The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....May 10, 1899.

Pillsbury's Flour at Keller's.

Perfume cases at Biesecker & Snyder's.

All kinds of trunks at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Eye glasses and spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 $1 25 per suit; worth $2 00.

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.

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 30 inch.

If you want to get the latest styles and cheapest Clothing go to Heffley. He will undersell all others. Suits, $1 25, $2 00 $3 00 and $5 00 Men and Boys.

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.

The bestbread 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. Lafayette, No. 237 Fifth Avenue, New York, for his prospectus, post free, as advertised in another column.

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.
HOLSINGER BROS. & PARSON.

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.

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, bustles, &c.

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.

Wanted!

Hides, and Furs, I will pay the highest cash price for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce Bark. 100 cords wanted at once. Call on me at my residence, immediately west of the S. & C. Station.
H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Condition of Winter Wheat.

The Agricultural Department reports that the condition of winter wheat has advanced from 94 to 96 and that of rye from 93.9 to 96.5. The general average of winter barley is 96.9; of spring pasture, 96.6, and of mowing lands 96.3.

Rain has fallen in Dakota, and the outlook for crops is now promising. The season is from two to three weeks earlier than last year.

St. Charles Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pa.

One of the oldest and best kept houses, located in the business centre of Pennsylvania's Western Metropolis. Under the supervision of Mr. Chas. S. Gill, it has become famous for its superb cuisine and excellent internal renovation. Travelers are wont to speak of the St. Charles as the most comfortable and home-like house they have encountered.

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.

Murders and Robberies.

The May term of the Somerset criminal court will be the greatest in the history of Somerset county. Justices of the Peace, Constables and Supervisors will find Binn's Justice, Constables and Supervisors Guides, Deeds, Leases, Summons, and all kinds of Legal Blanks for sale at Fisher's Book Store. At Fisher's Book Store only, can you obtain the full illustrated record and account of the terrible Umberger murder, the fearful Yoder robbery and the awful Shaulis double tragedy and hanging. Mail orders carefully attended to.

A Good-Paying Business for Sale.

I have a hardware store in the borough of Rockwood that I am desirous of selling for the reason that my other business prevents my taking charge of the store. Rockwood is a live, growing town of 700 inhabitants. The business has been conducted for three years and the books will show a neat profit in that time. The store is well stocked with everything usually kept in the hardware line. Will be sold on reasonable terms. For further information call upon or address.
M. H. HARTZELL,
Rockwood, Pa.

Congressman Scull is spending the present week in Pittsburgh.

The plum crop will be almost an entire failure about Somerset this season.

There is an unusual amount of sickness among the people of our town this spring.

Lawyer H. S. Eisbisey is confined to his home with an aggravated attack of quinsy.

A. J. Colborn, Esq., the second, of Scranton, came to Somerset Saturday to spend a week with his parents.

Rev. King received a telegram on Monday, announcing the death of his mother. Her home was in Armstrong County, Pa.

Messrs. Parker & Parker will build a thirty-foot brick addition to their already commodious storeroom, during the summer.

Assistant Postmaster-General Clarkson has appointed Mr. John C. F. Miller, postmaster at Rockwood, and Mr. Charles L. Baltzer, postmaster at Shanksville.

R. C. Haderman, Esq., the good-looking, good-natured, and good editorial writer of the Bedford *Inquirer*, spent parts of two days in Somerset during the week.

The last person to register at Sheriff McMillen's hotel is Benjamin Day a Northampton township youth. Benjamin is charged with an offense that is not uncommon in the section from which he hails.

Hon. James L. Pugh has returned from Harrisburg and will occupy his time in prosecuting the Acts of Assembly he assisted in placing on the statute books, as well as all other legal matters that may come his way.

A big, burly negro, Benjamin F. Harrison by name, was lodged in the county jail by constable William Brown Saturday evening. He is charged with committing an assault upon the person of Mrs. Charles Cooper, of Milford township.

Mr. Mortimer Welfley was appointed postmaster for the Elklick (Salisbury) office, Saturday. Mr. Welfley's grandfather is believed to have been the first postmaster of that village, having been appointed some seventy years ago.

Mr. August Koehler has disposed of his Davidsville hotel property to a Johnstown gentleman. The consideration paid was $2,700. A petition will be presented at the May court to have Mr. Koehler's liquor license transferred to the new landlord.

Mr. and Mrs. John Winters opened their new house, "The Commercial Hotel," next door to the post office, to the public on Thursday last. All the furniture, carpets and bedding is entirely new. Good beds and good meals are to be the rule at the "Commercial."

If our Johnstown contemporaries were in possession of all the facts in regard to the scheme to arrest two innocent men and hold them for the murder of Herman Umberger, simply for the effect it would have on the case now pending, they would not be so sceptical as to the rumors given to the public.

Thieves gained admittance to the little eating house and grocery of Mrs. Miller, opposite the railroad station, Friday night, by removing the transom from above the front door. They helped themselves to all the edibles, tobacco and cigars they could carry, and after relieving the till of the few pennies it contained, took their departure.

From the Frostburg, Md., *Mining Journal* we learn that Robert G. Colborn, youngest son of Hon. Ajax Colborn, has purchased the drug store of J. C. Lambert, of that town, and will continue the business at the old, popular stand. Bob has established quite a reputation as an active and reliable business man, and his many Somerset friends wish him abundant success in his new enterprise.

Friday's storm, which was so disastrous in many localities, didn't do much damage in the vicinity of Somerset. About three miles north of town hail stones as large as bird's eggs fell in great quantities, doing irreparable damage to the blossoming fruit trees and early vegetables. One farmer of that locality tells us that after the storm had passed over he could have shoveled up car loads of hail, as the ground was covered to a depth of several inches with ice pebbles.

The last man to place his name on the register at the Glade House on the ill-fated night which saw that magnificent building consumed by fire, was A. J. White. Last Thursday was the first anniversary of that conflagration, and on that day ex-Sheriff Winters, who was the last manager of the Glade House, opened his new hotel on Main street to the general public. The first man to enter and place his autograph on the register was the same man White who had been the Sheriff's last guest at the burned hotel.

When the men who were engaged in cutting down a huge tree near Ingleside, on the S. & C. Railroad, Friday afternoon, had hewn it half way through, they stopped sawing to permit Harry J. Custer, who was hauling logs with a team made up of a horse and a mule, to pass by. After the team had gotten well within range of it the tree topped and fell, without a moment's warning, crushing both animals to the ground. The horse was unable to rise, its back having been broken by the heavy stroke, and died in great agony a few minutes afterwards. The mule staggered to its feet, and after walking a few rods fell to the ground, dead.

Josua or Joshua Yoder, a middle-aged German, died at his home about a mile south of town Sunday morning from the effects of alcohol. Yoder was honest and industrious but was given to periodical spreeing. Of a beligerant disposition like his historical namesake, who blew the ram's horn outside the city of Jerico when the walls came tumbling down, Joshua had been contending against King Alcohol for lo! these many years, but Sunday morning's "horn" subdued him. It seems that Yoder had provided himself with a gallon the day previous and after adding a large quantity of tansy to it had been "hitting it" at the rate of a pint a lick. He succumbed after having drank the third pint.

We have received a letter from an old-time friend, Ed. M. Shaulis, who was in attendance at court as a juror at Nelson, Neb. at the time it was written. Mr. Shaulis has only been a resident of that State a few years but seems to be in love with the country, and to have met with more than ordinary success. He tells us that he owns 160 acres, the average acreage of Nebraska farms, of which he has planted 110 acres in corn, and 31 acres in small grain. He has 100 hogs, a number of horned cattle, and six horses. He reads the HERALD with renewed interest each week, and when he is through with it lends it to his neighbors, who formerly resided in Fayette and Westmoreland counties. Mr. Shaulis finds that one copy of the HERALD will not supply the demand for Somerset county news, and sends us an order for two additional subscriptions.

It requires a thief of unusual daring and desperation to enter the residence of a country newspaper man. Daring he must be, because rural editors as a rule go armed to the teeth, while one eye and ear keep sentry throughout the "stilly night." Desperate, because the starving condition of the newspaper larder, and impoverished state of the editor's domicile have eternally been exposed to public gaze, and have forever been a matter of history. But notwithstanding these oft-published and universally known facts, a red-handed robber stole quietly into the residence of brother Coffroth, of the *Democrat* Friday night, the back door having been left ajar as has always been the custom, and proceeding to the dining-room, took a bunch of keys from the wall, unlocked the sideboard drawers, and relieved them of about $10 worth of silverware that had been presented to his wife on the occasion of their marriage, and then left as quietly as he had entered. We trust the crimson-stained villain may be speedily hunted down and brought to justice.

The anxiety of the people in regard to the insecure condition of the county jail, lest the desperate men it contains may make their escape, is not confined to the region around the county seat. A letter before us from a reputable gentleman residing in the south of the county, breathes unkindly intimations as to what would befall Sheriff McMillen should the prisoners escape through lack of proper precaution on his part, and closes with: "For God's sake, see that the proper precautions are taken. If the Commissioners and Sheriff can't put a sufficient guard around them (the prisoners) we will come up from here and guard." Our friend's apprehensions are not without reason, but we wish to assure him that the Sheriff will use every precaution possible for the retention of the criminals.

The public sale of thoroughbred high grade stock which took place Saturday afternoon at the stables of Mr. Solomon Shoemaker, was attended by a goodly number of our most enterprising farmers and stock-raisers. There were twenty-five head sold, aggregating $777 75. The average price being $31 11. The cattle were Holstein-Fresian, Jersey and Guernsey and were brought here from the East by W. H. Lowens. Mr. J. J. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale, bought three head of Jerseys, for which he paid $160. The Jersey cow, Ida, was among the lot bought by Mr. Hoblitzell, the price paid for her being $60. Mr. Wilson R. Sanner purchased five head of Holsteins, and two of the finest Holsteins sold, a cow and a bull, were knocked down to Sheriff McMillen. Messrs. Peter Heffley, John H. Zimmerman and J. K. Coffroth were among the purchasers of Jerseys, while Mr. Peter Speicher, of Sipesville, took home with him one of the choicest of the Holstein-Fresian cows. They were a fine lot of cattle throughout and were sold very cheap. John A. Walter was the auctioneer.

The company building the railway along the banks of the Youghiogheny River, in this county, of which we made notice last week, is known as the "Yough Manor Land Co., of Garrett County, Md." Col. Joseph U. Crawford is the President and I. Bayard Henry, Treasurer. The company have purchased outright lands aggregating upwards of 12,000 acres, and have options on 800 acres additional. The entire tract comprises the finest timber lands to be found in the State of Maryland. Good coaking coal is abundant as are limestone, fireclay and iron ores. The company propose to make the valley of the Yough a great market for hard woods, and to build up tanneries, pulp mills, charcoal, coke and firebrick ovens. The country traversed by the new road from Confluence to Oakland, Md., is particularly beautiful and favored, and a trip through it will amply repay those who are seeking investments. Col. Crawford expects to have trains running between Confluence and Friendsville, Md., by September 1st.

Suicide of William Yinkey.

William Yinkey, a well-known and respectable German farmer living on the ridge about three miles south of town, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart, while sitting in his bedroom, this morning. Readers of this journal will recall the account, published in these columns about a year ago, recounting the sad death of Mr. Yinkey's eldest son, who accidentally shot himself while engaged in drawing a load from a gun which he was cleaning, preparatory to going into the woods to hunt. The iron ram-rod passed entirely through young Yinkey's body, and his death followed in a few hours. Since the day of that dreadful accident Mr. Yinkey has constantly grieved over his son's death, and his family have observed a great change in him. About three weeks ago he was seized with an illness that has kept him confined to his house, but which occasioned no great alarm on the part of his family. But his melancholy was known to increase with each recurring day. Monday he told his wife to ask their eldest daughter, who lives with her husband, Andrew Woolley, about a half-mile distant from the Yinkey homestead, to come over with her husband, as he desired to make his will. This message was delivered by Mrs. Yinkey, and this, Tuesday morning, her husband again bade her to call in the married daughter and her husband, as he wanted to make his will at once. This message was delivered about 7 o'clock, and Mrs. Yinkey, on returning to her home, went into the barn to do the morning's milking. The second daughter, Mary, was left in the house to wait on her father, who was sitting on a rocking chair in his bedroom. The daughter had left his side but a minute, and had only gotten half-way down the stairs leading from the bedroom to the basement, when she was startled by the report of a pistol overhead.

Hurriedly retracing her steps she saw her father's head drop forward in death, with a smoking pistol laying at his side. He was still sitting in the rocking chair. The ball having passed through his heart, death was instantaneous.

Mr. and Mrs. Woolley were on their way across the fields when they heard the report of the pistol, and a few minutes afterwards they heard the cries of the family.

Mr. Yinkey was in his 60th year, and leaves a wife and six children, only one of whom is married.

Change of Time.

The following changes have been made in the schedule of the Somerset & Cambria Railroad, commencing Sunday, May 12, 1889:

Leave Rockwood at 5.30 a. m. Arrive at Somerset at 5.53 a. m., Johnstown, 7.35 a. m. Returning, leave Johnstown at 8.40 a. m., arrive at Somerset at 10.11 a. m., Rockwood 10.35 a. m. Leave Rockwood 11.35 a. m., arrive at Somerset 11.58 a. m., Johnstown, 1.30 p. m. Returning, leave Johnstown at 3 p. m., arrive at Somerset at 4.31 p. m., and Rockwood at 4.55 p. m. Leave Rockwood at 5.35 p. m., arrive at Somerset at 5.58 p. m. Returning, leave Somerset at 6.05 p. m., and arrive at Rockwood at 6.30 p. m. Trains on the S. & C. Branch connect with trains at Rockwood, as follows; Accommodation going West, 10.48 a. m. Mail going east, 11.28 a. m. Mail going west, 5.15 p. m. Accommodation going east, 5.32 p. m.

A Pointer to Advertisers.

During the week ending May 14th the HERALD added the names of thirty-two new subscribers to its mailing list and the week previous thirty-eight new names were added. The additions to the HERALD subscription list since March 6th have averaged thirty-five per week. In addition to this, each week since March 6th we have printed from three to eight hundred extra copies, all of which have been sold, making the average weekly circulation of the HERALD for the past ten weeks over 2,800. We expect to reach the 3,000 notch before the end of the present month. The HERALD is a good paper to advertise in.

Lost.

On Saturday afternoon on the streets of Somerset, between the Somerset House and Mrs. M. M. Tredwell's store, a gold lace pin with a single setting. The finder will receive $5.00 by leaving it at this office.

Amendment Meetings.

Hon. John Cessna will address the people of Somerset county on the proposed constitutional amendment at the following places:

Scalp Level—Thursday evening, May 23rd.

Davideville—Friday evening, May 24th.

Jenner X Roads Saturday afternoon, May 25th, at 2 o'clock.

A Good Thing for Somebody.

MR. EDITOR: Will you please inform your readers that we have permanent employment for honest, temperate, energetic men, soliciting orders for our fruit and ornamental nursery stock. The business is easily and quickly learned, and successful men are earning good salaries with steady work. Our stock is first-class, hardy, and true to name. Those desiring full particulars, will please address us.

R. G. CHASE & Co.
2430 S. Penn Square, Philadelphia, Pa.

A Union Temperance Prayer-meeting will be held at the Disciple's church on Monday evening next, May 20th, at 7:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Eight Called and Five Chosen.

The McClellandtown Gang Brought Before Judge Baer on a Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The Women Discharged and the Men Remanded to Jail to Await Trial at the May Term of Court.

Lewis, the Leader of the Gang, and the Two Sullivans Waive a Hearing.

Decatur Tasker Positively Identified as One of the Men who Robbed "Christy" Yoder.

STOLEN GOODS FOUND IN THEIR POSSESSION.—FAYETTE COUNTY PEOPLE AFRAID TO MAKE INFORMATION AGAINST THEM. THE TESTIMONY ADDUCED AT THE HEARING.

As stated in last week's HERALD, eight members of the famous McClellandtown gang of robbers, who were arrested near Markleysburg, Fayette county, on April 28th by a posse from Somerset county, and lodged in the Somerset county jail, were brought before Judge Baer on a writ of *habeas corpus* Friday afternoon. The parties who petitioned for the writ and were given a hearing, were: Mrs. Mary Hill, Miss Lou Teats, Miss Nettie Sullivan, W. B. Hill, Grant Dean, Decatur Tasker, Jerrymannus Thomas, and Clarence Anderson.

The time set for the hearing was 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Long before that hour arrived the yard in front of the jail and court house was crowded with men and children, all anxious to get a glimpse of the prisoners as they were taken by the officers from the jail to the court room. The court room presented a far more pleasing aspect than it did at the time of the hearing in the Umberger murder case, several weeks previous. The crowd was not nearly so large as then, and the immense scaffolding that at that time interfered with the comfort of every one present had been removed, and the newly papered walls and ceiling, and freshly oiled and painted woodwork gave the old room an unwonted cheerful appearance.

Under the new order of things the traverse jury box is now placed next the railing immediately in front of the Judges' stand, and the counsel tables occupy the space between the stand and box. The table used by the attorneys for the Commonwealth is to the left as you enter the room, and the one used by the counsel for the defense, to the right. At the Commonwealth's table sat District Attorney Biesecker, F. J. Kooser, Wm. H. Koontz and Val Hay, Esqr's., in close consultation with U. M. Miller and ex-Sheriff Kyle.

At the other table were seated A. C. Holbert and John H. Uhl, Esqr's., counsel for the accused, while on the large jury chairs directly back, and within a few feet of them, sat the eight prisoners, guarded by Sheriff McMillen and his two deputies, who were flanked on either side by the crowd of spectators.

A stranger, upon entering the court room, would have been at a loss if asked to select the accused from the crowd. There was nothing in the appearance of the eight neatly and comfortably clad persons who occupied seats in the jury box to indicate that they were anything more than disinterested spectators. Certainly none of them, by look or sign, betrayed in the slightest way that they had just been brought from the foul old jail, accused with the commission of crimes the penalty for which, if convicted, would be a long term of imprisonment and that the next few hours would decide whether they were to be set at liberty, or remanded to prison to await trial at the hands of a jury of their countrymen.

THE COMMONWEALTH'S CASE.

The first witness called was Samuel Stevannus, who was in the employ of Christian Yoder and was at his house on the night of April 18th, when it was entered by four masked men. The examination was conducted by Mr. Koontz. The witness affirmed, and took the stand. He said:

"I live in Elklick township, Somerset Co., Pa.; was living there on the 13th of April last, at the house of Christian Yoder; was working for Mr. Yoder; that evening four men came in and robbed old man Yoder; they took me first and tied my hands behind my back; they came in two at the front door, and two at the back door; three of them had revolvers in their hands, and one had a club; they told us to keep quiet, and we wouldn't be hurt; they then searched the house; they got over $400 from Mr. Yoder, and $80 from Miss Baker; they took Mr. Yoder to the barn twice; the first time, when they brought him in, they said, 'let's take the old s— of a b— out and kill him'; they took meat, sugar, sausage and butter; the sugar was in brick cakes."

To the question of whether he had since seen any of these four men, the witness replied: "I saw two of them just a few minutes ago, down in the jail; two of them that I am certain of; there is one here about the size and weight of another of them; that is the man sitting over there," and the witness pointed to Decatur Tasker, who moved uneasily in his chair as the witness held out his hand toward him, thus concentrating the gaze of the entire audience upon him.

"Will Decatur Tasker please stand up?" queried the Commonwealth's attorney.

"We object," came promptly from counsellor Holbert, followed by, "keep your seat!" to Tasker, who was about to stand up.

"The witness must identify the prisoner, if he can, from where he sits; he cannot be compelled to stand up," said Judge Baer.

The witness then continued: "The first time they brought the old man back from the barn they took him into the room, demanding more money; his hands and face were all scorched when they brought him into the house; there was a bag and a demijohn taken. (A gallon demijohn was here shown the witness.) I could swear Mr. Yoder had one like that, but whether or not that is the one I can't say; the Sheriff was with me when I was at the jail; Mr. Ross Augustine was with us at the jail."

The defense had no questions to ask this witness, and he was dismissed.

KNOWS HER OWN STOCKINGS.

The next witness called was Miss Ella Baker, who was living as a domestic in the family of Christian Yoder at the time of the robbery, and was relieved by the robbers of $80.00 of her hard earned savings, besides some jewelry and articles of clothing. She kissed the book, and said:

"On the 13th of April I was living at Mr. Yoder's, in Elklick township; the four robbers came rushing in on us; tied Stevannus, then Yoder; they asked for money; Mr. Yoder told them it was in the desk; they got over $400 of Mr. Yoder's money, and $80 of mine; they took Mr. Yoder to the barn; the robbers took the money out of the drawer; they went all through the house; they threatened to kill him if he wouldn't tell where his money was; they took kerchiefs, stockings, breastpin, cuff buttons, collar buttons, &c., of mine.

(Here a bundle of woolen stockings and mittens that had been found in the "Hill House" at the time of the arrest of the prisoners was handed the witness.)

"These stockings are mine, and were taken away from the house that night; they came in by two doors, two at each door; when they started to leave they tied Mrs. Yoder, Mrs. Wilhelm and myself; everybody in the house was tied; they said that we should all stay as we were, and in a half hour they would be back; my trunk was up stairs in my room."

Q. Do you see anyone in this house who was there that night? A. "I think he was there"—pointing to Tasker.

This closed the examination in chief of this witness. On cross-examination she said she recognized Tasker by his size and height; that she did not see his face, as he wore a mask that night.

CAPTOR AND CAPTIVE.

Mr. Ross Augustine, one of the gentlemen who captured Lewis and Tasker shortly after the Yoder robbery, and were in turn taken captive by their prisoners, was the next witness called. He qualified and said:

"I live in Confluence; I recognized these articles, (the articles being bags containing two hams, three bricks of sugar, etc.) On April 16th, John Hanna, Wm. Hanna and myself arrested two men on John Hanna's farm; they had in their possession two well filled sacks; these are the sacks; in attempting to bring the men to Confluence they escaped and took Hanna's and Walker's horses; one of the men drew a revolver on me; they ordered me to hold up my hands and march down in the meadow; I am the man that marched down in the meadow; I have seen these two men since; saw them in Confluence where they were arrested and in jail to-day; one of them is sitting there; (pointing to Tasker) he is the Hanna man, the one that was on the horse behind Hanna; Lewis is the other man and is now in jail; they were going in the direction of Markleysburg when arrested."

I BUTCHERED THEM HAMS.

Samuel Fullem was next called. He affirmed, took the stand and said: "I live close to Summit Mills, about a half mile from Christian Yoder's; (the sacks and their contents were here shown the witness, who examined them critically.)

"I butchered them hams for Christian Yoder last winter, after the holidays; I can't say they are Yoder's sacks, but he had one like them; I saw a demijohn at Yoder's, like that one, the day I butchered there; I took a drink out of it."

On cross examination the witness said: "These hams are trimmed like I trim them; Yoder always wants his meat trimmed very close; no one else ever trims as close as I trim for Yoder; I say they are the hams I trimmed for Yoder; I trimmed for 18 or 20 different persons but I think these are Yoders hams."

U. M. Miller was the next witness called. He affirmed and said:

"On the 25th day of April I went to Confluence at the request of Mr. Yoder; I there found these goods (sacks, ham, sugar, etc.) in Ross Augustine's possession; I took one of these sugar bricks to Mr. Yoder's, got the mold he used and tried the brick in it. (The witness here produced the sugar mold belonging to Mr. Yoder, containing spaces for nine brick.)

Mr. Yoder makes a peculiar shaped brick of sugar; as soon as I saw this I knew it was made by Yoder. (The witness here showed the court that the brick which he had in his hand would fit in the one section of the mold but in none other.)

One of these sacks is marked like Yoder's other sacks are marked; if the dirt could be washed off I think you would find the letters C. Y. painted on the sack; this bolster is like others I saw at Yoder's; same shape, same material, &c.

George Rubright was affirmed and said: "I live at Summit Mills a short distance form Christ. Yoder's; he was robbed on the night of April 13th; I saw one of these prisoners shortly before in company with Lewis. (The witness here pointed out Tasker as the man he had seen.) I overtook them on the road going toward Meyersdale and coming from the direction of Yoder's."

THEY ALL KNOW TASKER.

Annie Yoder kissed the book and said: "I live in Elklick township, about one mile from Christian Yoder's; (pointing to Tasker) I saw him before; on April 2nd he and a man named Lewis came to our place for dinner; the little fellow asked for ten cents worth of apples; I gave them to him and they went away; they afterwards came back and got dinner; I saw Lewis at Meyersdale after he had been arrested." On cross examination the witness said: "I know this is the man I saw because I know him; I picked them out at the lock-up at Meyersdale; I know Grant Dean; he sits there to the right of Tasker; (the witness here pointed to Dean) he lived in our neighborhood about three years; I asked him if he knew Mr. Yoder was robbed; he said he had heard it; he said he wanted to go along with the robbers but

THEY WERE TOO FLIP FOR HIM;

I guess he said it for fun; he was talking in a joking way."

Edgar Kyle was called and sworn. He said: "We arrested the defendants, except Dean, in Fayette county on 28th of April; the place where we arrested them was very near the corner of the three States—Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia—three or four days prior to this some of Yoder's neighbors asked me if I would go down with a posse of men, after they were located, and arrest them; I agreed to do so." Mr. Kyle then proceeded to give the details of the capture and imprisonment of the gang precisely as detailed in the HERALD of May 1st.

Picking up the bundle of stockings, mittens, etc., the witness said: "We found these in the Hill House; the stockings are the ones identified by Miss Baker.

A FILTHY NEST.

The Hill House is one and a half stories high; there are three rooms on the first floor; the kitchen contained an old cook stove and some few pieces of miserable furniture; in the room adjoining was a filthy old bed and a bureau; a ham., partly cut, was lying on the bureau; the other room was a small one and contained nothing but a dirty bed; on the loft was great quantities of old rubbish, carpetsacks, etc.; in the midst of the rubbish stood a new sewing ing machine; there was a pole with several spokes through it to get up on the attic; in the hallway there was a trap-door which when lifted up was used for a privy; there was no cellar to the house; it was the filthiest place I was ever in."

On being cross-examined Mr. Kyle said: "We had a warrant for the arrest of Lewis and others charged with the Yoder robbery; the ladies were in their working clothes when arrested; they changed their clothes before leaving the house."

Kila Baker—re-called: "I saw Tasker (pointing to him) a day and a week before the Yoder robbery; he was at Yoder's house with another one who is not here; they came in the evening and took supper; they wanted to stay all night; they wanted to give Mr. Yoder a half dollar, but he refused it; it was a half dollar 'piece they offered; they wanted to pay for their supper."

Dr. B. A. Fichtner was next called and sworn. He related the story of the arrest of the parties substantially as published in the HERALD. When asked about the arrest of Grant Dean, the Doctor said:

"Dean was brought to Confluence and placed in my care; I made arrangements to have him sent to 'Squire Cook for a hearing; a constable from Henry Clay township, Fayette county, came there and demanded that Dean be surrendered to him; he claimed to have a warrant for him."

On cross-examination the Doctor said: "I am well acquainted in the neighborhood of Markleysburg; I used to live there; the constable who came to Confluence was named Samuel Wilson, and he had the appearance of being drunk; I had no acquaintance with any of the parties arrested."

W. B. Cook, Esq., took the stand and testified to some unimportant matters in regard to the preliminary hearing had before him. Among other things the Justice said that when Dean was before him he (Dean) had said that his business down in the neighborhood of Markleysburg was to arrest the robbers; that he was getting ready to arrest them and had been using whisky for that purpose.

A GOOD DEAL.

John Lentz was the next witness to affirm and take the stand. He said:

"I live in Elklick township; know Grant Dean; he was staying with me a considerable time; in a conversation with him in regard to this robbery he said if they were the parties he knew some of them; that he would go down there and get something out of them; my wife said to him they would be slow in giving you their secrets; he replied I have held their secrets before; I think he said something about giving them whiskey; I said to him, Grant, if you get up there and find these are the men I wish you would write to me at once; he said he would; I never got any letters from him."

Cross-examined by Mr. Holbert.

"He worked for me three or four months in the summer of '86; he came to my house in April '88 and stayed there till in March, when he quit working for me; the conversation I had with him occurred the evening before he left our place to go up home; he was at our place off and on from the time he quit work for us; we were greatly attached to him; he was very good to us; very kind; we liked him very much; when I first hired him he was recommended to me as a first-rate fellow."

Ephraim Engle affirmed. "I live in Elklick township and know Grant Dean; we were talking with each other about the robbery; it was on Easter Sunday, above our house; he said he would sell me his pocketbook for ten dollars; he got it out and leaf ed it and then said he would sell it to me for five dollars; he then showed me some money; I don't know how much there was, but there was a twenty and a ten dollar bill; he said this is some of

CHRISTY YODER'S MONEY.

We were intimate friends; talked together and joked together; were joking at the time."

Wm. J. Fisher affirmed. "I live one-fourth mile from Markleysburg; I arrested Grant Dean at Savage's, near Hill's; he had a revolver in his right hip pocket; this was on Sunday evening after the other men were arrested; we were boys together; Ross Dean raised him; Marshall Sullivan lives with Ross Dean; they are brothers-in-law; Grant Dean considers the place his home."

The last witness called was Alpheus M. Fisher who affirmed and said:

"I live close to Markleysburg; know Mrs. Hill; she was back and forth to our house a good bit this winter; my little girl asked her where she got the cuff buttons she had on; she said the robbers gave them to her; a man by the name of Lewis, she said, gave them to her." As the witness left the stand the Commonwealth's attorney announced that they would rest.

Judge Baer—"There is no need of argument in the case of Dean and Tasker; they will be held; we will now hear the Commonwealth as to whether the ladies—women—should be held.

THE WOMEN DISCHARGED, THE MEN HELD.

Mr. Koontz made the argument on behalf of the Commonwealth. He pointed out the fact of Anderson having arms on his person when arrested; of Thomas having been in the house cooking for them, and going out and bringing in provisions for them, when they were afraid to leave the house for fear of being arrested; that they were all living there, banded together, in a house that was not intended for the habitation of man, but simply as a rendezvous, a place where they could congregate and from which they could go out to commit depredations upon the citizens of Fayette and Somerset counties. He argued that the arms, &c., found in the house, its filthy condition, the sink in the cellar, all pointed to the fact of its not being a place of residence and demanded that all the prisoners be held as accessories before the fact.

Mr. Holbert replied on behalf of the defendants. He argued that there was nothing adduced to connect any of his clients with the Yoder robbery; that the only thing against the women was the fact of their living in the same house with these parties, and closed by asking that they all be discharged.

"There are such circumstances," said Judge Baer, "surrounding this case that we will remand all the men and discharge all the women."

A formal discharge of the women and commitment of the men was then made out and the Sheriff took his prisoners back to the jail. The women returned to the jail where they remained till Saturday morning when they left on the 10:16 train. They had the Somerset House 'bus call at the prison for them to take them to the train. They seemed rather reluctant to leave the jail and would have probably preferred to remain with their male companions.

TOO MUCH FOR THEM.

Judson Bender, a wealthy farmer living near Markleysburg, was stopped on the road Sunday night by four masked men, presumably some of the accomplices of the McClellandtown gang of Fayette robbers. Bender had a large sum of money on his person and determined to save it if possible. He put spurs to his horse and charged straight at the leader, whom he knocked down, and, notwithstanding a lively fire was opened on him by the balance of the thieves, Mr. Bender escaped unhurt.

AFRAID TO PROSECUTE.

A dispatch from Greensburg, says: "It is not likely that Fayette Co. will take a hand in prosecuting the men now in jail at Somerset. The district attorney has been trying to get some one to make information against the gang so that he could issue a process for their retention, if liberated at Somerset, but has been unsuccessful. The victims evidently fear that should they take any further action to have their assailants convicted, the friends of the outlaws, whom they magnify into extensive numbers, will wreak vengeance on them far worse than the first outrages, and they one and all evade anything that can connect them with the prosecution.

ANOTHER RABBIT CAPTURED.

Marshall Cover was taken to Uniontown in handcuffs from Fairchance last Friday night, on a charge of an attempt to play the McClellandtown robber tactics on Mrs. Elizabeth Mickey, a widow woman who lives alone on the road from Fairchance to Smithfield. Cover entered her house in daylight and behaved in an insolent manner, whereupon she ordered him out. He replied that he would not leave until he got all the money there was in the house. He began to search, and Mrs. Mickey offered resistance and made noise enough to bring her neighbor, Steve Humphrey, to the scene. Cover drew his revolver and covered Humphrey until he could escape. He was subsequently arrested, and when searched there was found in his vest pocket a regulation dark paper muslin robber's mask. "You must belong to the McClellantown gang," observed the turnkey. Cover affected not to know how the mask got into his pocket. He was taken to the Greensburg jail for safe keeping.

AFRAID OF INCENDIARIES.

The citizens in the vicinity of Markleysburg are exercised over the presence of three more suspected robbers, who have taken up quarters in the Bill Hill house, where the Cool Spring desperadoes were recently arrested. The citizens fear fresh outbreaks, and those who were instrumental in having the other gang arrested are now apprehensive of incendiarism as a means of revenge.

A Pension for a Blind Soldier.

Commissioner Tanner has granted a pension to Frederick Schwenger, of Lime Rock, Lancaster county, Pa., late of Company K, 196th Pennsylvania Volunteers. The evidence in the case shows that the claimant, while in Washington in 1865 contracted a cold which resulted in neuralgia and finally in total blindness. He filed a claim for a pension some years ago which was rejected by Commissioner Black on the ground of fraud. A subsequent investigation showed, it is said, that the claim was not in any sense a fraud but entirely meritorious. Hence the pension. The claimant will receive $13,000 arrears and $72 per month hereafter.

Supervisors Responsible.

The Supreme Court has decided a case from Montgomery county in regard to liability of Supervisors which is of general interest to all Supervisors. A road in Plymouth township ran along a railroad track and a horse, scaring at the cars, ran away, got on the track and was killed. The jury gave damages to the owner of the horse and the Supervisors appealed, when the Supreme Court sustained the verdict. The Supreme Court holds that Supervisors must make roads as safe as possible and the jury shall decide whether proper precautions have been taken.

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Waylaid and Robbed!

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