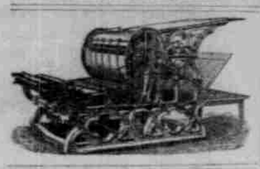
The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.



WEDNESDAY..... August 22, 1888.

See that you are registered.

The oats crop was immense.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Pure, sparkling, ice cold Soda Water at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The playing of ball on the streets by boys is fast becoming a nuisance.

The Republicans of Latrobe have erected a log cabin for headquarters.

Two large barns and their contents were destroyed by fire in Bedford County last week.

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

All persons having accounts on my books will please call and settle at once.

J. B. SNYDER.

September 6th is the last day on which voters can be registered. Republican workers, see that all Republicans are upon the list.

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

My books must be settled up before September 10th. All persons having accounts will please take notice.

J. B. SNYDER.

Thursday, September 6th is the last day for the registration of voters. Let every Republican committeeman attend to his duty of seeing that every Republican in his district is at once assessed.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSONS.

The fire cleaned me out on May 19th. Three months have passed since. A few have called to settle their accounts, but only a few out of the many. Now, don't put it off any longer. I need the money.

J. B. SNYDER.

Every Thursday until August 30th excursion tickets, good for fifteen days, to Cincinnati, Ohio, can be purchased at one and one-third fare for the round trip. For further information apply to

W. W. PICKING, T. P. A.,
Somerset, Pa.

I went through the fire and am still on my feet, and if you will call and pay the little account you owe me, I will go into business again in the beautiful room the Odd Fellows are building.

J. B. SNYDER.

I have always claimed patience as one of my virtues, but it is being severely tried by parties owing me book accounts, and not calling to settle. Now, I need the money. Don't put me off any longer.

J. B. SNYDER.

MEAT MARKET.—We have just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat Market, in which all meats can be kept sweet 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.

The beautiful building the Odd Fellows are putting up is nearing completion. I wish to go into business again at the old stand, but can't do it without money, so please call and pay me the small amount you owe on my books. Many small accounts make one large one.

J. B. SNYDER.

The following letters remaining in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the dead letter office if not called for within ten days from this date, August 22, 1888:

Borket, A. F.; Carson, Lizzie, (4); Garrett, Eldhno, (2); Goffner, Katie; Higgans & Bro., W. J.; Hay, Lizzie; Miller, Henry; Miller, Chas. L.; Nebouser, John; Reiter, C. H.; Rector, Elias; Reese, Ed.; Stahl, Emma B.; Shriebers, C.; Weighley, Ezra.

J. K. GREYBILL, P. M.

Dr. E. Lansford, V. S., Connellsville

Will be at Somerset the first Monday and Tuesday of each month, at the Somerset House, and will treat all diseases of horses, cattle, etc. Teeth dressed or extracted. Castration of Horses and Ridglings. Spavins and Ringbones successfully treated by actual cautery. All examinations free of charge. Come and see me.

E. LANSFORD, V. S.

Notice of Change of Borough Ordinance.

It is hereby agreed and ordered that Sec. 21 of the Ordinances of the Borough of Somerset, Somerset County, and State of Pennsylvania, be, and the same is, hereby repealed, and the following be, and the same is, hereby inserted instead thereof:

Section 21. Any person or persons, who shall ride or drive any horse or horses, mare or mares, gelding or geldings, mule or mules, on any of the streets or alleys of the Borough at a faster gait than a slow trot, which shall be construed to mean, not faster than a mile in ten minutes, or six miles an hour shall, on conviction thereof before the Burgess, pay a fine of not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars, together with all costs.

Enacted the 20 day of August, A. D. 1888.

Attest:—
L. C. COLBORN, Clerk. A. C. HOLLADAY, Burgess.

For Sale Cheap.

A bargain for some one in need of a piano or organ. A high-priced Steinway & Sons' piano, in use only a few years, will be sold very cheap. A Mason & Hamlin organ costing $300, and never used, will be sold for less than half cost. For particulars, call at the HERALD office.

Wanted!

Dealers and all to know we have a full line of rakes, both hand and self dump, which we offer at prices to suit the times. Agents wanted to sell the Walker Rakes. Address

W. F. WALKER,
Somerset, Pa.

For Rent.

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

The Lutheran Picnic.

The Third Annual Reunion of the Lutherans of Somerset County will be held at Yoder's Station, one mile east of Garrett, on Thursday, August 30, 1888. The B. and O. Railroad will run special trains, and tickets will be sold at low rates, as quoted below:

Leave	Time a. m.	Rate.
Connellsville	8:00	$1 00
Ohio Pyle	8:54	1 10
Confluence	8:56	.80
Ursina	9:00	.75
Pinkerton	9:16	.50
Casselman	9:25	.45
Rockwood	9:34	.30
Berlin	9:39	.35
Garrett	9:48	....
Johnstown	7:00	1 60
Hooversville	8:35	1 16
Stoystown	8:50	.95
Coleman	9:00	.85
Snyders	9:10	.70
Somerset	9:21	.60
Cumberland	8:00	1 30
Hyndman	8:23	.95
Williams	8:42	.75
Glencoe	8:57	.60
Meyersdale	9:10	.20
Salisbury	9:23	.20
West Salisbury	8:30	.40

Returning, train will leave Yoders for Cumberland at 5:30 p. m. For Johnstown and Connellsville at 6 p. m. Tickets will be sold on the train from all stations where there are no agents, and will be good to return August 31, 1888.

W. W. PICKING, T. P. A.

Mr. F. G. Parker, of Johnstown, spent Sunday with friends in Somerset.

The regular stated argument court commenced at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Young Republicans who voted on age last fall, must be assessed in order to vote this fall.

Mr. Joseph Warren Scull, of "Brush Hill," Westmoreland county, is the guest of the HERALD.

Mr. Will Endsley, of Johnstown, is spending his vacation at the family residence in Somerset.

Miss Lillian Hill, of Frederick, Pa., and Misses Frank and Isabella Scull, of Irwin, Pa., are the guests of Miss Louise O. Scull.

Just as soon as the present protracted rain fall lets up Jacob Zeigler will commence to lay the foundation for the soldiers' monument.

Hon. F. M. Kimmell is the Democratic nominee for Judge in Franklin county. Ex-Senator John Stewart is his Republican opponent.

Misses Mame and Emma Baer entertained a large number of their friends with the most elegant evening party given in Somerset for years, Tuesday.

A festival will be held under the auspices of the "Y." and M. W. C. T. U. on Saturday evening, August 25th, in the Court-house yard. All are invited.

Mr. Sam Warnock, wife and son, of Urbana, Ohio, are the guests of F. J. Kooser, Esq. Mrs. Warnock is the eldest daughter of Ross Forward, Esq.

County Superintendent Berkey has relinquished all hopes of securing the celebrated Brooklyn divine, T. DeWitt Talmage, to lecture before the teachers' institute.

Mr. George R. Flowers, Prothonotary of Westmoreland county, is spending a few days in Somerset. Mr. Flowers is quite a young man, and a very pleasant spoken one.

Mr. Norman B. Rems, wife and family, who have been guests at the Somerset House for the past ten weeks, departed Monday morning for a tour of the eastern watering places before returning to their Chicago home.

Mr. Ed. B. Scull and wife started this Tuesday morning on a Western trip that will embrace a tour of the lakes from Cleveland, Ohio, to Duluth, Minn., from there to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago and home.

Pensions have been granted to Jacob Harbaugh, *New Baltimore*; Alexander Ross, Sipesville, and Lavinia C., widow of John Reed, Stoystown. Increase of pension has been granted to Gillian Miller, Rockwood, and Jacob Witt, Cook's Mills.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather of the preceding two days, from one thousand to fifteen hundred people were in attendance at the camp-meeting of the Evangelical Church, Sunday. The excursion train from Johnstown was heavily loaded.

Mrs. Rebecca C. Meyers, widow of Hon. Emanuel J. Meyers, a former member of the State Legislature from this county, died at her home in Philadelphia at 5 p. m. Thursday, the 16th inst., aged 52 years. The deceased was a sister of George C. Lichty, of Somerset township.

Mr. Ira Kimmel, of Pittsburgh, son of Judge Charles A. Kimmel, is visiting friends in Somerset. The boys who fifteen years ago, just before Ira took up his residence in Pittsburgh, delighted in calling him "nine years old and gray-headed," find some difficulty in recognizing the tall and exceedingly handsome young man.

Farmer George C. Lichty, of Somerset township, is the owner of one of the handsomest Hambletonian colts that we have seen for many years. The dam is a handsome dark brown and the sire is Mr. Peter Hoffley's celebrated Alhambra. The colt gives promise of making a winner when it gets a little older.

We were shown several stalks of buckwheat the other day by John H. Huston, that he had plucked on the farm of Anthony Flickinger, Esq., of Brothersvalley township. It is a new variety to this locality—known as "Japanese buckwheat"—and is said to be of a superior quality and far more productive than the ordinary variety.

The latest applicant for the honor of being the youngest soldier to enlist from Bedford County in the late war is Benjamin F. Oliver, a son of Patterson Oliver, of Cumberland Valley Township. He enlisted in the Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry when he was but thirteen years of age, and served three years, three months and seventeen days.

As will be seen by their advertisement in another column, the members of the Somerset Driving Association, will hold the first of the series of fall meetings on September 17th, the day of the unveiling of the Soldiers Monument. While the purses offered are not very large, they are sufficient, for a starter, and we look for some good races, and lots of sport.

Chairman Uhl, of the Democratic county committee has requested us to state that the report that his son Russel had flopped to Harrison and Morton was untrue and the parties who circulated this report knew it to be false at the time they did so. Russel remains true to the faith of his fathers, but in spite of all this, we still have hopes of carrying Pennsylvania for Harrison and Morton.

A great many residents of Somerset availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the unfolding of a night-blooming cereus at the home of Joe Hratlier, one evening last week. The stalk had been tenderly nursed by its owner for five or six years, and he feels amply repaid for his care in the pleasure he afforded his many friends during the four or five hours the beautiful, sweet-scented flower continued its bloom.

The item in last week's HERALD recording the sale of a valuable tract of land by the owner, Noah Scott, Esq., of Ursina, to a syndicate of Pittsburgh capitalists who propose erecting a summer resort thereon, should have read 473 acres instead of 43 acres, and is located on the Crossbrum, not the Youghiogheny river. This is but a portion of the tract of more than 3,000 acres owned by Mr. Scott in the same locality, the greater portion of which is valuable timberland.

Cook & Beerits, the grocers and feed dealers, have decided to relieve Main cross street—the principle business street of the town—of the delapidated old shanties adjoining their handsome block—that have been so long a time an eye sore to the public. They propose erecting a building with a frontage of 41 feet and 134 feet deep, extending back to the Hoffman lot. 34 feet will be built two-stories high and 100 feet one story. The building will contain two store rooms. One 28½ feet front and 134 deep, and the other 12½ feet front and 34 feet deep. Offices will be made of the upper story. Operations will be commenced in the course of a few days and the buildings pushed rapidly to completion. The builders confidently expect to have it ready for occupancy by January 1st, when, it is rumored, a prominent hardware dealer will take possession of the large store room, and Davis Brothers will occupy the smaller with their meat market.

This Tuesday morning, workmen commenced tearing down the old "Sangle House" stable, for a long time used as a warehouse by the owners, Cook & Beerits, who propose erecting a fire-proof brick building on its site immediately and connecting with the ware-room adjoining, erected by them several years ago.

When the contemplated additions to the block have been completed Cook & Beerits will have one of the largest and most substantially built business structures in this section of the state.

The School Directors' Convention.

In answer to a published call for a meeting of the school directors of Somerset county, twenty-six out of a total of thirty-five local boards were represented, when the Convention was called to order by the President, L. C. Colborn, Esq., at 2 o'clock, p. m., on Thursday afternoon, in the court-room. Mr. Colborn expressed his gratification at the large representation, who had come together in accordance with a resolution offered by F. J. Kooser, Esq., on Directors' Day of Teachers' Institute, held last December. On completion of roll-call Capt. Wm. H. Sanner, who was on the programme for an welcoming address, remarked that addresses of that character are, as a rule, very tiresome, and that he proposed being brief. He presumed "the directors had been called together for practical work—to elevate the common school system in Somerset county. It is the director's duty to devise ways and means that our schools may be beautified, and education advanced." He paid his compliments to the book agents present, "who, like the poor, are always with us."

The response of Col. Yutzy, of the Ursina board, was as brief, as happy, and to the point, as was Capt. Sanner's address.

S. J. McKenzie, of the Summit board, then delivered a most intelligent and interesting address on "Text-books, and County Uniformity." The interest of his hearers was thoroughly aroused during his half-hour's talk, and he impressed all with the fact that he had that diversified question well in hand. He pointed out the great injustice done the children of poor parents under the present abominable system, and earnestly advocated uniformity. He declared his belief in the free text-book system, but recognizing the fact that the times are not yet ripe for the agitation of that question, recommended that a committee be appointed to advise and recommend on the question of uniformity of text-books at a future meeting. In closing Mr. McKenzie directed the attention of directors to two articles in the *School Journal*, on the free text-book question, the first by State Superintendent Higbee, he designed as "Theory," and the other by ex-Superintendent Wickersham, as "Fact."

Capt. Sanner then offered the following resolution, as amended by Mr. Kooser:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be elected, whose duty it shall be to proceed with as little delay as possible, to make a careful examination of the standard text-books, and select therefrom with special reference to the text-books now in general or extensive use in the various districts of the county—such books, as in their judgment will be best suited to the schools of Somerset County, and recommend to the director of all the districts the adoption of the same. Also, to secure from the publisher, or publishers, the best terms upon which the said books can be had.

Col. Yutzy spoke earnestly in favor of the adoption of the resolution and thought that with intelligent and diligent work on the part of the committee the taxpayers of the districts would soon be relieved, in a great measure, of the heavy burden put upon them by the present system. Several other brief addresses were made in behalf of the resolution, which was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The Convention then proceeded to elect members of the committee, with the following result: Capt. W. H. Sanner, Somerset; Col. E. D. Yutzy, Ursina; S. J. McKenzie, Summit; J. M. Lininger, Addison; Capt. Albert Hoffley, Berlin; E. D. Miller, Rockwood; M. A. Brubaker, Shade. County Superintendent Berkey was elected an honorary member of the committee. The committee met after the adjournment of convention and effected an organization by electing County Superintendent Berkey, *ex officio* President; Capt. W. H. Sanner, Vice President and Secretary. The committee, after organization, adjourned to meet at Rockwood August 30th, when they hope to be able to furnish a report and recommendations for publication.

At the evening session of the convention Dr. S. S. Good, of Meyersdale, delivered an instructive address on "Hygiene." He was requested to prepare an address on the same subject, to be delivered before the Teachers' Institute on Directors' Day. The question of school apparatus was referred to the committee on text-books.

The closing address—"General School Work"—was delivered by the County Superintendent.

The convention then adjourned to meet on call of the County Superintendent.

How He Worked the Innocents at Bedford.

The street fakir who so pleasantly entertained a select crowd of Somerset's citizens some ten days ago, turned up at Bedford last week and, according to the *Inquirer*, played his little game as follows:

A well-dressed man drove up Juliana street on Friday afternoon, in a carriage belonging to a local liveryman, and announced that a free exhibition was to be given on the Washington House corner, inviting all to witness his feats of tooth-pulling, ventriloquism, mesmerism, etc. He soon had a crowd collected around his carriage. He then made known his real business by unpacking a large amount of suede jewelry and tin watches. He began the performance by selling cuff-buttons at 25 cents each and taking them back at 50 cents. It was the old game. It worked like a charm.

The "suckers" were getting excited and the fisherman saw it. One alleging bad luck after another was thrown out, until at last he considered it time to make a draw. Taking a lot of "things" heralded "watches" from his satchel, he pretended to place under the lid of each one a ten-dollar bill. He then offered to sell the watches at ten dollars each. This was the bait. The "suckers" were wild. It is almost useless to add that in a few minutes he succeeded in hauling in a string of "suckers" that netted him between $150 and $200. A large roll of bills, amounting probably to two or three thousand dollars, which he conspicuously displayed, had much to do with whetting the expectancy of those gullible mortals who are thoughtless enough to hope to beat a fakir at his own game. After he secured all the boodle he could, W. C. Smith, Esq., having gotten into an altercation with one of his "Peter Funks," by exposing the game, he coolly bade his victims good bye and had the liveryman drive him to the station, where he took passage on the 4:05 p. m. train.

The Altoona *Tribune* of Monday, after describing the tricks of the nefarious fraud in Huntingdon, says:

After disposing of his worthless jewelry and securing about $400 from his too-confiding patrons, he gave the whip to his horses and dashed away to the depot just as the Day Express was pulling out. He and his female companion took passage on the train for Lewistown. Three of his victims in Huntingdon—Matthew Knode, James Corbin and William Lloyd—followed Dalton to Lewistown, and on demanding the return of their money he threatened to shoot them, whereupon they swore out a warrant for his arrest. On the road to the justice's office Dalton struck Mr Knodem a blow from behind. Another warrant was then sworn out against Dalton on the charge of assault and when $500 bail was demanded of him he asked to be excused until he could escort his wife to the depot, which was granted, the constable going with him. When the train had pulled out of the station Dalton gave the officer a push and forced him from the platform, and then entered the car.

The September *Forum*, (which being the sixth volume) will contain a review of the Republican National platform from a Democratic point of view, by Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky. Plank after plank is taken up and discussed by the light of the Republican party's record. To this number the Marquis of Lorne will contribute a study of the Government of the United States, the result of his observations while he was Governor-General of Canada. He writes with enthusiasm about many features of our Government, and points out several reasons why he regards a republican government as stable. The third of the series of economic articles which convey the latest investigations of Mr. Edward Atkinson into the condition of American capital and labor, is the most instructive that he has yet written. He shows by diagrams how the wage-worker in the United States has steadily advanced, and how capital continues to receive a diminishing return. The Rev. Dr. Munger, perhaps the leading Congregational preacher in New England, will point out the benefits that religion has received from the death of many superstitions caused by the scientific spirit of the time. There will be seven other articles in the initial number of this new volume on such subjects as "Social Discontent," the "Effect of High Explosives in Changing the Methods of War," the "Management of Railways," the "Public Schools," and the "Increase of the Alcoholic Habit."

It is expected that the Disciples' meeting house will be in condition to hold services in next Sunday. The building has been thoroughly overhauled, the auditorium having been re-papered, painted and carpeted, and a new floor placed in the Sunday-school room, while the library and class rooms have been removed to the far end of the building. Other improvements to the church property are contemplated, and while old things are being made new, why not do away with the tuning fork and place a musical instrument in the audience room. It would certainly be of great assistance to the choir, although its sweet strains might grate harshly on the ears of some few of the older members of the congregation for a little while.

Somerset was almost depopulated, but not entirely bereft of its boasted youth and beauty Wednesday, when all of the local vehicles that run on wheels could have been found rolling over the intervening hills and valleys, bearing their tender and precious freight to famous "White Horse," from whence one of the most commanding prospects of the Allegheniies lies open beneath. "White Horse" derives its name from the old stone tavern that stands on the eastern brow of an abrupt mountain spur of the same name. The old hostlery is now in a most deplorable condition, inhabited by a decrepit old female, who bears all the outward characteristics of the dreaded witch, though in its day—before railroads pierced the mountain's back—it sheltered the princes of the land, and boasted of having entertained the great English novelist, Thackery, 'neath its roof, and its landlord was wont to point with pride to the pages in "The Virginians" that described the marvelous and beautiful landscape thereabouts. The occasion was the annual basket picnic, and the following young ladies and gentlemen were present:

J. F. Harris, Philadelphia; Miss Willie Johnson, Cambridge, Md.; Misses Ella and Nan Brubaker, Somerset; Frank Cunningham, Somerset; Miss Estelle Weimer, Cumberland, Md.; Misses Lucy Heffley and Flora Snyder, Somerset; J. W. Scull, Irwin, Pa.; Miss Lillian Hill, Frederick, Pa.; N. G. Keim, Somerset; Miss Celia Eschbaum, Akron, O.; Misses Mame Weimer, Mame Endsley and Paul Schell, Somerset; Misses Grace Griffith and Cora Green, Johnstown; Misses Florence Snyder, Emma Kooser, Edith Schell and George Benford, Somerset; Miss Hattie Livengood, Washington, D. C.; Ed. Love, Joe Love, Miss Dari Holderbaum, Somerset; Misses Minnie Heffley and Frances Game, Winchester, Miss Marian Frease, Will W. Picking, Misses Kit Endsley, Ella Musselman, Dari Brubaker, Grace Picking, Mame Baer, Leona Hay, Ida Musselman, Somerset; Miss Ada Court, Greensburg; J. Col. Lowry, Job. S. Snyder, Misses Annie Uhl and Emma Baer, Somerset; Miss Jessie Jordan, Mt. Pleasant; J. E. Herr, Oil City; Miss Mattie Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Miss Daisy Jamison, Piedmont, W. Va.; Miss Mame Uhl, Robert S. Scull, Mrs. F. W. Biesecker, Miss Carrie Brubaker, Somerset; Miss Gussie Jones, Houston, Texas; Miss Frank Scull, Irwin, Pa.; Miss Marta Johnson, Cambridge, Md.

Republican Pole Raising.

Quite a large crowd of Republicans from different sections of the county gathered in Somerset Saturday to assist in raising a Harrison and Morton pole. The rain came down steadily during the fore part of the day, and it was thought that the raising would have to be postponed until about four o'clock in the afternoon, when the rain ceased, the skies cleared and it was decided that the pole should go up at once. By this time many who had come from a distance had started home. Several hundred enthusiastic Republicans, however, assembled at the east end of Main street and under the supervision and direction of Mr. John H. Huston placed the pole in position with the least possible delay, and without the slightest mishap. The pole is 130 feet out of ground, is straight as an arrow, and is painted the popular Republican colors, red, white and blue. The Sons of Veterans' Drum Corp, furnished some excellent music while the work was being done. Owing to the inclemency of the weather the speech making had to be deferred to some future time.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Shannon Young and Lavina Bebes, both of Somerset county.

Isaac Brallier, of Scottdale, Westmoreland county, and Missouri Friedline, of Somerset.

Irwin S. Saunaker and Theresa A. Roads, both of Somerset township.

William A. Ringler and Mary M. Miller, both of Stonycreek township.

Alexander B. Johnston and Joanna E. Kelms, both of Youngstown, Penn'a.

Wellington C. Bloom and Elizabeth Huff, both of Wellersburg.

Alexander Bishaugh and Missouri Tressler, both of Lower Turkeyfoot township.

Judson E. Herring and Annie Blough, both of Quemahoning township.

Robert Guthrie, Jr., of Meyersdale, and Lowena Camp, of Garrett county Md.

The Pennsylvania R. R. to Parallel the South Penn Line.

The Pittsburgh *Times* of Monday says: The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has in contemplation the building of a line through the southern central portion of the State, which will be gradually extended until it connects with the Southwest Pennsylvania and will parallel the contemplated South Penn Railway. Col. Peter Ahl, one of the projectors of the South Penn, and who with his brother, Daniel Ahl, lost very heavily in the venture, on Saturday stated that a number of wealthy Cumberland and Perry county citizens, despairing of the construction of the South Penn, have, during the spring and summer, been negotiating with the Pennsylvania Railroad officials to induce them to build a road. As a result the capitalists subscribed $15,000 for preliminary expenses, and a careful survey has been made and reliable estimates secured as to the cost of constructing the line.

OFFICIALS TO EXAMINE THE LINE.

President Roberts, several directors and a corps of engineers are this week to go over the proposed line and make a personal examination.

The new line is to begin at Newville, a little town 20 miles from Harrisburg, on the Cumberland Valley Railroad. Thence it will run along a little creek due west, and on the opposite side of the South Penn survey. Nine miles west the line will strike the Allegheny mountains, at Doubling Gap. Here is a commanding mountain, and on one side is a tremendous beetling crag, jutting out over the plain which commands a view of 40 miles up and down the Cumberland valley.

The railroad company contemplates building an incline to the top of the mountain and erecting a hotel similar to Cresson. This is especially practicable since a number of mineral springs have been lately discovered on the mountain summit.

The line on leaving this place continues up the Gap six miles and then tunnels five ranges of mountains, coming out on the Conneguigig Creek, and thence continuing west 150 miles, where the survey stops. The estimate of cost puts the average expenditure for construction at $18,000 per mile. In no place does it run over $20,000 per mile. The new line would tap one of the richest timber belts in the State, and open up what is now an almost inaccessible coal field.

THE SOUTH PENN BOUNTIFUL.

Concerning the recent South Penn agreement, by which the Vanderbilts were to sell $10,000,000 stock to build the road, Col. Ahl says the Vanderbilts have not done so and that there is a serious collision between them and the western stockholders, which makes any present prospect of a resumption of work on the line more than doubtful. None of the rail mills have started work on the orders given them, as there is as yet no money available for their payment.

Congressman McKinley Off for Atlanta.

Congressman McKinley left Washington Sunday night for Georgia, where he will attend the Chautauqua and make some strong Protection speeches. Mr. McKinley was accompanied by Gen. H. V. Boynton and Mr. George H. Walker, and went in a special car provided by Senator Brown, of Georgia, escorted by Col. A. F. Buck and ex-Governor R. B. Bullock, of that State, a committee sent to Washington for that purpose.

THE SOUTH PENNSYLVANIA.

A History of Hope Deferred—Stories of the Pennsylvania Dutch.

From the New York Sunday Tribune.

The much-discussed South Pennsylvania Railroad, if it is ever completed, will run through some of the wildest and most picturesque territory in the State. The grading on the section that crosses Somerset County was nearly finished before work was suspended, two years ago, when the famous "deal" was completed between the Vanderbilts and the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, by which the New-York Central Company gained control of the West Shore Railroad, and the Pennsylvania Company was to have taken possession of the South Pennsylvania. The courts stepped in at this juncture, however, and defeated the last part of the programme. The history of the road, since the courts first interfered, is familiar to the public. Every court that has had anything to do with the case has decided that the road parallels the Pennsylvania Railroad, and that, consequently according to the laws of Pennsylvania, the latter cannot buy it. Periodically there appear stories to the effect that the South Pennsylvania is to be completed in the near future, and thousands of friends of the enterprise have sincerely wished to see these promises materialize, but any one who will take the trouble to look over the files of the newspaper will find that the same kind of stories have appeared at intervals ever since the courts first decided that the road could not be bought by the Pennsylvania Company; and people that have hoped almost against hope for the completion of the road, have begun to grow sceptical about their hopes ever becoming realities. The road-bed is graded at a great altitude, and the railroad, should it ever be completed, would become famous for its magnificent scenery.

FOUR TUNNELS IN THIRTY MILES.

Where it enters Somerset County from the east, a tunnel over a mile long cuts through the backbone of the Allegheny Mountains at an altitude of about 2,300 feet above sea-level. Ten miles farther on, Negro Mountain is pierced by a tunnel 1,320 feet long; six or eight miles beyond, a 1,700 foot tunnel goes through another Quemahoning ridge and the road leaves the county on the west by piercing Laurel Hill with a tunnel about a mile and a quarter in length. Besides these four tunnels in less than 30 miles, in this picturesque county, there are many deep and high embankments; some of the cuts are 75 feet deep, and the embankments from 70 to 100 feet high. These miniature hills and valleys cut up the farms with impassable barriers, and isolate one part of the farm lands from the other; causing the farmers no end of permanent annoyance, and as they do not receive any benefit in the way of transportation facilities, the farmers are naturally bitter in their denunciation of methods that make such a state of affairs possible. The farming portion of the inhabitants of the county are for the most part, Pennsylvania Dutch; and some of them are as quaint, and as old too, one would think to look at them, as the hills on which they live. They are a hard-working set, rising before daylight and working until after dark; their greatest complaint, before the railroad was partially finished to furnish them with a new grievance, was that the days were not long enough. Each farmer has his "coal hole," where he digs out for his own use, the veins of coal often cropping out of the top of the ground, and many veins of coal several feet in thickness were struck in the tunnels and cuts of the new railroad. The embankment made from the excavations in Negro Mountain tunnel was almost entirely of coal, and the engineers expressed a fear that it would some day catch fire and entirely burn up. Many of the inhabitants have never been out of the county, some have never even seen a railroad train, and more have never had a ride on one. Some of the more ignorant ones have heard of the large cities in an indefinite way, and have about such an idea of them as the average New-Yorker has of the "realms beyond the skies." They are nearly all Dunkers in their religion, and hold their love-feasts, where they wash each other's feet; and the ministers, whom the members of each church elect from among their number to teach them, may be seen six days in the week ploughing in his fields, and on the seventh exhorting them in the picturesque churches, many of which are built in the woods, where the only sounds that disturb the solemnity of their worship is the chirp of the chip munk, the whistle of a squirrel, or the singing of birds.

THE LEGEND OF THE HAUNTED TREASURE.

Some strange legends are told the occasional visitors to those parts. One in particular was causing considerable excitement at the time of the writer's visit. Long years ago, so the story runs, five men came across the mountains from the East. In a particularly wild region, that is even now never visited except by exploring parties they discovered a pocket of gold in the rocks, and they stayed there several months melting it up and putting it into convenient shape to carry. One bad spirit among them conceived the idea of killing his companions and returning East with all of the gold. So he laid a trap by which three of them were killed in different parts of the woods around the camp. The last of the four, the father of a family, the descendants of whom are still living in the neighborhood, was a giant in size and strength, and though badly wounded by the murderer, he had enough strength left to kill his assailant. He then managed to drag himself to a mountain road several miles away, and luckily fell in with a passing emigrant train. What explanation he made to account for his strange position is not told. He never recovered, however, but wrote a letter to his son, who was in the East, and as a dying request asked the emigrant to swear that he would deliver the letter intact to his son. This was done several years afterward, and after a year or two of delay, the son came out and found the place where his father had met his death, and in exploring about the place found the four bleached skeletons of his father's companions and the gold. He was greatly excited, and began picking up the gold bars, which were in a crevice of a rock, when the rock's suddenly became hot, and a blue flame shot out of the crevice. He jumped back, and as he did so heard a great disturbance in the air and bushes close to him, but could see nothing. He was greatly alarmed, and started to run away, when a voice called after him, seemingly from the air, and told him it was his father's spirit, and that the reason he had been disturbed was that the spirits of the murdered men had become jealous that his posterity alone should receive the benefit of the gold; but if he would come back the next year, at the same time, he thought the others would by that time consent to his taking it. This he did, and the next year, and for many years after, he went to the mountains all alone, but the other spirits still refused to let him have the gold." As years went by, he grew old and feeble and likely to die, and he felt unable to make the trip during the coming June, so he called his only son, and made him acquainted with the story. The old man died soon after, and the son made the yearly trips to the mountains, but with the same disappointing results that his father had met. So the story and legacy have been handed down for several generations, and the direct decendants, of whom there are now but five, still continue to make the trip to the mountains every June. They had just returned when they told the writer the story, though it is common property in the neighborhood and he had heard it before and they insisted that they had seen the gold and were about to pick it up when the rocks again became hot and a blue flame shot out of the crevice, and again they heard the spirit pow-wow in the air and bushes, and were told to "come again."

Readers of the HERALD will recall the story of the gold hunters and their pow-wow with spirits, that appeared in these columns two years ago, just after Jacob Thomas and his comrades returned from their fruitless search in the mountain above Jennerstown.

Queensware and Glassware.

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

Pennsylvania Reserves.

The Pennsylvania Reserve meeting at Bloomsburg, Pa., on Grand Army Day, September 6th, promises to be an unusually large and interesting gathering. It will be interesting for all Reserves to go because, besides the opportunity of meeting comrades not seen since the war, the monument question will receive particular attention and important action will be taken.

A Fine Piano.

Messrs. Hohmann Bros., of Johnstown, have placed in the residence of W. H. Ruppel, Esq., one of the finest pianos in the county. It is of the celebrated Sohmer & Co.'s makt, and is what is known as style 9—Baby Grand. Hohmann Bros. control the agency for these celebrated pianos for Somerset, Cambria, Bedford and Blair counties, in this State, and all of Western Maryland. We call attention to their "ad." in another column.

Don't Marry During Leap Year.

It is a singular fact that there has not been a single marriage license granted to people of Amish religious persuasion during the present year. The alleged reason is that people of that society do not marry during leap year. Why this is so must be left to conjecture. During the closing days of 1887 there were a great many licenses granted to members of the Amish Church, but since that time they have ceased entirely.—*Lancaster Enquirer.*

The South Penn in a Rut.

"No action has been taken by those interested looking to a commencement of the work of construction of the South Penn road," said Ralph Bagaley when asked if there was any prospects of the railroad being begun in the near future. "In fact, there is nothing new concerning the road at all. As for the building of the line, I don't know when it will begin. I am sorry there isn't more news to tell you about it, but there isn't. Those interested in the affairs of the road do not want any news to get into the papers concerning it. I don't know why, but they probably have reasons of their own."

Some South Penn Contingencies.

"Should the South Penn road ever be built," said a railroad man yesterday, "it is more than likely that President Newell, of the Lake Erie and Lake Shore roads, as the representative of the Vanderbilt interests in the West, will have charge of the new line. In that event the present officers of the Lake Erie will, in all probability, become the managers of the South Penn. President Newell and the Lake Erie people are anxious to see the line built. It will be a most excellent Eastern and Southern outlook for the booming little road. The Pennsylvania can easily be connected with the South Penn in the coke country, and as these roads are controlled by the Vanderbilts, the new system would indeed be a strong rival to the Pennsylvania. As soon as the trade, which has really never taken place, by which the Vanderbilts were to secure the Pennsylvania interest in the West Shore, and the Pennsylvania road the stock of the Vanderbilts in the South Penn, can be broken off then the work will be resumed on the new line."

A Family Reunion.

Saturday, August 11th, was the 50th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. Jacob Berkeybile, of Shade Township, on which occasion the sons and daughters took their father by surprise by having a family reunion at his home. There were present: Dr. John K. Berkeybile, of Millstadt, Ill.; Alex. Berkeybile, of Berlin, and Norman Berkeybile, of Shade Township; David I. Berkeybile, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Von Innen, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Silck, and Samuel Geisel, of Johnstown, and Mr. and Mrs. Clark Beam, of Latrobe. Among the presents was a very easy rocking chair. Mr. Berkeybile is hale and hearty for a man of his age. The whole family were hospitably entertained by Mr. Norman Berkeybile on the old homestead in Shade Township.

Game Laws.

As the open season for game is now approaching, we append a synopsis of all the laws for Pennsylvania. Heavy penalties are attached for their violation:

Elks and deer, October 1 to December 15; but owing to an error, it is illegal to have deer in possession after November 30. The killing of fawns when in spotted coat, chasing of elks or deer with hounds, and the killing of deer when in the water prohibited. Squirrels, September 1 to January 1. Hares or rabbits, November 1 to January 1. Hunting or killing of rabbits with ferrets prohibited. Wild turkeys, October 15 to January 1. Plovers, July 15 to January 1. Woodcocks, July 4 to January 1. Quails, October 15 to December 15. Ruffed and pinnated grouse, October 1 to January 1. Rails or reed birds September 1 to December 1. Wildfowls, September 1 to May 1. Insectivorous birds altogether protected, except English sparrows. Pigeon nestings protected against firearms to a radius of one-fourth mile from roosting or breeding places, and penalty for disturbance in any manner while nesting and snaring or netting for the purpose of killing during the nesting season. Snaring, netting or catching of game birds by torchlight prohibited. Sunday hunting and shooting prohibited. Shooting of wildfowl limited to use of shoulder gun alone. Salmon and speckled trout, April 15 to July 15. Lake trout, January 1 to October 1. Black, green, yellow, willow, rock, Lake Erie and grass bass, pike, pickerel and wall eye pike, or Susquehanna salmon, June 1 to January 1.

Lutheran Reunion.

The third annual reunion of the Lutherans of Somerset County, Pa., will be held at Yoder's station, B. & O. Railroad, on Thursday, August 30, 1888. Following is the programme:

Morning, beginning at 10 o'clock. Music.
Prayer. R. A. Fink, D. D.
Music.
Address, by Rev. F. W. Conrad, D. D., of Philadelphia. Subject—"Church Love."
Music.
Dinner.
Music from Augsburg Songs, conducted by W. H. Ruppel, Esq.
Dinner will be furnished at 25 cents by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Meyersdale Lutheran Church.
Afternoon, beginning at 2 o'clock. Music.
Address, by Prof. C. L. Keedy, of Hagerstown, Md.—Subject, "Woman's Work in the Lutheran Church."
Music.
Voluntary addresses, by visiting ministers.
Music.
Benediction.

REV. J. H. ZINN,
REV. C. B. GRUBER,
SAM'L PHILSON,
PHILIP SMITH,
G. G. GROFF,
Committee.

Campmeeting Excursions.

The B. & O. Railroad will have another special excursion train from Johnstown to the Somerset campmeeting on Sunday next the 26., and will sell excursion