The Somerset Herald.

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Parker & Parker's Red Letter sale begins to-day.

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

A man of fifty has spent over 6000 days of his life asleep.

Single women on an average live longer than single men.

Corn oats and barly chop at Mahlon Schrock's feed store.

It's now the fashion to wear the feminine pocket where it can be found.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl advertises her annual "clearance sale" in this week's paper.

Samuel Flory, a farmer, lost $2000 while carrying it to an Easton bank to deposit.

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

Iowa's farm products for 1891 are worth $40,987,656. Corn leads with $100,000,000.

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

A Chicago teacher has raised a storm of indignation by sending home children who had eaten onions.

The man who predicted an open winter imagines now that he knows something about the weather.

Don't grumble at the weather. It will be on hand in quantities to suit before the winter is over.

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

The population of China is now estimated at 350,000,000, which is almost equal to the entire population of Europe. The Chinese national debt is one of the smallest, amounting to only $38,500,000.

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 eye sight.

Joseph Rollinson, a Washington county farmer, fed his pig a $20 bill the other day by mistake. Discovering his loss, he killed the pig, extracted the chewed greenback and forwarded it to the United States Treasury for redemption.

The question is frequently asked, "Why is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral so much more effective than other cough remedies?" The answer is, simply because it is the most skillful combination of anodynes and expectorants known to medical science.

A new remedy has been discovered for the grip. A Derry, Westmoreland county, man says the disease spread rapidly in his family and they were all cured by eating hickory nuts. He claims that the oil in the "goodies" loosened the cough and that they all got well in a short time. It is an easy medicine and should be given a trial.

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

Major McKinley has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to again give some attention to business. He is looking well, and shows but little the effects of his confinement. He will immediately begin work on his inaugural address, and the time between now and the taking of his office will be largely devoted to affairs appertaining to the same.

The Post-office Department has received information that during several weeks past the postmaster at Baird, Calahan county, Texas, has kept a confederate flag floating over his office. While hardly crediting the report, First Assistant Postmaster Geners Whitfield has written the postmaster for the facts in the case, and for an explanation if the facts are as reported.

Certain class of Goods at cost at M. M. Tredwell & Co's. See ad. in this paper.

The funniest looking horse in Bucks county is in Dublin. Henry M. High and Harry Snovel on Saturday attempted to clip the horse, but when the job was half finished the horse put a summary stop to the proceedings by smashing the clipping machine, planting one hoof on High's leg and the other on Snovel's face. The horse wears the hair on his neck and legs, long and short on his body.

Baton Express: The Berks county grand jury, profiting by the example set by the Northampton jury, ignored a number of bills and put all the costs on the Justices who sent the cases to court. A Justice is supposed to use a little common sense in sending a case to court, and when he does not and uses the power of his office either to get his costs or to instigate a lawsuit he becomes a fit subject for the costs. And he should have them.

See M. M. Tredwell & Co's offer of goods at cost in this paper.

The necessity of recording a deed promptly is well illustrated in a case in Chester county. A farmer sold his property and for three years or more the purchaser did not have a record made of the transaction. In the meantime a judgment had been entered against the former owner. There was no fraud, for the debtor could not help the entry of the judgment, and the creditor was ignorant of the existence of the deed parting with title. The case may lead to some troublesome litigation before it is settled. Such complications are liable to occur at any time, and the wonder is that they do not happen oftener.

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.

The Board of Pardons Wednesday recommended a pardon for Absolom M Bowser, who was convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Obadiah Haymaker in Allegheny county, and on August 30, 1884, sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary. Milton Weston, a Chicago financier, convicted at the same time, was pardoned several years ago. Bowser's case has been before the Pardon Board since 1889, and his term, with the commutation for good conduct, would expire in about a year.

Daniel Mummert, a farmer living near East Berlin, Adams county, this State, had been suffering for some time past from what was supposed to be pulmonary consumption. A week or so ago he was seized with a violent spell of vomiting, and expelled six small lizards from his stomach. His condition became worse, and on Saturday last he died. It was found that his stomach was literally alive with the reptiles. Mr. Mummert was a Supervisor in Paradise township, and in the course of his work frequently drank from springs by the roadside, and it is thought that in this way he got the lizards while very young in his stomach.

Just arrived a car of low grade flour in 100 pound sacks. Reduction made for ton lots.

MAHLON SCHROCK.

A young lady wrote to the Reading *Times* editor to know whether that toothsome dish sauer kraut, grows, and the learned man replies: "It does grow to some extent. It grows beautifully less the moment it is placed on the Saturday night lunch table. Under favorable conditions, depending much on the atmospheric surroundings, it grows stronger and acquires a more pronounced flavor. But it does not grow on raspberry bushes nor cornstalks, and is not stood up in shocks and husked in the fall of the year. Generally, sauer kraut is made of cabbage, and in its normal condition is not dangerous."

A happy New Year.

A couple married themselves in the Recorder's office Thursday, after procuring a license.

The citizens of Hyndman voted on the water question Monday. Water carried by a majority of 115.

The children of the Evangelical Sunday-school enjoyed a treat of candies and nuts in their church Christmas evening.

Harvey Heinbaugh, of Rockwood, has about completed arrangements for starting a spoke and hub factory at that place.

The "Somerset Cotillon Club" have issued invitations for a dance, to be given at the Somerset House, New Year's evening.

Mr. Ed. Hoover, of Berlin, who has just recovered from a severe attack of quinsy, was one of our Monday morning callers.

Capt. Harrison, of this place, will be a candidate for Junior Vice Commander of the G. A. R. at the next annual State encampment.

Lawyer J. A. Berkey has taken a three years' lease of the offices above Flaher's Book Store, and took possession of them a few days since.

Even though the people of this town should be debarred from wearing high water pants on account of the town's great altitude, they are determined to have electric lights.

A large audience applauded "Little Trixie," May Smith Robbins, at the Opera House, Monday night. The company throughout was made up of clever artists.

Mrs. Mary T. Lathrope, the celebrated Michigan temperance lecturer, will deliver a lecture in Somerset, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., on the evening of February 3rd.

The festival at Jenner X Roads, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, under the auspices of Jenner council Jr. O. U. A. M. was a great success. The net receipts were over $200.00.

Mr. Ed Picking, eldest son of our fellow townsman, Barnet Picking, is making a visit to his father's family, his first in seventeen years. Mr. Picking is a resident of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

County Superintendent of Public Schools, J. M. Berkey, was in attendance at the Indiana county teachers' institute last week and talked to the teachers about "Graded Courses of Study."

Mr. and Mrs. Granger, of the Disciples' parsonage, were kindly remembered on Christmas day by the congregation and friends. Among the handsome presents received by them was a tea-set, Haviland China, the gift of the church.

The many friends of Mr. Curtis K. Grove, will be pained to learn that he is confined to his house by a serious illness. Several days ago he was seized with grippe which has developed pneumonia, and which seriously complicates his condition.

It is reported that Frank Cooley, the leader of the famous Fayette county gang of robbers bearing his name, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by one of his companions in a drunken brawl near Fairchance, that county, Sunday night.

Christian Reitz, one of the best known farmers of Somerset township, died Saturday morning from the effects of typhoid pneumonia, superinduced by an attack of the grippe. He was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

Charles Wiltrout, Frederick Taylor and Norman Ringer, who were lodged in jail last week to answer a charge of having blown up the store of of S. J. Ringer, near Pinkerton tunnel, with dynamite, for the purpose of robbery, have been released on bail.

Judge Baer has leased the rooms above F. W. Biesecker's law offices, opposite the Court House, and will take possession of them on January 1st, when he will resume the practice of the law. It is rumored that the Judge will open a law office in Bedford at the same time.

Congressman Scull, who arrived home a week ago, to remain until the expiration of the holiday recess, has been confined to his house for several days, suffering from an attack of the grippe. His condition is very much improved to-day and he hopes to be able to return to Washington early next week.

Mr. F. F. Koontz and Miss Kate Dunham, a popular teacher in the borough public schools, were married at the home of the bride's mother, in this place, at 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, in the presence of only the immediate friends of the bride and groom.

The brightest, newiest and best edited paper in the United States, outside of New York city, is the Cincinnati *Enquirer*. Its politics are abominable but its columns are filled with the very latest news written in the most attractive style. See prospectus in another column.

A petition was circulated for signers several days last week before being presented to the court, asking for an amendment to the charter of incorporation of this borough so as to fix the number of councilmen to be elected at six instead of three as at present. The court granted a rule returnable January 26th.

J. H. Martin, 25 years old, son of John Martin, of Stonycreek township, was instantly killed in the B. & O. yards at Connellsville last Wednesday night. He had been employed as a brakeman by the B. & O. R. R. Co., for several years. The body was taken to Hyndman for burial. He leaves a widow.

Frank Fleck, of this place, met with a peculiar accident while on his way to Johnstown, on the train, Saturday. At Hooversville he started to walk out on the platform, when he stepped on an axe which was standing in the car, the blade of the weapon passing through his shoe, cutting his right foot very severely.

The act of May 1886, requiring hucksters to take out a license from the county treasurer, has not been enforced for years. Would it not be a good idea for the county commissioners to see that the law is put into effect the coming year. For those who fail to take out a license the act provides a fine of $100 or imprisonment for from twenty to thirty days in jail.

Mrs. Capt. Wm. Jordan died at her home in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, shortly after five o'clock last Tuesday afternoon. She had been an invalid for several years, but her death was very sudden and was a great shock to the members of her family and to her many friends. She was the eldest daughter of Mrs E. A. Tayman, of the Somerset House, and mother of Mrs W. B. Parker, of this place.

The friends of Prof. Grant Kendall will regret to learn that he will be compelled to suspend his studies for a time, owing to a threatened breakdown. When he entered the University of Virginia, he resolved to compass the two years legal course in one. The result was that he overtazed his strength by too close application, and by advice of his physician will rest awhile before resuming his studies.—*Register.*

Christmas was celebrated in the Shanksville and Glade Reformed churches on Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively. The interior of the audience rooms were trimmed with trees and other decorations. The services consisted of songs and recitations and were very enjoyable. Many gifts were received by parents, children and friends. Rev. King and family were also generously remembered by these kind hearted people, receiving many tokens of regard, not the least of them being a purse for the pastor and an envelope for the mistress of the parsonage.

Judge Ewing, of Allegheny county, has decided that the new wholesale liquor law goes into immediate operation. The new law, passed at the last session of the Legislature, prohibits wholesale dealers from selling spiritous liquors in less quantities than a gallon, or malt liquors in less than a gallon and a half. Under the old law, wholesalers could sell a quart of whisky or beer.

Last Thursday the President issued an order for the removal of Samuel D. Warmcastle, collector of internal revenue for the twenty-third district of Pennsylvania, at Pittsburgh, and designating Deputy Collector Mitchell to perform the duties of collector until the vacancy shall have been filled. Warmcastle was charged with neglect of duty. The office will not be filled until the reassembling of congress.

The HERALD is requested to announce that Rev. J. S. Harkey, of the Lutheran church, will preach a sermon next Sunday night on the "Object and Aims of the Jr. O. U. A. M.," and, also, that a vote will be taken as a meeting of the lodge, Thursday evening, of this week, on a change of name for the organization. Members of the Iroquois Lodge are earnestly requested to be present on both occasions.

The Electric Light Company is busily engaged in making arrangements with the borough authorities for the franchise of the town. The Edison system of lighting was heard by the Council on Monday evening. The Company have now a subscription list of over two hundred, sixteen candle-power, lights, and expect to have a subscription of six hundred lights by the close of the week. The application for a charter is now on file at the State Department.

The Lutheran church was not half large enough to accommodate the great crowd of people who wanted to gain admission to it Christmas night. In fact people were jammed in it from the pulpit to the vestibule door, while hundreds of others were unable to gain admission. The large Christmas tree was brilliantly illuminated and loaded with presents for the Sunday-school children. An interesting musical and literary programme was greatly enjoyed by the large audience.

At last week's adjourned court a bill of two hundred and fifty dollars, for services rendered in procuring the arrest and conviction of the Nicely brothers, was allowed Constable John O. Rauch, of Jennertown. Mr. Rauch's bill, as presented, was for one thousand dollars. The amount allowed him by the Court, he claims, will not more than half reimburse him for money expended, besides receiving nothing for his services. In addition, he is one hundred or more dollars out of pocket by reason of expenses incurred in refuting the groundless conspiracy charge brought against him and others by Mrs. Nicely, mother of the murderers.

The Sunday-school of the Christian church gave an entertainment to a large house Christmas evening. The exercises consisted of songs and recitations appropriate to the occasion including a visit and speech from Santa Clause. The church was beautifully decorated with spruce, ferns, plants and trailing pine. Formerly this school has given to each scholar at Christmas a treat of candy and nuts, but at this Christmas it was decided to make a change and give the school the privilege of making a gift where it would be a substantial blessing rather than making the school the recipient of what can be of little real benefit. A collection, therefore, for the relief fund was taken and the response was cheerfully and liberally made.

John Miller, Jr., twenty-four years of age, who has made his home with Michael Zimmerman, in Jenner township for several years past, met with a violent death last week. Thursday evening he went to the barn for the purpose of saddling a horse, intending to ride into Jenner X Roads to attend a lodge meeting. Stepping into one of the stalls he struck a young horse on the rump; the horse jumped forward, and elevating its hind feet, planted them in the pit of the young man's stomach with all of its brute strength. Miller was rendered unconscious and was carried into the house, where he lingered in great agony until Saturday evening, when death came to his relief. He was related to a number of the most prominent families in Jenner and Quemahoning townships, and his sad and untimely death has occasioned the greatest sorrow.

Among others who ate Christmas dinner with Somerset friends were F. G. Parker, Will Endsley, Barnet Picking, George Pile, T. J. Picking and wife, of Johnstown; Dr. A. P. Brubaker, and wife of Philadelphia; Mrs. Dr. Newlin, of McKeesport; Ed. B Scull, and wife, J. J. Miller, Esq., and P. Y. Kimmell, of Pittsburgh; A. J. Colborn, Jr., of Scranton; Hermanus Baer, of the Bordentown, N. J., Military Academy; Cadet Orlo Knepper, of the U. S. Naval Academy; Frank Love, Charley Cook, "Bob" Beeritz, and Misses Mary Kooser and Cora Dennison, students at different institutions of learning; Albert Herr, of Butler, Pa.; "Joe" Herr, of Oil City; Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Lutz, recently returned from Alaska; Aaron Schrock, of Defiance, O.; Dr. Ed. Kimmell, of Philadelphia; and John Henry Pickling, of Gettysburg College.

Friday night, two masked men broke into the residence of Miss Kate Taylor, an aged lady, residing in Ligonier township, Westmoreland county, for the purpose of robbery. Miss Taylor was to have received a considerable amount of money that day, and that was evidently what the robbers were after. She made other arrangements, however, and, therefore, did not have the money about the premises. The robbers searched the house and secured several dollars. Not satisfied with this, they threatened to torture Miss Taylor by burning her feet if she did not tell where her money was hidden. She succeeded in convincing them that they secured all she had in the house and they departed. Miss Taylor and another aged lady residing with her are prostrated by the terrible shock. Two young men of Ligonier township are suspected as the guilty parties.

Mr. Andrew Parker, cashier of the First National Bank since its organization, tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors several weeks ago. It was accepted at a meeting held Wednesday night, when Harvey M. Berkley, Esq., was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Parker will leave Somerset to accept a more lucrative and important position, that of assistant secretary of the Washington Loan and Trust Company, one of the largest financial institutions at the National Capital. Although quite a young man, Mr. Parker has established a reputation as a banker that has attracted the attention of capitalists and that will be sure to win him further promotion. The directors of the First National Bank accepted his resignation with many regrets but congratulate themselves and their patrons on having secured the services of Mr. Berkley, who is eminently qualified to discharge the exacting duties of the cashiership. He will not enter upon his new duties until sometime in January.

The impracticability of piping water to this town from springs on Philip Walker's farm was fully demonstrated one day last week when a party of gentlemen, including engineer Charles Ogle, of Johnstown, and a member of the town council, visited the springs and took their elevation. It was found that they were somewhere between 70 and 90 feet lower than the public square. This discovery was a great surprise to a number of persons who had been led to believe that water could and would be furnished from there in event water carried at the recent election. Kimberly run appears to be the only available source of supply, unless a contractor can be found who will be willing to assume the responsibility of furnishing a sufficient quantity of water from drilled wells.

Burgess Weifley will be under the necessity of employing a secretary to reply to his official correspondence if there is not a speedy let up in his mail matter. He is overrun with applications from engineers, inspectors of pipes, superintendents, etc.

BRUTAL ATTEMPT AT MURDER.

John H. Bittner Stabbed 20 Times by Two Fellow Miners.—Both Now in Jail.

By far the most brutal and blood-thirsty crime ever committed within the limits of this county occurred near Hooversville at an early hour Thursday morning.

James Turner, an Irishman, 28 years of age, and David Salmon, an Englishman, 24 years of age, had been engaged at digging coal for Frank Rodgers, a well known farmer of that neighborhood, for several months past. They boarded with Rodgers, and but for the fact that they would go on occasional sprees, were considered first-class workmen. Wednesday they got a keg of beer from Johnstown and drank freely during the evening, retiring about half past 9 o'clock. An hour afterwards Rodgers heard them dressing in their room and a few minutes later heard them leave the house.

Between three and four o'clock in the morning they returned and knocking on the door of Mr. Rodgers' bed room, aroused him from his slumbers.

"What do you fellows want at this time of night?" inquired Mr. Rodgers, as he opened the door and struck a light.

"We want to tell you that we have killed old Bittner," replied Turner.

"No you havn't," said Rodgers, incredulously.

"Yes we have," was the response, "and if you don't believe us look at our clothes and this knife. We ripped the tongue out of the——"

Rodgers saw that the clothing of both men were smeared and that their hands and the knife which Turner exhibited were dripping with human blood.

"I had a good notion to kill Salmon because he didn't want to help," said Turner.

After a little further conversation, Turner and Salmon left the house and Rodgers returned to his bed.

The night was inky black and a cold rain was falling. Early in the morning Rodgers went to his barn to feed his stock and found that Turner and Salmon had slept there. They begged him to go to Bittner's, three miles distant, and ascertain whether he was still living. Rodgers agreed to do so, but instead of going direct to Bittner's he went to Hooversville and informed Constable Harshberger and ex constable Boyer of what had happened, when the three proceeded to the scene of the tragedy.

In a rude miner's hut one-half mile east of Hooversville, they found John H. Bittner, all alone, lying on the floor covered with blood, his head resting on the end of his bunk. His mouth was split back to the ear on the right side of his head and his tongue was cut almost in two near the root. An ugly gash under his chin showed that the fiends had endeavored to cut his throat, while the flesh on his left arm was laid bare to the bone from shoulder to elbow. A number of ugly wounds in his breast disclosed where the venemous knife had plunged. Fourteen cuts had been made in the attempt to take his life. He was in a very weak condition and could only talk in a faint tone. He said that he was awakened about 3 o'clock in the morning by Turner and Salmon, who broke into his shanty and said that they had come to kill him. He begged them not to but they insisted that they had come to cut his tongue out. The next moment Salmon knocked him down and held him while Turner did the cutting. "They would certainly have killed me," said Bittner, "but the blade of the knife must have closed when they were cutting at my throat."

Bittner was too weak to make his condition known, the nearest neighbor being a half mile distant, and had it not been for the timely arrival of Rodgers and the officers he would have died.

As soon as the officers heard Bittner's story they sent for a physician and then proceeded to the home of Rodgers where they found Turner and Salmon in the summer house.

Turner offered some resistance when placed under arrest, but a blow from Constable Boyer convinced him that he had better submit quietly. Turner and Salmon had both donned new woolen shirts after carefully washing the blood from their faces and hands and from their clothing. Investigation failed to show what had become of the shirts they had taken off. A search was also made for the knife but it could not be found.

The prisoners were taken to Hooversville, and a justice of the peace was sent to Bittner's shanty, where the injured man made information against them. The prisoners were brought to Somerset on the afternoon train. Both were still under the influence of liquor and asked the officers to conduct them through the main streets on the way to the jail in order that they might see the Christmas goods. The officers complied with their request and both expressed childish delight at seeing the toys and candies.

When our reporter visited the prisoners in the jail Christmas morning, they both denied all knowledge of the crime. "It is a very serious charge, I must confess," said Turner, "but I know nothing about it. Neither of us had anything against Bittner and could of had no reason for assaulting him. We had both been drinking a good bit that day; I don't know how much we drank, but we had a large sized keg of beer and did the best we could to get outside of it. I am very sorry if we did anything out of the way. Two of my sisters, both married, live in Brooklyn."

"How long can they send us up on a charge of this kind?" asked Salmon after he had been told that Bittner was alive and would recover.

The reporter told him that it was a very serious offence and that the penalty was from one to seven years.

Turner is rather a good looking fellow, about five feet eight inches tall with black mustache and dark eyes. He is said to be a skillful boxer and was regarded with fear by many people living about Hooversville.

Salmon is several inches smaller than Turner with light colored hair and eyes and with a smooth face. He is a vicious looking and seems unconcerned as to the outcome of the charge against him.

Friday morning it was reported that Bittner had died during the night but investigation failed to confirm the report. He has been removed from the shanty where the assault took place, to the home of his aunt, in Hooversville. Bittner is a very poor man and the citizens of Hooversville have contributed a sum of money to help care for him. He is about 55 years of age and a native of this county. The latest reports from Hooversville say that he will recover.

No motive for the crime has been assigned. Turner and Salmon had worked for Bittner for a few days when they first came to Hooversville, and they claim that he never paid them.

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.

Three from the Salisbury "Star."

The Elk Lick oil well is now down over 2,000 feet, and still the drill goes down, down down at a rapid rate. The drill is now in Pay sand and the other day a little oil and gas was struck. Everybody feels confident that we will soon have a gusher and that Elk Lick will be the "oildorado" of the state.

This town wants an ordinance that will make it a criminal offense for Sam Mier to tell any more panther stories.

It is said that there is not much in a name but when your town has one name, your postoffice another, and your shipping station and express office still another, as is the case here, there is a good deal of complication and old fogyism in such a combination of names. Let's have a change.

Electric Light for Somerset.

A number of residents of this borough have given notice that they will make application to the state department for a charter for a company to be known as the "Somerset Electric Light, Heat and Power Co." Their agents appeared before the town council Saturday evening and asked for a franchise of the streets of the town. The council concluded to hold the matter under consideration for the present. Meanwhile representatives of the proposed company have been canvassing the town for the purpose of ascertaining how many lights will be taken by owners of dwellings and business houses immediately on the introduction of the system.

It is understood that other parties will appear before the council at their next meeting and ask for a franchise of the streets. It will be the duty of the borough authorities to look carefully into the different systems submitted and to make the best possible terms for having the streets well lighted before granting a franchise to either set of applicants, but it will not do for them to deprive the people of the town of lights because one or two large cities are trying to enforce an ordinance compelling electric light companies to put their wires under ground.

So far as we have been able to learn the people of Somerset are practically unanimous in demanding electric lights.

Brilliant Marriage of Miss Williamson and Lieut. Tayman.

The following account of the marriage of Miss Mary Williamson to Lieut. Charles E. Tayman, son of David Tayman, of Lavansville, is taken from the Philadelphia *Press*, of Wednesday, December 23rd:

The marriage of Miss Mary Eaves Williamson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Williamson, of Media, and Lieutenant Charles Edgar Tayman, of the United States Army, took place to-day at noon, in Christ Episcopal Church at that place. The ceremony was accompanied with military features that made it both pretty and impressive.

The groom's best man and the six ushers were officers of the regular army or navy, and were attired in the full-dress uniform of the branch of the service to which they belong.

The best man was Chester N. Knepper, of the United States Navy, and the ushers were Lieut. Charles G. Dwyer, of the Twenty-fourth Infantry; Lieut. F. D. Webster, of the Sixth Infantry; Lieut. H. L. Jackson, of the Fifteenth Infantry; Lieut Robert H. Noble, of the navy, and Lieut. V. G. Robinson, of the Sixth Pennsylvania Reserves.

Miss Esther Williamson, the pretty young sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridesmaids were Misses Edith Vernon, Nellie Dunn, Lucy Price, Mary Lewis, Bessie Brooke, and Mary Tayman, the latter a sister of the groom. C. Frank Williamson, an uncle of the bride, was master of ceremonies.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry Dixon Sones, rector of Christ Church. Miss Julia Schelling played the popular wedding march from "Lohengrin" as the wedding party marched up the aisle of the church. The bride was led to the altar by her father, who gave her away. Her dress was of white satin trimmed with Duchess lace and orange blossoms, with feather trimming. She carried a bunch of white roses, and her bridal veil of white tulle was clasped with orange blossoms. The bridesmaids were becomingly attired in pink crepe de chene.

The church was beautifully decorated with holly and mistletoe.

Friends from Philadelphia, New York, Chester, Norristown and Media were at the wedding dinner given at the home of the bride's parents, on State street. The young couple, after receiving the congratulations of friends, started on the 2:40 p. m train for New York and the east, on a bridal tour.

The bride is a member of one of the oldest Delaware county families, her grandfather, Charles R. Williamson, being one of the pioneer business men, and a member of the first Board of Council in Media. The groom is a lieutenant in the Twenty-fourth U. S. Infantry, now stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. The future home of the young couple will be at Leavenworth City.

Death of Doctor C. G. Stutzman.

The many friends and patients of Dr. C. G. Stutzman throughout Somerset county, who have enjoyed his friendship and professional skill, were grieved to learn of his death last Thursday at Rockwood. Though afflicted for more than a year with paralysis, and in consequence unable to engage in the practice of his profession, his advice was eagerly sought after by those who had for many years received health and strength from his wise and judicious counsels. For more than twenty years Dr. Stutzman devoted his energies to the relief of the sick and suffering people of the southern townships of this county, and during this long period he fulfilled, in an eminent degree, all the requirements of a noble and self-sacrificing profession. Faithful and just to all his patients, he was especially generous and attentive to the poor, whose calls for assistance were never neglected by this good physician. In many years to come his memory will be cherished in the hearts of numberless people who have been restored to health and strength by his ministrations and whose darkest hours have been made bright by his cheery presence and words of comfort and sympathy.

Dr. Stutzman was a descendent of one of the oldest, most prominent and progressive families this county has ever produced. He was born Oct. 2, 1829. At an early age he graduated from a medical institution at Cincinnatti, O., and at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Meyersdale. One year later he took a post graduate course in the University of Pennsylvania. Returning to his native county he opened an office at Sand Patch as physician to the men engaged in building the tunnel at that place. Subsequently he moved to Petersburg, where he practiced for a brief interval prior to emigrating to Nebraska. He practiced his profession in different western states, including California, and for a short time abandoned it altogether to engage in an unsuccessful mining venture.

In 1861 he returned to Salisbury, after an absence of eight years, and resumed the practice of his profession. He removed to Rockwood about 18 months ago.

Three brothers, Prof. Joseph, Major Alexander and Frank, and four sisters survive him. His interment, which took place at Salisbury last Saturday, was largely attended.

Buckien'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

Brilliant Wedding in Jenner township.

A correspondent writes us that notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on December 24th, a large number of invited guests assembled at the home of the bride's parents, in Jenner township, to witness the marriage of Miss Cora I. Glessner to Mr. H. J. Koontz, of Hooversville. Rev. G. W. Crist, of Jennertown officiated. Immediately following the ceremony the bridal party followed by the guests repaired to the dining room where an excellent repast was served. The bridal presents were numerous, comprising many valuable articles both useful and ornamental. Mr. Koontz is one of the most progressive and energetic young men in the county, and with a beautiful and refined young bride to "tread with him forward on the flowery path" their married life is certain to verify the brightest anticipations of their many friends. X.

Parker & Parker's

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

FOR A NEW SOMERSET.

Public Improvements that May be Made in the Course of Time.

The residents of this town have been aroused from their Rip Van Winkle sleep and have been moving ahead at a rapid pace the past few weeks. A system of public water works, for which the people voted by a derisive majority, is still in embryo, but will be taken up early in the budding spring and pushed to completion, if water can be found in sufficient quantity.

An electric light plant is an assured fact and within ninety days following the granting of a franchise of the public streets, Somerset will be brilliantly illuminated with fire fresh from the furnace of Jupiter.

These two improvements accomplished, we will be neck and neck with Meyersdale, and in the future we will not sit still and permit the "Metropolis" to outstrip us in the race of progress.

Already we have heard more or less speculation in regard to the feasability of having Berlin and Stoyestown connected with our town by an electric line.

Free postal delivery among the farmers is not improbable and in which event Somerset will become the grand distributing artery from which hundreds of mail routes will emanate, reaching out to all isolated sections of the county.

The establishment of a bourse with telephonic connection with all the various boards of trade throughout the county is not apt to remain a delusive dream much longer, but promises to become a permanent enterprise long before the new born year wanes.

Cable cars making half-hour trips between Somerset, Lavansville, Chickentown, Lull, and Fridens would be a novel sight. Such a system is not improbable when the new Somerset is fairly under full steam.

A system of public parks is also under consideration and will soon be brought to the attention of councils. It is understood that the proposed system will include oakridge, pine grove, break neck rocks and the stepping stones on Kimberly run, all to be connected by a macademized road. The expense of such a system will no doubt be cheerfully assumed by the tax payers of the borough.

Somerset's shipping interests are also attracting public attention and it is not unlikely that congress will be petitioned for an appropriation to widen and deepen the channels of Cox's creek, in order to accommodate the commerce so rapidly developing along the banks of that noble stream. Docks will be erected at suitable points for the convenience of shippers at the expense of vessel owners.

Public baths are talked of by some of the more enterprising, but they are not likely to mastralize until after the water works are constructed.

Conservatism, commonly designated "fogyism," must be relegated to the rear. The new Somerset will be found at the head of the procession hereafter.

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.

Changed His Faith.

A dispatch from Uniontown says: Rev. W. H. Bruff, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church of this city, has resigned. In a brief communication to the congregation he said that his mind had undergone a change in theological matters. Wednesday evening he presented himself at the Central Christian Church and asked for baptism and that he be received as a member of the church. There was a large congregation present to-night at the Disciple Church, and after a few remarks by the pastor, Rev. J. C. B. Stivers, Rev. Mr. Bruff arose, and said, in substance: Having renounced the pastorale of the Methodist Protestant Church in this city, and having announced my intention of entering the Christian Church and its ministry, and henceforth to be known simply as a Disciple of Christ, it devolves upon me to give a reason for the change. The Disciples of Christ require assent to no other creed than the all-comprehensive one of divine revelation, namely, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. The man believing the truth with all his heart believes all that the Bible teaches concerning the divine Savior, and will also obey from his heart all that Jesus has commanded. In the early church every one who believed and obeyed Him was recognized as a Christian, and no other test of fellowship was required of him than faith in Christ and obedience of His commands. The united church of the future will also, I believe, require no more of men and women than was asked in the apostolic age. The Disciples of Christ make the word of God the only rule and guide in faith and practice. It is, also, true that other Christians make the Bible their guide, but not their only guide, since they have their articles of religious discipline and confessions of faith in addition.

Babyland

for January, with its dainty pictures, sweet little stories and gay jingles is here. Baby never fails to find this magazine engaging from cover to cover, and so long as babies are in our midst, just so long will *Babyland* continue to be a source of comfort and delight both to Baby and mamma. Adapted to children from one to six.

The price is only 50 cents a year; 5 cents a number, D. Lothrop, Company, Publishers, Boston.

Our Little Men and Women

for January is a number well worth having. The pictures are bright, attractive and pretty the verses and rhymes expressions of melody and sweetness, and the stories are made for boys and girls, by writers who know how to make them. On the whole, the best thing to be said of *Our Little Men and Women* is that it is really what it claims to be, a magazine for boys and girls (from five to nine years) and this to our mind is the best recommendation it could possibly have.

The price is only $1.00 a year; 10 cents a number. D. Lothrop, Company, Publishers, Boston.

The Pansy

The contents of the January *Pansy* will delight all its readers as well as help to create more. *The Pansy* is peculiarly adapted to the needs of the young people, but every member of the household is always sure to find something of interest as well as help. Its stories are characterized by that high moral tone which stamp this magazine as the young folks' friend, its sketches graphic and real, its poems, pictures, and verse replete with incident, interest and merit, making this publication one we can every where heartily commend to the family, the reading room and the home.

The price is only $1.00 a year; 10 cents a number. D. Lothrop Company, Publishers, Boston.

Pause!

A part of our large stock of Holiday Goods was necessarily left over. We wish to dispose of it at once, and will do so, selling at cost for the next 30 days. Handkerchiefs Mufflers, Children's Cloaks and Hoods, Furs Dolls, Toys, Booklets, Jewelry, General Millinery etc., etc. You will make a mistake if you don't avail yourself of this offer,

Christmas Weddings.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Herman D. Pourbaugh, of Meyersdale borough, and Hessie Boyer, of Summit township.

Oliver G Barnhart, of Quemahoning township, and Mary M. Coleman, of Somerset township.

Conrad Felker and Sarah E. Keefer, both of Larimer township.

Franklin B. Good, of Somerset township, and Sarah E. Bittner, of Lincoln township.

Irvin H. Fike and Sue Miller, both of Summit township.

Edward Spriggs and Nancy Spriggs, both of Meyersdale borough.

J. W. Hinebaugh and Cora A. Cremer, both of Addison township.

Harry B. Saylor and Lucinda B. Zinn, both of Summit township.

Lewis Merley and Emma Blough, both of Conemaugh township.

Irvin Ream, of Berlin borough, and Sydney Snyder, of Rockwood borough.

Charles Fritz and Lizzzie M. Lease, both of Stonycreek township.

Ed McDowell and Thomasine Brown, both of Salisbury borough.

John H. Ansell and Angelica Pile, both of Middlecreek township.

U. P. Woodward and Almeda Lambert, both of Stonycreek township.

Paul Hornig and Lillie Seggre, both of Meyersdale borough.

John Gindlesperger, of Stonycreek township, and Elizabeth Hochstetler, of Allegheny township.

James B. Fidler and Annie Saylor, both of Conemaugh township.

Jeremiah Long and Amelia Ringler, both of Black township.

A. B. Kauffman, of Page county, Va., and Dora E. Werner, of Meyersdale borough.

Hiram J. Koontz, of Quemahoning township, and Cora I. Glessner, of Jenner township.

William I. Wolford and Mattie C. Boyer, both of Bethel station.

John W. Geary of Lincoln township, and Annie E. Ensert, of Somerset township.

Lewis W. Wilhelm and Florence Lenhart, both of Addison township.

Henry E. Ott and Eliza J. Holsapple, both of Paint township.

Edward Kimmell of Jefferson township, and Nettie G. Adams, of Lincoln township.

Frank F. Koontz of Somerset township, and Catherine M. Dunham, of Somerset borough.

John W. Hanston, of Fayette county, and Lucy V. Burke, of New York city.

Thomas R. Pritts of Westmoreland county, and Hannah E. Wiltrout, of Black township.

MARRIED.

At the Union House, Somerset, Pa., on Dec. 29th 1891, by I. C. Johnson, Mr. Thomas R. Pritts, of Scottdale, and Miss Hannah E. Wiltrout, of Black township.

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