# The Somerset Herald.

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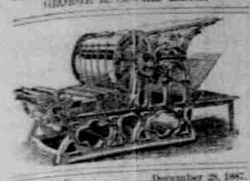

WEDNESDAY. December 28, 1887.


One week until leap year.

Girls may pop the question in 1888.

Once more the shortest day has come and gone.

All goods bought of E. McDowell engraved free.

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

The water works question is now agitating Washington, Pa.

Greensburg has completed a new city hall at a cost of $1,700.

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

The manufacture of false teeth for horses is a new industry.

The usual number of good resolutions will be made to start the year 1888.

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

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

The snow in the eastern part of the State last Sunday was twenty-three inches deep.

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

The drillers and tool pressers of the Washington oil field have organized themselves into a union.

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

S. Claus must have felt embarrassed about what to do with all his knickknacks before stockings were invented.

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

The season so far has been unfavorable for the solicitors towns that proposed to add toboggan slides to the list of their local attractions.

One of the females connected with the Salvation Army, at Latrobe, was arrested and lodged in the lockup for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

Although there has been no snow this fall and winter to protect the grain from the cold farmers tell us that their wheat fields present a promising appearance.

If Santa Claus ever had a little lamb you may safely give odds that it was a foreign one. He is not the man to encourage a woolly animal like an American sheep.

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.

According to the statistics the average family throughout the civilized world annually consumes 440 pounds of grain; 170 pounds of meat; 9 pounds of butter and 20 pounds of sugar.

K. Post, a B. & O. brakeman at Little Washington, was awarded $3,200 damages last week for loss of an arm. The court has refused the relief association's motion for a new trial.

A census shows that twelve of the teachers who attended the last meeting of the Indiana County Institute have fallen victims to matrimony during the year. Ten were males and two females.

Col. Quay is said to be the only United States Senator who does not dress in black. He wears a slate-colored suit and decorates his nose with a pair of handsome gold-rimmed spectacles.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSON.

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

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM'S.

Just received at Herr Brothers, Silverware, consisting of Cake Baskets, Castors, Butter Dishes, Sugar Bowls, Spoon-holders, Creamers, Napkin Rings, Knives and Forks, and Gold-lined Cups. Also, a fine assortment of Gold Pens and Pencils.

There was a very heavy fall of snow at Reading, Harrisburg, Lancaster and other places in the east, and at Bradford, McKean county, on last Saturday. The "beautiful" did not materialize to any very great extent in this section. Only enough to let us know there was such a thing.

Single 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 woman who has tried the experiment says: "When a man finds a place that is pleasanter to him than his own home, his wife should put two extra lumps of sugar in his coffee, and double the quantity of sunshine in the front room."

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

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

The green ink used in printing the new postage stamps is poisonous, and it is claimed that it is undoubtedly dangerous to moisten the back of the stamps with the lips or tongue, as many persons do.

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.

Out of the fifty-five teams that were kept busy during the winter months, less than two years ago in supplying the people of Greensburg with coal, but four or five are now engaged in that business—one of the results of the introduction and use of natural gas as fuel.

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 New Year present, you will find a nice line to choose from by calling and selecting from their stock.

This is the way the editor of the SAXTON *Herald* greeted his readers on Wednesday: "As the editor of the paper wishes to take time enough to foot up his bank account and make a change of paper collars, and at the same time to enjoy the holiday festivities, there will be no paper issued from this office next week."

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 house of its kind in the county.

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.

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, Moulding tools, and all kinds of Gun Repairs at Jas. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

It was a green Christmas.

What did you get in your stocking?

The cold wave arrived at Somerset on schedule time last week.

A valuable present to an absent friend for 1888 is a copy of the HERALD.

Bob Burdette will stir the risibilities of Connellsvillians on January 24.

Alfred Ashton, Esq., of Johnstown, is spending a few days with friends in Somerset.

Mr. Ferg G. Parker, of Johnstown, spent Saturday and Sunday with his friends in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Ogle and two daughters, of Latrobe, are spending the holidays in town.

Dr. Albert P. Brubaker and wife, of Philadelphia, are spending the holidays in Somerset.

Mr. Scull, the senior editor of the HERALD, arrived home Friday evening to spend the holiday vacation.

Mr. John R. Pisel, of Akron, Ohio, is spending the holiday vacation with his parents and friends in Somerset.

Mr. Will A. Kimmell and wife, Park Y. Kimmell, Esq., and Mr. John P. Knable, all of Pittsburgh, were in Somerset over Christmas.

Pensions were issued last week to John J. Hay, of Somerset township, Martin Weimer, of Jenner X Roads, and Charles Lytle, of Confluence.

A short session of court was held Monday morning for the purpose of hearing motions and disposing of some matters on the argument list.

Mr. A. J. Colborn, Jr., who is engaged in the practice of the law at Scranton, is spending the holidays with his friends and relatives in Somerset.

In our last issue we announced the death of Mr. Joseph Lambert of Shade township. The notice should have read Irwin M. Lambert. The party sending us the notice is responsible for the error.

The health of the children in our public schools is good. This is confirmed by the fact that when the schools are dismissed at noon or evening a livelier set of youngsters cannot be found anywhere.

The household goods of Mr. John J. Hoffman were disposed of at public auction on Saturday last. Mr. Hoffman will remove his family to Philadelphia, where he occupies a position in the Custom House.

Sol J. Baer, of Meyersdale, convicted of selling liquor without license, was called up for sentence Friday. The usual sentence of $500 fine, the costs of prosecution and ninety days in the county jail, was imposed.

Among the good resolutions for the new year should be included one not to allow your newspaper to go unpaid for. Keep it paid ahead. It works first rate. Of course it doesn't matter much to the editor, but it does to you.

Three petrified toads were found in a bucket in the cellar of the Cumberland Valley Railroad Station at Chambersburg recently. The bucket was placed in the cellar last summer, when the toads are supposed to have hopped into it.

As in everything else, Somerset leads the county in rapid and skillful workmen. Last week Mr. Charles Weimer drove the very large number of 425 horseshoes, or a daily average of 75 shoes. His largest days' work was on Wednesday, when he put on 106 shoes. The "Triangle" would like to know who can beat the record?

The Somerset Cornet Band recently reorganized, furnished a number of choice selections to the hundreds of people gathered on the Diamond Monday morning. The new band is a decided improvement on any that has ever been gotten up in Somerset, and gives promise of furnishing as good music as any similar organization in this part of the State.

The well being bored in Jackson township, Cambria county, is down two thousand and sixty feet, and as yet has no indications of oil or gas. The men who have the contract for boring the well, who are experienced in the business, say they expect to reach the oil bearing sand at about twenty-three hundred and eighty feet, and if they meet with no accident will reach that depth some time next week.

We have added several hundred new subscribers to our list during the year 1887, and this, too, without any solicitation or galloping over the county to get them. Country people come in and subscribe for the HERALD, but we do not brag about it. They evidently know what they are doing and we are content. We now publish between twenty-two and twenty-three hundred copies, much the largest number of any paper in the county.

Ex-County Superintendent J. C. Weller and Miss L. B. Elliott of Coalport, Clearfield County, Pa., were married on Christmas Eve at Washington, D. C., where they will spend a fortnight before returning to the home the groom has had fitted up for them in Milford. The Squire has taken his large circle of friends by surprise, but their best wishes for the future happiness of himself and bride will be extended just the same, and the HERALD wants to be classed among them.

Good John Cessna of Pennsylvania, was one of the guests at the Astor House yesterday. They call him "Bedford County John" over at his home because since the Republican party was organized he has been chairman of the county delegation at all their conventions in the State. The "Bald Eagle of Westchester" must lower his legislative plumes before John Cessna for he served in the Legislature nearly 20 years, and was Speaker 12 times. He was a big man in politics over there for many years, and the 70 summers that have touched him tenderly have not destroyed all the influence he used to wield among his fellow citizens. He was in Congress two or three terms, but the men who were with him there have most of them passed beyond the reach of this world's honors.—*New York Press.*

It wouldn't be Christmas in Somerset without tobies. Tobies on foot and tobies on horseback took possession of the streets and roads Monday, to the terror of the little girls and the delight of the small boys. We don't know that tobies are a distinctively Somerset product, but we have yet to learn of the town where tobies an usually celebrate the holiday season in the same way that they do here. Tobies on horseback are always gotten up in frightful colors and with fiendish decorations, while the foot tobies confine themselves to wearing their Sunday suits wrong side out. The ill-devised uniform of the foot toby is generally novel and striking, something on the crazy patch order. With whistles and whips the tobies of both classes start on their Christmas lark at the break of day, and only retire to their unknown haunts at the demand of exhausted vitality. Long life to the tobies.

Some half-dozen residents of the picturesque coal hill just east of town, indulged in a Christmas row Monday afternoon that Charles Brasecker will likely remember as long as he lives, since he will in all probability carry the marks of it to his grave. Charles claims that the first blow he received was from an infuriated female who struck him on the head with a stone and with such force as to render him unconscious, and that afterwards two or three parties jumped on him in his unconscious state and pounded his face to a jelly. How much truth there is in this statement we are at a loss to know, but Dr. Kimmell who was called upon to dress the said Charles' wounds found a gash about three inches long over his left eye and another of about the same length under the chin that had to be sewed up.

The members of the Somerset Lutheran Church are felicitating themselves and are deserving of the congratulations of all their friends on the great success that attended their efforts in raising sufficient of the wherewithall to liquidate the debt on their handsome church building. The congregation have been laboring under a burden in the shape of a $2100 mortgage and interest for a number of years, and about two weeks ago it was determined that a united and vigorous effort should be made to lift it. The subscription books were opened with four $300 contributions, and in ten days the sum of $4,618.96 had been secured. As this sum was so much greater, over double the amount than the most hopeful had anticipated, it has been determined to make some much needed improvements to the church property. Arrangements have already been made for putting a new heater and pipe organ in the the church, and the parsonage will be overhauled in the early spring.

Our old friend John Burkhart is known to perhaps as many people in Somerset county as any one man residing within her limits, through his long connection with the courts, having been in attendance at the door of the grand jury room ever since the war, and we know that they will all be pained to learn of the serious and distressing accident that befell him last Saturday evening. In going from his house to the stable Mr. Burkhart slipped on the ice and fell with such violence as to break his right leg between the knee and hip, and being unable to make his injury known, laid for some time in the cold air, until almost frozen, before he was discovered by the members of his family and carried to the house. Medical aid was at once summoned and the injured limb set and cared for. The same leg had been broken at the hip joint many years ago in a tumble Mr. Burkhart took from a scaffold, that lamed him for life.

The *Forum* announces a third series of educational articles, following the two series on "How I Was Educated" and "Books That Have Helped Me." An exhaustive discussion is promised of those problems of the public school which are thrusting themselves upon the public conscience and demand solution, such as, "What should be taught?" "How should teaching be done?" "What is the proper attitude of the public school to the local and to the National Government, and to the churches?" These problems will be treated from the points of view of the practical teacher, the statesman, the physician and the clergyman (Protestant and Catholic), the purpose being to have every side of the subject presented by an acknowledged authority. This third series of articles will be begun in the January number by the Rev. M. J. Savage, who will state the whole group of problems, and as a liberal Protestant make an argument for manual and moral training but oppose the teaching of any religion whatever in schools maintained at the public expense.

### At the Family Board for Christmas Dinner.

Ed Kimmel, of Indianapolis.

Ed. B. Scull and wife, of Cresson.

Frank S. Cunningham, of Bellefonte.

Henry Cunningham of Mt. President.

F. G. Parker and Will Endsley, of Johnstown.

Harry Weimer, of Dawson station Fayette county.

John Roberts and his son-in-law, John Marston.

Dorsey Schell, of B. & O. freight office Connellsville.

Curtis Kooser, of the Allegheny City B. & O. express office.

Robert G. Coloorn, of Frostburg, Md., and Will Parker, of Pittsburgh.

Joe Love, student at the New Wilmington Academy, in Mercer County.

C. O. Scull, Assistant General Passenger Agent B. & O. R. R. Baltimore Md.

Ernest Kooser, son of F. J. Kooser, Esq., and a Sophomore at Washington and Jefferson College.

### Institute Notes.

The Opera House was crowded last evening to hear Hon. Will Cumback, of Indiana lecture on the "Invisible Some People." The lecture was a very ordinary one.

The attendance at the Teachers' Institute is unusually large. A larger number of teathers were enrolled Monday afternoon than ever before on the first day of the Institute.

Of the 263 teachers in the county, 244 answered roll-call at the afternoon session today, Tuesday. This is claimed to be the largest attendance ever had at an Institute in the county.

There is not a particle of truth in the story that all of the seats for the lectures have been disposed of. Good seats are still obtainable for any of the three evenings entertainments. Tickets can be had at P. L. Casebeer's.

A train will leave Somerset for Rockwood after the lectures on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, giving the people of that town and Meyersdale an opportunity to be present at the evening's entertainment and return to their homes at its close.

If one may be allowed to judge from the great crowd of people who collect at the court house to witness the proceedings of the Teachers' Institute, the matter of common school education has a warm place in the hearts of our citizens.

The audience at the lecture last evening was greatly disappointed when County Superintendent Berkey announced that on account of sickness Mr. Wallace Bruce would be unable to be here Tuesday evening. His place will be filled by Col. J. M. Sanford.

We have only words of praise for the charming young elocutionist who made her first appearance before a Somerset audience at the Teachers' Institute last evening. Miss Maggie E. Dotts is a most pleasing young lady to look upon and possesses a voice of rare sweetness and flexibility. She quite carried the immense house captive with her recitation of "Bobolink." It is but just to Miss Dotts to say that she makes no pretentions of being a vocalist, and only volunteered to fill the vocal numbers on the evenings program at the earnest solicitation of Prof. Berkey, who was disappointed in the non-arrival of Professor Weeden. While Miss Dotts' voice is a trifle weak and of contracted compass for public singing, she nevertheless rendered her selections with true expression and artistic finish.

### Another Swindle on Farmers.

Another way has been found to swindle the farmer, and it commenced with the opening of the hunting season. There are farmers who object to hunting on their premises, and the majority of them are easily persuaded to adopt some sort of method by which the huntsman may be kept off. The scheme adopted by the swindlers is to approach a farmer and talk glibly about the useless destruction of quail and other birds. The farmer agrees with him. The smoothe talking man represents himself as an agent of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and desires the farmer to act as a representative for the Society, and keep track of the sportsmen. The good old farmer unwittingly consents, as he desires to protect the birds from being slaughtered. The stranger presents a blank showing that said farmer is the authorized agent of the Society, and asks for his signature. This is secured in nine times out of ten. The stranger leaves and in a few days the farmer is notified to appear at the bank and settle, and finds he has given a note.

### He Went to New York for a Fortune.

A. J. Colborn, of Mill Run, Fayette county, went to New York City last week to get his share in an estate to which he had recently "fallen heir." The amount he received was $1,000, on which he paid $165 to agents as a fee. The agents advised him to have the remainder sent home by express, as it would not be safe to carry it on his person. He gave it to them for that purpose, and when he reached Cumberland he found a neatly wrapped package to his address, which contained a brick-bat instead of his money.—*Westmoreland Democrat.*

### The South Penn.

The litigation over the control of the South Pennsylvania and Beech Creek railroads, growing out of the deal between the Pennsylvania railroad company and Wm. H. Vanderbilt, and the subsequent intervention of the Commonwealth to prevent the transfer, promises soon to come up again for a hearing in the courts. The Vanderbilt interest in the control of the Beech Creek railroad, represented by his widow and four sons, and now opposed to the claims of the Pennsylvania railroad, has already filed its answer to the bill as the Northern Central railroad company, the complainants, acting for the Pennsylvania, and the answer in the South Pennsylvania will be filed soon, having been delayed by difficulty in obtaining the necessary signatures.

### Tons of Mail Matter.

During the last week the clerks in both Pittsburgh and Allegheny postoffices and in the express offices have been so busy receiving and distributing Christmas gifts that they have scarcely had time to make arrangements themselves for happy surprises. The mail carriers have been carrying packs as large and burdensome as that of Santa-Claus himself. Reminders of various kinds have been received in the postoffice and express office here from almost every quarter of the globe and others have traveled by mail bag, express car and steamer to the furthest points in the United States, Mexico and across the seas. On Thursday there were mailed in the Pittsburgh office no less than 9,200 packages and 72,800 letters, many of the latter containing Christmas presents, light but variable. The same day 31,500 letters and 17,000 parcels were received there for delivery. In all during the 24 hours 238,000 pieces of mail matter were handled in the office. The weight of mail passing through the mailing room during the same 24 hours, amounted in round figures to 16 tons. In the money order division on Thursday the transactions amounted to $15,892.12.—*Penny Press.*

### Littell's Living Age.

The number of the *Living Age* for the week ending December 24th contains Gambier Parry's Ministry of Fine Art, Edinburg *Review*; Josephine and Maria Louisa, *Temple Bar*; Jenny Lind, *Murray's Magazine*; A Health Resort out of Season, *Cornhill Magazine*; Major and Minor, *Good Words*; Richard Cable, the Lightshipman, *Chambers' Journal*; The Future of New Guinea, *All the Year Round*; with poetry and the choicest miscellany.

For 52 numbers of 64 large pages each (or more than 3,500 large pages a year) the subscription price, $8, is low, while for $10 50 the publishers offer to send any one of the American $4 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

### A Model Newspaper.

In another column we print the advertisement of that sterling and reliable paper, the New York *Mail and Express*, and we wish to commend it to our readers as in the broadest sense a national newspaper, most carefully edited, and adapted to the wants and tastes of intelligent readers throughout the entire country—North, South, East and West. It is a thoroughly clean paper, free from the corrupting, sensational and demoralizing trash, miscalled news, which defiles the pages of too many city papers.

The *Mail and Express* discusses with ability and fairness all questions of public interest as they arise, and is always found on the moral and progressive side. It gives the latest news from all parts of the world, and presents in its special departments an immense amount of the choicest and best reading matter for the instruction and entertainment of every member of the family, old and young. Sample copies are sent free and we advise all our readers to send for them.

### Court Proceedings.

The entire time of the court was taken up in the trial of two cases. The balance of the cases on the list were continued. The two cases tried were:

Mary Martin's right vs. Peter S. Hay; Ejectment, verdict for the plaintiff for the land in dispute.

John C. Ely *et al* vs. Benjamin Binder *et al* Ejectment: verdict for the defendants; motion for a new trial filed.

ROAD VIEWS.

Petition of citizens, of Somerset township, to vacate a public road from a point on the Berlin and Meyersdale road, at or near William Bowman's, to a point on the road leading from Garrett to Meyersdale, near John Gnagy's. Viewers: William Baker, surveyor; Simon Hauger and Oliver Critchfield.

### P. T. Barnum Writes a Story.

The opening chapters of a splendid story for the young, by the famous showman, P. T. Barnum, appears this week in the columns of the New York *Family Story Paper*. The story describes the adventures of an American boy, whom Mr. Barnum calls "My Plucky Boy Tom," and whom he sent to India in search of wild, fierce and rare animals to replace those destroyed by the disastrous fire at Bridgeport last month. The reader is thrilled by the hair-breadth escaps of this dauntless American boy when capturing the fiercest and wildest animals ever seen in any traveling show. The New York *Family Story Paper* is for sale at all newsstands.

### Marriage Licenses.

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

Samuel G. Brancher of Berlin, and Essie M. Cober, of Brothersvalley township.

Harry W. Ferner, of Allegheny township, and Rose Floto, of Berlin.

William J. Powell and L. Leota Guptill, both of Salisbury.

Walter Brubaker and Ida Gunder, both of Jenner township.

Irwin M. Rayman and Fanny Emma Wahl, both of Salisbury.

Jeremiah Shaffer, of Paint township, and Polly Blough, of Conemaugh township.

Edward J Dickey and Clara E. Welch, both of Somerset township.

Jacob A. Saylor and Nancy E. Weimer, both of Meyersdale.

Edmund S. Woy and Ida S. Swank, both of Somerset township.

Simon K. Miller and Emma Shutts, both of Westmoreland county.

Alonzo Grime and Elmira R. Hardy, both of Addison township.

Harvey E. Shaffer and Mary N. Hoffman both of Jenner township.

James Oiler of Johnstown and Emma Wagner of Shade township.

Elmer E. Pritts and Minnie M. Sipe both of Somerset township.

Ezariah Long of Indiana county and Adriana Spangler of Stonycreek township.

Wm. Walker and Nora E. Rayman both of Stonycreek township.

George A. Wilson, of Allegheny county, and Roey E. Stratton, of Meyersdale.

Samuel E. Shaffer and Elizabeth Barnes, both of Paint township.

### Excursions to California.

It is no longer necessary to organize large parties in order to secure cheap excursion rates to Pacific Coast points. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has placed on sale, at all its principal offices, excursion tickets to San Francisco, Los Angelos, and San Diego, California. These tickets are sold singly at lower rates than were formerly made for organized parties, and are good for six months from date of sale. Passengers are offered a choice of routes, both going and returning. For rates and detailed information call upon any of the ticket agents of the company, or address L. M. Cole, General Ticket Agent, B. & O. Railroad, Baltimore, Md.

All persons knowing themselves indebted on our books will please call and settle by cash or note. Accounts must be closed. *We mean business.*

PARKER & PARKER.

### Oysters, Oysters.

For the Holidays! by the gallon quart, pint, can or stew. My cans are the largest on the market. W. H. PLATE.

### The Teachers' Institute.

The Thirty-first Annual Session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute met in the Court House at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, and was called to order by County Superintendent J. M. Berkey. Music, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" conducted by Wm. H. Ruppel, Esq., of the Somerset Bar, assisted by the orchestra of the Lutheran Church of Somerset, Pa.

Dr. Horne conducted the devotional exercises, reading a portion of the 21st chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, after which County Superintendent Berkey made a few appropriate remarks. He said: "It is a source of gratification to know that we have enrolled 212 teachers at this time. It is a source of gratification to know that the sentiment of the people of the State has been crystalized into law. We want you to have a good time, and the fact that you are paid for your time will enable you and us to have a good time. We want your aid by taking part in the work before us. Take part in the discussions. Prof. Weeden will not be with us. He wrote to me saying that his voice has failed, and he could not sing were he here. The music will be conducted by W. H. Ruppel, Esq. We want a good time, we want you to have a good time. We are thoroughly satisfied that you will have a good time."

After the remarks by the County Superintendent, the roll of the teachers in attendance was called by Secretary, J. C. Speicher. Out of the entire number of teachers who had enrolled their names, *three* answered *here*; the remainder answered *present*, as they should have done.

*Organization.*—On motion, Hon. Fred. Graf was nominated for Vice President; A. S. Flannigan, of Confluence schools, was nominated as Secretary; No G. Coughenour, of Berlin schools, as Assistant Secretary; N. G. Keim, of Somerset, as Query Manager.

Nominations for the various positions closed, and on motion of L. Lichliter, Secretary Baker was instructed to cast the ballot of the Institute for the various positions named, which was done.

Music, conducted by W. H. Ruppel, and joined in by the Institute.

The Co. Supt. then the introduced the instructor, Dr A. R. Horne, of Allentown, Penna., who said, among other things, "I might paraphrase the language of the Psalmist, when he said; 'I was glad when He said 'Let us go into the house of the Lord' I by saying 'I was glad when I was called to meet the teachers of Somerset county in Institute. I have heard of your institutes for years. I shall talk to you on the subject assigned "How to make the Schoolroom interesting."

Dr. Franklin asked by an old farmer, how he should keep the boys from stealing his cider, replied 'Roll a barrel of wine alongside the cider, and they will not steal the cider, by which he simply meant give them something better than cider and they will not want cider. So teachers, if you want your pupils to come to school you must give them something worth coming for."

After the close of Dr. Horne's talk there was an intermission of ten minutes. Institute again called to order, and music conducted by Mr. Ruppel, as before.

Prof. Albert E. Maltby of the Indiana, Pa. State Normal School was introduced, and talked on the subject of Primary Geography. He said:

"Carl Rutter hit the nail upon the head when he said: 'Geography is a culture study for the human race.' He didn't defend it on the ground of its utility, but merely calls it a culture study. If we examine the subject carefully we must reach the best way of teaching it, and be led to abandon the question and answer mode of teaching it. In its primary teaching it should be taught with regard first, to form. In country schools it is not necessary to dwell long on the subject of form, for children in the country have studied form all their lives; but in the city schools it is amazing to see the ignorance of children regarding the subject of form. If children know these things, it is not necessary to dwell on them. Second, teach size. Third, teach direction. This last may be taught by making the magnetic needle, as Dr. Horn has made it before you, and join therewith the ideas of East and West, North and South. You may call attention to the way they travel to and from school.

The child's imagination often transcends the reality. My own fancy as to the cataract of Niagara was far ahead of the reality, when I saw it. Children learn very much that we don't give them credit for. We instruct the children; we teach them by better methods than were used when we were boys and girls.

County Superintendant Berkey now introduced ex-Gov. Will Cumback, of Indiana, the lecturer of the evening. He said:

I was a teacher once myself, a pale, interesting looking young man, could about spun myself about the waist, and if I would have kept on teaching school at the wages I was getting I guess I could do so to-day.

People ask why are not teachers respected? I think I can answer. Take a grown man and let him teach school at the wages paid—about twenty dollars a month and nobody is going to respect him very much.

When I taught school about the only branch taught was the branch in the hands of the so-called teacher. He taught Astronomy by means of the stars that the pupils saw from the application of that branch.

After music the Institute adjourned.

### To Directors and Teachers.

As there seems not to be a clear understanding of what the school law at present is with regard to the length of a school month, and to time spent by teachers at the annual institute, we publish the acts relative to those subjects.

Act No. 144, laws of Pennsylvania 1885, page 176: "Be it enacted, &c., that a common school month shall consist of twenty days actual teaching, and no school shall be kept open, in any district, for the purpose of ordinary instruction, on any Saturday, on any legal holiday, or, in any county, during the time of holding the annual county institute therein.

Approved, the 25th day of June, A. D. 1885."

Act No. 16, on page 20, of the laws of 1887, is as follows:

"SECTION 1. Be it enacted, &c., That all boards of school directors and boards of controllers shall be and are hereby authorized and required to pay the teachers employed in the public schools, in the several districts under their jurisdiction, for attendance upon the sessions of the annual county institutes in their respective counties.

SEC. 2. Compensation for institute attendance shall be based on the official reports made to the several boards of directors or controllers by the proper county, city or borough superintendent, who shall report the daily attendance of teachers to the respective boards by which they are employed and such compensation shall be allowed by the directors or controllers, and paid by the district treasurer to the teachers entitled to receive the same.

SEC. 3. Compensation as herein authorized, shall not be less than the per diem pay for actual teaching; *Provided*: That it shall not, in an any case, exceed two dollars per diem, and shall be allowed and paid to the teachers of their respective districts for each day's attendance reported as aforesaid by the proper superintendent; *Provided further*, That a common school month shall consist of twenty days' actual teaching, as now required by law.

Approved, 13th day of April, A. D. 1887."

It is clear by the foregoing acts that the time spent at the county institute cannot be counted as a part of any month, and must be paid for in addition to the six months. "Twenty days' actual teaching," is explained by the department of public instruction to mean *twenty days*, no more or less.

At the close of the annual institute the superintendent will report to each secretary in the county, the attendance of the teachers employed in the district of which he is secretary.

### For Rent.

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

### Stenographers' Duties.

At the last session of the legislature an act was passed directing the appointment of official stenographers in the several courts of this commonwealth, and authorizing the appointment of stenographers by examiners, masters, referees, commissioners and auditors. The fifth section of this act provides as follows:

It shall be the duty of said stenographer or stenographers to furnish a copy of his, her, or their notes, written out in long-hand, upon the order of the court on request of counsel in the cause, during the progress of a trial or at any subsequent time; also, within a reasonable time after trial to transcribe all notes not previously transcribed by order of the court, which transcript shall be filed and made a part of the records of the case. *Provided*, That the stenographer or stenographers may be excused, in the discretion of the court, with the consent of counsel, from the aforesaid duty of transcribing notes and furnishing transcripts, except in cases where appeals or writs of error have been taken to the supreme court, in which cases it shall be the duty of the said stenographer or stenographers forthwith to transcribe their notes and file them of record without any order of the court, for which they shall be paid in the same manner as if directed by the court, in which case it shall be said stenographers' duty to preserve the notes taken for future reference or transcription if desired. The transcripts thus made shall be furnished at a compensation not exceeding fifteen cents per each hundred words; such compensation when the transcript is ordered by the court or made for the purpose of being filed, shall be paid by the state, if the notes are taken in the supreme court, by the county in which they are taken, and by the counsel in the respective cases when ordered by them.

It would seem from the wording of this section of the act that the counsel in any case can cause the stenographer to file a transcript of the testimony, which must be paid for by the county, by simply refusing to consent to the excusing of the stenographer from said duty.

In the court at Ebensburg on Friday last George M. Reade, Esq., gave notice that he refused to consent that the stenographer should be excused from transcribing the notes taken in the case of Beam's administrator vs. Thomas McGough, and ask for a rule on him to show cause why he should not transcribe and file the said notes in accordance with the section of the act above quoted. The rule was granted and made returnable January 2, 1888, when the question will be argued and, perhaps, decided.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

### A Valuable Free Offer to Teachers.

Our attention has been called to a valuable aid to teachers in the shape of a large (36 by 44 inch) chart of a new phonetic, script alphabet, which will be sent free of charge, together with an elementary text-book, to all teachers of public or private schools who will ask for it, and promise to hang it up in their school rooms, and to teach from it the sounds of the language and the phonetic analysis of words. A peculiarity of this alphabet is that it furnishes letters differing in form, and joining readily together, for every sound of the language; the whole presented in so simple and practical a manner that we believe it to be the most complete and satisfactory scheme yet devised for teaching phonetics.

We trust that all of our teacher readers will avail themselves of this generous offer and get and use the chart and book.

### Cheaper Rail Road Fares.

On the first of January, 1888, the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company will inaugurate the sale of local "Round Trip" tickets at all of its offices east of the Ohio River.

These tickets will sold to any station on the line east of the Ohio River, at a discount averaging about ten per cent. of the regular rate, and they will be valid for passage for thirty days, including day of sale. They will be sold for all trains, every day in the year, and it is expected that their introduction will qring about an increase in the volume of local travel that will, eventually, more than compensate the Company for the reduction in rates.

We have no doubt this voluntary action on the part of the Baltimore and Ohio Company will be appreciated by the people depending upon it for the means of transportation, and believe that ultimate results will establish the wisdom of its liberal policy.

### The Law of Estrays.

According to the present law in this State, stray cattle can be taken up, and, if the owner neglects or refuses to tender a reasonable satisfaction to the party injured by trespass, and for the cost of keeping, or if such injured party refuse to accept the satisfaction that may be offered, it shall be the duty of such injured party to make immediate application in the manner directed by the act. In case the owner shall not claim his property in ten days after the stray is taken up, it shall be the duty of the person taking up such strays to cause the same to be advertised. If the owner does not appear within sixty days after such advertisement, the person taking up the stray shall apply to a Justice of the Peace, who shall issue a warrant to a Constable to make public sale of the stray, and from the proceeds pay all reasonable charges and damages and cost of keeping, and the surplus to be given to the County Treasurer. If the owner shall appear within one year and prove his property, the surplus shall be paid to him, otherwise it goes in the county funds.

### Advertised Letters.

The following letters and postals remaining in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from this date, December 28, 1887:

Benford, Mrs. Lizzie L.; Berkley, C.; Cromwell, O.; Colerer, A.; Carmany, John H.; Durst, Milton; Geisel, Sam'l; Heller, Thomas; Humbert, Wesley C.; Johnson, Miss E.; Kuhns, Daniel; Kauffman, Maggie Jane; Meyner, Mrs. M.; Moore, George M.; Moore, Mrs. Annie; Miller, Charles; Mognet, Harrison; Neirow, Thomas; Reed, Jonathan; Stahl, A. T.; Shaulis, Conrad; Yutzy, Austin.

Postals:—Cooper, Albert S., (2); Fair, S.; Quinn, Sam.; Roberts, Walter; Wager, W.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

Ladies' and Children's Wraps at cost, at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

### 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.

Burglars entered the saloon of John Burkhardt in Cambria borough on Sunday last and took from Mr. Burkhardt's pocket while he was sleeping a pocket book containing $150 in bills and coin and some trinkets. The pocket book was found some time afterwards in an out house.

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.

Some people are in the habit of turning down a coal oil lamp and leave it burning when going to bed. In Lock Haven, this state, a woman and two small children came near losing their lives from inhaling the coal oil fumes or gas from the lamp. Better put it out altogether if it does cost a match to fight it again.

### Notice.

The undersigned have sold to Wm. E. Boyts all their interests in the General Store and business of the firm of Boyts & Co., Limited, doing business at Fair Hope, Somerset County, Pa. All persons indebted to said firm will please settle their accounts with Wm. E. Boyts, who will also settle all debts of the firm and continue the business.

JAS. H. WELCH, JOHN PALMER,
THOS. MAXWELL, J. H. GLOSBRENER.

### Hooversville Items.

The roads are very icy, but no snow for sleighing.

We have very nice skating ice here, of which the boys are making good use.

Many teachers left here on Monday morning for Somerset, to attend the County Institute.

Our friend Mr. E. E. Swank, conductor on the B. & O. Railroad, who has been visiting here several weeks, is going to leave on this week.

One of our young carpenters at the upper end of the town is about taking the contract of building a wagon shed for Mr. Frank Rodgers. He wish him success.

The merchants of this place had a very busy time on Saturday selling Christmas presents. Messrs. Blough & Co., were busy up to 12 o'clock Saturday night.

The Hoover brothers are contracting with a southern company in the leasing of their coal. If they can agree there will be an erection of coke ovens here by next spring.

Mr. G. E. Hoover, agent of the B. & O., at this place, received for a Christmas gift a very nice plug hat, of which he is very proud. It was sent from Scranton, Pa., and becomes George very well.

Diphtheria is coming close to our village. David Ross's family is afflicted with the dreadful disease, of which his five year old son, Walter, died on Monday, December 19, and four more are very bad yet they are under the care of Dr. Barlette of this place.

Our friend Mr. S. P. Zimmerman was the guest of Mr Weigle on Saturday night at the place where he boarded while teaching Normal this fall. The whole family rejoiced when they saw him coming, which shows that a person of a good reputation is welcome at all times.

The protracted meeting which has been in progress for a week past, is getting quite lively. Rev. Houseman, who has charge of the meeting is a very able speaker. He commenced his meetings with the subject, Conversion, of which he preached two nights, and followed them by the subject Regeneration, in which he proved very plainly that a man can be converted and still not be regenerated. There have been some few souls converted, and we hope there will be many more that will take the same step. There will be communion on next Sunday.

"HAYS."

Hooversville, Pa., Dec. 26, '87.

### Husband Items.

Our people were sledding for the first time this season, last week.

Miss Ida Weller, of Mechanicsburg, is visiting her relatives in this v