The Somerset Herald.

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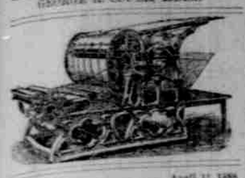

WEDNESDAY..... April 11, 1888.

How do you like your new home?

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Trusses a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Ascension day this year falls on the 10th of May.

Mosies continue to annoy the trundle-bed people.

Be very careful how you lay aside your overcoat.

The wheat fields present a very encouraging appearance.

The annual moving day, with all its terrors, has gone by.

You can't insult the clerks in the evening by calling them to "shut up."

The patches of snow on the mountain are growing noticeably smaller day by day.

Pair-colored Cotton Stockings, from ten cents up.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

For Dress Trimmings, don't fail to see my stock.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

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

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

Fine Line of Silk and Cotton Gloves. Best makes at Owens, cheap.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Hardly a week passes but we are reminded of that we are constantly surrounded by the perils wet and lawsuits.

Every public spirited citizen should be deeply interested in the proper observance of Arbor Day. Let everybody plant a tree.

Elegance in Childrens' Sailor Hats, from twenty-five cents up. Large varieties.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

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

The days will lengthen quite rapidly from this time forward until the 21st of June, when they will be at their greatest length for this year.

Ex-State Treasurer, Gen. Baily, won his case against the bondsmen of the defunct Bedford bank, but they had broken up or put their property out of their hands, and all to avoid pay from them was $5,000.

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.
Hoffman Bros. & Parson.

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

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 H. W. Pahling, 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 supposed the oldest inhabitant of Western Pennsylvania died a few weeks ago near Apollo. Richard Inman, well known in many in Westmoreland and Armstrong counties, fell on the ice, and the injuries received therefrom proved fatal. He was almost one hundred and three years of age.

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

There were 29 applications for license in Lawrence county, and last week Judge McWilliams granted 22, refused 5, and held 2 for better consideration. Judge Williams, one of the associates, although opposed to the license law, said he believed it was his duty to vote for the granting of some licenses when the necessity for the house was shown.

The next eclipse of the moon will occur on the night of July 22nd, and will be more interesting than the one of January 28th. The diameter of the earth's shadow will be much larger at that time in proportion to the diameter of the moon, darkening its surface more totally. It will take place at midnight, when the moon will be higher in the heavens, and will be visible in this section.

In all probability the steel mill of the future will weigh 100 pounds to the yard. The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is experimenting with 90 pound rails on two miles of the New Jersey division, two miles on the Altoona division and two miles between Harrisburg and Philadelphia. These are English rails, laid in English style. The results have been highly satisfactory, and may lead to the adoption of the system on the entire lines.

Says an exchange: Tree planting and garden making are now on the list of amusements for the heads of households. There is nothing more exhilarating for the average citizen than to handle the spade and rake, by proxy, in the garden-making season. In some cases the proxy is his better half, and if he can stand around and superintend operations, while she is toying with the garden implements, he enjoys the exhilirating exercise all the more.

The following is an act passed at the last session of the Pennsylvania Legislature. "Be it enacted, that from and after the passage of this act, the road commissioners and other officers having in charge the opening, constructing and repairing of public roads, highways and bridges in any township in this Commonwealth, are hereby authorized, at their option, to purchase for the use of their respective districts plows, scrapers, road machines and such other implements and materials as may, from time to time, be found necessary in the opening, constructing and repairing of said roads, highways and bridges. If necessary for the payment of the machinery, implements and materials mentioned and referred to in the first section of this act, the supervisors, road commissioners or other proper officers having in charge the opening, constructing and repairing of public roads, highways and bridges in the several townships of this Commonwealth, may, and they are hereby authorized to collect, annually, an rate, not exceeding 25 per centum of the rates or assessments by them respectively laid in each year for road purposes, such rate to be collected in the same manner that other road taxes not worked out are by law collected."

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. Cuntingham.

Farmers, Stop and Read!

For Groceries, Flour, Feed, Fish, and all kinds of Seed I am headquarters, and at living prices. Will take all kinds of produce in exchange for goods.
Marion Schrock,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

Don't forget the Wrens, Wednesday evening, April 11th.

Considerable garden-making has already been indulged in hereabouts.

Mr. R. S. Scull has been in Baltimore and Philadelphia for the past ten days.

The first genuine thunder storm of the season visited this section Thursday night.

Capt. H. H. Kuhn, of Johnstown, is in Somerset, called here on legal business.

F. J. O'Connor, Esq., of Johnstown, is in attendance at the Somerset Argument Court.

The Wren Combination will play for the benefit of the Order of the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Monday was the twenty-third anniversary of the surrender of General Lee, at Appomattox Court House.

Paul H. Gaither, Esq., was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ida Steck, of Greensburg, Thursday morning.

Mr. Rudolph Hoover, the coal dealer, was taken suddenly and seriously ill Sunday. He is somewhat better to-day.

Mr. S. F. Picking, of Chicago, arrived in Somerset Saturday evening, where he will remain for a week or ten days.

Messrs. Web B. Parker and John N. Snyder have been spending the past several days in Johnstown, visiting friends.

Clean up your back yards. The accumulations of the past winter should at once be removed, and the place thoroughly purified.

Among the pensions issued last week was one to Daniel Friedline, of Lavansville. Mr. Zach. Snyder, of Rockwood, was granted an increase.

Every person should avail themselves of the opportunity to see the Wren Combination Wednesday evening. They are said to be first class.

J. J. Miller, Esq., formerly of Somerset, has been appointed master in the suit of Schutte vs. the Pittsburgh, Knoxville & St. Clair Railroad Company.

That Somerset will have a soldier's monument is now an settled fact. Over half the amount necessary for the erection of it has already been subscribed.

The sale of the personal effects of Mr. Ed. McDowell which took place Saturday was attended by a large crowd of bidders. Most of the articles sold brought fair prices.

James L. Pugh, Esq., has disposed of the old Fisk farm, near town. He cut it up into a number of pieces, and sold to different purchasers. The Counsellor didn't lose any money on the deal.

M. L. Baer, Esq., formerly of Somerset, who recently moved from Greensburg to Seattle, Washington Territory, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the Cable Street Railway of that city.

Wr. Walter G. Hefley had a percheron horse colt, not quite a year old, weighed on the borough scales one day last week. The youngster tipped the beam at 900 pounds. He is thought to be the heaviest colt of his age in the county.

The Somerset small boy is doing a land office business in the frog line. Hundreds of frogs are captured daily in the swamps below town, and are retailed at twenty cents per dozen. Some of the more progressive youths are talking of establishing a frog trust.

The Passenger Committee of the trunk lines has granted rates of one fare for the round trip to excursionists to the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition National Conventions, and to the National Convention of Knights of Pythias, at Cincinnati, on June 12th. Tickets will be on sale six days before the events, and will be good for one week after the opening of the Convention for which issued.

Constable M. F. Allison, of Ogle township, met with an accident recently that came near putting an end to his constableship. While engaged, with a neighbor, in felling timber, a large tree fell on him and almost crushed the life out of him. He was terribly cut and bruised about the body and his right foot was twisted out of joint. He is able to be about again, but it will be some time before he can do a day's work.

The regular stated Argument Court convened at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. After the bar list had been called over the applications of the wholesale liquor dealers, and distillers, were taken up by the Court. The applicants are John M. Topper, Allegheny township, S. A. Topper, Jesse Banghman, Abram Shultz, Valentine Hinkle, Edward Hoover, R. C. Landis and S. P. Switzer. General remonstrances were filed against all the applicants, but there were no special charges made. The matter is being argued by counsel, and a decision will not likely be reached before to-morrow. All of the applicants are distillers, and it is thought they will all get license.

The most popular member of Congress with women whose admiration is worth having is Major McKinley. He came to Congress with the beginning of the Hayes administration. He served on Hayes' staff during the war, and during that administration he and his accomplished wife were always prominent in White House gatherings. For the past six years Mrs. McKinley has been a great sufferer, and it is because of the Major's quiet, unostentatious devotion to his sick wife that he is so admired by all good women. He often works long into the night that he may keep up with his public duties, and, at the same time, never for one moment neglect the patient sufferer. The thousands of admirers of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley will be glad to learn that the latter is much improved in health, and I am sure they will all hope for her speedy and permanent recovery.—*N. Y. Press.*

Mr. Edward M. Scully, of Pittsburgh, was united in marriage to Miss Virginia Lee Holderbaum, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. George Holderbaum, at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of the friends of the bride and groom by Father McAvoy, of Meyersdale, assisted by Father Devlin, of Pittsburgh. We take the following from the Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette*, of Tuesday:

Reports were circulated in New York on Monday that the work of construction on the South Penn Railway was to be resumed immediately.

When the agreement which was drawn up by Andrew Carnegie was adopted it was believed that work would be commenced in the spring, and it is probable that the carrying out of that policy has given rise to the rumor. A reporter tried to see Mr. Bagaley late night, but owing to the lateness of the hour was unable to do so.

The report that work on the South Penn railroad is to begin at once will be hailed with delight by the people of this region. The benefits of the road when completed would be enormous, while those to be derived from the work of its construction would be very considerable. Employment would be given to several thousand men directly upon the road while the number indirectly kept busy in the construction of the material for the road-bed, rolling stock, etc., would be even larger. The work of construction could not be pushed at a time more advantageous to the region.

Closing Exercises of Somerset Public Schools.

Tuesday, the 3d inst., witnessed the closing exercises of our Public Schools for the fall and winter term of 1887-88. The public examination of scholars which began last week, was completed at the Academy building on Tuesday morning, at which time cards of the standing of each pupil were distributed and earned promotions were announced.

At 10:30 A. M. a Junior entertainment came off at the Opera House, when quite a number of interesting essays were read, and select pieces recited. Hattie Kregar and John Beeri its read essays; Ella Cunningham, editor of the *Ionian Breeze*, and Barnet Picking, of the *Delphian Weekly*, entertained the audience by reading productions from their respective papers. Recitations came next in order—the parties participating comprising some of the brightest Juniors of their several classes. The selections were by Mary Kooser, Lucinda Smith, Josie Shafer, Marian Hemminger, Frank Love, Cora Cook, and Annie Patton.

The Commencement Exercises of the High School Department took place on Tuesday evening in the Opera House, when diplomas were given to the first class ever regularly graduated from a Somerset school. The class was composed of Maud L. Cook, Edna E. Baer, Emma J. Huston, Ella K. Vogel, Charles F. Cook, Watson Frease, Edwin M. Love, and Frank Sanner.

The occasion was one of rare interest, and the exercises throughout reflected great credit upon both teachers and pupils; and our citizens generally manifested their interest in the entertainment by filling the house to its utmost capacity. Judging from the repeated and hearty applause that greeted every performance, we hazzard nothing in saying that no other public exhibition ever gave greater satisfaction to a Somerset audience. The platform was occupied by the graduating class, the County Superintendent, the entire corps of Somerset teachers, and the members of the School Board.

After prayer by Rev. Bash, the exercises proper were formally introduced by an overture, called "Gathered Once More," which was very creditably rendered by some twenty of the scholars. Then followed an address of welcome by the president of the graduating class, Charles F. Cook. After expressions of cordial greetings, the address referred to the struggles of a scholar in passing through the several departments up into the highest room, and closed with a well merited encomium upon the common school system.

The next performance was a well written essay, entitled, "A Tribute to Nobility," by Edwin M. Love. The essayist acted wisely in choosing as an illustration of the highest type of nobility the matchless statesman and patriot, Abraham Lincoln. His portraiture of Mr. Lincoln's early life, and rapid rise to the various stages of his public career until attaining the highest office within the gift of an appreciative nation, was a worthy tribute to a most worthy man; and his eloquent apostrophe to the purity and excellence of his character touched a responsive chord in the breast of every one in the audience.

After a piano solo, Miss Ella K. Vogel read a composition which, for beauty of style and terseness of expression, is rarely excelled. Its many palatable local hits were received with enthusiastic plaudits; while not the least meritorious thing about the performance was the clear and distinct enunciation of every word, thus enabling everybody to hear it.

The Society paper, yclept *The Senior Review*, edited by Miss Edna E. Baer, was replete with an array of brilliant gems—sparkling with wit and humor. Many of its articles would do honor to the best of our humorous weeklies. Its pertinent descriptions of some of the respective peculiarities of the several members of the graduating class, together with references to leap-year privileges, to the editorial waste-basket, and to the teachers and directors, were highly relished by the audience. The only drawback to the paper was the indistinctness of the reader's utterances.

This was succeeded by a medley called "The Musical Museum," which was rendered in good style by a select number of pupils.

Then came Frank Sanner with his wonderful trunk, that seemed to be a storehouse of useful articles. From it he drew a parchment, a dish, a milk bottle filled with the lacteal fluid, a dust-pan, a broom, a violin, etc., which with supposed appropriate remarks were given respectively to the members of the graduating class. We say with supposed appropriate remarks, as his back was toward the audience, and his voice turned to such a low key, that only an occasional word could be heard.

The valedictory was delivered—not read—by Miss Emma J. Huston, who did herself the credit and the audience the pleasure by uttering every syllable, every word in such a clear, distinct manner that all could hear. It was an excellent address in every particular. While not in sympathy with the vagaries of the cranks at the head of what is absurdly called "Woman's Rights," she pointed out the true mission of every womanly woman, and showed that in her sphere she could compass the grandest work that lies within the province of human possibilities. The illustrations of true greatness and happiness drawn from adverse criticisms of such noted public characters as Napoleon and Alexander the Great, were both apt and felicitous.

After a piano duet by Misses Ida and Ella Musselman, F. J. Kooser, Esq., on part of the directors, presented the diplomas, accompanied with a brief speech. He also presented a certificate of scholarship, worth $60, in the Adrian, Michigan College, to Miss Maud Cook—she having won it by carrying off the honors of the graduating class.

A brief farewell address by Prof. Berkey, and the Benediction by Rev. Connor, closed one of the most interesting and instructive school entertainments ever witnessed in Somerset.

The following poem, composed by Miss Maud L. Cook, was read at the public school commencement Tuesday evening:

The work of the term is over—
Work neither easy nor light:
And the Seniors, with hearts unburdened,
Meet for the last time to-night.

We come not to sound the praises
Of the Class of Eighty-Eight,
Though their names some day you may find,
Among those of the good and great.

The future is fair before us,
As it opens to our view;
And Hope spreads her pinions o'er us
Of a bright and roseate hue.

We leave the school of our youth,
To enter the world's wide school,
Where many harder tasks we'll find,
And many a stricter rule.

Where the lessons we must learn
By Experience shall be taught;
And his precepts, though unheeded,
Will be often dearly bought.

In this busy world of care
There is work for each and all—
Work for brain, and all our powers,
Be they great or be they small.

Our ends and aims must be true,
Our purposes noble and good;
Honest in all that we do,
As the right is understood.

The recollections of this term,
And the victories we have won,
In memory shall be bright.
Till the work of our life is done.

Though our lives may drift apart,
As years shall over us pass;
We shall cherish kindly thoughts
Of companions of this class.

To the class of the future
Our best wishes are extended;
May their triumps far excel ours,
Ere their school days shall be ended.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, widow of George J. Zimmerman, dropped dead on Turkeyfoot street, about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Zimmerman lives one mile southeast of town, and started to walk from her home to the office of J. R. Scott Esq., where she had some legal business, connected with the settlement of her husband's estate, to attend to. She was seventy-three years of age. The cause of her sudden death was heart disease.

Preaching Announcement.

H. B. Sherman, State Evangelist for Disciples, will preach in the Disciple Church on Friday night, April 13, at 7:30 P. M. All are invited to attend this meeting. Brother Sherman can only be with us one night, as he is to begin a series of meetings in Meyersdale the Saturday night following.

The Three Hottest Days in 1888.

In his article on "Where to Spend the Summer," in *Scribner's* for April, Gen. Greely, chief signal officer, makes a prophesy as to the hottest days in the year 1888. The Detroit *Journal*, taking the matter up, has offered a prize of $500 to the person guessing correctly, before June 1st, what the 3 days will be. Gen. Greely immediately telegraphied his guess to the paper, in accord with his reasons in *Scribner's* for April.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Noah P. Washer and Margaret Lohr both of Quemahoning township.

Walter E. Dorn, of Johnstown, and Agnes A. Bash, of Quemahoning township.

Henry F. Albright, of Garret, and Nora E. Deal, of Williams.

Joseph Edwin Scully, of Pittsburgh, and Virginia Lee Holderbaum, of Somerset.

Lewis Harshberger, of Jenner township, and Annie M. Gardner, of Jennertown.

William Barns and Annie E. Wolford, both of Paint township.

Heavy Cattle.

Wm. H. Miller, of Stoystown, lately sold to a Johnstown butcher a bunch of very fine steers, weighing some over 1600 pounds, at 3 years old. They were said to be the finest in the north end of the county. They were nearly all of the Sharon family, of which Mr. Miller is a breeder, he having at the head of his herd Rob Roy, who was sired by Waterloo 6th out of Oxford Queen, by Earl of Oxford, who by Airdrie 2d, is as fine a specimen of the Short-horn family as the county of Somerset ever had. Parties desiring to improve their stock, should at once call on or write to the above named gentleman, who will sell a few choice young bulls.

Mercantile License.

The Auditor General of Pennsylvania furnishes the following information. Retailers should remember that mercantile licenses are not transferable from one dealer to another, and parties going into business after the first of May, and who have not been rated by the mercantile appraiser, are required by law to pay a license at the rate of twenty dollars for the whole year, and any such persons who do not before or within on month after commencing business, take out such license, shall pay the rate for the full year, twenty dollars.

Those of our subscribers who have changed their place of residence will oblige us by at once notifying us of the fact. Please state where you moved from as well as where you moved to. This will save much trouble and confusion.

Young Ladies Attacked by a Dog.

While Maggie Martin and Bertha Wangaman were going up Sixth street, Irwin, on Saturday, a large dog owned by John Jackson jumped out from an alley and attacked them. Miss Martin escaped by running, but Miss Wangaman was unfortunate. She fell in the gutter and the dog immediately fell upon her, biting her severely and would most likely have killed her but for the arrival of help. Miss Wangaman was taken to the residence of Joseph Martin and a physician called, who pronounced the wound a bad one and recommended that the dog be killed. Miss Wangaman is from Manor Station and was visiting at Mr. Martin's. At the present writing she is doing as well as can be expected.—*Greensburg Press.*

Midelecreek Items.

Sugar boiling is over, and the crop was a poor one.

What is known as the "Mill School" closed on the 5th, with quite a jubilee.

Quite a number of lime kilns are on fire in this vicinity, which shows the industry of our farmers.

The frog's orchestra has again come to life, and renders some very fine music; just as fine as they did three hundred years ago.

John Barron, one of our most energetic and enterprising farmers, is going to erect a large bank barn the coming summer. Mogner Bros. are the contractors and builders.

Mr. W. H. H. Baker will soon start to Mt. Union College, to further pursue his studies. Mr. B. is a young man of rare talents, and all predict a bright future for him when he prefixes Dr. to his name.

Died, on the 28th of March, Mrs. Catharine Trimpey, an aged and highly esteemed lady. The deceased was interred in the Lutheran cemetery at Kingwood, on April 1st. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her death, who have the sympathy of all in their bereavement.
Boz.

Resolutions of Respect.

At a meeting of the U. B. Sunday School of Rockwood, Pa., the following resolutions of respect on the death of Peter J. Phillippi were adopted:

Whereas, Divine Providence has seen fit to remove from among us Peter J. Phillippi, therefore,

Resolved, That while we mourned because of the sufferings through which our brother has passed, yet we have assurance that the gate of death has permitted him to enter into his rest, and though suffering for six long months, he has been perfected through it and now reached an eternal inheritance.

Resolved, That we are thankful to our Divine Master that another testimony is here given whereby is verified the truth of revelation attesting to the riches of those whose treasures are above.

Resolved, That we commend his family and our Sabbath school, and all who have faith in Christian living, to live for the cause of Christ, however humble that life may be, and that his death should remind us all of the nearness of death, and that far or near it is the greatest crisis of reward or punishment for us that shall ever in countless future ages affect our eternal destiny.

Resolved, That it behooves us to live in constant preparation for that great physical change that shall shape our doom.

Resolved, That we as teachers and pupils purpose to emphasize death, its finality, importance, its ending of all probation, and, finally, as being the end and permanence of moral character, and therefore decisive of destiny. These facts in the future we should more fully present in teaching.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published and a copy thereof be given the family of the deceased, and also that they be read before the Sabbath school at its next convocation.

T. M. Miller,
Wm. Fleming,
A. W. Shultz,
D. J. Wolfersberger,
Mrs. J. P. Grosvall,
Miss Ella Werner,
Miss Blanche Evans,
Committee.

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.

Wanted, for Cash.

Two thousand bushels of oats.
Marion Schrock,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

New Millinery Goods.

Just received, the newest styles of Spring Bonnets, Hats and Trimmings. Largest variety and Lowest Prices.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Seed Oats.

I have just received a car load of choice White Oats (no mixture) and no advance in price.
M. Schrock,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. April 9, 1888.

The Senate spent nearly all last week in discussing the House Bond-purchase bill. After a good deal of debate, exciting at times, Senator Spooner's substitute was adopted, which is simply an affirmation of the validity of the Act of 1882, which the President claims—although no one agrees with him—was only a temporary measure. It was Senator Beck's silver amendment, however, which caused pretty much all the discussion in the Senate, and which was finally adopted by a vote of 37 to 13.

I regret to say that of the thirty-seven affirmative votes sixteen were cast by Republicans—all of the sixteen being from the West except one. It is doubtful if the House agrees to the Beck amendment. If it does, the prospects for a presidential veto are not remote; for the President is on record, as distinctly opposed to an increase in silver coinage.

While the Senate debated the Beck bill, the House fought desperately over the direct tax bill. In 1861, at the beginning of the war, the Government did an anamalous thing—it levied a direct tax upon the people—apportioned among the several States. The total levy was $20,000,000, of which about $17,000,000 was collected, Pennsylvania paying $1,700,000 in round numbers.

The bill in question directs that the entire amount collected shall be refunded to the several States. It passed the Senate over two months ago, and would have passed the House without any difficulty, by a large majority except for the tactics of a filibustering minority, who prevented a vote from being taken. The chief opponents of the bill are Southern members, who ask that the cotton tax shall also be refunded. This proposition is preposterous, as the total amount of this tax is about $68,000,000.

Among the petitions recently presented by Congressman Scull was one of 101 citizens of the 17th district, praying for the enactment of prohibitory legislation for the District of Columbia; two of the Osterburg Grange, Patrons of Husbandry, one praying for the reduction of the postage upon seeds, bulbs etc., and the other praying for the re-issue of fractional currency for use in the mails.

I understand that some of your readers are a little bit curious to know who the Herald's Washington correspondent is. I think it but just to all concerned to say that my connection with the Herald was effected without the knowledge of the 17th district Congressman, and that I have had the pleasure of meeting him only twice since the opening of Congress. Such items as I have sent to the Herald concerning his Congressional life have been the result of my personal attendance upon and scrutinizing the proceedings of Congress.

Up to date thirty-one counties out of the sixty-seven have elected delegates to the Republican State Convention. The number of delegates elected is 102, just one half of the total number.

I understand that among those who are likely to be candidates for the Republican Gubernatorial nomination in 1890, are Senators Cooper, Gobin, Delamater and Watres, Adjutant General Hastings, and Major Montooth.

Minnesota is the only Republican State seriously impregnated with the free trade heresy. For some months the Tariff League, of New York, has been pouring tariff literature into the State, with a view to the eradication of the pernicious doctrines prevailing among Minnesota farmers.

I am informed by those who know that the present Senate Committee on Pensions has done more work than any previous committee. Its members are Senators Davis, Blair, Sawyer, Paddock, Quay, Wilson, Tarpie, Blodgett and Faulkner.

Chairman Mills is still convalescing, but is yet far from well. He hopes, however, to be strong enough to be present in the House next Monday, when his bill comes up.

Minister Phelps is expected at the State Department next week. He embarked for America on the fifth instant.

The appointment of General George Crook to the vacant Major Generalship, caused by the retirement of General Terry, was anticipated here. General Miles now becomes the ranking Brigadier-General.

Congressman Cox's bill for the taking of the 11th census, having been reported to the House, is likely to pass at an early day.

Senator Quay is still grappling with the immense pile of letters which he found upon his desk upon his return from Florida last week.

Now that Mahone is out of the Senate, it is said that Ingalls has a smaller foot than any other Senator.

Politicians here haven't yet got through talking about the boots given Blaine at the Vermont State Convention. It was a stunner.

You probably saw the recent newspaper statements relative to the loss of a satchel belonging to the widow of the late Chief Justice Waite, containing some valuable diamonds. Her son comes forward and denies the story, and adds, "My mother never had a diamond."

The Chief Justice left his widow pretty badly off, in a financial way, and it is probable that some of the leading lawyers of the country, and others, will quietly make up a purse for her.

On the last private bill day in the Senate, a day or two ago, one hundred and twenty-seven pension bills were passed in less than an hour and a half.

Among these bills was one granting a pension of $25 to Dr. Mary Walker. Now, if she will only take off her pantaloons, and put on civilized garments, all will be forgiven.

Debate on the Mills bill will begin next Monday, the 16th instant, if the present program is adhered to.

The Democratic representatives held a caucus last Saturday evening to consider the question of the admission of certain territories to statehood.

Great Bargains

In all kinds of Dress Goods, including Silks, Silk Warp, and Wool Henriettas, in Black and Colors. Also, a fine assortment of cheap Wool Dress Goods. A fine assortment of 45-inch Hamburg and Lace Flouncing, and all covers to match. A cheap lot of Ginghams, Satteens, and other Cotton Dress Goods. Shirtings, Tickings, Ducks, cheap. A large lot of Best Calicoes, light and dark, five cents.
Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Beulah Normal.

The Beulah Normal School will open April 23, 1888, and continue ten weeks. The leading object of the school is the education and training of teachers. However the school is open to all, whether they have teaching in view or not.

Tuition:—Normal, $5; including higher branches, $6.

Intermediate, from $3 to $4.50.

Boarding:—Good boarding can be secured near the school at very reasonable rates.

Examination:—The County Superintendent will hold a public examination at the close of the term.

J. C. Lichty, Principal.

Queensware and Glassware.

For this line of goods go to A. Benford & Son, as they have the best line in town.

For Rent.

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

Found at Last.

That A. Benford & Son is the only firm in town that sells nine cakes of Grip Soap for 25 cents.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Lena Strackoff, deceased, late of Rockwood Borough, Somerset Co. Pa.

Letters of administration of the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 19th day of May, 1888, at the late residence of deceased in Rockwood Borough.

JAKOB PHILLIPPI,
apr11 Administrator.

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.

Horse Blankets which are strong and have a reputation are always imitated in poor qualities which look like them, but having fewer warp threads are not as strong.

Some dealers buy these poor imitations for a few cents less and by saying they are "just as good," sell them at the same price as the strong blankets to parties who do not know the difference.

You cannot tell whether horse blankets are strong by the look or feel, as the warp threads do not show on the face. How then are you to know?

In order that you can tell a strong blanket from a weak one, the manufacturer of 5A Horse Blankets sews the above 5A Trade Mark inside of each blanket. This is a guarantee that it is the strongest blanket made for the money and will wear well.

Many poor imitations have been sold as 5A blankets. Remember none are genuine unless the 5A Trade Mark is sewed inside.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Mary Zimmerman, dec'd, late of Somerset Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of administration on above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 19th day of May, 1888, at the office of the Administrator, in Somerset Borough.

OLIVER KNEPPER,
apr11. Administrator.

I ARISE TO SAY THAT THE OLD Reliable Firm -OF-

A. H. FERNER & BRO.

STILL EXISTS,

And for the good of the people of Somerset and community, long may they exist.

THEIR LINE OF

GENTS' FINE SHOES!

THE EMERSON,
PETROLE, CONGRESS,
BUTTON, AND BAL, IN
PORPOISE,
CORDOVAN,
KANGAROO,
DONGOLA, AND
CALF.

W. L. Douglas'

$2.50, $3.00, and $4.00 Shoes, free from tacks and nails. Every pair Warranted.

MENS' WORKING SHOES,
90 Cents to $2.50.

Ladies' Fine Shoes!

Flexible, Latest Styles, for Spring and Summer. Low and High Heels, B. C. D., and E. Widths.

Mercantile Appraisement

-OF-

Dealers in Merchandise, &c.,

-IN-

SOMERSET CO., PA.

TAKE NOTICE.—That in pursuance of the several Acts of Assembly of this Commonwealth to provide revenue, to assess 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.
Dean H. L. & Bro.	Retailer	13
Endsley & Son	"	14
Frey A. C.	"	14
Liston Bros.	"	14
Mitchell Charles	Tavern	$50
Rose Robert E.	Retailer	13
Nicklow Ed	Tavern	$50
Nicklow Ed.	Retailer	14

ALLEGHENY TOWNSHIP.

Boots W. F.	Retailer	13
Hollibaugh & Son	"	13
Ogbourne Mrs. S.	"	14
Topper John M.	Distiller	9

BROTHERSVALLEY TOWNSHIP.

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

BLACK TOWNSHIP.

Husband Mrs. F.	"	14

BERLIN BOROUGH.

Brubaker D. A.	Retailer	13
Collins F. B.	"	13
Cook E. F.	"	13
Fiedo A. C.	"	13
Garey C. W. & M. P.	"	13
Kriesinger C. A. M.	"	13
Metzgen W. H.	"	14
Matthews & Kimmell	"	13
Young Paul G.	"	14
Philson W. F. & A. J.	"	13
Philson S. & Co.	Bankers	$50

CONEMAUGH TOWNSHIP.

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

CONFLUENCE BOROUGH.

Black A. G.	Retailer	13
Dodds J. M.	"	14
Groff & Son	"	14
Kurtz H.	"	14
Mountain & Co.	"	14
Rose J. M. & Bro.	"	14
Weakland L. W.	"	13

ELKLICK TOWNSHIP.

Friedline & Son	Retailer	14
Ray F. S.	"	14
Lentz John	"	14
Young George S.	"	14

JENNER TOWNSHIP.

Cover James M.	Retailer	12
Morgan W. S.	"	13
O'Connor John A.	"	13
Risinger John A.	"	13

Auditor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor duly appointed by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County to distribute the fund in the hands of John H. Zimmerman, Adm'r of the Estate of Lourissa Herring, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, and report the same, notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will sit at my office in the Borough of Somerset, on Tuesday, April 17, 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, for the purpose of discharging the duties of said appointment, when and where all parties interested can attend, or forever be debarred from any participation in the said fund.

A. C. HOLBERT,
mar28-3t. Auditor.

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of George Shoemaker, dec'd, late of Larimer Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, April 14, 1888, at the office of H. Johnson, Esq., at Wittersburg.

PETER SHOEMAKER,
DANIEL SHOEMAKER,
Administrators.
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Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Michael Bagley, dec'd, late of Quemahoning Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of Administration on above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, May 26, 1888, at the office of the Administrator in Hooversville, in said Township.

A. B. CLARK,
apr11. Administrator.

Names.	Trades.	Class.
JENNER BOROUGH.		
Griffith J. J.	Retailer	13
JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP.		
Barkley J. W.	Retailer	13
Schlag Henry	"	14
LARIMER TOWNSHIP.		
Beal A. G.	Retailer	13
Tanglemon Jesse	Distiller	9
Saylor S. P.	Distiller	9
Shockey W. H.	Retailer	14
LOWER TURKEYFOOT TOWNSHIP.		
Colborn G. W.	Retailer	14
Gibson John	"	13
Schneblier, Herman & Co	"	14
MILFORD TOWNSHIP.		
Walter C. A.	Retailer	13
MEYERSDALE BOROUGH.		
Brehm & Iiro	Retailer	14
Brief E. C.	"	14
Cook, Frazier & Co.	"	20
Citizens Bank	Bankers	$50
Damm H. O.	Retailer	14
Direly H. J.	"	14
Dial C. H.	"	14
Elchnor Drug Co.	"	14
Farmers' Bank