The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY ... December 19, 1888

Toys and candies, at Vought's.

Dried and fresh fruits, at Vought's.

Holiday goods at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Millinery Goods are very low at Mrs. Uhl's.

Perfume cases at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Christmas candies and fruits at Vought's.

All kinds of trusses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Fine Cigars and Tobacco at E. S. Kantner's.

Wraps closing out cheap, at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

For a box of fine cigars go to E. S. Kantner's.

Eye glasses and spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Toilet Bottles in cut glass at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Buy your holiday goods and groceries at Coffroths.

Cheapest and prettiest holiday goods at Coffroths.

For ice skates, go to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

Children's fairy and story books, at Benford's Book Store.

Have you seen Coffroths Christmas goods? If not, why not?

All the different odors of extracts at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The cheapest, freshest and neatest holiday goods, at Vought's.

Toys, candies, nuts and fruit for the holidays at E. B. Coffroths.

Dress goods are marked down for the holidays at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's for Fur Muffs and Boas and Fur Trimmings.

Don't fail to go to Mrs. Uhl's for useful presents for the holidays.

For sleighs and bob sleds, go to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

For harness and whips, go to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

For robes and blankets, go to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

You will always get the worth of your money at Ed. B. Coffroths.

Candies, Nuts, Fruits, Toys, Fancy China and Bric-a-brac at Vought's.

All the latest holiday books are to be found at C. W. Benford's Book Store.

For butcher knives and saws go to James B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

For meat cutters and stuffers, go to James B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Stockings, Gloves, Toys, Jewelry, &c., at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

The cheapest place in the county to buy cigars and tobacco is at E. S. Kantner's.

Everything in plush at Biesecker & Snyder's. Just what you want for your sweetheart.

"Mother Goose Melodies" and other childrens' song books at C. W. Benford's Book Store.

Biesecker & Snyder's holiday goods are more attractive each year. Call and see them.

Useful, ornamental, and instructive holiday presents are kept at Benford's Book Store.

Bedford Water, bottled, recommended by all physicians, to be had only at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Most everybody buys their family groceries at Vought's, because it is the cheapest place to deal.

Albums of every description at Biesecker & Snyder's. Just what you want for a christmas present.

If you want something ornamental as well as useful for a holiday present you can find it at Biesecker & Snyder's.

People from the country will find it to their advantage to purchase their cigars and tobacco from E. S. Kantner.

One of Biesecker & Snyder's shaving cases will make a most acceptable christmas present for your husband or brother.

Buy your father and mother a pair of those handsome, but cheap, gold rimmed eyeglasses for Christmas, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Have you thought of what you should buy for Christmas presents. If not call at Biesecker & Snyder's, and their elegant stock of holiday goods will start you to thinking.

Any one wishing to buy one of the finest farms in the county on easy terms had better call on H. H. Flick near Lavansville Pa. at once, or go to his sale December 28th 1888.

It is a hard matter to describe the thousand and one beautiful and useful presents for the Christmas Holidays to be seen at Coffroth's grocery. Call and see them before buying elsewhere.

"A new broom sweeps clean" is a saying as old as the hills, and it is just as true that a new grocer keeps the freshest and cheapest goods. For the proof of the pudding call at Ed. B. Coffroth's and see for yourself.

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.

HOLDERBAUM BROS. & PARSON.

For the benefit of our customers, we have added to our stock a selection of toys. Besides these our store is full of goods suitable to the holiday trade.

M. M. TREADWELL & CO.

Sunday schools and school teachers wishing to purchase candies and toys, for a holiday treat for their pupils, will make no mistake in patronizing Somerset county's leading grocery establishment—C. B. Vought's.

Have you seen the beautiful toys at Coffroths grocery? Not only pretty, but useful. Toys that will amuse and instruct your children. And all at the lowest prices. Call and see them before making your purchases.

C. B. Vought's, Somerset county's leading grocery and confectionery establishment, is the best place to buy Christmas goods. Why? Because their stock is fresh, of the best the market contains, and is sold at reasonable prices.

"Dick" Vought is a "hustler." If you don't believe it, stop for a moment at his grocery any time during the year and see how busy he and his clerks are, serving customers. It is the cheapest place in the county to buy, and his goods are always fresh.

Go to Mrs. M. E. Schrock for the grandest line of Holiday goods in town. The assortment is larger than ever. Something to please young and old. Ribbons, laces and millinery selling off at cost. Call early and procure bargains. Main street, Baer's Block.

Ladies attending the coming institute desiring hats to wear on that occasion, can, by calling on us on their arrival in town, have them made at short notice. They will find our store on the way from the depot.

M. M. TREADWELL & CO.

You know where Vought's grocery is? Of course you do! No. 6, Mammoth Block. Better still, follow the crowd and you'll get there, because that's where everybody wanting fresh, cheap groceries and confections for the holidays, and every other season, goes.

George W. Benford exhibits on his shelves and counters a large collection of handsomely bound volumes of poetry and prose all of latest editions, and sells them at the lowest possible prices. Before making your Christmas purchases, call and examine his stock.

Only six more nights till Christmas.

There are 40 prisoners in the Fayette county jail.

December has five Sundays, five Mondays and five Saturdays.

Another cold wave struck this section about 10 o'clock Monday night.

If the corn wouldn't open its ears so wide, it wouldn't be regularly shocked every year.

D. M. Watson has sold his interest in the Bedford Springs to H. C. Frick, the big coke operator.

Thirty-five deer have been killed in the vicinity of Diamond Valley, Huntingdon Co., this season.

The county commissioners are besieged by applicants for the appointment of mercantile appraiser.

Luzerne county has recovered $37,000 from the State for taxes illegally assessed a number of years ago.

Diphtheria is epidemic at Roxbury, near Whisky Springs, Cambria county. A number of families are afflicted.

A black bear, weighing 175 pounds, was killed last week by Peter Detwiler, in Blacklick township, Cambria county.

Mrs. H. L. Baer, who had been visiting in Philadelphia, Norristown and Reading for the past month, returned home Saturday morning.

If you have a friend that you wish to enjoy a merry Christmas purchase a box of those fine cigars only to be had at E. S. Kantner's.

Bedford county is agitating the question of new public buildings. The Bedford court house and jail are about on a par with those of Somerset county.

The second week of court commenced at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The attendance is unusually small, being confined to jurors, suitors and witnesses.

Turkeys are not as plenty in the Somerset market as usual at this time of the year. Great numbers of them have been bought up by hucksters and shipped to other markets.

The HERALD extends the compliments of the season, whatever they may be, to its readers and wishes them one and all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sheriff McMillen returned from his trip to the House of Refuge Saturday, where he had been to place the two young men, Rayman and Lenhart convicted of larceny at last week's court.

The season for legal killing of deer expired Saturday, much to the regret of those who delight in hunting this noble game. There was an unusually small number killed in this section this season.

A juror at the Lawrence county court refused to be sworn, saying he was a member of the Covenanter Church. Judge Hazen excused him with the remark that a man who would not vote could not sit as a juror in his court.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the large holiday advertisement of Herr Bros'., to be found elsewhere in this issue. In dealing with them you deal with a reliable firm and will receive full value for your money.

Mr. J. P. Weimer, formerly of this county but for the past eight years a resident of Waterloo, Iowa, returned to his old home last week, with his family. For the present he is visiting at the residence of his father, Mr. Peter Weimer, in Milford township.

The spring term of the California, Pa., State Normal will open March 25th. It promises to surpass by far any previous term, both in attendance and interest. Total cost of board and tuition for the 14 weeks, from $40.00 to $50.00. Tuition alone, $10.50 Send for catalogue.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad rolling mill at Cumberland resumed operations the first of last week, after being idle since June last. The mill employs about 350 men, most of whom have been unemployed since that date. There is much rejoicing among the men and merchants.

The Altoona *Times* says: "John Dubois, of Clearfield county, offers the school directors of his district $100,000 toward a good and comfortable school building, providing the directors will supplement the amount with as much more and agree not to encourage the flag craze or permit any sectarianism in the schools."

The school directors of Lancaster county, in convention Nov. 15, adopted a resolution praying the Legislature to pass a law providing a State institute of directors for each Senatorial district, the duties of this institute to be to recommend legislation changing some of the school laws now in force and make them uniform.

We recommend our subscribers to buy their Nursery stock, seeds &c, from F. J. Meyers, of Somerset, agent for John R. & A. Murdocks Nursery Pittsburgh, Pa., and get the best and cheapest stock to be had. All stock guaranteed. Apple trees 25cts each, peach 15 cts. each, plumb 50 cts. each, pear 50 cts. each, cherry 50 cts. each, grapes from 10 cts. to 60 cts.

At the September term of court John Isenhour, of Meyersdale, was convicted of illegal liquor selling and was sentenced to pay a fine and undergo three months imprisonment in the county jail. He received a telegram from his wife Tuesday morning stating that his son John had been killed the previous night by being run over by a train of cars. As his term of imprisonment has not yet expired he will be unable to attend his son's funeral.

Competent critics have frequently remarked that the author of "Ben-Hur" had in him the elements of a dramatist. Their judgment upon General Lew. Wallace will be sustained by his play "Commodus," in *Harper's Magazine* for January. The action of the drama develops several powerful scenes, the vigor of which J. R. Weguelin, the artist, renders with fidelity in as many illustrations. One of the drawings, entitled "This Baiting then shall rue," forms the frontispiece of the *Magazine*. There is a suggestion of the Greek chorus in the band of Bacchantes. The refrain of their song, "On to Rome." dominates the whole drama; it catches together in a phrase the leading thread of the plot.

As will be seen by reference to the court proceedings, published elsewhere in this issue, the Grand Jury at last week's sessions concurred in the report made by the Grand Jury at September sessions in recommending improvements to the Court House and public outbuildings and in the remodeling of the county jail. The law requiring two successive Grand Juries to concur in their recommendations has been complied with and it now remains with the Court and the County Commissioners to see that these recommendations are carried into effect. The times are propitious for the improvements to be made. Labor and material are cheaper than they have been in this community for years. The present board of Commissioners is an exceptionally good one. It is composed of men of ability and integrity; men in whose honesty and judgment and practical good sense the people have unbounded confidence. In their hands the fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, necessary to be expended, will be perfectly safe, and the tax payers will feel confident that it is being judiciously expended. These improvements have already been deferred too long, partly owing to the public officials hesitating to assume the responsibility. But it is a responsibility that can no longer be shirked; it is a public duty that must be performed. Meet the issue squarely, gentlemen commissioners, and let the good work commence at once. Of its necessity we have written so often that it has grown stale from oft repeating.

A DASTARDLY DEED.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER A WEALTHY SOMERSET TOWNSHIP FARMER.

W. F. WELLER SHOT IN THE BACK WHILE READING THE BIBLE TO HIS FAMILY.

NO CLUE TO THE WOULD-BE MURDERER.

Mr. W. Fred Weller is one of the most intelligent and progressive farmers in Somerset county. His farm is located about three miles north-west of Somerset, in the famous "Weller Corner," noted for its many splendid farms and the intelligence and progressiveness of its farmers. Of the many magnificent farms in that section of the county his is one of the handsomest, largest and best. Sunday evening his family, consisting of his wife, son and mother-in-law, were gathered around him in the family sitting room while he was engaged in reading to them from the Book of books, when they were all startled by the report of a pistol, and Mr. Weller sprang to his feet, saying: "Some one has shot me." He held his hand to his back and when those with him had removed a portion of his clothing, they discovered an ugly hole in his back, between the shoulder-blades, from which the blood was slowly oozing. The son at once mounted a horse and came to Somerset for Dr. Brubaker, who gave the wounded man proper medical attention. Upon examining the wound, the Doctor found the bullet had struck the back bone, and, glancing off, had lodged somewhere under the right shoulder blade. The ball has not yet been extracted, as its exact location cannot be ascertained. The wound, while a serious one, is not necessarily fatal, and the Doctor has strong hopes of the patient's ultimate recovery.

It was about half-past six o'clock when the shooting took place. Mr. Weller was sitting with his back to the window and the would-be assassin must have stood close to the window, as the flash of the revolver was distinctly seen by those in the room, and the window pane was blackened with powder. The Weller Church stands in full view of Mr. Weller's residence and is less than a quarter of a mile distant, and at the time of the shooting it had been lighted up and the congregation were gathering for the evening services. The ringing of the large dinner bell at Mr. Weller's house attracted those who had gathered at the church, and when they learned the cause of the alarm they attempted to track the scoundrel who had fired the shot, but were unsuccessful. As yet there is no clue to the perpetrator of this diabolical deed, but it is confidently expected that the fiend will be hunted down. Mr. Weller is a peaceable, law-abiding citizen, with hosts of friends and not a known enemy, and is at a loss to imagine what could have inspired any one to make so foul an attack upon him.

Iron vs. Wooden Bridges.

For a number of years past, a great many iron bridges have been built in Somerset county, against the indignant protest of a large body of tax-payers who maintain that in a county like ours, where lumber of almost every description is abundant and cheap, wooden bridges should be constructed that would answer every purpose of the iron ones, and would be a great saving to the taxpayers. Others have maintained that iron bridges were cheaper in the long run on account of their lasting a greater length of time than the wooden ones. Judge Baer delivered himself pretty freely on the subject, during last week's court, and, judging from his remarks, it will not be a very easy matter to obtain the concurrence of the court on any petition for the construction of an iron bridge in the county for some time to come.

The following, taken from a recent issue of the Bedford *Inquirer* is pertinent to the subject:

"About one year ago the contract for the construction of an iron bridge which now spans a stream in Mann township was let to the King Iron Bridge Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, at their bid, which was $907.20. Last week bids were received by the present board of county commissioners for the construction of a bridge over a stream in Union township. The specifications for the bridge in Union township are exactly similar to those of the Mann township bridge, with the single exception that the Union township bridge is a span of fifty-two feet, while the span of the Mann township bridge is but fifty feet. The King Iron Bridge Company also bid on this bridge, and the records show that they offered to place this bridge for $440, or $467 less than what the same company received for the Mann township bridge. What we have not been able to satisfactorily determine is whether Bedford county paid $467 too much for the Mann township bridge or whether the King Iron Bridge Company was seized with a fit of generosity and intended to donate $467 to the county should they secure the contract for the Union township bridge. However, if the latter were the company's intention the commissioners relieved it of the responsibility, as they decided to keep the money at home and let the building of the bridge to Charles Wolf, of East St. Clair township, at a contract bid of $235. By this action the commissioners save to the county $205 over what looks like a remarkably low bid for an iron bridge. Experience has proven that wooden bridges are less expensive to keep in repair than iron ones, and in addition to this, the interest on what is actually saved will be sufficient to build a new bridge at the same price in nineteen years."

Terrible tortures were inflicted upon Miss Mollie Boss, an aged lady living near Uniontown, by burglars, for the purpose of securing money she was supposed to have in the house. The rascals bound her with heavy cords, applied lighted candles to her feet, and inflicted severe bruises upon her body with clubs. She finally divulged the hiding place of her money, but all the burglars could find was $5. After ransacking the house from top to bottom without finding any more money the burglars departed, leaving her more dead than alive. She was found by neighbors several hours afterwards.

The centennial exhibit at Cincinnati recently closed. Without doubt the largest and best exhibit ever given in this country, excepting the National, at Philadelphia, in 1876. The government exhibit even being larger and better than upon that occasion. Manufacturers from east to west have made grand displays of their various wares and machinery. Competitions for awards have been the strongest ever known in this country. Those in charge have exercised the greatest care in awarding medals of honor. The Sewing Machine exhibits formed no small part in this great exposition, the White, Domestic, Singer and New Home, all making magnificent displays. After one hundred days of solid competition before a jury of intelligent mechanical experts we are pleased to anounce that the White Sewing machine company were awarded the highest and only awarded, a Silver Medal, for the best, most durable and complete Sewing Machine made. Our readers are aware that Joseph Christ of Jenner X Roads is the authorized representative for this machine in the county, who will take pleasure in not only showing and selling this best of machines, but in instructing his customers in using it.

Institute.

To the teachers of Somerset county. I return my thanks for your patronage in the past, and will be pleased to entertain you Institute week. Will try and give satisfaction to all who favor me with their presence. Will say to those that may need anything in the confectionary line that my stock is new and of the best quality, at reasonable prices. We keep constantly on hand Cakes, Pies, Sandwiches and the best quality of oysters. You can get anything in this line at my place, opposite the Court House, Somerset, Pa.

A. E. PIFER.

Call at Herr Bros. for your Holiday presents.

JUDGE AND JURY.

Work done at Last Week's Court.

Following is the disposition made of the cases on the criminal calendar, in addition to those reported in our last issue:

Commonwealth vs. Benjamin Shaulis; Desertion—on information of Rebecca Shaulis. Defendant did not appear for trial and his recognizance was declared forfeited.

Same vs. Allen Lowry; Surety of the Peace; on information of Jacob Egolf. *nol. pros.* entered on payment of costs by the Defendant.

Same vs. Harry Kurtz; F. & B. on information of Carrie McNear; *nol. pros.* entered on payment of costs by the Defendant.

Same vs. Meala Ringer; A. & B. on information of Lydia Degraw. Verdict, guilty.

Same vs. Milton M. Baer; F. & B. on information of Rose Fossler. Defendant did not appear for trial and his recognizance was declared forfeited.

Same vs. Samuel Pifer; F. & B. on information of Catharine Bailey. Defendant pleads guilty.

Same vs. Lydia Degraw and Elizabeth Campbell; Assault, on information of Meala Ringer. Verdict guilty.

Same vs. John Rayman; statutory burglary; on information of Mrs. W. M. Bower; Defendant pleads guilty and submits to the court.

Same vs. Charles Lenhart; disturbing a religious meeting; on information of Samuel Maust; verdict, not guilty, but defendant to pay the costs.

Same vs. S. P. Sweitzer; selling liquor without license; constable's return; case continued and process awarded for arrest of Defendant and attachment for constable.

Same vs. Jesse Baugman; selling liquor without license; constable's return; case continued and process awarded for arrest of Defendant and attachment for constable.

Same vs. Abram Shultz; selling liquor without license; constable's return; case continued; process awarded for arrest of Defendant and attachment for constable.

Same vs. Mary Heffley; fornication; constable's return; Grand Jury return not a true bill and the county to pay the costs.

Same vs. Mary Dell Custer; Fornication; constable return; Grand Jury return not a true bill and the county to pay the costs.

Same vs. W. S. Mountain; selling liquor without license, to minors, and wilfully prescribing intoxicating liquor as a beverage; constables return; three cases; all continued.

Same vs. Charles Lenhart, larceny; on information of Michael M. Shaulis. Defendant pleads guilty and submits to the court.

Same vs. William Diest; assault; on information of William Bowman. Defendant pleads guilty and submits to the court.

Same vs. Same; surety of the peace on information of William Bowman; case heard by the court and the Defendant ordered to pay the costs and enter into a recognizance in the sum of $100; to keep the peace for a period of one year.

Same vs. A. V. Carpenter; Furnishing intoxicating liquors on Sunday &c., on information of Charles Cummins; case continued.

Same vs. J. W. Cribbs; Furnishing intoxicating liquors on Sunday &c.; case continued.

CIVIL LIST.

W. J. Parker & Co. vs. E. C. Briel & Co. (appeal by Deft.) Defendant in open court confesses judgment for the sum of $46.63 and costs.

C. M. Vought & Co. vs. E. C. Briel & Co. (appeal by Defts.) Defendants in open court confess judgment for the sum of $25.01 and costs.

Solomon Lenhart vs. William Bowman (appeal by Defendant) verdict for Plaintiff for $2.41.

Daniel S. Knee vs. William Bowman (appeal by Defendant) verdict for Plaintiff for 24.77.

Daniel Trent vs. William Bowman (appeal by Defendant) verdict for Plaintiff for $21.67.

The balance of the cases on the civil list was settled or continued.

JUDGMENT DAY.

The following sentences were imposed by the court:

Meala Ringer and Elizabeth Campbell, convicted of Assault and Battery, were sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of $10 each.

The usual sentence was imposed upon Samuel Pifer convicted of F. & B.

Lydia Degraw, convicted of Assault was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and a fine of $10.00.

John Rayman, who plead guilty to a charge of larceny, was sentenced to the House of Refuge.

Charles Lenhart, was also sentenced to the House of Refuge, having plead guilty to a charge of larceny.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

The Grand Jury made the following report to the court:

"We, through our foreman of the Grand Jury, report that we concur with the report of the said jury at the September sessions 1888. Would further recommend that the water supply for sewerage purposes be taken from the roof of the jail, court house, or both if needed."

A. W. KNEPPER,
Foreman.

The Report of the Grand Jury at September sessions was as follows.

We, the Grand Jury, through our foreman, respectfully report. That we have visited the public buildings and made a careful examination of the court house and jail, and find both in bad condition and repair, and recommend the following:

1st. That a good and suitable carpet be purchased for the court room, halls and stairways, also new chairs, desks and carpets for the grand jury rooms and the various offices.

2nd. We further recommend that some means be adopted to better ventilate the court room and that the room be placed in good repair, whatever may be necessary.

3rd. That all shutters at the windows be repaired, and that the trees in the yard standing close to the court house that darken the offices be trimed or removed at the discretion of the Court.

4th. That the jail be remodeled and put in suitable and convenient order and repair, with such additions erected thereto as may be necessary to fully subserve its purposes.

5th. That we condemn the public water closet, and recommend that it be removed and be built to the rear of the addition that may be built to the jail.

6th. That a sufficient sewer be made to carry off all matter from vaults of jail and public water closets to the creek below town, provided a right of way can be obtained.

7th. That the sum of such improvements shall not exceed twenty thousand ($20,000) dollars.

GEO. W. GASHMAN,
Foreman.

ROAD AND BRIDGE VIEWS.

Petition of citizens of Shade township for a public road from a point on Oldham road, near Mt. Tabor Church, to a point on the old Clark road, near Sand Flats. Wm. M. Schrock, Stonycreek, surveyor; L. C. Lambert, Albert Wright, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Northampton township to vacate and supply part of a public road along Brush Creek. M. D. Miller, surveyor; H. B. Beal, Albert P. Hillegas, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Lower Turkeyfoot township for a public road leading from Confluence to Springfield. H. D. Moore, surveyor; Francis May, Aaron Kramer, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Greenville township for a public road from near Benjamin Lowry's saw mill, to a public road on Maryland line. Howard Keim, surveyor; John W. Beachy, John P. Davis, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Jenner township for a change in public road. L. C. Colborn surveyor; Wm. Knepper, C. H. Miller, viewers.

We bought lately at a bargain some Ladies Long Plush Coats and Black and Brown Beaver Jackets which we offer accordingly as cheap.

J. M. HOLDERBAUM.

A fine line of Roger's Silver Plated Goods in Knives, Forks, Napkin Rings, and Child's Sets. The best in the market, at

HERR BRO'S.

Holiday Excursions on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

In accordance with a time honored custom the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will for the Christmas and New Year holidays sell excursion tickets between all principal stations on its system at reduced rates. Holiday excursion tickets will be sold December 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and January 1st, valid for return trip until January 3rd, 1889.

Holiday Excursion Tickets

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co. will sell cheap excursion tickets between all ticket stations on its lines East of the Ohio River, on December 22, 23, 24, 30 and 31st, 1888, and on January 1st, 1889, good for return passage until January 3rd, 1889, inclusive.

Bounty for Wild Animals.

On the 23d of June, 1885, the Legislature of this State passed a law for the benefit of agriculture and protection of game, by offering a bounty of two dollars for every wild cat killed, one dollar for every red or grey fox slain, and fifty cents for every mink, weasel, hawk, or owl, excepting the screech or barn owl. Persons who kill any of the above and desire the reward, must go before a Justice of the Peace with the slain bird or animal, and make an affidavit of the time and place of killing, when an order will be drawn on the County Treasurer for the amount they are entitled to.

Ed. B. Coffroth, who has recently moved his grocery establishment from the Baer Block to No. 7 Mammoth Block, has a large and complete stock of holiday goods, which he offers for sale at the cheapest possible prices. Candies of all varieties fresh from the city factories have been put in stock for the Christmas trade. Choicest kinds of nuts. Fresh dried and evaporated fruits. Family groceries of the very best grades.

Ruin in Bedford County.

John H. Jordan, Esq., master in chancery in the case of the defunct Juniata Building and Loan Association, has made his report. The Association failed in 1885, through the shares being paid at par before they were worth par, shares in series A being paid at $230 when they were worth only $113.36; series B at the same rate when worth only $92.62. Many stockholders paid off loans with stock or obtained credit for its false value. When the Association failed, seven series of 443 shares were still unpaid, with no money to pay them.

The master shows the amount overpaid to each stockholder and holds that this amount must be repaid to the receiver, and that although many stockholders withdrew more than six years before the bill in equity was filed, the statute of limitations does not apply, this being an equity proceeding. The amount to be repaid will probably reach $25,000, and the decision, if sustained, will ruin many poor men who were stockholders. Almost the entire bar of Bedford county is employed on the case.

NOW FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

CANDIES.

We will have in stock for the trade common mixed and stick candy by the ton, together with one hundred or more other varieties, to suit the tastes of the most fastidious. Special prices on sales of 50 to 100 pounds.

NUTS.

Best quality of Princess paper-shell almonds, Tarragona almonds, English walnuts, Brazil, or Creamnuts, Filberts, Pecans and Cocoanuts together with 100 bushels best fresh-roasted peanuts. We buy the best hand-picked peanuts on the market—green—and roast them ourselves, so that our customers always get them fresh-roasted at 5 cents per quart, or 8 cts. per pound, in quantities.

FRUITS.

Evaporated peaches and apricots, French prunes, California and Turkish prunes. Dehesa, London Layer, Sultana and Valentia Raisins, finest quality and best layer figs on the market. Fard Dates, the best known to the trade. Best prunelles, and Queen brand Olives. 250 dozen best Florida Oranges. 100 dozen best Messina Lemons. 10 bunches selected Bananas. Several barrels choicest Almeria grapes, and Cape Cod Cranberries.

SWEET POTATOES.

The best Jerseys on the market, together with many other sweets, and candy toys, such as can be better seen than described. We extend a hearty welcome to our store, and wish a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Respectfully,

COOK & BEERITS.

Confluence Items.

Quite a number of our citizens attended court during the first part of the week. Others had an opportunity of going, but didn't want to. Perhaps some will go next time.

The roads up the Youghiogheny river are almost impassable. During the wet weather they were cut up by lumber teams and now, being frozen, they are exceedingly rough.

A railroad up the Youghiogheny river, from this place to Oakland, Md., is again in contemplation. Some large tracts of land have been bought, and the purchasers of the land are now asking the citizens to furnish the rowsities, free of charge, and they will build the road. This road would be about 45 miles in length, and would pass through a good timber and mineral country. There is a good quality of iron ore up this valley, and it can't be successfully disputed. Some fifty or more years ago a company of men built what is known as the Bear Creek Furnace. An excellent quality of iron was manufactured from the native ores. This furnace is not quite midway between here and Oakland. It is to be hoped that the road will be built soon, as it would develop the country lying up in Maryland. What the general arrangements are your correspondent is unable to say, but it will cost considerable money to build the road. The B. and O. would furnish the only outlet at either end of the line, and therefore that company would do but little towards the building of a road up this valley, saying that all the traffic had to come to their line anyway, and that the river is a good feeder to their road. What that company will do now, or rather what it will be able to do, is a question, I am informed, not yet settled. Some few years ago a company of men contracted for the same land now sold, with a view of building a railroad to these lands, but from some cause the purchasers failed and the project was abandoned. Some say the B. & O. refused to give satisfactory rates on their road, and those offered only held for a brief period. Under existing laws there may be a better opportunity to enforce equal and just rates, than under the old laws. The B. and O. will always be a railroad, but how long it will remain the property of that company is by no means a fixed fact. Matters look a little gloomy for the Company at present. It would perhaps be better for the country if the Pennsylvania Company would get control of it. It is said that all railroads controlled and managed by Southern men are practically bankrupt. Shot-guns may elect rebels to office, but they won't build railroads.

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Dec. 15, 1888.

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We have just received a large lot of jewelry from one of the best houses in that trade, consisting of breast-pins, cuff and collar buttons, etc., including some beautiful [illegible].

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Cameron and Quay Thoroughly Understand Each Other.

There has been a disposition on the part of certain politicians and others in Pennsylvania and in the country at large to make it appear that the relations of Senator Cameron and Quay are not of the most cordial character and that any conflict of interest will find them arrayed on opposite sides. The pending controversy in the State over the organization of the Senate and House is watched with evident expectation that the first indication of this divergence of political interest will there manifest itself.

As far as the contest over the legislative organization is concerned, it can be said that Senator Cameron is not giving any attention to it whatever, nor is it his intention to do so. The two Senators from Pennsylvania have been in frequent consultation since election. They have carefully canvassed the important political claims of the State and have come to a complete understanding. In a general way this may be stated to the effect that Senator Cameron will act only in harmony with his colleague, it being their plan to secure to the Pennsylvania Republicans every possible recognition from the new Government.

We offer this week and until after the Holidays Mens and Boys Suits and overcoats, Underwear, Neckties, and a complete line of Gents furnishing goods at Red Letter prices.

J. M. HOLDERBAUM.

Mostoller Items.

The snow is about all gone in this section.

Joseph Singer was among our visitors during the week.

Mrs. Frances Spangler is going west in the spring.

Christmas is coming. Buy your best girl a Christmas gift.

Bustles are going out of fashion, still the girls wear them.

Mr. Samuel Spangler, of Lambertsville, died on the 11th inst.

J. W. Mostoller has men at work building a slide along the Stonycreek.

The Lambertsville band is improving by the instruction of N. P. Woodard.

Mr. H. E. Woodard intends moving his saw mill to the crossing along the S. & C. R. R., above Mostoller, shortly.

The revival meeting has closed at the Mostoller school house, with seven conversions.

Poor accommodation on the S. & C. R. R. at present; they run too fast at night.

The Christians of Mostoller are holding prayer meetings twice a week, at the Mostoller school house. They complain about the bad conduct of several parties.

Lambertsville intends holding a festival December 21st, and continuing until the 24th inst.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Andrew Z. Hyatt and Hattie Wilson, both of Drakstown.

William H. Benson, of Somerset township and Annie M. Spangler, of Somerset borough.

David H. Baker, of Ligonier, Westmoreland county, and Hattie J. Fritz, of Stonycreek township.

Samuel Speicher and Elizabeth E. Knight, both of Elk Lick township.

Samuel E. Giffin and Kate E. [illegible], both of Quemahoning township.

William H. Cramer, of Morrellville, Cambria county, and Mary Specht, of Quemahoning township.

Herman Barkman and Catharine E. Baker, both of Milford township.

James Hannah, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Annie M. Schell, of Somerset Borough.

Herman Barkman, and Catherine Baker, both of Milford Township.

A week ago Mr. Lawler, of Illinois, introduced a bill in the House granting a pension of $12 a month to honorably discharged soldiers and sailors when they have attained the age of 50 years. Since that time he has been the recipient of many letters requesting him to lower the minimum age to 50, and Monday he introduced a bill in accordance with that request.

"Last week," remarks the Philadelphia *Press*, "General Harrison hunted quail and his week Quay'll hunt Harrison."

Want the Name Changed.

A movement has been started in West Virginia to change the name of that State, and the matter will be brought before the coming session of the Legislature. The Wheeling *Intelligencer* thinks "Kanawha" would be the most appropriate name.

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The Horses Will Get a Rest.

Charles W. Henderson, a veterinary surgeon in Taylorsville, Ill., who has been engaged for twenty-eight years [illegible] a [illegible] about forty horses [illegible] during the progress of a political meeting held there on November 3rd.

If you are looking for a first-class place to get your groceries, don't fail to call at the grocery of C. B. Vought, where the largest and most varied assortment is to be found in town in [illegible], and at prices that will astonish those who have been [illegible] in paying three or four times the value for articles of [illegible].

After a week's trial and the examination of a large number of witnesses, Mrs. Louisa Rorkey, of Greensburg, was awarded $500 damages in Reading last Saturday against her neighbor, Benjamin Fox, for alleged injury to her nervous system, as the result of a dynamite blast set off by Fox on his land. The defendant is a wealthy farmer and, in addition to the amount of the verdict, he will be required to pay costs and counsel fees, amounting to nearly $1,000.

Nearly all colds are slight, at first, but their tendency is to so lower the system that the sufferer becomes a ready victim to any prevalent disease. The use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, in the beginning of a cold, would guard against this danger.

Goblins and Giants—by Palmer Cox—"An Exquisite Christmas Present."

Christmas is at hand, and so is Palmer Cox, with another of his inimitable "Queer People" books. Of this book surpasses [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] of its wit, dealing [illegible] with pigmy goblins, grim giants, [illegible] clowns, merry monarchs, and all sorts of queer folks.

By long odds this is the jolliest Christmas book we have yet seen. Hon. D. N. Richardson says: "If you don't get a supply of it into my warehouse the neighbors' children will tear my house down." Critics of all classes commend it. Major General O. O. Howard says: "It is singularly happy, and will be popular among old and young." The eminent novelist, Hamlin W. Cable, says: "His pages are ever welcome visitors in a house with children in it," while the elegant Annie Hiles writes: "one does not have to wish one's self a child again to enjoy such books because one feels a child still after reading them." General Lew Wallace pronounces it "An exquisite Christmas present for the little ones of a household," while Mrs. Lew Wallace declares, "Many a child will have much delight over this charming Christmas gift."

From an avalanche of such commendations one more should be added. It does for Burdette, the noted humorist, exclaims, "Happy and gifted Palmer Cox. Who can take a pencil in one hand and a pen in the other and draw pictures and write poems for all sorts of people from the age of five to fifty." In all of which praises we heartily concur. Buy a dozen.

The three now [illegible] by Palmer Cox are Frost and Glass, ($1.50). Wings and [illegible] (Their [illegible], [illegible], &c. ($1.50), either of which are for sale by all book-sellers or will be mailed on receipt of price by the publishers, Messrs. Hubbard Bros., 723 Chestnut Street, Phila.

Black Township Items.

Christmas is coming.

Sunday school subscriptions are the order of the day.

Rev. [illegible] expects to start a protracted meeting at the Lower church Monday evening, 10th inst.

[illegible] has been without a [illegible] mill at about six months. That is something new [illegible] as many as three at one time, but there will be two running in this locality [illegible].

As our readers had very little sledding it is not because people haven't been wishing for it. Our wood dealers and lumber men are waiting for snow, and suppose the sweet sleigh bells would not complain if we had sledding from now until May.

Our schools, under the instruction of Mr. T. B. [illegible] and Miss Carrie Speicher, are progressing very well, each of them giving a spelling bee. By the way the schools continue themselves at a spelling bee [illegible] the teachers are doing good work throughout this township.

I hear tell of a good many changes here between now and April first. Henry Wilt, who has been a resident of this place for many years, will pitch his tent in Turkeyfoot, where he has bought a farm. Henry Swanson of [illegible] will take his place. J. W. Snyder expects to go west in the near future. [illegible] having been west twice before thinks the third time will be the charm. Rumor has it that Eli A. Snyder of Rockwood will take his place.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Simon Troxel, dec'd, late of Jefferson Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of administration on above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the [illegible] day of January, 1889, at the late residence of the deceased in said township.

SILAS H. CABLE,
Administrator.

[illegible], Attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Barbara Meyers, dec'd, late of Brothersvalley 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, December 29, 1888, at the residence of the Administrator, in Brothersvalley Tp.

WILLIAM FOUST,
Administrator.