The Somerset Herald.

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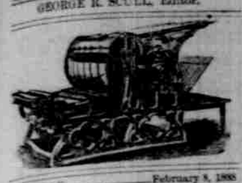

WEDNESDAY February 8, 1888

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Repairing a specialty, at Schell & Shivler's.

Trusses a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's.

All goods bought of E. McDowell engraved free.

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

Burglar larks in many by places on the sidewalks.

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

A new lot of hanging lamps, glassware and queensware, at J. B. Snyder's.

Don't forget to settle your account when in Somerset, at J. B. Snyder's.

All persons having an account with J. B. Snyder will please call and settle.

The approaching February election should receive the attention of all good citizens.

We handle the Candee Rubber Goods.

SCHELL & SHIVLER.

Overcoats and men's and boys' heavy suits way down in price, at J. B. Snyder's.

We manufacture boots and shoes.

S. & S.

Oilsilid Trusses guaranteed for a period of three years not to break or rust, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Experienced cross-tie makers can secure a steady job by addressing James M. Cover, Jenner X Roads, Pa.

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

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

The citizens of Bedford will have the privilege of listening to Sam Jones on Friday evening, the tenth of February.

Drilling for natural gas will be commenced on the farm adjoining the state insane asylum at Harrisburg in two weeks.

A number of Franklin county's monied men are organizing a company to drill for oil, gas or whatever they can find.

Step in and see our police shoe, gents. We warrant them.

SCHELL & SHIVLER.

The County Commissioners of Washington county have fixed the tax levy at three mills—the same as for several years past.

No old goods on hand. Our line is new, and we will sell at low rates.

SCHELL & SHIVLER.

A man with a snow shovel can hit the dividing line between his property and that of his neighbor with more precision than a surveyor.

The country roads are almost filled with snow drifted from the fields, and travel on some of them is impossible for either man or beast.

Tony Tiver.—" When Dakota becomes a State it will doubtless adopt as its coat-of-arms an ear muff, couchant and a shiver rampant."

Eye Glasses and Spectacles in all conceivable varieties and at all prices, of the celebrated "King" manufacturer, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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.

The total expenditures of Indiana county during the last year were $51,972, of which $2,743.91 were for the new jail and $1,587.80 for repairs to the Court House.

I am exceedingly anxious to have all accounts on my books settled before the 1st of February, either by cash or note.

J. B. SNYDER.

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

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM'S.

The Philadelphia Times has been requested to ascertain the best way to expend $50,000 for the good of the community, by a person who is willing to donate that amount and invites a discussion of the question.

Some men never need money, as they always have it; other men always need money, but never have it. I am neither of the above, but I want my books settled up at once.

J. B. SNYDER.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSONS.

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

I have just received fifty (50) pieces of carpet from the city, the first installment for the spring season. They never were so pretty or as cheap as they are this season. If in need of a new carpet, do not buy until you see these at J. B. Snyder's.

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.

Persons contemplating going west will find it to their advantage to call on or address W. W. Picking, Traveling Passenger Agent B. & O. R. R., Somerset, who will furnish them with all desired information. Can sell tickets to all points, and check baggage through to destination.

It is claimed by some one who has tried it that frozen potatoes can be made palatable by soaking them in cold water several hours before putting them over the fire for boiling. As many tubers were frost-bitten during the frigid weather of last week this information may prove of value to some of our readers.

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.

IN SPITE OF REFORMERS.

Now the gay unmarried farmer in the evening takes his chamber,
Mary Jane or Sal or Dinah, for some pleasant moonlight drives,
And he tells that yearning story, always new though always hoary,
And before the winter's over she'll have join of the ranks of wives.

Lincoln (Neb.) State Journal.

Why should not the first of May be adopted as moving day? Scarcely any of the houses have gone to clean house before that time, and house-cleaning and moving good easily be combined; besides the unpleasantness of moving in the unusually bad April weather would be avoided. The real estate men in Pittsburg are hoping all their houses this year for thirteen months so that moving day in that city hereafter will fall on the first day of May.

According to a census of the religious population of Johnstown and vicinity, made by the Tribune, the various churches have the following membership: Methodist, 1,400; Lutherans, 925; Presbyterians, 615; United Brethren, 322; Evangelical, 249; Episcopal, 200; Baptists, 150; other Protestants, 540; Roman Catholics, 3,000. The total value of church buildings is $304,700.

Mattie Vickers

At the Opera House,

Saturday evening, February 11.

In Jacquine. Admission, 75, 50, 35, and 25.

Judge Baer left for Bedford, where he is holding court this week, Saturday morning.

The ground hog certainly saw his shadow. Now be prepared for six weeks more of winter weather.

Mr. John F. Bigonyer contemplates moving his family to Philadelphia about the middle of March.

A Washington City drover shipped a car load of fairly good horses from this place Saturday morning.

Any one wishing to engage in a well established business in Somerset, should read the "Business chance" advertisement in an other column.

Judge Wm. Collins and John R. Scott, of Somerset, were in town this week. Judge Collins remained until Thursday, as the guest of John Henry, of Leisenring.—*Connellsville Courier.*

The sale of the real estate of Samuel Hinebaugh deceased, has been continued to February 24th. It will, on that day be offered for sale in front of the Court House and will positively be sold to the highest bidder.

This is the season of the year for the half-eaten straw stack in the farmer's barn yard to fall over and bury his best cow. A farmer near Clarksville, Mercer county, heads the list this year, and has two cow hides to sell.

Mr. Josiah Ankeny, of near Sipesville, met with a great loss last week, in the death of his imported horse "Baron of Dundee." The horse was well known to the stock raisers hereabouts as he was one of the finest draft horses in the county.

Our Uncle James Parson got an ugly fall on the icy cross walk between the drug store and Heffley's corner Monday morning. He was badly shaken up but not seriously hurt. Uncle Jim is not a light man and when he comes down it counts. His weight is somewhat over two hundred pounds.

With the thermometer at zero, and in a raw, biting wind two men and a woman were immersed in the icy waters of the Schuylkill river at Reading just before sundown on Saturday night. They are members of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ who have recently established a congregation in that city.

Perry F. Shaffer has returned to his home near Somerset. He has been attending the Electric Medical Institute of Cincinnati Ohio, where he has graduated with high honor as a Physician and Surgeon. He also has taken special lessons on the disease and treatment of the eye and ear under Prof. McDermut, who is a specialist.

The sale of seats for the Mattie Vicker's Company will commence on Wednesday evening, February 8th, at P. L. Casebeer's Hat and Furnishing Store. The prices will be: first five rows of chairs, 75cts; balance of chairs 50cts; benches, 35cts, and gallery 25cts. This is a first-class troupe and in order to get them here the manager was compelled to raise prices.

Friend this paper is not printed exclusively for you; and that's why you don't like all of it. You say: "There's an article that's no good," and you don't read it, but the one in the next column pleases you first rate. Your neighbor isn't built like you. The article you like he condemns, and reads with interest the one you didn't like. Now do you see? If you want a newspaper to suit yourself, you'll have to edit one, and then not expect any subscribers.—*Exchange.*

From the present outlook the approaching borough election promises to be one of the liveliest that has taken place here for years. There are a number of candidates out for almost every office to be filled, and the amount of buttonholing and electioneering that is being done indicates that none of the aspirants are going to get left if chin-music will prevent it. There is talk of the temperance people putting candidates in the field for some of the offices. If this is done, it will make the fight all the more lively and interesting.

Mr. David Wechtenhiser was killed by a fall of slate in a lime quarry near Berlin Friday. Mr. Wechtenhiser and his brother John had been operating the quarry for some time and had several other men working with them. The men were some distance apart when the accident occurred. A large fall of slate struck the unfortunate man on the back of the head breaking his neck. His groans were heard by his comrades but it was sometime before they discovered him. He had managed to work himself out from under the slate and was leaning against the wall of the mine when found. His remains were interred at Friedens, Sunday.

Herman Umberger, of Jenner township, while on his way to Somerset Saturday morning, met with an accident that gave him considerable of a shaking up and that might have proven very serious. When about half way between his home and Somerset the horse he was driving became suddenly frightened and started to run away. The sleigh was overturned and Mr. Umberger thrown out. In falling he cut his left cheek right below the eye and was otherwise slightly injured. The horse ran some distance when he was stopped by the sleigh getting fast between two trees. Mr. Umberger says that in the many years he has driven the road between his home and Somerset he never knew it to be in as bad condition as at present.

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

James R. Brown, Jr., of Confluence, and Mary L. Osler, of Fayette County.

George L. Davis and Mary B. Ridinger, both of Somerset Borough.

Eli Barron, of Somerset Township, and Mary S. Reese, of Allegheny Township.

Benjamin Keefer, of Sand Patch, and Annie A. Cullen, of Black Township.

Austin G. Christner and Lydia Burkholder, both of Summit Township.

Henry L. Suss and Susie Berkeybile, both of Paint Township.

Jesse Jeffrey, of Salisbury Borough, and Margaret Cochrane, of Elklick Township.

Wm. J. Brant, of Brothersvalley Township, and Hulda G. Enfield, of Milford Township.

About 9 o'clock Monday evening two young boys passing up Patriot street noticed smoke issuing from several of the windows on the second floor of Mr. Wm. Gilbert's residence. They ran to the house, and finding the doors all locked, they started up the street, yelling fire. The town was soon aroused, and within a very few moments of the first cry, almost the entire male population was on the streets, running in the direction of the fire. Mr. Gilbert and his family were all at church, and as the house was closed up considerable difficulty was experienced in effecting an entrance. The fire originated in a bed in one of the second floor rooms and was confined to two rooms. The flames were extinguished, but not before considerable damage had been done. The furniture, carpets, and everything in the two rooms, including most of the wearing apparel of the family was destroyed. At the foot of Mr. Gilbert's bed he had a large envelope in which he deposited his weekly savings, by close economy during the past number of years he had managed to scrape together four hundred dollars, having added thirty-five dollars to his savings that morning. In the room where the money was hid, and it was all in greenbacks, the fire originated and the money was among the first things to be burned. As soon as Mr. Gilbert reached his house he rushed at once to the hiding place of his treasure, but the flames had been too rapid for him. The house was considerably damaged by fire and water. It was insured to an amount sufficient to cover the injury done to it. Mr. Gilbert is a poor man, and the loss falls very heavily upon him.

A Missing Heir Found.

The following from the Pittsburgh *Leader* of a recent date will prove interesting reading to many of the HERALD's older subscribers, who will be glad to learn of the good fortune that has fallen to an old friend:

"Some months ago C. S. Fetterman, Esq., received a letter from a lawyer in Wilkesbarre, asking for information as to the whereabouts of the widow of a certain Jas. D. Alexander, who formerly lived in Pittsburgh, and intimating that something of importance was awaiting the lady, if alive. The judge being otherwise engaged placed the letter in the hands of Wm. M. Price, Esq., who occupied the same rooms with the judge. Mr. Price at once went to work, and after almost unlimited searching and inquiry, found that James D. Alexander removed, when quite young, from his home in Nanticoke, Luzerne county, to this city about 1844, and secured a situation as clerk in the Old Bank Exchange restaurant, on Third avenue. He was only there a short time until he purchased the business from its then Owner, Mr. Hawkins, who is still living. In 1846 he married a Miss Anthony, a most estimable and beautiful girl from Somerset county, Pa., by whom he had two children. Mr. Alexander made money very fast, as his restaurant was then the most popular resort in the city for dinners, lunches, etc., and was patronized by many of the leading citizens. He was also a popular member of the Vigilant Hose Company, as well as other organizations in the city. In 1851 while working at a large fire he cut his foot in knocking in a window either to rescue a party in the room or get a better position to fight the fire, it is not certain which. He did not pay much attention to the wound for a few days when it developed into a bad case of lock-jaw, which soon terminated his life; Mrs. Alexander was thus left early in life a widow, and soon thereafter lost both her children and all her property, and was more than doubly bereaved. She then disappeared and nothing further could be found of her whereabouts. the Diffenbacher directory of 1852 giving her residence as Reserve township. Here Mr. Price lost trace of her, but fully realizing the value and importance of the daily newspaper as the readiest means of reaching the people and opening up mysteries, he inserted a notice in the *Leader* asking for information concerning Mrs. Alexander.

The fruit of Mr. Price's wisdom followed, for on the next day he received a postal card from Charles F. Sheib, with J. R. Reed & Co., Jewelers, informing him that the person he wanted was on Cedar avenue, Allegheny City. Mr. Price at once hastened to the point indicated and found the house to be a neat frame house with the sign "Bread and Cakes," displayed in the front window, indicating that it was a bakery. Upon going in he was met by a tall, fair, pleasant-faced lady of about sixty-five years of age, whose hair was white as snow, and who had lines of care on her face, and every movement showing she had seen better times and had preserved her quiet, ladylike manners through all her life, whatever it had been. He asked for Mrs. James D. Alexander, and was at once told he was speaking to her. She then gave him her history, which corresponded with what he had already found out from 1852. She said she had struggled along as best she could until 1863, when she married a man named Sanders, and lived with him for awhile. She had no children by him, and he treated her so badly that she was unable to bear his brutality, especially when he was drunk; and that she started out again in the world, alone and friendless, comparatively, and poor, to make her own living. In 1883 Sanders died. She struggled on until about four years ago, when she got a situation in the bakery where she then was at $3 per week. Out of this she paid her room rent and boarded herself, and managed to save a little money, which she laid by to be used in burying her with. The fact of her identity was beyond question. She had copies of the old *Telegraph* of this city of 1846 containing notice of her marriage, and of 1857 containing notice of her husband's funeral. The reason of wishing to find her was very soon developed, when it was found that her father-in-law, Silas Alexander, of Wilkesbarre, had died in March last, leaving a large fortune to his heirs; that before his death he had insisted on making a will in order to provide for his son Jame's widow, as he was convinced she was still living, although all the other heirs believed she was dead. He left her one-twentieth of an estate, variously estimated to be worth from $300,000 to $600,000. The heirs when notified that she was alive at once took steps to dispute her identity, and the case came before the orphan's court of Luzerne Co., Judge Rhone presiding, on the 6th of this month, when Mr. Price and Mrs. Alexander appeared there, and after quite a warm contest the court decided that she was the lost heir and decreed that she should be allowed the full amount devised to her, and directed the executors to pay her a part of her first distribution then, so she might enjoy it, which was done, she coming home $2,000 better off than she went away. The balance will be paid as fast as realized from the assets. She has enough and more than will keep her the balance of her days, and after working for ever fifty years, early and late, she feels she can now rest the remainder of her life.

"The Union Scout."

The greatest event ever occurring in Somerset. Do not fail to see it. Presented by forty ladies and gentlemen of Somerset. The great military allegory of Sherman's March through Georgia. Camps, prison, battles and marches will be truthfully portrayed. Eleven of the finest tableaux each night. "The Union Scout" is all history of the war. It is no theater, but a true representation of war scenes. Come one, come all, both great and small. Parents, bring your children. Young man, bring your girl. Come from the country. Rally, rally, rally! You will always remember "The Union Scout." This entertainment is given for the benefit of R. P. Cummins Post 210 G. A. R. Opera House, February 14th and 15th, 1888.

Ground Hog Day.

Thursday was what is commonly called "Ground Hog Day," because of an ancient superstition that the badger peeps out of his hole on that day, and if the sun is shining, thus enabling him to see his shadow, he returns for six weeks more of cold weather.

In the Catholic Church it is known as the feast of the Purification, or Candlemas Day, thus called from the custom of blessing candles brought to church by the people. It is intended to commemorate the purification of the Virgin Mary. From deep research the feast is said to have come from the days of the Apostles. The ceremony in the church is most impressive.

Millions for the Pope.

The Baltimore Sun's Rome correspondent says of the Jubilee gifts to the Pope that up to January 13 presents to the value of ten millions of dollars have passed through the hands of the Vatican inspectors. Even that sum has been exceeded in money, the Spanish Catholics of South America sending in coin $800,000. Ireland has been likewise generous in that respect, Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, brought from his diocese $4,000, and the Bishop of Clonfert $4,000. The United States has outstripped every other country in cash donations, the archdiocese of New York forwarding by itself $42,000. The exact sum of the moneyed gifts cannot be ascertained, all the contributions being not yet in hand.

A Business Chance.

A well established business, in Somerset, is offered for sale. For particulars inquire of Charles I. Harrison Esq., at the Somerset County Bank.

A new order has been issued by the Postmaster General to the effect that all uncalled for postal cards shall be returned to the writer after thirty days, and that advertised letters will be held but two weeks, instead of four, as heretofore, before being sent to the dead letter office at Washington.

For Rent.

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

The February Sky.

The February star-lit sky will be charming. Saturn will shine all night long. Mercury will be plainly visible in the evening twilight in the middle of the month. Mars and Uranus will appear before the midnight and Jupiter and Venus will divide the honors of the dawn. The heavens will be brilliant with a superb army of stars, the brightest that look down from the star-depths. Among them are the fair Capella, the radiant Arcturus, Sirius and Regulus, with the well-known constellations of Orion, the Twins, the Hyades and the clustering Pleiades. Observers may find these stars, and many more, with the aid of the star-map, and when once familiar by name, they will prove a life-long source of enjoyment.

Daley Items.

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Lohr died on Saturday of last week.

The people of this section appear to enjoy the mild winter, as predicted, with the mercury at and below zero.

The protracted meeting at Graef's church, conducted by Rev. Houseman, still continues. There have been six seekers, two of whom have found peace.

A time, a few weeks since, was noted for a great change in temperature. The thermometer pointed to 20° below zero, and in twenty-four hours marked 42° above zero.

An item appeared in one of the county papers speaking of the lime-bank skating rink, saying that if the pupils should spatter the floor with snow and water, and let it freeze, they would have a fine place for sport. Correct.

MICK.

DALEY, February 4, 1888.

Confluence and Vicinity.

Mrs. Ross, wife of Hon. Moses A. Ross, of Petersburg, died January 30th, after a rather brief but painful illness, in the 60th year of her age. Her remains were deposited in the family vault at Newbury cemetery, on February 1st. Mrs. Ross was a devoted wife and mother, and passed into the great beyond with Christian resignation. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

Mrs. Susan Bowlin, wife of John R. Bowlin, died at the home of her daughter in Fayett county on Tuesday, January 31st, in the 67th year of her age. Her remains were also interred in the Newberry cemetery. She survived her husband less than one year. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church for many years, and has two sons in the ministry.

The failure to obtain license seems to meet with general favor. Of course those who would be benefitted by license are not pleased, but the majority of our citizens are. One thing certain, the peace and quiet of the town has been greatly improved by having no license. It is unfortunate, however, that Petersburg has a double portion of license.

The time for holding municipal elections is near at hand, and the chronic office-seekers are beginning to wear the familiar grin. To some people an office is a big thing.

Our schools seem to be progressing finely so far. A literary society is in full blast, and some eloquent speeches are being made on practical topics.

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CONFLUENCE, February 6, 1888.

Mattie Vickers at the Opera House.

The Academy of Music contained a large sized audience last night, who went there to witness the first performance in this city of Gaylor's comedy drama, "Jacquine: or, Paste and Diamonds." The play, in looking at it from a dramatic standpoint of view, is superior, in many respects, to the usual run of pieces, written in order to suit certain peculiarities of performers. It is interesting throughout. It can with safety be pronounced one of the best specialty plays we have witnessed this season. The old story of the long lost child discovered by her mother, the drunken father, etc., is repeated with new details, but despite of all that, the plot is a most entertaining one, and keeps the audience interested from the rise of the curtain in the first act to the close of the performance.

Miss Mattie Vickers, as the heroine, Jacquine, is a splendid little actress, has a beautifully expressive face, sings and dances to everybody's liking, and possesses the material of becoming one of the best soubrettes on the American stage. She is a most excellent dialect artiste, imitates Aimee's famous "Pretty as a Picture" to perfection, and succeeds in gaining round after round of applause. Mr. Charles Rogers, as Dick Vinton, the hill-poster, proved to the audience that during his absence from Cleveland he utalized his time to the best advantage, acts in an easy way, graceful and natural manner, and can scarcely be excelled in his imitations of prominent actors. Last night in his imitations of Jefferson, Mayo, McCollough and others, he more than surprised the audience and found it most difficult to leave the stage. The company on the whole, is above the average of combinations of that description.—*Cleveland Herald.*

The above company will appear at the Opera House, Saturday evening, February 11th. Secure your seats at P. L. Casebeer's Hat Store.

Jennertown Items.

Do you contemplate purchasing a good sleigh? If so, call on Kantz Bros. and secure not only the best in the county, but also at a price reduced to a minimum.

The farmers in this vicinity are having their wishes gratified, as far as the heavy fall of snow is concerned, and they are making use of it in every possible manner.

The Lutherans have a protracted meeting in progress here at present. The audiences are small, however, which is owing, probably, to the inclemency of the weather.

Mr. Daniel Peterson has returned home from Westmoreland county, where he had been engaged in architecture. Mr. P., as an architect, does not have many superiors.

Mr. Joseph Ream, who has been confined to his home for some time on account of ill health, has recruited, and is able to participate in the enjoyments of the recent excellent sleighing.

The Sipe school is advancing rapidly under the supervision of Ma. C. M. Swank, which speaks well for his ability as a teacher, as this is his first term at teaching, and some scholars are in attendance who were pronounced incorrigible by some of our former teachers.

Our friend, and genius of allopathics, Mr. John Brewster, is suffering from a very severe cold, which he contracted several weeks ago, while endeavoring to prevent Mr. Shaffer's horse from succumbing to pneumonia. Mr. B. is famous as a veterinary surgeon, and the services he has rendered in this vicinity during this winter are invaluable. He contemplates abandoning his former profession, and will engage in the insurance of horses and cattle. Your correspondent wishes him success.

GAWST.

The fiftieth Almanac published by the New York *Tribune*, namely, the one for 1888, comes to us with the appropriate title of the "Semi-Centennial Issue." Newspapers and Almanacs grow younger and fresher as they advance in years. The *Tribune Almanac* for 1888 is fresh, popular, pithy, adapted to the times, and crammed with the political statistics to which every one will turn for reference in the Presidential year. The popular vote for President in 1884 is given in detail, with the total vote in each election back to 1838. The party platforms, the important enactments of the last Congress, complete lists of the members of Congress and principal officers of the Government, statistics of trade and pensions, and a variety of other valuable features characterize the book. This Almanac is accurate, and the standard publication of its class. Being non-partisan, it is used by men of all parties. The price is 25 cents.

Ladies, we handle the "Dew Drop" Sundals. Do drop in and see them.

SCHELL & SHIVLER.

Sunday night's freeze-up has made the sleighing quite good again.

Downey Items.

Tattlers are busy.

The lumber business is booming.

The blinding blizzards of last week were very severe in our village.

Owing to the drifted roads, our mail was delayed for several days last week.

That precious motto, "Always speak the truth," does not seem to prevail to an alarming extent in some sections.

Among the number on the sick list are Mrs. Abi Kimmell and Emma Spangler, but we are glad to say that they are slowly convalescing.

Messrs. J. L. Glessner, J. A. Will and J. G. Kimmell are engaged in hauling sawlogs, for which they realize a fair price. We wish them success in their enterprise.

Mr. E. F. Will is busily engaged in making cross-ties, and says the prospects for the South Penn are very favorable at present. We believe his aim is to have a branch road from the main line to "Buzzard's Glory."

Our teacher, I. G. Carver, gave us a rare treat in the form of a spelling bee, several weeks ago. The large attendance, the good spelling and the excellent order that prevailed during the exercises, are certainly gratifying marks of a successful teacher.

The public highway leading from Downey to its suburbs being drifted by the recent storms, "Mad Antony" was summoned at an early hour on last Friday morning to survey a temporary road; he surveyed a new line, and a pontoon bridge was constructed, under his supervision, across "Clay Bottom" river. After the work was completed William Spencer passed over the road as inspector, and found the engineering work well done. In order to test the bridge Abraham passed over it with a heavy load of lumber, and it proved to be substantial in every respect.

HOOSIER.

DOWNEY, PA., February 6, 1888.

Bell's View Items.

Our schools are prospering.

The sugar boiling season is near at hand.

I. Heiple is closing out his business here, and will remove to Westmoreland county.

Jerome Yoder & Bro. have rented their farm to J. H. Schmucker, and will remove to Garrett.

H. C. Beam has taken a large contract of hauling logs for J. M. Cover. He began his work Monday.

Our farmers have made good use of the excellent sledding by hauling large quantities of lime, coal, etc.

J. J. Daniels is able to be about again, after having been confined to his house for about two months from the effects of a fall from a wagon.

James Shaffer is taking advantage of the good sledding and moving his household goods over on this side of the Bell farm, recently purchased by him.

The joint consistory of Beam charge met in session on Saturday last at the Beam church, to settle up the annual business. Rev. I. S. Berger being the present minister everything passed off in the usual quiet way. The salary of the pastor was raised $75 per annum.

On Sunday Jacob Hoover, aged 80 years and 2 months, was buried at the Beam church. Rev. Baumgardner officiated, his text being the 37th verse of the 37th Psalm. There was a very large number of neighbors and friends present at the obsequies. Mr. Cover was the next oldest man in this neighborhood, Abram Beam being his senior by one year and six months.

KENO.

A Kansas Letter.

EDITOR HERALD:—A few items from these parts may not come amiss. There are frequent inquiries regarding the extremes of temperature of Norton and adjoining counties. In reply I will state that we were neither burnt or froze out up to this time. The latter part of our summer was hot and dry, this along with Chintz bugs reduced the yield of our crops one-half. But this increased a demand for the same doubling the value of the crop raised. Corn one year ago sold for twenty cents per bushel, to-day it is a ready sale at forty-five cents and other cereals advanced in like proportion.

Prarie fires raged for quite awhile before winter set in. The prudent farmers were protected by having a strip of sod broken around their farms thus affording a complete barrier against the scorching blaze. We have not suffered with extreme cold as the exchanges had it, but had a reasonable share of winter. The mercury had for a short period of time been 22° below zero with a stiff breeze blowing across the prarie, at such times a man will surely suffer if he be needlessly exposed for any great length of time. We have had but one snow fall to cover the ground, that came early in the season and was of short duration. Cattle allowed the range of stocks fared well they are sleek and fat without extra feed or shelter. Our wagon roads were in splendid condition all winter.

Many of the blizzards that raged in the northwest did not strike here.

Farmers may now be seen gathering corn as some defer this work until the new year sets in.

Railroad No. 3, has just been completed through this county, by the Rock Island Co.

Some of our more energetic farmers started their plows to-day.

J. A. G.

DENSMORE, Kan., Feb. 1, 1888.

"The Union Scout."

The Opera House was crowded to its utmost last night to witness the taking presentation of this famous military drama, the "Union Scout." By the request of numerous citizens who have attended the performances, the management and cast have consented to give another and the last performance on to-morrow night.—*Tuesday Republican, Columbus, Ind.*

This entertainment will be presented in the Opera House, Somerset, February 14th and 15th for the benefit of R. P. Cummins Post No. 210 G. A. R.

Well-to-do farmers in this section who have serious notions about moving out West in the spring might read with profit the accounts of the fearful snow blockades prevailing in the western States, and the scarcity of fuel among the people. It makes a man shiver even in this climate to think of what the people there are compelled to endure. Blizzards may be well enough for contemplation by those who are sitting along side of a good warm stove and in comfortable quarters, but for a farmer who is compelled to go and feed his stock with the thermometer cutting up rustic at 40 and 50 degrees below zero it is anything but pleasant. No, we prefer to live in a section where the soft southern breeze still whispers sweet things in the ears of Old Boreas and converts his frowns into smiles. We most certainly do.

Popular Excursion to Washington "Via Picturesque B. & O."

The second of the series of Popular Excursions to Washington, inaugurated by the B. & O. R. R. Co., will be run on Thursday, February 16th, 1888. The round trip fare will be as follows: From Confluence, $6.30; from Ursina, $6.00; from Rockwood, $6.25; from Somerset and $6.35 from Stoystown. Trains leave Confluence 10.50 a. m. and 12.14 night, leave Ursina 10.55 a. m. and 12.24 night, leave Rockwood 11.28 a. m. and 12.55 night, leave Somerset 6.20 a. m. and 6.00 p. m. leave Stoystown 8.55 a. m. and 3.32 p. m.

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Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. Feb. 6, 1888.

The politicians of both parties are already figuring upon the control of the Fifty-first Congress. The situation in the Senate is a decidedly interesting one. The Republican margin is now uncomfortably close, there being a majority of only two, counting Riddleberger. But he is absolutely unreliable, voting with the Democrats as often as with the Republicans, and voting all by himself more frequently still. When he goes with the Democracy the Senate is, of course, a tie.

The possible Senate changes in the Fifty-first Congress are not numerous. Barbour, a Democrat, succeeds Riddleberger, tieing the Senate, in case no other gains or losses occur. In that event the control of the Senate will depend upon whichever party elects the next Vice President. The probabilities, however, very strongly favor the election of a Republican—William Walter Phelps, from the Present outlook—in place of McPherson, if the present large Republican majority in the New Jersey Legislature can be taken as an indication of what the complexion of the next Legislature is likely to be. There is no probability of the Republicans gaining a Senator elsewhere than in New Jersey within the next two years. On the other hand there is a possibility that the Democrats will gain Senators in Oregon and Rhode Island, in place of Dolph and Chance. However, the one Republican probability is worth infinitely more than the two Democratic possibilities.

As to the control of the House, nothing definitely can be said. The probabilities, however, are very strongly in favor of a Republican majority at the lower end of the Capitol. A gain of only six or eight votes over the present Congress would place the Republicans in the ascendency; and it is not difficult to see where this gain, and even a larger one, will come from. The new rebellion in the South—that from Cleveland's free trade policy—will alone more than furnish the changes desired.

The junior Pennsylvania Senator, having succeeded some days ago in getting through the Senate his bill increasing the pension for soldiers who are totally blind from $13 to $30 per month, has just been equally successful in passing his bill increasing from $50 to $72 per month the pension for total helplessness. Both bills were taken up and passed out of order, and it is needless to say that Senator Quay is receiving a good many compliments for the manner in which he handled the two measures. Both bills are reasonably certain to pass the House as both of them have the approval of the Commissioner of Pensions.

Washington is undoubtedly the Mecca for cranks. A western clergyman named Schnitzler has recently addressed a communication to a large proportion of our Senators relative to the next presidency, from which I am able to give the following extract: "In opening the campaign for 1888 to promote peace and good will towards men and general good feeling, and to secure good civil and religious government on Gospel Temperance principles, let us nominate for President His Excellency, Grover Cleveland from New York—the beloved President—and His Excellency Don Cameron, from Pennsylvania—the beloved Senator; or, still better, let the Princes of my people, the U. S. Republican Senators, Chief Justices and native born Republican Governors of the several States, gather themselves together on Mt. Moriah, which lies to the East of Washington, and is called the National Capital, and then and there cast the lot with Senator Cameron as to who among them shall be nominated for Republican President in 1888.

"And again the next day let the Princes of my people again gather themselves together in the National Capital at Washington and cast the lot as to who among them shall be nominated for Vice President. And again, after election in November 1888, let the beloved Princes of my People gather themselves together and there again cast the lot between the elected and defeated candidate as to who shall be President of the U. S. in 1889, and thus let us have fair play and see what the will of the good Lord is. Yours fraternally and sincerely in the Bonds and Liberty of the Gospel."

Congressman Scull has presented a good many petitions asking for an increase of compensation for fourth-class postmasters.

There is a good deal of talk here in favor of Senator Cooper for Chairman of the next National Committee.

The talk among Pennsylvanians here is that Judge Mitchell, of Philadelphia, is in the lead for the Supreme Judgeship nomination.

State Senator Delamater, of Crawford county, who has just been here, is mentioned as a candidate for Congress against Wm. L. Scott, of Erie.

Charles Emery Smith, of the Philadelphia *Press*, will probably be one of the delegates-at-large to the Chicago Convention.

Senator Cameron has not made a speech thus far, but for quiet work among his fellow Senators his influence is unsurpassed.

The Senate is so far ahead of the House in legislation that it invariably adjourns over from Thursday to Monday.

It only requires a days' attendance upon the proceedings of the House to discover that Randall has his war-paint on. He will make it lively for the Erie county statesman before the session closes. The latter may be very influential at the White House, but at the other end of the avenue the Democratic party refuses to follow his leadership.

Of the twenty Republicans in Congress from Pennsylvania, all but three are candidates for re-election. These are Patton, Bound and Moffit, all of whom have been thrown into strong Democratic districts by the last apportionment. Patton may run again, however, as he was elected to the present Congress from a Democratic district.

The Third Pleasure Tour to Florida via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the unparalleled demand for tickets for Florida tours, and a lack of ability to supply the demand by reason of the limited number assigned each special train, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces a third personally conducted pleasure tour for Wednesday, February 22d. This tour will be conducted in every respect as were those which preceded it. The special train of Pullman sleeping cars, in charge of the Tourist Agent and Chaperon, will leave New York at 10.15 A. M., Philadelphia 1.45 P. M., Baltimore 3.45, and Washington 4.35 P. M., stopping at Newark, Trenton, and Wilmington. Dinner will be served at Philadelphia, supper at Milford, Va., breakfast at Florence, S. C., and dinner at Savannah, arriving at Jacksonville in time for supper on the 23d.

The round trip ticket, admitting of a stay of two weeks in Florida, including Pullman accommodations and meals *en route* in both directions, and one day's board at Hotel Everett, Jacksonville, will be sold, as follows, at $47 from New York, $45 from Philadelphia and points South, and proportionate rates from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania system. The returning special train will leave Jacksonville on the morning of March 9th.

This will be one of the choicest trips of the season, the winter season of Florida will be at its height, the Sub-Tropical Exposition at Jacksonville will be in full display, and all the pleasures of winter in the tropics may be enjoyed to the fullest extent. The number of tickets to be sold will be limited to 150.

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From the Elders (Ia.) Herald.

Obituary.

Mrs. D. M. Crouse, assistant matron of the Industrial School, died very suddenly last Tuesday morning at the school. She had been in rather poor health for some months, and at one time last summer her life was despaired of. She had not been on duty since her illness until a short time before her death, and then resumed her duties against the advice of her friends. But she was devoted to her work, and the interest she took in it was not lessened, even by bodily infirmities. Mrs. Crouse's maiden name was Jennie Hay. She was born in Berlin, Somerset County, Pa., August 6, 1847; was married to D. M. Crouse August 22, 1872, and, with her husband, came to the Industrial School October 1, 1874. She had been assistant matron of the institution for the past five years, and only those who were associated with her can estimate the value of her services, and realize the loss which her sad and untimely death occasions. She was the mother of two children, one of which a little girl of six years, is left without a mother's fond care and protection. Mr. Crouse starts with the remains to-day for their old home in Berlin, Pennsylvania, where the parents of the deceased are living.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted by the board of trustees of the Iowa Industrial School:

WHEREAS; All-wise Providence has recently laid an afflicting hand upon us in the removal from our midst of Mrs. Jennie Crouse, assistant matron, boys' department, whose labors for more than half a score of years have been united with ours in caring for and building up the interests of this school, one whom we have learned highly to esteem for her work's sake, to admire for her constancy, zeal and devotion, and to love for her social and moral life; Therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the board of trustees of the Industrial School, while we bow submissively to this severe dispensation, cannot refrain from feelings and expressions of grief and sorrow, and sincerely mourn our sad loss.

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