions. Evidently Christmas is near, and we should give our hearts to the sacred joys which a proper appreciation of its treasure bestows. In the churches, hymns and prayer and scripture lessons indicate the approach of the festivals, and prepare the heart to join with the angels in the glad song of Glory to God in the highest, on earth, peace, good will to men. The time was when some of the Christain denominations failed to give place for any special Christmas service, but that day is gone. Christian people are feeling more deeply the importance of those festivals which celebrate the great acts in Christ's life. This must be so, just as we realize that our holy religion does not rest so much on a series of doctrines as it does in a person, and that person, is the Christ, the son of the living God."

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.

A disease supposed to be pleuro-pneumonia has broken out among the cattle in epidemic form in Penn and Jefferson townships, Berks county. The State Veterinary Surgeon has been notified, and the cattle quarantined.

Herr Brothers have just added the most interesting line of watches, clocks, jewelry, spectacles, eye-glasses and novelties all ready for inspection, ever offered in Somerset. If you are contemplating buying your best friend a Christmas present, you will find a nice line to choose from by calling and selecting from their stock.

The Crown Prince of Germany may or may not have cancer, but without doubt M. M. Tredwell & Co. have not only the fullest, but the cheapest stock of goods for the Holiday season displayed in Somerset.

Facts Which Haunt Cleveland.

John Adams was defeated for re-election by Jefferson in 1800; John Quincy Adams was defeated for re-election by Jackson in 1828; Martin Van Buren was defeated for re-election by Harrison in 1840 and again by Taylor in 1848 and Millard Fillmore was defeated for a second term in 1856. Tyler Polk, Fillmore, Pierce and Hayes were candidates for renomination at the close of their terms, but were not nominated.

M. M. Tredwell & Co.'s stock of Millinery, Trimmings, Notions, Jewelry, Toys, etc., selected with greatest care and sold at lowest prices.

The banner offered by the Republican State Committee to the county giving the largest comparative vote at the recent election has been awarded to forest county. A complete table of the vote for President in 1884, and the vote for State Treasurer in '87, and also the percentage which the latter is of the former in each county of the State, show that forest leads with 101.9, Crawford being second with 99.8, Jefferson a good third with 98.2, Potter coming next with 97.7, pushed closely by Fayette with 97.3, Bedford being but little behind her western sister with 96.8, Montgomery comes in seventh with 95.6; Carbon falls to the last, having only shown up 56.3 per cent of her Blaine vote. The per centage of Hart's entire vote of the Blaine vote is 81.3. In Allegheny the percentage is 75.7. For an off year this is an exceedingly large vote.

Barnum's agents have been commissioned to scour the world for attractions, going to Asia, Russia, Tartary and Thibet. Barnum says there is no use of advertising; he wants animals. "The news of the fire is all over the world, and everybody will know what I want."

Tenure of Supreme Court Judges.

We are asked what is the tenure and the salary of the judicial office to which Secretary Lamar has been nominated.

Justices of the Supreme Court are appointed for life or during good behavior. They can be removed only by impeachment. The law provides for their retirement at the age of seventy, but does not require it. The provision is that when any Justice has reached or passed that age and has been on the bench ten years he may resign if he chooses with a continuance of salary for life. Four members of the Court are now entitled to avail themselves of this provision. They are Waite, Miller, Bradley and Field.

The salary of the Chief Justice ten thousand five hundred dollars a year; of the Associate Justices, ten thousand.

J. L. Winegland, the manager of the Bedford flouring mills, had his right hand caught in the mill gearing and badly crushed on Monday last. He will not be able to do any work for two or three months; fortunately he has a policy in the People's Mutual Accident Company, of Pittsburg, which will secure for him $20 00 per week indemnity.

For Rent.

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

Mrs. Daniel Meyers, of Mt. Pleasant, was fatally burned last Saturday, her clothes catching fire from an open grate. She lingered until Monday, when death relieved her of suffering.

Wide Awake 1888.

The readers of this wonderful magazine for young people are so accustomed to good reading and pictures that they will wonder how long it is going to be better than ever this coming year. But it is.

The new year has already begun with the holiday number just out—a truly great number, larger and richer, more varied and there fore it must be better than ever before. And the publishers have a primer to send to those who want to know what *Wide Awake* is going to have in it in 1888.

The wonder is that such a library and picture gallery can be got together for $2 40 a year—a thousand pages and everything fresh and new—stories, history, travels, biography, sketches, anecdote, adventure—and all instructive as well as entertaining. Two worlds are drawn from to make such provision for the education and pleasure of our children.

So high is the best of young people's literature nowadays that we are all of us glad to be young. Nine tenths of reading people prefer it to what is written for them; for it has the rare merit of being easy as well as good.

We know of no Christmas gift so sure of bringing a happy response in a reading family. Send two $2.40 to D. Lothrop Company, Boston.

"Will you walk into my parlor,"
Said the spider to the fly,
We say, "Walk into our store-rooms,
And you cannot help but buy."

We don't ask you to "walk into our parlor," but if you will call at our store-rooms, Main and Patriot streets, you will not only be welcome to look over our big stock of seasonable goods, but if you want to purchase anything with which to help your friend, remember the Holiday season of '87, we think we can show you how to save 20 per cent. It is worth the experiment. Suppose you try it.

M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

Holiday Goods.

We have laid in a large stock of staple and fancy groceries and confectioneries 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.

For good and satisfactory work call at Herr Brothers, the reliable jewelers, who make a specialty of repairing fine and complicated watches. Also, clocks and jewelry of all kinds neatly and promptly repaired at prices reasonable, and satisfaction guaranteed. The oldest and most reliable business stand of its kind in the county.

It is many, many years since the waters of this county were so low as at the present time. Sections of this county in which a scarcity of water has heretofore been unknown, are complaining of dry creeks and low wells. Never, at this time of year, was there such a general scarcity of water in this county, and if the winter should close up without a good earth-soaking rain to start the springs and raise the creeks, it needs no prophet to predict the sickness and suffering that will come as a consequence.

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.

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

AMY R. HOFFMAS,
Jenner X Roads.

MARRIED.

STERN—SIPE.—On Thursday, December 1, 1887, at the Lutheran parsonage in Somerset, by Rev. J. F. Shearer, Mr. Lincoln H. Stern, of near Somerset, and Miss Orphia L. Sipe, daughter of Mr. Peter Sipe, of Sipesville, this county.

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 Sweil-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.

A splendid line of ladies 14 and 18 karat gold watch cases, and gentleman's solid and gold-filled cases, silver, silverine and nickle cases in all sizes, Hunting or Open-face key and stem-wind. Also, movements of different makes to fit the same, at Herr Bros.

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.

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.

Dolls! Dolls!! Dolls!!! China Dolls, Bisque Dolls, Wax Dolls, Big Dolls, Little Dolls, Dolls that cry, Dolls that talk, Dolls that open