The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....December 31, 1890.

A Merry Christmas.

Practice writing 1891.

There has 87,432 shade trees.

Uncle Sam has 300,000 Jews.

Everybody deals at Vought's.

A Bottle horse-meat dinner costs 5 cents.

Musical instruments at Snyder's drug store.

Lehigh county has nearly $50,000 in her treasury.

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

Non-voters cannot serve on juries in Lawrence county.

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

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

Hagerstown Almanacs at Pritts & Kantner's Book Store, for 5 cents.

Devlin, Broad street, Johnstown, sells a $19 hard wood bedst $2.75.

With a third of the world's inhabitants, China has only 30,000 officials.

Seven hundred applications for pensions were filed last Monday in Pittsburgh.

Of the 922 patients treated at the State insane asylum last year only 31 were discharged.

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

An old-time adage reads: "If Christmas day be Thursday be, a windy winter ye shall see."

Devlin has nice parlor suits in plush, from $17 upward. Next to Mansion House, Johnstown, Pa.

In the United States 37 per cent. of all the employes engaged in the tobacco industry are children.

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

The parent who never tells a child that he loves it except when about to give it a good licking makes a terrible mistake.

At St. John's N. S., it is estimated that there have been 4300 cases of diphtheria recently, and between 800 and 900 deaths.

And now, having recovered from the Christmas festivities, get ready for the new year, and see that you keep that good resolution.

Gov. Beaver on Monday attached his signature to the certificate making Allegheny city of the Second Class under the act of Feb. 1889.

A decided earthquake shock was felt at Knoxville, Tenn., about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning. Houses were shaken and dishes rattled.

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

A young man buying suspenders for a girl friend explained to the lady who waited on him that the girl had presented him with suspenders.

An exchange thinks it is better for the general health of a community to have one good-natured man in a neighborhood than four doctors.

Two Uniontown girls who intended to elope with members of "Peck's Bad Boy" company were captured at the theatre by their fathers and escorted home.

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

State Librarian Egle's annual report submitted to the Governor shows that 4,094 volumes were added to the state library the past year. The number of volumes is now 87,094.

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 & Beerits' Block.

W. H. PLATT.

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 new idea embraced in Ely's Cream Balm. Catarrh is cured by cleansing and healing, not by drying up. It is not a liquid or snuff, but is easily applied into the nostrils. Its effect is magical and a thorough treatment will cure the worst case. Price 50c.

For several years a big buck deer has been being around on Cook Hill and vicinity, in Kerson's Cove. He was often seen by hunters, who named him "Old Jimmy," but no one could get the drop on him. Last week, however, he met his fate. Eli Clouse covered him with his trusty rifle and sent him to kingdom come. He carried nine prongs and weighed 227 pounds.—*Bedford Gazette.*

When Captain Samuel P. Keller, a popular conductor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was elected sheriff of Dauphin county, he proposed his letter of resignation, but before he sent it to the railroad officials an order was issued by the Company giving him three years leave of absence. This is one of the longest leaves of absence ever known to have been given by the railroad company.

Colds are frequently the result of derangement of the stomach and of a low condition of the system generally. As a corrective and strengthener of the alimentary organs, Ayer's Pills are invaluable, their use being always attended with marked benefit.

After returning Friday from an unsuccessful hunting expedition, Joseph Frick of Johnstown came into the house, set his gun down in a corner, and remarked to his wife that he would never go hunting again. He then attempted to draw out the contents of the gun, when it was accidentally discharged, completely blowing off the head of his little son George, aged 7 years. The father is nearly frenzied by the sad affair.

Mr. Chas H. Fisher some weeks ago offered as a prize to the pupils of our public schools a set of Dicken's works to the pupil who would write the best sketch for publication of the town of Somerset. Six pupils have entered the lists and submitted their manuscripts, which are now in the hands of a committee of judges to pass upon their merits. If any of the sketches have sufficient merit they will be published in the "HERALD" with authors name. This was a liberal offer on the part of Mr. Fisher, but, through some fault in some quarter, proper publication of the fact was not made; otherwise, doubtless some valuable sketches would have been called forth.

The originals of the certificates of cures effected by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla are kept on file at the office of the J. C. Ayer Company, Lowell, Mass. Probably no similar establishment in the world can exhibit such a mass of valuable and convincing testimony.

Walley's Photograph Gallery! Good work at fair prices! Teachers and others attending the Institute in want of good photographs will do well to visit this old established gallery, where they can procure good pictures in all styles from the small minette and square cards to the full sized cabinet photograph at prices running from one dollar a dozen and upwards according to size and quality of work.

All the work guaranteed to be satisfactory. Gallery on Main Cross Street nearly opposite the post office. The stairway being between Vought's and Coffroth's grocery store.

W. H. WALPLEY,
Somerset, Pa.

Write it 1891.

A good resolution—Pay the printer.

Joe Gastiger, has disposed of his property on cemetery hill above town.

Christmas was the quietest holiday Somerset has experienced for years.

Local merchants report the holiday trade, as being the best for a number of years.

Parker & Parker advertise their annual "Red Letter" sale in another column.

We find that "an old fashioned winter" is not what it has been cracked up to be.

Prof. Albert P. Brubaker and wife, of Philadelphia, spent the past week with friends in town.

Jeremiah Griffith, of Jenner township, has purchased the farm of Mr. Alf. Heslop, located in the same township.

Aaron F. Schrock, editor of the Defiance, Ohio, *Daily News*, ate his Christmas dinner at the family board in this place.

Mr. Ferg G. Parker, of Johnstown, spent Christmas and two or three days following with his mother's family in town.

Country roads have been almost impassable since Friday, and it will be several days more before they are in condition to travel.

Congressman Scull, who had been at his home in this place since Christmas eve, returned to the National Capital Monday morning.

State Senator Critchfield has been in town for several days this week arranging his affairs prior to going to Harrisburg the first of next week.

We call attention to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's advertisement of her annual closing out sale. There can be money saved by attending it. It lasts till February 15th.

A. J. Colborn, Esq., of the Lackawanna county bar, and assistant clerk of the United States Circuit Court, is spending the holidays with his parents in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beall, of Frostburg, Md., came all the way to Somerset to attend the Institute lecture course and to visit Mrs. Bells parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Colborn.

Prof. Wm. H. Cover, principal of one of Altoona's Ward schools, is attending Teacher's Institute this week. Prof. Cover was superintendent of our borough schools for three or four sessions.

Robt. F. Patterson, professor of Greek and Latin in the Pittsburgh High School, is spending the holiday vacation in Stoyestown. He is devoting his time to settling up the affairs of his father, the late Dr. Patterson.

Mr. Stewart Schell, son of H. F. Schell, Esq., is making a visit to his father's family. Young Mr. Schell is taking a post-graduate course at the Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind., and has been tendered a professorship in that institution.

Dr. A. J. Endsley, who is connected with the Johnstown *Daily Democrat*, is spending the week with his friends in this place. The Doctor finds it hard work getting up town since the snow is about eight feet deep down around the neighborhood where he is stopping and he is compelled to shovel his way through.

J. Williams Thorne, who is now residing with his daughter near the boundary line between Chester and Lancaster counties, was in West Chester on Saturday. Mr. Thorne is 74 years of age, and he claims to be almost equal in muscular power to his early days, and says he is in vigorous health although he has eaten no meat for forty-nine years.

John Murry, a young man living in the vicinity of Milford station was lodged in jail last Wednesday, charged with forgery. The information was made by Wm. Frease, the merchant, who had cashed a check for $10, drawn in Murry's favor by Harry G. Roberts. When Mr. Roberts' attention was called to the check he pronounced the signature a forgery and Mr. Frease at once swore out a warrant for Murry's arrest.

We were pleased to receive a call from our old friend Jacob Cole, of Ligonier, Monday morning. Mr. Cole has been a reader of the HERALD for more than forty years and always pays in advance. Twenty-five years ago he worked at his trade, shoemaker, in the little hut under the Parson hill west of town. Now he is one of the most prosperous farmers in Westmoreland county. Mr. Cole and his wife are visiting friends in this county.

A dispatch from Harrisburg in the Pittsburgh papers of Monday says: The Board of Pardons will hold its next meeting on Thursday, January 7. It is believed that the attorneys for the Nicelys, the Somerset county murderers, will make another effort at this meeting to secure a rehearing for their clients, on the ground of newly-discovered evidence. The generality of people do not place much faith in the value of this evidence, and it is the impression at the State department that Governor Beaver will sign the Nicelys' death warrant within a few days.

Ex-County Auditor Cyrus A. Porter, who is indicted for poisoning the live stock of the Misses Moore at New Salem, Fayettee county, under $1,000 bail for March court, has also been arrested by the young ladies for threatening to do injury to their property and violence to their persons. He is placed under bonds to keep the peace toward them. They allege he committed the crimes in revenge for the refusal of Miss Addie Moore to marry him. Porter is scared and has advertised the sale of his personal property with the intention of moving away from the community.—*Westmoreland Democrat.*

The attention of people passing along Main X Cross street Monday and Tuesday was attracted by four enormous quarters of beef suspended from the hooks in Russel Stewart's meat market. The steer that furnished them weighed 1467 lbs. dressed, and was undoubtedly the largest animal ever killed in the county. He was 4 years old and was raised by Samuel Barclay, of Milford township, who it will be remembered raised the famous steer "Gen. Grant," exhibited at the Centennial Exhibition. The one killed by Mr. Stewart is from the same strain as was "Gen. Grant" and weighed about 350 lbs. more than did that celebrated animal.

Owing to the heavy fall of snow, which continued coming down almost incessantly from Friday night until Monday noon, the streets of our town, for two days were almost depopulated, only those who were compelled to go to their places of business venturing out of doors. The snow is fully thirty-six inches deep on the level and in many places is banked from ten to fifteen feet high. The roads are next to impassable for sleds and farmers are engaged in opening them by riding horses up and down through the drifts. A number of locomotives were kept busy day and night running to and from Johnstown and in this way the railroad was kept open and mails were only delayed from one to two hours.

The Butler *Herald* declares that there is a man living in Butler county who it is said is 45 years of age and has never been ten miles away from home in his life. In that time he was at the nearest town, three miles distant, but once. He has never voted at an election and never went to school but one day in his life. He is well informed in general news and is an excellent penman. He carries on the most extensive correspondence in the neighborhood, but was never known to go to the post office in his life. As a violinist he is excelled by but few for delicacy of touch and sweetness of tone. He was never in Butler, but can tell of things about the town that people who live in it have never heard. He lives with five brothers, who are all noted for some peculiar trait of character.

One of Joe Nicely's Schemes—A Letter that Miscarried.

At a session of the Pardon Board Friday last, it was decided that the case of the Nicely boys should receive no further consideration before that body. The next step in order is for Governor Beaver to set the day for their execution. When the news was broken to the condemned men, neither of them had anything to say, excepting that it was what they expected.

The day following their escape from the jail a reporter for the HERALD came into possession of a letter, written by Joseph G. Nicely and directed to one of his relatives at Ligonier. The letter was shown to the jail officials, who are familiar with that worthy's handwriting, and they all pronounced it genuine. The idea the letter suggests is not a novel one and had an attempt been made to carry it into effect would only have increased the inmates of the county jail, but it goes to show the desperation of the writer and the friendliness of outside parties. Several ineffectual attempts had been made to get the letter into the mails, and it was afterwards found in the attic of the jail, where it had evidently been dropped by the writer in the excitement attending the escape.

Following is the letter in full.

SOMERSET, Nov. 18th, 1890.

DEAR FRIENDS:—We are well hoping this may find you all well. I have thought of something that if worked right will do. It will take one of your shrewdest men. Go to Sheriff Good of this county. He is the Sheriff that comes in office here on January first, when McMillen retires, and see if he cannot be bribed to favor us in this way, that it will cast no reflection on him, after he comes in office. Let six or eight fellows come some night about 10 or eleven o'clock, and he could be in the office with the keys and they come in and make him hold up his hands and then they get the keys and unlock and let us out. Nobody would know that he knew anything about it, and he would receive no blame; he was just simply overpowered; now this can easy be arranged by seeing him soon, before he is in office. After we are out he could give the alarm, and offer a reward for us. If he would do this, which I do think he will, then it is no use to look much more for evidence. Send some one who is sharp, and go at him in this way and say if I pay you money can I get you to keep a secret and do me a favor at the same time, even if it does stretch your conscience a little; then they can lay the plot, if he agrees to that; get some one to see to this at once. See Sam about it too. I sent this out with a prisoner so no one will know anything about it. When you write if this can be done just say, "*That is all right* and I will know then but if he cannot be got to do this then say that will not do, or he could not do that which we spoke about. If you do not know anything better, do this. If you folks know anything better do that, but I think this is the best thing I know of just now. When you get this letter write and say I got your letter. I believe I have nothing more to say,

Yours affectionately,
J. G. NICELY.

At the same time and place a sheet of paper was found with the following written on it in Joseph Nicely's handwriting:

"John Beach is 5 feet 10 or 11, would weigh about 180 or 190 lbs, dark brown hair tinged with gray; dark brown mustache pretty heavy. He was about 50 years old or probably a couple years more, and was a little bald; he had on a dark gray overcoat, middling long, overalls, striped leather boots and he wore a cap. I seen him last sometime in February.

Henry Miller is about 5 feet 7 inches, reddish hair, reddish mustache; had on a dark overcoat and wore gum boots, he had on a brown derby hat.

The above tallies exactly with the description given of Beach and Miller in an affidavit laid before the Board of Pardons a day or two before the Nicely boys broke jail and is alleged to have been sworn to by Jere McCarty, a prisoner in the county jail.

If Joseph Nicely's "Dear Friends" had acted on his suggestion and attempted to bribe Sheriff-elect Good they would have run against a large sized circumstance. Sheriff Good is not built that way, as they would have learned to their sorrow.

Public Roads and Wagons.

One of the great questions of the day is the question of how best to improve our public highways. The burden of their improvement will fall most heavily upon the farmers, and consequently the question arises, "Can the farmers afford to put the roads in good condition?"

No road is in good condition for general use unless it is well laid out and well macadamized. Experience teaches observers that no road is well macadamized until covered with a heavy layer of stones, finely broken throughout. To make the roads after this manner will require a heavy taxation of farming interests. For years and years the farmers have been burdened with road taxes, and a great deal of money has been expended on the roads, and they are still bad, perhaps worse, than ever before.

But another question arises, which, perhaps, is *the* question: "Can farmers afford to farm with the roads in their present condition? Can they afford to keep two horses to drag a one-horse load through the miry highways? Can they afford to have their wagons and harness wrecked and torn thereon? Can they afford to consume precious time traveling ten miles, that should suffice for twenty?

Farms are relatively of little value unless in close proximity to good roads and good markets. Good roads bring them close to good markets. To put all roads in good traveling condition will be an expensive undertaking, and cannot be done without aid from the State. But if the State must aid farmers to construct and maintain good roads, the state will demand, and justly, too, the right to regulate the construction of farmers' and lumbermens' wagons. Can we expect the State to aid us in building and keeping our public highways in order, and then allow us to plough them up with our narrow-tread wagons? It may be prevailed upon to aid us, but it will insist that wagons for all heavy burdens shall have a broad tread, even very broad, for the State is not run on extravagant principles. But to procure State aid for the construction of our roads we must be importunate and diligently agitate the question. The incoming legislature will, it is almost certain, substitute new road laws for the old ones, for the old ones are self-condemned. Therefore, if any one wishes to be heard on the road question now is the time to speak.

TAXPAYER.

Christmas Entertainments.

On Wednesday evening before Christmas the Bakersville Sunday-school held an entertainment and had a large Christmas tree laden with presents. An enjoyable service was rendered under the supervision of J. Wesley Barkley, the genial superintendent. The music was grand, and the recitations well given. The one by Carrie Shanlis deserves special mention, the subject being "There is a Santa Claus." The order in the main was good. A few drunken rowdies were present, but did not venture to make much disturbance. The Sunday-school was treated and the pastor kindly remembered.

At Casebeer's Church, on Christmas morning, a pretty service was rendered by the Sunday-school—which numbers nearly 200—and the choir of the church. Alvin P. Walker is the energetic and courteous superintendent. They had a novel way of holding a Christmas evening service in daytime. The church was darkened, and two trees, with a festoon stretched across the church, were lit up and looked beautiful. The Sunday-school was treated and the pastor kindly remembered in the shape of a purse of money. The church was crowded to its utmost capacity and the best of order was observed. M.

Persons knowing themselves indebted on our books will please call and settle their accounts by cash or note within the next 30 days. Our books must be settled up.

PARKER & PARKER.
SOMERSET, December 31, 1890.

34TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

153 Teachers Enrolled out of a total of 271.

Officers: Pres. J. M. Berkey, Vice Presidents H. F. Barron, J. C. Speicher, A. B. Grof. Secretaries: Misses Helen Schaff and Lulu Fochtig.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Address by county Supt. Berkey, followed by drill in music by Prof. Smith, of Dayton, Ohio.

Instructions in drawing by Prof. Little, of Washington, D. C.

Talk on Mathematical Geography by Prof. J. D. Meese, of Meyersdale.

Talk by J. L. Fulton, of Hooversville, 1st Interrogation Point? 2nd Exclamation Point! 3rd Period.

Adjournment.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

Lecture—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde"

Monday evening's entertainment was opened with a solo by Miss Amelia Fee, of Connellsville. Supt. Berkey introduced Rev. Robert Nourse, of Washington, who after acknowledging the hearty welcome given him, said:

Dr. Jekyll was an English gentleman of wealth, reputation and philanthropy; a physician of extensive practice, much to be envied. He had two friends, Dr. Lanyan and Mr. Attison. Dr. Jekyll claimed that it was possible by taking a certain drug to so segregate the faculties as to make the taker an entirely different person.

One day Mr. Attison was walking with a friend when the friend called his attention to a peculiar looking door in a side street and pointing to it said, "I saw a sight here that I shall never forget. A man was coming down the street when a little girl met him and they ran together, when the man caught her, flung her upon the pavement and jumped upon her prostrate body. We caught him and insisted that he should go to prison or pay for the injuries he had given the child. He suddenly vanished through that door only to reappear with ten pounds cash and a check signed by Dr. Jekyll for forty pounds more." Attison, the lawyer, thought Jekyll was being blackmailed and was dumbfounded when the check was honored at the bank. He called on his friend and told him of his fears. Jekyll begged him to think nothing of the matter, that Hyde would never be seen again.

Some time afterward a member of Parliament was brutally murdered on the streets. His assailant was recognized as Hyde and the public were put upon his track. Attison hurried to his friend and found him weeping and shivering on a chair before the fire. Jekyll told him that Hyde would never be found and that he would never be seen in London again. Dr. Jekyll resumed his practice and was once more the philanthropic physician.

A year after Dr. Lanyan received from Jekyll a letter asking him to go to the writer's office and get from his desk a note book certain powders and bottles of liquids and at 12 o'clock midnight a messenger would call for them. The night was dark and hideous but the moment the clock stroked twelve there was a ring at Lanyan's door. A miserable man was admitted and with quivering fingers seized up a draught and started to go. He was detained by Lanyan who insisted that he should swallow the drug before leaving his presence and when this was done the body of the decrepit messenger was at once transformed into the well-known figure of his friend Dr. Jekyll.

This is a romance confessedly, but there is much truth in it. Mr. Hyde was Dr. Jekyll with his hide off. Every man is a Jekyll and Hyde, that is every man possesses a dual nature. Science has demonstrated that every man has two brains, with one we think with the other we act. If I take a particle of matter from my right brain I un-string my power to walk; if I take a particle from my left brain I destroy my power to talk. Holy writ teaches that there is a natural body and that there is a spiritual body. There have been philosophers who say there is no matter, and it is no matter what they say; others say there is no mind, and you needn't mind what they say. I once saw a woman with two mouths, with one she spoke in one tone and with the other she spoke in another tone; I've seen women with one mouth who could do the same thing; I saw a man with two mouths, with one he discoursed sweet music and with the other chewed tobacco. A great deal of business is done on the same principle—buying Dr. Jekyll and getting Mr. Hyde; selling Jekyll and giving Hyde. It gets into polit ical life, too.

The daughter of an artist fell into the sea and a ragged boy rescued her. The artist took the boy to his home, dressed him, painted his portrait and hung it on the wall of his studio. The daughter developed into one of America's foremost artists. The father died, asking as a last request that she do everything she could, should it ever become necessary to aid the boy who had saved her life. In London, whither she had gone to perfect herself in her studies, her home was burglarized and the burglar struck her with a revolver and laid her skull open to the brain. She was called into court to identify the man who had been arrested for the crime and found that the ruffian who had nearly killed her was the boy who had saved her life. You find it in literature, in religion, in holy writ—everywhere, the dual nature of man; men who think one thing and do another.

Alexander the Great—the conqueror of the world—a common drunkard. Nero, a holly child, yet the murderer of his family and millions of others. Only a few weeks ago we have seen the spectacle of a great man who had led his people in view of the promised land but can lead them no further, because he is a self-confessed libertine and sensualist. Everywhere we find a Dr. Jekyll and a Mr. Hyde.

Alcohol is the great curse of the Anglo-Saxon race. A lady came into my presence drunk, and told me while still staggering, that that she had just been having an hour's sweet communion with God. The night after she approached the bedside of her blind husband and taking him by the chin, drew a sharp carving knife across his throat. That woman lived in my home for six months afterwards and my children prayed for her every night. I never saw a more Christ-like, sweeter Christian woman than she. Her husband recovered; she was a Jekyll sober, a murderess Hyde, drunk. Some people say drunkenness makes poverty, but I say poverty makes drunkenness.

Jekyll conceived the idea that he could dismiss his evil nature—disembody it—and also embody his better nature. His studies discovered the drug; he took it, and after he had taken it he suffered the pains of dissolution and saw himself as Mr. Hyde. At first Mr. Hyde was small, but he grew apace. First he took the drug to convert Jekyll into Hyde; now he must take it to convert Hyde into Jekyll. The drug must be taken in larger doses, but at length he finds that it is exhausted—there is no more in the world. Hyde has outgrown Jekyll, and the change takes place without the drug. He dies, but he dies as Hyde. So men die, in the nature that predominates—as Jekyll or as Hyde.

[NOTE.—The force of this lecture, as of most others, is derived from the action and manner of the speaker, and these cannot be given on paper, no more than can the intonations of the voice. All that can be done is to summarize the thoughts.—REPORTER.]

Photographs!

I am now located in Somerset, on the Glade House lot, and will remain for awhile. I am prepared to make all sizes of Photographs and to copy from old pictures. Special attention given to childrens' pictures. Will be glad to have you call and see my work.

W. S. FLEMING, Artist.

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.

Baltimore Briefs.

DEAR HERALD:—

Thinking that a few items from the Monumental City might not be void of interest to your readers, I venture a brief communication.

The Christmas tide has struck Baltimore, and everybody is swept along by it, either to happiness in trying to make others happy, or to bankruptcy in purchasing presents for his wife or sweetheart.

Even the newsboys are not forgotten in the festivities of the season. Over six hundred of them were banqueted in the Concordia Opera House the night before Christmas, marching thither with a band of music at their head. They partook lustily and freely of turkey, oysters and light rolls, after which they were addressed by a number of eloquent speakers, among whom were ex-Mayor Latrobe and the present mayor, Mr. Davidson. On being asked who Nimrod was, the reply came quickly, "he was a man."

When asked by Mayor Davidson, "Do you know the best monument any one could have?" they said, "Yes! Washington's monument!"

One of these little fellows, the other day, stepped up to a business man in a street car, and said: "Say, mister, can you change me a bill?" "What kind of a bill?" "Why the McKinley bill."

A Sunday-school superintendent of this city, relates it for a fact that not long ago a dispute arose in one of the boys' classes of his school, and on being appealed to, the Superintendent went down to the class and inquired as to the dispute, and what it was about. They said, "We want to know where the first led pencil was sharpened; can you tell us?" "No," said the Superintendent, and looking at the boy who had propounded the question, added: "If you know, suppose you tell us?" "I will," said the boy. "It was sharpened on the end."

The city has put on its holiday attire, and affords a magnificent display of wealth in its stores of every description. The decoration of show windows has developed into science and under the stimulation of sharp competition a single window on some of the most popular streets often requires hundreds of dollars for its embelishment, aside from the samples which it contains. One of the chief attractions in this line, at present, is to be seen at Mably & Carew's, on Baltimore street where a large pumpkin is exhibited, and a live pony, with cart attached. The pony, cart, and a round trip ticket to Europe or to California, is offered the person who guesses the nearest to the exact number of seeds in the pumpkin. Whether the trip to either of these places is to be made in the cart drawn by the pony, or not, is not stated in the conditions.

On the 23rd inst. the Supreme Bench overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of William Blaney, who was convicted in the lower courts of the murder of his aunt, Miss Caroline M. Blaney. It begins to look as if the penalty for capital crimes in Maryland might be executed and justice and an outraged civilization vindicated. So mote it be everywhere.

One of the most impressive fires that was ever known in Baltimore occurred this week in the burning of the Masonic Temple, on Charles street. The building was 100 feet front by 150 feet deep and six stories high. It was one of the most substantially constructed buildings in the city, and the loss is estimated at $250,000. The origin of the fire is supposed to have been from the electric wires with which the building was supplied for lighting, but the lights were not turned on at the time. The loss to the masonic fraternity is covered by insurance, and they will undoubtedly rebuild with improved facilities and all of the modern conveniences.

The deepest snow of many winters is now upon our streets—about twelve inches. Street cars are running half time with double horse power, and other traffic is almost entirely blockaded. It will only last a short time, however, as the climate is too mild here to admit of a lasting snow. ANON.

Nebraska Letter.

EDITOR HERALD:

I am a reader of your paper, and it always gives me great satisfaction to read the home news, Somerset being my native county. I take great interest in the home news, particularly since the murder of my old friend Herman Umberger.

I have read carefully the evidence, and saw with great satisfaction that the murderers had been convicted, but was horrified to hear that they had broken jail and nearly escaped. Now, what is the matter with the old Somerset county men, that they cannot break into that jail as well as the Nicely can break out? And why do they not take them out and give them their just dues? I think from what I can learn from your paper that the law has decided against them, and it appears that the Lord God was also against them, in preventing their getting away. So, I have come to the conclusion that if the Somerset county boys ever let them come out of that jail alive, I would say that they haven't much sand.

I see in your last HERALD that you have a report about the sufferers in Nebraska, from the loss of crops being more extensive than that of the "Johnstown flood" or the "Chicago fire." I would say that there is no one drowning, neither is there any one burning in the fire. The people are all on dry land. I know something about the western country where the drouth struck, as I have a daughter living in one of those counties, and they did not raise one bushel of corn on 160 acres, but such is not the case all over the western counties. I went out there to see my folks, and found they had enough of old corn to keep them, but some have neither money nor crops. But don't you forget that the people of Nebraska have enough to live on.

I live in Lancaster county, in the second tier of counties from the river, and we have sent and will send to the western county sufferers all they need; an I if Pennsylvania or any other State would have such another disaster as the one at Johnstown, we would have something to spare for them again, as we did before.

The Iowa *State Register* howls some about the suffering in Nebraska, but the growth of Nebraska and its principal cities has been a source of constant irritation to our Iowa friends during the past ten years. Omaha long ago outstripped Council Bluffs; Lincoln has now beaten Des Moines in the race, and the whole State is gaining in population and wealth much faster than our slow-going, crochety neighbor on our eastern border.

Iowa has sent us a constant stream of good citizens, and the movement to the west is now as strong as ever. To stem the tide, if possible, the *Register* resorts to slanderous statements and barefaced falsifications. It is not likely that this plain statement will have any effect upon the mendacious slanders, but nevertheless I take pleasure in making these few remarks in the interest of justice to the State.

J. K.

Furniture!

Devlin's prices are right.
Broad St., next to Mansion House,
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SPEICHER—BALTZER — On Thursday evening, December 24, 1890, in Trinity Evangelical Lutheran church, at Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Prof. John S. Speicher and Miss Nettie G. Baltzer, both of Shanksville, Pa.

FORNEY—MOSTOLLER.—On Thursday December 25, 1890, at the residence of Isaiah Good, near Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Robert C. Forney and Miss Minnie S. Mostoller, both of Somerset Co., Pa.

PILE—YODER—On Thursday, December 25, 1890, at the residence of the bride's parents, near Shanksville, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. John W. Pile and Miss Katie B. Yoder, both of Somerset Co., Pa.

Fancy Groceries.

A full line of Bottled goods, such as Olives, High Grade Catsup, Gherkins, Chow-Chow, Celery Sauce, etc., (new stock); also many staple goods just received.

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Extra Heavy Stockinette Jackets, newest things in Reefers, stylish things in Medium Weight Newmarkets in Plain Black and Plaids.

Seal Plush Jackets from $19 up to $35, choice and stylish in design, fit elegantly.

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Children's Furs, Muffs, Boas and Collarettes; hundreds upon hundreds of Misses' and Children's Cloaks and Jackets. Also a full line of Boys' Clothing for School and Dress Wear, at prices lower than you generally pay for the same class of goods. Boys' Suits from $1.50 up to $11. Large Line New Fall Overcoats for Boys 4 to 18 years; prices $2.50 to $12.

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Our large Business in this line of goods enables us to present you with so many new Styles and in such variety that it is an easy matter to get suited. All our Suits are designed and made up under the supervision of a first class Dress maker, and we rarely ever make two suits alike. There is no question that we can, and do save you the manufacturers' profits.

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December 30, '90,

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FEBRUARY 1, '91.

All Goods at Cost for 30 Days!

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	Were.	Red Letter.
46in Blk. Henrietta Cashmere	$1.00	82c.
46in Blk. Henrietta Cashmere	90c	77c
46in Blk. Henrietta Cashmere	85c	65c
46in Blk. Henrietta Cashmere	35c	45c
46in Blk. Henrietta Cashmere	50c	42c
46in. Blk. Silk Warp Cashmere	$1.35	$1.10
46in. Blk. Silk Warp Cashmere	1.10	90
46in Blk and Col'd Serges	80	67
46in " " "	55	45
46in Colored Cashmeres	80	67
46in " "	55	45
36in " "	35	29
36in " "	15	12
36in Tricot Cloths	25	22
54in Plain Cloths	55	45
36in Fancy Plaid Cloths	55	45
42in Plain Col'd Cashmere	40	33
24in Silk Plushes	100	77
19in Silk Velvets	90	65
22in Plain Velvets	30	22

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" " " " 50c.,	" "	42c.
" " " " 75c.,	" "	60c.
" " " " $1.00,	" "	80c.
" " " " 1.20,	" "	$1.00

Napins of all kinds, Towels, Bed Spreads, Towelings of all kinds, at Cost. Plain Red and Fancy Flannel of all kinds to close at Cost at 18, 20, and 25c. 6-4 Tacle Oil Cloth sold at 35c, Red Letter 30c. 5-4 Table Oil Cloth sold 25c., Red Letter, 20c.

	Were.	Red Letter.
Lancester Ginghams that	7c	6c
Taleon Ginghams	6c	5c
Farmers' Shirtings	6c	5c
Columbia Shirtings	9c	7c
Whittendon Shirtings	9c	7c
Everett Shirtings	10c	8c
Amoskeag Cotton Napes Shirtings	12c	10c
Columbia Cotton Napes Shirtings	10c	9c
Indigo Blue Shirt'g Chk's	10c	8c
Bleached and Unbleach'd Cotton Flanneis, Brown and Colored Cotton Flannels of all kinds, at cost.		
36 inch Beverly Unbleached Muslin at		5c.

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" " Focuset "	9c.	" "	6c.
" " Enterprise "	8c.	" "	6c.
" " Great Falls E "	9c.	" "	7c.
" " Appleton A "	9c.	" "	7c.

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