The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....November 27, 1889.

Wait for Young's Holiday Display.

Toilet Articles at Young's Drug Store.

Holiday Goods at Young's Drug Store.

Young's Motto, "Purity and Accuracy."

Perfume cases at Biesecker & Snyder's.

All kinds of trusses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Alsbastine in all colors at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Eye glasses and spectacles at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

Go to Young, the Leading Druggist, for your Family Medicines.

Prescriptions and Family Receipts filled at Young's Drug Store.

Ground Alum Salt, one dollar per sack, for sale by Mahlon Schrock.

Palmer's Toilet Soaps at Young's Drug Store. Three Cakes for 25 cents.

Buy your California evaporated fruit from Mahlon Schrock; he keeps the best.

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

Embroidery Silks, Needles and all the appliances for Holiday Fancy Work.

M. M. TREWELL & Co.

If you want good, clean Western Oats buy of Mahlon Schrock. He sells as cheap as the cheapest.

Potter with 92 per cent. and Westmoreland with 90 per cent. are the two counties having the highest percentage of Republican votes in the last election, compared to the Harrison vote in 1888. They are entitled to the banners.

Do not be deceived, but buy genuine Minnesota flour from Mahlon Schrock. It is a fancy spring patent, warranted.

Our stock of Corsets, Kerchiefs, &c., is very full. Prices very low. Tell your neighbor.

M. M. TREWELL & Co.

Governor Wilson has prepared a call for a special session of the West Virginia Legislature to consider the gubernatorial question and a bill for the Australian system of voting and minor matters.

Mahlon Schrock's delivery wagon is seen on the streets daily, delivering Groceries, Flour and Feed to his many patrons.

There is usually a difference of five cents per pound between live and dry picked poultry. Scalled poultry sells for about two cents per pound less than the dry picked.

We keep our shelves filled with everything new in Notions and Trimmings.

M. M. TREWELL & Co.

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.

HOLSBROK BROS. & PARSONS.

The new flag of the United States of Brazil, which takes the place of the imperial ensign, with its crown and coffee leaf, is composed of green and gold stripes, with a blue field, on which are emblazoned nineteen stars. Long live the Republic!

Samuel R. Lohr, of Donegal township, Westmoreland county, the second oldest man in that township, being past 85 years, visited his native home in Saylfleck a few days ago. He has killed thus far this season seventy-two gray squirrels and seven grays.

We have just received some beautiful designs in New Jewelry, Necklaces, Bracelets, Pins, &c., suitable for Holiday trade. The prices will astonish you.

M. M. TREWELL & Co.

George Miller, who has served fifteen years in the penitentiary for horse stealing, and was detained in the Bedford county jail again awaiting trial for the same offense, about eight o'clock Friday night, with William Newcomer, who was serving sentence for robbery, broke jail.

Several nights ago David Brant and a number of boys went out coon hunting. They got one of Tom Laughrey's blooded dogs, and loaded their guns to kill. After wandering about for some time they came upon a large wildcat, and the dogs pitched in with a determination to win, but after a running fight the cat made its escape, and the dogs were used up in such a manner that they will die.—*Ligonier Echo.*

Hats! Hats! Hats! In endless variety of Shape and Shape. Also Bonnet Frames, Blues and Childrens Hats.

M. M. TREWELL, & Co.

City Superintendant Baer has prepared for presentation to the Reading School Board a report, in which he recommends that the board prosecute all persons who sell schoolboys under sixteen cigarette. He says that many teachers complain that school children eight years old are in the habit of smoking cigarets, causing them to be emaciated, pale and sickly.

The South Dakota people are proud of their first representation in Congress, and may intend to celebrate the appearance of the Solons upon the floor of the House and Senate. A large excursion of Dakotaites are coming down to Washington on special trains to witness the opening of Congress, and will be in the galleries when the new statesmen are sworn in. Prominent people from all over the state will compose the excursion, and they intend to paint South Dakota in large letters all over the city.

Mrs. J. Ellen Foster, President of the Iowa Union of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has made a statement denying that there was any partisan animus in the bolt in the present Convention, or that the women who withdrew were all Republicans. She said there was no other course, as at six successive Conventions the association resolutions had allied them to the Prohibitionists. It was now proposed to form a central organization to carry on genuine temperance work without reference to any political party organization.

Pennsylvania War Claims.

Gov. Beaver, Auditor General McCamant, Attorney-General Kirkpatrick, and several members of the State Legislature, who constitute a commission to lay before Congress the claims of the border counties of Pennsylvania for extraordinary losses incurred by reason of invasion during the late war, and to demand their payment by the Government, met at Chambersburg, Wednesday, to organize and to consult with representatives of the border counties. The claims for the burning of Chambersburg and losses in other counties aggregate about $3,000,000. The State of Pennsylvania has made three separate appropriations amounting to $900,000 toward the relief of the sufferers.

It is the intention of the Commission, backed by the united Pennsylvania delegation in Congress, to ask that the State be reimbursed for its outlay, and that the balance of the claims be paid. The Commission effected a temporary organization. It will meet again at Harrisburg early in December and proceed to Washington to present the claims to Congress.

A District Institute Program.

Program for teachers monthly institute for Brothersvalley township and Berlin borough to be held on Dec. 14, 1889, at the Sugar Grove school. Music. Organization. "How would you teach reading,"—P. U. Miller; recitation,—C. W. Blough; essay,—Sadie Moore; debate,—"Resolved that there is more pleasure gained in pursuit of an object than in possession of it."—Affirmative, E. J. Bowman, J. H. Hence. Negative, E. S. Pease, N. B. Walker. Essay.—Flora B. Turner; paper,—Lottie Kreisinger; recitation,—E. S. Forney. "How would you teach Geography."—Ida R. Platts. A talk by Prof. S. D. Elrick. A talk by Prof. J. M. Berkey. Institute to commence at 10 a. m.

SECRETARY.

De Voe says we are going to have sleighing on the 28th.

Register and Recorder Swank, has so far recovered as to be able to be out again. His brother Samand son Joe, are satisfactorily discharging the duties of his office during his illness.

Among the Pennsylvanians who received original invalid pensions the past week were the following: Peter Young, Hyndman; Amos E. Finnegan, Meyersdale. Increase: Thomas Wolfkill, Bedford.

Dr. W. R. Wilson, of Donegal, Westmoreland county, will move to Somerset next week where he will practice his profession. The Doctor is a graduate of the E. M. Institute, Cincinnati. He has been practicing medicine for the past six years.

Templeton D. Mervine, of Bedford, who cut Chief-of-Police Silver so badly Monday night, has obtained a change of venue, and the case was transferred to Fulton County, to be tried at their next term of court. Mervine is out of jail under $3,000 bail.

Mr. John Rink, of Jenner township, writes that he has a sucking colt six months old, sired by Peter Heffley's draft horse, Lee, which weighs 814 pounds. Mr. Rink and Mr. Heffley agree in saying that they never heard of a heavy a colt at the same age, and think that stock breeders should know of it.

Dr. J. K. Miller and family moved to Somerset Monday. For the present they will occupy a portion of the residence of A. J. Colborn Esq. The Doctor has been appointed a member of the pension examing board, to take the place of Dr. Patterson, resigned. His office is in the corner room of the Colborn residence.

Mr. David Husband, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Somerset township, who has been visiting friends and relatives in the Western States for the past eight months, returned to Somerset Tuesday morning. He will remain here long enough to settle up his business affairs when he will again return to the west, where he intends making his permanent home.

Jonas M. Cook reports a very enjoyable affair at the old homestead in Southampton township, on Thursday the 21st inst., The occasion was the 50th anniversary, or golden wedding, of his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cook Sr. He also says that all the sons and daughters with their husbands and wives were present, except one, William H., who sent presents and letter of regrets, on account of sickness in his family. The guests were entertained in the room of a house, now occupied by the venerable couple, where the marriage ceremony took place fifty years ago.

A young man named Coleman, living near Lehl postoffice, met with a very painful accident while engaged in hunting, Friday afternoon. He was carrying his gun with the hammer up, and while crawling through a fence the hammer very unexpectedly and suddenly went down, exploding the gun and sending the contents into the young man's left arm between the wrist and elbow, from which the blood flowed in great quantities. It seems that after all efforts had been exhausted to check the bleeding Dr. H. S. Kimmel was summoned to make an examination. He found that the main artery of the arm had been severed, and that the bones were badly fractured. The doctor carefully dressed the wound, but thinks the fracture is of such a nature that he may yet have to amputate the arm.

Mrs. Jane Sufall, wife of Solomon Sufall, one of Somerset's oldest and best known residents, died very suddenly at her home in the west ward, at an early hour Wednesday morning. Mrs. Sufall had been in delicate health for a number of years, but her death was entirely unlooked for at this time She had been about the day previous attending to her household duties, and retired without complaining of feeling unwell. During the night she was seized with great pains in her back, and expired shortly after the household had been aroused and called to her bedside. Her husband, three daughters and three sons survive her. Mrs. Sufall was a great favorite with her neighbors, and was admired and respected throughout the town for her many Christian virtues and excellent traits of character.

Another frightful boiler explosion occurred last week, resulting in the death of one man and the injury of another. The accident occurred about 10 o'clock Thursday morning, at the steam saw mill owned by Samuel R. Critchfield and Charles Robison, located in Lower Turkeyfoot township, on the Draketown road, one mile from Ursina. Bruce Shannon was the fireman at the mill. He was working with the inspirator and, it is supposed, let cold water in on the heated flues causing the boiler to explode with tremendous force. The machinery and building were torn into fragments. Shannon was found one hundred and fifty feet from the boiler with a large portion of his head blown off. A steel bolt struck him under the chin and passed upwards coming out at the crown of his head. He was a young man, about twenty-four years of age, and was to have been married shortly. He was engaged in building a new house in anticipation of the happy event. Mr. Robison, who was at the mill at the time was struck by flying missiles and severely, but not fatally injured.

Although the murderers of Herman Umberger have been tried, found guilty, and sentenced, and the Supreme Court of the state has sustained the conviction, it seems that a last desperate effort is to be made to save them from the gallows. According to the daily papers additional counsel have been employed, and Governor Beaver has been appealed to to postpone fixing the day for the execution. The Harrisburg *Telegraph* of Friday is authority for the statement that on that day Messrs. Coffroth and Koontz, ex-Assistant Attorney General Lyman D. Gilbert, and S. J. McCarroll, a well-known Harrisburg criminal lawyer, were before Governor Beaver to ask him to postpone the fixing of the time for the execution of Joseph and David Nicely, the Somerset county murderers. Just what effect this call will have upon the Governor remains to be seen. If he were fully acquainted with all the facts in the case, he would certainly name the earliest possible day for the execution. Each day that it is postponed imperils the lives of the officers who have these desperate criminals in charge, and adds additional expense to the taxpayers of the county, and these gentlemen (?) have already cost the county a pretty sum. Additional watchmen have had to be kept on guard day and night ever since they made their murderous attack upon Deputy Sheriff McMillen, and it is only by the closest vigilance that it has been possible the retain them in the insecure old jail. No good can possibly come of delaying the time, and the interests of justice demand that the dread sentence of the law be speedily and rigidly executed. The commission of crime is more effectually prevented by the certainty than by the severity of punishment. On Wednesday evening, February 27, 1889, Herman Umberger was murdered. On the following Monday Joseph and David Nicely were arrested, charged with the crime. The next day they were given a hearing before Esquire Rauch, who committed them to jail. On the 28th day of March they were brought before Judge Baer on a writ of *habeas corpus*, and were remanded to jail by his Honor to await trial at court. At the May term of court they were tried and found guilty. A motion for a new trial was filed, was argued at the August adjourned court, and was refused. An appeal was taken to the supreme court, and the judgment of the lower court was sustained. Only one more legal step remains to be taken, and that is to go to the Board of Pardons with a petition for pardon or commutation of sentence. This step will do taken next month. The next meeting of the Board of Pardons will be held on December 19th. Why should Gov. Beaver postpone naming the day for carrying the sentence of the law into effect, and on what reasonable grounds could he be asked to do so?

The Fire Fiend Visits Stoystown!

Three of Her Best Buildings in Ashes.

Believed to be the Work of Incendiaries.

The little village of Stoyestown, one of the oldest settlements in the county, was the scene of a disastrous fire at an early hour Sunday evening. The large three-story store house and dwelling of Peter J. Cover, the handsome brick residence of John H. Snyder, and the frame dwelling of Mr. Frank Taylor, an employe of the Johnstown Lumber Company, were entirely consumed, and it was only after a long and persistent struggle on the part of the brave men and women of the town that they knew they had succeeded in saving their homes from the flames.

The night was one of inky darkness, and the denizens of the quiet little town had all retired at an early hour, only to have their slumber disturbed by the rude cry of "fire!" which came from the centre of the town. Everybody rushed through the darkness in the direction of the cry as soon as they could get into their clothes, and by the time the first had reached the corner of Main and Somerset streets, the whole interior of the Cover store-room was discovered to be a mass of flames. The fire only required a few minutes to eat its way to the second and third stories of the big frame building and to communicate to the residence of Mr. Snyder adjoining.

Suddenly, when the flames in the Cover building were raging their fiercest, there was an explosion that shot burning timbers forty feet into the air and caused all of the window glass in the town to rattle. The report of the explosion was heard in Hooversville, four miles distant, and hundreds of people from the country hurried to the scene, guided by the bright glare of the fire. Meanwhile the flames had leaped over Somerset street and enveloped the residence of Charles Taylor, and it commenced to look as though the entire town was doomed. Opposite the burning building stands Custer's Hotel and Captain Noah Bowman's mercantile house, while across the alley from Snyder's stands Hite's hotel. To save these three valuable buildings from destruction required the hardest kind of work of all the townspeople, and had it not been for the re-enforcements that were constantly arriving from the township, in response to the alarm sounded by the church bells, all would certainly have been destroyed.

Captain Bowman opened his store-room and handed out his entire stock of blankets and carpets, which were hurriedly nailed over the exposed front of his building and onto which hundreds of buckets of water were constantly thrown by eager men and women. The safety of his building is entirely owing to this novel way of contending against flames.

The Custer and Hite properties were saved from destruction through similar efforts. Meanwhile the old shop standing between the burning residence of Mr. Taylor and the home of Mrs. Mary Barnet was torn away and the course of the flames was checked in that direction. The flames burned fiercely until about one o'clock, when all danger of their spreading was past. Fortunately for Stoyestown all the buildings were water-soaked, owing to the protracted rains of the past week, and hardly a breath of air was blowing throughout the time of the fire; otherwise the destruction would have been much greater.

That the fire was the mad work of incendiaries, there can be no doubt. Mr. Cover says, "There had been no fire in the store-room all day Sunday, and our family all retired between 8 and 9 o'clock. My wife heard a noise in the store shortly after 10 o'clock, and I got up and started down to see what was the matter. As I came down the stairs leading to the kitchen I saw the reflection of a fire in the yard. It came from the store and was quite large. I ran back to tell my wife and awaken the family. We all escaped in our night clothes and by the time we reached the street the entire building was burning. I believe the building was fired by robbers who took what goods they wanted before they started the fire. I had only about two pounds of rifle powder in the store and am at a loss to know what caused the explosion."

Mr. Cover estimates his entire loss at $23,500, on which he had an insurance of $8,000 on goods, $4,500 on property, and $1,000 on furniture and fixtures.

John H. Snyder carried an insurance of $3,500, which will not cover more than one-half his loss. Very few of his household goods were saved.

Charles Taylor had $2,500 insurance on his property, which is not nearly its value. Most of his household effects were carried to a place of safety.

The damage to Noah Bowman's building and goods will reach in the neighborhood of $700. Both were insured.

Samuel Custer and John Hite suffered a loss of several hundred dollars each, to their buildings and great inconvenience in having all of their household goods torn up and carried out.

A number of persons residing at Mr Custer's hotel who were the first to respond to the cry of fire, saw two or three men hurrying away from the burning building and appealed to them to assist in raising the alarm, without receiving the least response.

The Cover store was one of the largest mercantile establishments in the county, and at this season of the year was heavily stocked with goods. Nothing was saved from it or from Mr. Cover's dwelling. The postoffice was also located in this building and all of its contents were consumed by the flames.

Mr. Cover telegraphed Postmaster General Wanamaker of the destruction of the office at an early hour Tuesday morning, and at once engaged a room in Custer's hotel, where a temporary postoffice will be opened.

The Stoyestown order of Odd Fellows, G. A. R. Post and Sons of Veterans Camp occupied rooms on the third floor of the Cover building. All of their lodge furniture was consumed. The Odd Fellows and G. A. R. Post carried a small amount of insurance.

Republican Authority.

The first Congress during President Harrison's Administration will assemble at Washington this winter, and people will probably look to the New York *Tribune* for official interpretations of the policy of the Republican party at the National capital. Our Metropolitan contemporary is especially identified with a Protective tariff, pensions for Union veterans, and various other clauses in the Republican creed; and its endorsement, recently, as the official newspaper of the Republican clubs of the country makes it more than ever the principal National authority of the Republican party. Whatever else may be said of the *Tribune*, every one must concede that the paper is conducted with consummate ability. It's prospectus, printed in another column to-day, shows that it will spend a good deal of money during 1890 for matters that can be read with interest by men of every political faith. The reader is referred to the *Tribune's* own statement of them for further particulars. Some very eminent and brilliant names appear among its list of contributors. Prizes worth $2,240 are to be given away to those who raise clubs of subscribers, including a free trip to New York and entertainment in the city; and there are a great many new premiums for readers. A 20 page Catalogue has been prepared, which will be sent in return for a 2 cent stamp.

Mr. Fred Schenck, having recovered from a serious sickness wishes to make known through these columns that he is able to resume work in his merchant tailoring rooms in the Mammoth Block. Mr. Schenck can be found there at all times and will give prompt attention and guarantee satisfaction to his customers.

In Its Handsome New Quarters.

The First National Bank opened its doors for business in its new building, on the corner opposite the Court House, at 8 o'clock Friday morning. The building fronts 29 feet on Main Cross street, and 39 on Union street, and is, we think, the handsomest building in the county. It is two stories high, with iron cornice and tin roof. The first story of the Main Cross street front is built of gray sandstone, with immense plate glass windows. The interior is beautifully finished in red oak. The entrance to the banking room is on the corner. The directors' room is in the rear of the banking room, the two being connected by a glass door. The southern portion of the first floor is occupied by Pisel's grocery store, and the same parties have rented the entire second floor, which is divided into two rooms, with large sliding doors between them, which they will use for ice cream and oyster parlors. In the cellar is a large Duplex steam boiler, which furnishes heat for the entire building, as well as for the law offices of F. W. Biesecker, Esq., in the adjoining building. The vault, 7x8 feet in the clear, is between the banking room and the directors' room. The marvelously constructed Corliss safe stands in the centre of the vault. The vault walls are 22 inches thick, with an air space of two inches. The vault doors, the invention of Mr. William Corliss are very novel in their construction. They are designed to afford absolute security against fire, by making the opening, or doorway, into the vault as secure as the walls themselves. This is effected by making the doors with a series of air spaces, and after the doors are closed a continuous flange is projected from the exterior edge of the door on all four sides into a corresponding groove in the jamb of the door; thus effectually and permanently sealing the door opening, making it practically air tight, and so firmly are the parts held in place that any amount of expansion and warping that may be occasioned by a conflagration cannot open the joint one iota. This vault door, or doors, for there are three of them, two day doors and a night door, is an entirely new feature in the business of the Corliss Safe Company and the only one of the kind in the world. By the adoption of the Corliss system the First National Bank people have obtained absolute security against fire and burglars. A substantial plank pavement has been placed along the entire front of the building, taking the place of the rough stone one that has been there for so many years. The building is an ornament to the town and a credit to the county.

A Former Somerset County Boy's Great Nerve.

"You see that rather sleepy-looking tall man going by?" said a man sitting in a broker's office to a Chicago *Journal* reporter. The latter saw a man six feet two inches tall, rather large hands and feet, square, and slightly stooping shoulders, no whiskers, but a brown, partly cropped mustache, rather small eyes, pretty well hidden by a large derby hat worn low in front. He had a long, swinging gait, but did not walk as if in any hurry.

"Let me tell you about a little nerve he displayed once," said a gentleman. "He was among other speculators attending the 'call' in the provision market. In bidding for 250 barrels of pork for a certain month he accidentally bid $1 per barrel over the market. The offerings came freely, of course, and he kept on taking the pork until he had bought about 5,000 barrels.

Just then a friend rushed to his ear and surprised him by telling him he was paying $1 over the market. The rest of the trade was amazed. He did not get excited. He saw he was in a hole, but he did not let any one else know it. He at once began bidding for still larger amounts, and even put the price up a little higher.

Then the trade went wild. They thought his friend had given him a tip on a piece of great bull news. He kept on buying at his own price. Presently others began buying. Other futures advanced. The traders climbed over each other to get this particular future, because this tall man was taking it.

Before the call was over he had unloaded most of his purchases and came out with little loss. He had no news. He had blundered in paying $1 a barrel too much. His only way out was by a big bluff. He frightened the trade into taking the pork at the advanced figure. It was a clear case of nerve.

"Who is he? That is Norman B. Ream, of the Board of Trade. He is now a millionaire, and not a little of his wealth is due to the same nerve."

Deserve Their Fate.

Counsel for the Nicely brothers appealed from the judgment of the Somerset county court, where they were convicted of the murder of Farmer Umberger. The appeal to the supreme court was based on an irregularity of form in delivery of the verdict by the jury. In denying the appeal Judge Paxson expressed the view of the higher court as follows;

"This harmless blunder of a perhaps inexperienced jury did the defendants no harm and the time has gone by when a convicted murderer can escape on such a bald technicality."

If ever hanging was well earned these men earned it in killing Umberger for purposes of robbery. The best public sentiment will approve the decision that practically sends them to the gallows.—*Pittsburgh Post*

A Card of Thanks.

STOYESTOWN, Nov. 25 89.—ED. HERALD—Our town having been partly destroyed by fire on Sunday night and many of our buildings among them my own, having been imperiled, I wish through the columns of the HERALD to thank the brave and noble men and women for the gallant fight they made in saving it from total destruction. I also wish to return my warmest thanks to my brother Odd Fellows, who seeing my great danger came to my assistance with the true spirit of Odd Fellowship

SAMUEL CUSTER

To Whom It May Concern.

My store and dwelling with all their contents having been entirely destroyed by fire on Sunday night last, I am compelled to request those knowing themselves indebted to me to make immediate payment of at least one-half of their indebtedness. I also desire to return my thanks to my many patrons for past favors and to assure them that I will resume business at the old stand, as soon as I can make arrangements for temporary quarters.

P. J. COVER,
Stoystown, Pa.,

Nov. 25, 1889.

A Card of Thanks.

EDITOR HERALD.—Now that the Supreme Court has affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of the Commonwealth against the Nicely brothers for the murder of our dear uncle, Herman Umberger, we would respectfully offer our sincere thanks to all those connected with the capture and conviction of the criminals. We would also thank you for the fearless stand you took in the HERALD, and for keeping us so well posted in regard to every step taken in the case, from the time of the murder until the decision of the Supreme Court. We believe that if all papers would pursue the same course there would be less crime.

Yours respectfully,

MRS. W. H. GROVE.
MRS. E. A. SHAULIS.

Cozad, Nebraska, November 1889.

Lost.

On Wednesday or Thursday of last week, seventy or seventy-one dollars in currency. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning it to the HERALD office.

$50 Saved on Every Ton of Johnstown Flooded Barb Wire.

Twenty thousand pounds sold in thirty days, and every pound satisfactory. Send in your orders. Price, two cents per pound.

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM, Somerset, Pa.

All the new Shapes in Felt Hats, Trimmings to match.

M. M. TREDWELL, & Co.

HENRY BRUBAKER, A. M., M. D.

BY A. C. HOLBERT.

Ordinarily, when the veil is lifted, and an individual passes beyond it into the land whose name is Silence, his passage creates not a ripple on the surface of that sea whose shores are two eternities. And it is well so, for did the death of every man leave behind a void that could not be filled, a sorrow whose tears no hand could dry, life would ere long grow unbearable to the survivors.

But occasionally a man goes out of the world, and his passing seems to rend the heart-strings of the community in which he lived; friends and enemies alike regard the failure of his life as a public calamity.

Such an one was the man who forms the subject of this sketch. Dr. Henry Brubaker was the youngest child of Major John Brubaker, of the town of Berlin, a town that has produced so many names that will live as household words in the homes of Somerset county, long after those they designated shall have been dust and ashes. He was born in Berlin on March 31, A. D. 1827. His early education was obtained from private tutors, until he reached an age to attend one of the higher institutions of learning, when he chose the Allegheny College, at Meadville, Pennsylvania. His record in the College stood high in the class to which he belonged.

Having returned to his home at Berlin, he began the study of medicine in 1848, under the tuition of Dr. J. H. Reidt, a German physician who had left the Fatherland on account of some political complications, years before, and settled at Berlin. After reading the necessary time, the young student of medicine went to Philadelphia, Pa., where he attended the Jefferson Medical College, and on March 8, 1851 he received his degree of M. D. from that institution.

Returning to Somerset county he began the practice of his chosen profession in the village of New Lexington, where he remained about a year and six months, after which he located in Berlin, remaining until 1856, when he removed to Somerset, which place was, from that time forward, his home, until the day of his death. In 1879 he received the degree of A. M. from Allegheny College. During all these thirty-four years of continuous work in this community, Dr. Brubaker has wound himself, tighter and tighter, year by year, in the affections and the confidence of the community, so that when he died, his passing away was felt by the people of Somerset as an individual loss—as though each had heard the last sigh of a father, or a brother.

All over the county the Doctor's name was known, and in difficult cases his mere presence was deemed a safeguard against the grim monster whose grasp was already closing about the helpless victim. In other counties, too, he was often called in consultation, and never anywhere without shedding light on the occult matter of dispute.

The life-partner of his joys and sorrows, who survives him, was Miss Emeline Philson, of Berlin. Two sons and four daughters are left to mourn his loss; two young children, sons, having died a number of years ago.

The writer's acquaintance with Dr Brubaker began in 1882, and from that to the time of the Doctor's death, at 9:30 P. M. of Tuesday, November 12, 1889, the bonds of friendship then forged have suffered no attrition, but only strength added to strength, and "he was my friend, faithful and just to me." Many times, indeed, has the writer wondered at the general knowledge of the modest, unassuming man whose name he is now proud to enroll upon the list of those he has called friend.

Coming from German stock it was to be expected that the Dr. would be an adept in that language, as he was, and in one of the last conversations the writer ever had with him, he announced his intention to purchase the works of Goethe, that he might read them in the original German. But French, too, was at his command, so that he was able to read it as easily as German. Latin and Greek he knew as a matter of course, but unlike many men he knew them not as things that were, but he kept them at his tongue's end. In 1888 he finished the translation of Virgil for his own amusement, and he commenced that of Homer in the spring of 1889.

Though the doctor and the writer differed widely and radically in politics, the latter is unable now to recall a single offensive expression falling from the lips of his friend, or even a single exultant look sweeping over his pleasant countenance, even at times when other men rejoiced openly, and when joy was pardonable because of party success. On the accession of Mr. Cleveland to power, Dr. Brubaker was appointed one of the pension examiners here, and was president of that board when he died. He was pre-eminently fitted for the position, by reason of his professional acquirements, and many an old soldier's, many a widow's, and many an orphan's heart was made to rejoice at the receipt of a pension, the granting of which was mainly due to Dr. Brubaker's fair and impartial recommendation. The Somerset board of examiners was a popular one, and stood high with the authorities at Washington city.

The amount of work that he did was incredible. No man better knew their value or more fully realized the fact that "spare moments are the gold-dust of time," than did Henry Brubaker. A specialist in different branches of his chosen profession, he had read deeply in all branches of knowledge and was a scientist in the true sense of the term. Though the speculations of Charles Darwin, and the philosophy of Herbert Spencer, and the meditations of Ernest Renan were familiar to him, and his professional training enabled him, as few men are able, to judge of the tenability of the positions taken by these men and others of their school, yet he viewed their writings simply as books, their speculations merely as hypotheses, and never permitted them to interfere with his child-like faith in the credibility of the Scriptures, the immortality of the soul, and the need of a personal Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ, as a mediator between man and the Father.

Early in life he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and for more than forty years, up to the moment of his leaving the world, he remained an active and consistent member of that denomination. No stigma was ever brought upon the church by reason of his connection with it, but he aimed through his life to "enlarge the tents of Israel." A broad-minded man, he never brought religion into discredit by any word or act of his; he never thrust his religious views upon any one, and yet no one could talk to him long without knowing that his auditor was a religious man; but none would ever mistake him for a mere theologian. The distinction between religion and theology was, to him, unlike many so-called Christians, as plain as the diagnostic symptoms that would lead him to say that a patient of his had rheumatism, and not gout.

His funeral took place from his late residence at 10 A. M. of Friday, the 15th day of November, 1889. Rev. Appleton Bash conducted the funeral services at the late home of the deceased; his remarks were well chosen and pointed.

When the last view of the remains was taken, old gray-headed men wept and sobbed like children; women's faces were hidden in handkerchiefs, and tears rolled down the faces of the young. Through the bleak weather the procession wended its way to the Somerset cemetery, where the body of our friend was consigned to earth to be as it was, and his spirit was left in the hands of the God who gave it.

He is gone. The cold and silent grave hides from us the remains of him whose smile we hailed with pleasure. Let us remember and cultivate his virtues, let us remember, but only remember to avoid those failings of which we are cognizant, if any such there be, and who has none? And let his life and death imbue us with new faith, and arouse us to higher possibilities. And now, having gone hastily over his life, better known, no doubt, to the reader than to the writer, I leave him in the cold and silent grave. "He was a man, take him for all in all, we shall not look upon his like again."

In the Recorder's Office.

Deeds Recorded—Letters Granted—Marriage Licenses Issued.

DEEDS RECORDED.

William H. Wolfenberger to P. H. Wolfenberger, property in Rockwood; consideration $1,500.

Harriet and Lizzie Hunsbert to Leah Kassel, property in Brothersvalley township; consideration $550.

LETTERS GRANTED.

Letters of administration were granted to Catharine and Alexander L. Wagner, executor of the estate of Johnathan B. Wagner, both of Shade township deceased.

To M. J. Smith administrator of the estate of Nancy Smith late of Salisbury borough deceased.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Henry A.Ively, of Northampton township to Alice M. Hochstetler of Allegheny township.

William A. Snably and Maggie J. Rummel both of Conemaugh township.

John E. Vogel, of Johnstown and Annie Gardner of Jenner X Roads.

James H. Staup, of Elklick township and Delilah Getz of Salisbury.

Great Bargains.

Handsome Plush Jackets at ten dollars, worth twelve, and Plush Coats at fifteen, eighteen and twenty dollars.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Commodore Wilson chief of the Bureau of Construction and Repair, in his annual report, says that with the completion of the vessels now building and appropriated for, the United States will possess ten armored vessels, thirteen single turreted monitors, twenty-one steel cruisers or gunboats, two dynamite cruisers, a practice cruiser for cadets and an armored ram or torpedo-boat and seven iron steamers.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure.

This powder never varies. A marvel of purity, strength, and wholesomeness. More economical than the ordinary kinds, and cannot be sold in competition with the multitude of low test, short weight, alum phosphate powders. *Sold only in cans.* ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., 106 Wall St. N. Y. jun17,'90 1y

ORPHANS' COURT SALE

— OF —

Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale on the premises in Allegheny Township, in said county, on

SATURDAY, DEC. 7, 1889,

at 1 o'clock p. m., the following real estate, situate in Allegheny Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., bounded by lands of Jesse McVicker, Mrs. Jordan, Wendel Werner, Martin Ansick, Francis Engert, Andrew Werner, Francis Weinbaugh and Francis Suhre, containing

290 ACRES AND 62 PERCHES,

there being a two-story log house and log barn on the premises. About 100 acres clear, 30 acres of which is in meadow, and the balance well timbered with white oak and rock oak. The farm is in good condition, and in a good neighborhood.

TERMS.

One-third in hand, the balance in three equal annual payments, without interest. Ten per cent of hand money to be paid on day of sale.

HENRY P. WEBER,
EXT'R of Henry S. Weber.

nov13.

YOUNG'S RELIABLE DRUG STORE.

When you need anything in the line of

PURE DRUGS OR MEDICINES,

Don't Fail to Give Me a Call. Being a Graduate of the Philadelphia

— COLLEGE OF PHARMACY, —

I am prepared to fill all Physicians'

Prescriptions and Family Receipts

with safety and accuracy. My line of

TOILET ARTICLES,
PERFUMERIES, SOAPS,
SPONGES, TRUSSES, &c.

is the largest and best in the County.

Palmer's Fine Toilet Soap.

This is the best and cheapest Soap on the market. One trial, and you will always use it. Remember,

3 Cakes for 25 Cts. 3

— For a —

FINE CIGAR,

I only ask you to try my leading brands. Call and examine my fine line of

Holiday Goods.

VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME. BOTH

ENGLISH AND GERMAN

Language spoken. My motto,

"Purity and Accuracy."

RESPECTFULLY

Charles Young,

Successor to C. H. Benford,

SOMERSET, PA.

EXECUTRIX' NOTICE.

Estate of Dr. Henry Brubaker dec'd. late of Somerset Bor., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement to the undersigned on or before Saturday, the 4th day of January, 1890, at the office of the deceased in said Borough, when and where due attendance will be given for said purpose.

EMELINE BRUBAKER,
Executrix of Henry Brubaker, dec'd.

J. L. POSH, Attorney.

EXTRAORDINARY EYESIGHT

After Total Blindness to Objects Sees to Read the Finest Print.

It used to be considered good success when a person had been blind from cataract, if one out of two was restored sufficiently to walk about, and more were totally blinded than were made to see to read common print. Miss Christiana McGillvianny, of Glasgow, Columbiana county, O., four miles west of Wellsville, had been blind in one eye two years or more, when she came to Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., who operated on her. Last week he adjusted her glasses, when she was able to read not only common diamond print (the smallest type) but chromo-lithographic reductions still much smaller. In the language of Mr. Geo. E. Littleton, of Bellaire, O. (after an operation for cataract by Dr. Sadler, and glasses fitted): "With my glasses I can see to read as well as ever in my life, and I used to have very strong eyes," express the results secured by Dr. Sadler in *every case* he has operated upon this year. These results are not excelled in the history of eye surgery, a fact worthy the attention of the blind.

Stone IN THE Bladder.

HOW IT WAS REMOVED, AND THE UNDOUNDED GRATITUDE OF THE SUFFERER.

MR. E. D. PARONS, a well known book-keeper of Rochester, N. Y., writes: "One day I was seized with a pain in the lower part of my back. Next came a stoppage of the urine, and acute pain. I sought advice, and was told that my symptoms were those of Stone in the Bladder. I will not try to describe what I went through. None of the means taken produced any benefit until I began the use of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite remedy of Rondout, N. Y. Gradually the more serious symptoms began to yield. The pain ceased, the calculus or stone having been

Dissolved by the Medicine.

From this time my recovery was complete, and I am ready to testify that Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy saved my life." Mr. Lyman Crawford, druggist, of Springfield, Mass., says "For years I was afflicted with Kidney Disease in its most acute form. I tried different kinds of treatment and spent a great deal of money, only to find myself worse than ever. Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy—I say it with a perfect recollection of all that was done for me—is the only thing that did me the slightest good. I gave me

PERMANENT RELIEF.

I am now well and strong. I have recommended this medicine to many people for Kidney Disease, and they all agree with me in saying that Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy has not its equal in the wide world for this distressing and often fatal complaint." Mr. W. Monroe, of Catskill, N. Y., says: "For many years I suffered from gravel. Finally my wife induced me to try a bottle of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy. To gratify her I bought a bottle. I used that and two or three bottles more, and, to make a long story short, I am a well man."

DR. KENNEDY'S FAVORITE REMEDY.

PREPARED BY

Dr. David Kennedy, Rondout, N. Y.

$1 per bottle. Six for $5. By all druggists.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Grady, dec'd, late of Quemahoning Twp., Somerset County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement to the undersigned, at his residence, on Saturday, the 14th day of December, 1889.

HERMAN W. BERKEY,
Executor.

nov6. F. W. BIESECKER, Attorney.

RULE TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE.

To Christian H. Yoder, of Sugar Creek, Tuscarawas County, Ohio; Daniel H. Yoder, of Geistown, Cambria County, Pa., Barbara Yoder, intermarried with Isaac Wingert, of Mt. Hope, Ohio; and Aaron D. Yoder, of Middleburg, Ind.:

You are hereby notified to be and appear at an Orphans' Court to be held in and for Somerset County, Pa., on Mon