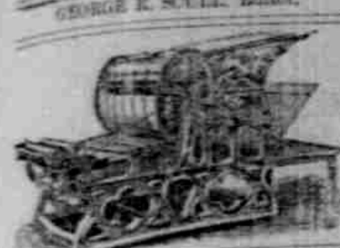
The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.



WEDNESDAY . . . . . April 25, 1888.

The county roads are improving.

Now is the time for house cleaning.

Valentine Hay has a farm to rent.

Soda fountains are being burnished.

Go to E. S. Kantner's for fishing tackle.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

How does this kind of weather suit you?

The bad weather has retarded the farm work.

Trusses a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's.

McMillan, Dentist, one square south of Diamond.

Tobacco and cigars at wholesale and retail at Kantner's.

Quite a number of side walks in this place need repairing.

E. S. Kantner has the largest stock of fishing tackle in the county.

The white plug hat is to be the fashionable head gear for gentlemen this summer.

Steer clear of strangers when they offer you big bargains in any kind of a deal.

Fast-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.

Robert Bonner's world renowned trotting horse "Dexter" died in New York Saturday.

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

The new proprietors of Bedford Springs have decided to postpone the erection of new buildings until fall.

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

Snow has fallen in this section every day for the past week. The weather has been anything but spring like.

Fine line of Silk and Cotton Gloves. Best make of Corsets, cheap.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Bargains 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" manufacturer, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Deaths of great men all remind us
There are great men still about us;
When we leave the world behind us
It will get along without us.

It is said that no girl ever yet refused an offer of marriage without being sorry for it, while, on the contrary, the fellow has probably thanked his stars that she said no.

The Democratic County Committee will meet in Bedford on Tuesday, May 1st, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention and fixing a time for holding the County Convention.

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

Holbrook Bros. & Parson.

The Cincinnati man who tried to get divorced from the responsibilities of a marriage contracted in a balloon because there was no ground for it, is distressed over the airy persiflage of the court refusing it.

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

The wart on the face of General Grant, which is faithfully reproduced in his portraits on the genuine $5 silver certificates is lacking in the counterfeit, and its omission furnishes a ready method of detection. This is the only case on record in which a wart was ever found to be useful or ornamental.

Meat Market.—We have just added a new 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.

When scarlet fever is prevalent, boil the milk you give your children. This dreadful scourge is said to be induced by a germ found in the milk of cows affected by a certain disease. The same microbe is obtained from the sick cow, her milk, and from scarlet fever patients. Boiling or even heating to 180 degrees destroys its infectious property.

Canes, walking sticks, and base ball supplies at Kantner's.

An exchange tells of a lady who last fall took a piece of a grape vine in a flower pot for a support to a tender and sickly looking flowering plant. The plant grew, and so did the piece of grape vine. It became green, leaves came out on it, and then buds, which were followed by full grown, fully ripened, delicious grapes. Our lady readers should remember this and try a similar experiment next fall.

Beautiful woman from whence came thy bloom,
Thy beaming eye, thy features fair?
What kindly hand on thee was laid—
Endowing thee with beauty rare?
"'Twas not ever thus," the dame replied,
"Once pale this face, these features bold,
The Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce
Wrought the wondrous change which you behold."

Prizes to the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars have been offered to the pupils of public and private schools, for the best Original Short Stories. First prize is One Hundred Dollars in cash; Second prize, Fifty Dollars; Third prize, Twenty-five dollars, etc. Three prominent School Principals have consented to act as judges. Particulars may be learned by addressing Treasure Trove Co., 25 Clinton Place, New York.

The Bedford Inquirer Register says: The wheat fields in this and adjoining counties are not presenting a very encouraging appearance. In conversation with a Westmoreland county farmer last Saturday he gave it as his opinion that there would not be much more than half a crop in that country. It went into winter quarters in such a sickly looking condition which accounts for its present unfavorable appearance.

McMillan, Dentist, one square south of Diamond.

Four Bedford County cases will be heard before the Supreme Court at the May term. The following is the list: Joseph W. Tate, vs. Simon Carney and others, appeal by plaintiff; The Niagara Fire Insurance Company vs. Franklin Miller, appeal by plaintiff; William Gilchrist vs. John F. Blymyer, appeal by plaintiff, appeal of the Bedford County Bank from the decision of the Court in fixing the Sheriff's costs.

There seems to be danger in using wire for binding baled hay. We notice by an exchange that a farmer in a neighboring county lost a fine cow under peculiar circumstances. An examination was made, and a piece of wire about two inches long was found, which had passed through the stomach into the heart. The owner believes he has lost several cows from the same cause during the last few years. He finds it almost impossible to get all the wires out of the baled hay before cutting it.

Headquarters for base ball supplies, at E. S. Kantner's.

There was quite a heavy fall of snow on Friday.

Judge Baer is holding court at Bedford this week.

Court convenes on the fourth Monday, the 28th day of May.

Samuel Zigler, of Lambertsville, was granted a pension last week.

Friday will be Pennsylvania's Arbor Day. Everybody should plant a tree.

The alleged copper ore find in the mountains of Bedford county proves to be greatly exaggerated.

Mr. Ed. Jones has the foundation laid on which he will build a cottage, at the foot of Turkeyfoot street.

The children of the Disciples' Church will give a "missionary concert" Friday evening in the "meeting house."

The maple sugar crop was unusually light this season, and as a consequence that article is selling at a higher figure than for years.

John H. Uhl, Esq., is building an addition to his store-room in the Mammoth Block. We understand that when completed it will be occupied by the grocery of "Dick" Vought.

There seems to be an unusual attraction about our Somerset girls for Philadelphia fellows. Quite a number have been wooed and won in the last couple years, and are now living in the Quaker city.

We learn from the Berlin *Record* that Mr. Ed. Hoover, the Brothersvalley distiller, had his collar bone broken by a falling timber while engaged in pulling down an old building, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Ed. S. Kantner has perfected arrangements with the Western Union Telegraph Company to receive daily the result of the games of the League and Association. The bulletin board will be in front of his cigar store.

"Billy" Waite, the gentlemanly and obliging conductor on the Somerset & Cambria Railroad, was a caller at the Herald sanctum Saturday afternoon. It isn't often that "Billy" takes a day off, but he is a welcome visitor wherever he goes.

The following explains itself: Office of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, Office of the President. Baltimore, April, 18, 1888. Circular No. 4. Mr. Charles O. Scull is this day, Wednesday, April 18, 1888, appointed General Passenger Agent of all lines, with headquarters at Baltimore.

S. Spencer, President.

Charles C. Shafer, D. J. Horner, F. W. Biesecker, Esq., J. L. Pugh, Esq., Dr. J. E. Biesecker, W. T. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale, and M. V. Sorber, of Stoyestown, were all passengers on the early train on the S. & C. Railroad, Tuesday morning. The little party were bound for Harrisburg to witness the proceedings of the Republican State Convention.

The monument committee are "getting there" in "better shape" than the most sanguine had anticipated. We understand that over three-fourths of the required amount has already been subscribed. It should be regarded a pleasure to contribute toward such a laudable object, and if you want to "have a hand in it" you want to bestir yourself.

Joseph Shoemaker died at his residence in Johnstown Sunday. His parents came from Virginia to Stoyestown in 1805, when Joseph was about a year old. There he grew to manhood. For a number of years, about 1834, Mr. Shoemaker lived on the "Parson farm" west of Somerset. During almost his entire life he was engaged in hotel keeping in Somerset and Cambria counties.

John R. & A. Murdock, the well-known florists and nurserymen of Pittsburg, represented by F. J. Meyers of this place, delivered to their many patrons of Somerset and vicinity on Saturday last, the finest lot of trees, etc., that have been brought to this county for many years. Mr. Meyers is a live, active, energetic agent, and the firm he represents is one of the best and most reliable in the country.

A competitive examination for the United States Naval Cadetship at Annapolis will be held at Somerset on Wednesday, May 2nd. The physical examination will be conducted by the Pension Board of examining surgeons for Somerset county, and the competitive examination by a committee of three to be designated by Congressman Scull. The successful candidate will report at the Naval Academy on May 15th.

George E. Baer, Esq., of Reading, spent Saturday and a portion of Sunday in Somerset visiting his aged mother, who is in very delicate health. He left for New York Sunday afternoon, to attend a meeting of the stockholders of the South Penn Railroad, which is to be held in that city to-day. Mr. Baer expresses himself as being confident that the road will be completed, and that work will be commenced on it at an early day.

Messrs. John Fitzpatrick and Ed. McGovern, the gentlemen who had the contract for digging the "Negro Mountain" Tunnel on the South Penn Railroad, arrived in Somerset Friday evening. They will dispose of all the tools and appliances stored at their commissary, at public sale, to-day. Mr. McGovern is decidedly of the opinion that the work of construction will not be resumed for many years to come. Mr. McGovern, of course, is not on the "inside," and merely gives the above as his private opinion.

Major W. L. Dewart, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Sunbury, Pa., died suddenly of heart disease at 2 o'clock on last Thursday morning, aged 68 years. Major Dewart was a prominent Democratic leader in that section, and represented the district in the Thirty-fifth Congress. He was a member of the national conventions which nominated Pierce, Buchanan, Douglass and Cleveland. Mr. Dewart's son, Will L., has made frequent visits to Somerset, and has many friends among our people who will heartily sympathize with him in this sad bereavement.

The Disciple Church was crowded at half-past three o'clock last Wednesday afternoon with hundreds of friends, who had been invited to witness the marriage of Miss Minnie Craver to Mr. Wm. P. Gould. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Conner. Messrs. Will Picking, George Keim, Paul Schell and Dorsey Schell acted as ushers. Miss Ada Knepper presided at the organ. Miss Craver has been a teacher in the public schools of this borough for two or three winters where her gentle manners and sweet disposition, to say nothing of her pretty face, won her the hearts of all her pupils, and she has always been a great favorite in Somerset society. Mr. Gould is B. & O. train dispatcher at Philadelphia.

The district conference to elect two delegates to represent this Congressional district in the National Convention, to elect two alternates, and to name a Presidential elector, met at Altoona Monday evening. Somerset County had no candidate for National Delegate, and was represented in the Conference by Capt. W. H. Sanner, J. C. Weller, and A. J. Colborn, Esq. Blair County presented the name of W. S. Hammond, Esq., Cambria, Mr. George T. Swank, and Bedford Hon. J. H. Longenecker. Capt. Sanner was chosen Chairman of the Conference. W. S. Hammond, Esq., was elected as one of the delegates, and Dr. J. K. Miller, of Berlin, was named for Presidential elector. The Conferees, most of whom were delegates to the State Convention, and were anxious to get to Harrisburg, agreed to adjourn without naming the other delegate or the alternates, and to allow Messrs. Swank and Longenecker to arrange the matter between themselves which they will no doubt be able to do as soon as they meet.

A Letter from Chairman Shafer.

Editor Herald:—During the past week an effort has been made by certain untruthful and unscrupulous persons in Somerset Borough to misrepresent me and create an erroneous impression in regard to my action in the selection of delegates to represent the Republicans of Somerset County in the State Convention which meets at Harrisburg on Wednesday.

In order that the Republican voters of the county may know what action was taken by myself and members of the committee, will you please publish the following:

Some time in the fore part of the present month I mailed to the address of each member of the Committee a letter, of which the following is a copy:

Somerset, Pa., April 4, 1888.

Dear Sir:—The Republican State Convention will meet at Harrisburg on the 25th of April, to nominate a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, and to select four delegates to the Chicago Convention. We will have to elect two delegates to the State convention, and we have no funds on hand to pay the expense of holding a primary for this purpose. If I call the committee together on the 18th of this month, will you be willing to attend the meeting at your own expense? If not, are you satisfied to authorize me to make the appointment? If so, please sign the paper in the stamped envelope enclosed herewith, and forward it to me by return mail.

Truly yours,
Chas. C. Shafer.
Chm. Co. Committee.

The paper enclosed in the stamped envelope, referred to in my letter, read as follows:

I hereby authorize and depute Charles C. Shafer, Chairman of the Republican County Committee, to vote and act for me in the selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention, to be held at Harrisburg on April 25th, 1888.

Committeeman.

Of the thirty-seven members of the committee thirty signed and returned to me the paper authorizing me to vote and act for them in the selection of delegates. Two members of the committee, namely, M. V. Sorber and N. B. Keim, replied favoring a meeting of the committee, while the remaining five members did not answer my letter. Having received authority from thirty members of the committee to vote and act for them in the selection of delegates, I cast the vote for Hon. A. J. Colborn, of Somerset Borough, and Prof. John C. Weller, of Milford Township, and duly certified their election to the convention.

I have been informed that, on Wednesday afternoon *six* members of the County Committee, *three* of whom had authorized me to cast their votes, met at the Glade House, with Daniel J. Horner and E. H. Werner, and elected (?) M. V. Sorber and W. T. Hoblitzell to represent the Republicans of Somerset County at their State Convention.

The State Convention will decide which set of delegates were legally or properly elected, and I am willing that the Republican voters of the county should pass judgment on my action in the matter after they are fully acquainted with the facts in the case as I have stated them.

In closing, let me say that every penny of money that has come into my hands as Chairman has been properly accounted for. The books are open at all times to the inspection of any Republican, and when my term of office expires and my accounts are audited by the committee they will be found to be correct and true in every particular. The persons who have made unfounded and malicious charges to the contrary will be held to answer in due time.

Very Respectfully,
Chas. C. Shafer,
Chm. Rep. Co. Com.

The Evangelical Conference.

The sessions proper of the Pittsburgh Conference of the Evangelical Church were opened in the house of worship of that denomination in Johnstown Thursday morning of last week. In the absence of Bishop Bowman, who had not yet arrived, Rev. J. W. Domer, Conference Secretary, called the Conference to order, and Rev. J. D. Domer was elected Chairman. He had not long to serve, however, as Bishop Bowman arrived at 10:30 and at once took his place as President.

Rev. B. L. Miller had his credentials voted him, he having united with the Erie Conference. Rev. Jacob Hartzler, Presiding Elder in the Central Pennsylvania Conference, who has lately returned from the mission in Japan, which he has Superintended for a number of years, was received as an Advisory member, and invited to a seat in the Conference bar.

Rev. M. Lauer, Senior Publishing Agent, being present in the interests of the Western Publishing House, was received as an Advisory member and invited to a seat in Conference.

Rev. S. M. Baumgardner, at his own request, was granted a supernumerary relation. Rev. M. H. Shannon was continued on the supernumerary list. Rev. W. M. Covert was also placed on this list at his own request.

Revs. Johnson and Bash, of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Conference and invited to a seat.

Revs. G. W. Risinger and J. Dick were reported to the Conference as having died during the year.

Rev. Bates, of the Reformed Church, was introduced to Conference and invited to a seat.

Rev. John M. Dewoody was received in the same relation he sustained in the Erie Conference of the M. E. Church.

Rev. J. Esh was appointed to preach the evening sermon.

Dr. Beale, of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Settlemyer, of the Lutheran Church, were introduced to and invited to a seat in Conference.

Rev. F. P. Saylor, Presiding Elder of Franklin District, resigned as such, which resignation was accepted.

Revs. J. D. Domer and D. K. Lavan were re-elected to the office of Presiding Elder, and T. Bach, pastor of Johnstown Mission, newly elected to the same office.

Presiding Elders were stationed as follows: Allegheny District, D. K. Lavan; Somerset, T. Bach; Franklin, J. D. Domer; Pittsburgh, I. A. Rohland, D. D.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Bold Swindlers.

Last Friday a lightning rod agent appeared at the farm of Jacob W. Kaufman, near Davidsville, and said to Mr. Kaufman, "I want to put my rods on your house and barn, as a sample for this section; it will take about 190 feet; I will put on 175 feet free of charge, and for all over 175 feet you must pay me 75 cents per foot; it will not cost you over $3.00, and that we will take out in dinner and horse feed." In the afternoon they came and put them on the barn, but the women chased them away from the house. When they had finished putting rods on the barn they said, "Now, you must pay us $300," and after some parleying he gave them his note for $150 in order to get out of the scrape. He afterwards recovered the note on the payment of $100 cash. They had the same contract with another resident of the township and when they were through they had his note for $500. They have a like contract with Joseph Rish for to-day, but they will be attended to before they get anything out of him. J. I. K.

Communion Services.

Communion services will be held at Horner's church on Sunday, May 6th, at 10 a. m. Preparatory services on Saturday, May 5th, at 10 a. m. Services on Friday evening, May 4th. On Saturday, at preparatory services, a beautiful quilt, with names handsomely worked on in silk, made under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Church will be there for bids. Come and see it.

Communion services at Stoyestown on Sunday, May 13th, at 10 a. m. Preparatory services on Saturday, May 12th, at 10 a. m. Preaching on Saturday evening.

A. Sell, Pastor.

Farmers, Stop and Read!

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

Marlin Schrock,
Successor to Josiah Keller.

South Penn Prospects.

The Philadelphia *Record* of Saturday contains the following: "The Trustees of the South Penn Railroad Company have determined to revive the original plan of the road and push its completion. During the past three years nothing has been done either to continue the work or to keep the present finished section in repair. Various attempts have been made in the past few years to renew the construction, but nothing definite has resulted. Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburg, together with Messrs. Henry Phipps, Francis L. Stetson, George F. Baer and F. B. Gowen, of the Board of Trustees, acting with the consent of Dr. Hostetter, the remaining Trustee, have formed a complete plan of reorganization, providing for recuperating the finances of the company and continuing the construction of the road. This scheme has been placed in the form of an agreement, and as soon as all the stockholders shall have signed it a general meeting will be held and officers and Directors of the company to replace the Trustees will be elected. It is expected that contracts will be given out by June 1st, and that the last rail will laid in eighteen months. The Reading Company is in favor of this scheme, as the new road will connect with its Lebanon branch at Harrisburg and open a new channel to the West."

This scheme is said to include a 20 per cent. assessment in addition to the 38 per cent. already subscribed, making $3,000,000 of ready cash, and the issue of $10,000,000 6 per cent. fifty year bonds. The assessment will be represented by preferred stock, and the original 38 per cent. paid in will be given new common stock to that amount. The suit now pending with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, it is claimed, cannot interfere with these plans.

The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* of Monday says: The South Pennsylvania Railroad project is revived again, and the stockholders are now signing a paper which is said to be a new agreement to build the road. The scheme is being pushed by Andrew Carnegie. All the Philadelphia stockholders are said to have signed the paper, and it has now gone to New York. The scheme is being managed by the trustees appointed by the agreement of June, 1887, who are David Hostetter, Henry Phipps, F. B. Gowen, George F. Baer and Francis L. Stetson. Mr. Baer and Mr. Gowen have been in New York for the past three days securing subscriptions to the paper.

The new agreement provides that the subscribers shall pay upon call 20 per cent. of the amount of their subscriptions. As the subscriptions are $15,000,000 this will provide $3,000,000, with which work can be resumed. An issue of $10,000,000 6 per cent. 50-year bonds is to be made, which the members of the syndicate can subscribe for at par proportionately to their interest in the syndicate.

The agreement also directs that as soon as all parties in interest have assented to the scheme a general meeting of the subscribers will be called, and officers and directors of the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company elected. The capitalization of the company is to be rearranged. There will be issued $10,000,000 of 6 per cent. bonds, as above stated. For the assessment of 20 per cent. preferred stock will be issued. Common stock will be given for the 38 per cent. paid in prior to the suspension of work. There was about $5,700,000 paid in, and interest is to be allowed upon this, so that the total issue of common stock will be $7,000,000. There will then be $3,000,000 of preferred stock and $7,000,000 of common, making, with the bonds to be issued, a total capitalization of $20,000,000.

It is expected that the meeting of subscribers will be held this week. Upon the election of officers the five trustees will resign the conduct of affairs to them. Work is to be begun at once, and by the first of June the new contracts will be given out and the road will be pushed to completion. The calculation is that the last rail will be laid in about 18 months.

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.

Mr. George Kennan will tell in the May *Century* how he came to go to Siberia on the *Century* expedition. Mr. Kennan had spent some time in Siberia already in connection with the overland telegraph scheme, and in the summer of 1884 he made a preliminary excursion to St. Petersburg and Moscow for the purpose of collecting material, and ascertaining whether or not obstacles were likely to be thrown in his way by the Russian Government. He returned in October, fully satisfied that his scheme was a practical one. He therefore sailed from New York for Liverpool in May, 1885. He says: "All my prepossessions were favorable to the Russian Government and unfavorable to the Russian Revolutionists." He adds that this "partly explains the friendly attitude toward me which was taken by the Russian Government, for permission which was given me to inspect prisons and mines, and the comparative immunity from arrest, detention, and imprisonment which I enjoyed, even when my movements and associations such as justly to render me an object of suspicion to the local Siberian authorities."

Pictures and Picture Frames.

Now that house cleaning is about over, you will want some handsome pictures to adorn the walls. The place to get them is at Fisher's Book Store. Or you may want to buy some pretty mouldings to make frames or you may have some pictures lying around getting soiled, that ought to be framed. Or you may need some frames for Cabinet Photographs, or frames for other pictures. Go to Fisher's Book Store.

Ex-Treasurer Bailey Pays Only the Principal.

A dispatch from Uniontown says: Attorney Guller returned Wednesday from Harrisburg, where he succeeded in having the judgment of the Dauphin County Court moderated to the extent of releasing the bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer Bailey from the payment of the interest on the money collected from them on account of the failure of the Bradford Bank.

The amount deposited in that bank was $70,000, and the judgment against Bailey's bondsmen, including principal and interest, was for about $83,000. The $70,000 principal has been paid by the bondsmen, most of whom reside in Fayette County, and four of them being widows.

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. Cunningham.

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.

New Milliney Goods.

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

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Queensware and Glassware.

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

Found at Last.

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

Cash paid for eggs at M. Schrock's, opposite Somerset House.

Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

Washington, D. C. April 23, 1888.

Owing to the fact that so many counties held their county conventions last week, and to the further fact that the State Convention is so close at hand, nearly all Pennsylvania Republicans here are just now more interested in Keystone State politics than they are in matters of general legislation. The Pennsylvania Congressmen and others are, at the present time, more disposed to discuss the question of the Supreme Judgeship nomination, or the State Chairmanship, than they are the Mills bill, or the Presidency. I have no doubt, furthermore, but that the readers of the Herald are similarly inclined; and I will devote this entire letter to Pennsylvania politics.

Senators Cameron and Quay both left for Harrisburg to-day, where they will remain until the adjournment of the State Convention. Those super-serviceable friends of the two Senators who have been hinting at a possible clashing of forces between the followers of Senators Cameron and Quay, are certain to be disappointed. While each Senator reaches his own conclusions, and pursues his own methods, in the support of men and measures, there is absolute harmony between them in their relations to each other.

The chances are that the Convention will be a full one. Every one of the two hundred and four delegates have now been elected; the last county—Greene—having chosen hers this morning. While the Convention will be largely made up of new men, among the delegates will be a goodly number of prominent Republicans from various sections of the State. Ex-Congressman S. H. Miller comes from Mercer, as does ex-Congressman J. M. Campbell from Cambria. C. L. Magee, Mayor William McCallin and Representative A. C. Robertson are members of the delegation from Allegheny county. Among the Philadelphia delegates are Auditor General Norris, Senators Boies Penrose and Harry S. Taylor, Representatives C. Wesley Thomas and Harry B. King, and ex-Representative Josephus Yeakel. Among Luzerne's six delegates are Senator M. B. Williams and General P. A. Oliver. Ex-Senator David McConnaughy comes as one of the two delegates from Adams county. Ex-Judge Charles H. Stinson leads the Montgomery delegation. Representatives John P. Elkin, Henry Brace and E. B. Hardenbergh come respectively from Indiana, Warren and Wayne, while Bedford sends ex-Representative E. S. Ashcom; Butler, ex-Representative Thomas Robinson; Delaware, ex-Representative H. Clay Marshall; Franklin, ex-Representative David Maclay; Luzerne, ex-Representative Theodore Hare; Schuylkill, ex-Representative Samuel A. Losch; Somerset, ex-Representative A. J. Colborn and Prof. John C. Weller; and Wayne, ex-Representative Sames Milan.

Among those mentioned for the temporary and permanent chairmanships of the Convention are ex-Congressmen Miller and Campbell.

After a permanent organization is effected, and a platform adopted, and other preliminaries are gone through with, the Convention will proceed to a ballot for Judge of the Supreme Court. As I have previously stated, I am strongly inclined to the belief that Judge James T. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, will be the nominee. I may be clear out of my reckoning; future developments will decide. If, however, this result is attained, it will only be after the liveliest sort of a contest. I have previously given a prediction as to the possibilities of the first ballot. Anti-Convention prophecies are innocent amusement, but they are inexpensive, and all of us can indulge in them. Mine are probably a mile from the mark but here they are, anyhow, even though I may have given them before. In case Judge Wilson, of Clarion, does not go before the Convention, the first ballot may produce some such result as this—Mitchell, 70; Gordon, 48; Sadler, 45; Stowe, 28, and Wickham, 18; total, 204. When the break comes—and it may or may not come on the second ballot—Mitchell's nomination. If the field attempts to combine on Sadler, a good many of Gordon's friends will go to the Philadelphian; while if the break is made to Gordon, fully half of the Sadler delegates will vote for Judge Mitchell.

The Chairmanship contest promises to be as lively as, if not a livelier one than that for Supreme Judge. The canvass which candidate Andrews has been carrying on for two or three months has been quietly conducted and has embraced the entire State. While, of course, he will have a large following in the west—from such counties as Crawford, Erie, Lawrence, Butler, Westmoreland, Mercer, Kean and Washington, each with from two to four delegates—he will receive strong support from the leading counties in the East. For instance, from Lancaster, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Berks, Northampton, etc. If the Philadelphia delegation supports Cooper solidly his election is more than probable. If it does not, Andrews has a fighting chance. Senator Cameron is openly for Cooper, while Senator Quay has remained absolutely neutral from the beginning of the contest. He is strongly anxious to see the difficulty amicably adjusted and a fight averted, and his counsel is and has always been in that direction.

I have indulged sufficiently in predictions and therefore will not attempt to say who the delegates-at-large are likely to be. However, the following are mentioned as candidates: Wm. R. Leeds and Charles Emery Smith, of Philadelphia; Nelson P. Reed, of Pittsburgh; Gen. D. H. Hastings, of Centre County; Gen. Wm. Lilly, of Carbon County; ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow, of Susquehanna County; ex-Judge John K. Ewing of Fayette County, and Wm. H. Woods, of Huntingdon County.

Death of a Schoolmate of the Late Isaac Kaufman.

A correspondent of the Johnstown *Tribune*, writing from Mount Moriah, Somerset county, says: John Miller died March 19, 1888, aged eighty-two years six months and nineteen days. He was buried in our cemetery by the side of his wife and daughter. Mr. Miller was born in Lancaster county, and brought to Conemaugh township when small. He was a schoolmate of Isaac Kaufman, for whom he had the highest regard, considering him one of the finest men in the State. He, like Kaufman, was one of the plain Dutch Somerset county farmers, an excellent neighbor, a quiet, hard-working man—not for the object of laying up riches, as he had in his time various opportunities to grasp fortunes, but refused, preferring a quiet, private life. He was offered at one time, the land on which Kernville, Cambria county, is built at a very reasonable price. He had the means at that time to buy it, but refused for the following reasons: First, it was a sandy flat, not fit for winter grain; second, it was all grown over with elder, and was very difficult to clear; and, third, it lay right aside of Johnstown, then a pretty town, which he always considered a nuisance to neighboring farmers. He preferred a farm at a distance, where he could have a quiet life. When afterward asked if he was not sorry he did not buy the land, he remarked that he was happier without it, as he had plenty for as long as he could live, and that he was a happier man than his old friend Isaac Kaufman with all his immense wealth. He was blind, or nearly so, for the last three years of his life.

McMillan, Dentist, one square south of Diamond.

The Bradford *Star* remarks: "The man who stands by the side of a trout brook, his debts all paid, his business reasonably prosperous, his wife and family in good health, and a deep pool in sight, in which a dozen speckled gamesters are ready for a tussle, has in sign nine-tenths of all the happiness which any one gets this side of heaven."

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School Report.

The following is a brief report of the Weaver school, in Paint township, which opened October 10, 1887 and closed April 6, 1888.

Whole No. enrolled for term, males, 19; females, 25; total, 44.

Average attendance, males, 12; females, 16; total, 28.

Per cent. of attendance for term, 93.

Number of visits by patrons, 80; by Superintendent, 1; by Directors, 0.

On account of the chicken pox getting in the school not one of my scholars attended every day. Six or eight would likely have attended if they would not have gotten sick.

Three spellings were held by the school, in all of which the school acquitted itself honorably.

The last day of school there were about twenty-three visitors present, and among them were five teachers. The afternoon was spent in a splendid game of base ball and amusements of various kinds. After giving the scholars their rewards and reports the audience was entertained by an able address from S. P. Zimmerman, after which the resident teacher made his closing address. The weather was delightful and everybody wanted to wind up the term with a spelling bee. The teacher after much coaxing consented, and the Scalp Level band offered to play gratis.

EVENING EXERCISES.

The evening exercises were opened with music by the band after which the captains, Misses Emma B. Seese and Ella Hoffman, chose their sides to spell. Nearly all spelled. J. F. Dietz pronounced and all had an equal and impartial trial. After spelling a long time A. H Staub carried off the honors.

The half hour's intermission was well spent in ring playing. After recess the following was the order of the exercises: Music; address, by J. F. Dietz; music; recitation, by W. N. Kerr, subject "Sockery Snooks"; music; address, by S. P. Zimmerman; music; addresses, by S. S. Lehman and W. H. Pepley; music; recitation, by W. N. Kerr, subject "Brother Watkins"; recitation, by S. P. Zimmerman, "burlesque on Mark Antony's Oration." J. E. Gastiger then made a few brief remarks after which the band gave us another piece of music. It is in order to say that no preparations were made for this entertainment; yet everything undertaken was quite satisfactorily performed.

Mr. Kerr is a teacher of Perry county, and just accidentally dropped in with us. He is a book agent and seems to be alive to his profession. His recitations were very much appreciated.

Thus ended the first six months term for me. I thank the pupils and patrons of the school for every encouraging word and deed.

J. E. Blough,
Teacher.

Scalp Level, Pa. April 21, 1888.

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Immediately at the Glade House, Somerset, Penna., a first class cook, male or female. Liberal wages will be given to a competent person.

Excursion to California.

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Chas. O. Scull,
G. P. A. B. & O. R. R.

State Sanitary Convention.

All persons who desire to attend the Convention of Sanitarians, to be held at Lewisburg, Pa., under the auspices of the State Board of Health, of Pennsylvania, should apply for railroad certificates for reduced fare to the undersigned, stating which railroad will be used.

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I have just received a car load of choice White Oats (no mixture) and no advance in price.

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Successor to Josiah Keller.

A Government Officer as a Lottery Dealer.

The statement was published Thursday that Pension Agent Barclay held one-half of lottery ticket No. 12,615, which drew the capital prize of $150,000, the other half being held by Philadelphia workingmen. Mr. Barclay acknowledged the truth of the statement, and has placed the matter in the hands of the Adams Express Company. An inaccuracy is noted in the fact that the official announcement of the drawing says ticket No. 12,615 is held in Washington, D. C.

For Sale.

Eggs for hatching from prize winning S. C. Brown Leghorns and Bunny Strain. My breeding birds are from the yards of F. E. Orr and A. W. Adolph, Oxford, Ohio, and are prize takers, also a few Poland China pigs. Breeders recorded in the O. P. C. R.

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MARRIED.

FREY—NICHELSON.—On Sunday, April 15, 1888, at the residence of the bride's parents in Confluence, by G. G. Groff, Esq. Mr. David Frey, of Ohio Pyle to Miss Susanna Nicholson, of Confluence.

BITTNER—McCLINTOCK.—At Ottumwa, Iowa, on Thursday, April 12, 1888, by Rev. Teter, of the M. E. Church, Mr. Milton Bittner, of Dahlonega, to Miss Rachel McClintock, of Addison, Somerset Co., Pa.

The 'Squire's many friends congratulate him on capturing one of Somerset County's most esteemed school teachers.

DIED.

PHILLIPPI.—Peter G. Phillippi died on Tuesday, April 3, 1888, aged 60 years, 1 month and 7 days.

The deceased was for several years a citizen of Rockwood, and one of the leading members of the United Brethren Church here. He was confined to his bed for some time, and suffered intensely. His end was peace.

W. A. J.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Elizabeth, intermarried with Peter Bowman, residing in Elpaso, Woodford Co., Ill.:

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of George Kocher, dec'd, in Quemahoning Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Thursday, the 10th day of May next, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, Somerset, April 4, '88. E. S. McMILLEN, Sheriff.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS

GENERAL OFFICE

SALISBURY RAILROAD CO.,

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Salisbury Railroad Company will be held at the Monongahela House, in the City of Pittsburgh, on Monday May 7th next, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the election of a President and Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

apr25. J. R. WASHINGTON, Secretary.

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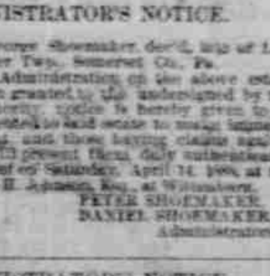

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

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 Lorenzo 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 9:30 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 same.

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

mar7. PETER SHOEMAKER, DANIEL SHOEMAKER, Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Michael Pepley, 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.

april. A. B. CLARK, Administrator.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Wm. Will, dec'd.

Letters testamentary 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, at the office of Colborn & Colborn in Somerset, Pa., on Friday, April 20, 1888.

mar7. PHILIP WILL, HENRY R. WILL, Executors.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Philip Nedrow, dec'd.

The undersigned having been appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County to make a distribution of the funds in the hands of Moses Beall, Executor of Philip Nedrow, dec'd, as well as the payments not yet due, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in Somerset Borough on Tuesday, the 10th day of April '88, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, when and where all parties interested can attend.

mar21. J. L. PUGH, Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Hiram Hyatt, deceased, late of Upper Turkeyfoot Township 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 to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, April 28, 1888, at the late residence of deceased.

mar21. JOSIAH HYATT, Administrator.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

— OF —

Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to the undersigned directed, they will expose to sale by public outcry on the premises in Elk Lick Township, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 1888,

at 1 o'clock p. m., the following real estate situate in said Township, late the property of William Burkholder, dec'd, adjoining lands of John D. Lichty, Widow Brishey, Adam Marker and Priscilla Burkholder, containing 32 acres and 67 perches. This is a desirable Timber Tract.

TERMS:

One-third to remain a lien for the widow after expenses are deducted; one-third in hand; balance in two equal annual payments, to be secured by judgment bond. 10 per cent of purchase money to be paid on day of sale.

mar28. JACOB BURKHOLDER, SAMUEL JUDY, Trustees.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Lena Streckoff, 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.

april1. JACOB PHILLIPPI, Administrator.

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CAUTION.

All persons are hereby notified and warned not to trust, harbor, nor give credit to my wife, Rose Ann Baker, as I will pay no debts contracted by said Rose Ann Baker, as she has left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation.

H. A. BAKER.

Black Township, April 18, 1888.—3t.