The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY..... February 12, 1889.

Republican Primary.

The Republican voters of Somerset Borough will hold a Primary Election for the purpose of nominating candidates for Borough offices, on

SATURDAY, FEB'Y. 16, 1889.

The polls will be open from 2 o'clock p. m. till 6 o'clock p. m.

J. E. BIESECKER, Committeeman.

Perfume cases at Biesecker & Snyder's.

All kinds of trusses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Exquisite Valentines at Fisher's Book Store.

Tobacco and Cigars a specialty at Schrock's Grocery.

Eye glasses and spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

Old shell corn at bottom prices, at M. Schrock's feed store.

For choice sweet potatoes and cranberries, go to Schrock, the Grocer.

Arbutus Flower is sold by M. Schrock only. It is warranted the best.

M. Schrock is a leader of low prices in everything in the Grocery, Flour and Feed line.

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

Save money and buy your canned goods from M. Schrock. They are always nice and fresh.

Hagerstown Almanacs, English and German. Wholesale and Retail, for sale at Fisher's Book Store all the year round.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has imported an English locomotive for its employes at Altoona to experiment with.

Chase & Sanborn's Java and Mocha Coffee is sold by M. Schrock only. It is guaranteed the best. Try it, and you will use no other.

A legislative bill just introduced, will, if passed, make every Saturday between June 15 and September 15, after 1 o'clock p. m., a legal holiday.

It is said that out of every five school children in Philadelphia one is obliged to wear eye-glasses, and the proportion is rapidly increasing.

For the restoration of faded and gray hair to its original color and freshness, Ayer's Hair Vigor remains unrivaled. This is the most popular and valuable toilet preparation in the world; all who use it are perfectly satisfied that it is the best.

The Commissioners of Cambria Co. fixed the tax rate for the current year at 15 mills, the same as last year. The tax levy amounts to about $90,000.

A beautiful young lady became so badly disfigured with pimples and blotches that it was feared she would die of grief. A friend recommended Ayer's Sarsaparilla, which she took, and was completely cured. She is now one of the fairest of the fair.

It is claimed that there will be 40,000 men—regulars and militia—in the column which President Harrison will review at the Washington centennial celebration in New York.

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.

HOUSSOUR BROS. & PARSONS.

Call at the economy shoe store, and be convinced that cash will do wonders in the way of buying boots, shoes, etc.

SCHELL & SHUTLER.

Mrs. M. E. Schrock purposes making important business changes on or about March 11th, and before doing so our entire stock of Millinery Goods, Notions, Yarns, Ribbons and Jewelry must be closed out, regardless of cost. Here are rare chances for bargains for those who will call early. The goods will be sold.

Justices of the Peace and, Constables, you are reminded that the place to get Binns' Justice, Constables' Guides, Supervisor's Guides, Bonds, Deeds, Leases, Articles of Agreement, Summonses, Subpoenas, Legal-cap and Foolscap Paper, large Envelopes, Judgment Notes, all kinds of Legal Blanks, and everything in your line is at Fisher's Book Store.

Wanted.

A solicitor for Somerset County. Must be a man of ability, $60 per month.

J. P. DAVIS, Manager.
New Florence Pa.

Wanted!

Hides and Furs. I will pay the highest cash price for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. Call on me at my residence, immediately west of the S. & C. Station.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Mackerel Fish!

Now in stock, a shipment direct from the Atlantic coast. Quality excellent, but prices high, and we can't help it. Try some of them.

Respectfully,
COOK & BERKITS.

A Chance to Save Money.

Some fine wraps still going at cost. The low prices for dress goods, curtains and underwear will be continued until the 20th of February.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Corn! Corn!

Do you want ten bushels, or more, of good mixed shell corn? If so, 47 cents per bushel will buy it. Do you want ten bushels, or more, of good yellow ear corn? If so, 47 cents per bushel will buy it. These figures good until February 1st, of this year.

Respectfully,
COOK & BERKITS.

Low Priced Corn.

We continue the price of shelled at 45 cents, and ear at 47 cts., in 10 bushel lots and over, until February 15, 1889.

Respectfully,
COOK & BERKITS.

Notice! Notice!!

Cheap Goods! Cheap Goods!! We are preparing to leave Lavansville in the Spring and in order to reduce our stock to move more conveniently, we will sell

AT COST FOR SIXTY DAYS.

for cash, or country produce.

Come one, come all and buy your goods without paying any profit for them.

J. C. MILLER & CO.,
Lavansville, Pa.

One Moment, Please.

We wish to thank the public for their generous patronage in the past year. Our trade has increased steadily for which we are thankful. This year we propose to do business on the cash basis, which will enable us to sell boots, shoes, etc., much lower than the credit firms. Why? For many reasons. Chief among them, because we do not have to add larger profits to make up for bad accounts last. Kindly give us a trial and we will demonstrate the fact that cash will buy big bargains.

SCHELL & SHUTLER.

Cure for Rheumatism.

G. G. Trent, of West Granville, Mass., writes of Allcock's Porous Plasters:

For rheumatism, neuralgia, pain in the side or back, coughs, colds, bruises, and any local weakness, they truly possess wonderful curative qualities. I have recommended them to my neighbors with the happiest results, many of whom, but for Allcock's Plasters, would be in a crippled condition at home. In every instance where they have been faithfully and properly applied, the result has been wonderfully satisfactory.

80 Valentines' day to-morrow.

The ground hog is keeping his contract.

The ice crop for 1889 has been harvested.

Excellent sleighing for the past week, and no end of parties to the neighboring towns.

Miss Mamie Uhl is in Cincinnati taking a course in vocal instruction, at the conservatory in that city.

Eight hundred and forty-one marriage licenses have been recorded in this county since the law went into effect in 1885.

Squire James Roller, of Williamsburg, Blair county, has been appointed Register and Recorder of that county by Governor Beaver.

Nine cases of violation of the State liquor laws have been returned to the District Attorney, and will be for trial at the February session of Court.

On a $1 bill received last week at a Williamsport bank was the inscription: "This is the last of a fortune of $10,000. Beware of rum, cards and bad women."

Centreville claims to be the educational centre of of Somerset county, and people down that way think that if a seminary is to be built in the county, it should be erected there.

Somerset county has been transferred from the Eastern to the Western Judicial District, on petition of members of the bar. The first return day will be at Pittsburgh on October 21.

Mr. George R. Scull, of the HERALD, who has been confined to his home for the last three weeks with an attack of pneumonia, was at his desk in the sanctum for several hours to-day.

The new Glade Reformed Church, Rev. H. King, pastor, will be dedicated to the worship of the Triune God on Sunday, February 24th, at 10 o'clock a. m. Dr. W. Rupp, of Meyersdale, will preach the sermon.

A first-class piano has been placed in Bedford's new school building, to be paid for out of the proceeds of entertainments to be given in the future. This idea might be worthy of imitation by Somerset's Grammar School.

The Baer-arson case, which was to have been tried in the Westmoreland courts this week, has been continued to the May term upon application of the defense, who allege the absence of an important witness in Washington Ty.

Enough cases have already been returned to the District Attorney to occupy the entire first week of Court with criminal business, providing none are discontinued and it should be decided to hear all that will be offered for trial.

Tickets for the February election will be printed at this office for 25 cents a name and forwarded, postage paid, to any part of the county. In ordering tickets state number desired and write all names *plainly* so that there may be no mistake.

Squire Wm. H. Miller of Quemahoning dropped in on us for a few minutes Tuesday morning. Mr. Miller only recently returned from Buffalo, New York, where he had been undergoing a month's treatment at the World's Dispensary, of which he will tell in our next week's issue. The Squire feels that he has a new lease on life and we hope that it is a long running one.

A. M. Cannon, the Washington Territory millionaire, was peddling sewing machines in Portland, Ore., nine years ago. A year or two later he moved with his family to Spokane Falls, then a mere settlement, making the trip of 500 miles in his wagon. The little money he had was invested in land. A year later he was a banker, and to-day his wealth is estimated at between $4,000,000 and $6,000,000. He rose with the boom that has given Spokane Falls a population of 12,000 and still growing.

A number of Rev. Amos Sell's friends were in town this Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of entering security for his appearance at the February court. We learn that it was decided on consultation with the Reverend gentleman and his counsel that he should remain in custody of the Sheriff. Rev. Sell is not without friends in the community where he formerly resided, who believe him innocent of the grave charges brough against him and who are willing to stand by him in his trouble.

A Constitutional Amendment Mass Meeting will be held in the Court House on Friday evening, February 15th, at 8 o'clock p. m. Alex Cooper, the famous lecturer, will be present and address the meeting. Mr. Cooper has been in Meyersdale for a week, and is spoken of in the highest terms by all who have heard him. In force, logic and eloquence, he compares favorably with Col. Bain, of Kentucky. All are invited to be present. Voters are especially urged to come out and "reason together."

COMMITTEE.

Few dry goods establishments in Somerset county carry a larger stock of goods, and none can possibly carry a better stock than Mrs. A. E. Uhl, whose large and beautifully-stocked store-room is on the southeast corner of the public square. And then, too, Mrs. Uhl carries the largest stock of millinery goods and trimmings in the county, and always has the very latest styles and novelties in everything pertaining to her business. It is a good place to deal too. You are not importuned to buy what you do not want, and can feel assured that you are only paying a reasonable profit on your purchases.

Dr. David E. Baldwin wishes to make it known to his many friends throughout the county that he has entirely given up instructing in the rudiments of vocal music, or, as he himself says, "in the docies," and will hereafter devote all of his time to the practice of his profession, that of Veterinary Surgeon. Dr. Baldwin claims to have cured more sick horses and cattle than any practitioner in the county, and only a few days since released from his barn as cured a valuable Westmoreland county horse that six other veterinaries had tackled, but were compelled to give up as incurable. The doctor is a registered Veterinary Surgeon.

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

John W. Pringle, of Willmore, Cambria County, and Mamie G. McCormick, of Sand Patch.

Silas Hileman and Louisa Brugh, both of Addison Township.

Samuel E. Critchfield and Emma S. Weigley, both of Jenner Township.

Abraham Brugh and Jennie A. Baker, both of Middlecreek Township.

William H. Sarver and Ida C. Garlitz, both of Brothersvalley Township.

John Stark, of Harrisburg, and Della M. Bender, of Johnstown.

James Fay and Tillie Miller, both of Rockwood Borough.

Wilson Thomas, of Boynton, Pa., and Dora T. Schnable, of Meyersdale.

Luke Hay, of Brothersvalley Township, and Mary S. Miller, of Elklick Township.

Wilson Merkley, of Larimer Township, and Ida Allbright, of Philson Station.

Franklin B. Gehring and Emma S. Walker, both of Milford Station.

Howard Buchanan, of Allegheny County, Md., and Lizzie Rhoads, of Kingwood.

Samuel E. Kimmell, of Stonycreek Township, and Emma M. Schrock, of Somerset Township.

Harvey W. Kretchman, of Waterloo, Ia., and Lucy J. Hay, of Somerset Borough.

Andrew Johnson, of Jenner Township, and Rebecca J. Doone, of Somerset Township.

Martin T. Bowman, of Jefferson Township and Ella F. Rector, of Somerset Township.

George S. Knee, of Brothersvalley Township, and Ida E. Gray, of Berlin Borough.

Jesse C. Miller and Amelia Page, both of Greenville Township.

The Pennsylvania and South Penn.

From the Pittsburgh Times.

There is authority for saying that the only remaining question as to the South Penn obsequium relates to the manner the transfer shall be made by the Vanderbilts to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, whether by the formation of a corporation composed of persons with identical interests with the Pennsylvania road, or by lease to some railroad controlled by the company, or in some other way. A prominent railroad man familiar with the whole situation, says:

"The Beech Creek road will remain as it is. It has been communicated to the Pennsylvania officials that the Beach Creek will not be allowed to become a disturbing element in the situation. All the plans for an extension of the Beech Creek to Pittsburgh, over the Pittsburgh and Western and other lines, have been abandoned. It has also been agreed that the local territory of the Beech Creek Railroad, and business competitive with the Pennsylvania Railroad's traffic, shall not be developed. The road will be simply a local line. Just before the South Penn deal was made, a week ago, the Reading Railroad made overtures to the Vanderbilts for their interest in the Beech Creek, but the negotiations were declined. It is the intention of the Vanderbilts to retire altogether from active work in Pennsylvania, merely retaining an investment interest in the Beech Creek."

As to the South Penn in the future, according to the same authority, the Pennsylvania will probably complete it, but not as projected. "Instead of reaching Pittsburgh over the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie," says the gentleman, "it will connect with the Southwest branch of the Pennsylvania. The offer to sell out will be generally accepted by the South Penn subscribers. One stockholder, who had subscribed for $1,000,000 in the original syndicate, has passed in his vouchers and has received in payment a check on a New York trust company."

South Penn.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 5.—There is trouble for the Vanderbilts yet in the South Penn rail road affair. Some of the stockholders do not seem to jump at the sixty per cent. offer. D. Herbert Hostetter returned, to-day from the East. He has been sounding the New York and Philadelphia stockholders as to their intentions.

"I did not find much opposition to the Vanderbilt plan of absorption in numbers," he said, "but where it did exist it was very strong. One Philadelphian is very cross, and will not accept. He threatens to make a decided fight, and is in a position to do so, as he is a very wealthy and experienced man. All but one or two of the New Yorkers have already sold, and I suppose most of the Pittsburghers will follow suit. So far as my own holding is concerned I have not yet accepted the offer, and I have not yet made up my mind what course I shall pursue. The Vanderbilt offer was a surpise to me. It was decided upon very quickly. I had made up my mind to push for a speedy settlement one way or the other, and I think this was what caused it to come to an end. The Vanderbilts will not sell to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The rise in their stocks since the meeting on Tuesday has more than paid what they will put into South Penn. I think they have made a mistake, and would not be surprised if Mr. Gould should step in and have something to say about a road similar to South Penn. I wanted to build, and was very sorry the original program was not carried out. If it had not been for the opposition of Mr. Carnegie the road would have been running to-day. I think the Vanderbilts will get $11,000,000 or 12,000,000 out of the $15,000,000 capital before long.

Surveys of Cambria And Somerset.

From the Johnstown Tribune.

The Tribune is indebted to Mr. John Fulton, General Manager of the Cambria Iron Company, for geological maps of Cambria and Somerset Counties, in accordance with the geological survey of Pennsylvania by J. P. Leslie, State geologist. The maps bear endorsement: "By John Fulton, Assistant Geologist, assisted by Isaac A. Harvey, Geologist, and Alfred S. Prosser, M. E."

The map of Cambria County shows about nine-tenths of our territory to be in "Barren Measures or Pittsburgh Series." The next greatest proportion is "Lower Productive Coal Measures, or Allegheny Series." There are irregular strips of this formation running from Johnstown in all directions, extending northeast to Mineral Point and Summerhill, south and southeast into Somerset County, west and northwest into the Yoders, and north into the Taylors and Jackson Township and beyond. The eastern portion of Adams Township, and in fact the entire eastern side of the county, consists principally of this formation. So does the territory around Bean, Fragility, Lloydsville, Mountaindale, and other coal districts in the northeast.

If barren means barren, there is no use digging for coal in Richland, the greater portion of Adams, and Conemaugh, Stonycreek, Summerhill, Munster, Cambria, and Allegheny Townships, except, perhaps, in spots, where Nature may have "slopped over" as she went along distributing her bounties.

"Pottsville Conglomerate" there is a very small proportion, running among the "Allegheny Series" like a streak of lean with a streak of far.

"Mauch Chunk Red Shale" gives us a little color up around Mineral Point, in Jackson and West Taylor, and nearly all the way along the eastern border, with a spot east of Hastings on the north. "Pocono Sandstone" is scarcely worth talking about, the deposit is so rare, and practically monopolized by West Taylor, Upper and Lower Yoder Townships.

"Catskill Sandstones and Shales" are even a greater rarity, and if a man up at Mountaindale should take a notion that he wanted a little, he would have to traverse nearly the whole length of the county in a southwesterly direction to Jonkstown, hunt up Mr. Fulton, secure a guide, go down the P. R. R. or the Conemaugh to the jumping off place at the Westmoreland line, and dig.

Outside of its geological features the map is a most excellent and most useful one.

Turning to the map of Somerset County the scene changes. The Barren Measures and the Pottsville Conglomerate take up perhaps the most room, but the Lower Productive Coal Measures are almost everywhere at hand, and the Somerset & Cambria Railroad passes through nothing else. Mauch Chunk Red Shale skirts the western border, coming down from Cambria County, and also runs like a ribbon from north to south through the eastern side. Catskill Sandstone and Shales and Chemung Shales make up almost the entire formation in the southeast, with Mt. Healthy to sing their praise.

Evidently Somerset is a county with great possibilities for the future, and Mr. Fulton and his men have done for it, as well as for our own county, a great service.

Ogle Items.

Mr. John Rose is bringing a steam saw mill into this neighborhood and expects to have it in running order by the 20th.

It will be a hard matter to get candidates enough to fill the local offices at the election next Tuesday.

Coal hauling is all the go here while the sledding is good.

Wednesday and Thursday were the coldest days of the winter. Mercury 3° below zero.

Four new families moved into our township Wednesday.

Mr. John Ripple has returned from Johnstown.

Mr. Garrett Bean, of Scalp Level, has erected quite a store in Ogle, and does a good business. Conrad Sosse is his clerk.

Isaac Horner, the miller, is one of the most accommodating citizens of this township.

SPARCE TOP.

Corn, Ear and Shelled.

If you want corn at the lowest prices, call soon. It may go higher any day.

M. SCHROCK.

A GREEN GOODS CASE

In Which a Prominent Furniture Dealer of Somerset County Figures—Kohler Wouldn't Bite.

United States Deputy Marshal Chambers, of Pittsburgh, arrested Porter Worl, an alleged "hoodler," in that city. Mr. Worl will be given a whirl by Commission McCandless Wednesday.

A few weeks ago J. A. Kohler, a resident of Somerset county, received a letter from Mr. Worl, in which the latter stated that he believed Kohler to be a man of honor, etc. He said he had some business to transact which Kohler would find to his advantage, and asked the latter to correspond with him. The latter made believe that he had swallowed the bait, and the only thing left for Mr. Worl to do was

TO LAND THE SUCKER.

Kohler wrote him letters on the 23d and 26th of last month, and as a result of the correspondence, a meeting at the American House in this city was arranged. Worl promised to give Kohler $500 in counterfeit money which could not be detected for $100 in good money. Kohler told him to be on hand with the "goods" on Tuesday morning.

Before going to meet Mr. Worl, Kohler went to the United States District Attorney's office, and laid the case before Colonel Allen. The latter had a warrant issued for Mr. Worl, and put it in charge of Marshal Chambers. The officer proceeded to the hotel and met the slick citizen. Mr. Worl. He immediately placed the man under arrest; but the latter demurred, saying he did not deal in counterfeit money, and none could be found on his person. The latter part of

HIS ASSERTION WAS TRUE;

but he will be tried for violating the postal laws, by using the mails for unlawful purposes.

Worl's scheme evidently was not to sell counterfeit money for good money, but, as the officer believes, to make out that he had some and then fleece the man to whom he was trying to sell it. His alleged method was to have a package of brown paper with a good $5 bill on top and a $1 bill underneath. He would show this to the person with whom he was negotiating, and claim there was $500 worth of counterfeit money in the pile, the same as the $5 bill he would sell the package for $100. Telling the man not to open the package until he got to his room, for fear of detection, Worl skipped out. When the dupe opened the package he would have abot $6 worth of good money for his $100. Worl is a native of Latrobe.—*Pittsburgh Dispatch.*

Mr. Kohler has been engaged in the furniture business at Jennerstown for a number of years and is well-known throughout the county. His many friends will be pleased to learn that he so successfully entrapped the slick scoundrel who wished to take advantage of him.

Brothersvalley Items.

W. A. Seibert has almost daily, for the past few weeks, been shipping wheat from the Berlin station. The price paid ranges from 90 cents to $1. Each of a few of our farmers had wheat sufficient to fill a car.

J. G. Gardill has a very fine fish pond on his farm, one mile north of Berlin, which he last week stocked with German carp. This is the only fish pond in the township, which does not speak very well for Brothersvalley.

Wm. Hillegas, from Allegheny township, while descending the steep hill leading to the station with a heavy load of cross-ties last Friday evening, suffered the loss of one of his horses, the animal having slipped and broke its leg. The horse was a valuable one, but Mr. Hillegas was obliged to move him to the woods near by and shoot him.

R. H. Koontz, W. A. Seibert, and Dr. Fogle were at Pittsburgh last week, and bought some eight or ten head of horses and mules. Among the lot was a blooded fast trotter, which the doctor bought for his own special use. Last Friday, (which, it seems, was a bad day for horses in Berlin,) the horse committed suicide by hanging himself with the halter.

Wm. H. Bittner, one of Brothersvalley's truest Republicans, is pulling up stakes, and will remove to Virginia the first week in March. The sale of his personal property will be held the latter part of February. Mr. David Rector, Mr. B.'s brother-in-law, is also removing to the same place. Let Virginia score two more Republican votes for 1892.

The ice business is booming, and the ice houses, which are becoming more numerous in this section each year, are about all filled, with the exception of Mr. Seeley's, of Pittsburgh. He arrived last week, and has a big force of hands at work storing ice, but it will take some days yet before he has his immense houses along the Buffalo filled. The ice is eight inches thick, and reported of fine quality.

Brothersvalley must be a newsy township. I see she has three correspondents—one for the HERALD and two for the *Commercial*, and the three combined do not report half the happenings of the district. Now let there be one or two more for the *Democrat*, and the people of the county may get the news of this township.

Prof. Charles W. Mosholder paid a flying trip to Somerset Sunday. Judging from his frequent meanderings in that direction, the county capital must hold a special charm for "Magic."

The local institute, which convened at Berlin last Friday evening and held three sessions, closing on Saturday evening with a lecture by Hon. Henry Houck, was a grand success, but the same old complaint was indulged in—there was not room enough to accommodate the people. This institute should be another incentive to the good people of Berlin and vicinity to put forth their last and most powerful effort to secure the high school at this place. Then they will certainly get a building large enough to accommodate any audience on occasions like this.

Alexander Musser celebrated his 60th birthday last Tuesday. The celebration was an entire surprise to Mr. M., and was planned and prepared by his children, and other near relatives. The Baldwin band furnished the music, and played some twenty of their choicest pieces. The gifts were numerous and valuable. You may imagine the surprise of Mr. Musser, who was at the barn attending his stock, as usual, when the band began to play, and sleds and sleighs by the dozen, filled with happy children and relatives, rushed into the barnyard.

John M. Schrock is confined to his bed from an old disease, contracted while in the service of the United States. He made application for pension long ago, but up to this time has not received it. The Pension Bureau will have to hurry up, or Comrade Schrock will appear before the Supreme Commander before this Government has rendered him his just dues.

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Mouldings and Picture Frames.

Fisher's Book Store has just received a large and elegant stock of Picture Frame Mouldings and Picture Frames. These Mouldings and Frames are for sale, Wholesale and Retail. Mr. Fisher is prepared to frame all sorts of pictures, marriage certificates, baptismal certificates, diplomas, and anything and everything people desire to have framed, neatly and cheaply. Bring in your pictures and certificates, and have them framed; or, if you prefer to frame them yourself, come and buy the moulding at Fisher's Book Store.

A Chance to Make $50.00.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The latest idea of *The Press* is a Prize Puzzle Card over which everybody in New York is bothering his head. It is likely to rival the famous Fifteen Puzzle that set the Country wild a few years ago. These cards are sent by *The Press* to anyone who will send a two cent stamp to pay postage, and the person who first sends in the correct solution will receive a prize of $50.00. Address, *THE PRESS*, 26 & 28 North William St., New York.

Prison Life.

MR. EDITOR:—The purpose of this communication is to give your readers a short sketch of prison life. I was captured at the battle of New Market on May 16, 1864, having been struck in the side by a shell, from the effects of which I am suffering to-day. The pain it causes me is so great that for nights I do not close an eye in slumber. It had rendered me senseless for a time, and when I recovered consciousness, I found myself a prisoner on the battlefield, across which I was marched, when a rebel officer came and took my hat. Then we were marched, as near as I can tell, more than a hundred miles to Danville, Va., and were there imprisoned over night.

Next morning we were placed on a train and taken to Augusta, Ga. We were on the train for three days and three nights, without a mouthful to eat, or a drop of water to quench our thirst. They switched us off and stopped alongside a creek; when we begged for just half a pint of water we were refused, and instead of giving us water, the guard was ordered to shoot any man who asked for it. When we reached Augusta, we were given a "johnnie cake" to eat, and we were then moved to Andersonville prison; there we were put inside the stockade without shelter, and we may say without clothes. All we had to eat there was partly corn bread and corn meal with the cob ground in, which we had to eat raw every twenty-four hours.

I was in Andersonville for six months, as near as I can recollect, and from there we were moved to Charleston, where we laid four weeks, with no couch but the bare earth. From there we were transferred to Florence, and by this move they stripped me entirely naked—with the exception of an old pair of drawers, which rotted off of me in a few days, leaving me entirely nude. The ground was frozen hard, and partly covered with snow, on which I had to crawl around for three months to keep from freezing, as I could not walk at all.

That I was naked is on record in Washington (also that I was in prison ten months as near as I can tell. In Florence we got nothing but raw corn meal to eat; the rebel women would come in to see the boys in blue shot down like dogs, and the rebs would bring the entrails of beeves and throw them in the prison, and when we would reach for them and get across the "dead line," as they called it, the guard would shoot them, to the delight, and the women would ha! ha! and laugh.

One day the priest came in and brought his little dog with him, which the prisoners soon tore to pieces and ate. I had a piece of him, and I thought it was the best meat I had ever eaten. I saw Capt. Wertz, the Commander of the prison, kick and stamp the poor prisoners when they could not get up, and some were dying. I saw some prisoners that had eaten the flesh all off their hands and arms, and I saw others walk around for two and three days, holding their entrails in with their hands; they had the scurvy so bad that large pieces of flesh would fall from their bodies.

When I came home my feet were so badly swollen that they were twice their natural size; neither had I a hair on my head. I was at home six months before I could get up off a chair without help. When I was captured I weighed two hundred and twenty pounds, and after I had been home one year I was weighed with heavy clothes on, and only weighed one hundred and thirteen pounds. It took every cent I received in the army to pay doctor bills until I was able to be about again, and I am to-day using medicine from the doctor.

My three years' enlistment had almost expired, when I was captured and taken to prison and kept there almost ten months over my time, and to-day who would go away from home and endure the hardships I did, and suffer the pain I have every day since, for a paltry eight dollars a month?

SAMUEL P. ILE.

BAKERSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 9, 1889.

Mount Moriah Items.

H. H. Gardner, of Johnstown, is here on a visit to his old home and friends.

Our aged friend, Joseph Zimmerman, who was in failing health for several months, has again regained his usual health. He expects to make Johnstown his future home after April 1st.

Diphtheria has disappeared from here. We had a number of cases in the earlier part of the winter, some severe ones, but fortunately none proved fatal.

William Daniels, who was sick since last spring, being quite feeble in the earlier part of the winter, has again recovered so that he can get around, and is now on a visit to his father in Johnstown.

It is too early in the season to speak of the crops. The ice crop has been a poor one but has improved greatly the past week. The fruit of the hen is an early and abundant crop; the market is overstocked and prices, as a result, are very low.

Lime is an article greatly in demand, and very scarce in these parts. The old adage that "the early bird catches the worm" is now being practiced here. At daylight every work day morning one will find a large number of sleds at the empty lime houses, waiting for the day's supply of lime. This fall the trouble of our quarry men seemed to be where they would find sale for their lime, but now they are troubled as to how they shall supply the demand. Our farmers are yearly more convinced of the fact that lime and stable manure are the best fertilizers.

OCCASIONAL.

A Memorial Hall at Gettysburg.

The committe of the Pennsylvania Reserve Association, composed of ex-Governor Curtin, Captain Hamilton, General Jackson General R. A. McCoy, Senator Sloan and W. Hayes Grier, appeared before the Military Committee of the House recently in relation to the proposed consolidation of the appropriations to the several regiments, made under act of June 15th, 1887. It is designed to use the consolidated fund in the erection of a memorial hall on Gettsburg battlefield instead of separate monuments. Eight regiments of the Reserves unite in this request. The remaining commands have already used their appropriations as provided in the act referred to.

A bill was prepared and presented to the committee, which has agreed unanimously to use its best efforts to secure its passage. The bill provides for the consolidation of the fund, together with an additional appropriation of $12,000, and provides also for each Pennsylvania regiment or command engaged at Gettysburg. The committee of the Reserves say that the site for the hall and the iron, glass and granite used in its construction have already been promised as a gratuity to the association.

Half Fare to Washington.

For the benefit of all who desire to visit Washington at the time of the inauguration of President-elect Harrison, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets to Washington and Baltimore at rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line. The tickets will be on sale February 26th to March 3rd inclusive, and will be valid for return passage until March 7th inclusive. Please note that excursion tickets via B. & O. will be good to Baltimore as well as to Washington, stop-over privileges being granted at the latter point in either or both directions, within the time limit of the ticket. They will also be accepted for passage on all trains including the "Vestibuled Limited Express," without extra fare.

Excursion tickets from Washington to Baltimore, at rate of $1 20 for the round trip will be on sale at all B. & O. Ticket Offices in Washington, February 26th to March 4th good until March 7th.

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Report of Teachers' Local Institute.

Teachers' Local Institute, Section 7, composed of Meyersdale and Salisbury Boroughs, Summit and Elklick Townships, met at Meyersdale, Pa., February 2, 1889.

The Institute was called to order by Hon. Fred. Grof, Principal of the Meyersdale schools, at 10:30 o'clock a. m.

After a song by the Institute, followed the devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. A. D. Gnagey, of Meyersdale, Pa.

The Institute then sang "Help it no," Prof. J. D. Meese presiding at the organ, after which the following persons were elected as officers: President, Hon. Fred Grof; Vice President, A. L. G. Hay; Secretary, Miss Helen Shaff; Query Manager, A. O. McKinley. Then followed the opening address by Miss Helen Shaff; response by County Superintendent, J. M. Berkey.

Then followed a very interesting essay by A. O. McKinley—"Aims of an education." After a short recess the Institute sang "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Discussion—How should spelling be taught?—Opened by H. S. Nicholson; further discussed by Messrs. Meese, Grof, Dr. Good, County Superintendent Berkey, Dickey and Williams.

Messrs. Meese and Good gave short class drills. Have pupils write their lessons, putting the words into sentences; the teacher then carefully correcting all mistakes. Make free use of the dictionary.

Dr. Good said, "Teach pupils correct pronunciation."

Essays were then read by Harry Stauck and David Lewis.

A committee on resolutions was appointed.

Queries.

Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Song—"Help It On."

School-room culture—Leroy McClintock. "In the school-room pupils should be strengthened morally, mentally and physically; cultivate the habit of cleanliness, good manners, attention and observation. Moral culture is the true end of all education."

Recitation by Miss Emma Gnagy—"I've found the key of knowledge."

Recitation, by Russel Miller.

Discussion—Are debating societies beneficial?—Opened by H. G. Lepley. He said: "They are beneficial if properly conducted. They advance the knowledge of pupils and the community in general, but if not properly conducted they might be a curse to a community."

Superintendent Berkey said debating societies will create a moral-thinking set of pupils; they will help to develop the knowledge of pupils, but must be properly conducted. Further discussed by Dr. Good.

Then followed a very excellent essay by Miss Jenette Lucken, "Give your attention to all you undertake." Attention is the road to success.

How should spelling be taught was respened by Superintendent Berkey. He said: Custom is to use the old method of spelling, by having the pupils learn the letters, and spell a while before they begin to read. Is it the best way?

Recitation, by John Stouck.

Query—Has a teacher a right to punish pupils for offences committed on way to and from school? W. H. Saylor answered it by saying he has.

How should the multiplication table be studied was discussed by Fred. Grof, J. M. Berkey and Chas. Dickey.

Select reading by Anna Grof, "Importance of Knowledge."

After a short recess the Institute sang "Twilight is stealing."

Then followed a class drill in Proportion, by Fred Grof. He said: "After pupils thoroughly understand proportion the cause and effect method is best for stating problems."

Then followed a very interesting talk on Literature, by A. L. G. Hay. It is one of the neglected branches of our common schools. Literature is to reading, writing, and the other branches, what a beautiful yard and ornament is to a house. It will cause each pupil to make research for himself. It gives new life, as it were. Generally those who are most interested in good literature are the best scholars.

Query—Is it lawful to keep a pupil in after school hours?—Referred to Superintendent Berkey. He said: "Law says nothing about it; but I would not keep them in as a punishment only in case of making up time."

Essay, by Miss Allie Dull—"Women's Work." Woman's inferiority has been set aside; their sphere of action is about as large as man's.

Report—"Teacher's duty out of school"—by N. B. Countryman. Every teacher should have a plan; he should have a regular course of reading; he should seek opportunities frequently to have intercourse with parents; he should feel a deep interest in the district in which he is teaching.

A. O. McKinley added: Always state facts to parents; tell them the truth concerning their children at school.

Query—What is study?—Referred to Superintendent Berkey. It is concentrating our mind on a lesson, or getting the thought of the author into our mind.

EVENING SESSION.

Song—"I long to be There."

Essay, by Miss Jennie Baker—"Patience"—We must exercise patience and wait for results. Be patient with the little ones.

Song, by twenty small pupils of B primary school.

Essay, by Miss Ella Hady.

Recitation, by Miss Nellie Rutter.

Select reading, by Miss Mamie Beam.

Dialogue—"Our National Holidays."

Music, by the young ladies.

Report, by Fred Grof—"Common Branches"—We should have more thoroughness in our common branches; it is the foundation of all education. We try to teach too much at a time; we do too much throwing education at our pupils. It is better to know much of a few things than a little of many.

Select reading, by Miss Ida Shoemaker—"The schoolmaster's guests."

Prof. Meese gave a very able talk on "What an elementary education should include."

Select reading, by Miss Emma Shoemaker.

Recitation, by Miss Morgan.

The Institute then sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Benediction, by Rev. M. L. Young.

Forty-seven teachers and directors were present.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It is customary for educational meetings to embody some of their sentiments in the form of resolutions, therefore,

Resolved, That we mark with pleasure the increased interest manifested by our people in the cause of popular education.

Resolved, That the teachers of this subdistrict, namely, Elklick, Salisbury, Summit and Meyersdale, have reason to feel highly encouraged on account of the success of this institute, both as to attendance and as to practical work accomplished, and that we congratulate Superintendent J. M. Berkey on his marked success in raising the various district institutes of this county to such a high standard.

Resolved, That methods are only a means and not an object in the work accomplished by the teacher, and that we recognize culture as well as utility to be a worthy end in all educational efforts.

Resolved, That we will do all we can to encourage our pupils to study literature, and that we will urge them to select and read the writings of our best authors.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our thanks to the trustees of the Lutheran Church for the use of their house of worship during our sessions, and to all citizens who have aided us in making this institute a success.

JOHN D. MEESE,
JOHN WILLIAMS,
KATE B. COULTHRAN,
Committee.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Andrew Seebler, late of Black Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement without delay to

LAVINIA SECHLER,
jan9. Executrix.

New Centreville Items.

Rev. J. H. Zinn is absent from town at present.

Centreville seems to be the Mecca for sleighing parties.

Sleighing is good, and our young folks are making the best use of it.

Mrs. J. R. Sell, of Somerset, was visiting relatives in this place last week.

E. H. Vandenbergh is doing a good business in the fresh fish and oyster trade.

L. Vought is daily hauling stone, with which to enlarge his store building.

Mrs. M. P. Shafer left last Saturday, on a visit to her old home, in Stonycreek township.

A sleighing party of twelve or fourteen couples from Somerset, took in our town Sunday.

Dr. Gardner is looking rather sad, presumably on account of the healthy condition of the people of this section.

Mr. R. H. Dull, who is messenger in the State Senate, is spending a vacation of ten days at his home in this place.

D. W. Will, our enterprising farmer and poultry man, says that in 1888, 100 hens layed 1,400 dozens of eggs. Who can beat it.

Mr. Jonas Tedrow, who has been confined at his son's house in this place on account of a broken limb, for the last three months, will soon be able to go to his farm about two miles from town.

M. P. Shafer, our chief auctioneer, is busy calling sales almost every day, but still laughs and grows fat and looks more like a Sheriff every day, and we hope will continue so to look until he gets there.

We also have one of the best locate a towns in southwestern Pennsylvania for summer boarders. Although we have two fine hotels, we cannot accommodate more than one-half the city boarders who would like to spend the summer here. We had over fifty boarders last season, and all the rooms are already engaged for next summer.

It has been said by some one that we are a finished town with the exception of fencing in and whitewashing the fence, but we are