The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY ..... May 8, 1889.

Excellent growing weather.

Pillsbury's Flour at Keller's.

The oyster is now *out of season*.

Perfume cases at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The early flower is showing its modest face.

All kinds of trusses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Eye glasses and spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

What was it the buzz saw? Saw teeth, of course.

Alabastine in all colors at Biesecker & Snyders.

Sugar, Flour and Wool taken for goods, at Heffley's.

Pillsbury's Best XXXX Flour for sale at Josiah Keller's.

Berks county farmers say this is the off year for apples.

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

Look in M. M. Tredwell & Co.'s show windows as you pass by.

Removed, and don't forget—J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store.

Bedford has contracted for an electric light plant at a cost of $16,968.

Try a sack of Pillsbury's Flour and you will never use any other brand.

The largest stock and latest fashions in Clothing at Heffley's. Very cheap.

Boys in the State Reformatory at Huntingdon are not allowed to talk to each other.

The oldest millinery house in Somerset County. M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

The pension office, Washington, now receives about 60,000 letters daily.

Why pay ten cents for Wall Paper, when you can buy it at Heffley's for 5 cents.

We want everybody to come in and see us next week. J. B. HOLDERBAUM.

Millinery, Millinery, Millinery.
M. M. TREDWELL, & CO.

The only Philadelphia and New York made Clothing in Somerset is to be had at Heffley's.

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

Did you see the new cheap clothing at Heffley's? If not, call and see them; it will pay you.

Children's suits at Heffley's, the latest from 4 to 10 years of age, at $4 25 per suit; worth $2 00.

The law fixing the compensation of township supervisors at $2 per day has been passed finally.

When you go to town next week, don't forget to call and see J. B. Holderbaum's new store-room.

At Heffley's, just from New York, the nicest and cheapest clothing in town for Men, Boys and Children.

The only place in Somerset where you can buy flour made at the celebrated Pillsbury mills is at Keller's grocery.

Straw Hats in all styles at Heffley's, from 5 cents up. Prices can't be beat. Hats of all the latest styles the market affords.

Gen. Simon Cameron has presented to the Reformed congregation at Maytown, Lancaster county, a fine brick house for a parsonage.

We are always glad to see you whether you buy or not. The whole world is not dollars and cents.
M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

Young man, go west! But before you start go to Heffley's and get one of those cheap Trunks before they are all gone; $2.00 for 36 inch.

A MECCET, Pa., minister announces that he will wed the woman unanimously recommended by his congregation. He's safe; he will never marry while pastor of his present charge.

If you want to get the latest styles and cheapest Clothing go to Heffley. He will undersell all others. Suits, $4 25, $2 00 $3 00 and $3 50 Men and Boys.

To plant a tree is a little speculation in which one takes the earth into partnership. There is no outlay but a little labor; the generous earth furnishes all of the capital.

Persons coming from the trains will find us the first business house they come to. Don't "go further and fare worse."
M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

It is now certainly known that the Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, will encamp at Bedford this summer. The encampment will be held in July or August.

The best bread is made from Pillsbury's Flour, manufactured at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Persons trying it will use none other. For sale only at Keller's grocery.

Send for circular giving outline of Spring and Summer sessions of Morrell Institute, Johnstown, Pa. School of Methods a special feature. 16 professional instructors engaged.

Persons wishing to improve their memories or strengthen their power of attention, should send to Prof. Loissette, No. 237 Fifth Avenue, New York, for his prospectus, post free, as advertised in another column.

An Illinois fruit grower insists on trimming peach trees every year. Prune so as to preserve the small twigs in the center and reduce the excessive growth at the end of the limbs, thereby letting sun into all of the tree. The tree, it is claimed, will then bear a heavier crop of fruit and better colored.

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.

If the people only knew how much better they would sleep by going out of doors, just before retiring, and taking five or six or a dozen deep, strong breaths, they would no more omit it than they would their supper.

Ladies, you can find all colors of ready mixed paint, and in any quantity you want, put up in any sized tin cans; also, all kind of wood stains, tube colors, paint brushes, scrub and dusting brushes, at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset Pa.

In the Bedford county court last week Geo. C. Crissey, John W. Oyler and James Miller, said to be members of an organized band of thieves existing in Harrison township, that county, were convicted of larceny. They, through their counsel, have made application for a new trial, and pending the motion, sentence was deferred.

Remember that M. M. Tredwell & Co., not only keep an immense stock of millinery but other shelves are filled with the cheapest and most varied stock of notions, trimmings, laces, embroideries, hose, gloves, neck-wear, kerchiefs, corsets, busties, &c.

California Canned Goods—California Evaporated Fruits—Mocha and Java Coffee—all new and fresh goods—Agent for Brehm Bros. Johnstown Bread—A full line of Fancy Groceries, Tobacco and Cigars—of best quality—at
JOSIAH KELLER'S.

The Samoan difficulty is about settled, and many ladies have not decided on what style of spring hat to select. Come to us and we will end your misery. Our stock of spring hats is so large and varied that we can suit any style of beauty. Our stock of flowers and ribbons is endless. In materials for trimming, we have everything from the lightest gossamer to the heaviest silk.
M. M. TREDWELL & CO.

This will be a rare opportunity for farmers to improve their stock. We have cows, calves, yearlings, and two-year-olds bull calves will go with the cows, heifer calves sold separate. Terms will be made easy, and purchasers fairly dealt with. This stock comes from Delaware Co., Pa. Catalogue at sale. These cattle can be seen at the stable of Mr. S. D. Shoemaker, in Somerset Borough, for three days previous to the sale.
W. H. LOWNES.

Landlord John A. Walter has erected a large stable on his East End hotel property.

Hon. J. R. McMillen, of New Lexington, spent last week in Somerset visiting his son, Sheriff R. S. McMillen.

Merchant J. B. Snyder left for Pittsburgh Tuesday to select a stock of spring goods. Look for his advertisement in next week's HERALD.

Mr. George Hoover, of Hooversville, has his creamery in operation, and is daily turning out a considerable quantity of first-class butter.

General Moses A. Ross, of Addison, looking hale and hearty as he did forty years ago, was among the callers at the HERALD office Tuesday afternoon.

Mac. Nicely and W. W. Miller, of Ligonier, were registered at the Somerset House Monday in time for supper. They were closeted with "Joe" Nicely in the county jail this morning.

Deputy Sheriff Milton McMillen, who has been suffering for the past two weeks from a very painful carbuncle on the back of his neck, is rapidly improving, and is able to be about and attending to business again.

The residence of John D. Miller, near Bakersville, with all contents was destroyed by fire one night last week. The fire is supposed to have originated form a defective flue. The entire loss is estimated at $2,500.

Marion, the sixteen year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sufall, of the east ward, died at the family residence Saturday morning from an attack of malarial fever. Almost the entire family including Mrs. Sufall and seven or eight children are confined to their beds suffering from the same disease.

G. W. Colborn, Esq., of Addison, was in town Monday morning, for the purpose of filing his commission as Justice of the Peace to which office he was elected by the voters of that township at the recent spring election. Mr. Colborn, we believe, is the youngest Justice in the county.

In response to an inquiry from Clerk to the County Commissioners A. J. Hileman, as to whether moneys returned at interest at the regular time of assessment, and afterwards collected and invested in real estate before the regular appeals are held, are liable to taxation, the Auditor General of the State replies they are, and that the County Commissioners have been right in so holding.

The commissioners are making elaborate preparations for Pennsylvania Day at Gettysburg. A bill appropriating $50,000 for the event is pretty well on its way through the Legislature, and this money will be largely used in transporting old soldiers to the historic field. It will be a great occasion. All the monuments erected by the State will be formally decorated.

Voters who have not paid a State or county tax within two years from the 18th of June, will be deprived of voting on the constitutional amendment on that day. Tax receipts procured for delinquent tax-payers by the political committees in October, 1887, and 1888, will be good for this special election, although those issued in 1887 can not be used in the election of next November.

Mr. Charles H. Fisher, accompanied by his wife, started east on Monday morning, with the design of spending a couple of weeks vacation in Philadelphia, New York and Washington. Whilst in New York and Philadelphia Mr. Fisher will take a tour through the great book stores and publishing houses, hunting up what is latest and best in literature, and endeavoring to find something new and attractive in the book line for the delectation of his many patrons.

Mr. Samuel H. Bradley, of Olean, N. Y., is engaged in securing oil leases in the vicinity of White's Creek, in Addison township. Geologists have long been of the opinion that oil was to be found in that vicinity, and several wells have been drilled down to a considerable depth, only to be abandoned. The last attempt to discover oil in the territory named is shrouded in mystery. After having drilled some 1700 feet into the earth the workmen suddenly ceased operations, plugged up the well and quietly left the county, but not until the well had been visited by a number of Pittsburgh parties. It is generally supposed that the Standard Oil Company could tell why the drilling was discontinued. We trust that Mr. Bradley will be liberally treated by the property owners of that section, and that he may succeed in developing the territory to the benefit of all concerned.

The General Revenue bill which is about passing the Legislature returns to the County Commissioners one-third of all the taxes derived from moneys at interest. This will give to all of the counties of the State fully $350,000, and with care and industry in assessing and collecting, probably $500,000. The Legislature of 1887 appropriated $500,000 more than usual to the common schools, and this one will add $250,000 more, making $1,750,000 returned to the people for school purposes. The total amount thus returned will be, at least, $2,100,000, and much of this will be an indirect relief to local taxation. This is a good policy, and it goes far to relieve real estate, which has to bear the brunt of local taxation. Very happily, under the Republican policy, the State does not tax real estate for State purposes. The local tax question is to be considered by an expert commission and probably a general law will be forthcoming to equalize this, the most difficult of all tax problems. The Granger organization has accepted this as an indication that their interests and theories are to have full investigation. This is also right. —*Media American.*

The men who platted the town of Confluence thought they could see a great future in store for that village, but their bright anticipations were dispelled when the Pittsburgh & Connellsville Railroad passed under the control of the B. & O. Co. They had expected that the shops of the former company would be located at that point, and realizing the commanding position it occupied and the rich mineral and timber territory to be developed in the vicinity, they looked for Confluence to grow into a busy city in the course of a few years. Confluence has existed since that time as all small towns exist without increasing to any appreciable extent in either population or business.

About a year ago Col. J. U. Crawford, a Philadelphia capitalist, purchased from the Swan heirs of Maryland, a tract of rich timber and mineral land containing 9,000 acres and lying on either side of the Youghiogheny river two miles above the village of Friendsville, in that State.

Col. Crawford at once formed a syndicate of eastern capitalists for the purpose of developing this trace and engineers were employed to make the preliminary surveys for a railway to run along the banks of the river from Confluence to the estate of the syndicate. The distance is between 16 and 18 miles and the surveys being completed and the contract for grading having been let, the work of construction was entered upon three weeks ago. Six hundred workmen are employed along the line and this number is being increased daily. The new road will enter Confluence a few rods east of the B. & O. R. R. bridge and will cross the river just below the confluence of the three rivers. Work on the abutments and piers for the syndicate's new bridge has been begun. The syndicate is constantly adding to their original purchase and they expect to push their road through to Oakland, Md., ultimately at which point they will strike the main stem of the B. & O. The work on the 17 miles now under construction is of a very light character and the contractors hope to have trains running over the new road before the summer closes. Confluence expects to be greatly benefited by this enterprise as she is the natural commercial centre for all the region the new road penetrates and the town is booming as she hasn't boomed in years.

The County Jail!

WILL ITS INMATES BE THERE WHEN WANTED BY THE COURT!

A DOUBLE GUARD PLACED AROUND THE UNSAFE OLD PRISON WHICH CONTAINS A LARGER NUMBER OF DESPERATE CRIMINALS THAN EVER BEFORE IN ITS HISTORY.

The "McClellandtown Gang" Interviewed and Described.

EIGHT OF THEIR NUMBER AWARDED A WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS.—THE HEARING TO BE HELD AT 1 O'CLOCK FRIDAY AFTERNOON.—THOSE DISCHARGED WILL PROMPTLY BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY FAYETTE COUNTY OFFICIALS.—LEWIS AND THE TWO SULLIVANS DON'T ASK A HEARING.—COUNSEL EMPLOYED IN THE CASE.

The one topic of conversation throughout the county at present is in relation to the eighteen prisoners now confined in the county jail, most of whom are charged with having committed the most heinous crimes to be found in the long catalogue of black deeds. All other subjects, even the omnipresent observations pertaining to the state of weather have been entirely lost sight of, and the familiar greeting of "what a lovely day!" has been supplemented by "I hope the prisoners won't escape!"

The unsound condition of the county jail has long been known, and now that it shelters eighteen prisoners, fears of a general jail delivery are entertained on all sides. The question of building a new prison, or repairing the present one, has been under consideration for a long time, and has been taken up by the various grand juries at the different sessions of court, but the endless number of recommendations made by that body have been permitted to moulder in the pigeon holes to which they were originally consigned. But now that the old bastile is filled with desperate men the subject has been revived, and is being agitated with renewed vigor.

A new jail project has now, and always will have, its decryers, made up principally from among that class of citizens who bear little or none of the burden of taxation, but who are always engaged in scheming to economize for the public at large. But then perhaps they are correct in their pessimistic views, as the day may come, as our prohibition friends positively assert that it will, when King Alcohol has once been banished from the land, our jails and almshouses will be depopulated, and ever after from the dawning of that happy day will remain tenantless; and still, we have not heard it intimated that any of the men now incarcerated were urged to commit the foul crimes with which they stand charged while under the influence of that destroying monarch.

Humanity rebels against a system that compels men and women to be confined in a single room together for weeks, and perhaps months at a time, but the Sheriff is powerless to change this condition with the means at his disposal. No matter what the character of the persons imprisoned, common decency demands that this state of affairs be speedily changed.

The County Commissioners are thoroughly acquainted with the unsafe condition of the jail, and since it contains a number of hardened criminals they have wisely placed a watch around the ill-smelling old "crib" day and night, and are doing everything in the line of their duty to prevent the escape of the prisoners.

Sheriff McMillen realizes that he has a gang of desperate men under his care, but with all the means at hand it will require the untiring vigilance of that officer and his assistants to retain them in their keeping during the three weeks intervening between now and court.

The prisoners are not without friends and sympathizers outside the prison walls. The unsafe condition of the county jail has long since been published to the world, and it seems to the writer that the fears of the people are well grounded.

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Through the courtesy of the Sheriff we were permitted to go inside the prison gates during the week. Seated at the old wooden table that serves as a "banqueting board," were "Joe" Nicely, Grant Slagle, *alias* Dean, and two sun-burned sons of the Dark Continent, engaged in a friendly game of euchre. Dean, who was the last of the McClellandtown gang to be arrested and placed in jail, is a smooth-faced, red-complexioned, strongly built young man of about 26 summers. The circumstances that led to his being arrested for complicity in the Yoder outrage was the fact that he was supposed to know all about Yoder's money. It appears that he had worked in Elklick township not a long time ago and had paid attention to a female inmate of Yoder's house from whom it is thought he learned all about the old man's wealth. He was known to be intimate with Hill and the Sullivans. He made considerable resistance when arrested, and when on his way to prison offered $50 to his captors if they would untie his hands.

On the coal-box were perched Charles Lewis, Marshall Sullivan and Nettie Sullivan. Lewis, who is the leader of the gang, is a man of medium stature and powerful frame. A heavy sandy mustache covers the upper lip of his iron jaw, while a pair of sharp eyes glanced alternately from the paper in his hands to the direction of the Sheriff, whom he seemed to be sizing up and recording in his mental note book. To the few questions addressed to him he made prompt and polite reply, but in as few words as possible. Lewis was neatly and genteely dressed in dark coat and vest with grey striped trousers; his boots were polished and of fashionable make. All in all, he has the appearance of a sporting gentleman, but one can hardly think that he derived much sport in torturing defenseless old farmers until they gave up their hard earned wealth.

Miss Sullivan, who was seated at his side, never took her eyes from the newspaper she was reading, while her left foot exposed to the ankle beneath the folds of her neat-fitting dress, clad in buff colored boots, beat a constant tattoo on the side of the box. Miss Sullivan is rather a prepossessing young woman, and is said to have "kept school" in Fayette county for several winters. On at least one occasion she attended teachers' institute in Somerset.

Marshall Sullivan, whose legs dangled from the other side of the box, is of medium height and weight. His body is slightly bowed, and his hair, once sandy, is tinged with grey. He has the appearance of being very muscular, and has had a checkered career during the forty or more years of his life. He escaped from the jail in which he is now confined about 14 years ago, during the term of Josiah Shafer in Sheriff's office.

Decatur Tasker was seated half way up the rickety old stairway leading to the tier of cells above, trying to read by the dim light emitted through the narrow hole left in the wall for ventilating purposes. He, too, is a powerful built man of about forty-five years of age. Dark side-whiskers cover his cheeks, and he looks more like a well-to-do farmer than a desperado.

Inquiring for "Jack" Sullivan, in response to a call from one of the gang, that young man left Miss Teats to lean "Juliet" like over the balustrade above and watch the movements of her festive "Romeo," who tripped lightly down the stairway and joined the reporter in the corridor below. "Jack" Sullivan is a dashing young fellow of about 28 years; rather good looking, but not enough so to attract attention on that score. A well-cared-for blonde mustache graces his face, while a flashy tie of some light material fluttered around his neck. Straight as an arrow and perfectly developed, he looks the athlete from head to foot. He was in a talkative mood and expressed himself freely in regard to several of his companions and to the treatment the entire gang received at the hands of their captors. He commented on the curiosity exhibited by the people in the different towns which the gang visited after their arrest, and regretted that so many innocent people had to be torn from their friends and homes when there was not the slightest suspicion on which to base their arrest.

Dave Nicely lighted a cubeb cigarette at this juncture and began promenading up and down the prison corridor, puffing its penetrating and obnoxious fumes into the already foul and overheated atmosphere of the prison.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were lazily stretched on a bunk in one of the upper cells, and as our reporter passed he was invited in. Mrs. Hill is rather a good-looking, buxom young woman of about 20 years, and quite talkative, but not more so than her husband, who is not more than 27 years of age, and of a genial disposion. "It's all wrong to keep us in jail," said Mr. Hill "We know nothing about the character of these other people. They had all been in the habit of stopping with us, and somehow or other they all met at our house that Sunday. The two girls came together, to look at a cow one of them talked of buying. We had no idea that these men were robbers, nor do we know that they are now. They only stopped at our house, and always paid their board."

As the reporter was about to leave the prison the poor, miserable, wizen-faced, sore-eyed little fellow who was arrested at Meyersdale on suspicion of being implicated in the Yoder robbery, and committed to jail for 30 days, squeaked out from the stool on which he was sitting, near the door: "Say, Mister, do you know what in h—l they sent me here for? I don't know any of these fellows." We suggested that it was possibly to place him in good company, and took our departure.

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Before being placed in jail young Anderson, "The Kid," was searched by Deputy Sheriff McMillen who took three knives and a large leather pocket-book from him. The pocket-book contained a quantity of letters and papers. On the backs of several of the papers and envelopes rude drafts were drawn having different roads, buildings, etc., marked on them.

WILL HAVE A HEARING.

Eight of the prisoners, namely: Clarence B. Anderson, Mary Hill, Grant Dean, Decatur Tasker, William Hill, Jerrymanus Thomas, Louisa Teat and Nettie Sullivan, through their counsel, A. C. Holbert and John H. Uhl, Esq's., on Thursday petitioned Judge Baer for a writ of *habeas corpus*. The writ was awarded returnable Friday, May 10th at 1 o'clock P. M. at which time the above named parties will be accorded a hearing in the Court House. It is more than probable that all of them except Grant Dean, who is strongly suspected of having participated in the Yoder robbery, will be discharged. None of the other are charged with having committed any violation of law within the jurisdiction of the Somerset County Courts.

WANTED IN FAYETTE COUNTY.

The male members of the gang who will be discharged Friday will at once be re-arrested, we are informed, by Fayette county officials, as they are wanted to answer in the Fayette courts for various crimes and misdemeanors committed in that county. District Attorney Hertzog, of Uniontown, has been in correspondence with District Attorney Biesecker, and the latter has been requested to see that all the parties are detained in jail till the former can send an officer for them.

It is not probable that the female members of the gang will be detained longer than Friday, when they will doubtless be permitted to return to Markleysburg and consummate the deal for the cow which they were about purchasing when they were ruthlessly carried off by their ungallant Somerset county captors.

DON'T WANT A HEARING.

Lewis and the two Sullivans waived a hearing when brought before Justice Cook at Meyersdale, and they are not asking for a hearing now. The general impression is that they also propose to waive a hearing at court, and will make a desperate effort to escape from jail as soon as the balance of the little flock are gotten rid of.

The Sheriff of Fayette county has notified Sheriff McMillen to keep both eyes on Lewis if he wants to hold him for court, as he considers him to be the most desperate and daring prisoner he ever had in his charge.

In the trial of the case at court District Attorney Biesecker will be assisted by F. J. Kooser, Val. Hay and W. H. Koontz, Esq's. The accused have not yet retained counsel.

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The most important discovery made since the arrest of the McClellandtown gang was the finding of a freshly made grave in the family grave yard of the Teats. No one knows anything about it and people have leaped to the conclusion that the man wounded at the time the Fayette county authorities attempted to capture the gang, died and was buried there. This conclusion is strengthened by the rumor that some one passing Hill's house a few nights before the arrest heard some one nailing up a box inside. A party was made up at Markleysburg with the intention of opening the grave but we have not yet learned whether their suspicion was confirmed.

WANTED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

As soon as Somerset and Fayette counties are through with Lewis and Sullivan, they are wanted at Kingwood, W. Va., where the Preston County grand jury have indicted them for the robbery of Ami Myers, a miser, nearly a year ago. Myers was robbed of three thousand dollars. His nephew, Webster Myers, was arrested for the crime; the latter is now out on bail and has made a confession in which he states that Lewis and Sullivan were the principals in the robbery and that he furnished them the information as to his uncle's money on condition that they would give him one-third the booty. After they secured it they paid him off with a twenty dollar gold piece. He now gets even with them by peaching.

Messrs. Kyle and Miller, of Meyersdale, are in Fayette county this week hunting up evidence against the gang.

Marriage of Commander Picking and Miss Sherwood.

From the Baltimore Sun of May 33.

Commander Harry F. Picking, U. S. N., and Miss Sherwood, daughter of Mrs. Robert Sherwood, were married at noon yesterday in St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church.

The ushers, W. de Curzon Poultney, Hugh Jenkens, Maj. Fred Poor of Washington, and Mr. Will Picking, brother of the groom, headed the bridal procession. The bride's niece, Miss Margaret Patterson, and her nephew, Master John Neal Hodges, followed the ushers, the former sweetly dressed in white and the latter in velvet. Both carried baskets of pink roses. There were no bridesmaids. The bride entered on the arm of her brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Hodges. She was attired in a pale gray traveling dress and carried a gray prayer-book mounted with silver. She also carried a bunch of pink roses. The groom and his best man, Mr. John Fassit, of New York, met the procession at the altar, where the ceremony was performed by the Right Rev. Henry A. Neeley, Bishop of Maine.

A wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's mother, No. 14 West Preston Street. Miss Bessie Dullam obtained the ring the wedding cake contained. The reception was attended by a large number of naval officers and their wives, and by many prominent Baltimore society people. Commander Picking and his bride will spend their honeymoon on board the U. S. man of war "Michigan," of which vessel he is Commander, and which cruises about the great lakes during the summer season.

For Sale.

Western clover and timothy seed, the best flour in the market, corn, ear and shelled, bran, middlings, chop, oats, oranges, molasses, coffe, crackers, beans, canned goods, butter, carbon oil, brooms, lemons, syrups, teas, cheese, corn meal, oat meal, dried fruits, lard, dried beef, lime, buckets, sugars, spices, bacon, rice, tubs, soaps, baskets, lamps, chimneys, tobacco, cigars, candies, &c., &c. Country produce taken at all times.

Respectfully,
M. SCHROCK.

A Diabolical Plot!

IN CONNECTION WITH THE UMBERGER MURDER ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN UNEARTHED.

THE PLAN SAID TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO ARREST TWO INNOCENT PARTIES AND CHARGE THEM WITH THE CRIME—NOW LAID AT THE DOOR OF THE NICELY BOYS.

Will It Be Carried Out?

Intelligence came to the ears of HERALD reporters early last week and but a few hours after this journal had been issued from the press on the day of its regular publication of a desperate scheme that was being hatched to pervert the ends of justice, and with the hope of assisting in saving the necks of two of the prisoners now in the county jail from the hangman's noose. The story is startling and devilish in its intent, and as it comes to us from a most reliable source, and is reasonably well authenticated in all of its particulars, we give it to our readers as we learned it.

One of the old leather pocketbooks taken from the breast pocket of Herman Umberger after that aged farmer had been brutally shot down before the eyes of his wife, it is thought has been definitely located, as has a portion of the money it contained when stolen, by detectives who have been engaged in working up the case. The man who has the pocketbook in his possession entered into a scheme to place some of the money that could be easily identified, and the mask worn by the "little man" on the night of the murder, in a place where it could easily be traced to the possession of Collins Hamilton, the "suspect" who was the first man arrested on suspicion of having been connected with the Umberger murder and robbery, and who was subsequently discharged from custody at a *habeas corpus* hearing held before Judge Baer. The plot also contemplated putting the pocketbook where it could be found in the possession of either Joseph Hoffman or John Koontz, residents of Westmoreland county, near Laurelville, or parties in this county, yet unknown. Either one of these men, it is said, taken with "Coll" Hamilton, who is short of stature, would compare with the tall "red faced man" and the "little man," described by the witnesses of the tragedy. The arrest of the parties named was to follow, and the articles as described traced to their possession, but the arrest was not to be made until within 15 days of the May session of court, when it would be too late for the men arrested to procure a writ of *habeas corpus* before the case on the calendar had been disposed of.

The dastardly scheme was well conceived, and were it not for its timely discovery might have resulted in jeopardizing the lives of two innocent men, against whom it was proposed to work up a strong chain of circumstantial evidence, and to create such a doubt as to the guilt of the men who are indicted for the crime as to cause their acquittal, the latter being the main object of the conspiracy.

Since the above was written and in type, our information is confirmed by a report published in the Pittsburgh papers of Tuesday morning, furnished them by the "Gilkinson Detective Agency" of that city, who have been working up the case for the Umberger estate. After reciting the story of the murder and robbery, in which Detective C. C. Howard is given credit for making all of the arrests and discovering all the evidence that has been collected up to this time, none of which is due to him, but properly belongs to Constable John O. Rauch, of Jennertown, who has been untiring in his efforts to hunt the guilty parties down and bring them to justice. The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* says:

The plot the detectives unearthed was one to get the Nicely boys out of jail and fasten the crime on the alleged ex-convict Hamilton. It was found that relatives of the two Nicelys were going to have two men of about the same size and appearance as the real murderers arrested the day before the trial—May 27. They were to confess that Hamilton committed the murder. One of the pocketbooks, containing $11,000, was to be found secreted in the house of one of the men. In the house of the other man was to be found the gray wig supposed to have been worn by David Nicely. Two men, Joseph Hoffman and John Koontz, were to be the men arrested. Charles Beegle, of Bedford county, who holds a detective's commission, was to search the houses and make the arrests. On account of his record, it was supposed that it would not take much evidence to fasten the crime on Hamilton.

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"Will a change of venue be asked for in the Nicely case?" was asked General Coffroth by a HERALD scribe Tuesday afternoon." Not that I know of "replied the General." The idea of asking for a change of venue has never been entertained. I have frequently been asked the same question and have been told that it was decided that the change would be made to Bedford county. That is all a mistake, if the defense should ask for a change they would want the case to be tried in Westmoreland. Of course, if a change was granted the Court would have the naming of the place where the case would be tried."

Prof. Langdon Has His Say.

MR. EDITOR:—In last week's HERALD Mr. W. H. Cover replied to an article in the Berlin *Record* of April 27, 1889. It is evident from his statement that he thinks one of the teachers of the Berlin Normal the author. For this reason I wish to say that none of the Berlin teachers was in any way connected with the writing or publishing of said article. I do not deem a newspaper quarrel becoming to either a teacher or a preacher; but, because I think Mr. Cover said more concerning the Berlin Normal in his "justification" than was necessary, I wish to add a few comments.

He cites the case of F. G. Landis as an answer to the *Record*. It is no answer. Rufus Landis resides about three miles from Berlin, and what is proved by the attendance of a former Berlin student at Somerset. Will F. G. Landis say anything detrimental to the Berlin Normal? In our school we have a number of students who have been identified in the past with other normal schools of the county, but making a bombastic blow at persons and places, brings credit to no one. We do not think our school better than other schools because some of our students formerly attended elsewhere.

With all due respect to Mr. Cover I will conclude by asking him why he makes such a parade of the "higher branches," and then allows himself to violate a common rule of English Grammar in his closing sentence.

Respectfully,
J. C. LANGDON.

BERLIN, May 4, '89.

Copies of the HERALD from April 15 to date, containing full particulars of the Umberger murder, the Yoder robbery and the Shaulis hanging and shooting can now be obtained only at Fisher's Book Store, at 5 cents per copy. Mail orders will receive prompt attention from Mr. Fisher.

Licenses in Bedford County.

Eighteen applications for wholesale and retail liquor dealers' licenses were brought before the Bedford County Court last week. Of this number thirteen were granted and five refused. A comparison with the record of one year ago shows the following result: In 1888 thirteen tavern licenses, three wholesale licenses as distillers, one saloon license, and one bottler's license were granted, making a total of eighteen. In 1889 ten tavern licenses and three wholesale licenses as distillers were granted, making a total of thirteen.

Farmers.

Our fertilizer works are now in full operation. We have on hand the best prepared and finest selected fertilizers that has ever been in our factory. Others have advanced prices, but ours remain the same. We cordially invite all our old patrons to come again and all others to patronize home trade.
SOMERSET FERTILIZER CO.

No More Light.

How Jacob D. Shaulis Came to His Death Remains a Secret.

His Two Sons Released from Jail on $10,000 Bail.

That Jacob D. Shaulis, an aged and wealthy farmer of Jefferson township, was found at an early hour Tuesday morning of last week cold in death, suspended by a small flaxen cord from the limb of a tree on his farm, a short distance from his dwelling house, is an established fact. How he came there, and the cause and manner of his dying is still enveloped in darkness, and, although a full week has elapsed since the body was found, and a shrewd and experienced detective has been working untiringly on the case, not the slightest ray of light has yet pierced the dark cloud. Whether the old farmer took his own life, or was foully murdered by those whose greatest pleasure it should have been to guard and tenderly care for him in his declining years, remains a mystery. Strong and convincing arguments can be advanced in support of either theory. Many of the dead man's nearest neighbors think the former more probable.

That Mrs. Belinda Shaulis, wife of Jacob D. Shaulis, while returning from the barn to the dwelling house on the morning on which her husband's body was found, received a bullet in her back, fired from a gun in the hands of a cowardly assassin concealed in the barn, and that her two step-sons, George J. and David J. Shaulis, were arrested and lodged in the county jail charged with this unnatural crime, was published in last week's HERALD.

While many circumstances point plainly to the two sons as the parties who attempted to murder Mrs. Shaulis, yet the sentiment of the people of the neighborhood, seems to be strongly in their favor. There are many things in connection with the affair that they will have great difficulty in explaining to the satisfaction of a court and jury.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

The warrant on which George J. and David J. Shaulis were arrested charged them with assault and battery with intent to kill. The information on which the warrant was based was made before Esquire Cable by their step-mother, Mrs. Jacob D. Shaulis. The accused were placed in jail Tuesday night, and Thursday noon they were brought before President Judge Baer, who admitted them to bail, the recognizance being fixed at $10,000.

Frederick Shaulis, Peter F. Shaulis, Philip H. Walker and Conrad Miller, all well-to-do farmers, became their bondsmen. A team was in waiting for them, and as soon as they were released they were driven rapidly to their mountain home in order to be present at the funeral of their father, which took place from the family residence at 3 o'clock the same afternoon.

COUNSEL EMPLOYED.

The prisoners were represented at the hearing by Messrs. Coffroth & Ruppel and Wm. H. Koontz. District Attorney Biesecker was alone for the Commonwealth. Since the hearing F. J. Kooser and Val Hay, Esq's. have been retained by the prosecution, and it is said that Hon. John Cessna will also be found at the Commonwealth's table when the case is called for trial at the May term of court.

STARTLING STORIES.

A great many startling stories in regard to the tragedy are being circulated some of which will enter into the trial of the case. There is no question but that an attempt was made to poison old man Shaulis several years ago. The attending physician says that the victim showed all the symptoms of arsenical poison and that he never entirely recovered from the effects of that deadly drug. It may never be known who administered the poison. Mrs. Shaulis laid the murderous attempt at the door of the sons and the sons in turn accused the wife.

Another fact that will likely enter into the trial of the case, should the charge of murder be brought, is that on two separate occasions Jacob D. Shaulis attempted to drown the present widow. The story as told and believed by many of the neighbors is that Mr. and Mrs. Shaulis had frequent quarrels and that on both occasions mentioned he threw her into the cold waters of Laurel hill creek which runs through the ravine a short distance below the Shaulis home. The story is taken with a grain of allowance by many who fail to understand how a man in Mr. Shaulis' physical condition could overpower a strong young woman like his wife and in face of her protestations that he was always good and kind to her.

MRS. SHAULIS'S CONDITION.

Dr. Brubaker, who is in daily attendance upon the wounded woman, tells us that while her condition is not at all critical, she is not yet entirely out of danger and may yet die from the effects of the wound inflicted by the cowardly assassin who shot her. While the wound is not necessarily a dangerous one, her condition is much more serious than was at first supposed, and it is among the possibilities that a double murder case may be placed upon the criminal calendar for trial at the ensuing term of court.

"Pete" Albright's Peril.

The story of the running down, capture and imprisonment of the "McClellandtown Gang," as told by our esteemed contemporary, the Meyersdale *Commercial*, was "John Thompson's news" by the time that bright little sheet reached its readers; the HERALD having published a full and complete account of the affair several days previous, but our contemporary contained one piece of startling information that escaped the keen scent of the HERALD reporter.

According to the *Commercial* the one man, who, from the inception of the plan of capture down to the final lodging of the robbers in the county jail, was in danger of loss of life of limb, was Peter Albright, constable of Summit township. From the time of the departure of the arresting party from Meyersdale until their return with their prisoners in charge, not a shot had been fired (save the signal gun) or a drop of blood spilled. The hearing had been had, and the prisoners all committed, when, if the *Commercial* is to be believed, the first real danger of bloodshed arose, and it came about in this wise: The prisoners having been committed to the county jail, Constable Albright concluded that the county jail was the proper place for them to be and the sooner they were taken there the better. Accordingly he secured the services of Elklick township's stalwart constable and arranged to bring the prisoners to Somerset on the next train.

"This (we quote from the *Commercial*) aroused the ire of the citizens, who determined they should not go. But Peter said he had secured the services of Jake Hoyle of Elk Lick and was determined that they should go. As he had the commitments, and as he purchased ropes to tie the men (not having but one pair of nippers), it began to be apparent that "Peter" had to be disciplined. To the remonstrance of ex-Sheriff Kyle, who had laid all the plans and done more to secure the arrests than anyone else, he replied "that he had the prisoners in charge and would do as he pleased, no matter what the people of Meyersdale wanted." This was enough and the situation was explained about 9:30 P. M., (mark the hour) to Justice Cook, who acted promptly. Fortunately Sheriff McMillen was in town. Justice Cook relieved "Peter" off duty and placed the prisoners in charge of the Sheriff."

We tremble yet when we think what the result might have been had not Justice Cook sized up to the occasion and by the sagacious introduction of a little Meyersdale law "relieved Peter off duty." Was there not great danger that the irate citizens would have risen up en masse and torn him to shreds before they would have allowed him to take their robbers to Somerset until they had kept them at least one more night? You are to be congratulated upon your escape, Peter, but you should have known better. To propose to increase the population of the county seat by ten, at the expense of the "Metropolis" at that, and the census enumeration only one year off, was of itself sufficient to place your life in jeopardy.

A party of Altoona prohibitionists propose to start out on a canvassing tour of the county. They will carry with them a tent capable of accommodating three hundred people.

The Glass Works.

A Sixteen Pot Plant Talked of.

SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD BY INTERESTED CITIZENS—$50,000 WANTED—COMMITTEES APPOINTED AND SUBSCRIPTIONS MADE.

For weeks past a number of business men of Somerset and citizens of the township have been discussing the feasibility and advisability of attempting to establish a window glass manufactory at Somerset. It is a well established fact that within a short distance of the borough limits is to be found stone containing sand from which the better grades of window glass are made, to run all the glass manufactories in the country for an unlimited number of years. Fireclay, lime, coal and most of the other articles used in the business are to be found in abundance and convenient to the proposed site of the works.

Mr. Charles Roach, who constructed and has charge of the large glass works at Pendleton, Indiana, visited Somerset some time last fall and so impressed was he with the many natural advantages this section offered for the manufacture of window glass that he concluded that if the citizens of this place would and him he would establish a glass manufactory at this point early this spring. With this object in view, Mr. Roach returned to Somerset last week, and after consulting with a number of the business men of the town, it was decided to hold a meeting of citizens to take some action looking to the consummation of the project.

The first meeting was held in the Opera House Friday evening. It was attended by a large number of interested persons, and the matter was discussed at some length. Isaac Hugus, Esq., presided, and Charles H. Fisher acted as Secretary of the meeting. A committee consisting of Judge Baer,