The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....December 23, 1891.

For holiday toys and candies go to Mahlon Shrock's.

Eye-glasses for old and young at Snyder's drug store.

The State Board of Agriculture meets in Harrisburg, Jan. 27 and 28.

Corn cuts and burly chop at Mahlon Schrock's feed store.

The State Grange says that its membership is 800 greater than a year ago.

A full line of Umbrellas at Mrs. K. B. Duboit's from 50 cts to $5.00.

"Knocking a man's head off" is inelegant; knocking his block off is the new phrase.

Mahlon Shrock's is headquarter for choice family groceries, tobacco and fine cigars.

A book is soon to be published which will contain 365 different recipes for cooking the Irish potato.

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

Somerset merchants who have been advertising liberally are now reaping the fruits of their enterprise.

Dolls, dolls, dolls, in endless variety, and all kinds of toys at Pritts & Kantner's Book Store.

Texas learning has been make the target for many a shaft, yet the State has a school fund of $10,000,000.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's special Handkerchief sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Mistress: "Bridget, I saw the policeman kissing you in the kitchen. That's shocking." "Well, ma'm, It's against the law to resist an officer.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's special Handkerchief sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

A boycott to Judge Baer and Judge Longenecker will be given by the Bedford bar at the Hotel Waverly on the evening of December 31st.

Ear and shelled corn and clean white western oats always on hand a Mahlon Schrock's Grocery, Flour, Feed and Grain Store.

It's a bit remarkable that the shortest day of the year should come just at a season of the year when everybody is in much the same condition.

If you are suffering from weak eyes or defective vision, call at J. N. Snyder's drug store and be fitted with glasses to suit your eyes. You cannot afford to neglect your eyesight.

Children couldn't be too careful in eating oranges to see that they swallow none of the seeds. A 12 year old boy in New York died the other day from an obstruction of the kind in his intestines.

Rich families, poor families or any other kind of families should have a family bible. We have them in style and price to suit any kind of a family. Pritts & Kantner the low priced book sellers, Somerset, Pa.

Here is a word from a German newspaper to try beginners on: "Neapolitanerdudelsackpfeifergesellschaftunterstutzungsverein. It is supposed to mean "Benefit Association of Neapolitan Bagpipe Players."

We would call the attention of our readers to the business houses represented in our advertising columns. There you will find the names of some of the most progressive merchants and business men in the town.

As Ayer's Sarsaparilla outstrips all other blood-purifiers in popular favor, so Ayer's Almanac is the most universally familar publication of the kind in the world. It is printed in ten languages and the annual issue exceeds fourteen millions of copies. Ask your druggist for it.

Richard G. Dove, a $1,400 clerk in the mail division of the Treasury Department at Washington died a few days ago. He has been employed in that department for sixty-two years, having been appointed a messenger in 1829 during President Jackson's administration.

Readers of the HERALD should not forget that J. N. Snyder, the druggist, can fit their eyes with glasses as well as any optician. He has had five or six years experience in handling Dr. Kings glasses.

With many clergymen, public speakers, singers, and actors, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral is the favorite remedy for hoarseness and all affections of the vocal organs, throat and lungs. Its anodyne and expectorant effects are promptly realized.

Judge James H. Reed will resign his seat on the United States District bench—a life position—about the first of the year, and will resume his law practice and place in the firm of Knox & Reed of Pittsburgh. He resigns because he can make five times more money practicing than preaching law.

Henry C. Gibson, son and successor of the late John Gibson, founder of the famous Monongahela distillery at Gibson, Pa., died at Philadelphia last night, aged sixty-one. He had been sick for about three weeks with the grip. Gibson was reputed to be one of the wealthiest men in Philadelphia.

Mr. K. B. Coffroth has received and is now pretty ready to display her Xmas goods, among them, dolls of all sizes and description fancy goods, pin cushions, cologne, furs, muffs, hoods, jewelry, etc. Call and see, you are always welcome.

Lake Lamonie was a body of water covering 40,000 acres, and was fourteen miles long and three wide, near Thomasville, Georgia. It has now gone completely dry with the exception of a sinkhole twenty feet across in the centre, leaving vast quantities of turtles, alligators and fish floundering in the mud. Savannah people are catching and shipping the turtles by the carloads.

Ex-Sheriff John J. Cessna died at Bedford Wednesday, in his seventy-third year. Mr. Cessna was elected Sheriff of Bedford county in 1860, and he and his family have for more than forty years held leading positions in the councils of the Democratic party. Eight or ten years ago Mr. Cessna retired from active life, but he has been a director of the First National Bank of Bedford since its organization.

Take in "Little Trixie," a roar from start to finish, with refined specialties, new dances, catchy songs, funny comedians and barrels of fun, now in its fifth season of uninterrupted success, at the Opera House, Monday evening, Dec 28th.

An attractive and peculiarly interesting feature of the current numbers of *Harper's Bazaar* is the series of "Melchior" sketches, delineating certain phases of French-Canadian life fifty years ago. They are the work of Mr. William McLennan, the star in the Canadian literary galaxy, and are written in the picturesque dialect of the French habitan, by one of whom they are supposed to be narrative. Readers of the first of these sketches, "La Messe de Minuit," which appeared in the December Number of the *Bazaar*, will impatiently await the second story, "De Little Modder," which is promised for the January Number.

As diphtheria seems to be prevailing to a large extent in various parts of the county we publish the following preventive taken from the Philadelphia Times, which may be of benefit to our readers: "The simplest and best preventive for diphtheria is as much common table salt as will lay on the point of a pocket-knife blade taken by the mouth six times daily while the disease is epidemic. The rationale of the treatment is quickly told—the chloride of the salt kills the diphtheric poison. Do not wait until sore throat is complained of, but adopt the preventive measure at once and adhere thereto until the mortality bills show the danger is past. If sore throat is complained of get the patient to incline the head slightly backward and breathe in through the mouth. This act exposes the throat well. If any unmeasurable white patches appear call the doctor at once, maintaining the salt treatment pending his coming."

A merry Christmas to all.

The Lotus Glee Club at the Opera House. Christmas night.

To Santa Claus: Send us an abundant water supply next Christmas.

Girls and boys who have been away at school are home for the holidays.

Mr. Elmer Yutzy, a prominent citizen of Sioux City, Iowa, son of Col. E. D. Yutzy, of Ursina, is spending a few days with friends in this place.

No more prisoners will make their escape through the trap door in the county jail. The trap door has been removed and never should have been there.

Lawyer John R. Scott has returned from Philadelphia, where he had been for several weeks receiving medical treatment. His condition is much improved.

Hon. Noah Biesecker took the oath of office Tuesday morning, and at the next session of court will take his seat on the bench in the courts of this county.

Rev. J. S. Harkey, of the Lutheran church, who had been confined to his home for several weeks suffering from an attack of inflammatory rheumatism, is able to be about again.

We have bought one hundred albums, at half-price, at a forced sale. We are selling them at astonishingly low prices. Come at once and secure your choice, at Pritts & Kantner's Book Store.

We are requested to announce that the Jr. O. U. A. M., of Friedens, will hold a festival in their hall, commencing Monday evening, December 28th, and continuing during the week. The public are cordially invited to attend.

Somerset Lodge, No. 358, F. and A. M., at their last stated meeting, elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year: S. J. McMillen, W. M., H. F. Barron, S. W., J. B. Holderbaum, J. W., I. C. Colborn, Treas., A. C. Holbert, Sec., J. H. Fritz, representative to the Grand Lodge.

Engineer Charles Ogle, of the Johnstown Water Company, is in town to-day for the purpose of consulting with the borough authorities in regard to making a survey of the springs on Philip Walker's farm, 4 miles north of town, and from which it is reported, a water supply for our town can be procured.

Miss Emma Spangler, of Stoystown, departed on Pacific Express on the P. R. R. Monday morning for Pittsburgh, where she will spend a few days with friends. Then she will go west, where she will make her future home. She leaves many friends in this place, who will wish her success in her new home.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Mr. E. E. Kiernan, having undergone a thorough examination at the hands of the regular examining committee was admitted to the practice of the law in the several courts of this county Tuesday morning. Mr. Kiernan read law in the office of F. J. Kooser, Esq., and was a student in the law department of the University of Pennsylvania. Members of the examining committee agree in saying that he passed a most creditable examination.

A story is current on the streets concerning a large black bear that has been seen frequently the past few weeks by persons living in the vicinity of Cupp's station, on the S. & C. R. R. It is said that bruin chased a Mrs. Barron, of that neighborhood, only a few days ago, and that she was compelled to take refuge in a pig pen where she was kept prisoner for more than an hour until her husband returned home and drove the brute away, but not until he had fired a load of shot into his side.

Solomon J. Ringer, who had a small store at the eastern approach of Pinkerton tunnel, near Ursina, was greatly surprised, on going to his place of business, Thursday morning, to find that the building had been wrecked by an explosion, and about $300 worth of goods, his entire stock destroyed. A loud explosion of dynamite was heard by people residing in that vicinity some time during the preceding night, and investigation clearly shows that the building was blown up by that means. Three parties are suspected of having committed the fiendish deed, and it is probable that they will be taken into custody.

The following young ladies from this county have been appointed and commissioned auxiliary members of the committee on Woman's Work from Pennsylvania to the World's Columbian Exposition: Miss Mary H. Baer, Somerset, Chairman; Miss Sarah Brubaker, Somerset; Miss Mattie McMillen, New Lexington; Miss Anna Black, Meyersdale; Miss Sadie Critchfield, Jenner X Roads; Mrs. Carrie Johnston, Stoystown; Miss Anna Poorbaugh, Berlin; Miss Mattie B. Will, Glade; Miss Alice Hay, Elklick; Miss Lizzie Benford, Ursina. They will be notified as to their duties by the committee later on.

If Mr. Paul Hackey, of Pittsburgh, wants a day's sport for himself and friends without incurring the displeasure of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, all he will have to do will be to bring his pack of imported wolf hounds to this county. Residents of Jefferson township claim that there are from six to ten wolves in the mountains north of Bakersville, and that they have been seen frequently and can be heard howling almost any night. Two winters ago, a young man named Baker, shot a full-grown wolf in that locality. The wolf was running with a ground hog between its jaws when it was shot.

The announcement that the Lotus Glee Club and Concert Company are billed to appear at the Opera House Christmas, will be hailed with delight by residents of this place who are fond of vocal music. Two winters ago this company was the star attraction of the Teachers' Institute Course of entertainments, and they left a most favorable impression on the minds of all who heard them. In fact they gave the most delightful concert ever given in Somerset and Manager Casebeer is to be congratulated upon having secured them for this season. Miss Minnie Marshall, of Boston, will assist the club by elocutionary recitals and will lend an agreeable variety to the programme. Manager Casebeer was obliged to assure this company a handsome sum for this engagement and should be encouraged by a full house. Secure your seats early.

Mrs Judge Pile, of this place, is suffering from a very peculiar affliction. One day four or five weeks ago she was sitting on a lounge, sewing. A young cat, a family pet, was lying at her side and when the cat began scratching at her work, Mrs. Pile carelessly snapped her fingers at it. The cat at once turned its attention to the good lady's hand, and after playfully stretching out its paws a half dozen times, vainly endeavoring to catch her finger, it suddenly sprang forward and sunk its tiny little fangs into the back of her right hand. Instantly there was a sharp pain beneath the surface where the cat had bitten, but a close examination failed to show that the skin had been broken. The pain has never subsided and for a number of days increased in intensity. For several days the pain was located in the right hand, but after that it began to gradually pass up the entire length of the arm and into the shoulders and never stoped until it had passed down the left arm and reached the exact spot on the left hand where it had first appeared on the right; then it returned up the left arm and passed across the chest, causing the greatest apprehension on the part of her friends, who feared that the pain might reach her heart. The pain was preceded by excessive itching and was followed by swelling that at times threatened to break the skin. It would be impossible to describe the agony Mrs. Pile has suffered during all this time, but under the careful attention of her physician, she is now on a fair road to recovery.

Christmas Treats.

There has been a very noticeable increase in the attendance at the different Sunday-schools in town the past few weeks. This is always the case just prior to Christmas. The Lutheran Sunday-school will have a monster Christmas tree in their church Christmas night with a present on it for each one of their scholars. An interesting programme is being prepared, and the choir have practiced a number of new anthems for the occasion.

The teachers and pupils of the Disciples' church have prepared a long musical and literary programme for the same evening.

Several other Sunday-schools in town have arranged programmes and treats for the same night.

Do You Need a Watch or Clock?

If so call and examine our stock before making your selections, as we have them in all grades, watches from $4.00 to $75.00 and clocks from 90 cents to $17.50. We also have a full line of jewelry, such as finger rings, ear rings, watch charms and chains cuff buttons, bracelets, etc., in fact everything usually kept in a first class jewelry store. We are headquarters for silver ware, as we carry the largest stock in town and our prices are the lowest. All articles of this kind purchased from us will be suitably engraved free of charge.

Repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry, a specialty.

NEFF & CASEBEER,
Jewelers and Opticians.

Turn on the Hose!

Not since the day, five years ago, when the citizens of this borough were called upon to decide whether or not cows and cattle should be allowed to run at large on the streets and commons, and when the cry was "cow or no cow," and when the cow carried the day, has there been as much excitement among the people as there was Saturday, when the question of whether the municipality should issue bonds to the amount of $25,300 for the purpose of introducing a water supply, was voted on, and when the cry was "wet or dry." The campaign was opened three weeks before and from that day very little else had been talked of about the streets and stores. A stranger happening in town Saturday morning would have thought that the safety of the nation was at stake, had he judged from the actions of a large number of citizens who were running up and down the streets declaiming what they proposed doing.

Shortly after 9 o'clock it was discovered that a number of illegal votes were being cast, and when objection was made to the election board that the votes of citizens who had not paid a borough tax within one year were being received, the question of their legality was referred to attorneys. The argument was participated in by a large number of people, and for a half-hour no votes were taken. At the expiration of that period a majority of the election board decided that they would go direct to the Constitution and Bill of Rights for their authority and that they would be governed by the laws regulating general elections. Their position may be correct, but the writer thinks it is wrong. It was so decided, anyway, and voting was resumed and proceeded without further interruption until the polls closed.

When it became known on the streets that water had carried by a majority of 62 votes, pandemonium reigned supreme. Hundreds of boys, and a considerable number of older heads, yelled themselves hoarse. "Water! Water!! Water!!!" was the cry, while drums beat, and horns tooted. Several excited individuals delivered glowing orations, predicting a great future for our pretty little town, and the rich legacy that would be handed down to posterity as a result of the verdict of the ballots. A huge bonfire was kindled in the public square and the good-natured crowd rushed from store to store, and from corner to corner, hoisting men into the air, and carrying them on their shoulders, amidst wild cries of victory. And all this because the voters of the borough had decided by a majority vote to bond their town for $25,300.

Great Cloak Sale.

To continue 30 days. Consigned, and must be closed out in thirty days, seventy-five Newmarkets, first cost $8, $9, and $12, and to sell for $1.75 and $2.00.

Thirty Misses' Newmarkets, cost $9 to $15, to sell for $2 to $2.50.

Twenty Childrens' Newmarkets, to sell for the low sum of $1.75.

Ladies, this is undoubtedly the best bargain we have ever offered.

PARKER & PARKER.

Here You Are, Mr. Barnett.

EDITOR HERALD:—I see that Mr. Henry F. Barnett killed a porker sixteen months old that weighed four hundred pounds, and wants to know who can beat him. I butchered one eighteen months old that weighed 532 pounds and made eighteen gallons of lard.

JACOB I. KAUFMAN.

Davidsville, March 18, 1891.

See Where You Can Do the Best.

See where you can get the best and purest candy for the most reasonable price, then buy. We have ordered barrels and boxes of candy for the holiday trade and can sell as cheap as any for the quality of these goods. Our candy is not made of glucose, but is pure sugar candy. Special prices to Sunday-school and other treats. All sizes of oranges at a low price, nuts, dates, figs and anything kept in a first-class grocery store. Market prices paid for butter and eggs, in exchange for goods. Prompt attention, courteous treatment. Give us a call. No trouble to show goods.

KANTNER & PLATT,
No. 2, Baer Block. Somerset, Pa.

Grange Hall Dedication.

JENNER X ROADS, Dec. 21, 1891.

EDITOR HERALD:—

Will you be kind enough to announce through your paper that the new Grange Hall at this place will be dedicated by the lecturer of the State Grange in open meeting on Saturday, January 23, 1892. Dinner will be served in the Hall at 11:30 a. m., at the close of which the dedication will take place. All sister Granges in the county and the public generally of the community are invited to come and dine with us and participate in the exercises of the day.

JOHN BENSHOFF,
JACOB HOFFMAN,
N. B. CRITCHFIELD,
Committee on Invitation.

A Pointer

To those who are studying what to buy for Christmas gifts we would suggest a few things for your mother, wife, daughter, sister or sweet-heart, a family bible, hand bible, photograph album, some good books or set of books, toilet case, manicure set, work-box or basket, Christmas card or art novelties purse, mirror, music roll or stand, ink stand, easel or a nice steel engraving, etching, pastels, water color, oil painting or chromo, as nothing makes a room look more cheerful than a nice picture. For the gentlemen a shaving set, smoking set, traveling case, cuff and collar box, pens, or a fountain pen. For the children, toy books, games, drums, trumpets, sleds, doll's doll carriages, toy dishes, magic lanterns, steam engines, guns, safes, music boxes, pianos, tool chests or something in this line. All of the above and countless other articles can be had at Pritts & Kantner's Book Store.

A large and appreciative audience witnessed the performance of Little Trixie at the Grand Opera House, Saturday night and were rewarded by a fine performance and plenty of fun. May Smith Robbins, who takes the leading character, that of Trixie, became an immediate favorite, and her dancing and rendition of the Irish dialect took immensely. She is very much admired in the West, where she has been for some years, but is now determined to make the East the field of her victories. Mr. Fred Robbins as "Winterpippin" was very a musing and his painting of a landscape scene in two minutes was vigorously applauded. The company is a capable one and is sure to draw well during its stay here.—*Atlantic City (N. J.) Review.*

A Remarkable Case.

The last case to be tried before Judge Baer before retiring from the bench of the 16th Judicial district, attracted a great deal of attention on account of its unusual character.

The case was one of the Commonwealth vs John H. Seibert, a young farmer of Somerset township. The facts adduced on the trial were substantially as follows:

On the 2nd day of April 1891, John H. Seibert took out several policies of insurance in the Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York, protecting his home, barn and contents of barn against loss by fire. On the night of the 6th day of September the barn and its contents were destroyed by fire. On the 12th day of September the loss was adjusted, and upon Seibert's swearing to and affixing his signature to the schedule of loss, he was given a draft for $1,218.97, having agreed to a reduction of one per cent. in case the cash was paid.

On the 8th of September Seibert appeared before an agent of the Farmer's Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county and made affidavit of loss. The adjuster of this company visited the scene of the fire and appraised the loss. A few days following Seibert appeared before the Board of Directors of said company, and when placed under oath, stated that he had insurance on the property destroyed in another company.

On the 31 day of October Seibert disappeared, after having drawn $600 out of bank.

On the 12th day of October the State agent, of the Continental Fire Insurance Company of New York, went before Esquire Casebeer and made information against John H. Seibert, alleging that said Seibert had obtained by false pretense, a policy of insurance from his company upon his barn and certain personal property, by representing that there was no other insurance on said property, and in like manner obtained a draft on the Continental Fire Insurance Company for $1,218.97, after a portion of the property had been destroyed by fire, when he well knew that he had other policies of insurance covering the same property.

On the 10th day of November the defendant returned home, saying that he "had come home to die," and that he "would die in four weeks."

The defense set up three different theories 1st. That no offence was committed, inasmuch as the property had been destroyed, and the company was justly indebted to the defendant.

2d. That the company acted without due caution, inasmuch as they failed to avail themselves of the 60 days set forth in the policy in which to make payment.

3d. That defendant was insane at time of settlement of loss and insane at time of trial.

Twenty-three witnesses testified to the unsound condition of the defendant's mind before and since the time of the fire, and counsel argued that the mere fact of the defendant having insured his property in two companies was sufficient evidence of his insanity.

The commonwealth called a number of witnesses in rebuttal, who testified that they had transacted business with the defendant, subsequent to the fire, and had never detected evidence of insanity.

The Court instructed the jury that they could bring in one of three verdicts. 1st. Guilty in manner and form as indicted. 2d. Not guilty but insane at time of settlement of claim. 3d. Not guilty but insane at time of trial.

The jury wrestled for three hours, and then came into court with the following verdict: "Guilty in manner and form as indicted but insane at time of trial." The Court looked at the verdict and made the following order: "The Court directs the form of the verdict, by reason of finding insanity at time of trial, to be recorded as not guilty because insane at time of trial."

When the clerk read the verdict, as amended by the Court, there was a general "hum" of surprise all over the court room, jurors shook their heads, and one of them called out "that's not our verdict."

The defendant's father entered bail in the sum of $100, for his appearance Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning, in a lengthy opinion, Judge Baer held that a lunatic cannot be convicted of a criminal offense, and directed that the defendant be given into the custody of his father, who should give bond in the amount of $300, for his safe keeping.

The trial of the case consumed three days, and it was followed with the closest attention by a large number of people. District Attorney Colborn was assisted in the prosecution by Messrs. Coffroth & Ruppel, and the defense was conducted by Messrs. Koontz, Holbert and Uhl.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

I have made special large reduction in all kinds of Dress Goods for Holiday Trade. A big cut made in prices of Ladie's and Misses Cloats and Wraps and Shawls. You need not wait until after the Holidays to get bargains, you can get them now and have the pick of the stock.

A large variety of Dolls, Toys, and Fancy Articles, Gloves, Mittens, Table Linens, Towels, Fancy Tidies, Throws, Head Rests and Silk and Chenile Table Covers, Combs, Brushes, Umbrellas, Pocketbooks, Card Cases, Down Cushions, Stick-pins, Breast pins, Rings, Bracelets, Watch-chains, etc.

An immense stock of Handkerchiefs and Mufflers at popular prices.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

An Interesting Decision.

Local lawyers have been considerably wrought up, and no doubt others all over the state will be, says a dispatch from York, Pa., over a very recent decision of the supreme court, wherein the majority of its justices differ from Chief Justice Paxson, not only, but with Justices Green and Mitchell. It is the case of Zeller vs. Light, 29 Weekly Notes, 59-61.

In this case, the decision of which marks an absolutely new departure in law, the wife paid nearly the whole of the purchase money of a farm, but allowed the deed to be made to the husband. There was no evidence of fraud committed upon her by the husband in obtaining the title. He exercised, with her full knowledge and acquiescence, all the rights of ownership of the property.

He borrowed money on the strength of his legal title and gave judgments therefor. He subsequently gave his wife a judgment for the money advanced by her in the purchase of the farm. The farm was sold by the sheriff, and the wife's judgment not being reached, she claimed the ownership of the farm by reason of her payments and a majority of the judges of our supreme court have just decided that she could recover.

Dissenting from this judgment Chief Justice Paxson says: "The legal fiction of the unity of the person of husband and wife no longer exists to the extent that it formerly did. I am of the opinion that our decisions should be molded to meet the changed circumstances. The time has gone by for treating a married woman like a spoiled child who cries for a rattle."

A Dollar Saved—A Dollar Made.

Never before has a fine decorated lamp and shade, bisque finish, been sold at the low price of $1.50, and a bisque finished vase lamp at $200 with a movable solid brass oil font. We are selling our lamps $1.00 below the prices elsewhere. We bought our stock direct from the factory and that is why we can do it, as we save you the jobbers profit. We also have a fine decorated lamp and shade with the Central Draft or Round Burner for $4.25, and Brass Banquet Lamps with Pittsburgh Burner for $4.75. All lamps sold by us are fitted complete with chimney, wick, etc. Call and see our stock and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

KANTNER & PLATT.

Wanted.

One girl for general housework. The best price will be paid. Apply to

A. J. HILDEBRAN,
Register and Recorder, Somerset, Pa.

Just arrived a car of low grade flour in 140 pound sacks. Reduction made for ton lots.

MAHLON SHROCK.

Hindsight Better than Foresight.

The verdict of the people on the water works question has been accepted with perfect good nature by all who opposed bonding the borough for that purpose until after it was fully demonstrated that the introduction of water was practicable, that water of a quality fit for domestic use could be obtained in sufficient quantity, and that the expense of piping it into town was not beyond the reach of the taxpayers. A majority of the voters decided to defer the consideration of these questions until they had empowered their representatives in the town council to enter into a contract for putting a system of water works into the town. Now that the council have been authorized to go ahead they should have the cordial and hearty support of all residents to the end that they may be successful in accomplishing a result for which all earnestly hope. The question is still a serious one, and we trust that it will be considered in all of its aspects before the work is entered upon, and before a large sum of money has been expended.

The crowd can still be found sitting around the store stove, and following are a few of the expressions heard there last night:

"Gee whiz," said the cracker barrel man, "but that was a cold bath I took Saturday night. It didn't make me shiver, though, because I was rather expecting the boys would all be agin me, and since they have carried the day I hope they will succeed in introducing a system of water works. It is pretty tough, though, I must confess, on the property owners, that they should have a debt of this kind forced upon them in the manner it was. Of course, not all of the property owners were opposed to creating a debt for the scheme proposed, but at least two-thirds of them were. For my part, I am not one of the kind who kick, and am willing to accept the result of the election, more especially since the burgess and town council published a statement saying they were not committed to the Kimberly run scheme, and would investigate all other feasible plans. If water can be secured, it would be far better if we all stood together in the matter, and although I still think the step taken was entirely too hasty and one which may react as a boomerang, I accept the inevitable, and with the consent of the gentlemen present, will crawl into the barrel, for the time being."

"Wat-er you givin' us?" said the boomtown man. "I told you all along that we were going to carry the election for water by at least three to one, but I'm honest enough to admit that if it hadn't been for "Persoli" and one or two others I'd have been left. "Persoli" did as good a day's work as I ever saw a man do at an election, and when the water works are built, he should be made superintendent. Somerset's going to have new life in her, and don't you forget it, Meyersdale won't be in it when the next census is taken, or if she is, she will be a suburb of Somerset. I hope all of you old croakers have a belly full of it by this time. We are the people, even if we don't pay tax, and we propose showing you what a town should be in the year of our Lord 1892. Say, Whiskers, give me a toby."

"Sorry I can't accommodate you," replied Whiskers, "but I only have the one in my mouth. It makes me laugh every time I think of the conduct of some of my neighbors Saturday night. Why, bless their hearts, it was not a matter to jubilate over, taking one consideration with another. Men often differ about the manner in which something they are both earnestly for is to be secured, and it is not until after they have secured the something that they are enabled to tell which was right. Now, I differ with lots of my neighbors about their religion and I am honest in my belief when I say that I don't see how they can get into heaven, but I never think to crow over them. No doubt they can't understand what right I have to hope for salvation, holding the doctrines I do. The only way I can explain their action is in the language of a statesman who once said, 'Some men are content at having made asses of themselves once in a lifetime, while others are never satisfied unless they can make asses of themselves at least once a week.'" I have always been in favor of water and plenty of it, but I did oppose issuing bonds for water works until I knew where the supply was going to come from and what it was going to cost, and I am glad to know that so many of my neighbors thought as I did. The town council shall have my earnest support in bringing water into town if they can do it for the money they are permitted to expend."

"Here, gentlemen," said the red-cheeked young man, holding up a bottle of sparkling fluid, is a sample of Kimberly, analyzed by the chemist of the State Board of Health and pronounced a fair quality of water for domestic use. Now, I propose setting it up for you croakers who have been opposed to water works, and if you promise to "touch it lightly" I'll pass it around, and to convince you that it isn't poison I'll take the first drink myself."

"No, thank you," said the man with the cracked voice, "I'm afraid Kimberly must have spotted fire-water Saturday, and as I m a pronounced temperance man, I can't consistently sample it."

"Oh, but didn't we down the bosses, though!" chuckled the all-around politician. "This was the laboring man's fight, and we did it to 'em right. Two bosser downed in one day is pretty good, isn't it? We'll make 'em take water whether they want it or not."

"I didn't know that politics had entered into the fight for water," said the old soldier, "I voted for water, but not water from Kimberly run; I know too much about that stream to ever believe that the water from it is fit to drink, but when I was told of the Walker springs and the abundant supply of water that can be secured from them, I turned in for water at once."

"Never mind were the water comes from," replied the man with the fat wallet; "we're going to teach these old fogies a lesson, and no matter whether they like it or not, they've got to pay for it. Some of you fellows may think that the reason why I favored water is because I need a bath, but that isn't it. I want a job, and when work is commenced on the water works, I'll be a bidder."

"Now that water has carried," said Bowlegs, "I have only one suggestion to make, and that is that the present Lord Mayor be re elected next February. No man in town is entitled to the same amount of credit he is. He has been the prime mover for water works from the start. In fact, I believe that he has laid awake nights for the last year scheming how he could persuade the people to endorse his pet scheme. He's fairly won his re election, and although I voted against water, I am for Wolfley for Burgess."

"My friends," said the shop-keeper, picking up his cheese knife, "I have the greatest respect for all of your opinions, but I really must forbid any more water talk in this store. You fellows have squirted enough tobacco juice on my floor during the past three weeks to fill a 10-inch main; have ruined one-half of my stock with vile toby smoke, and have made such dire threats as to what you would do in case water carried, that my dreams have been haunted. Now, I don't mean that I forbid your spending your evenings around my store stove, but if you do you must agree to give water a rest and talk electric light. Electric lights are something that the people of this town want and can afford to pay for. But I'll behead the first man that says water again."

"That's the talk with the bark on," said the cracker-barrel man, "and if our town council act the part of wise men and for the interests of the town, we'll have light long before we have water."

"There it goes again," said the shop-keeper, "and I guess I'll never get rid of you fellows until I can turn a hose on you."

Your Own Fault

If you do not get a perfect baker when you buy the new Range. The Cinderella is sold and guaranteed a good baker. It lasts longer and looks better than any other on the market. Sold by

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's special Handkerchief sale on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Court Proceedings—Report of the Grand Jury—Road Views.

In addition to those reported last week, the following cases were tried at the recent sessions of the criminal court. The remainder of the cases on the list were settled or continued:

Commonwealth vs. Henry Merrietta, killing game out of season; constable's return; defendant plead guilty and the court sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution, $41.62.

Same vs. Ferry F. Sleffer; practicing medicine and surgery without being registered, on information of John Winters; verdict not guilty, and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Same vs. Howard E. Barnhart, A. & B., on information of Sarah Reed; verdict not guilty, but the defendant to pay the costs of prosecution.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Somerset County:

We, the members of the Grand Jury, report that in pursuance of the instructions of your Honorable Court, we visited, on the 16th day of December, 1891, and examined the jail and court house. The dry closet connected with the jail does not give satisfaction. We recommend that the Commissioners be asked to compel the Pauley Jail Company to make the heater and dry closet satisfactory.

The jail is neat and cleanly kept. We recommend that the broken plaster in the court-room ceiling be repaired; also, the roof above it; also, that the flooring of the belfrey be re-tinned; also, the floor of the Register and Recorder's office be covered with matting.

On the 17th of December, 1891, we visited and examined the buildings at the almshouse. We compliment the Stewart and Matron of that place on the neatness and good order of the houses, as the inmates seem to be comfortable and well kept.

The building just erected is a model of workmanship and comfort.

We recommend that the stovepipes in the chapel and the hospital room in the main building be made safe, as they are in a dangerous condition, and further say that the farm, barn, stock and implements are in good condition.

A. J. BOOSE, Foreman.

SOMERSET, PA., December 17, 1891.

ROAD VIEWS.

Petition of citizens of Addison township for a public road from a point near the residence of Mahlon Livengood, to a point near the residence of Chauncey Tressler. E. D. Yutzey, surveyor; John Staunton, H. H. Rush, viewers.

Petition of citizens of Somerset township for a public road from a point in a public road on land of J. M. Holderbaum to a point in public road near James Parson's. Albert Bayman, surveyor; Abram Howard, David Gardner, viewers.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best Salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. N. Snyder, Druggist.

The Amended Liquor Law.

Some Harrisburg attorneys are discussing the attempt of the last legislature to amend the retail liquor license laws, approved May 13, 1887, so as to permit applicants for licenses to take their bondsmen from any part of the county and not be limited, as before, to the ward or township in which the applicants intend to do business. The bill as approved by the governor reads: "The ninth clause of the fifth section of the act May 24, 1887, the act of May 21 is the whole license act, and has but three sections. The act relative to retail licenses is the act of May 13, 1887.

"This may raise a question which it is well to consider," said a leading attorney who has made a careful study of the law, "though I should say that the title of the amended act being properly recited in the amending act, the amendment is good and sureties may be from the county at large."

Parker & Parker's

Thirty days' Red Letter Sale, commencing Monday, December 28th, and each day there after for thirty days, we shall put on sale our entire stock of goods at cost. Read advertisement next week, on prices.

Festival at Lambertsville.

The members of Lambertsville Council No. 413 Jr. O. U. A. M., Lambertsville, Somerset County, Pa., intend holding a festival, commencing on Thursday evening, December 31, 1891, and continuing Christmas day and evening, and on Saturday evening, December 26th. The festival will continue during the week following Christmas, until Friday evening, January 1, 1892, when the play entitled "East Lynn," will be given, by home talent.

This play is so well known that little need be said of it; suffice it to say that it is one of the most popular plays ever presented to an American audience.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to all visiting brothers from other Councils, and the public in general.

We assure you that we have made arrangements to provide fun and entertainment for all.

J. M. LAMBERT,
Recording Secretary, Council No. 413, Lambertsville, Pa.

A nice Xmas present for father, mother, sister or brother, would be a pair of gold rim spectacles or eye glasses. We have the largest line in the county. You can select the frame and have glasses suited to the eye any time after Xmas free of charge.

NEFF & CASEBEER,
Jewelers and Opticians.

Arrival of Late Christmas Goods.

Just arrived, on Tuesday, December 22d, a late stock of elegant Books for Holiday presents, at Fisher's Book Store. Call and see them.

Low Holiday Rates on the B. & O.

For Christmas and New Year holidays the B. & O. Railroad will sell tickets at greatly reduced rates at all stations east of the Ohio river. Tickets will be sold from December 23rd to January 1st, inclusive, and will be valid for return passage until January 4th, inclusive.

HOLIDAYS!

Now that the festive season is approaching, we are again preparing to meet the wants of the trade, as usual, for such occasions. Our stock of Candies, Nuts, Bananas, Oranges, Lemons, Raisins, Grapes, Figs, Dates, Cranberries, Olives, and many other delicacies, will be the best the market affords; therefore your interests will be well subserved by patronizing the old stand, which has weathered the storm for twenty years. And now, then, to say that our trade has been entirely satisfactory during the past year, is but voicing the sentiment of the old adage, "An honest confession is good for the soul." And furthermore, as the year 1891 draws to a close, may we not again, with sincerity, return thanks for the liberal patronage of our friends in the years gone by, with the hope that it may be merited in the future. May we add, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year (1892) to all.

Respectfully,
COOK & BEERITS.

Farmers' Institute Program.

The following is the program for the third annual session of the Somerset county Farmers' Institute to be held under the auspices of the Pennsylvania State Board of Agriculture in the Court House at Somerset, on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 5th and 6th 1892.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Call to order at 9.30. Adjourn at 12 a. m.

1. Organization.
2. Introduction of Instructors.
3. "Reforms needed in our Road Laws," Jacob Hoffman, Jenner X Roads Pa.
4. "Shall we keep house or make homes," Mrs. Robert Pickworth, Quemahoning, Pa.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Call to order at 1.15. Adjourn at 4.15.

1. Queries.
2. "Is Agriculture depreciating? If so Why?" S. S. Forney, Berlin, Pa.
3. "Attractions of the Farm," Miss Lilly Weimer, Trent, Pa.
4. "Silo," Elmer E. Critchfield, M. Pleasant, Pa.

EVENING SESSION.

Call to order at 6.30. Adjourn at 9.

1. Queries.
2. "Hits and misses in Farming," Horace G. Will, Glade, Pa.
3. Recitation, "The lightning-rod dispenser," Master Frank Moore, Trent, Pa.
4. "Emphasis in Farming," Hon. John A. Woodward, Howard, Centre county, Pa.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

1. Queries.
2. "Strawberry Culture," Jerry Stevannus, Tub, Pa.
3. "The home and its influence," Miss Ada Miller, Stoystown, Pa.
4. The School and the Farm," Prof. J. M. Berkey, County Superintendent, Berlin, Pa.
5. "What our Public Schools should do," J. T. Allman, Lecturer Pa., State Grange, Thompsontown, Juniata county, Pa.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Queries.
2. "Farm management," Demetrius Compton, Elk Lick, Pa.
3. "Farmers' Daughters," Miss Gretta M. Kimmel, Berlin, Pa.
4. "Fertilizers—Their uses and abuses," Hon. John A. Woodward, Howard, Centre county, Pa.
5. "Chemical Analysis of Fertilizers," Wm. Frear, Professor of Agricultural Chemistry, State College, Pa.

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