The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....December 10, 1890.

There are 600 granges in the State.

Everybody deals at Vought's.

The sleigh bells are ringing merrily.

Snyder's Drug Store for holiday goods.

Shop windows are filled with Christmas toys.

Musical instruments at Snyder's drug store.

Every body welcome at Snyder's drug store.

Laces for Fancy Work at, M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

Tonghi's is the best and cheapest store in Somerset.

Don't fail to read Mrs. Uhl's advertisement in another column.

Read Vought's advertisement of holiday goods, in another column.

Devlin, Broad street, Johnstown, sells a $4.50 hard wood bedst $2.75.

Don't fail to see the tools used by the Vonlys, at Kantner & Platt's grocery.

Rushing in on all the new styles. Also Ties in Silk, Crepe, etc., at M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

For a good stove, and warranted, go to J. S. Holdermann's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

Devlin has nice parlor suits in plush, from $25 upward. Next to Mansion House, Johnstown, Pa.

Reliable furniture at reasonable prices is what Devlin sells. Next to Mansion House Johnstown, Pa.

Increase of pension has been granted Jeremiah Snyder, of Rockwood, and Chauncey Dickey, of Somerset.

The execution of a murderer in Washington county is to be postponed because of a severe attack of rheumatism.

Special rates on candies, oranges, etc., to Sunday-schools who intend treating the children, at Kantner & Platt's.

Silk Handkerchiefs and Muffliers in great variety, in Black, White and Colors, all new. Very cheap at, M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

Black silk mufflers and black silk pocket handkerchiefs for ladies and gentlemen are the newest styles out. A full line can be found at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

At Snyder's Drug Store you will find leather traveling toilet bags, collar and cuff boxes, manicure sets, toilet boxes, all suitable for Christmas presents.

Why don't you marry her?
Then go down and see Devlin's line of furniture. Next to Mansion House, Johnstown, Pa.

Our stock of Millinery is very complete, all the latest Shapes in Hats and Bonnets, as well as the most stylish Trimmings at M. M. Tredwell & Co's.

Old bachelors will take note of the fact that all Ireland is in mourning because a great Irish leader did not have a good wife at his side. The old bachelor at best is like one leg of a pair of tongs.

The harsh, drastic purgatives, once deemed so indispensable, have given place to milder and more skillfully prepared laxatives; hence the great and growing demand for Ayer's Pills. Physicians everywhere recommend them for costiveness, indigestion and liver complaints.

As Somerset generally leads in everything we don't propose to be downed by her neighbors in the matter of heavy porkers. On Wednesday of last week Mr. Hugh Annan, of near town, slaughtered two "squealers" which weighed respectively 540 and 530 pounds. Who can beat it?

The correctness of the maxim "nothing succeeds like success" is well exemplified in Ayer's Sarsaparilla. The most successful combination of alteratives and tonics, it always succeeds in curing diseases of the blood, and hence its wonderful popularity.

The sensational trial of John Dean and Reuben Bowers for robbing, torturing and assaulting Mrs. Merkett at McClellandtown was concluded at Uniontown Saturday. The jury, after deliberating for about half an hour, returned a verdict of guilty as indicted. The maximum penalty is 35 years—10 years each for the two burglaries and 15 for assault. Judge White will likely give them the full benefit of the law.

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. & PARSONS.

Thanks for your liberal patronage in the past, and ask a continuation of the same during the present oyster season. At our old stand, basement of Cook & Berkits' Block.

W. H. PLATT.

Go to MRS. A. E. UHL'S for Jersey and Cloth Jackets, Blazers and Reefers, Plush Jackets, Sacks and Dolmans. All the new styles going cheap. A large variety of Misses and Children's Wraps.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

MRS. UHL has just received a large stock of Bonnet and Felt Hats and Bonnets with the finest assortment of Tips, Fancy Feathers, Birds, Ribbon, &c. All cheap. A fine stock of all kinds of Millinery Goods.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

An immense stock of new Umbrellas for Holiday trade cheap at MRS. A. E. UHL'S.

MRS. KATE B. COFFROTH has the handsomest line of Ladies Furnishing Goods ever brought to Somerset. Call at her new store on the Diamond and examine.

Have your photographs made by Dabbs, of Pittsburgh, and you can always be sure of the best possible.

DR. W. V. WELCH, who has been unable to attend to his practice for the past year, has sufficiently recovered to once more actively engage in the practice of his profession. Any one in need of his professional services will find him at his office in Friedens, where he can be consulted at any time.

A great many people are under the impression that it is not obligatory upon them to assist an officer of the law in making an arrest if called upon to do so. But by the criminal code of 1860, it is provided in Art. 24, Sec. 11, "that if any person, being required by any Sheriff, Coroner, Constable, or any other officer of the Commonwealth, shall neglect or refuse to assist him in the execution of his office, in any criminal case, or in the preservation of peace, or in apprehending and securing any person for a breach of peace, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be sentenced to an imprisonment not exceeding one year, and to pay a fine not exceeding $100, or either or both, at the discretion of the Court."

Odor cases, in plush, leather and oxodized ware. Toilet bottles in beautiful colors and all designs. Drums of beautiful little article is not plan for Christmas presents at Snyder's drug store.

"Every walk is a sort of crusade preached by some Peter the Hermit within us, to go forth and conquer this Holy Land from the hands of the infidels." Such is the brief preface to William Hamilton Gibson's new book, *Sketch by Starlight and Sunshine*, just issued by Harper & Brothers; and these words, rightly interpreted, are a fair index to the character of its contents. The six chapters composing the book are suggestive of summer fields and birds and flowers, and exhibit that intimate acquaintance with nature and her mysteries which distinguishes all that their author has written. The illustrations, which are many, are in the style characteristic of Mr. Gibson's work, and of which he is the unrivalled master. Among the holiday publications this year there are few books more attractive in every way than this.

Lost—$20 in bank notes, on the road between Jenner X Roads and Somerset, on Saturday, December 6th. The finder will be liberally rewarded on leaving the same with

JOHN L. SOUR,
Jenner X Roads.

Excellent sleighing.

Clerk to the Commissioners A. J. Hileman has returned from a visit to his old home in Addison township.

Rev. John N. Davis and Rev. Lewis Peck, two stalwart Brethren ministers, of Elklick township, made us a pleasant half-hours' visit Monday evening.

Editor McGregor of the Hyndman *Bulletin* paid us a pleasant call Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McGregor was called to Somerset as a witness in a case set for trial this week.

B. G. Bowman, of Brothersvalley township, was among the callers at this office Monday. He is one of that township's most prominent citizens and active Republicans.

A young daughter of Mr. Sam Houpt, of this borough, fell on the ice covered side walk on Turkeyfoot street on Sunday afternoon, sustaining a double fracture of her left arm.

Mr. Josiah Kimmel, of Stonycreek township, called at this office Monday afternoon. He is attending court and was appointed foreman of the grand jury at the opening session Monday morning.

The Meyersdale *Commercial*, due here Friday evening, did not come to hand till Tuesday evening. A note from the editor says that the delay was unavoidable, but that hereafter the *Commercial* will be on time as heretofore.

Mr. Harvey Simpson, second son of the well known liveryman, Isaac Simpson, is in town visiting his parents. Mr. Simpson has been doing a very successful harness business in "sunny Kansas" for the past seven or eight years.

Prothonotary-elect Sanner has returned from Johnstown, where he was engaged for several weeks in the office of T. R. Marshall & Co., lumber dealers. He will assume the duties of the Prothonotary's office on the first Monday in January.

Ex-Judge Wm. M. Hall, of Bedford county, is an attendance at court this week. His son, of the same name, who is also in town, was admitted to the Somerset county bar at Monday morning's session of court. Young Mr. Hall is located in Pittsburgh.

In another column appears the marriage notice of "uncle" Noah Roberts, who is just as young as he used to be notwithstanding his recent recovery from a prolonged sickness. The HERALD wishes both Mr. Roberts and his bride long life and prosperity.

J. B. Snyder, the well-known merchant, who was succeeded in business by Knepper & Ferner at this place, and who since that time has been conducting a very prosperous grocery establishment at Wilmerding, Allegheny county, spent the week with family and friends in Somerset.

Mr. Josiah Woy recently opened a coal shaft on his farm east of town. The new shaft is 80 feet deep and has a double set of cages. The coal mined here is of an extra fine quality and Mr. Woy will always keep a supply on hand so that customers can be supplied without waiting.

Miss Grace Picking entertained a number of her friends at progressive euchre, Friday evening, at her beautiful home on Patriot terrace. The prizes were captured by Mrs. George R. Scull, Miss Emma Parker and Mr. J. Cal. Lowry, and were decidedly the "cutes," ones ever given in Somerset.

Teacher's Institute this year promises to be a greater success than ever. A wise determination on the part of the county Superintendent, and one that cannot help but receive the approval of all who attend Institute, is to refuse admission to the day sessions to children under fourteen years of age.

There was an unusual demand for the HERALD last week, and by Wednesday noon an extra edition of five hundred copies was disposed of and orders for at least that many more had to be turned down. The people always appreciate a good thing and to this fact alone the HERALD attributes its large circulation and continued prosperity.

Martin Saylor of Meyersdale is in attendance at court, the first time since Judge Baer is on the bench. Mr. Saylor says he told the Judge prior to his election that he would be elected but by not more than 20 majority. He hit it within 7 votes and ever since that time the Judge has been anxious to learn Mr. Saylor's rule of figuring on elections.

Cambria county's good looking District Attorney, F. J. O'Connor, Esq., was circulating among his many Somerset friends Monday and Tuesday. Mr. O'Connor is looked upon by many of his party friends in Cambria as possessing first-rate judicial material, and he is likely to enter the lists at the Democratic primary election next spring.

The test well being drilled on the farm of Frank Livengood, in Elklick township, has been sunk to a depth of 800 feet. A valuable vein of coal, of unusual thickness, was passed through at a depth of 650 feet. Drilling will be perserved in until the well has been sunk 2,500 feet. No matter what the outcome in drilling for oil, the coal will be developed, at all events.

Many people living along the banks of the Casselman river in Elklick township have been engaged during the past two weeks in shoveling crude oil from the surface of the water into barrels. The oil escaped from the pipe-line about two miles above Salisbury, and came floating down the creek to Long's boom, where it soon congealed and was easily handled. The oil is crude and answers for lubricating purposes.

Alex King Esq., of Bedford, spent a portion of Monday and Tuesday in town being called here by legal business. Mr. King has a large circle of friends and acquaintances in Somerset county as he used to come here frequently with his father, the late Judge King when he presided over our courts. The dickey birds say that the son is an aspirant for the position once so ably filled by his father.

A clergyman residing in Baltimore writes in a letter subscribing for the HERALD: "I am interested in the Nicely murderers, and long to hear of their stretching hemp, but not down the outside wall of the jail as they did last Saturday evening. I hope ere you get this, you will know of their being recaptured. Their escape would be an infamous outrage on the Commonwealth. What is the matter with justice in Somerset any how? Those fellows ought to have been executed a year ago."

The Salisbury Foundry has in its warerooms two stove plates that they got in last summer, from a farmer living in Greenville township—Jesse Miller; the one bears the inscription, "George Ross Ann, Mary Ann Furnace"; the other has an inscription, "Combani, 1776." The letters on both are about three inches long and a quarter of an inch thick. As will be seen, both of these plates are 124 years old, and the manager of the foundry is anxious to know where they were cast.

We were shown a letter from Geo. B. Baer, eldest son of H. L. Baer, Esq., editor of the Cloverdale, California *Reville*. Among other interesting items we find that Mr. Baer read of the escape of the Nicely boys in the San Francisco papers of Sunday, the morning following their escape. Ten years ago Mr. Baer was an apprentice in this office and at that time evinced an especial aptitude for devising labor saving devices about this office. Since his removal to California he has secured a number of patents on his inventions, among them one on a newspaper mailing machine that pays handsomely and another on a device for preserving wire used in baling hay, whereby the wire can be removed from the hay without sustaining the slightest injury, and can thus be used an indefinite number of times. Unless all signs fail Mr. Baer will be a rich man before he is many years older.

Mr. John Shaffer, of Jenner township, was very seriously injured a short time ago by his horses running away while he was ploughing. He clung to the lines, and the plow struck him a number of times, breaking one leg, a rib, and his collar bone. The same leg was broken by being caught in the carriage of a saw mill about four years ago. Mr. Shaffer is the present proprietor of the farm of the murdered Herman Umberger, which he bought a few months ago, in conjunction with his brother Edward.

Our old friend Peter Weimer, of Milford township, has sent us quite a curiosity in the shape of a white chipmunk or ground squirrel skin. Mr. Weimer shot the squirrel about three weeks ago and as it is the first white animal of that genus that he ever saw or heard of, although he has made a practice of hunting more or less every season for the past sixty years, he thought it worthy of public notice. The skin will be forwarded to Dr. B. F. Warren, State Ornothologist. Mr. Weimer is seventy-five years of age and during his lifetime he has killed 154 deer, a record that few if any of our local sportsmen can equal.

Aaron F. Dicky, Judge O. P. Shaver, Herman Stahl and Everett Welch, of Friedens, this township, some time ago patented a fence that is a decided improvement both as regards utility and durability to anything that has yet been offered for sale. The fence is very simple of construction and possesses all of the advantages and many improvements over the barb wire fence and at the same time can be constructed at less than one-half the cost of barb wire. The patentees have a sample 100 foot span of fence on exhibition in the court house yard this week where it is attracting the attention of all the farmers in attendance at court and elicits expressions of approval from all of them. The fence is made of ordinary smooth wire tightly drawn, only three posts being required to every 100 feet, while at intervals of every four feet the wires are coupled by small wooden pickets which serve to hold the wires in place and attract the attention of cattle.

Ham. H. McGriff, third son of Mrs. A. E. Pisel, died very unexpectedly at his home in this borough, about dusk Friday evening, in his thirtieth year. He was both printer and cigar maker by trade, having learned the former in this office, and was one of the most thorough and practical journeymen ever graduated from the HERALD. His mental qualifications were of a superior order, and, combined with exceptional good taste, made him a printer of such ability as is rarely found in a country office. The last work he did in this office was on Tuesday night last, when he "set up" the floor plan of the county jail, published in our last issue. He was not well at the time, but none of his fellow workmen apprehended that there was anything serious the matter with him, as he kept on at his work throughout the entire night and until after 9 o'clock the next morning. The announcement of his death came to them as a shock and was received with sincere sorrow. For the past few years he had been engaged in manufacturing cigars, and was a half partner in the firm of McGriff & Ellis at the time of his death. Ham. McGriff's ready wit and tender, sympathetic nature won him the friendship of all our townspeople, and his death has occasioned the greatest sorrow.

Notes From the County Jail.

The tragedy at the county jail last Saturday night a week has not been permitted to pass from public view. Dozens of people visit the jail every day anxious to see the crippled men and to examine the jail from which they escaped. Very few persons have been permitted to see the Nicely boys, but all who have looked upon their deathly pale faces have turned away with expressions of sorrow for their helpless condition. Their father and sister, who had come from their home, near Ligonier, Friday morning, were permitted to spend an hour in their cells before returning home the following day.

Joe Nicely is much more seriously hurt than his brother and has suffered intensely ever since the rope broke with him while sliding down the rear wall of the jail. His foot is very painful, several of the smaller bones being broken and the entire foot frozen. He complained a great deal during the week, but is resting comfortably at this time.

Dave Nicely would be able to walk about his cell were it not for his broken foot. He suffers very little pain and seems in a much better frame of mind than his brother, who during the twenty months of their confinement in jail has always done the talking for both.

The jail authorities thought for several days that Joe was going to try to work the insanity racket, but notwithstanding his manifest suffering his ravings elicited no attention from the keepers and he soon relaxed into his old time way of talking and laughing. He remarked Monday evening just after the jail physician had dressed his wounds that he could never have believed that hurts such as he had received could heal so rapidly. When told of Queer's death he only remarked "poor old fellow, it's too bad."

Alex Queer died about nine o'clock Wednesday night in the hospital ward of the jail. He never regained consciousness, after Sunday morning and apparently passed away without a struggle. Queer was about 60 years of age and had been lame almost all his life.

The Commonwealth had a very strong case against him and there is but little doubt that had he lived to be tried he would have been convicted of arson and sentenced to a long term of years in the penitentiary. Queer was a man as queer as his name implies. Most of his days were spent in the woods and he enjoyed quite a reputation as a hunter and trapper. He was also distinguished for several other characteristics of an unsavory character. His death, although expected for several days sent a thrill of horror through those who recalled the manner in which it came about. Queer's body was given in charge of his son who saw that it was properly interred in a burying ground in Brothersvalley township. The county authorities bore the expense of the funeral, but they will likely be reimbursed from the estate of the dead man.

The Nicely boys continue to occupy adjoining cells, but very little conversation takes place, between them and when they converse at all it is not in the friendly tone that characterized their conversations before the attempt at escape. Dave seems very bitter at Joe for the carelessness shown by him in tying the rope after all their plans had worked so smoothly up to that time, and appears to have given up all hope of obtaining another opportunity to elude the keepers of the jail.

All of the stories in circulation in regard to the critical condition of the Nicely boys are mere bosh. They are both bruised and sore but will be as well as ever in a few weeks time.

It is understood that their attorneys will make another appeal before the Pardon Board for a re-hearing, but there is little probability that their appeal will be granted.

Candy! Candy! Candy!

The best, cheapest, and largest assortment, and every pound strictly fresh, at prices within the reach of everybody. We took special care in the selection of our stock of candy, nuts, oranges, lemons, etc., for the holiday trade, and can offer the best goods at lowest prices. Call and see our stock before buying elsewhere.

KANTNER & PLATT.

You could not buy a more suitable present for father, brother or sweetheart than one of the durable little leather toilet bags at J. N. Snyder's Drug Store.

We call attention to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's holiday advertisement in another column. It will help you in making out your list of presents. Be sure and read it.

Christmas shoppers will make no mistake in going to R. B. Vought's, where they will find one of the most complete lines of holiday goods ever brought to this town.

Quarter Sessions Court.

The regular December term of Criminal Court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Judges Baer, Shaver and Pile were all on hand and business was promptly commenced. Mr. Josiah Kimmel, of Stonycreek township, was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury.

The court handed down an order authorizing the Jury Commissioners to place the names of 600 proper persons in the jury wheel from which the jurors for the coming year will be drawn.

The first case called for trial was that of the commonwealth against Abram B. Howard and his wife Sarah, on a charge of libel preferred by Frank B. Countryman. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the costs equally between the prosecutor and Sarah Howard.

Jere McCarty was next arraigned on a charge of embezzlement preferred by Jacob Buskey. The evidence disclosed that Jacob had entrusted some seven dollars to Jerry, with instructions to pay the same over to the Treasurer of the Knights of Labor Society to liquidate Jacob's indebtedness for dues. The festive Jerry did not carry out Jacob's instructions, but converted the seven dollars to his own use. The jury was promptness itself in rendering a verdict of guilty.

James Haskins, a gentleman of dark complexion, was next placed in the dock to stand trial on a charge of carrying concealed weapons. This case was occupying the attention of the court Tuesday afternoon.

Judge Baer charged the Grand Jury at unusual length Monday morning, enlightening them as to their duties. Among other things his Honor told them that it was a notorious fact that the new county jail had been broken and several prisoners had escaped therefrom. He charged them that it was their bounden duty to thoroughly investigate the matter and ascertain if possible whether any person inside or outside of the prison had in any way assisted in the break.

From the number of cases on the criminal calendar for trial it is probable that court will be in session all week.

WILL THE NICELYS HANG?

DOUBT WHETHER THEY WILL UNLESS THEY EXECUTE THEMSELVES.

From the Johnstown Tribune.

The long delay in Governor Beaver issuing the death warrants of the Nicely boys now confined in the Somerset jail for the murder of old man Umberger twenty-two months ago, leads to the impression that he has not determined in his own mind to have the sentence of the Court carried out by their execution. One reason he may have for not issuing the death warrants is that his term of office will soon expire and he would prefer not to signalize it by enforcing the death penalty on two men, and those two brothers.

It would appear, from the long delay, that he has some doubts as to whether the extreme penalty of the law should be enforced on them; but, whether or not, Governor Beaver's nature is such that he will not do a disagreeable thing if he can reconcile it with his conscience to refrain from doing it.

And if Governor Beaver does not issue their death warrants previous to the expiration of his term of office—the third Tuesday of January—it is as certain as anything can be that Governor Pattison will not. It is a precedent which has never yet been violated either in this or any other State of the Union, that the succeeding Governor will not authorize the execution of a murderer convicted during the term of his predecessor.

The chances are the Nicelys will not hang.

The Tools Used by the Nicely's

In making their daring escape for liberty, on the evening of Nov. 29th, can be seen at the Grocery and Confectionery Store of Kantner and Platt, No. 2 Baer Block, Somerset, Pa.

The rope which Dave discovered did not reach to the ground; they have the end that was tied to the rafter in the garret of the new jail.

They have the case knife used to take the brick out, when the *hole in the wall* was made.

They have the saw used to saw off the locks on the cells and trap door.

They have the locks that were sawed off of the cells and trap door.

They have two brick, the only two that fell outside, when the hole was made in the wall. Pictures of the Nicely boys and a picture of the new jail as it now stands.

Kantner & Platt's store is the only place these tools, etc., can be seen, and the young men have gone to a great deal of trouble in getting the things together, and invite everybody to call and see them before the 5th of January, when they will be returned to the county officers.

Don't fail to see these and while looking at them, glance over their stock of Candies, Lamps, Glassware, and Staple and Fancy Groceries.

A Fine Display

Of holiday goods at Pritts & Kantner's Book store. Consisting of books in sets, miscellaneous books, Bibles, hymn books, toy and juvenile books. Manicure, toilet, and shaving sets. Christmas cards and booklets, celluloid novelties, toys and sleds, and the largest line of photograph albums and pictures ever brought to Somerset.

A Rare Treat.

Post 270, G. A. R., has arranged with Capt. Jas. T. Long, the renowned guide of Gettysburg battle-field, and Prof. W. E. Zigler, the famous oxyhydrogen light operator, to exhibit their "Battle of Gettysburg" at the Somerset Opera House, on Tuesday evening, December 16. The entertainment will consist of over 300 views, including,

"Opening of the fight by Buford's Cavalry."
"Death of the brave Reynolds."
"Charge of the Iron Brigade."
"Devil's Den to Peach Orchard."
"The Slaughter Pen in the Wheat field."
"Pennsylvania Reserves Get There."
"The Superb Hancock Wounded."
"Dead on the Field."
"Scenes of Other Battles."

And miscellaneous views, including the most amusing scenes ever witnessed. The whole concluding with "The Goddess of Liberty." Reserved seats, 35 cents. General admission, 25 cents. Children 10 cents.

50 Hogs for Sale.

Have just received 50 fat hogs, which I will sell either dressed or on foot

RUSSEL STEWART,
Somerset, Pa.

Xmas Holiday Rates on the B. & O.

The B. & O. R. R. Co. will this year follow its annual custom of selling excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates on all of its lines during the Christmas holidays. The sale of excursion tickets will begin at all B. & O. stations east of the Ohio river December 24th and will continue until January 1st, inclusive. All tickets will be good for the return passage until January 5, inclusive.

Services At The Christian Church.

The lesson for the morning was from Cor. III, chap.—If ye then be risen with Christ seek those things which are above" &c. The sermon throughout was an exhortation to more earnest living—to work for—to plan for—to talk about as one talks about his business.

We talk about that in which we are most interested. "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile"—John 1:47—formed the basis of the evenings discourse.

Napoleon, in standing before the Pyramids with his soldiers, said: "Forty centuries are looking down upon us."

We are standing in the presence of twenty centuries of Christian influence. All the opposition that could be brought to bear against it has been in vain.

Never before has there been a class of men and women that have had the privileges which belong to you and to me. "When thou wast under the fig tree I saw thee." We are on review. Do you suppose that Jesus the Christ has His eye less upon you, than He had upon this man?

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Snyder's Drug Store on the public square is the place to buy Christmas presents.

Program for Teachers' Institute, in Session Dec. 29th to Jan. 2nd.

The HERALD last week furnished County Superintendent Berkey with the handsomest "folder" turned out of its job room for many a day. It contained the program for the thirty-fourth annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute, and from which we make a few extracts. Among the instructors are:

Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., State Superintendent; Prof. George E. Little, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Z. X. Snyder, Principal Indiana State Normal School; Prof. M. G. Brumbaugh, Huntingdon, Pa.; Dr. T. B. Noss, Principal California State Normal School; Prof. S. C. Schmucker, Indiana State Normal School; Prof. J. D. Meese, Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa.

Prof. S. G. Smith, of Ada, O., will have charge of the music, and Miss M. Amelia Fee, of Connellsville, Pa., will be the soloist. This charming young lady will be remembered with pleasure by all who attended last year's Institute, and is sure to receive an enthusiastic welcome.

Topical talks will be delivered during the week by N. S. Replogle, Grant Kendall, A. J. Johnson, J. S. Fulton, G. M. Baker, H. F. Yost, J. C. Barron.

Papers will be read by Miss Ella Vogel, Miss Lou A. Moore, Miss Ida R. Plotts, Miss Flora B. Turner.

The following questions will be taken up for discussion:

1. "A graded course of study for country schools."
2. "The spelling book, and how to use it."
3. "Is district supervision desirable?"
4. "Advantages and disadvantages of free text-books."
5. "What should be the basis for the grading of teachers' salaries?"
6. "Elements of a teacher's success."
7. "Is the copy-book a necessity, a convenience, or a nuisance?"

The directors of the county will meet with the teachers on Tuesday afternoon, since that is the only day State Supt. Waller can meet with them. The director's convention will meet in the Lutheran church Wednesday morning.

Superintendent Berkey has displayed his usual good judgment in providing "taking" attractions for the evening entertainments. Wednesday evening Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will deliver one of her most popular lectures, "A Dream of To-morrow." Superintendent Berkey has frequently been importuned to secure this talented woman to appear before a Somerset county audience, and has only succeeded after repeated attempts to gain her consent. Rev. Joseph Cook says: "Mrs. Livermore is the queen of lecturers—a lady whose eloquence has had a larger public recognition than that of any other woman in ancient or modern times."

"A Chapter in the History of Liberty" will be the subject of Tuesday evening's lecture, and Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, of Chicago, will be the orator. Col. Bain, whose judgment will go a great way towards influencing the opinions of many of our people, says: "I would go farther to hear Dr. Gunsaulus than any other living man. He is, in my judgment, the greatest lecturer of this age." The Doctor has left a most excellent reputation wherever he has been heard, and has received the most flattering press notices.

Wednesday evening Rev. J. M. Buckley, D. D., will lecture on "Dollars and Sense." Dr. Buckley has been known to hundreds of Somerset county people for years, through his connection with a prominent church paper, while his fame as a public speaker has long been firmly established.

The "Lotus Glee Club," from Boston town will furnish the entertainment Thursday evening, and we are confident all who have the pleasure of listening to this celebrated organization will thank Superintendent Berkey for having brought them here. The club comprises a male quartette, accompanist, and Miss Minnie Marshall, elocutionist.

The Lotus Glee Club proved itself to be second to no quartette that has been heard in Utica in many years, and Miss Marshall found high favor with the large audience from the outset. She is a reader of exceptional ability, and possessing an attractive presence and unusual ease and grace on the platform, it is no wonder that she was repeatedly and enthusiastically encored.—Utica, N. Y. *Observer*, November 7, 1890.

The Lotus Glee Club Company are one of the standard attractions of the Boston Star Course. They are charming entertainments, and our patrons would feel defrauded if we did not give them the opportunity of hearing them at least once each season. Artistically, their work is as nearly perfect as the present generation of music lovers can expect to hear.—George A. Foxcroft, Manager Boston Star Course.

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