The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

THURSDAY ..... December 25, 1889.

Look for Young's Holiday Display.

Useful Articles at Young's Drug Store.

Young's Motto, "Purity and Accuracy."

Holiday Goods at Young's Drug Store.

Holiday goods at Biesecker and Snyder's.

We wish that your Christmas will be merry.

Go to Biesecker & Snyder's for Christmas cards.

Oysters by can, quart, or plate at N. B. Coff's.

Our tea promises to be green without the use of art.

Dog-glasses for dolls are among the new things in their outfit.

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

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

Ground Alum Salt, one dollar per sack, at Mahlon Schrock.

Leave your orders for coal at the office of the Somerset Dairy Company.

Young's Toilet Soaps at Young's Drug Store.

Tree-Cakes for 25 cents.

Try your California evaporated fruit from Mahlon Schrock: he keeps the best.

For fine Oysters, go to N. B. McGriff. Up stairs, First National Bank building.

B. B. Coffroth's is the cheapest place for fancy goods and don't you forget it.

Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, in endless variety and price, at M. M. Tredwell & Co.'s.

J. McGill Ian, Dentist office over Tredwell's store, south of Diamond Somerset Pa.

Biesecker & Snyder, as usual, have the largest assortment of Christmas goods in town.

Teachers will find many handsome little things for their scholars at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Holly and Ivy has thus far taken the place of mistletoe and snow, and winter is still an open question.

Call at Herr Bros. for a good time piece or best makes of movements and cases in stock.

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

Late purchasers of Christmas presents will find prices reduced from this date, at M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

J. McGillian, resident dentist, Somerset, Pa. All kinds of plate work executed and satisfaction guaranteed.

"Diphtheria" was the word that puzzled a little class at a Carnesville (Dauphin Co.) spelling bee.

Do not be deceived, but buy genuine Minnehaha flour from Mahlon Schrock. It is a superior patent, warranted.

If you wish to purchase a holiday gift to-morrow or hereafter, you can get it at a reduction at M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

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

Christmas toys, candies, fruits, nuts and cakes at

Ed B. Coffroth's.

"Doll! Dolls! After this date a reduction, to close out stock. From 5 to 50c.

M. M. Tredwell & Co.

Choice in china and glass for holiday presents at

Ed B. Coffroth's.

Candies, Nuts, Fruits and Cakes, wholesale and retail at

Ed. B. Coffroth's.

The finest and choicest Christmas candies in town can only be found at

Ed B. Coffroth's

For your Christmas goods at Ed. B. Coffroth's. He keeps only the newest and best articles and will not be undersold.

Call and see N. B. McGriff's elegant new stock of pickes, First National Bank building, Up Stairs. Entrance opposite court house.

He was the originator of Caramel-Scotch. Geo. F. McDonald, who still leads. Where should they be bought? From Pisel, the Confectioner.

B. B. Coffroth has made special preparations for the holiday trade. You can find no better place in Somerset to buy toys and fancy goods.

Huyler & Bros', finest Bon Bons, Chocolate Creams, and Confections of every description at Pisel's, new National Bank building, Somerset, Pa.

The shelves of Ed B. Coffroth's store contain hundreds of beautiful ornaments that are suitable for holiday presents. His store is the cheapest place to buy.

Bread, Cakes, Pies, Crackers, Cheese, Bologna, Bussard, Sardines, Salmon, Tobaccos, Cigars, and the finest Confections ever in Somerset, go to Pisel's.

School teachers will do well to remember Biesecker & Snyder can supply them with many useful and attractive presents for scholars at cheapest prices.

Though just on the eve of Christmas, our stock is still full enough to satisfy any early purchaser, and prices reduced. Call and look it over. M. M. Tredwell & Co.

Fresh New York Counts and Ex. Selects can not be excelled. Try a stew of Oysters. Quart, only 25 cents.

W. H. Platt.

You could not make father or mother a more appropriate or useful present than a pair of glasses, fitted to their sight.

Biesecker & Snyder.

Just in! A fine black walnut Mantle Clock of a superior make, striking the half hour and having their latest improved movement for $5.00 at

Herr Bros.

We have on hand a large number of good stoves which we will sell in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices very reasonable. Yard near the planing mill.

Horning Bros. & Parson.

Herr Bros. for your 1847—Rogers Bros.—Silverware including Knives, Forks, Spoons, Napkin Rings, Nutpickers, Children's Sets, &c.—These goods are Triple and Heavy plated and the best in the market.

Everybody wishes he were rich just before holiday season for no pleasure is comparable to that of making presents. It is not money to be rich when you buy from Biesecker & Snyder. They have a thousand articles suitable for all your friends at prices within the reach of all.

Furs, and Furs. I will pay the highest price for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 300 cords of Rock Oak and Chestnut Bark. 100 cords wanted at once, delivered at my residence, immediately east of the S. & C. Station.

H. G. Cunningham.

Only Christmas only three weeks away, everybody puts on his thinking cap and asks what is best and where to buy it. Our popular prices hold good for fancy and useful household articles. We have the finest line of holiday specialties we have ever brought to Somerset. A visit to our store in making your selections will repay you.

Biesecker & Snyder.

Medical authorities agree that catarrh is none other than an inflammation of the lining membrane of the nasal air passages. Nasal catarrh and all catarrh affections of the head are not diseases of the blood and it is a serious mistake to treat them as such. No conscientious physician ever attempts to do so. It is held by eminent medical authorities that sooner or later a specific will be found for every disease from which humanity suffers. The facts justify us in asserting that for catarrh at least a positive remedy exists in Ely's Cream Balm.

Compliments of the season.

The Greensburg Fair Association has decided to hold a fair next year.

The Somerset Dairy Company advertise the cheapest coal in Somerset.

A very merry Christmas and happy New Year to all the readers of the Herald.

Dr. Albert P. Brubaker and wife of Philadelphia, are in Somerset to spend the holidays.

Senator Cameron can show five thousand bushels of corn on his Donegal farm the present season.

The First National Bank of Somerset, will hold its annual election of officers on the 14th of January.

Mr. Edward Scull arrived home from Washington Saturday evening to spend the holiday vacation.

Mr. Geo. R. Scull, who has been confined to his house for the past five or six days by sickness, is able to be out again.

There was a very small attendance at last week's court. Most of the cases on the list were settled, only five of them being tried.

Mr. Earnest Kooser, who is a student at the Washington Jefferson College arrived home last week to spend his Christmas vacation.

Franklin B. Gowen, who committed suicide in Washington a few days since, had an insurance of $221,000 on his life, and the agents think it will be paid.

Franklin B. Gowen had a marvellous memory. After reading a long poem through twice he could repeat it, without the text word for word.

Miss Edna Baer and Miss Louise Scull, the former who has been attending school at Staunton Virginia, and the latter at Pittsburgh, are home to spend the holidays.

There was never a greater agitation in favor of good roads than that which characterizes the wet year of 1889. If it does not die out when dry weather comes, the result will be good.

J. H. Sutherland will preach in the Presbyterian Church, morning and evening, Sabbath, December 29. Special Christmas service at 10:45 a. m. Evening service at 7 o'clock. A kind invitation to everybody.

Mrs. Jane Schick, of Reading, widow of Cyrus Schick, who lost his life on the day express swept away by the great flood of the Conemaugh on May 31, has sued an accident insurance association for $5000 insurance.

In making an appeal to his delinquent subscribers to come and settle, a Mifflin county editor explains that a cow walked into his yard and devoured his white vest, which his wife had washed and hung up with out knowing that the pockets contained $14.

The sale of reserved seats for the Institute lecture course commenced at the Opera House Saturday morning. Purchasers took their places in line as early as one o'clock in the morning and stood right there till the doors opened at 9.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Marian Frease, daughter of Mr. William B. Frease, to Mr. Charles H. B. Roach. The ceremony will take place at Trinity Lutheran church, at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, January 1st.

With a pair of crutches and a well regulated cough, a tramp succeeded in arousing a good bit of sympathy at Chambersburg. He was finally arrested for stealing a book, and as an excuse he pleaded that he thought it was a prayer book

Arrangements have been made to fill the vacancy in the Institute program caused by the death of State Superintendent Higbee, and every part of it will be carried out as already announced.

J. M. Berkey.

While holding court last week, Judge Baer contracted a severe cold, which has kept him confined to his bed for the past three or four days. He was unable to be present at Saturday afternoon's session of court on account of his indisposition.

Notwithstanding the unprecedented rush for tickets for the Institute lecture course, Superintendent Berkey informs us that over one hundred reserved seat tickets remain unsold at this time. There is still a chance for those who apply promptly to secure good seats.

The festive candidate is already showing up in large numbers. As there is a full county ticket, member of Congress, State Senator and members of the Legislature to elect next fall, it is fair to presume that his name will be legion by the time the June primary comes around.

Mr. Charles E. Pile has opened a coal yard at the S. & C. station, and will keep constantly on hand a large supply of the celebrated Salisbury coal, which needs no recommendation from us, and which will be sold at the lowest price. "Sykes" will no doubt receive a liberal share of patronage.

During the prevalence of a severe windstorm Sunday morning, several small buildings in Johnstown were moved from their position, and the large, four story brick building at the corner of Main and Franklin streets, in course of erection by the heirs of the late David Dibert, was considerably damaged.

The Johnstown *Tribune* of Monday says: "As to the health of Johnstown, it never was better, no form of disease prevailing to any considerable extent, and the doctors universally reporting that, in consideration of our more or less exposed condition, it is remarkable that we enjoy such freedom from dangerous maladies.

Our streets presented an unusually active appearance Saturday. They were crowded with people from the country and adjoining towns who were here for the purpose of laying in their Christmas supplies. As usual, the merchants who advertise in the Herald reaped the harvest. We doubt if they ever had a busier day than Saturday.

Of Mrs. Reed, wife of the new Speaker of the House, a Washington correspondent writes: "Mrs. Reed, though not fond of mingling in official society, it is better equipped for the duties of Speaker's wife than almost any of the other candidates' wives. She is low of stature, comely and plump of figure, with wavy dark-brown hair growing low on her forehead, and ingenious laughing eyes. She looks scarcely 35, and has but one child, a daughter of 13, whose delicate health through recent years has formed a cogent reason for the mother's persistent declination of the most flattering invitations. But she is fluent and agreeable in conversation in her own parlors, tasteful in dress and will preside with dignity and popularity at the Wednesday receptions of the Speaker's wife, which rank in importance with those of the foremost Cabinet ladies.

The marriage of Mr. Russell Uhl and Miss Sadie Jarues took place at the Presbyterian Church this morning at half past 9 o'clock. Among those present were the father and mother and sister of the groom—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Uhl and Miss Mame Uhl, of Somerset—Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer James, parents of the bride, and her brothers and sisters; Rev. Dr. James H. Baird, of Philadelphia; Hon John M. Rose, Capt. A. N. Hart, Mrs. W. Horace Rose and daughter, Miss June Rose, Mrs. James S. Taylor, Mrs. and Miss Kellar, Mr. Harry Slick and family Capt. W. S. Steele, and other friends of the bride and groom. After congratulations by the company present, the happy pair took the Day Express on a wedding trip to Philadelphia and other eastern cities.—*Johnstown Tribune of Wednesday.*

Mr. Russell Uhl is a member of the Somerset Dairy Company, and is one of Somerset's most energetic and successful young business men. The Herald extends hearty congratulations.

Christmas Gifts.

Independent of all else connected with the anniversary of the advent of Him who was born of a virgin, the bestowing of gifts is well calculated to create and foster an element in human character at once praiseworthy and Godlike. Selfishness is of earth, earthy; generosity is of above, heavenly. In announcing the coming of the Messiah, the angel said, "I bring you tidings of great joy." Therefore, he who would reflect this principle should, on the anniversary of One so announced, strive to carry joy to the hearts of others.

The act of giving a Chalstmas gift is not one of the customs that would be honored in its breach, but one that commends itself to the judgment of all reflecting people, it being in unison with the spirit of the day. No other day has so many holy associations, such endearing memories as Christmas. Who among us, running over the years of childhood, have not more vivid impressions and happy remembrances of this anniversary than of any other day? And he who contributes to the joy of the young now, can do so on Christmas more effectively than at any other time by filling his hands with appropriate presents for little boys and girls. They look for them, and if not forthcoming sorrow and sadness are the portions of the little expectants. The Pauline text: "To do good and communicate," is most appropriate to the day.

There are two evils connected with Christmas giving, however, that should be carefully avoided. The one is giving on compulsion—giving in the absence of a feeling that it is a pleasure to give. Anything partaking of selfishness destroys not only the beauty but the moral value of the act. The other is, where an obligation compels giving that makes it oppressive to the giver—too heavy a draft upon his limited means.

Whatever may be the nature of the gifts they should harmonize with the spirit of the day, and be of the kind that do not impoverish the giver. Given in this spirit, it emphasizes the bountifulness of human kindness, and exemplifies "good will to men on earth."

Christmas Eve Games.

Christmas Eve should be a jolly time in the family circle. Little people, we all agree find more enjoyment in their simple games than their elders can derive from more intellectual amusements. Christmas Eve is one night in a year when the older ones should unbend and enter fully into the roliesome spirit of the hour. There are a great many old games so old as to be comparatively new, the readers perhaps, which might be revived on this happy night—games which will make the tiny toddler wild with delight and keep grandfather chuckling in a way that will do your heart good. Here are a few of the old games and harmless practical jokes:

THE FLOUR AND RING.

Pack a coffee cup—the deeper it is the better—with dry flour, and inverting it over a plate gently raise the cup and leave a smooth mold of flour on the plate. At first it may not come out whole on account of too close packing, but a little practice will enable you to make a mold perfectly. The mold once formed drop on the centre of the top a plain gold ring and range the players (as many as you please) around the table on which the flour mold stands.—The one selected to start the game must take a knife and cut off a piece of the mold from the top clear through to the plate, and then hand the knife to his right hand neighbor who repeats the process, and so on around the circle. The one who either by cutting too close to the ring or undermining the column, causes the ring to fall, must pick it out with his teeth, unassisted by his hands. The excitement of the game, and the appearance of the unfortunate, lead usually to more than one refilling of the cup.

THE BLIND FEEDING THE BLIND.

This laughable spectacle is provided by blind folding a couple of young men and seating them opposite each other at arms length. Give each a spoon and place an ottoman between them with a soup plate full of granulated sugar. Each then must try to fill his spoon with sugar and deposit it in the other's mouth, which must be kept wide open for that purpose. The appearance of these two blindfolded, open-mouthed, groping individuals, as they carefully pour sugar into each other's ears, necks, and faces, is ridiculous in the extreme.

A CRULLER RACE.

This race has all the amusement of the scene just described, for those who look on, and furnishes no little excitement to those who take part. The preliminaries are as follows: A piece of twine several feet long is fastened at one end to the upper hinge of a door, or something else about eight feet from the floor. The other end should be tied to the handle of a cane. Along this line at intervals of eighteen inches suspend ordinary crullers (the larger the better) by short cords which, when the long cord is stretched horizontally will hold the crullers where they can be reached easily by the lips of a person standing on the floor. Necessary adjustments may be made for people of different sizes. Each contestant folds his arms behind him and stands under his particular cruller. The judge holds the cane by which it is stretched, and at the word "Go" gently shakes the crullers which dance about, evading the eager mouths. The group, as they stand on tiptoe, and with open mouths grope after the coquettish cakes, look not unlike young robins when the mother comes home with a tempting worm. The person who without unfolding his arms has swallowed his cruller claims his prize. Now comes the satisfaction for the defeated contestants, when the Judge solemnly declares with great dignity that Mr. or Miss——won the honorable and enviable title of P. I. G.

Husband Items.

A treat for the Sunday-school is in order here, and will be greatly appreciated by the little folks.

Miss Lucy Hedley, of Highland farm, arrived home last week from a visit to friends in Philadelphia.

There will be divine services in the church at this place, on Wednesday, December 25, morning and evening.

Rev. Levi Ross preached for the congregation here Sunday, Rev. Beal, the pastor, being absent at a church dedication.

Mrs. U. S. Weller is staying with relatives and friends here at present. She thinks of selling her property, which is a very desirable home.

Mr. Cornelius Saylor, of whose illness mention was made in your paper last week, died of consumption last Wednesday. The funeral took place from the residence of Mr. Jere Miller, where he had been from the time of his first illness to his death.

Occasional.

The Drumstick.

Behold my rotund wealth of meat,
With all its juices, rich and sweet!
How firm, how solid, are my parts,
And how I go straight to the hearts
Of children, with distended jaws,
In wait to hide me in their maws.

Ah! how I love to lie in state
Upon the table, while you wait
With eager eyes and teeth that burn,
Until it comes to be your turn.
How crisp my skin, and, oh! how brown,
And how I tickle going down;
And, then, my bone, oh! what delight,
To pick it till it's clean and white.

How would you like, on Christmas Day,
To tramp till noon and then, we'll say,
To come back home, well almost starved,
And find me waiting, nicely carved?
Between your fingers and your thumb
You hold me up, thus (yum, yum yum!)
I tickle every nerve, I thrill
Your stomachs, and I fill the bill,
And with all men I nothing lack—
In fact, I have the inside track!

Tom Marion.

Adjutant General Hastings has been elected biennial orator for the Goethean Literary Society of Franklin and Marshall College, and has accepted. Henry W. Grady is the alternate.

The State Schools.

The annual report of the late Superintendent of Public Instruction, Professor E. E. Higbee, which was submitted to the Governor on December 4th, has just been made public. It is very brief as compared with previous reports, made so, as Dr. Higbee explained, because the Legislature will not be in session, and there is no need to make suggestions for legislation. In his report Superintendent Higbee says:

THE PRESENT NUMBER OF SCHOOLS.

The schools now number 21,889, an increase since last year of 547. The increase of the previous year was only 280.

The increase in number of pupils is 13,176 differing little from the increase of the previous year.

To meet this increase of pupils, we have, as just stated 547 additional schools. This shows a tendency toward better school accommodations, for it gives to each additional school only twenty-four pupils, while the general average of pupils per school is slightly beyond forty-three. This average, however, is far too high and there must be many crowded schools in the State, but it is encouraging to know that the movement is in the right direction.

There has been a very large increase in the number of graded schools during the year, viz: 546.

The whole number of graded schools is now 10,117, nearly one half of all our schools. This rapid increase of graded schools demands most careful watchfulness upon the part of superintendents and teachers. While we have the great gain derived from such division of labor as the graded school secures, we must seek to avoid the serious dangers involved.

PROMOTION NOT THE OBJECT.

Teachers confined to one line of studies and those that are suited only to a certain age are apt to take into view only the small section of a child's life belonging to that age, and this weakens the great incentive to work which comes from the clear vision of the end of education in the beginning. The end is not the examination for promotion to another grade. The solid culture of the child toward a well-furnished personality, a developed, intelligent life of thought and act must be the main aim of all teaching; and this should not be broken in upon by any interruption of artificial grades. Hence, great caution is required in graded schools, lest, through anxiety to promote from grade to grade, the child be fitted more for examination than for life.

TEACHERS' SALARIES VERY SMALL.

The increase in the salary of teachers has been very small. Now that the amount appropriated by the State is two millions—double what it was four years ago—it is to be hoped that the average salary of teachers will be greatly enlarged. It is now for male teachers only $30 per month and for female teachers only a little over $30. This want of proper remuneration is injuring the status of our schools. It is retarding the whole educational work of the State, and every exertion should be made to remedy this defect. Direct legislation can effect but little. Public sentiment must be aroused. Directors and parents must realize the vast importance of our schools and the great responsibility of our teachers, and refuse to make the matter of selecting them nothing more than the employment of the cheapest candidates in the market.

Our superintendents also must make the provisional certificates fewer and fewer, demanding high grades and insisting on more thorough examinations. By concerted action the way may be opened for a better condition of affairs as regards salaries and tenure of office. While thankful for the legislation secured in behalf of the schools, we regret very much that the bill for a closer supervision of our schools in rural districts failed of passage.

CLOSER SUPERVISION NECESSARY.

Closer supervision is so necessary that it must soon come. The need of it becomes more apparent every day, and very many directors are only waiting for authority to organize the work. There are many advances yet to be made before the full efficiency of our system of free public schools can be secured, to which we shall have occasion to refer hereafter.

The Best in the World

is the Pedal-lever Dental Chair, and it will be placed in my office this week; and though it represents an actual outlay of over $220.00, yet it is not too good for my patrons. They must and shall have the best.

McMillen, Dentist, Somerset, Pa.

Brothersvalley Items.

Good pasture for cattle till Christmas, our Solomon of old would say, is "something new under the sun" for Somerset county.

If there is any reliance in rumor, the institute at Somerset next week will be better represented by teachers, directors and citizens from this section, than ever before.

Winter wheat never looked better at this time of the year. It seems to be growing all through December, and it is to be hoped that we will have a good snow for a covering before hard freezing sets in.

The roads for the past two or three weeks have been in a horrible condition; ruts and mud are at many places knee deep. Our oldest citizens say not in their time have they seen the roads in such a bad condition in December.

A serious accident occurred at the Coleman mines, Philson's station, last Thursday. George Clark, a laborer, was caught in a mass of falling rock and debris, breaking his back and legs in several places, and mashing other parts of his body to a jelly. He will not recover.

Last week one evening Daniel Mosholder, a retired gentleman living with his nephew, Samuel Mosholder, in this township, fell down a long flight of stairs, cutting an ugly gash in his head, and was rendered unconscious for a long time. The old gentleman has partially recovered, but his ultimate recovery is doubtful.

A corps of engineers are surveying a route for a railroad from Garrett to Deeter's Gap. At present they are on the Mike Roam farm, a mile east of Berlin. They are very reticent in their talk, and consequently no one knows what company they are working for, but it is supposed they are in the employ of the B. & O. R. R.

Eddie Kimmel, who was attending school at Pittsburg, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kimmel.

Business on the Buffalo Valley Railroad is booming. Every time the train runs to Garrett it has from five to eight freight cars attached, heavily loaded with coal, lumber, etc., while a few years ago they used to run up and down with the bare engine.

Two more secret societies will be organized in Berlin in the near future. The Grangers will organize this week, and Knights of the Golden Eagle in a week or two.

Eight or ten Hungarians with their families moved into houses along Philson's station. The men are employed by Mr. Slemer to work in his mines. Mr. Slemer runs his mines to their full capacity and he ships large quantities of coal daily.

Now and Then.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl's

Annual Bargain and Clearance Sale will begin at once and last until the 15th of February. Great Bargains will be given and many goods will be sold at a sacrifice. All kinds of Dress Goods, Woolen Goods, Flannels, Underwear, Hosiery, Gloves, Muslins, Shirtings, Ginghams, Carpet-chain, Table Linens, Towels, Hamburgs, Umbrellas, Furs, and a large variety of Ladies' and Children's Wraps at a great sacrifice.

All are invited to come and see the bargains offered. Will be undersold by no one in good goods.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Wanted at Once.

Ten good cows, with calf at foot. Shorthorn or part Jersey preferred, but any good stock, giving not less than three gallons of milk per day, will do. Good prices given for choice cows. Write at once to

Dr. M. Diehl,
Lelsenring, Fayette Co., Pa.

In the Recorder's Office.

Deeds Recorded—Letters Granted—Marriage Licenses Issued.

DEEDS RECORDED.

Jacob M. Walter's Administrator to Rufus L. Walter, Property in Milford township; consideration $200.

Simon Stutzman to Franklin P. Saylor, property in Somerset township; consideration $1,800.

John Shaffer to Joseph Shaffer, property in Somerset township; consideration $705.

William Ware to Henry Ware, property in Allegheny township; consideration $1.

Jeremiah Weible to Elizabeth Weible, property in Paint township; consideration $400.

Jacob Blough's Executor to Peter Hoffman, et. al., property in Paint township; consideration $3,020.

Solomon Gregey to Samuel A. Handwerk, property in Summit township; consideration $883 25.

Alexander Snyder to Henry Vought, property in Black township; consideration $600.

Simon Nicholson to Joseph Nicholson *et al* popety in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp; consideration $800.

Jacob Nicholson *et al* to John Nicholson property in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp; consideration $300

Nelson Romesberg to Jacob Nicholson, property in Upper Turkeyfoot Twp; consideration $675.

Jacob Thompson to Pearson Miller, property in Stoyestown Borough; consideration $800.

Josiah Mowry's trustee to Emanuel Pile, property in Somerset Twp; $280.65.

David Witt to Emanuel Pile, property in Somerset Twp; consideration $25.

John Alsip's Adm'r to Weyand Doerner property in Allegheny Twp; consideration $800.

J. L. W. Seibert to John H. Seibert property in Milford Twp; consideration $3566.25.

Jacob Friedline to Frances Friedline, property in Jenner Twp; consideration $2000.

LETTERS GRANTED.

Letters Testamentary were granted to Jonas Turney to administer upon the estate of Henry Schulde, late of Addison Twp. dec'd.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

James E. Williams, of Alum Bank, Bedford county, and Minnie J. Thomas, of Crumb, Somerset county.

Edward B. Brown and Vinnie Clouse, both of Confluence borough.

Lewis A. Coleman of Brothersvalley township, and Annie Hittle, of Larimer township.

Joseph Lape, of Shade township, and Eve Studebaker, of Bedford county.

William H. Maust and Martha N. Previer, both of Ursina Borough.

Calvin Martz and Elizabeth Bauman, both of Northampton township.

George A. Royer, of Keyser, Garrett county, Md., and Annie B. Augustine, of Addison township.

Frank C. Cunningham, of Pittsburg, and Susan C. Snyder, of Salisbury.

Samuel T. Davis, of Mt. Pleasant, and Jessie G. Ankeny, of Somerset borough.

David Bowman and Sarah B. Broucher, both of Summit township.

Howard Saylor and Kate Bittner, both of Meyersdale borough.

Richard W. Caldelle, of Moyer, Pa., and Louisa B. Bittner, of Wittenburg.

William W. Cole and Nettie A. Smith, (colored) both of Meyersdale.

Daniel Dunmire and Nannie Claycomb, both of Somerset township.

Thomas J. St. Clair and Minnie M. Arisman, both of Jenner township.

John W. Bell and Minnie C. Miller, both of Jenner township.

Salomon Shaulis, of Somerset township, and Lydia Shawley, of Westmoreland Co.

Wm. H. Zerfoss and Julia Zerfoss, both of Somerset twp.

Wm. E. Sellers of Garrett Co., Md., and Harriet Bowser, of Addison twp.

Resolutions of Respect.

The following resolutions of respect were passed at a special meeting of Highland Grange, No. 879, Patrons of Husbandry, Wednesday, December 18, 1889:

Whereas, On December 2, 1889, brother Franklin Launtz, a member of Highland Grange, No. 879, Patrons of Husbandry, to whom the organization of this Grange is partly due, was removed from our midst by death; therefore, be it *Resolved*,

1st, That by the death of Brother Launtz this Grange has lost a most worthy and efficient member.

2nd. That we recognize in Brothe Launtz's life that character of intelligent, independent manhood which it is the highest purpose of our order to develop. That in his daily walk were exemplified the true christian and the incorruptible citizen.

3rd. That by Brother Launtz's death we are reminded of the uncertainty of lifes tenure, and that what good lies in our power to do, may be done speedily and in time to the end that when death shall summon us before the Husbandman of the Universe, we may give a good account of our stewardship in life.

4th. That we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to the wife and children of our deceased brother.

5th. That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days, and these resolutions be transcribed on the minutes of the Grange and be published in the county newspapers and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased brother.

A. P. Wagner,
H. W. Bittner,
J. B. Gnagy,
Committee.

Petersburg Items.

Mr. David Fisher is still making shingles in his old days.

The dwelling house of Andy Sayers, was burned down last week. No insurance.

The hay balers are still busy baling hay in this section, of which J. P. Rayman is one of the hirelings. He says they can bale two tons per hour.

Mr. David Barnhart sold his timber, in this section to Mr. McKelvy, of Somerset, Mr. John Ross has the job of making the cross-ties, he intends to hire three men and go to work as soon as possible.

Mr. Jacob J. Weigle, is the boss hay and straw seller in this neck of woods. He sold about twenty tons.

Gingerno.

Look Out For Bargains!

Contemplating a change in my firm in early Spring, and for the purpose of reducing my stock of goods, will give special bargains for the cash in Men's, Boy's and Children's Suits of Clothing and Overcoats. I have just received my third invoice of clothing for fall of 1889, which were purchased very low.

J. M. Holderbaum.

Holiday Excursion Tickets on the P. R. R.

Pursuant to the usual policy of aiding its patrons in the interchange of social visits during the holidays, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, this season, place on sale at all its ticket offices, excursion tickets to be sold between the various stations on the system at the rate of two cents per mile in each direction.

The holiday excursion tickets will be sold from December 21st, 1889, to January 4th, 1890, inclusive.

This arrangement, however, does not apply to the sale of excursion tickets between New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, in either direction, nor between any one of the above named cities and any other of these mentioned.

Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., in pursuance of its usual liberal policy, will sell excursion tickets at reduced rates during the holiday season. Tickets will be sold to and from all stations on its lines east of the Ohio River from December 21st to January 1st, inclusive, good for return trip until January 4th, inclusive.

Mt. Moriah Items.

The Swank brothers are the champion threshers. They have put up a first-class French Buhr chopper, and are doing a first-class business.

Our champion knitter, Mrs. Frank Miller, footed fourteen pairs of stockings in one week, besides doing her housework. The knitting was all done by hand.

Samuel Lohr moved on to the Wm. H. Miller farm, a few weeks ago. He took his aged father and mother, who formerly lived near the county home, with him.

The weather prophets are no good. Not one of them has hit the mark so far. The seasons have been reversed, and we are having our spring now instead of next April and May.

Jesse Crist last week sold to Aaron Shaffer, of Stoyestown, a most valuable young mare, coming four years, for within a fraction of $200. This is the result of breeding thoroughbred stock.

Alexander Rhoads met with a serious accident one day last week. While engaged in blasting limestone in his quarry, a stone hit him above the ankle, and he is now hobbling about on crutches. We look for his speedy recovery.

One day last week Fred Holder plowed out a nest of land turtle eggs, some fifty in number. He has re-buried them, and expects good results the coming spring. Go ahead, Fred; you have a bonanza. There is no opposition in the market, and you can make your own prices.

We claim for Charley Lambert that he is the champion horse trainer of Western Pennsylvania. One morning recently he mounted a wild, unbroken Oregon horse, and rode it forty miles over the muddy roads. He says that by evening it had become pretty tame. Well, we should think so.

Through a strip of woods, for years owned by George Countryman, many persons were afraid to pass after night, as it was haunted, or spooked, lights being seen at unseemly hours. The story goes that a drover was murdered there many years ago, and buried by torchlight. On Saturday night, the 14th inst., lights were again seen by many persons. The flames were seen to rise from two to eight feet for a minute, then instantly disappear for from five to ten minutes, and then reappear, the interim being as dark as pitch. It was raining hard and these lights were seen for several hours and by many persons. Joseph Crist, the sewing machine man, was at Countryman's, and proposed to go and investigate it, and he induced several others, who were prompted by curiosity, to go with him, but they feared results—that some great demon might make his appearance. On arriving at the spot the supposed ghost proved to be a kiln of unslaked lime, which had been covered with several loads of straw, to protect it from the rain and air. The wind had blown off the top, and the heavy rains had soaked it, causing lime to slack. The heat of it had dried the inner straw and set it on fire and the outer, or wet straw fell in on it, extinguishing the flames. Thus ends the great spook story, which has been afloat for three quarters of a century. Persons bothered with spooks should secure the services of Joseph Crist and George Countryman, the great spook stormers.

Zero.

You're After Money

You have heard the proverb? A dollar saved is a dollar earned." That is a gold, hard fact. A dollar spent extravagantly is a dollar knocked out of your day's earnings. A dollar saved in economical trading is a dollar added to the days wage.

WE'RE AFTER YOU

with dollars in our hands in the way of bargains in furniture

WE HAVE A RAT

tling line of fancy Chairs of all descriptions, Reed, Rattan, Cherry, Walnut and old Oak. Her'es dollars for you, do you want them why go on wasting them, every dollar you spend in purchasing a Chamber Suit, or a Parlor Suit, is a dollar well spent

SEE OUR CAT

alogue of prices for Sideboards, Hall-Stands, Writing-Desks, Bookcases, Chiffoniers, and Miscellaneous Furniture of all kinds

Coffroth & Co. Somerset, Pa.

MARRIED.

ALLSHOUSE—SORBER.—On Wednesday, December 18, 1889, at the residence of G. W. Sorber, near Somerset, by Rev. T. Bach, Rev. G. M. Allshouse to Miss Angie M. Sorber, both of the vicinity of Stoyestown, Pa.

WILLIAMS—THOMAS.—At the residence of David Hitshew, in Shade township, on December 19, 1889, by T. O. Mock, Esq., James E. Williams, of Alum Bank, Bedford county, and Minnie J. Thomas, of Crumb, Somerset county.

DUNMEYER—CLAYCOMB.—At the residence of C. H. Schmucker, Esq., on Dec. 22, 1889, Daniel Dunmeyer and Nancy Claycomb, both of Somerset township.

Public Sale of Valuable Real Estate and Personal Property.

I will sell at public outcry, January 30, 1890, my farm, adjoining Berlin, Somerset county, Pa., containing 102 acres, in good cultivation, plenty of lime and coal on the place. Also a good sugar camp. Also on the same day will sell 5 head of horses, 31 head of cattle and a lot of farming implements.

P. J. Cover.

Useful and ornamental holiday presents at very lowest prices: artistic and lovely toilet cases in plush and oxodysed silver, writing desks in hard wood and plush, manicure sets, autograph and photograph albums, gentlemens' shaving and smoking sets, perfume cases, exquisite toilet bottles and a thousand little pieces of useful and ornamental bric-a-brac that you can find no where else in Somerset. You should not fail to see them.

Biesecker & Snyder.

Great Bargains.

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

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

Educational Bureau at Indiana.

Indiana Normal has connected with it an Educational Bureau, for the purpose of securing the best possible positions for her students.

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. jm17,'90y1y

DO YOU WANT —TO— SAVE MONEY?

If so, Send your orders to Somerset Dairy Company Office for a load of clean burning lump or fine Coal. Lowest prices per bushel in the town.

SOMERSET DAIRY CO.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

From now until the

HOLIDAY SEASON

is over, I will offer

SPECIAL BARGAINS

and Great Reductions in the following lines. In

DRESS GOODS,

Including Silks, Henriettas, Cashmeres, &c., at Special Bargains and Reduced Prices. In

Ladies', Misses, & Childrens' Wraps

prices are cut way down. Plush Jackets $10, Plush Coats $15 and $18. A great many Wraps will be Closed out at cost.

FURS

In sets, and Muffs singly, From 50 cents up.

A HANDSOME LINE OF

Kid Gloves,
Stockings, Mitts,
Collars, Cuffs,
Ruchings, Table
Covers and scarfs
Tidies, Towels, Table
Cloths, Bed Quilts,

All kinds of articles for making fancy work. Pocketbooks, Combs, Brushes, &c.

A handsome line of

Bisque, China,
Indestructible and
Wax Dolls, including
Dressed and Colored Dolls.

A Cheap Line of JEWELRY.

India Silks, plain and figured, and all the new shades of ribbon for Fancy Work. A large line of

MILLINERY GOODS,

New and Stylish. Come and see my line of Holiday Goods.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

This space is reserved for the great annual Red Letter Sale of

PARKER,

JANUARY 1, 1890.

PARKER & P

JANUARY 1, 1890.

NOTICE! NOTICE!

Our line of New Fall and Winter Goods is now complete, which line we ask you to inspect in person, or by sending for samples before you buy. Below we will note a few of the new things:

DRESS GOODS.

Mohairs, Black and Colors, 50 Cents to Finest Grade.
Sicilians, " " " " " " "
Eng. Serges, " " 45 " " " "
Wool Henriettas, Black and Colors, 30 Cents to Finest Grade.

GLOAK DEPARTMENT.

New Line Jerseys, 50 Cents to Finest Grade.
" " Jackets, $3 00 " " "
" " Newmarkets, $5 " " "
" " Plush Jackets, $10 to " "
" " " Sacques $16 to " "

GLOVES, HOSIERY AND UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.

We have many Special Bargains in this line. Our fast black Wool Hose at 25cts. are extra good.

NEW TRIMINGS.

Fringes, Waids, Gimps, and everything in the Trimming Line at Low Prices.

We invite you to give us a call, and would be pleased to send you samples.

KNABLE & SHUSTER,

35 Fifth Avenue, PITTSBURGH, PA.

FOLLOW THE CROWD!

When you go to a strange city and don't want to get lost, what do you do? Why,

Follow the Crowd.

When there has something happened, and you want to learn it, what do you do? Why,

Follow the Crowd.

When you want to buy your Groceries, Confections, Tobacco, Cigars, and Holiday Goods of every description, what do you do? Why,

Follow the Crowd.

Where everybody goes