

The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, March 4, 1903.

Mrs. Livermore at the Opera House Saturday evening, March 7th. Don't fail to hear her. Subject, "A Dream of Tomorrow." The days grow longer. Rhematism away rampant.

The almanac's spring is due on March 21. Frost ailments are alarmingly prevalent. Preps are practicing for a new spring break.

Medical instruments at Snyder's drug store. Buy your corn, oats and ground feed from Malton Schrock.

New Mackerel and Lake Herring now in stock at Malton Schrock's. Paul Evers's birthplace, in Boston, is chalked off for demolition.

A troop of cavalry will guard Sherman's grave for six months. A new York legislative bill would open the bar rooms on Sundays.

Mrs. Livermore lecturing at the Opera House Saturday evening. 300 pieces of sheet music, only 10 cents a sheet at Fisher's Music Store.

Early German settlers of Pennsylvania will organize at Lancaster on April 15. A popular bartender at Springfield, Ohio, turns out to be a woman in man's clothes.

The best goods for the least money. See Devlin, the Broad St. Furniture man. For choice family groceries, provisions, flour and feed go to Malton Schrock.

Solid comfort rollers (big enough for two) at Devlin's next to Mansion House. For a good stove, and warranted, go to J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

A twenty acre pond bubbled up out of the earth in Centre county recently in twenty minutes. Johnson's Board of Trade will pass upon the safety of all dams and booms of that vicinity.

Cradles, single and double, all sizes, color and shape. Yes, Devlin's for them, 215 Broad St., Johnstown. During the past year the pupils of Chester's public schools have deposited in the school savings banks the sum of \$7,837.30.

Hagerstown and Lancaster Almanacs, English and German. Wholesale and retail. For sale all the year around at Fisher's Music Store.

The crop of tobacco sold by John Z. Taylor, adjoining Strasburg borough, Lancaster county, yielded 1,240 pounds, or 1,783 pounds per acre, and sold for \$1,125.20, or \$330.90 per acre.

A farmer of Bucks county, who is to sell his stock and household goods, has created a sensation by announcing that no dinner will be given at the sale. This is in direct violation of an old custom of 70 years standing.

On bedroom sofas, parlor sofas, sideboards, chiffoniers, chest drawers, lounges, mattresses, cupboards, sinks, Yongs, Malton's prices are right on all these and everything else. Next to Mansion House.

Conscientious criminals who can take a hop, skip and jump can go free. They have only to step into New York, Rhode Island or Massachusetts to be released extrajudicially on the ground that the Wobblen Kettles have no Governor.

Persons elected to the office of Justice of the Peace at the late election when sending their notice of acceptance to the probate court should also send the name of the justice succeeded. This will avoid complications and delay.

It is quite probable that you may need the services of a physician some day; but you can postpone the time indefinitely by keeping your blood pure and your system invigorated through the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Prevention is better than cure.

The G. A. encampment at Altoona adjourned on Wednesday evening. Lieutenant H. G. Beyer of Harrisburg, was elected department commander, and H. E. Williams, of Gettysburg, medical inspector. Pittsburg was selected as the place for the next meeting.

Remember that Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has no equal as a specific for croup, coughs and all affections of the throat and lungs. For nearly half a century it has been in greater demand than any other remedy for pulmonary complaints. All druggists have it for sale.

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March came in like a lion.

Testimony to be given to-day at Meyersdale in the Greely-Scull contested election case.

A young colored gentleman was lodged in jail Thursday, on a commitment from a Commission Justice, to answer a charge for burglary.

B. F. Mann, of the *Esquire*, was named by the President for postmaster at Bedford, last Thursday. He was recommended by Congressman Scull.

Miss Annie L. Miller, of Elk Lick township, was the prize offered by Prof. J. D. Meese at the recent Teachers' County Institute for the best original composition.

Every man and woman in Somerset should take advantage of the opportunity to hear Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, at the Opera House Saturday evening, when she will lecture on a "Dream of Tomorrow."

On the first page of this paper will be found an article from the pen of the "Potato King," E. H. Terry, in relation to the recent Farmers Institute held in this county. Mr. Terry is exceedingly complimentary in his remarks concerning the intelligence of our farmers.

Sheriff Good, ex-Sheriff Kyle and McMillen, and John A. Lambert, went over to Erieburg Thursday to witness the execution of murderer Marsh. Sheriff Good expects to officiate at a hanging here in the near future, and is anxious to witness an execution before long.

The high waters of last week with the strong current produced unusual live boats in Johnston that were drowned by the flood of May, 1880. The secretary for the search committee has offered \$25 for each boat, and it is thought that this will stimulate the finding of others.

Mr. James Vermer Long, of Pittsburgh, Sec. of the State Fish Commission, has been appointed consul to Florence, Italy by President Harrison. Mr. Long has made frequent visits to Somerset in the past few years, and his many friends in this county will be glad to learn of his having secured so desirable an appointment.

Mr. Samuel Phillips, the well known Berlin banker who was prostrated a few days since with what appeared to be an attack of vertigo, we are pleased to learn has almost entirely recovered. Mr. Phillips is seventy-nine years of age and has a first wife that he had ever been bedridden.

Our friend John P. Knable, of the well known Pittsburgh dry goods firm of Knable & Shuster, has purchased the interest in Mr. Shuster and will hereafter conduct the business under the name of John P. Knable & Co. His advertisement appears in this paper. The name itself is a guarantee to his patrons from this county.

The contest among nearly a dozen applicants for Pike Supervisor in Fayette and Somerset counties has been settled by the appointment of William Searight, of Knable & Shuster. He is a brother of C. D. Thomas B. Searight, and his appointment is taken to mean that the latter still has the ear of Governor Pattison, as he did when controlling the appointments under the Governor's former administration.

E. E. Roberts, of this place, who is accused with having defrauded several farmers of Somerset township out of the price of two or three car loads of hay, and who was arrested in Chicago, Ill., last week and brought to Westmoreland county, this state, where he gave bail before a Justice of the Peace for his appearance at the proper time. One of the Chicago papers says that Roberts was engaged in several questionable transactions about the stock yards in that city.

It is pretty tough on the tax payers of this county when a village corporation like the United States Express Company brings a prosecution for larceny, against one of its employees, who is a resident of Maryland, and failing to convict him in our courts, compel the county to pay the costs of prosecution. Such a case occurred last week. Two days of the court's valuable time was consumed in the trial and the county is compelled to pay several hundred dollars besides.

The interior of the new B. & O. E. R. station at Meyersdale was destroyed by fire and water at an early hour Sunday morning. The fire was caused by the explosion of a large lamp in the telegraph office and was burning fiercely when discovered by five department firemen who promptly to the alarm and succeeded in dousing the flames in a very short time. About an hour after the fireman had retired the flames broke out again and the fire department had to be called out a second time to subside them.

Squire Jesse Slick, of Slide Twp., is probably the oldest living reader of this journal, his acquaintance with the *Herald* dating back to the first issue in June, 1827. The *Squire* was 82 years old yesterday, March 3d. He is one of a family of fifteen children ten of whom were boys, and eight of whom grew to manhood and all are over six feet tall. Notwithstanding his advanced age Squire Slick is hale and hearty, and works the fields as vigorously as any man of his age.

The town of Derry, Westmoreland county, is greatly excited over the finding of the dead body of Frank B. Wilson at noon Saturday in the water-works reservoir. It is supposed that he committed suicide, but his friends do not know of a name that would drive him to such a deed. Wilson was elected Tax Collector last year and was re-elected a week ago. His accounts were to have been audited Saturday night. It is stated that he was financially embarrassed, and upon that day the theory of suicide is based. He was married about a year ago to Miss Little, of New Alexandria.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bar, entertained a large number of their friends at their dinner home in this place, Thursday evening. The house was abuzz with light, while the rooms and halls were crowded with happy guests. The street strains of harp and violin furnished music throughout the evening and the young people enjoyed dancing in the large parlor, which had been reserved for the purpose. Mrs. Bar entertains in such a charming manner that her guests are always loath to depart, and on this occasion did not until a very late hour.

Those of our citizens who were disappointed in not hearing Mrs. Mary A. Livermore at the institute course of lectures, can yet have the pleasure of hearing her, on Saturday evening of this week in her famous lecture, "Dream of Tomorrow." Mrs. Livermore was secured for this occasion through the efforts of the Rev. Knable, principal of the public schools, and his efforts should be rewarded by a crowded house. Mrs. Livermore deserves every distinction of being the "Queen of Female Platform Orators" in this country, and we have no doubts that she will be a most successful speaker. She will be greeted by an audience made up of ability and fame desert. Tickets are now on sale at Casper's, at popular prices—25, 35, and 50 cents.

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The Scull-Greevy Contest.

A New Factor in the Shape of Self Appointed Commissioner in the Twentieth Congressional District.

From the Philadelphia Press. Everett, Feb. 26.—The procedure in the Greely-Scull contest election, in the Twentieth Congressional District, has reached a critical stage. Matters moved along very smoothly until Greely's counsel attempted to reject testimony in behalf of Greely, contrary to the statute of Congress governing and regulating contested elections, and plain rules of evidence. Commissioner Weller refused to take the ballot box, to be offered by the party of Greely, containing the name of Hon. Edward Scull for Congress, alleged illegal, without substantial evidence being offered by Greely's counsel to make them such.

To-day Mr. A. V. Dively, a Notary Public, was called upon to appear on the scene of contest, but John H. Jordan, Scull's counsel refused to recognize him as a joint commissioner to act with Mr. Weller. Notwithstanding objections from Jordan, Mr. Dively took and retained control alleged illegal ballot containing Scull's name from the ballot box.

When Scull's commissioner opened the box Greely's counsel attempted to offer them in evidence, but Mr. Weller declined, and refused to accept any tickets but those which he had taken from the ballot box in the presence of a disinterested witness. Warrington Mr. Dively took notice of Mr. Weller's refusal, and proceeded to accept the ballots himself.

GREELY'S WITNESSES ATTEMPT TO TAKE A BALLOT BOX FROM THE SCENE. EVERETT, Feb. 27.—Frank Estabro and Hon. R. C. McManara, counsel for Greely, in the Greely-Scull election contest, in the Twentieth Congressional District were thwarted in their attempt to take from the ballot box of West Philadelphia center alleged illegal vote, and offer them in evidence before A. V. Dively, a notary public, living at Altoona, who here to act as a joint commissioner with Commissioner Weller but who was respectfully ignored by Commissioner Weller, John H. Jordan, George W. Estabro, and Frank Estabro, who were served with a subpoena to appear and produce before Commissioner Weller, the ballot box for West Philadelphia township. Scull's commissioner took from the ballot box tickets alleged illegal by Scull's counsel, and took them back in the way of Squire Ritchey. A. V. Dively demanded of the Squire the ballot box in order that he might take therefrom certain tickets alleged illegal by Greely's counsel. Squire Ritchey refused the request, stating that the subpoena commanding him to produce the ballot box before Commissioner Weller, and that he was not acquainted with Mr. Dively, and had no subpoena served for that purpose upon him, and unless served with a subpoena to produce it before Mr. Dively he would guard the ballot box, as his duty.

Thompson, Mr. Dively attempted to forcibly take from the Justice, but was unsuccessful. Messrs. Fletcher and McManara, two stalwart lawyers of Bedford, seeing that the commissioner's efforts were futile, seized the box from his grasp. The scuffle attracted attention of passers by on the street and the landlord of the La Palace Hotel, the landlord called in the chief of police, and with his two sons and the hotel porter, entered the room and quelled the disturbance. Squire Ritchey was the final possessor of the ballot box, and Greely's counsel and his commissioner showed the white feather.

Is 'L. S.' a Legal Seal? Judge Mitchell, of the Toxox county court, has created something like a sensation among lawyers over here by deciding that the seal of a notary public is not a legal seal, and that a document which would be placed in printed documents. The initials stand for the Latin *locus sigilli*, "place of the seal," and were used first by William Bradford, a printer of the time of William Penn. Judge Mitchell held that this seal on a judgment note was not a seal, and the note being without a seal was invalid. As legal documents of many kinds are attested this way, the lawyers are wondering what the limit of the mischief would be if people should deny the validity of the documents.

A Philadelphia lawyer who seems to have known what he was talking about says in a letter published in one of the papers of that city: "A seal depends upon intention. Any mark will constitute a seal if it is the intention of the party who is to make the seal that the mark shall be used as such. In Harker's Appeal (121 Pa. 122) it was decided that a line one-sixteenth of an inch in length was a sufficient seal. Justice Clark, who rendered the decision in this case, says: 'A seal is not necessarily of any particular size or figure, when intent was to be complied with in the form of a seal, but the letters "L. S." or the word "Seal" enclosed in brackets or in some other design are in frequent use. It may, however, consist of an outline without any inclosure; it may have a dark ground or a light one; it may be in the form of a circle, an oval, a scroll, or it may be irregular in form; it may be a simple dash or a flourish of the pen.'"

In referring to the intention, the Justice says: "Whether or not any mark or inclosure shall be held to be a seal depends wholly upon the intention of the party executing the instrument, as exhibited on the face of the paper itself."

"This intention is indicated through the words: 'Witness my hand and seal.'"

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