The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY. January 7, 1891.

Did you resolve?

Beer must is very cheap at Scranton.

A mahogany tree grows in Lancaster.

Musical Instruments at Snyder's drug store.

Venango county paid bounty for 120 fox scalps last year.

Big game is plentiful in the northern part of the State.

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

Devlin, Broad street, Johnstown, sells a $5 hard wood bedat $2.75.

The county tax rate for 1891 in Lancaster county, has been fixed at ten mills.

During a fight at Pittsburgh a Hungarian bit off the nose of another and swallowed it.

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

Devlin has nice parlor suits in plush, from $35 upward. Next to Mansion House, Johnstown, Pa.

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

If this isn't an old-fashioned winter it will be because we are not having an abundance of snow.

There are about 35 candidate for the position of Chief Clerk to the Commissioners of Westmoreland.

For scrofula in every form Hood's Sarsaparilla is a radical, reliable remedy. It has an unequaled record of cures.

A Jefferson county editor elected to the legislature says his constant prayer will be to be preserved from the "big head."

Pennsylvania has 638 lodges of Odd Fellows with 46,837 members in good standing, many of whom are Lancaster countians.

Why don't you marry her?

Then go down and see Devlin's line of furniture. Next to Mansion House, Johnstown, Pa.

Pedro Antonio Lopez, who was mentioned in connection with the census report on account of his great age, is dead at the age of 115 years, at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

England is experiencing the severest weather since 1813, and from all over Europe come reports of very severe weather, seven persons having frozen to death at Frankfort-on-the Main.

Courtney Kenesaly, of Lackawaxen, shot a golden hawk as it was flying a few days ago, and when it dropped to the ground he found a three-foot rattlesnake in its talons, which he also dispatched.

Daniel Curran, aged 108, died at Lima, Pa., on Tuesday. He was in full possession of his faculties till the last. He leaves a widow in Bellefontaine who is 100 years old. He was born in Ireland, but had lived in this country 75 years.

Whooping cough, croup, sore throat, sudden colds, and lung troubles peculiar to children, are easily controlled by promptly administering Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. This remedy is safe to take, certain in its action, and adapted to all conditions.

Dr. M. A. Dauphin, President of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, died in New Orleans on Sunday. He was the leading spirit in the lottery, and it is believed that his death will quickly bring about the end of the iniquity.

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

W. H. PLATT.

Here is California's crop for the year 1890, 44,000,000 bushels; wine, 18,000,000 gallons; raisins, 2,341,000 boxes; dried fruit, 75,000 tons; fresh fruit, 52,000 tons; Lima beans, 50,000 tons. Besides raising all these products, she scored a Republican victory.

"You is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer" by Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This wonderful medicine so invigorates the system and enriches the blood that cold weather becomes positively enjoyabel. Arctic explorers would do well to make a note of this.

The recent snow storm was death to the partridges. The birds, during such storms, look for the nearest tree, and sit with their backs towards the wind. While in this position they become so laden with sleet and snow blown under the feathers that they are unable to fly, and numbers have thus been found frozen to death, sitting on the limbs.

The barn of Howard Murphy, in Sadsbury township, Chester county, a fine structure and well filled with grain, hay, etc., was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday. The origin of the fire is said to be due to a hot flue got on fire at a kitchen range, and, being to the barn in a flaming condition, it soon communicated the fire to the straw, and soon the building was in ruins together with the contents.

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., says Colonel F. E. Spinner, ex-Treasurer of the United States, died at 8:30 last evening, of fever. He was in his ninetieth year. His remarkable signature was original and unique and had such a peculiar appearance that it furnished the foundation for innumerable jokes. While it is still vividly remembered the million of greenbacks which it was attached have now dwindled to a few thousands, and one of them is rarely seen.

Hood's Calendar for 1891 is out and it is certainly a beautiful production of the lithographer's and printers' arts. The subject represents three children playing musical instruments, and the positions, expression, coloring and general finish make a most charming picture. But to be appreciated it must be seen. Ask your druggist for Hood's Sarsaprilla Calendar, or send six cents in stamps for one copy, or ten cents for two, to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Miss Davenport, a well-known and prominent resident of Lehman Center, Luzerne county, Pa., started Tuesday morning to drive over the mountains from his home to Plymouth. It was intensely cold, and about 10 a. m. his rig was seen on Welsh Hill, one mile outside of Plymouth. He was seated in the vehicle, but was entirely unconscious, and frozen stiff. He was taken to the residence of his brother-in-law, Hon. John J. Shonk. Everything possible was done for him, but he never regained consciousness, and died last evening. Mr. Davenport was seventy-five years of age. He was a member of one of the oldest families in that valley.

State Treasurer Boyer in his statement of the finances of the State, says of the recent developments in which the people are interested:

"Upon the ascertainment of the fact of the assignment of B. K. Jamison & Co., and of Dilworth & Co., who held deposits aggregating $125,000, my sureties deposited with me as state treasurer to cover the full amount of these deposits and the same are now in my hands as state treasurer, subject to the call at any time of the commonwealth, which sum of money ($125,000) I hold as state treasure to protect the commonwealth against loss by reason of such assignments."

A dispatch from Jamestown, Dakota, says: Last Monday, December 22d, Rev. E. H. Dall, Baptist minister of this place, baptized three women and one man in Lake Isabelle, a beautiful sheet of open water in Kidder county. People stood on the banks benchanted and sang hymns, and the hallelujahs over the sinners who had repented were not louder than the rejoicing over the downfall of King Blizzard and his climatic subjects. The weather this winter has been unparalleled. To-day Jamestown merchants held a special sale of straw hats and linen duters. Fronts of stores were heavily embossed with these seasonable articles.

Hon. James L. Pugh is spending the week in Harrisburg.

Increase of pension has been granted Jacob Heinbaugh, Glade.

Two hundred and fifty-five marriage licenses were issued in this county in the year 1890.

It is just possible that Somerset and Meyersdale may each have a bonded sugar warehouse.

Sheriff Good and family took possession of the residence portion of the county jail Monday.

It is rumored that Teacher's Institute will be held before the opening of the school term hereafter.

Lieut. Chas. Tayman left for Arizona Territory Monday morning, where he will rejoin his regiment.

Mr. E. M. Bowman, of Somerset township is visiting his brother, Mr. Jerome Bowman, in Johnstown.

The Johnstown *Tribune* says the father of the Nicely boys was in that city New Year's day looking up evidence favorable to them.

Fifty-three numbers of the HERALD went to its readers during the year just closed. The first issue was on January 1st, and the last on December 31st.

The present week—week of prayer—is being observed by the different religious denominations in town. Union services are held in one of the churches each evening.

The HERALD commences the new year with the largest subscription list it has ever enjoyed in the sixty-four years of its existence. It is needless to add "now is the time to subscribe."

The county auditors met at the court house Monday evening, and entered upon the performance of their duties, first having elected A. C. Holbert, Esq., clerk, and Valentine Hay, Esq., counsel.

Sheriff McMillen and the county commissioners effected a compromise with Messrs. Ferner and Barclay, the captors of the Nicely boys, and who claimed the reward offered for their arrest. They received $80 each.

The Philadelphia *Record* of Monday announced that Governor Beaver had signed the warrant fixing the day for the execution of the Nicely brothers. Inquiry at the Sheriff's office Tuesday evening disclosed the fact that Sheriff Good had not yet received official notice of any such action on the part of the Governor.

Drs. McClelland and Salm, the celebrated specialists who have been paying monthly visits to Somerset during the past six months will continue to do so during the present year. When here last month they renewed their advertising contract with the HERALD for the year '91. See their advertisement on the fourth page of this issue.

We devote much of our space this week to a report of the proceedings of the 34th annual session of the Teachers' Institute, prepared by A. C. Holbert, Esq. Mr. Holbert has reported Teachers' Institute for the HERALD for the past half-dozen years and his reports have always elicited the approval of teachers throughout the county.

County Commissioner George F. Kimmel was unavoidably detained from attending the organization of the Board Monday evening, being confined to his bed, suffering from the effects of a kick received in the pit of the stomach and delieved by the heavy foot of a vicious horse, last Thursday. His condition is not regarded as alarming, although he suffers intense pain. Commissioners Shober and Uhl organized the Board by electing Mr. Kimmel president.

Considerable annoyance was caused the new county officials from the fact that their commissions did not arrive until Monday morning. They had been forwarded by express from the State Department at Harrisburg last week and were unavoidably delayed in a railroad wreck near Harper's Ferry. The package in which they were enclosed must have had a very rough trip and evidently was exposed to the weather for some time since the papers were water soaked and stained.

On the first day of the year, Judge Mellvaine, of Washington county, issued an order by the means of which it is thought the expenses of the county can be reduced many thousand dollars every year or two. The members of the Grand Jury will convene in the court house one week before argument court begins and hear the cases for the following session. By means of this newly-devised method no witness will be kept a longer time than two days. For years past many of the witnesses have remained 9 and 10 days, and the county paid their expenses.

Hiram Beam, Esq., one of the most widely known citizens of this county died at his home in Lincoln township, on Dec. 28th, in his eighty-first year. Mr. Beam's father who occupied a prominent place in the early history of this county, settled upon the well known Beam farm in 1793. Here it was that Hiram was born and died. Early in life he learned the trade of tanner but afterwards abandoned it to engage in farming. He served one term as county commissioner many years ago. His brother, Squire Abram Beam, is still living, at the advanced age of 90.

Under the new schedule which went into effect on the S. & C. R. R. Sunday, northbound trains are due in Somerset at 5:53 and 11:13 a. m., and are due at Johnstown at 7:25 a. m. and 12:45 p. m. South-bound trains leave Johnstown at 7:45 a. m. and 3:15 p. m., and are due at Somerset at 9:16 a. m. and 4:46 p. m., arriving at Rockwood at 9:40 a. m. and 5:10 p. m. The evening accommodation leaves Rockwood at 6:05, arriving at Somerset at 6:28; returning, leaves Somerset at 6:35 and is due at Rockwood at 7:00. Sunday accommodation leaves Rockwood at 10:50 a. m., arrives at Somerset at 11:13 a. m. Returning, leaves Somerset at 4:46 p. m. and is due at Rockwook at 5:10 p. m.

At a meeting of the directors of the First National Bank Friday evening a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent. on the capital stock was declared, payable January 3rd. One thousand dollars was added to the surplus fund, which is now $4,000, and $500 was applied to the reduction of premium on bonds. The First National has been in operation but a little over a year, and in that time has acquired an enviable reputation as a safe and conservative banking institution. Its rapidly increasing business illustrates the confidence the business community has in its management and the success with which it has met has more than satisfied the most sanguine expectations of its projectors and stockholders.

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Harry Kinkead, has been making inquiries the past week, under instructions from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with a view of ascertaining the number of sugar producing trees in this county and the number of persons engaged in the manufacture of sugar who annually produce exceeding five hundred pounds. The new tariff law granting a bounty of two cents per pound to manufacturers who annually produce five hundred pounds and over goes into operation April 1st, so it will be of little if any benefit to Somerset county producers the present year as the sugar making season is generally over before that time. From the information gathered by Mr. Kinkead the Revenue Department will decide whether the quantity of sugar produced in this county will necessitate the building of one or more bonded warehouses or whether it will be advisable to have the sugar weighed at the home of the producer by a government officer appointed for that purpose.

The production of maple sugar has been a source of great revenue to the farmers of this county for years and with a bounty of two cents per pound offered under the McKinley bill it will bring about 25 per cent. more per pound to those engaged in its manufacture.

The second annual Institute of Somerset county farmers will convene in the Court House next Tuesday morning 14th inst., and will continue its sessions until Wednesday evening. The farmers, and many who are not farmers, who attended last year's Institute were enthusiastic over the benefits derived from it and there can be no doubt that this year's session will be much more largely attended. We can conceive of no greater benefit to be derived by farmers than that which is to be gained by getting the benefit of their fellow farmers' experience, and they should not permit such an opportunity as this annual experience meeting presents to pass without taking advantage of it. Mr. T. B. Terry, of Ohio, who will be present and lecture is known as the "Potato King," from the fact that he raises more and better potatoes to the acre than any farmer in the United States. What he does in potato growing he does in everything else to which he gives his attention. Every farmer in the county should hear him.

A short time since the Directors of the first National Bank of Johnstown authorized Mr. George Faint, an artist of Indiana, Pa., to paint the portraits of the deceased Directors of the bank and now the portraits of D. J. Morrell, George Fritz, Jacob Levergood, Isaac Kaufman and Jacob M. Campbell adorn the walls of that institution. Mr. Faint's work was in some instances from small, poor pictures—notably that of Mr. Isaac Kaufman, who never willingly had a picture taken, but this one was captured by some unknown person when Mr. Kaufman was standing in front of the Cambria County Bank six or seven years ago, and Mr. Keim getting hold of a copy, sent it to a relative in Salisbury, this county, and it was in turn sent to Mr. Kaufman's children after his death, and by one of them loaned to the bank for the purpose of having it enlarged as above. The First National Bank contains a gallery of seven of Johnstown's big men.

Business men about town, report a largely increased business last year over the preceeding one. Mr. Cook, of Cook & Beerits said to our representative: "The business done by our house this year has been at least $10,000 greater the past year than ever before in its history. Don't understand that our profits have been that much greater because book accounts have grown in proportion and selling prices have been much closer than ever before. Perhaps our largely increased grain and flour trade has had as much to do with it as anything else. We have five car loads of grain at the station to be unloaded at the present time. Then too we sold almost 500 barrels of oil in the past year."

Other merchants spoken to agreed in saying that the year 1890, had been unprecedented in the quantity of goods sold, and all look forward to 1891 with the greatest satisfaction.

Jacob J. Younkin, Esq., a spry young gentleman from Confluence, dropped into this office on the 2nd to square up for his paper, he having been a reader of the HERALD since 1838. Mr. Younkin is rather small of stature but is as erect as an Indian. Very few silver hairs have appeared among the heavy, black crop that covers his head, notwithstanding he is in his 84th year. He was never sick a day in all his life and has never had to use eye glasses. Mr. Younkin cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson and has never missed voting at an election since that year—not even for township officers. He has been an earnest and active Republican ever since the formation of the party. Mr. Younkin was born in that favored spot of Lower Turkeyfoot township, known as "Hexebung" and always resided in the Turkeyfoots. He is one of the most remarkably active and well preserved men for his years in the county and has no idea of retiring from active life for a long time to come.

Everybody present at Dr. Buckley's lecture in the Opera House Thursday should fall on his knees and thank God that he is alive. Not because the doctor shot out any death-dealing volts of wisdom or wit, but rather because a horrible panic was averted by the coolness of Manager Casebeer and Superintendent Berkey. The house was crowded to suffocation when an alarm of fire was raised on the streets—caused by a lamp explosion in the Dairy Company's office—and was heard by one or two persons in the hall. They at once elbowed their way out through the crowd, while the immense audience quivering with suppressed excitement eagerly looked after them. In a moment the gentlemen named re-appeared and bade the people sit still that there was nothing to fear. Had it not been for this prompt action, there would most certainly have followed a mad rush for the two illy-adapted exits and numbers of woman and children would have been trampled to death. Will not the owners of the Opera House look at this matter in the proper light and supply larger and sufficient exists for their place of amusement?

Parting Shots.

County Commissioners Neff, Wagner, and Williamson laid down the reins of office Saturday, the two latter returning to their homes in Shade township. This county has never had three more competent, painstaking and conscientious officials. They had the spending of more public money than perhaps any Board of Commissioners in the history of the county, and not a word of aspersion has attached to their names—something extraordinary in this day and generation, when even the most faithful performance of public duty is held up for criticism. The gentlemen named have earned the thanks of every tax-payer in the county.

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Ex Register and Recorder Jacob D. Swank has set an example for future tenants of that office, both in regard to the promptness with which he recorded papers left in his charge, and the general cleanliness of his surroundings. County offices are proverbially musty and dirty, and it is hard to keep them otherwise, but there are few housewives in the county who can boast of a cleaner kitchen than was the Recorder's office during 'Squire Swank's tenure.

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Of all the county officers with whom the HERALD has transacted business during the sixty-three years of its existence, none have treated it with more uniform consideration and kindness than ex-Sheriff McMillen and his official household, and we believe the same was shown to every person who had business with his office.

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The worst thing about George J. Black's going out of the Treasurer's office, is the fact that he is going back to Meyersdale. Poor man! We had hoped that Somerset's many advantages over the Metropolis had become apparent to him in his three years' official stay, and that he would reside permanently among us. But 'twas ever thus.

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Jack Hileman has left a well-warmed seat in the Commissioners' office and has taken up more comfortable quarters in the Recorder's office. Mr. Hileman was almost unknown outside of Addison township six years ago, when he moved to Somerset, but in that time no grass has grown under his foot—he has only the use of one—and today he is one of the best known and most popular residents of the county.

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The familiar tones of Prothonotary Horner's voice will not reverberate in the sacred precincts of the Court House during the next three years, and jurors will have to take the oath from the lips of his soldier comrade and successor in office, Capt. Wm. H. Sanner. Of Mr. Horner it has been aptly said, *Absentat dulcibus vitiis.*

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Rufus E. Meyers, clerk to Prothonotary Horner, it is rumored, will enter upon the study of the law.

The Center Evangelical Lutheran Church, ten miles south of Garrett, Pa., will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies next Sabbath, Jan. 11th at 10 o'clock A. M. Public invited to be present.

M. L. YOUNG, Pastor.

Institute Lectures.

It would require super-natural knowledge of the taste and fancy of an indiscriminate audience to enable Supt. Berkey to secure a course of lectures for the evening entertainment of teachers' institute that will prove satisfactory to all who may attend. The very highest character of talent and ability known to the platform has been brought to Somerset on former occasions and we venture to remark that the course originally advertised for this session was fully equal if not superior to any that has ever essayed to entertain and enlighten a Somerset county audience. Mr. Berkey was in no way responsible for the substitutions on the program and under the circumstances was fortunate in securing an entertainment for each evening. "The fault is not in ourselves but in our stars."

There is no disguising the fact, however, that the course as a whole was unsatisfactory to a majority of the patrons.

An erronous idea that has gone abroad, and which we take the liberty of correcting without consulting Supt. Berkey, is in regard to the Institute lecture course being a money-making affair. We know whereof we speak when we say that the county Superintendent can consider himself in great good luck when he is not obliged to dive deep into his pocket to make up a deficiency.

There were very few unoccupied chairs in the Opera House Monday evening when the curtain went up. The central figure on the stage of course was Rev. Robt. Nourse, who had been substituted at a late hour for Dr. James Hedley, who in turn had been advertised to appear in place of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. But while Rev. Nourse occupied the most prominent place in the minds of the audience, Miss Amelia Fee, the vocalist attracted all eyes. This charming young lady presented a particularly pretty picture when she stepped before the footlights, clad in a most becoming gown, her dainty little head coyly tilted to one side, and her face beaming with smiles in response to the hearty welcome that greeted her, and when she had finished singing one of those sad, tender, little ballads which never fail finding a sympathetic chord in every heart the applause was vociferous. Miss Fee is the possessor of a wonderful voice, as remarkable for its compass as its sweetness, and that she knows how to utilize its powers with becoming grace and dignity all who had the pleasure of hearing her will gladly testify. Her singing was one of the principal attractions of the Institute.

The lecture proved somewhat disappointing to those who had read Stevenson's novel, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," and who were therefore, unprepared to listen to a long resume of that frightful nightmare; but the recital was followed with the closest attention by the large audience whose interest in the devilish brutality of the demon Hyde appeared spell-bound. The quiet that pervaded the house during the recital was painful and it was a long time before the audience shook off the horrid spell it cast over them. Rev. Nourse pointed out a great many morals to be drawn from this dual character, and before he had quit speaking convinced all of his hearers that there is eternal warfare waging between their spiritual and earthly bodies. The climax of his lecture was reached in the excoriation given the uncrowned Irish king, Parnell, and was of tremendous force and power.

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There is a great diversity of opinion in regard to the merits of Dr. Henson's lecture on "Fools." Some insist that it was one of the finest attempts from an oratorical stand point ever heard in Somerset while others urge that it was one of the most laborious efforts to create a laugh ever listened to by an intelligent assembly of people. Notwithstanding the Doctor's complimentary remarks about a Somerset county audience, we hardly think it advisable to have him come here another season.

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Dr. Buckley's lecture on "Dollars and Cents" was a great disappointment to the large audience that crowded the Opera House Wednesday evening. The lecturer has the reputation of being one of the most forcible and polished writers on religious topics in America, is one of the most eminent divines in the Methodist church, has traveled extensively throughout all quarters of the globe, and the people who composed his audience on this occasion had a right to expect a lecture of unusually high order. For two long hours the large audience patiently listened to one of the most commonplace and uninteresting talks ever inflicted on a long suffering people and about matters too with which any well instructed school child should be perfectly familiar. Notwithstanding the apparent suffering of the audience, it was decidedly rude and unbecoming on the part of those—and there was not a few of them—who applauded the speaker's statement "I am now through with the dry part of my subject." This unlooked for applause served to "rattle" the learned Doctor and it appeared to the writer that he did not recover his equilibrium throughout the remainder of his discourse.

There can be no question that the matter of Dr. Buckley's talk was admirably adapted for the instruction of common school teachers and had it been delivered in a curtailed form before the Institute proper would have been received with the greatest satisfaction. It was not well received by a Somerset county audience.

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The Lotus Glee Club furnished the closing entertainment of the course, and in a great measure compensated for the disappointment caused by the eminent divines who had preceded them. We can not recall any musical organization that has ever appeared here who gave such universal satisfaction.

The voices of the quartette have been trained way out of sight and they sing with such ease and perfect harmony that one could not help thinking that the banjo imitation was not an imitation in fact. Miss Marshall proved herself to be a very clever elocutionist.

The "Dear Friends" Heard From.

The following anonymous letter, post marked Ligonier, was received at this office Monday evening. The "dear friend" who wrote it took great pains to disguise his hand writing:

Bob Scull if you don't stop writing lies in your paper about the Nicely boys I will blow your red head off your shoulders I have been a subscriber of your paper for years and for the last years its been nothing but lies you know damed well them Nicely boys are innocent and if you don't stop your infernal lies your time will be shorter than theirs remember this you are not safe now to go out side your door for people are watching for you you will be witecapped and pounded till your dead.

Cold Weather.

Now is the time to buy Blankets. We have 50 pairs of White, Red and Gray Blankets, to close, at bargains. The lowest prices we have ever made. We are better prepared this R. L. S. to give our friends and customers good goods at cheap prices than we have ever been heretofore. Call and see us, and be convinced.

PARKER & PARKER.

Curch Dedication.

The new Reformed Church at Bethel, Pa., will be dedicated on Sunday, January 11th. Services morning and evening. Services the preceeding week beginning with Wednesday at 7:00 p. m. each evening. All are cordialy invited to be present with us.

COMMITTEE.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected at the election December 30, 1890, by the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county, Pa.: President, Alexander Musser; Vice President, Henry H. Stahl; Secretary, Simon P. Fritz; Directors, Frederick Weller, Jacob Musser, Ephraim J. Walker, Hiram P. Hay, Abraham Seitz, Costin Cunningham.

Wanted.

A girl to do general housework, in a family of three. Wages, $1.50 per week. Apply at residence of Dr. Caruthers, Main Street, Somerset, Pa.

The Nicely Case.

Counsel for the Commonwealth have received numerous letters during the past few days from witnesses, who testified in the Umberger case and jurors, saying that a man giving his name as —— Butler, of Harrisburg, has visited them alleging that he had been sent to them by Governor Beaver to investigate the case. It is nonsense to believe that Governor Beaver has sent out any agent and we can only conjecture the character of the affidavits he will manufacture on behalf of the Niceley boys. Butler has been heard of in the northern and southern parts of this county and in Westmoreland county. The whole thing looks on its face like another fraud.

Attorneys for the Commonwealth have received letters from Ligonier threatening their lives in case the Nicely boys are executed.

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The pardon board has refused a rehearing of the Nicely case. If Governor Beaver does not set the day for the execution before he goes out of office, the Nicelys are reasonably certain not to hang, as Governor Pattison will not likely do what his predecessor refused to do. In this connection the *Inquirer* thinks it would be a good thing if all executions could take place promptly upon conviction and at one or another of the penitentiaries. This thing of holding convicted murderers over until a maudlin sympathy has been aroused in their behalf is becoming a stench in the nostrils of decent people. If execution is the best way of disposing of murderers, let it be done promptly.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

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GIVE THE COMMONWEALTH A SHOW.

It is with great pleasure that we note the final decision of the pardon board in the Nicely case. The board will not interfere, and, if the governor will now condescend to put his name to the death warrant, these two villians will get their dues.

Now that the pardon board has made amends for its trifling and dilly-dallying by rendering a righteous decision, we hope there will be no further delay in adjusting the nooses.

There are two great troubles connected with the punishment of capital crimes in Pennsylvania. The first is to induce a jury to convict, and the second is to have an execution follow conviction. All legislation is in favor of the murderer. Courts and juries guard his interests with extraordinary care and make it well nigh impossible to secure a verdict of guilty. When such a verdict has been obtained, there still remain innumerable loopholes for escape. A complete and thorough revision of the criminal laws of Pennsylvania is one of the most urgent needs of the day.—*Bedford Gazette.*

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SHOULD BE PASSED.

Senator Neeb has a bill prepared for the execution in the penitentiary, instead of in the county jail, of people sentenced to be hanged. This will confine executions to the penitentiaries in the Eastern and Western parts of the State. The warden or his deputy, with such a number of guards as he thinks necessary, the sheriff, prison inspectors and physicians of the penitentiary, clergymen, and three persons chosen by the prisoner, 12 reputable citizens and such a number of physicians and press representatives as the warden may deem proper, are to be present when the warrant for execution is received. The prisoner is to be removed from the jail to the penitentiary and the execution is to take place before sunrise. The law is modeled somewhat after the Ohio law. It will not effect cases in which warrants will have been issued when the law goes into effect, as it likely will.

SOME NEW SALARY LAWS.

The New County Commissioners Will Come Under Them.

At the last session of the Legislature some changes were made in the laws govering the County Commissioners in the exercise of their official duties. They have been in Somerset county under a local law compensated at $3 per day for their labors as Commissioners, and allowed 10 cents mileage for the number of miles actually traveled in the discharge of their duties. Two acts were, however, passed upon this subject by the last Legislature and approved by Governor Beaver.

The Act of May 7, 1889, allows them a compensation of $3.50 per day "for each and every day actually and necessarily employed in the discharge of the duties of their office. They shall annually submit to the Board of County Auditors a full and itemized statement and account, under oath of the days and nature of business in which they were employed during the preceding year, and the County Auditors shall audit, settle and adjust said account in the same manner as other accounts of the County Commissioners are now audited and settled: Provided, That the pay allowed by this Act shall be in lieu of all other compensation and charges for the individual services and expenses of said Commissioners."

The Act of May 13, 1889, provides that the County Commissioners and Poor Directors "shall be allowed their traveling expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties."

Come to the Farmers' Institute.

The program of the Farmers' Institute to be held at Somerset on the 14th and 15th of January, 1891, was published in the county papers last week. Farmers, you can't afford to miss this meeting. Subjects will be discussed pertaining to farming by persons who know whereof they speak, that will be of supreme importance to you. Mr. Terry, of Ohio, and Mr. Cooper, of this State—two scientific and practical farmers—will surely be on hand both days and it will pay any one to come twenty miles to hear them.

Farmers throughout the county, we call upon you specially to send a good, live, representative man from every township for the purpose of making an arrangement for the farmers of the whole county to procure commercial fertilizers by wholesale, and at wholesale prices. Farmers, you can save 25 per cent., or about $7 on every ton you use, by such concert of action. But the entire county must pull together to accomplish this. Will you see to it? It can be done. It will not be undertaken unless each township joins—depend on that.

COMMITTEE.

Bargains! Bargains!

We have 80 pieces of Lace Curtains to be sold at the great R. L. S.

Curtains No. 1 worth $1, sold at 75c pr pair No. 2 worth $1.20, sold at 90 cents per pair. No. 3 worth $1.50, sold at $1.10; No 4 worth $2.40 sold at $1.90; No. 5, worth $3.25 sold at $2.50. We have also 75 Bed Spreads that will be sold at away down prices. Please call soon and see the big bargains.

PARKER & PARKER.

Farmers, Take Notice.

I have leased the large warehouse of Peter Fink at the B. & O. Depot, in Somerset, for five years, and also warerooms at Berlin and Coleman's, where I will keep on hand during the seasons for delivery and reshipment to all local points every grade of Fertilizers manufactured by the well-known Susquehanna Fertilizer Company, of Canton, Baltimore, Md. I have spent five years among you, while these goods have been used in Somerset county for eight years, having been introduced by the Hon. O. P. Shaver. Owing to the large number of my patrons whom I thank kindly, my agents and myself may be unable to call to see you personally, so I take advantage of your excellent papers to call your attention to the merits of our Fertilizers, and beg leave to say that S. B. Yoder, of Pugh, Somerset County, Pa., and myself have solicited orders for the fall crops of 1890—160 tons to date of issue, notwithstanding the strong competition.

R. M. Patton, of Somerset, who resides near the depot, is acting as delivering agent for me. By addressing or calling on him, you can learn our prices. We can re-ship to any local point on short notice, but would prefer at all times to have your orders as far in advance of immediate wants as practical as it enables us to get our goods to you in better mechanical condition. In behalf of the Susquehanna Fertilizer Co., I am,

Very Respectfully,

A. J. KOSER, Guernsey, Pa.

JAN'Y CLEARANCE SALE

—AT—

THE PEOPLE'S STORE

FIFTH AVE., PITTSBURCH, PA.

Come now for bargains. Here are a few of interest to you. Plenty of others to tell you about. It will pay you to come a long distance.

DRESS GOODS—Over 100 pieces Half Wool Dress Goods, good styles and colors, at 10c., down from 12½ to 15c.

20 pieces 36 inch Fine Wool Tricots at 25c, worth 37½c.
Lot of 22 inch cloths in Grays and Browns, to be given away for 25c.
Over 75 pieces Plaids and Stripes, 38 inch wide, nearly all wool, at 25c, worth 33c to 40c.
15 pieces All Wool Plain Color Cloths, 36 inches wide, 25c, worth 40c.
About 150 pieces All Wool Cashmere, All colors, 25c, worth 50c.
About 200 pieces All Wool Plaids and Stripes, 39c, marked down from 50c.
Lot 54 inch Home spun, All Wool, 66c, marked down from 85c.
Over 50 pieces Black and White Dress Goods, 46 inches wide, at 39c, marked down from 50c.
Fine Imported Novelties, choice styles, worth $1.50 to $2.25, now $1.00 to $1.50.

FLANNELS—30 pieces 64 inches, All Wool Country Flannels, Plaids, Stripes, &c., all at 25c., marked down from 37½c.

25 pieces All Wool Country Flannels at 20c, marked down from 25c.
40 pieces Fine All Wool Plaid Flannels at 25c, worth 35c.
About 120 pieces Finest German All Wool Flannels, in Plaids, Stripes, &c., for Ladies' Wrappers and Children's wear, 44c, worth 50c.

CLOAKS, WRAPS AND JACKETS, BOTH MISSES' AND LADIES' ALL MARKED DOWN.

About 80 Jackets	at $4.75;	were	$8.00 to $12.00
" 28 Jackets	at 10.00;	"	20.00 to 25.00
" 76 Newmarkets	at 4.75;	"	7.50 to 10.00
" 40 "	at 7.50;	"	12.00 to 15.00
" 45 "	at 10.00;	"	16.00 to 20.00

We have still a large and choice stock of over 2,000 garments—the Newest and Best Styles (some just in this week) in Jackets and Wraps.

To make this store undoubtedly the BEST PLACE for you to do your Shopping, we have marked these from $1.00 to $5.00 less than regular price.

BARGAINS NOW IN EVERY DEPARTMENT.

CAMPBELL & DICK.

SPECIAL—2000 lbs. Knitting Yarn, in Black Cardinal, and all the best colors, one per lb., 5c. per skein. Marked down from 8c.

Public Roads and Wagons.

Our one misfortune is, we have too many public roads. Another misfortune is, they are mostly badly laid out.

They must undergo a revision before the State would consent to expend money on them. Even if the State would help to put our roads in good traveling condition, how long would they so remain? Certainly not long, with our manner of constructing wagons. So long as we build and repair our own roads, just so long will the State agree to our present fashion of wagons, which is the fashion, handed down to us from ancient generations. It may be respectable to adopt the customs of our forefathers, but it may not be wise, for experience has taught us that their wagons destroy our roads, even the best macadamized. Now, does it not follow, since our very narrow-tread wagons destroy our roads, that very broad-tread wagons would improve them? Perhaps it does.

We are opposed to broad-tread wagons, but our opposition is based less on a knowledge of facts than on prejudice. We say but there is no truth in it, that the broad-tread striker every object in the road. A good road has no objects in it, and a broad-tread wagon necessarily cannot spoil a good road.

The time has now come that we should prejudice ourselves against the narrow-tread wagon; first, because it is a regular road destroyer; second, because it costs more to put a road in order for it than for the broad tread, and also because it wears out sooner than the broadtread; if the broadtread wagon is introduced entirely then a very shallow bed of finely broken stone will suffice; or if the roadbed is kept entirely dry, rains excepted, the road may need no stone whatever and the broader the tread the more solid will it pack the road bed. How broad it should be I will not pretend to say, but my views are very broad in this case.

To macadamize our public highways thoroughly will require a great outlay of money. To construct them in any other manner is useless, owing to the build of our modern wagons. Even if made after the most improved manner, our roads cannot remain good under the circumstances. The first act, then, of our Legislature should be an act condemning the narrow-tread wagon as a public nuisance. That it is a nuisance no one denies, for every time it passes over the road the road is the worse for it.

The instant the State legislates in favor of the broad-tread wagon, that instant the building of our public highways will assume a new phase. We could cease calculating on twelve or sixteen inches of broken stone for a roadbed, for if any at all is necessary, three or four inches will suffice. What then would hinder us from building our roads of dirt altogether? or of dirt and stones combined? or of the material most available? Could we not, under a good broad-tread wagon law, construct lasting roads of dirt alone, by gently sloping them from the center toward a good water ditch on each side? No breakers should be made across any road, for good culverts are much better. Then after the road is so cast up, let it be well rolled with a five or six-ton roller, and it is ready for use.

With such roads and wagons, our road taxes would be reduced to a minimum in comparison with the present taxes, and our wagons would require but little repairing. Horses would continue longer active and real estate become more valuable.

Ultimately it will come that the broad-tread wagon will be legislated in favor of, and wise men will consider this view before they condemn it, if they condemn it at all. The present generation should have the honor of introducing this radical reform. Necessarily, the broad-tired wagon need not be bulky or unwieldy. It has many virtues to recommend it, with few vices to urge against it.

TAXPAYER.

Furniture!

Devlin's prices are right.
Broad St., next to Mansion House,
Johnstown, Pa.

B. & B.

A JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

In every department of these stores.

A sale that means much in the way of gains for careful buyers.

$200,000 worth of Dry Goods to be sold before our Annual Inventory, Feb. 1.

WRITE FOR SAMPLES

Of these specials.

SILK DEPARTMENT—

19 inch extra heavy whip cord surahs, all colors and black, 60c., regularly sold at 75c.

24 inch Black faille Francaise, 90c.

20 inch Black Gros Grain Dress Silks, 95c.

20 inch Black Gros Grain Dress Silks, $1.00.

WOOL DRESS FABRICS—

48 inch Plain colored Wool Cheviotts, 50c, just reduced from 65c. and 75c.

44 inch Plaids, 50c. 40 inch Astrakan Plaids, 75c., were $1.25 and $1.50.

Large variety of

All Wool

Dress Fabrics,

in checks and stripes, at 50c., that sold freely all season at 65c., 75c. 85c.

50 INCH ENGLISH SUITINGS,

Plaid and stripe effects in large assortment, at 50c, to 75c., goods that have sold all season at $1.00 and $1.25 a yard.

NOW FOR BARGAINS.

Write for samples, for prices or for a Catalogue. Mail orders a speciality.

Boggs & Buhl,

115, 117 119, and 121 Federal Street,

ALLEGHENY, PA.

DIED.

SPEICHER.—On Monday, December 22, 1890, at his home in Addison township, William Arther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Speicher, aged 2 years, 7 months and 23 days.

OUR GREAT ANNUAL

RED LETTER SALE

COMMENCING

December 30, '90,

AND CLOSING

FEBRUARY 1, '91.

All Goods at Cost for 30 Days!

Black and Colored Silks at Cost

	Were.	Red Letter.
46in Blk. Henrietta Cachmeres	$1.00	82c.
46in Blk. Henrietta Cachmeres	90c	77c
46in Blk. Henrietta Cachmeres	85c	65c
40in Blk. Henrietta Cachmeres	55c	45c
40in Blk. Henrietta Cachmeres	50c	42c
46in. Blk. Silk Warp Cachmere	$1.35	$1.10