The Somerset Herald.

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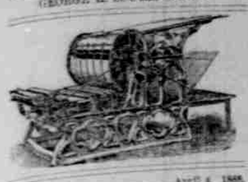

WEDNESDAY..... April 6, 1888.

Hand Tea at Cook & Berkey's.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Trunks a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The Supreme Court intimates that it will not hear appeals in liquor license cases.

Judicious advertising pays better than sitting on the counter waiting for customers.

Oil cake meal for your horses and cattle at Cook & Berkey's.

Greensburg is 1,075 feet above the level of the sea. Somerset is more than twice as high.

Any person wishing to rent a five acre meadow and pasture lot, should call on Doty Weimer.

Coffield 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.

We will close out our Men's Gum Boots at $2.50 per pair, cash.

A. H. Ferner & Bro.

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

Cook & Berkey.

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

District Attorney Fellows, of New York, has declined to retry Jacob Sharp for the bribery of the board of Aldermen of 1884 during the April term of the Court of Oyer and Terminer.

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.

Holdeman Bros & Parson.

Connected with Mr. Ed. S. Kantner's tobacco store, is the best barber shop Somerset has ever had. Mr. Reese, the "knight of the razor," gives us neat hair cuts and as good shaves as any man in the trade. Try him.

The young lady whose keep your proposal is rejected may, according to tradition, claim a new silk dress from the object of her affections. This is why the tailor-made girl comes perpetually when you scan her new gown.

The State Fishery Commission has arranged to stock the streams of Pennsylvania with rock or bass, yellow perch and pike from Lake Erie. Several hundred thousand shad fry will also be placed in the several streams this spring.

The Baptist Year Book for 1887 gives the following statistical facts: Regular Baptist churches in the United States, 32,801; ministers, 20,477; baptisms, 168,573; total membership, 2,767,315; increase of membership during 1887, 184,149.

The Somerset Fertilizer Company have opened up their works and are prepared to furnish fertilizer on short notice. Farmers, we can please you in prices, quality of goods, &c. We cordially invite every farmer in the county to come and deal with us.

Persons contemplating going west will find it to their advantage to call on or address J. W. Pickens, 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.

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.

Crawford county claims the oldest married pair in the country. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Morrill, who were married in 1813, at the seventy-fifth anniversary of their wedding, were celebrated, had 13 children, 94 grandchildren, and 25 great grandchildren present. There has never been a death in the family. Mrs. Morrill is 90 years old and her husband 97, and they are both remarkably well preserved.

An interesting case was tried over in Union county recently before Judge Rucher. W. S. Baker was tried under the Sunday law of 1794 for selling cigars on Sunday. He claimed that as he was an innkeeper he had a right to sell cigars on Sunday. The justice of the peace before whom the case was tried decided that Baker had a right to sell to the guest of the house, but not to other persons. Judge Rucher did not take this view of the case but decided that under the law of 1794 no one had a right to sell cigars on Sunday, no matter whether he was an innkeeper or not and no matter whether the person buying them was a guest of the house or not.

It is said that a party has been formed at Greensburg, composed of both Democrats and Republicans, who have renounced all allegiance to political parties and having grown tired of voting for men for the fat offices of the county without receiving any personal benefit propose to stick together and will not vote for any candidate until he has paid a certain sum into their treasury. The money thus paid into the treasury will be divided equally among the members. They are already, it is said, nearly one hundred members in Greensburg and vicinity, all bound by an oath to secrecy. Organizers have been elected who will devote their time to traveling over the state organizing similar lodges. The Greensburg lodge was organized by parties from Pittsburgh, who claim to have a following there of over a thousand scattered throughout the different wards.

The last weather crop bulletin sent out by the department of agriculture at Washington says: "The backwardness of the season has been general throughout the country, but an improvement in crop conditions is generally reported throughout the states of the Mississippi Valley. The killing frosts of the 13th and 14th are reported as having injured fruit in the northern portion of the gulf states, Missouri and Tennessee, although the weather conditions in the southern states were favorable for small grains, except oats, which have been somewhat injured by the freezing weather. The alternate freezing and thawing have doubtless proved more or less injurious to the winter wheat in the states east of the Mississippi. Heavy snows prevented injury to wheat in the middle Atlantic states. The ground remains frozen and covered with snow in the northwest and Minnesota and Wisconsin. Telegraph interruptions prevent the discussion of the temperature and precipitation of the northern parts of the United States, where, however, the backwardness of the season has retarded farming operations."

New Location.

At my Dental Rooms over M. M. Tredwell & Co's Store, corner Main Cross and Patriot streets, I shall be pleased to see former patrons and all others in need of the services of a dentist. With renewed facilities and a fund of experience, can promise best results.

S. J. McMillan, Dentist.

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. Boucher, in 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 Weyand.

First of April payments were promptly met.

Very few changes of residence have taken place in Somerset this spring.

We have been having delightful spring weather for the past several days.

Mr. Ned E. Kiernan, of Pittsburgh, is spending a few days with friends in town.

The attention of millers is directed to the advertisement of the Misses Meyers, in this week's Herald.

Mr. J. B. Snyder and family have taken possession of their handsome new residence on Patriot street.

Mr. Ernest Kooser, of Washington and Jefferson College, is spending the Easter vacation at his home in Somerset.

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Miller celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage at Berlin, Monday evening, March 26th.

The senior editor of the Herald arrived home Saturday night. He returned to Washington this, Wednesday morning.

Communion services will be held in the Evangelical church on Sunday evening, April 8th, conducted by Presiding Elder D. K. Lavan.

The "soldiers' monument" committee of R. P. Cummins' Post G. A. R., have already received subscriptions amounting to six hundred dollars.

Col. Thomas J. Grimeson, of Philadelphia, dropped into Somerset Sunday morning, and spent the day circulating among his many friends.

A newspaper that endeavors to stop the shrinking of its circulation by bearing false witness against its neighbor is digging a ditch for its own undoing.

Easter Sunday was a beautiful, bright sunny day. The churches were all largely attended and some of them were handsomely ornamented with flowers and other decorations.

"Senator" R. E. Baer left for Tyrone this, Tuesday noon, where he has accepted a situation in a book store, with job printing office attachment. The Senator is a graduate of the *Democrat* office.

Profs. B. H. and R. F. Patterson, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of Mr. William Warden, of this city. The first-named gentleman was formerly Superintendent of our schools.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

A movement is on foot among the most influential posts of the Grand Army of the Republic to petition the Government to purchase a large tract of land on the top of Lookout Mountain for a national park.

District Attorney Biesecker and Dr. James E. Biesecker leave for Washington, D. C. this evening, to attend the annual convention of their college fraternity, which will be in session in that city throughout this week.

Mr. R. R. Roberts and family have returned to Somerset to live, after a year's residence in Rockwood. "Rippie's" many friends will be glad to find him in his old position behind the counter in J. B. Holderbaum's hardware store.

The 15th day of April is the time fixed by law for the commencement of the trout fishing season, and not the 1st day of April, as many persons allege. As the 15th day comes on Sunday the impatient fisherman will have to wait another day.

By the Act of June 13, 1887, the Governor is authorized to appoint one pupil in each county who may enjoy a free scholarship for two years at the Pennsylvania Museum and School of Industrial Art at Philadelphia. That for this county has not yet been made.

The first of April is not the great business day that it used to be in years gone by. Payments and settlements that heretofore were always arranged on the first of April are now made at other times, and the first is gradually losing its importance as the great business day of the year.

The cattle disease which has killed seven cows on East Greensburg hill during the past week created much talk and rumors of pleuro-pneumonia, epizootic, etc., were numerous. It now appears that the cattle ate a quantity of spoiled shorts which had been thrown out of a car.

Mr. James B. Holderbaum has given his large storeroom a general overhauling, and has greatly improved its appearance by a fresh coat of paint. He has added a large amount of new shelving, but still finds his present quarters most too contracted for his steadily increasing business.

Miss Maud L. Cook, daughter of Jonas M. Cook, and grand-daughter of Joseph J. Stutzman, received a perfect mark in every recitation in orthography during the school term just closed. It is generally believed that her grandfather can spell correctly every word in the English language.

We were in error last week when we stated that John D. Roddy, Esq., of Pittsburg, was in town. Our reporter mistook another gentleman, who bears a strong resemblance to Mr. Roddy, for him. Mr. Roddy's son writes us that his father has been confined to his room for some time by sickness.

J. L. Miller, a teamster, near Greensburg was arrested and fined $10 and costs for cruelty to a horse some days ago. The animal refused to pull, when a chain was "doubled" about its lower jaw and hitched to another horse. The animal still was obstinate and had its jaw pulled off and had to be killed.

Says an exchange: The owners of grape vines should see to it that they are trimmed without delay, if that important work has not been already done. It will be too late when the frost is out of the ground, as the sap starts early, and a vine trimmed when the sap is running will be permanently injured, if not killed.

The commencement exercises of the borough schools will be held in the Opera House this, Tuesday evening, when diplomas will be granted to the first class ever regularly graduated from a Somerset school. Following are the young ladies and gentlemen composing the graduating class: Maud Louise Cook, Elma Elizabeth Baer, Emma Josephine Huston, Ella King Vogel, Charles F. Cook, Watson Frease, Edwin M. Love, Frank Sanner.

Money was easier this first of April than it has been for many years past. Payments were in most cases made promptly, no extension of time was asked and there were more lenders to be found than borrowers. There was absolutely no demand for money. A number of our local money lenders who came to town Saturday and Monday with their wallets full, hoping to find a profitable investment, returned home in the evening with more money than they had left with in the morning. This is a good indication of the prosperity of the people of the county.

Since our last report marriage licenses have been granted to the following named persons:

Orin A. Kimmel and Alverta Stull, both of Stonycreek Township.

Elmer J. Lehman and Mary Holsapple, both of Conemaugh Township.

C. W. Whipperman, of Dixon, Ill., and Annie E. Coleman, of Jenner Township.

Samuel G. Whitaker, of Ogle township, and Lavenia Fog, of Conemaugh township.

David Frey and Susannah Nicholson, both of Lower Turkeyfoot.

Wm. W. Weyand and Ida Ann Foust, both of Paint Township.

Frank S. Chain, of Scottdale, Westmoreland County, and Julia E. Elrick, of Glencoe.

John M. Englert and Catharine L. Jangrund, both of Allegheny Township.

Freeman F. Baker, of Brothersvalley Township, and Ida R. Rubright, of Berlin.

Noah P. Master and Margaret Lohr, both of Quemahoning Township.

Another Rural Swindle.

While the Bohemian oats swindlers have been preparing for another campaign against the grangers who do not read the newspapers, an equally vigilant class of "financiers" have been usurping their prerogatives and robbing the hayseed heroes of considerable money. The latter class are known as the hayfork swindlers, and they appear to have been operating more recently in Eastern Pennsylvania, and portions of New York State. Their scheme is to store a number of forks in the barn of some thrifty farmer, to whom they confide the fact that the forks are the remainder of a large shipment which sold like "hot cakes," supplementing this charming bit of confidence with the intimation that if the farmer will dispose of them he will be allowed a commission averaging from thirty to seventy per cent. The farmer does not quite understand how the forks can be sold with profit at that price, but cupidity tempts him on, and he finally agrees to be responsible for the goods.

As a "matter of form" he signs a receipt which he usually does not read, and thirty days later is called on by an accomplice of the seller, who demands quadruple payment for the forks, and shows the farmer's agreement to accept them at that price. The latter kicks, of course, but the forks are there and so is the agreement, and kicking does not help him in the least.—*Phila. Times.*

Great Eggs.

I noticed an item in the Herald a short time ago, stating that Mr. George Auman gathered quite a large number of eggs in 30 days from his 47 pure-bred brown leghorns. Some persons seemed to doubt the truthfulness of the statement. Such persons judge generally, from the number of eggs their own hens lay. I figured a little on it, and I don't doubt it, for I think, yes, I know, I have done fully as well with my own flock. From the 20th day of January, until the 21st of March, or 60 days, my hens, 112 in number, layed 3084 eggs, or 257½ dozens. My pure-bred stock consist of white and laced Wyandotts, white Plymouth Rocks and Houdans, all of which I feel sure excel the common dunghill fowl for eggs. But don't forget it, I take care of them. They don't roost in an old shed to have their combs and feet frozen, and eat snow instead of water. They are kept in a clean, warm poultry house, no fire in it, and receive a variety of food, and their cheery cackle is heard throughout the livelong day, regardless of the storm and blizzards that rage without, nor do I believe they have any notion to strike, for they continue on the increase.

D. W. Will.

Glade, Pa., April 2, '88.

Husband Items.

The schools closed last week.

Inasmuch as Arbor Day approaches, the planting of trees should not be neglected.

Mr. Henry C. Beam has purchased a lot at this place, and intends to erect a dwelling house thereon.

Mrs. Henrietta Sipe, of Nebraska, accompanied by several of her children, is visiting her parents, near this place.

Measles are prevalent among the children in these parts. Thus far the children in this vicinity have been exempt from the epidemic.

The members of the Lichty church have purchased a new organ for their church. Cannot the congregation here do likewise? We most emphatically admit that they could, and, we hope that this matter will receive a favorable consideration.

There will be preaching in the Weiber church on next Sunday evening instead of in the morning, as heretofore. Rev. Barlett, the pastor, will be present at the annual conference, which meets in Johnstown, on the 10th inst. Rev. Barlett is a man of ability, and the very able and eloquent sermons, delivered by him in the past few years, were greatly appreciated by our people.

The greatest interest seems to prevail at present, about the division of Somerset town ship, making a township of Somerset, No. 2. Those, of our citizens, who live almost, or altogether within the limits of the line, prefer to stay on this side. The Beulah correspondent has recently made a proposition concerning the name of the new township. If a division is made, it should be promptly adopted. Why, the very idea, it has already been suggested that it might be called "Buzzard's Glory."

Hooversville Items.

Mud is very plentiful here.

P. J. Blough has erected a very fine dwelling opposite his store.

There has been more lime hauled from this place this winter than for many years previous.

Our literary society is booming. On Saturday evening last the attendance was very large, the house being crowded.

There has been a great deal of sugar boiled here this season. The water is very sweet, and yields nine pounds per barrel.

A part of this village is overrun by a certain kind of rats. They are very large, white rats, and very troublesome, too. They are very hard to catch, and are a great source of annoyance, as nothing escapes them.

This place is to have a creamery in the near future. There was a great deal of ice put away by the stockholders during the winter, to be used in making butter the coming summer. This is a move in the right direction, and will prove a great benefit to our town.

Keno.

Pugh Items.

Mr. Allen Will was the guest of D. H. Walker Sunday last.

Mr. Andrew Schillinger will erect a new barn the coming summer.

The schools in this vicinity have nearly all closed for the summer vacation.

Boys, subscribe for the Herald, because it is the cheapest and best county newspaper out.

Mr. Henry D. Will visited Johnstown last week, and reports a very enjoyable time there.

Mr. Albert S. Weigle has a large lot of fine turkeys, which he expects to largely increase during the summer.

The members of Will's Cornet Band have a fine hall in which to practice, but they are desirous of selling.

Mr. John Hentz shot a large gray fox on Saturday last. Hentz is counted the best marksman in this vicinity.

Mr. Allen Will has disposed of his horse and buggy, much to the disappointment of the young ladies of this vicinity.

Mr. James Maxwell has finished his new house. The coge is now completed, and we presume the bird will shortly be secured.

Mr. J. L. Trent intends holding a singing school at the Schrock school house the coming summer. This will certainly be a picnic for the girls and boys.

Fido.

Rule of Measurement.

It is astonishing, says some unknown contemporary, how few people understand the common rule of measurement in purchasing wearing apparel. For instance, a man will buy a coat that is a "size" too small or too large. A "size" smaller or a "size" larger is what he probably needs, but he does not know what a "size" is. Well, a "size" in a coat is an inch, a size in underwear is two inches, a size in a sock is one inch, in a collar half an inch, in a shirt half an inch, in shoes one-sixth of an inch, in gloves a quarter of an inch, and in hats one-eighth of an inch. Very few persons ever understand the schedule named.

I will sell at public sale all my household goods on Saturday, the 7th day of April. Any person wishing to purchase, I will be glad to see them come and get a bargain.

E. McDowell.

Fish! Fish! Fish!

Late caught Mackerel and Lake Herring, halves, quarters and Kits, quality and weights guaranteed, in exchange for wheat, oats and bacon.

Cook & Berkey.

Latter from California.

Cloverdale, California,
March 17, '88.

Editor Herald:—

The idea has often occurred to me that a letter from California showing the contrast of climate, customs, fruits, etc., would be of interest to my Pennsylvania friends. The thought has been frequently impressed upon me, but as we are naturally prone to procrastination it has been deferred. Observing the associate press accounts of the recent severe storm throughout New York and Pennsylvania, it has urged me to at once write you concerning the interests of the Golden State.

While Somerset is still in the lap of winter with its sudden changes from extreme cold to warm weather and heavy snow falls immediately to become slush, followed by unaccountable and always unpleasant changes, Cloverdale is far advanced in the raptures of Spring. On the 22nd of February, already almond trees were in full bloom, soon followed by the blossoming of the apricot, peach and nectarine. And now in looking out upon the orchard that surrounds our humble home, we see the almond in complete verdure, cherries just budding, apples putting forth their leaves, with pears bedecked in their white flowers. Figs are already formed on the trees and orange trees are still laden with their golden fruit. Vegetables are in market, (for that, vegetables are in market throughout the whole year in California,) and strawberries are green on the vines. Wild flowers have carpeted the surrounding hills and the violets, pansies and roses are blooming in great profusion and fragrance in the beautifully laid out yards about town. How vastly different it is from the weather you are experiencing in Pennsylvania.

In noting the above as a contrast to the great storm that just passed over Pennsylvania, my former home, I would not have you understand that we are just having an early spring in California, and have passed beyond the season of wintry blasts. Winter is a wrong term applied to the season in California from October 15th to about April 15th. It is the season of rain and should be more properly termed spring, while the balance of the year is summer. At times when snow has fallen on the mountains surrounding the valleys the cold wind will bear the mercury of the thermometer down so low as 30° above zero, and on rarely cold occasions a few degrees lower. The lowest temperature ever experienced by the oldest settler was 28° above zero, which happened this season, when it seemed that a cold wave had swept the whole country. During the rainy season the deciduous trees shed their leaves the same as they do in Pennsylvania and as it were rest from their labors until the laws of nature again call them to their duties. Trees of the perennial and evergreen kind carry their leaves throughout the whole year and with the mildness of the rainy season the appearance of the country resembles as we said before the season of spring. Of the evergreens there is quite a number of varieties, including the Bay tree, of which the bay-rum of commerce is made; orange, lemon, olives and the large spreading live oak, etc., etc. Certain varieties of the evergreen, as the Encalypton, Madrone and Manzanito, have peculiar habits. While the oily green leaves are never cast off, the bark changes every year, and there are times when the trees look quite naked as it were with only the leaves to cover them. The bark falls off in long strips soon to be substituted by a new growth, and to a degree the trees shed their bark instead of their leaves.

On a Pennsylvanian first seeing a California vineyard during the rainy season, when vines have been pruned, and, not being informed of the manner of cultivation, his impression would likely be that a very thick forest once grew there and the trees were cleared away leaving the stumps remaining. Instead of training the vines on trellises, every year, they are pruned short up to the main stem at a height from 12 to 18 inches from the ground. From 6 to 10 spurs, according to age, are left for the next year's growth. The growth in one year from one of these, seemingly stumps, is marvelous. One year's growth from a vine in the yard about my home measured 23 feet, and the amount of grapes they bear is exceedingly large. A reliable vineyardist informed me that from his nine-acre, six-year-old vineyard he gathered 54 tons of grapes, averaging 6 tons to the the acre. He sold the crop at $13.50 per ton, which is considered a low price for grapes; for in former years $25 and $30 was the market price. Like all marketable articles, the prices fluctuate, and last year was considered dull in demand for grapes. There are within a radius of two (2) miles from Cloverdale eight wineries. It is generally estimated that one ton of grapes will make 150 gallons of wine, and the ruling price of grapes in dollars per ton is considered the price per gallon in cents for wine one-year-old. In ageing the wine it becomes higher in price. Twenty-five cents per gallon is considered a big price for wine. There are, of course, many different varieties of grapes that make different kinds of wine, and many varieties that are entirely a stable grape or raisin grape. Here we dry our own raisins and even prunes. By simply placing the bunches of grapes in an exposed place to the sun they soon become raisins. You understand that you can leave them out in the open air until they are thoroughly dry.

There is never a drop of rain falls during the fruit season and every day is clear sunshine. The nature of things is such and so much fruit is continually out in the open air that even a slight rain would be damaging. Here we have six months of continual sunshine. It must seem peculiar to a Pennsylvanian that we ever raise a crop of any kind; but let me explain that the soil is such that it retains so much moisture and with the aid of cool nights when heavy dews are common, a failure of any crop is not so frequent as it occurs in Pennsylvania. It has come under our notice when corn was planted after the rains were over, it grew and developed equally as good as any Pennsylvania corn and a drop of rain never fell upon it, and it was not irrigated either. Irrigation is carried on in Southern California, where they do not have the abundance of rain that falls here in Northern or Upper California where irrigation is not necessary at all. On the subject of growing fruits I could write until it would tire you, but we will consider your time too precious to be reading of a country that has such attractions, that is some 3,000 miles distant and almost beyond the comprehension of many. At the same time considering the valuable space in the Herald I am taking up, it compels me to desist. However, before closing I cordially invite you, should you wonder so far west as California not to fail to visit your former Pennsylvanian.

George B. Baer.

Wanted! Wanted!

1st. Everybody to know that I have just received one of the largest, cheapest and best stocks of Smoking and Chewing Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Pipe-stems, Mouth-pieces, Cigar and Cigarette Holders, Tobacco and Match Boxes.

2d. Everybody to know that I have just received and opened twelve or fifteen new brands of Smoking and Chewing Tobacco.

3d. Country merchants to know that I wholesale Cigars and Tobacco.

4th. Everybody to know that I have the largest line of Fishing Tackle, Canes, &c., in the County.

5th. Everybody to know that I have the best barber in the State connected with my store. Mr. Reese will give you the easiest shave you ever had. You cannot feel it. Try him.

Ed. S. Kantner,
Somerset, Pa.

Wanted, for Cash.

Two thousand bushels of oats.

Marlon Schrock,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

All soldiers of the late war entitled to pension, increase and back pay, should at once place their claim in the Pension Agency of Sol Uhl, Baer's Block, up stairs, Somerset, Pa. The present pension laws cover most special cases, while a general pension law may exclude many who can secure all they ask for by giving their claim immediate attention.

Licenses in Blair County.

Out of a total of forty-nine applications for license in Blair county, thirty-five were granted and fourteen rejected by Judge Dean Friday. The Judge gave his decision in a lengthy opinion. He started out by saying that "the law assumes that public houses or hotels are necessary, not for residents with homes, but for travelers and temporary sojourners. The law is based on the idea that these travelers need, for their health and comfort, food, lodging and liquor, and provender and shelter for their beasts. If the tables and beds of hotels were occupied only by residents, they would be unnecessary. Residents lodge and get their meals at home, and if they consider that liquor is necessary to their health and comfort, the law assumes that they will get it there, too. That is where they generally did get it in the earlier years of the Commonwealth, when license laws first took their place on the statute book. Then liquor was considered just as necessary as flour and pork. It was kept in the house; rye was distilled, just as wheat and buckwheat were ground, on the shares. The earlier license laws had their origin in the habits of the people at that time; the traveler must have the same comforts as the householder, and the same he was accustomed to at home—food, lodging and liquor. For more than half a century there has been no essential change in the recording of the laws licensing hotels to sell liquor. They plainly still mean that hotels necessary for the accommodation of the traveling public should be licensed, otherwise the traveler could not conveniently get the liquor necessary to his health and comfort."

Continuing, the Judge said that "while it is not unlawful for a licensed hotel keeper to sell liquor to residents, the law clearly does not deem a hotel necessary for that purpose. If every inhabitant in a community testified that a hotel was necessary because he or she wanted to get liquor from it, that would not be the necessity intended by the law, and license would be refused."

The Judge then showed that by sworn certificates from the hotel registers, the licensed hotels of Altoona for the eleven months preceding the applications entertained 44,558 travelers, non-residents. One had as high as eight thousand, the others a few over three hundred. The rate per day was seventy-five cents to two dollars. "It is fair to presume," he said, "that those who patronized the cheaper houses and put up with less comfort than those who stopped at the best and paid a higher price, did so because the price suited their purse. The cheap hotels are just as necessary for the accommodation of the traveling public as the dearer ones. The low-priced hotel is generally a small one, less expensive to keep up than the larger and higher priced are. It does not necessarily follow that because comparatively few were entertained at these small houses, therefore they are not necessary to a certain class of the traveling public, even it be a small class."

The Judge then proceeded to business, and here, in brief, are his reasons for refusal in each case in Altoona: George H. Brown's was all right and his house in itself was all right, but its location was not such as to meet the wants of the traveling public; Wm. Stiffler and Hugh Hannigan were refused because their houses were not necessary—to put it mild; Frederick Schilling was refused because he was engaged in other business than hotel-keeping during the day; John Henry Schmidt's house was not necessary, and besides, was in bad odor; George Lehle's house was not necessary; Edward Dürew, Andrew Shoemaker, John Kimmell, Charles O'Brien, and William Woods were refused because none of them had license last year and the evidence showed their houses were not necessary.

In concluding his opinion, Judge Dean said: We have now granted thirty-five licenses in the county. Of course, entirely too few for those in favor of license, and altogether too many for those opposed. Whether the restriction in number lessens the evil of intemperance depends entirely on whether the penal provisions of our present license laws be rigorously enforced. They cannot be, unless backed by a strong public sentiment in the communities where the houses are located."

Northampton Institute.

The teachers and friends of education of Northampton Township held a District Institute at the Brush Creek school-house on Saturday, March 24, 1888. It was anticipated by a few of our would-be society leaders, that the Institute would not be a success on account of there being church at "Mt. Olivet" the same evening, and suggested that the time for holding the Institute be changed; but the teachers and a majority of the citizens were not desirous of a change, as their announcement was made first.

To the chagrin and disappointment of a few the school-house, which is a large and commodious building, was nicely filled before the time appointed for the Institute to convene.

The Institute was called to order at 2 p. m. by Miss Maggie J. Baker, teacher of the above named school, who was elected President *pro tem.*

First on the program was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, LeRoy McClintock; Secretary, Miss Ella Boyer; Query Manager, H. W. Boyer.

The President having stated the object of the meeting, the afternoon session was opened with music by the Institute.

Mr. H. Beck was then called upon, who read a very interesting report on the subject of "History," followed by a recitation, "We Are Seven," by Miss Allie Boyer.

The balance of the afternoon session was devoted to the discussion of Queries, and the recital of a number of recitations by the small scholars of Brush Creek school.

After the announcement of the program for the evening session by the Secretary, the Institute adjourned to meet at 7:45 p. m.

Evening Session.

The Institute convened at the appointed time with an overcrowded house, and opened by all joining in the singing of the good old hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed with prayer by Christian Werner. The following programme was then disposed of:

Report, "Physiology," by H. C. Kiehm. This question was admirably handled, and was appreciated for its clearness and perspicuity of utterance.

Select Reading, by J. Engleka.

Essay, "Kindness," by Ella Boyer.

Select Reading, E. G. Banman.

Report, "To Know Our Work," LeRoy McClintock.

Recitation, "The Curfew must not Ring To-night," Maggie J. Baker.

Recitation, "Mary, the Maid of the Inn," Ella Boyer.

Essay, "Mental Culture," H. W. Boyer. The declamation by Benjamin Wagaman received generous applause.

The exercises were well interspersed with queries, which were varied and practical. The very best of order prevailed, and everybody seemed pleased with the exercises.

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Bakersville Items.

The weather has been very fine.

Moving is all the go hereabouts.

Mrs. Polly Zimmerman and daughter are moving away from town.

Rev. Menges and lady visited at the residence of John H. Morrison one day last week.

Mr. George Flick has taken charge of the Henry Mull farm, and Mr. Mull will move to the Soloman Baker homestead.

Mr. Walter Morrison, wife, and little daughter, are the guests of John H. Morrison. Last Wednesday Walter went to Mt. Pleasant to meet his sister Eadie. Miss Eadie was just returning from Irwin, Pa., where she had been spending the winter taking lessons on the piano. She says Irwin is quite a business place, and in music they are abreast of the times.

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The fourth of the popular series of Washington excursions is therefore announced to be run on Thursday, April 12th.

As this excursion will probably close the series, every one who can spare the time, should take advantage of it.

The train will leave stations as given below,—the rate of fare annexed:

Leave Somerset at 9:20 a. m. and 6:00 p. m. Fare, $6.25.

Leave Confluence at 10:50 a. and 12:18 a. m. Fare, $6.35.

Leave Ursina at 10:55 a. m. and 12:24 a. m. Fare, $6.30.

The tickets are valid for return passage until Saturday, April 21st, inclusive, on all regular trains, and good for trip from Washington to Baltimore at any time during the time limited.

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Term Report Blanks have been sent out to every teacher in the county with a view to securing full and accurate data from each school and district. These reports should be filled out as directed, and sent to me within five days after the close of the school-term. As nothing reported will be used to disparage, in any way the individual district, school or teacher, therefore let every report be full and accurate. Some reports are coming in only partially filled; all such will be returned to be completed.

Teachers, these reports will require but a little of your time, and by giving them the proper attention, you will be giving valuable aid in our efforts to advance the school interests of the county. *It is a duty, and on us true to the profession will slight or avoid it.* Let every teacher, then, report promptly.

J. M. Berkey,
County Superintendent.

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TAKE NOTICE.—That in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth to provide revenue to meet the demand upon the Treasury, and for other purposes, the undersigned Appraiser of Mercantile taxes for said County has prepared a list of the traders in said County, and has placed each in that class which to him appear right, to wit:

ADDISON TOWNSHIP.

Names.	Trades.	Class.
Vogan H. L. & Bro.	Retailer	12
Z. ebley & Son	"	14
Frey A. C.	"	14
Liston Bros.	"	14
Mitchell Charles	Tavern	$50
Ross Robert E.	Retailer	12
Nicklow Ed.	Tavern	$50
Nicklow Ed.	Retailer	14

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP.

Boyts W. E.	Retailer	12
Hobiltzell & Son	"	12
Ordner Mrs. C.	"	14
Topper John M.	Distiller	9

BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP.

Hoover Edward	Distiller	9
Landis E. C.	"	9
Shultz Abraham	"	9
Walker C. H.	"	14

BLACK TOWNSHIP.

Husband Mrs. F.	"	14

BERLIN BOROUGH.

Benbaker D. A.	Retailer	12
Collins F. B.	"	12
Cook E. Eby	"	12
Flato A. C.	"	14
Garey C. W. & M. P.	"	14
Kriedinger C. A. M.	"	12
Metzger W. H.	"	14
Matthews & Kimmell	"	12
Nowag Paul G.	"	14
Philson W. F. & A. J.	"	12
Philson S. & Co.	Bankers	$40

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP.

Hoffman Daniel	Retailer	14
Koehler August	Tavern	$50
Swank Elwood L.	Retailer	14

CONFLUENCE BOROUGH.

Black A. G.	Retailer	12
Dodds J. M.	"	14
Groff & Son	"	14
Kurtz H.	"	14
Mountain & Co.	"	12
Ross A. M. & Bro.	"	12
Weakland L. W.	"	12

ELKLICK TOWNSHIP.

Friedline & Son	Retailer	14
Hay P. S.	"	14
Lentz John	"	14
Young George S.	"	14

JENNER TOWNSHIP.

Cover James M.	Retailer	12
Morgan W. S.	"	12
O'Connor John A.	"	12
Risinger John A.	"	12
Griffith J. J.	Retailer	12

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.

Barkley J. W.	Retailer	12
Schlag Henry	"	14

LARIMER TOWNSHIP.

Beal A. O.	Retailer	12
Baughman Jesse	Distiller	9
Swigtner S. P.	Distiller	9
Shockey W. H.	Retailer	14

LOWER TURKEYFOOT TOWNSHIP.

Colborn G. W.	Retailer	14
Gibson John	"	14
Schweibinz, Hermain & Co	"	14

MILFORD TOWNSHIP.

Walter C. A.	Retailer	12

MEYERSDALE BOROUGH.

Brehm & Bro.	Retailer	14
Brief E. C.	"	14
Cook, Pfahler & Co.	"	12
Citizens Bank	Bankers	$50
Damm H. O.	Retailer	14
Dively H. J.	"	14
Dix C. H.	"	14
Eichner Drug Co.	"	14
Farmers' Bank	Bankers	$50
Feldstein Bros.	Retailer	14
Guthrie Robert sr.	"	14
Gnesman George W.	"	12
Hartley S. C. & Co.	"	9
Hady Michael	"	14
Hocking Brothers	"	14
John A. F.	"	7
Kerkock J. C.	"	14
Morrell L.	"	12
Miller & Collins	"	12
Miller Gilliam L.	Billiards	$30
Reich Reinhart	Retailer	14
Ruttee M. A.	"	14
Snipley J. F.	"	7
Trunal C. W.	"	12
Young John W.	"	14

MIDDLECREEK TOWNSHIP.

Brugh A. H.	Retailer	14
Moore C. S.	"	12

NEW BALTIMORE BOROUGH.

Gillespie M. A. & F. J.	Retailer