The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY ..... December 9, 1891.

IT is Mr. Speaker Crisp.

THE Fifty-second Congress convened at noon Monday.

TOM REED will have more fun in Congress this year than he had last.

PRESIDENT HARRISON will give politicians and statesmen something to think about to-day.

THE political complexion of the United States Senate which met Monday is, Republicans, 48; Democrats, 37; Farmers' Alliance, 2.

WHEN it comes to receiving salaries Governor Hill believes in addition. He only practices subtraction when he is footing up the Republican tally sheets.

THE resignation of Redfield Proctor as Secretary of War was accepted by President Harrison, Saturday. Mr. Proctor took his seat as Senator from Vermont in the United States Senate Monday.

IF Crisp is nominated Governor Hill will dot Grover Cleveland's right eye. If Mills is elected Cleveland will poke a stiletto underneath Hill's fifth rib and smash the head of the New York *Sun*.

THE first two-dollar Treasury note printed by the United States with the portrait of Secretary Windom has just been issued and was sent to Mrs. Windom as a souvenir.

BREE CRISP is trying to let it be known that he is just as good a free trader as Brer Mills. The only difference, perhaps, is that he has not done as much grinding in public as the Texas machine.

PENNSYLVANIA will elect two Congressmen-at-large next November. General William Lilly, of Manch Chunk, is being favorably spoken of by the Republican press throughout the State for the position.

THE lower house of the South Carolina Legislature has passed a bill which absolutely prohibits the sale of beer, wines, liquors, etc., within the limits of the State, or their transportation through the State.

THE defense of Governor Hill's attempt to steal the New York Legislature has narrowed down to the New York *World*. That is Hill's only defender, and no one ever accused the *World* of holding convictions of any kind.

THE Democratic members of Congress are said to be fairly loaded down with tariff reform bills for the placing of pretty much everything on the free list. They will have their labor only as their reward. The Republican President and Senate are still on guard.

THE Republican caucus Saturday afternoon unanimously renominated the Hon. Thomas B. Reed, of Maine, for Speaker. Mr. Reed will not be elected, but he will ably lead the minority on the floor of the House and will make it extremely lively for the majority.

THE name of Judge Harry White, of Indiana county, will be urged for the Republican nomination for Supreme Judge. At a meeting of the Republican members of the Westmoreland county bar, Thursday, Judge White was unanimously endorsed for the place.

THE new Pennsylvania election law, commonly known as the "Baker Ballot Act," has been pronounced unconstitutional by ex-Judge Briggs, of Philadelphia. The Supreme Court will be asked to pass upon this question at an early day.

THE new Speaker of the National House of Representatives will be the the thirty-second man to hold that enviable position in public life. There have been fifty-one Congresses but only thirty-one Speakers. Henry Clay was elected Speaker six times, and Blaine, Colfax, Randall, Carlisle, and Nathaniel Macon, of Georgia, filled the office three times each.

THE opposition to Senator Sherman in Ohio has brought to the surface the high esteem in which he is held by all thinking people over the entire land. It is undoubtedly true that no other statesman holds as high a rank as does Senator Sherman, and no living man could take his place. His name is identified with every great national measure for more than a quarter of a century, and it would be party suicide and a national crime to dismiss him from service at this time.

J. S. CLARKSON, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, is attributed by the Minneapolis *Tribune* as saying: "The renomination of Harrison is inevitable. I do not care to explain why I think this, but such is the fact. The course of the administration has not been such politically as to please me always. In fact, in common with other members of the National Committee, I have often felt aggrieved, but it has been the ablest since Lincoln, and this, combined with other circumstances and the logic of the situation, will make Harrison the nominee. I think this will be accepted as a fact by all within the next sixty days."

IT is rather amusing to read of the resolutions that were passed on Wednesday at the meeting in Charleston, S. C., of the Sea Island Cotton Planters' Protective Union. They want Congress to put a duty of 15 cents a pound on cotton, and an export tax of $20 a ton on cotton seed. It has been the influence of the cotton planters, more than any other cause, that has for many years kept the South solid for free trade. Now the planters begin to want protection for themselves, and that puts the case in a new light. By and by South Carolinians may come around to the old ground of John C. Calhoun, and advocate the protection of American industries as strongly as he did before he turned secessionist.

THE Legislature of the Cherokee Nation has agreed to sell to the United States the 6,000,000 acres in the Cherokee strip. The price offered—$1.25 per acre—has been advanced by conference agreement to $1.40 per acre. This would make the cash payment for the strip $8,400,000. The Cherokees still own their Indian reservation, granted them in 1828, after they were swindled out of the valuable lands they held in Georgia and Tennessee. This will now doubtless be divided up into homesteads and held in severalty. The Cherokees last week gained a long contested lawsuit with an award against the United States of $828,000, and will be about the richest Indians on the continent in ready funds.

On the thirtieth ballot Charles F. Crisp, of Georgia, was declared the nominee for Speaker of the House by the Democratic caucus. The caucus met at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, and after nineteen fruitless ballots had been taken, adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock Monday morning. The nineteenth ballot stood: Crisp, 94; Mills, 91; Springer, 17; McMillin, 19; Hatch, 5; Stevens, 1. Monday morning five more ballots were taken without result. An adjournment was had to Monday evening, when, on the thirtieth ballot, Mr. Crisp was declared the nominee, the vote standing: Crisp, 119; Mills, 105; Springer, 4; Stevens, 1. The defeat of Mills is a heavy lick on the neck of Mr. Grover Cleveland, who openly backed him, and is a decided backset to that gentleman's Presidential aspirations.

The Hon. James Kerr, of Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected Clerk of the House, without opposition.

A YEAR'S POSTAL WORK.

Points of Mr. Wanamaker's Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The Postmaster General's annual report, made public to-day, shows that, in spite of the fact that over $1,000,000 worth of lottery revenue was lost during the past year, the postal deficit of $6,000,000 is surely disappearing, provided the same rate of revenue and expenses obtains on July 1, 1893.

Of the extension of the merit system of promotions, Mr. Wanamaker says: "It reaches down to the lowest grade clerk, and there is no limitation of the time when the next promotion may take place. It creates no list of eligibles to be worn out with waiting, but gives the place promptly to the person winning it; and the same people can compete again for the next vacancy if they like."

POSTAL TELEPHONES.

The Postmaster General recommends this year the adaptation of the telephone as well as the telegraph to the postal system, showing that it is not only a constitutional privilege, but the duty of Congress, to utilize all the means of modern science for quickening the transmission of intelligence. He says upon these two points:

A year from next March the telephone patent expires, and unless Congress acts promptly to authorize its adoption for communication among the people, it requires no stretch of the imagination to believe that in the next two years one immense syndicate will unite and control all the hundreds of telephone plants of the country, as the telegraph is now controlled, or the two will be united, and then for the next twenty years the most astute attorneys will be legitimately earning large salaries in indignantly opposing the so-called attacks of future Postmasters General upon defenseless vested rights.

One-cent letter postage, 3-cent telephone messages and 10-cent telegraph messages are all near possibilities under an enlightened and compact postal system, using the newest telegraphic inventions.

Of the wonderful success of rural free delivery this report says: Between February 1 and September 3, 1891, the 46 experimental offices aggregated 285 months of free delivery service at a total cost of carriers of $4,320.69, and a net profit which may be credited to the free delivery service of $850.50. An entire year, aggregating 552 months for these 46 offices, would have resulted, according to the above proportion, in a net earning of $3812.54.

ONE-CENT LETTER POSTAGE.

According to a careful estimate, based on the total postage received in 1890, the Postmaster General shows that the reduction of letter postage to a uniform rate of 1 cent would cause the department a loss of not less than $21,000,000, and says: "I have heretofore stated that 1-cent postage will be successfully demanded in time. I believe that time is not far off. It certainly ought not to be asked for so long as any deficit appears in the revenues of the postal service, and here I wish to reiterate the further statement that in my judgment it ought not to be asked for then until many improvements and extensions of the service are provided for. It would not be just and fair to a service upon which every effort has been spent for two years to make it self sustaining, and which now promises to become so in the next fiscal year."

"Will You Jail the Cooley Gang?"

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 5.—The many candidates of both parties for the nomination for Sheriff next year in this county are hustling lively now. In the southern end of the county the question they are asked is, "Will you arrest the Cooley gang if elected?" and it is said they all promised, though some of them reluctantly. While there are many who believe that much has been attributed to this gang that they do not deserve, there is no denying the fact that the people in the townships where they hold forth are completely terrorized by them. As an example a Pittsburg agent for a house furnishing school charts and seats for school houses was in Garogas township, and could only make a sale to the board of directors by agreeing to insure the property against damage by this gang for two years. He did it and took the risk.

Nearly a Million Pupils.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Waller has prepared his annual report, which shows that there are 939,506 pupils in the public schools of the State, an increase of 4,062. There are 22,881 schools, an increase of 519, and 24,925 teachers, an increase of 432. The total expenditures for school purposes during the year was $13,514,708.98, an increase of $690,386.88, and the estimated value of school property is $35,837,894 84.

In his report Dr. Waller recommends longer school terms, the better ventilation of school buildings, to be determined by the factory inspector; a change in the basis of distributing State aid, that the less favored districts may have good schools; the introduction of manual training, free text books and compulsory education.

Farmers After the Thieves.

NORRISTOWN, Dec. 3.—Members of the Pineville protective horse association, of Bucks county, arrived in Norristown this forenoon on a search for the thieves, who on Tuesday night plundered the general merchandise store of Harry Molloy, at Mozart, in Bucks county. One hundred and seventy-five members of the association, some mounted on horseback, others in carriages, started out yesterday to scour the country. They are still prosecuting the search, and are beginning to believe that an amount equivalent to the expense of the search expended in telegrams would have been more effective.

After helping themselves to about $400 worth of articles of merchandise, they backed Molly's wagon up in front of the store and dumped the plunder into it. They next went to his stable, secured and harnessed a horse and hitched the animal to the wagon, after which they drove off. Persons passing the store about two o'clock yesterday morning saw two men engaged in hitching the horse, but suspected nothing irregular.

Fears of a Pennsylvania Lynching Bee.

INDIANA, Dec. 2.—At eight o'clock this evening, at Black Lick, William Clark, a young colored man, shot and mortally wounded a young man named Palmer. The shooting was the result of an old quarrel. Clark was arrested and will be jailed tonight. The community is greatly excited, and there are fears of a lynching bee, as the man was shot down from behind.

A Suicide to Fool the Police.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Dec. 3.—"the police are after me, but I will fool them!" cried Frank Ooci, this evening just before hanging from a bedpost in his Springfield home. His wife and seven children had just rushed into the room as he expired. Ill-health was the motive.

CYRUS W. FIELD PENNILESS.

Robbed of His All by His Insane Son.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—The liabilities of Field, Lindley, Welchers & Co., New York, are now estimated at $3,000,000. Thus far only $2,325 of assets have been unearthed. The individual members of the firm, who allowed Edward M. Field to transact its business, have lost their private fortunes and their families have suffered also. It is known that two banks are affected, but their names are withheld.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—It is now known that Edward Field not only robbed and deceived his partners, but stole every cent his trusting father had. Mr. Field realizes the fact that he is penniless in his old age, for as he lay on his bed to day he said to an old friend: "I am as poor as the day I came into the world."

A noon Dr. Fuller said there was a favorable outlook for Mr. Field living for a considerable time, with even slight hopes of ultimate recovery. "Mr. Field," Dr. Fuller said, "is in no immediate danger of death. He is listless and apathetic, and in the face of his great misfortunes quite indifferent as to whether he dies or not. In fact, I believe he would welcome death as a happy release from his great troubles. The condition of Mrs. Lindsey, Mr. Field's daughter, remains about the same."

After having tried to commit suicide, Edward M. Field has been declared insane and yesterday he was placed in a private asylum near Mt. Vernon.

A friend of the Field family this afternoon said: "The family have decided to take Edward M. Field's case before a judge and jury at once. They are determined to have everything open and above board; and I know that the family lawyers are drawing up the necessary papers now. The family want to have Mr. Field's sanity passed on publicly, so that it cannot be said his insanity is being used as a pretense for saving him from the results of his financial wrongdoings. The physicians who have examined him will go upon the stand and testify fully and freely in regard to Mr. Field's condition."

The members of the Field family deny that young Field attempted suicide, and their statement is undoubtedly true.

Fifty-one years ago to day Cyrus West Field stood at the marriage altar, full of vigor, hope, sturdy ambition. His strength made its impress upon the century, his hope bore him up in his work, and his ambition has been rewarded with medals, with knighthood and with the thanks of the United States Congress. To-night, bereft of wife and wrecked in fortune and penniless by the hand of an ingrate and disgraced son, Cyrus W. Field lies dying at 72 years of age in the handsome home that no longer shall be his.

Mrs. Edward M. Field lies dangerously ill at the home of her brother, Dr. Lindley, of No. 85 Madison avenue. Mrs. D. A. Lindley, daughter of Cyrus W. Field, is believed to be on her death bed.

This is the pitiful condition of a family which a few years ago was envied for its wealth, happiness and social eminence. And the fact that to-day is the fifty-first anniversary of Cyrus W. Field's marriage, adds a new sadness to the story.

A Great War-ship Launched.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—The U. S. armored cruiser New York was launched this afternoon from the yard of the Cramp Shipbuilding Company in the presence of fifteen thousand people, included among whom were the Secretaries of the Navy, Treasury, and Interior Departments, U. S. Senators, Congressmen, high naval officials, and representative business and professional men from all parts of the country.

Miss Helen Page, daughter of J. Seaver Page, Secretary of the Union League Club of New York, broke the traditional bottle of wine upon the great steel ram of the cruiser as she slid from her wooden cradle onto the Delaware river, and christened her "New York."

When the New York is finished she will be the most formidable cruising vessel that ever floated the Stars and Stripes, and, in addition, she is the largest and most powerfully-engined steamship ever built outside of European shipyards. Although essentially a commerce-destroyer, the New York will be able to hold her own with all but the heaviest line-of-battle ships, and return shot for shot with them in action.

The New York is the especial pride of Secretary Tracy, and he has watched her rise from the first with an interest that no other vessel in the navy has excited in him. It was for all these reasons that the Messrs. Cramp determined that the New York should make her initial plunge into her natural element in the presence of the most distinguished assemblage that ever gathered in this country to witness a launch.

Influenza in Germany.

BERLIN, Dec. 4.—The epidemic of influenza which has been prevailing in this city for some time past is daily spreading, and the number of persons who have been afflicted with the disease is now very large.

On November 26 it was estimated by some physicians that 40,000 persons in Berlin had been attacked with influenza since November 1. The disease is pronounced of a much more virulent type than that which prevailed here two years ago, and many deaths are reported. The hospitals are crowded to their utmost capacity with persons seeking medical relief, and the physicians of the city are constantly engaged in attending to the needs of their numerous patients.

From many parts of the country come reports of widespread suffering for the disease.

Thousands of Ducks Killed.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 5.—A violent wind storm swept over this city yesterday afternoon, lasting about three hours. The wind was accompanied by a heavy and blinding rain. On the river the storm was the worst. Thousands of wild ducks that had shelter and food on the low marsh land were killed before being able to escape the fury of the storm. The banks along the river were covered with the dead ducks. Old river men report the storm the severest in 40 years. Small craft of all grades were blown to the shores, and some of their decks were covered with the dead ducks.

After Cameron's Money.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 3.—Mrs. Theodore Burnside, an English lady, wife of a grandson of the late General Simon Cameron, was in Harrisburg this week endeavoring to secure some of the money left by General Cameron for the maintenance of Burnside and his family. Under the Cameron will $70,000 was left to the grandson, the interest of which he receives.

In 1881 Burnside married an English actress in London. They have one son. He subsequently brought suit for divorce on the ground of unfaithfulness. This suit has never been pushed by him. A suit will be brought against the executors of the Cameron estate to obtain a portion of her husband's allowance.

Killed by a Cup of Whisky.

ALLENTOWN, December 3.—The recent violent death by whisky of 5-year old Willie Diefenderfer, a son of a Kutztown storekeeper, is just reported. The lad's parents left him and a brother at home, never dreaming they would touch a bottle of medicinal whisky on a shelf. Willie climbed up, got a tacupful of the liquor, and drank it down. He was soon in a sick stupor, and when his mother came home, he said:

"I guess I'm drunk, mamma, for I drank a cupful of the whisky."

A doctor was summoned, but the lad died in convulsions next morning.

Orphan Girls' Shot Gun.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 5.—A new railroad in the north of this county recently ran its line through a dwelling occupied by two orphan girls. When the road foreman asked them to vacate they drove him off at the point of a shotgun. The Sheriff to-day attempted to move them, but he was also driven away. Later the girls appeared and surrendered themselves to the jail officials.

A BOMB'S WORK.

Thrown by a Maniac—Tried to Kill Russell Sage in His Office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—At 12:15 o'clock this afternoon a small, shabbily-dressed man, apparently about thirty-five years old carrying a brown leather hand-bag, called at Russell Sage's office, the second floor of No. 71 Broadway, and asked to see Mr. Sage. Mr. W. R. Laidlaw, Mr. Sage's clerk, told him that Mr. Sage was busy and could not be seen.

The man persisted and continued to talk in a loud tone. Mr. Sage, who was in an inner office, came out to see what was the matter. He asked the man what was wanted. The man demanded a million dollars from Mr. Sage.

The demand was, of course, refused, whereupon the visitor opened the bag and produced a dynamite bomb and threw it at the venerable financier's head. A terrible explosion followed. The man who threw the bomb was blown to pieces, one of Mr. Sage's clerks instantly killed, and several dangerously wounded. Mr. Sage's injuries were only slight.

MR. SAGE'S STORY.

Russel Sage was taken to the drug store opposite the office, where it was found that his injuries were not very serious. His face was badly cut and the hair on his head and face was burned off. He was much excited, but said brokenly: "A man who gave his name as H. D. Wilson came to my office just now. I had never seen him before. He had a carpet bag in his hand and said: 'If you will not give me one million two hundred thousand dollars I will blow you to pieces.' I knew nothing further except hearing a great explosion."

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—For over an hour after the dynamite explosion in Russell Sage's office yesterday afternoon confusion reigned. Fully fifty thousand people gathered in the streets in the vicinity of the building, and it was impossible to get any accurate information.

Finally the excitement died down somewhat and the police found their heads, and something like a correct list of the victims was obtained. But one person had been killed outright—the bomb-thrower himself—supposed to be H. D. Wilson. Benjamin F. Norton, who was thrown through the window, a clerk in the office of Sage, was removed to a hospital, where he died while under an operation for fracture of the skull.

Charles W. Osborne, Sage's private secretary, sustained a fracture of the skull and will probably die. Several other persons were badly, but not dangerously injured.

At his home last night Russell Sage saw the head of Wilson and identified it as belonging to the man who had come to his office and demanded the money. Inspector Byrnes took the ghastly, gory head in a basket to Mr. Sage's house, and, together with Dr. Dunn, carried it to Mr. Sage's bedroom, on the second floor. The instant the magnate, who was lying in bed, saw the countenance he said: "That's the head of the man." The identification was complete. Inspector Byrnes sent the head to the morgue.

[Russel Sage, financier, was born in Oneida county, New York, in 1816, and engaged in mercantile pursuits in Troy. He served in several minor political offices and was elected to Congress as a Whig in 1853, serving until 1857. Mr. Sage was the first person to advocate the purchase of Mount Vernon by the Government. Subsequently he settled in New York city and engaged in business in Wall street. He became interested in railroads, principally in the West, and for a dozen years was president of the Milwaukee and St. Paul. By disposing of his railroad investments he became enormously wealthy. In late years he has been closely associated with Jay Gould in the management of the great western trunk lines the American Cable company, the Western Union telegraph company and the Manhattan system of elevated railroads in New York city, in all of which corporations he was a director. Mr. Sage was for many years closely connected with the affairs of the Union Pacific road, of which he was a director. Up to the present time he has been an officer of several banks of New York. Ever since he has been in New York he has been prominently identified with Wall street financial interests, and is looked upon as one of the greatest financiers of the world.]

South Carolina Goes Dry.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 6.—The House of Representatives to-day passed by a vote of 40 to 34, the Prohibition bill. The bill absolutely prohibits the sale of beer, liquors, wines, etc., in any portion of the State, or their transportation by railroad, express companies, etc., under heavy penalties. It was passed after a bitter fight, lasting two days.

The law is said to be framed on that now in force in Iowa. It is generally believed that if this bill becomes a law it will divide the Democratic party in the State and result in the complete enfranchise of the negro voters, who will be called in to take part in the State and National campaign next year.

The Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, December 5.—The Republican members of the house met in caucus tonight at half-past 7 o'clock to decide who should receive their complimentary votes for speaker and officers of the coming house. Ex-Speaker Reed and the officers of the last house were renominated. Mr. Burrows, of Michigan, in an address nominated Mr. Reed to which Mr. Reed replied. Mr. Reed's appearance was greted with applause. This caucus was very brief, lasting only half an hour.

Two Papers for the Price of One.

We have affected an arrangement by which we are able to offer this paper and *The Pittsburgh Weekly Post* both for the sum of $2.50 a year. Every man ought to take his county paper. This goes almost without saying. In no other way can he learn what is going on or has transpired among the people with whom he lives. In no other way can he get the proceedings of the county courts, the gossip of the county town, the plans of the politicians, full returns of the local elections, and the thousands of other local events in the course of a year which are never reported fully in the city papers and most of which are never even mentioned. No indeed! no person should think of doing without his county paper. But there are many things which a county paper cannot print for lack of room, such as detailed reports of the proceedings of congress and the legislatures, account of national nominating conventions, both of which will likely be held next June, correspondence from all parts of the world, descriptions of battles, tornadoes, cyclones, great fires, crimes and executions, with an interesting and varied assortment of miscellaneous information. For all this you must look to the big city papers; and we want to suggest to you that among the city weeklies there are few that equal and none that surpass *The Pittsburgh Weekly Post*. It is a 12 page, 8-column paper, printing 93 columns of reading matter every week, and with such enormous space it of course has room for the vast variety of news suggested above. In no respect in this great paper surpassed by a single contempojary in the United States. In politics it is staunchly Democratic, as everybody knows, but it is a great family paper as well, special attention being paid to making it as entertaining for the women as the men of a household.

The Christmas number of *Harper's Bazar*, published December 11th, will be remarkable for the variety and entertaining character of its contents. There will be a story by Mary E. Wilkins, entitle, "The Other Side"; a story by Hezekiah Butterworth, entitled "No Room in the Inn"; poems by Harriet Prescott Spofford, Elizabeth Bullard, and Margaret E. Sangster; and a strikingly beautiful picture by Rosina Emmet Sherwood, entitled "Before the Ball," with an accompanying poem by Mrs. John Sherwood. The illustrations contained in the number will be numerous and more than ordinarily attractive.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

In a Nut Shell.

Fannie Warden, the young heroine who attempted to save her sister, Christie, from murderer Almy, is being persecuted by some correspondent who signs himself "Jack the Ripper," and who writes from Boston stating that he will visit Hanover and pursue her night and day until she meets Christie's fate.

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The richest farmer of Castle Shannon, a Pittsburgh suburb, was Frederick Abbott. But he committed suicide with arsenic the other day, because his sons, Herman and George, had given him a thrashing for his alleged abuse of their mother on Saturday.

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Under the new law which went into effect December 1st, giving a bounty of two cents for the head of each English sparrow killed in the state of Illinois, the slaughter of the little birds has been inaugurated with vigor. The sparrow man in the county clerk's office, at Chicago, took in 1,572 heads Wednesday. One man brought 197 heads.

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Dom Pedro, ex-Emperor of Brazil, died Friday night. The ex-Emperor's complaint was diabetis, and for the past 48 hours his life had been despaired of. The Princess Isabella was at her father's bedside at the time of his demise and was overwhelmed with grief to such an extent that it is feared that she, too, may be seriously ill.

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It is claimed that it is impossible to secure cars enough in Kansas to haul away the surplus grain. Over eighty thousand bushels are stored in elevators at Gaylord, Kan., awaiting shipment.

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In a spirit of revenge James T. McKibben, a prominent Illinois Alliance man, it is charged, has burned many farmers' buildings near Centralia, that state, and is under arrest.

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The treasurer of Allen county, Ohio, filed a suit against United States Senator Calvin S. Brice, Wednesday morning for $17,850 delinquent taxes. The senator has constantly refused to pay taxes in Ohio during the last few years' alleging, whenever pressed for a settlement, that he had no residence in Allen county. The amount asked for includes over $2,000 in penalties.

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Five mercantile appraisers of Philadelphia, Messrs. Patton, Houseman, Crawford Bel and Hunter, indicted for fraud in office, were Wednesday sentenced to dismissal from office. The costs of prosecution are assessed against them.

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The barn and contents, including two horses, two mules, four cows and several hundred bushels of grain, of J. W. Wright in Union township, were destroyed by an incendiary fire Thursday night.

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Henry Bowmaster, a burglar, was shot dead Thursday morning while trying to break into the residence of James Taylor, of Duquesne, Pa. Taylor was awakened by his wife, who heard a noise at the front window on the first floor. He arose, and, taking a revolver, went down stairs, and seeing Bowmaster trying to pry open the window fired, shooting him through the heart. Bowmaster was a resident of Duquesne and bore a bad reputation.

Ladies', Gents' and childrens' Windsor Ties, Plain, Plaid, Polka Dot solid colors, Crepe, Surah, etc. How's this for Xmas?
M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

Kid Gloves, Plain, and colored Fancy White Aprons M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

Ladies and Gents Handkerchiefs, Plain, White, Colored Border, Hemstitch, Embroider Edge. Stock too big to enumerate.
M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

Stamped Linens for Outlining Work Bureau Scarfs, D'Oyleys, Table Covers, Napkins etc. M. M. TREDWELL & Co.

Jenner X Roads Items.

Miss Beckie Butler, of Pittsburgh, is the guest of her friend, Miss Martha Critchfield, of Lounsdale farm.

The squeal of the porker is now heard on the still air, and everybody is busy eating sausages and buckwheat cakes.

Messrs Miller Hummel and George Kocher, and Miss Martha Leslie, of Stoyestown, spent Sunday with friends in our town.

Messrs Henry Risheberger and David D. Griffith drove over to Johnstown one day last week. From all indications they had a good time.

Quite a number of our young folks drove to Pocahontas, to attend the dedicatory services of the Albright church, on Sabbath evenidg last week. They report a very cold drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Petticord, of Jennertown Borough, entertained a number of their friends last Friday evening, at their elegant new residence, which is just nearing completion. Quite a pleasant evening was spent, and all regretted it when the time for separation came.

All our teachers report good attendance of the pupils enrolled, and are enthusiastic over the handsome treatment they received while attending the County Institute, believing Somerset one of the places where a teacher can have a good time. As a body, our teachers deserve credit for the zeal they show in their work, and the active part they take in township institutes.

The new Grange hall is completed, and a grand one it is. We have been in quite a number of lodge rooms, but this takes the "pastry," for its size. Last Wednesday evening the Jr. O. U. A. M. held the first meeting in this hall, and quite a large crowd of Juniors were present, including several members of Stoyestown Council No. 562. Rumor has it that a G. A. R. Post and S. of V. Camp will be instituted here in the near future. The Jr. O. U. A. M. meets every Wednesday evening, the Grange every Thursday evening, and the A. O. K. of M. C. each Saturday evening, the last named in Mystic Chain hall, in Jennertown. The Junior Order intend holding a festival over the holidays.

PAT RIOT.

DIED.

PILE.—On the 28th of November near Sipesville, Pa., Mrs. Mallisa Pile—wife of Jacob Pile—aged, 43 years, 3 months and 25 days.

COUNTRYMAN.—On the 5th of Dec. near Lavansville, Pa., Lydia, the widow of the late Jacob B. Countryman, aged 68 years, 7 months and 25 days.

MARRIED.

GOOD—Bittner.—On the 3rd of Dec. at the Lutheran parsonage at Lavansville, Pa., Franklin B. Good, of Somerset township and Sarah E. Bittner of Lincoln township.

BARNHART—COLEMAN.—At the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, on the evening of Thursday, December 3, 1891, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Oliver G. Barnhart and Miss Mary M. Coleman, both from near Friedens, Somerset Co., Pa.

RINGLER—ZERFOSS.—At the residence of the brides parents in Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., by Eld D. H. Walker, Mr. Wiley O. Ringler and Miss Ella Zerfoss, both of Somerset county, Pa.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of Smith Stauffer dec'd.

The undersigned having been appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to find the facts and distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator of said estate, hereby gives notice, that he will attend to the duties of said appointment at his office in Somerset, on Wednesday, December 9th, 1891, when and where those interested can attend if they think proper.

GEO. R. SCULL,
Auditor.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Somerset, for the election of Directors for the year A. D., 1892, will be held in the banking house in the First National Bank building, Somerset, Pa., on Tuesday, January 12, 1892, between the hours of one and three o'clock, P. M.

ANDREW PARKER,
Cashier.

ELECTION NOTICE.

The annual election of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire insurance Company will be held at Berlin, Pa., on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, 1891, to elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and six Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. Business meeting from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m. Election at 2 p. m.

ALEX. MUSSER, President.
SIMON P. FRITZ Secretary.

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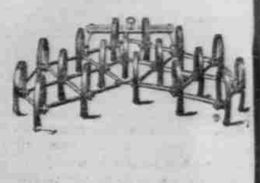

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

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Valuable Real Estate.

In pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court, I will offer at Public Sale, on

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1891,

on the premises, the following real estate, late the property of J. L. Burkholder, dec'd.

No. 1. Being a parcel of land situate in Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa., containing two acres conveyed by Simon P. Fritz and wife, to deceased, having thereon erected a two story

DWELLING HOUSE

barn and other buildings, orchard of choice fruit trees on the premises.

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Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when property is knocked down, the balance on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed.

A. J. COLEMAN,
Administrator.

REGISTER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned as legatees, creditors, or otherwise, that the following accounts have passed Register, and that the same will be presented for confirmation and allowance at an Orphans' Court to be held at Somerset, Pa., on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 1891:

First and final account of H. H. Brant and J. J. Brant, administrators of Austin J. Brant, dec'd.

First and final account of Eliza and Elmer E. Swank, administrators of Samuel F. Swank, deceased.

First and final account of Lincoln Meyers, administrator of Noah Swank, deceased.

Third and final account of Mary McNeil Cramer, administratrix of Cadmuere Cramer, deceased.

First and final account of Joseph B. Miller and Alex. Launtz, administrators of Franklin Launtz, deceased.

First and final account of John K. Miller, administrator of Emanuel Miller, deceased.

First and separate account of Jacob D. Livengood and F. P. Beachy, executors of John W. Beachy, deceased.

First and final account of James L. Pugh, administrator d. b. n. c. t. a. of Samuel Smith, deceased.

First and final account of James L. Pugh, administrator c. t. a. of Sally Sm