The Somerset Herald.

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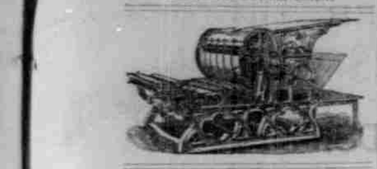

WEDNESDAY..... August 29, 1888.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

One of the largest crops of oats ever harvested in northwestern Pennsylvania is being garnered.

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.

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

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

J. B. SNYDER.

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 fire cleaned me out on May 16th. 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 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.

ROSE 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.

During a thunder storm recently five horses belonging to James McClintock, a farmer living near McKeesport, were killed. The animals had huddled together with their necks protruding over a wire fence, when a bolt of lightning struck the wire, instantly killing all of the five horses. A sixth, standing a few feet away, was severely shocked.

Any assessor of the county who fails in the performance of his duty as assessor is liable to a penalty of $100, and any assessor who willfully refuses to assess any one qualified as a voter is guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction is liable to a fine of $1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both fine and imprisonment, at the discretion of the court, and also be subject to an action for damages by the party aggrieved.

Miss Lena Loeb, the electric girl, is attending the Spiritualists' campmeeting at Clinton, Iowa, and is astonishing people with her wonderful powers. Though weighing but ninety pounds and only 16 years old, she pushed five strong men at once in daylight, and held a man weighing 300 pounds suspended from the floor in a chair, though ten other men were pulling down on the chair so strongly that it was pulled to pieces. Her other feats are equally wonderful.

Many people have wondered where the expression "log cabin and hard cider," used in the Harrison campaign, originated. From a Harrison almanac we learn that an unlucky stump speech said that "Harrison is a poor old man who lives in a log cabin and has nothing betterto drink than hard cider." This expression was taken up by Harrison's friends, and proved a great campaign card for the General.

While the English people are talking so much about their fast railway time it will not be amiss to call attention to some quick time in this country. Last Wednesday, a week ago, the wife of G. B. Markle, the millionaire coal-operator of Jeddo, Luzerne County, Pa., was at Portland, Oregon, notified of the fatal illness of her husband. She left Portland on a special train over the Northern Pacific Road Wednesday noon, and at Chicago made connection with the Pennsylvania limited express to Philadelphia and there was met by the director's car of the Lehigh Valley Road, which hurried her to Jeddo, where she arrived at 6:25 Saturday evening. The entire distance of over 3,000 miles was covered in eighty hours or less than three days and a half.

They Never Fail.

NO. 2 FULTON MARKET, N. Y. CITY, January 26, 1884.

I have been using Brandreth's Pills for the last ten years. They are a wonderful medicine. There is nothing equal to them as Blood Purifiers and Liver Regulators. But I wish to state how remarkably they cure rheumatism, and how easily. I was affected by rheumatism of the legs. My business, (wholesale fish dealer) naturally leads me to damp places. I was so bad I could not walk and at night I suffered fearfully. I tried Balsams, Sarsaparillas, and all kinds of tinctures, but they did me no good, and I was afraid of being a cripple. I finally commenced using Brandreth's Pills. I took two every night for ten nights, then I began to improve. I continued taking them for forty days, and I got entirely well. Now, whenever sick, I take Brandreth's Pills. They never fail to cure.

J. N. HARRIS.

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 1st day of August, A. D. 1888.

Attest:—

L. C. COLBORN, Clerk. A. C. HOLBERT, 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 $200, 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.

Dog days are over for this year.

The squirrel season opened Saturday.

The oyster will soon be jerked from the sad sea wave.

Thrashing now occupies the time of many of our farmers.

Adam Forepaugh's great circus will show at Johnstown on October 5th.

Don't fail to hear the Johnstown Octette, at the Opera House Friday night.

Judge Baer left Somerset Sunday, to hold a three weeks' term of Court at Bedford.

Mr. David Pile has gone to Philadelphia for a few week's visit to his son, Dr. Pile.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Gebhart, of Dayton, Ohio, are visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. John Beaver, of Philadelphia, Pa., are the guests of Mrs. Beaver's sister, Mrs. H. L. Baer.

The reunion of Somerset County Lutherans at Yoder's station on Thursday, promises to be an immense gathering.

A goodly number of our people attended camp meeting on Sunday. The liverymen and hackmen enjoyed a harvest.

A game of base ball between printers and cigar rollers Saturday, resulted in an over whelming victory for the former.

Miss Ella Butler, daughter of Dr. James G. Butler, chaplain of the U. S. Senate, is a guest at the residence of Dr. Brubaker.

The present protracted wet spell is proving very injurious to the oats crop, a great deal of which has not yet been harvested.

If the farmer would keep a base ball bat behind the door for the "sign your name" fiend there would be fewer of them traveling.

Increase of pension has been granted to Abraham A. Miller, Meyersdale; Aaron Shaffer, Stoystown; and Thomas Robinson, Ogle.

Johnstown Octette, assisted by Miss Sue Morley and Mr. W. H. Stevens, at the Opera House, Friday evening, come highly recommended.

The Johnstown Octette, who will give a concert at the Opera House Friday evening, promise one of the best entertainments of the season.

Cook & Beerits have a large force of men employed in hauling away rubbish, and digging trenches for the foundation for their new addition.

George C. Lichty, Esq., returned from Philadelphia Saturday evening, where he had been called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Emanuel Meyers.

A large representation from the Somerset Masonic Order will be present at the cornerstone laying of the new Masonic Temple in Pittsburg, on September 11th.

Hon. A. H. Coffroth and J. H. Uhl, Chairman of the Democratic County Committee, are in Harrisburg attending a meeting of the Democratic State Committee.

The race course of the Gentlemen's Driving Association is being leveled up and rolled, preparatory to the meeting of Somerset county horses, on the 17th of September.

The storm is over now, the floods have subsided, and it is in order to look after the matter of registration. Are you registered? Next Tuesday, September 6th, is the last day.

The camp-meeting of the Evangelical Association was well attended throughout the week, the largest number being present Sunday night to participate in the closing exercises.

Wm. S. Kregar, Esq., removed his family to Allegheny City Monday morning, where he is engaged on the Pittsburgh side of the bridge, as salesman with a large wholesale grocery establishment.

Hon. A. J. Colborn has accepted an invitation from Chairman Cooper to speak at the opening meeting of the campaign in this State, to be held at Brookville, Jefferson county, on the evening of September 4th.

The Disciples' congregation were disappointed in not being able to hold services in their meeting house last Lord's day. We have been requested to announce that services will be held in it the coming Sunday.

Mrs. Lottie Kimmel, of Sharpsville, Mercer county, has been visiting among her many friends in town for the past week. Thursday morning she leaves with a party of friends for a ten days' excursion to Atlantic City.

Miss Agnes Wells and Miss S. S. Scull, of Steubenville, Ohio, stopped off at Somerset Monday evening, for a few days stay on their return from New York, where they had been as delegates to the Florist's Annual Convention.

A. J. Hileman, Esq., the faithful and efficient clerk to the board of county commissioners, left Monday morning for a week's visit among his old-time friends in Addison. No man in the county deserves a vacation more than "Jack."

Samuel Gaither, Esq., is the oldest living member of the Somerset bar. He was born in 1806, and was admitted to the bar January 31, 1838. Next to Mr. Gaither comes Col. Isaac Hinges, who was born in 1814 and was admitted to the bar April 29, 1840.

The Republicans of Stonycreek Township are fast getting things in shape for the campaign. They had two pole raisings in the east end of the township last week, one at Downey and one at Boone. Local speakers addressed the large crowd on each occasion and the Walker band furnished the music.

Colonel Yutzy, who is held in great esteem by our soldier boys, and who was given up for dead three or four times the past two years, is, we are glad to know, about again, and sufficiently recovered to actively participate in the meeting of the School Directors in Somerset County last week.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Daniel S. Milller, whose many friends delight in calling him "Judge Miller," takes a merited pride in his handiwork as shown in the elaborate stone trimmings of the Scull-Coffroth and Odd Fellows' buildings. It is decidedly the neatest and handsomest masonry in the county, and many are the compliments that are daily showered on the skilled workman.

George Heffley, Esq., died at Berlin on Saturday, the 25th inst, in the 81st year of his age. Mr. Heffley was born in Berlin, and resided there all his life. He was an earnest and sincere Christian, and had during his life gained the love and esteem of all his neighbors and acquaintances. He leaves a sorrowing widow and a large number of children, among them Peter and Henry Heffley, Mrs. John Meghan and Mrs. John H. Uhl, of Somerset, to mourn their loss.

J. Col. Lowry, Esq., has received a letter from Senator Quay, Chairman of the National Republican Committee, urging him to lend his voice in behalf of Harrison and Morton, and requesting him to select his own territory for speaking. Mr. Lowry is recognized among his friends as a public speaker of far more than average ability, and they will be glad to learn that his reputation has outgrown the limits of his own county.

"Johnny" Moore, known and liked by all the older residents of the county, died at the county farm Friday last, and was quietly interred on the Sabbath. John Moore was known as one of the dare-devil teamsters on the old Pittsburgh and Bedford pike and many of his adventures and hardships are still current among the people. John Moore had lived longer than the allotted three score years and ten, but the announcement of his death will call forth many expressions of sorrow from those who knew him, and delighted in his song and story.

Death of Col. John R. Edie.

Col. John R. Edie, after a long illness gave up the weary struggle with life and passed into the great beyond shortly after two o'clock, Monday afternoon. Within a few weeks of two years ago Col. Edie was stricken with paralysis. The vigorous body of the hardy soldier heroically combatted the encroachments of the dread disease until the seventh day of the present month when a second stroke fell upon his stalwart frame. The strong man seemingly repelled this second assault and it was thought by the members of his family that the uncomplaining sufferer was growing in strength up until Friday last, when thegrim old warrior relinquished the fight and peacefully slept away.

Col. Edie was a man of splendid abilities, powerful intellect, unquestioned courage, and sterling integrity; his word was his bond and was accepted by all men, among whom he was regarded as the soul of honor. His death removes from the bar one of its wisest and most conscientious counsellors, who enjoyed the esteem, respect and affection of all its members, and takes from the county one of the most eminent men she has ever delighted in honoring.

The funeral services will take place from the family residence at 2 o'clock to-morrow, Wednesday afternoon, and will be conducted by his comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, when the bugle will sound a last farewell "taps."—"Good-night; lights out."

Col. John R. Edie was born in Adams county, Pa., January 14, 1814, and was in his 75th year at the time of his death. He was educated at Gettysburg, Pa., and at the U. S. Military Academy, at West Point. During the year 1836, he served with a state engineering party and soon after commenced the study of law in the office of Hon. James Cooper, at Gettysburg; in 1838 he removed to Somerset and engaged in school teaching, at the same time completing his law studies in the office of Samuel W. Pearson, Esq. On April 28, 1840, Col. Edie and Col. Isaac Hinges were admitted as members of the Somerset County Bar. Col. Edie afterwards jokingly claimed seniority from the fact that he was the first to take the oath of attorney. In 1845 he was elected to represent this county in the State Legislature for one year and was re-elected in 1846. In 1847 he was appointed Deputy Attorney General and in 1850, under an act of the legislature granting the people the privilege of electing a prosecuting attorney, he became the first elected District Attorney of the county. At the expiration of that term, in 1854 he was chosen to represent his Congressional district in the House of Representatives and was re-elected in 1856. Soon after the outbreak of the war he tendered his services to the general government, and on May 14, 1861, was commissioned Major of the 15th U. S. Infantry. He was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in 1863 and performed services with the 15th and 8th U. S. Infantry until January, 1871, when he was honorably discharged. He then returned to Somerset and resumed the practice of his profession.

Col. Edie participated in a number of the battles of the rebellion and received honorable mention in general orders on several occasions, which was followed by promotion.

We hope to have a short history of the Colonel's ten years' military record for next week's HERALD.

Col. Edie was married in 1839 to Miss Mary Kiernan, of Somerset, who with her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Meyers, survives him. Their only other child, John Rufus Edie, graduated from the military academy at West Point, served with distinction throughout the war, and died in 1874, with the rank of Major in the U. S. Army.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Hiram W. Melvin and Mary C. James, both of Westmoreland county.

John H. Roadman and Maggie Ankeny, both of Westmoreland county.

Mattilias Haines and Susan Manges, both of Shade township.

George W. Ellenberger, of Johnstown, and Susan E. Boyer, of Northampton township.

James H. Kimble and Rosanna Bridegum, both of Rockwood.

John A. Wilson, of Irwin, Westmoreland county, and Martha M. Hay, of Jefferson township.

Levi S. Peterson and Tillie Mishler, both of Jenner township.

Charles R. Bittner of Meyersdale, and Lizzie E. Pugh, of Somerset.

Henry A. Reitz and Elizabeth M. Foust, both of Elklick Township.

Historical Society.

To the Editor:

Owing, perhaps, to my not very legible chirography one or two errors occur in the communication published last week Wisconsin, not Missouri, is the State referred to as possessing a highly successful Historical Society. This correction is important, as the critical reader might question my historical accuracy if I attempted to claim for the great State beyond the Mississippi, that she had been carved from the domain ceded by Virginia—the Northwest Territory.

Your compositor in several instances makes me use the word "the ories" for "things." With one or two other trivial exceptions he has made pretty clear work of not the most inviting copy.

Trusting the call for the organization of a Historical Society may be generally acceptable and the movement take substantial form I am, very respectfully,

W. DeH.

FORT VIEW, PA., AUG. 28, 1888.

Road Views.

The following petitions were acted upon at last week's adjourned court:

Petition for division of Somerset Township. Commissioners, Wm. M. Schrock, Stonycreek, surveyor; Augustus Heffley, Adam B. Shaffer, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Black Township, near the line of Milford Township, to have their lands annexed to Milford Township for school purposes. A. J. Colborn, surveyor; Henry Knepper, E. W. Rhoads viewers.

Petition of citizens of Black and Milford Townships for a public road from a point on clay pike near Baker's school house, to a point on road leading from Rockwood to clay pike. H. D. Moore, surveyor; Levi Long, Jr., Hiram Teirow, viewers.

Horrible Fight in Bedford County.

A few days since, while threshing at David Henderson's, in West St. Clair Township, Bedford County, John Beegle got into an altercation with three brothers by the name of John, William, and George Deflbaugh. Beegle seized a fork as his weapon, and George Deflbaugh grabbed a hatchet, where upon Beegle struck him with the handle of the fork upon his arm, dislocating the elbow-cap. William Deflbaugh then knocked Beegle down with a wrench by striking him on the back of the head, and jumped on his face with his feet until it was mashed and lacerated fearfully. It is thought that Beegle would have been killed had not William Sleek succeeded in getting Deflbaugh away.

Notwithstanding the fact that the waters were higher during the early part of last week than for forty years back, we have been able to learn of no serious damage resulting to property throughout the county other than to railroads. Travel was suspended on the Somerset & Cambria branch for 36 hours, owing to the destruction of a temporary trestle that had been erected over the Stonycreek, near Stoystown, immediately following the disastrous flood of last year. No trains passed over the Pittsburgh division of the B. & O. for two days owing to washouts near Connellsville. The Berlin branch was submerged for a great distance, and several bridges were carried away. No trains had passed over it Sunday. No mail was received in Somerset for 36 hours, and our people were entirely shut off from the the outside world for that length of time.

For Rent.

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

Trent Items.

Simon Barron, who contemplated moving east, has given up the idea entirely, and will continue farming.

The last rain-fall caused great damage in this section to the oats crop and fences, although the water was not as high as is was in June of last year, by thirteen inches, at least.

Reece and Lingo, our enterprising cattle and sheep dealers have entirely sold out, and expect to start anew in the business. They recently sold eighty head of fine sheep to John Sanner & Bro., of Somerset.

Trent is in some ways better fixed than some other places. We need not raise a new Republican pole for Harrison and Morton, as we still have the old Blaine and Logan one which will stand through the coming campaign, and help down old Grover at last.

Mr. Josiah Barron has one of the largest mares in this section of the country. She measures around the muscle of the front leg 24 inches, and her hoof measures eight inches across the frog from side to side. She is rising five years old. Let us hear from any one who can beat this.

BUFFALO BILL.

TRENT, August 26, 1888.

Somerset Township Items.

The picnic of the Freidens S. S. which was held near that place on Saturday 25th, was largely attended by people from far and near. The weather was all that could be wished.

The apple crop is almost a total failure in most of the orchards in our part of the county (the central). Few farmers will be able to make applebutter this fall. Those who can make it will find a good demand and good prices.

C. C. Schrock D. B. and Zimmerman, of Quemahoning Township, went to West Virginia last week to buy fat cattle. About a month ago Mr. Zimmerman brought from there a drove of very fine cattle to supply the Johnstown market.

W. W. Cupp, one of our most successful teachers, will spend the coming winter at the Normal College, at Huntingdon, where he expects to take the regular course in English. The fall term of the school opens September 3d, when he expects to start in.

Herman Shaffer sowed two bushels of "Bonanza" oats last spring and is well pleased with it. It is a new variety of which none was grown in this county previous to this season. It has not yet been threshed, but Mr. Shaffer says it is very heavy and thinks it will yield well.

D. G. Lichty, son of George C. Lichty, lately went to the vicinity of Waterloo, Iowa, and, we are informed, is well pleased with the country. He has been working for Samuel J. Lichty, a former resident of Somerset Co. His many friends miss him, particularly a certain Miss S. for whom, perhaps, time will pass slowly in his absence.

The heavy rains and high water of last week did not do much damage to farmers as far as we have learned. Some oats shocks were thoroughly soaked, especially such as were down, which required much work to dry them. Also, some oats that were not cut were badly beaten down, and difficult to cut. Most of the crop is now stored.

John E. Good's steam thresher has just returned from Stoyestown and vicinity to the neighborhood of Baer's sawmill. It was started up more than a month ago and has been running nearly all the time since then. John spent his honeymoon in the old way—marrying on Sunday and going to work on Monday. He is an industrious and upright young man, and bound to succeed in life. He has plenty of threshing to do until winter sets in.

Edward Coleman was taken by surprise and almost confused on Sunday morning, 26th, when his wife presented him with twin babies—a boy and a girl. Ed is a man of strong nerves, but this event, to use his own expression, put him in one of the worst predicaments he ever was in. We think he has recovered his usual serenity of mind, especially since the congratulations of his many friends have been extended to him for he does not show much conceit or vanity. He is now the father of eight children, all in good health, and, being an industrious man, he will do his duty in providing for them.

In the HERALD of the 12th inst., we noticed that Mr. J. M. Bowman reported an unusual yield of rye from a certain number of dozens, and threw out a mild challenge to his fellow farmers to beat it. Now, your readers very well know that a dozen sheaves is a very indefinite quantity, and no fair comparison can be made on that score. If Mr. Bowman consents to give the area of the ground on which his rye grew, he may find some of his neighbors who will, probably compete for the "cake." We will here mention that Mr. Jacob M. Fike, near Geiger's Station, raised 70½ bushels of rye on less than half the area that Mr. Bowman's 84 bushels grew, according to reports in circulation. If Josiah cares to "toss up" in the matter of area, we think he needs not go away far from home.

J. D. Baer, who has acted as local agent the last three years, for the Willowdale Nursery, at Willowdale, Chester Co., Pa., is again taking orders for nursery stock for delivery this fall and next spring. His aim is to furnish the best varieties of fruit that is adapted to our climate, his stock being first class in quality and prices are reasonable as compared with traveling agents who are constantly swooping over the country, claiming to represent the only reliable nursery in the country, that their stock will thrive in any location, climate or soil, and that the fruit produced will put every other kind in the dark for quality. Mr. Baer has, through observation, reading and other modes of inquiry, tried to inform himself what is best adapted to our climate and soil. He claims his object is to furnish what his customers need or want, and not to talk up certain new varieties whose only known merits? are high prices.

SCRIBBLER.

The Hitch in South Penn Matters.

The Pittsburgh *Post* quotes "gentlemen who are in a position to know" as saying that the delay in reorganizing the South Penn railroad scheme is due to the failure of the Pittsburgh stockholders to sign though the Philadelphia and New York subscribers have nearly all signed. The *Post* article continues: "Unless something is done shortly the charter will lapse. This means the absolute loss of all the money already expended on the route, and parties who have secured charter rights on top of the rights included in the South Penn charter will of course be able to step in and reap the advantage of work done heretofore. Several other charters giving rights of way over the South Penn right of way are said to be held by the Pennsylvania company, which, if allowed to go into effect, will destroy the whole South Penn enterprise. Longer delay is certainly attended with great danger. It is strange that Pittsburghers should be at fault."

W. C. T. U. Convention.

The Annual Convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Somerset County, will be held at Rockwood, Penna., September 4th to 8th, 1888. All persons wishing to attend can secure orders on B. & O. ticket agents, which will entitle them to excursion tickets at reduced rates by applying to Miss Belle Kimmel, Somerset, Pa.

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.

Wanted for Cash.

One thousand tons of Rags, Bones and Scrap iron, old Gum boots and shoes for which the highest cash price will be paid by

CAPLES & MOORE,
Johnstown Pa.

Confluence Items.

Never, within the recollection of the oldest inhabitants, has there been such a flood in this part of the county as was witnessed here on Tuesday night. It commenced raining about 1 o'clock in the morning and continued during the whole day without any intermission until long after dark. About sunset the rivers rose at the rate of two feet an hour. The water did not reach the highest point until after 10 o'clock in the night. Comparatively little damage was done in town. A few families had to vacate and pitch their tents on higher ground. The injury done to the railroad track is said to be very great. The town is full of passengers who came here, but cannot get further west. Some of the citizens of town were considerably alarmed when the water was at its highest stage, fearing that it would soon overflow the entire country. The farm of G. G. Groff, lying between here and the town of Ursina, was considerably injured. A large part of the farm was flooded which is a very unusual circumstance. Corn and potato patches along the river, suffered greatly. X.

Prepare for Voting.

The Presidential election will be held this year on Tuesday the 6th of November. Every citizen should be prepared to vote as his honest judgment shall dictate. The following suggestions as to the qualifications of electors should be carefully considered by all interested parties:

Native born citizens who will be between twenty-one and twenty-two years of age on election day, can vote without having been assessed or the payment of taxes. A citizen becomes twenty-one years of age on the day before his birthday. Thus one born on the 7th of November twenty-one years ago, can vote on age on the 8th of November this year. The only requisite for a man voting on age is that he shall have resided in his precinct sixty days previous to the election.

Every citizen over the age of twenty-two years must be assessed at least sixty days before the election. That is, he must be assessed on or before the 6th of September next to qualify himself for voting at the Presidential election.

Every citizen over the age of twenty-two years must pay a State or county tax within two years preceding the election, and it must be paid not less than thirty days before election day. All who have not paid a State or county tax within two years, and pay such tax on or before the 6th of October this year to qualify them as electors.

Naturalized citizens, in addition to the usual tax and resident qualifications, must be naturalized at least one month before they can vote. All who are eligible to naturalization and not yet fully naturalized, must obtain their papers from the courts on or before the 6th of September to qualify them as electors this year.

Citizens of other States must have a residence of one year in Pennsylvania to qualify them for voting, unless they were previously citizens of the State, when a residence of six months restores them to State citizenship. Citizens of other States, therefore, who have taken up their residence in Pennsylvania since the 6th of November last, cannot vote this year.

There is often dispute as to the true residence of a citizen in cases where men pursue their employment in different places. Residence is a question of intention on the part of the citizen, and unless the intention of the voter is in conflict with the law, his own testimony is accepted as conclusive.

It is unsafe for citizens who require assessments, the payment of tax or naturalization to delay qualifying themselves as electors until the last days on which they can do so. Assessments should be carefully inquired into before the end of August, and naturalization and the payment of tax should be attended to before the close of September.

Every citizen should hold his citizenship too valuable to be the plaything of party committees, and he should look to his own assessment, to his own naturalization and to the payment of his own taxes. The cost is so small that all who can afford it should value the high prerogatives thereby conferred. Let every man qualify himself for voting, and then let him vote the Republican ticket.

The Commissioners' Convention.

The revision of state laws governing counties of the commonwealth has long been a matter of the most urgent need and the commissioners of Erie county have the credit of starting the present interest among the county commissioners of the several counties who will meet here on September 11 in convention to frame a memorial to the state legislature, asking that the laws be made uniform, and certain amendments and erasures be made to existing laws.

Governor Beaver is very much in favor of the scheme of the county commissioners, and was found in his room in the Reed house last evening by a reporter.

"Governor, have you heard of the effort to secure the attendance of the commissioners of the several counties of the state at a general convention of county commissioners to be held at Erie on September 11?" queried the reporter.

"Yes sir," said the governor, "I've heard of such a movement and am greatly interested in its success. It seems to me that if the commissioners of the several counties were to come together and compare their views as to the means of executing existing laws and express their views to the legislature as to the laws to be passed at its next session great good might be accomplished thereby. Questions of revenue and questions of practice as regards the laws that now exist are important and it seems to me that a general expression and comparison of views in regard to these matters would be of very great value to the people of the commonwealth, and if I had the opportunity or the power to do so, I would be glad to express my opinion as to the value of this convention to every commissioner of every county in this state.

"The question of revenue is the great question now before the people of the state. The courts have been construing our revenue laws lately in such a way as to impair the amount of revenue which we have hitherto derived from gross receipts and other means of taxation which we are likely to lose, and it is therefore of the very first importance that our revenue system should be thoroughly overhauled and rebuilt from the foundation. There is no class in the community which knows so much about revenue and who can make practical suggestions of as much value as the county commissioners, and therefore it seems to me, if there is no other reason for bringing them together, the important discussion of the revenue system would, of itself, justify the attendance of every county commissioner in the state. There are so many other questions in which all are interested to be discussed and determined that it seems to me the convention cannot fail to be of great interest and also of great value, and if I had the opportunity to do so I would be very glad to communicate with every county commissioner in the state, so as induce him to attend if possible.

"Whilst no actual provision is made, perhaps for the expenses of the county commissioners, it is nevertheless true that in attending a convention like this he would be serving his constituency as fully as if he was at a session of the commissioners of his own county, and I do not see why his mileage and per diem could not fairly and legally be paid by the county; and as I understand it the commissioners who heretofore attended such meetings were entirely satisfied by the payment of their actual expenses."

The school board of Somerset Township will meet at the Somerset House on Saturday, September 15, 1888, for the purpose of employing teachers, and letting contracts for fuel, etc., for the school term of six months. By order of the Board.

D. H. WALKER, Secretary. JOS. HORNER, President.

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.

Reduced Rates to the Penn'a State Fair via P. R. R.

The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Association will hold its thirty-fourth annual exhibition at the fair grounds in Philadelphia, September 3d to 12th, 1888. Since the last exhibition a large amount of money has been expended in improving the grounds, enlarging the buildings, and adding new accommodations for exhibits and stock, so that the equipment of the grounds is now unsurpassed in the country. The display of agricultural products, implements, machinery, and live stock will be very large and the $25,000 offered in premiums will render the competition spirited. Besides these departments the trotting races, polo contests, athletic sports, and a large number of novel and interesting special features will add a variety of entertainment and instruction never before offered.

The proximity of the fair grounds to the Pennsylvania Railroad renders access from all parts of the country very easy. For the accommodation of visitors the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets September 3d to 14th, from principal stations on the main line and branches, at greatly reduced rates. Special arrangements will be made, and trains will be run as occasion requires, due announcement of which will be made later.

Found at Last.

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

Literary Notes.

Mr. George Kennan will contribute to the September *Century* an article on "Exile by Administrative Process," in which he gives a great number of instances of banishment of persons to Siberia, without the observance of any of the legal formalities that in most countries precede or attend a deprivation of rights. Mr. Kennan will also discuss, in an Open Letter in this number of *The Century*, the question, "Is the Siberian Exile System to be at Once Abolished?" stating his reasons for believing that the plan of reform now being discussed in Russia, and which is said by the London *Spectator* to involve the entire abolition of exile to Siberia as a method of punishment, will not be put in operation. Mr. Kennan says that the present plan is one proposed by the chief of the Russian Prison Department, with whom he had a long and interesting conversation just before his departure from St. Petersburg. It grew out of the many complaints of the respectable inhabitants of Siberia, who demanded that the penal classes of Russia should not be turned loose upon them. The Russian official only hoped to restrict and reform the system, so as to make it more tolerable for Siberian people, by shutting up in prisons in European Russia a certain proportion of prisoners who are now sent to Siberia. This reform would have affected in the year 1885 fewer than three thousand exiles out of a total of over ten thousand.

Before such a plan goes to the Council of State for discussion, it is always submitted to the ministers within whose jurisdiction it falls,—in the present case, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of the Interior. Two of these officers have already disapproved of the plan, the Minister of Justice declaring that "exile to Siberia for religious and political offenses must be preserved," and it is Mr. Kennan's belief that the scheme will not even reach the Council of State.

This by no means the first measure of reform which has been submitted to the Tsar's ministers, but every effort has so far been fruitless, and the plans have been found impracticable.

For Sale.

One very handsome marble-top walnut side-board, in good condition. Will be sold cheap. Call at HERALD office.

Will's Church Items.

J. M. Cable is having a nice new stable erected on his premises.

Wanted—A chum for Frank Rhodes since C. L. Saylor has gone. We would advise Frank to seek solace from the fair sex, whose charms will make him forget the deepest of sorrows.

Mr. C. L. Saylor left for Cecil county, Md., last week, where he will spend some time in visiting friends. He then goes to Brooklyn, N. Y., to resume his duties as a teacher in St. Luke's Academy.

During the rains of last week the Kimberly run rose very rapidly, and overflowed its banks. Besides doing considerable damage to corn, oats, and potatoes, fences and bridges were washed away.

Mr. Burkett, from near Pleasant Hill, gave what is called a "grubbing party" one day last week. Not much land was cleared by grubbing, but in the evening a party of our young people assembled and engaged in dancing, and other enjoyable amusements.

Queensware and Glassware.

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

Notice to Citizens of Somerset.

Numerous complaints having been made to me of destruction of property and annoyance to citizens caused by cows running at large at night. Notice is hereby given that Section 20½ of the Borough Ordinance will hereafter be rigidly enforced, and the night policeman is hereby instructed to enforce the same.

SECTION 20½ Borough Ordinances—No cow shall be permitted to run at large within the Borough between the hours of 8 P. M. & 5½ A. M. during the months of May, June, July August, September and October of each year. Any person so offending or doing shall pay a fine of not exceeding one dollar, and it is hereby made the duty of the High Constable to impound such animals found running at large, and make said fines according to the provisions of section 20.

A. C. HOLBERT, Burgess.
Somerset Pa., July 31, 1888.

MARRIED.

HERRING—BLOUGH.—At the residence of Israel C. Johnson, on Sunday, the 19th of August, 1888, Mr. Judson Herring to Miss Annie Blough, both of Quemahoning Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

SHAW—KOSSEL.—At the home of the bride, near Berlin, Pa., on July 22, 1888, by Rev. W. G. Schrock, Mr. Moses M. Shaw, of Connellsville, Pa., and Miss Susie Kassel, of near Berlin.

New Fall Goods.

I have just received a large stock of Dress Goods, consisting of Dress Cloths from 25 cents a yard up; Handsome Broadcloths, Henriettas in Wool and Silk Warp, Colotnees, Dron de Almas, Sebastapols, &c. Handsome yard-wide Henrcettas, 25 cents a yard. Pretty Dress Goods at 10 and 15 cents. New Flannels Canton Flannels, Shirtings &c. A full line of Domestic Goods, cheap. New Millinery Goods coming in. Come and see the bargains. New Hosiery and underwear in stock.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re, Estate of Phillip Ling, dec'd.

The undersigned, having been duly appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., to make a distribution of the fund in the hands of Pearson Ling, executor of Phillip Ling, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in Somerset Borough on Friday, September 14, 1888, at 9 a. m., when and where all parties interested can attend.

DENNIS MEYERS, Auditor.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fi. Fa., Vend. Ex. and Levi Fa., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset Co., Pa., I will expose to public vendue at the Court House, in Somerset Borough, at 1 o'clock P. M., on

FRIDAY, SEPT. 21, 1888,

All the right, title, interest and claim of Charles E. Ampsett and James Ampsett, of, in and to the following described property, viz:

All the coal, iron ore, limestone, fire-clay, mineral and other rights, whether liquid or solid, lying and being in, upon, under and contained within the surface of the following described farm situate in Summit Twp., Somerset County, Pa.: Beginning at a post, thence by land of Wm. Cook, North sixty-nine and a half degrees, East one hundred and seventy-six and eight-tenths perches to post, thence by residue of the farm of which this is a part, South 62½ degrees, East 36-5-10 perches to post, thence by the same South 41½ degrees West 24 and 1-10 perches to a cherry, thence by same South 56 degrees West 68 perches to white oak, thence by same ——½ degrees East 17-10 perches to maple, thence by same South 49½ degrees West 15 2-10 perches to white oak (original line). Thence by land of H. G. Parks & Co. North 65 degrees West 10-100 perches to post, thence by same South 70½ degrees West 29 9-10 perches to white oak, thence by same 25½ degrees West 21 perches to the place of beginning, containing 6 acres and 38 perches (6 a., 38 p.). Being a part of a tract of land known as "Cherry Bend" by patent dated 13 January A. D. 1797, Patent Book No. 36, page 232, &c.

Taken in execution as the property of Charles E. Ampsett and James Ampsett, at the suit of Christian P. Livengood.

— ALSO —

All the right, title, interest and claim of Isaiah Holsopple, of, in and to the following described real estate situate in Paint Township, Somerset County, Pa., bounded as follows: Beginning at a stone on the bank of Shade Creek, thence North thirty-one and one-half degrees, East one and four-tenth perches, thence by a vein twenty-three feet wide, South twenty degrees, East seven and three-tenth perches, thence by the bank of Stoney Fork Creek South sixty and one-half degrees, West ten and four-tenth perches, thence by the bank of Shade Creek North twenty seven degrees, East eleven and eight-tenth perches to place of beginning, containing twenty and eight-tenth perches, being part of the "Hillsborough" tract of land, the und