# The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY ..... March 14, 1888.


Buy your drugs at Bieseker & Snyder's.

Drugs a specialty at Bieseker & Snyder's.

We make meal for your horses and cattle at Cook & Berkey's.

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

Experienced stone-tie makers can secure a steady job by addressing James M. Cover, Jones' X Roads, Pa.

Thirty-six forty-nine listed Beerer applications and nine applications for brewers, licenses in Bair county.

Alex Ferguson will erect a brick and iron store pavilion in Philadelphia. He will use it two months in the year.

We will close out our Men's Gum Boots at $1.80 per pair, cash.

A. R. FRENCH & BRO.

Choice Western Timothy and clover, also homegrown clover seed, in stock for the spring trade.

COOK & BERKEY.

Strawberry the peach and plum trees are in bloom and the year is just coming out. Many flowers are in bloom, wild and cultivated.

Brilliant and spectacles in all conceivable styles and at all prices, of the celebrated "King" manufacture, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The young ladies of Stoneboro have organized a Pleasure Pedestrian Cleveland club, and propose to take an active part in this life campaign.

The African Methodist Church at Talbottom, on the 5th, celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of a revival which started in 1865. This was a protracted meeting worthy to note.

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

HITCHMAN, BOSS & PARSONS.

The annual opinion falls on Wednesday, March 21, when spring commences, and the days and nights will be of the same length. At this time the sun passes from equinoctial points to very seldom usually prevail on sea and land.

Dissatisfaction of salaries for public school teachers is now being agitated in various sections of this state. The fairest system of compensation of teachers is that system which gives a woman who does the work of a man equal pay of a man.

The office of the Griggs County, Dakota Territory, calls attention to the fact that Griggs county contains room enough to seat the entire population of the globe in arm-chairs within its limits, allowing each person a space of thirteen feet.

Having disposed of my grocery and feed store to Mr. Walter Schrock I am desirous of settling up my books. All persons knowing themselves indebted to me will please call and settle without further notice.

JOHN KELLER.

Persons contemplating going west will find it to their advantage to call on or address R. M. Pitking, 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.

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

ROSS DAVIS & CO.

Fish! Fish! Fish!

Lake caught Mackerel and Lake Herring, halves, quarters and kits, quality and weights guaranteed, in exchange for wheat, oats and corn.

COOK & BERKEY.

Washington Excursion.

Author of the select excursions to the National Capital will be run by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, on Thursday, April 19th. The B. & O. excursion trains are less than in all respects; the day trains are equipped with Parlor Cars and the night trains with Sleeping Cars. Tickets will be valid for return journey on all regular trains until Saturday, March 24th, inclusive. Time of trains and round trip rates as follows, viz:

| Leave | | Arrive | Fare. |
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| Cumberland | 10.50 a. m. and 12.18 p. m. | | $4.35 |
| Frostburg | 11.05 " | 12.24 " | 6.30 |
| Keyesport | 11.25 " | 12.55 " | 6.00 |
| Rockwood | 11.50 " | 1.20 " | 5.75 |
| Somerset | 12.20 " | 6.00 " | 6.25 |
| Stoystown | 6.01 " | 7.32 " | 6.05 |

Call on Ticket Agent at any point named above for illustrated circular giving points of interest to all visitors to Washington.

Dissolution Notice.

The copartnership heretofore existing between J. J. Rishel and J. A. Risinger, of Jones X Roads, Pa., has this day by mutual consent been dissolved. Mr. Mishler succeeds Mr. Risinger, who will continue the business. All those knowing themselves indebted to the old firm will please call and settle accounts before April 1st, 1888.

Respectfully,

MISHLER & RISINGER.

Jones X Roads, Feb. 29, 1888.

Thanking you for your kind patronage in the past, and soliciting your valued favors in the new firm, we remain,

Respectfully yours,

MISHLER & RISINGER.

Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me for Prothonotary's fees will please make payment of the same at once. My books will be in the hands of R. S. Fleck, Esq., to whom payment can be made at the Prothonotary's office until May 4, 1888, after which time all claims remaining unpaid will be placed in the proper hands for collection. Prompt attention will save trouble to all parties concerned.

N. B. CHRISTNER.

Lost.

On the old plank road between Berlin and Boswell, a red leather pocket-book containing a number of receipts, notes, etc. Any one finding and returning the same to the undersigned will be suitably rewarded.

J. M. BROOKS, Berlin, Pa.

Farmers, Stop and Read!

For Groceries, Flour, Feed, Fish, and all kinds of feed I am headquarters, and at bottom prices. Will take all kinds of produce in exchange for goods.

MARTIN SCHROCK,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

New Goods! New Goods!!

Have now receiving spring goods in all leading and latest styles in Dress Goods, Gingham, Sateens, Calicoes, etc. Store full of new and desirable goods at prices that will please you all.

FAUNCE & PARKER.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark. 100 cords wanted at once.

H. G. CONNELLSVILLE.

It looks as though the "lion" business is to continue throughout the entire month.

Hon. A. H. Coffroth will go to the National Capitol on Thursday on a short visit.

N. G. Keim and H. F. Barron will open their Normal School in Somerset on the 17th of April.

Schell & Shivler have moved their boot and shoe store into the room formerly occupied by Sd. Uhl.

Remonstrances have been filed against the granting of license to every saloon keeper in Johnstown, except one.

George R. Scull, of the HERALD, has been confined to his home since Thursday, with an attack of bilious fever.

The Stoystown Normal School, to be taught by Messrs. Ed. Smith and J. A. Koontz, will open on April 16th.

Pensions were granted last week to William Hentz, of Sipesville, and Simon Bauman, of Sand Patch, Somerset County.

"Buck" Saylor, as his companions call him, shot a young wild cat, in the vicinity of the "red school house on the Berlin road, Tuesday.

Thomas Crow, of Lower Turkeyfoot township, was lodged in jail Sunday evening by Constable McCintock, of Addison, charged with incest.

Thomas Tell of Huntingdon, indulged too freely in liquor Saturday, and laid in the snow storm all night. He was found dead on the street Sunday morning.

The valuation of the property of the Cambria Iron Company, for the year 1887, (excepting unscelted inside) was $1947,859 and the county tax on the same $12,337.31.

The young people's mite society of the Disciples' church will hold a festival on Friday night of this week, in the rooms formerly occupied by Mrs. M. E. Schrock and Schell & Shivler, on Main Cross Street.

At the meeting of the Cambria County Democratic Committee, at Ebensburg, Monday, a resolution was adopted naming Col. John P. Linton, of Johnstown, as the choice of Cambria County for delegate to the National Democratic Convention.

The blizzard was a little late in reaching this section of the country, but it got there all the same, as everybody will hear witness. The highest winds that were ever known to the inhabitants of Somerset, blew throughout Monday night and Tuesday.

During last week's term of court in Fayette county, Judge Ewing in instructing the grand jury called attention to the urgent necessity for a new jail. The State Board of Charities recently pronounced the Uniontown jail one of the worst in the state.

Since the first day of October, 1885, when the new marriage licenses law went into effect, 382 licenses have been granted in Somerset county. As this is leap year Recorder Swank is expecting a great rush and yesterday opened a new, the third, docket.

About 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the residence of Marshall and Frank Wilkins, in Addison township, about two miles north of Petersburg, was entirely destroyed by fire. Very little of the household property was saved from the flames. There was no insurance.

Mr. George W. Schrock, of Effie, accompanied by his family, started for Hixon, Ill., where they will make their future home, Tuesday morning. Before leaving Mr. Schrock renewed his subscription to the HERALD, just what all Somerset County people going west should do.

Our friend George Amman thinks he has the "crack" cow of Somerset county. The animal is three-fourths Jersey and yields 40 pounds of milk per day, from which 15 to 18 pounds of butter are manufactured each week. Mr. Amman also owns 47 thoroughbred brown Leghorn hens that have laid 640 eggs in the past thirty days.

Mrs. Mary Dullas, who was convicted at the late term of court of keeping a disorderly house, at Rockwood, didn't answer when her name was called for sentence Saturday. It is reported that the female mentioned has jumped the jurisdiction of this court, which if true will satisfy the people of the community in which she resided, far better than had the sentence of the law been imposed.

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

Andrew J. Mock and Mary C. Lambert, both of Shade township.

Philip Gerheim and Lilly V. Beal, both of Bridgeport, Fayette county.

William J. Gaeliger and Lily Snider, both of Brothersvalley township.

Henry F. Harper, of Johnstown, Pa., and Nancy J. Gardner, of Quemahoning township.

Frederick L. Jost, of Meyersdale, and Minnie A. Long, of Somerset township.

William Yegler, of Johnstown, Pa., and Jemima Swank, of Quemahoning township.

Henry C. Keifer and Julia Shaffer, both of Conemaugh township.

H. L. Benford of Meyersdale, and Matilda T. Tilp, of Brothersvalley township.

Harry Davis of Somerset borough, and Jane Zufall, of Somerset township.

It is astonishing the interest that the average American takes in the "facie" art and the brutality of the prize ring. When the Western Union operator posted a bulletin Friday morning announcing that our own Sullivan had killed Mitchell in the first round of the great international contest, business throughout town was generally suspended. Workmen dropped their tools, tradesmen quit their shops, and lawyers neglected their clients to gather in crowds and exchange congratulations and discuss what each one had predicted would be the result of the fight. One well-known and prominent lawyer exclaimed: "I expected nothing else. Sullivan knocked his head off his shoulders the first blow he struck him." In their enthusiasm over this ill-founded report, many a young fellow who couldn't lick an ant strutted around with the belligerent air of the Irishman who asked: "Will somebody tread on the tail of me coat?"

The Bedford *Inquirer* is publishing a series of articles giving the history of Bedford county; representation in the National and State Governments since 1776. Last week's article was devoted to Bedford's representation in the State Senate, and as Somerset has always been attached to the same Senatorial district, excepting under the apportionment act of 1815, we give the following:

REPRESENTATION.

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| Sessions of | 1802-3 | John Piper. |
| " " | 1806-7 | Henry Wertz, jr. |
| " " | 1807-13 | Jacob Blocher. |
| " " | 1812-17 | John Tod |
| " " | 1817-21 | Wm. Piper. |
| " " | 1821-24 | David Mann. |
| " " | 1824-25 | Chauncy Forward. |
| " " | 1825-29 | Alexander Ogle |
| " " | 1829-32 | William Piper. |
| " " | 1832-34 | Henry H. Fore. |
| " " | 1833-34 | William Piper. |
| " " | 1834-37 | Henry H. Fore. |
| " " | 1837-41 | Samuel M. Barclay. |
| " " | 1841-43 | George Mullin. |
| " " | 1843-47 | John Morrison. |
| " " | 1845-50 | Alexander King. |
| " " | 1851 | Isaac Hagus. |
| " " | 1852-54 | Hamilton B. Barnes. |
| " " | 1853-57 | Francis Jordan. |
| " " | 1856-60 | William P. Schell. |
| " " | 1860-62 | S. S. Wharton |
| " " | 1861 | Alexander Stutzman. |
| " " | 1864-66 | G. W. Hochsteldler. |
| " " | 1867-69 | Alexander Stutzman. |
| " " | 1870-72 | Hiram Findlay. |
| " " | 1873-74 | John A. Lenon. |
| " " | 1875-78 | L. D. Tatay. |
| " " | 1879-82 | Frederick Graf. |
| " " | 1883-86 | J. H. Longenecker. |
| " " | 1887-89 | W. S. Alexander. |

## Court Proceedings.

David Heinbaugh, Andrew Coughenour and Jonas Meyers vs. W. H. Sellers and Maggie Sellers, his wife; Action in Assumpsit; on the 27th of February, 1888, by leave of Court, plaintiffs take a non suit.

Annie J. Lambert vs. William Johnson; Feigned Issue; the jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff.

Emanuel James vs. Joseph Mishler; Ejectment; jury return a verdict in favor of the defendant.

Samuel Shaffer use of John E. Shaffer vs. Jacob C. Horner; Assumpsit; jury return a verdict in favor of defendant.

Charles Sorber vs. James Parson and Samuel Wendel; Trespass c. q. f.; On February 27th plaintiff takes a non suit by leave of Court.

D. M. Osborne & Co. vs. Francis Walker; Assumpsit; jury return a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for $169 70; motion for new trial filed by defendant.

D. M. Osborne & Co. vs. H. N. Walker; Assumpsit; jury return a verdict for plaintiff for $169 72; same day motion for new trial filed by the defendant.

John Ober and Eliza Ober, his wife, in right of said Eliza Ober, vs. Elizabeth Berkey; case sur slander; case settled March 8, 1888, by the parties per paper filed; defendant to pay record costs.

Same vs. Cyrus Swank; case sur slander; case settled March 8, '88, by the parties per paper filed; plaintiff to pay the record costs.

Same vs. Miller Zimmerman; case sur slander; case settled March 8, '88 by the parties as per paper filed; plaintiff to pay the costs.

Same vs. Isaac Berkey and Eliza Berkey, his wife; case sur slander; case settled March 8, '88 by the parties per paper filed; defendant to pay the costs.

Patrick Cosgrove vs. John McGovern, Ed. McGovern and John J. Fitzpatrick, doing business as McGovern, Son & Co.; Assumpsit; case called and plaintiff takes a non suit.

W. H. Zufall vs. A. F. John; case argued by Messrs. Kooser and Hall for plaintiff and Messrs. Coffroth and Koontz for defendant; same day amicable agreement and settlement signed by the parties filed by leave of Court.

Somerset Lumber Company vs. E. O. Reddrick. The Court granted an order at bar on defendant to show cause why judgment of discontinuance should not be opened.

BAR LIST CALLED.

*In re* petition of John Witt to be appointed Supervisor of Larimer township, he and Conrad Keefer having run a tie vote; the Associate Judges appointed the petitioner.

Mary Beechley vs. Daniel Beechley; petition of plaintiff filed and on motion rule at bar granted on purchasers at sheriff's sale to show cause why sheriff's sale should not be set aside; ordered on argument list.

Charles Gibson, petition for naturalization. Petition presented to the Court, read and filed; Petitioner and his witnesses, William Alexander and James McCutcheon sworn and examined, and the said Charles Gibson admitted and sworn as a citizen of the United States.

*In re* naturalization of Thomas Trevanow. Petition read and filed. Petitioner and his witnesses, Jacob J. Berkey and J. D. Swank sworn and examined, and on motion petitioner sworn and admitted as a citizen.

Committee of the Bar on Preliminary Examinations—March 9, 1888, the Court appointed as a Standing Committee on the preliminary examination of law students the following members of the Bar: H. S. Endsley, A. C. Humbert, H. L. Baer, Val. Hay, Dennis Meyers and L. C. Colborn, Esq'rs., to serve until otherwise ordered.

Peter Meyers, adjr. vs. Chas. H. Bongherer. On motion the Court granted judgment against defendant on two scire and by proclamation in open Court for $1412 10.

George Peterson vs. Annie P. Peterson; on motion of the attorney for the libellant, the Court awarded a subpoena in divorce.

*In re* bond of L. R. Scott, Constable of New Centreville Borough. On motion the Court suspended the rule of Court and permitted John R. Scott, Esq., of Somerset, to become surety for L. R. Scott on his bond as constable.

*In re* petition of M. F. Allison for appointment as collector of Ogle township. On motion, the Court appointed the petitioner.

*In re* bond of N. B. McGriff, Collector; J. R. Scott and F. J. Kooser were accepted by the Court as sureties on his bond as tax collector of Somerset Borough.

## The South Penn Coming Up.

The new South Penn Railroad may soon be expected to be under way. The negotiations which have been pending so long and which resulted in the proposition recently made by Andrew Carnegie as a solution to the difficulty, are about completed and over 75 per cent. of the stockholders have signed the agreement framed. All the Pittsburgers interested, as well as the Vanderbilts, have signed, and the papers are now in the hands of Francis J. Stetson, the Vanderbilts' attorney, who will undoubtedly have all the other names within another week. When they are obtained no time will be lost getting to work to complete the road.—*Pittsburgh Times.*

Hon. John A. Robinson informs us that on Thursday last, he had a conference with Hon. George F. Baer, of Reading, who is attorney for the Reading railroad company, and is concerned and interested in the building of the South Penn. Mr. Baer says that there is no doubt that the South Penn will be built, and that the vexatious delays caused by litigation with the Pennsylvania railroad company, and the dilatory proceedings of that corporation, are nearly over. If any one is in a position to give reliable information concerning the prospects of our road, it is Mr. Baer, and his confidence in its early completion will be encouraging to those who have had so much anxiety over "hopes deferred."—*Fulton Democrat.*

## A Popular Bank.

Ten shares of the stock of the Chemical National bank, of New York, were sold at the Stock Exchange on Friday last at $1,000 a share; original price $100. This was without the bi-monthly dividend of 25 per cent., and is a larger sum than has ever been paid for this or any other bank stock. For a long time the dividends of this bank have been at the rate of 15 per cent. bi-monthly, with an additional dividend of 10 per cent., making the dividends aggregate 130 per cent. per annum. On March 1st, however, a bi-monthly dividend of 25 per cent.—at the rate of 150 per cent. a year—was declared. Last year the bank paid out of its earnings $300,000 in dividends, a sum equal to its whole capital stock, besides carrying forward an increase of surplus amounting to $400,000.

## Cambria County Witch.

We are informed that a witch has made its appearance at the home of John Rees, Jr., in Cambria township and a little son aged about seven years is being tortured thereby. It is believed the witch is in the shape of a cat, and as a result all the cats in that neighborhood have been captured and burned. The child is afflicted with some kind of fits. There has been considerable excitement created by the supposed witch, and several "cangers" have taken a hand in hunting down the "evil thing." There is no such thing as a witch and the sooner you are convinced of this fact the better.—*Ebensburg Herald.*

## One More Cheap California Trip.

Free sleeping cars, with only one change of cars to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Six hundred miles shorter and one day quicker than other free sleeping car line. Colonist passengers can take advantage of this trip. Train will leave Delaware Avenue Depot, Wilmington, at 11 a.m., Baltimore 1.30 p. m.; Washington 2.40 p. m., on March 20th. The trip of February 27th having given perfect satisfaction, we have concluded to run one more. For further information of berths, apply to H. A. Miller, Passenger Agent, Wilmington, Delaware, or to D. Bridle, passenger Agent, Baltimore, Md.

## For Rent.

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

## SOMERSET COUNTY PEOPLE IN THE WEST.

### A Correspondent who Found Many of Them, and all Prospering.

Correspondence Johnstown Tribune.

STOYSTOWN, PA., March 5, '88.

We left Hardy, Neb., on the 28th of August last and went to Hiawatha, Brown county, Kansas, and visited with Esta Trent's and Franklin Sipe's. Mr. Sipe lives two and a half miles northeast of Hiawatha, and owns 160 acres of land and has it well stocked. He is considered one of the best farmers in that section. Mr. Trent lives five miles southwest of the same town, owns 80 acres of land, and is doing well also.

On the first of September we landed in Waterloo, Blackhawk County, Iowa, one of the finest towns west of the Mississippi. We took ourselves at home in and around this beautiful town. First there is Er. G. Bickley and his brother John, the leading doctors in the town and surrounding country; George Lichty, one of the principal grocerymen, etc., etc.

Then southwest of Waterloo almost every farmer is from Somerset County. There are Abraham Miller, William Jacob, and Matthias Miller, Jacob Lichty, Alexander Landis, Uriah Blough, Joseph Forney, and a host of others.

Then coming northeast of Waterloo we found Isaac G. Barron, John J. Ebert, John L. Maurer, Samuel Boyer, Harry Brooks, Amos Adams, Noah Heiple, Simon Cloppenning, Charles Barckley, and many others, all from Somerset County. We spent five months very pleasantly in that part of the great West, and, notwithstanding the blizzards, we never were so healthy before. No one suffered in the community in which we were.

As far as we have come through the great West, Iowa is the best grazing country. The two last seasons being too dry, the hay crop was short, also the corn in places. There is more money in dairying at present than in farming.

Mr. John J. Ebert made out of twenty-eight cows $100 per month during November, December and January. He will have thirty-five cows the coming summer, and expects to average $200 per month the year round. You may wonder how he manages. Let me explain. He hauls his milk to the creamery every other morning. The milk is weighed. Then it is poured into a tank and out of the tank it runs into two separators, and the cream is taken from the milk in a very short time. The milk is put back into the same cans it was brought in, and taken home for the hogs.

When we left Iowa the price of milk was one dollar per hundred. In the summer season it was as low as fifty cents per hundred, at which time they deliver the milk every morning, Sunday excepted. There are from fifteen to twenty families shipping their milk to the same factory. The factory is located in a new town named Dewar, some forty rods from Mr. J. J. Ebert's, on the Diagonal Railroad, running from Dubuque to Des Moines, the State Capital. This creamery is certainly a great benefit to the citizens of that community, and this is not the only one, but there are a number of others in the same County (Blackhawk).

Mr. Ebert is quite an extensive farmer. He owns at present nearly eight hundred acres of land, is wintering one hundred horn cattle, twenty head of horses, and some forty head of hogs.

Blackhawk County is certainly a fine country, only a little too cold for fruit, such as apples, peaches, and pears. Plums and tame cratapples are in abundance, also strawberries, currants and grapes; in fact, the people in the West live as well as we people in the East, if they have no apples of their own. However, in Brown County, Kansas, they have the finest orchards I have ever seen, both apple and peach. That is my choice part of the West as far as we came (Brown County, Kan.). In some parts of Kansas and Nebraska the farmers have not succeeded in growing tame grass yet, but in Brown County the farmers grow anything and everything we grow in Pennsylvania, and with less labor and less expense.

But I hear some one ask, "Is it a better place in the West for a poor man than in the East?" I answer, 'No, it is not as good, because there is but little wood to chop, no coal nor lime to dig, no sugar to boil, and many other things that give employment for the day-laborer in the East, and especially in Somerset County, that he would and could not have in the West. In some respects it would be much better. There is not any chance for a poor man or a day-laborer to run in debt, because of the cash system practiced in the West. It would be better for us Eastern people to adopt the cash system.

Well, I stated above that Mr. J. J. Ebert is wintering one hundred head of horn cattle, but I will change that sentence, because he had fifty-four head dehorned in the month of November. This was done with a fine-toothed saw. The horn is sawed off close to the head and pitched with tar, and in a short time the root of the horn is loosed and the animal is perfectly gentle. This is why the horns are taken off. Mr. Ebert is not the only farmer with dehorned cattle. Many others have their cows dehorned also. This may seem cruelty to animals, but not any more cruel than to have cattle gore one another nearly or slaughter to death. There are men who make a business of dehorning cattle, at ten cents a head; for a gentleman cow, one dollar.

We were pleased with the West, and especially with the people. We shall never forget the kindness shown to us while with them in their homes and society.

JEREMIAH MILLER.

## A Woman's Horrible Suicide.

Mrs. Joseph Parker committed suicide by fatally burning herself at her home in Upper Middletown, Fayette County, last Thursday. She had been suffering from hemorrhage of the lungs, and became depressed. Taking advantage of the absence of her husband just after dinner on the fatal day, she left her babe in charge of the servant girl and retired to an outhouse in the yard. Presently the girl saw her run out with her clothing enveloped in flames. She had saturated her dress with carbon oil and ignited it with a match, doubtless intending to perish while thus concealed from view. The intense suffering caused her to burst the door open and rush out, screaming and writhing in agony. The servant dropped the babe to the ground and tried to save its mother, but the frantic woman fought the girl off and made an effort to clasp the child in her burning arms. The girl prevented this only after a hard struggle, in which she, too, was badly burned. Dr. Osborn and another neighbor succeeded after a chase in capturing the woman and smothering the flames, but the victim was so badly burned that she died about midnight in intense agony. She resisted all efforts to save her life. She was about 35 years old and the mother of three little girls, the oldest seven years of age. Mr. Osborn was also seriously burned in his fight with the flames.

## Notice.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me for sheriff's fees are hereby notified to make immediate payment of the same to Fred W. Biesecker, to whose hands my books will be for collection until the first day of May, 1888. On and after that date they will be collected by due process of law. Prompt attention will save trouble to all parties interested.

JOHN WESTON.

A tax on furniture, pleasure carriages and watches is being collected in Connecticut the state notwithstanding the law of 1887, repealing the tax. The Board of Revenue Commissioners had adopted a resolution directing that, where excess of furniture, pleasure carriages and watches were included in the return made by a county of property subject to taxation for state purposes for the year 1887, the same be stricken therefrom, "providing the taxes were paid after the approval of the act," and that, in all cases where payment of tax on such excess of furniture, etc., was made subsequent to the passage of the act, the proper credit be allowed a county for the payments so made.

## "THE PINK OF THE ROAD."

### A New Yorker's Impression of the Pennsylvania's New York & Chicago Limited.

When it comes to long distance railroading, runs of 1500 miles and upward, the roads of the far West beat the world; but for shorter distances, say a thousand miles, the great roads of the East excel. To ride over the Pennsylvania Chicago Limited from New York to Chicago is to take the cream of American railroading, and that means the very best in the world.

The train, as it stands in the station at Jersey City, is evidently something that the road is proud of. The engine is big. The engineer is that kind of an engineer who starts a train as gently as a mother rocks a cradle, but who, as you will discover when you get there, takes you through the country on schedule time. When the conductor says the "All aboard!" the porters at the car entrances say "All off that's going," as the officer at the gang plank of an ocean steamer says "All ashore that's going" just before the steamer starts. Those who have come to see friends off look at them as the train glides out of the station, and quiet, but none the less ardently admiring railroad men, look below at every truck and wheel and journal box, not being necessary, for the train has already been inspected, but they like to look at the train again that the lemonade pink is in perfect trim for another 1000 miles run in twenty-four hours.

Outside the cars are gorgeous; inside they are beautiful and luxurious. You may meet on any big road in any part of the country cars as beautiful and perhaps quite as comfortable, but here is a whole train of luxury. The vestibule between the cars are so daftly joined that you cannot discover under foot where the platforms come together, and the carpeted way is lighted overhead. In the smoking room are big, upholstered wicker chairs, with broad, easy backs and restful arms. Books if you want to read. Cabinets of bric-a-brac not too profuse. Rooms in which you may play cards; electric bells that will call a porter, who will fetch Apollinaris water, or maybe, stronger waters in emergency. Electric lights everywhere. I had neglected to get shaved, but the barber shop on the train afforded a comfortable opportunity. It takes a pretty fair sort of a man to shave another on a railroad train at forty or fifty or more miles an hour, but he can do it, though it is not quite as easy as to shave a man on a steamer. However good the road and the rolling stock may be, cuts will sway; but the barber establishes a gentle but firm union of himself, the chair, and the patient, so that all move together, and the thing is done. You may take a bath on the train if you wish to do so. In the dining car the linen is fine, the food is satisfactory, and the flowers in the brackets on the sides of the car over the ends of the tables are fragrant and beautiful, and when you get to Chicago you wonder what has become of the twenty-four hours.—*San Francisco correspondence of the New York Sun, February 19th, 1888.*

## Mt. Moriah Items.

Sugar boiling is in full blast. The boilers say the sap is sweeter this year than for many previous seasons.

Robins, blue birds and black birds are livening up our mornings with their songs. Now let the frogs open with their vesper hymns, and we will declare spring fully opened.

Jonathan D. Rhodes has been down with pneumonia for the past three weeks. He is now convalescing, but it will be some time before he can again resume his business of butchering.

Valentine Miller had his hand severely injured some seven weeks ago. At first it healed up nicely; afterwards it settled into a regular catarrh, and has given him considerable trouble for the past three weeks.

In spite of the strikes and dull times, Ed. Lohr is doing a flourishing business with his steam mill. The reason is that there are a much larger number of cattle being fattened for market than any previous winter for some years.

Our bee-hive factory is running in full blast. Wm. Daniels, the proprietor, sold a very large number last summer, but his supply proved to be too short, as it did the past previous. There appears to be a special demand for the hive be manufactures, and he expects to put up a very large number this year.

Hiram Gardner, who has been on the sick list for a number of weeks from an injury he received while working at their planing mill, is now on the way to recovery. They now offer for sale their planing drill, engine and other machinery. Being in poor health he will remove to the west if he succeeds in making sale.

B. B. Baumgardner, our wide-awake stock dealer, who has been down with pneumonia for the past two months is again up and about the house, and if everything goes favorably will likely resume business a month hence.

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## Biesecker Literary Society.

The society met at the Biesecker schoolhouse, on Tuesday evening, March 6th, and the house was crowded, as usual. Hon. N. S. Miller presided.

The house was called to order by the President, and after roll-call the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following new officers were then elected:

President, Jacob Hoffman; Vice President, M. L. Weighley; Secretary, Sadie Bell; Treasurer, Annie E. Miller.

The new officers then took their seats, and the programme was disposed of as follows:

Reading, Settie Heiple, Frank Korns, W. Baker, P. S. Ile, and J. W. Bell.

Declamations, by Harry Korns, Beckie Baer and Dennis Bell.

Relevent questions were answered by S. L. Korns, Jacob Hoffman, Frank Korns, Fred Shaffer, Hon. Noah S. Miller, and Peter S. Pile.

Dialogue, by members of the Society. The question,

*Resolved*, That a high tariff is preferable to free trade, was then discussed at some length on the affirmative side by J. W. Bell, Hon. N. S. Miller and Samuel Critchfield, and on the negative side by Jacob Hoffman, S. L. Korns and George A. Pile, and was decided in favor of free trade.

Miss Annie Miller was appointed organist for the evening by the President, and she played some most excellent selections of music.

The roll was then called and sentiments given, after which the society adjourned to meet on Saturday evening, March 17, 1888.

REPORTER.

## Removal.

Dr. S. J. McMillan will, about April 2nd, remove his Dental Office to the building now known as the Stoffer House, corner of Patriot and Turkeyfoot streets.

## A Business Chance.

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

Hemo Tea at COOK & BERKEY'S.

## MARRIED.

On Sunday, March 4, 1888, at the Lutheran parsonage, in Rockwood, by Rev. J. J. Wekst, Mr. Josiah L. Trent and Miss Minnie M. Shaffer, both of Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Pa.

## DIED.

WILL.—At his residence near Will's Church, on Wednesday, February 29, 1888, William Will, aged 84 years and 27 days.

HUGUS.—At Omaha, Neb., on Thursday February 2, '88, Mrs. Elizabeth Hugus, widow of Peter Hugus, a native of Somerset, Pa., in the 76th year of her age. She was born in Pittsburgh, but had lived in Omaha for the last thirty years.

## Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 14, 1888.

The most remarkable phase of the Cleveland-Carlisle-Mills Free Trade programme is the avowed purpose of the conspirators to railroad the Mills bill through Congress, without giving the various interests assailed an opportunity to be heard before the Ways and Means Committee. By a strict party vote they declined to give a hearing to the representatives of any branch of trade. They did go so far, however, with remarkable condescension, as to pass a resolution allowing the imperiled interests to present petitions, setting forth their objections to the proposed legislation, evidently quite forgetful that the very first amendment to the Federal Constitution, passed in 1789, already guaranteed the "right of the people to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Having made this magnanimous concession, the Democratic members of the Committee then resolved that the petitions presented should not be read!

Said Judge Kelly to me to-day: "This is the most glaring exhibition of the application of the gag law that I have met with since I have been in Congress."

Whom will the Pennsylvania delegation support at Chicago? that is the question continually asked here among Republicans in Congress and out, from the Keystone State. I haven't the slightest idea, nor has any one else with whom I have come in contact. Senator Cameron won't venture an opinion, and Senator Quay is down in Florida. Even if he were here I doubt if he would be any more disposed to talk than is the senior Senator.

A good deal of interest has been created here by the recent publication in the Harrisburg *Telegraph* of the presidential preferences of a large number of Republicans throughout the State, and the later publication in the Philadelphia *Press* of the preferences of the several Republican County Chairmen.

Three facts are exhibited by these two publications: First, that the Blaine sentiment in Pennsylvania is as strong as ever; Second, that a very large number of Republicans throughout the State favor the nomination of Senator Cameron; and third, that Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, is considered by many the most available of the dark horses whose names have been mentioned.

When the *Press* and *Telegraph* letters were published Senator Cameron was in South Carolina, and he had not seen them until I showed them to him to-day. I asked him what he thought of the many complimentary references to himself.

"It is pleasant, of course," he replied, "to meet with such kind expressions of friendship from one's constituents. I appreciate the honor involved in these complimentary allusions, but I am in no sense a candidate for the presidential nomination."

Regarding the Depew boom I am of the opinion—which may be worthless—that it is not of the bumble-bee order. To-day I heard a prominent Republican say: "Depew would certainly carry New York against Cleveland or any other candidate. He is simply idolized by the employes of the New York Central Railroad, who would support him almost to a man. Few men would be so acceptable to the laboring classes of New York State as Chauncey M. Depew."

Congressman Scull has recently introduced bills granting pensions to Mrs. Eva Glessner and Jacob Peck. He has also presented a petition of ex-soldiers and sailors of Bedford County, praying for the passage of the per diem pension bill; also, memorials of the Cooperdale and Orient Councils, Junior Order of American Mechanics, praying that February 22d of each year may be made a legal holiday.

The Pennsylvania State Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, has sent a memorial to Congress, through Senators Cameron and Quay, praying for the enactment of a law prohibiting the manufacture and sale of adulterated lard and other adulterated food products; also praying that the Bureau of Animal Industry shall be allowed to remain in the Department of Agriculture, with a chief who shall be a competent Veterinary Surgeon, and that its operations be enlarged and strengthened without changing the plan of work now in operation.

The New Jersey State Agricultural Society has just petitioned Congress, praying for the reduction of postage upon seeds and bulbs, for the release of fractional currency, and for the abolition of the postal note.

Senator Cameron, from the Committee on Military Affairs, has just reported favorably two of Senator Quay's bills for the removal of the charge of desertion from the military records of two Pennsylvanians—Charles L. Rollis and Jacob Rohn.

The *Rochester, N. Y., Post-Express*, has written a letter to each representative, Senator and Congressman, asking the following questions: "1. Ought the Republican party to take its most popular candidate from the east or the west? 2. Would you like to see Roscoe Conkling return to active leadership in the Republican party? 3. Would you like to see Mr. Conkling nominated for President by the Republican party? 4. Have you any doubt of Mr. Cleveland's renomination?"

B. B. Quay, the Senator's eldest son, is down in the wilds of Brevard county, Florida. In a letter just received by Mr. Leach, the Senator's Secretary, young Quay says: "I went out Monday afternoon and came in Wednesday morning with four deer—two bucks and two does." Last winter Quay and Leach were in Florida awhile, and succeeded in killing twenty-five deer between them. The Colonel never hunts, but when it comes to fishing he usually "gets there" in great shape.

Three post office nominations are hung up during the absence of the junior Pennsylvania Senator who is a member of the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. I refer to the postmaster at Franklin, Butler and Ridgeway.

Senator Quay's Private Secretary has just sent out a package of seeds to the Secretary of every P. of I. Grange in Pennsylvania, with the request that the same be distributed among his friends. The Senator has a lot of tobacco seed which he will be glad to furnish to applicants.

Senator's Secretaries have a flippant way of addressing each other, something as follows: "Hello! Senator, where is your Secretary this morning?" Among themselves, Senator Brown's clerk is "Senator Brown," etc.

Senator Cameron is daily in receipt of letters from various parts of the country, complimenting him upon his Per Diem Service Pension Bill.

Ex-Senator James W. Bradbury, of Maine, the last Democratic Senator from that State, was on the floor of the Senate to-day. He was in the Senate from March 4, 1847, to March 3, 1853, and was succeeded by Wm. Pitt Fessenden.

Prof. Loisette, the man who educates the memory, is in town. I wish he would practice on the fellow who has forgotten to return the twenty-five dollars he borrowed of me last Cachelmas.

James G. Blaine, Jr., is among recent visitors to Washington.

General Simon Cameron was ninety years old on the 8th instant. A number of Senators sent congratulatory telegrams.

The so-called investigation of Public Printer Benedict is taking on the proportions of a farce.

The Dependent Pension bill having passed the Senate by a vote of 44 to 16, it will now run the gauntlet of criticism in the House; and, if it passes there, then the question at the White House will have the "say" as to whether or not the bill shall become a law. This measure bids out of the way, the undervaluation bill becomes the unfinished business Upon the Senate calendar.

The House has passed a bill appropriating $10,000 for the purchase of certain swords belonging to the widow of the late General and Senator James Shields.

## Hagerstown Almanacs.

Hagerstown and Lancaster almanacs German and English, always for sale at Fisher's Book Store. Wholesale and Retail, every day in the year all the year round at Fisher's Book Store.


## When Spring Comes

This is the way a horse and a poor blanket look, at the end of winter.

Why is it that of two horse blankets which look and feel equally well one won't wear at all, and the other wears well?

This 5A Trade Mark shows why.