The Somerset Herald.

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THURSDAY.....January 28, 1892.

Bargains for old and young at Snyder's drug store.

Not one person in 20,000 wear their heel down evenly all around.

Fruit cake has been rated wholesome by a medical society.

Vaseline and tannin applied night and morning relieves tender feet.

"Why is it called leap year, papa?" "Because the girls leap for joy, my son."

Diphtheria has attacked many homes and schools in Lancaster, Berks and Chester counties.

Under Senator Plumb's estate has paned out but $500,000 instead of the reputed $1,000,000.

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

Charles E. Uhrles was the first young colored man ever ordained to the Catholic priesthood in the U. S. The ceremony taken place in Baltimore.

The late cold children have had with the grippe should compensate the grown folks for the discomfort they have experienced with the chill.

If you are suffering from weak eyes or failing 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.

If the feet become frost-bitten, soak them for a half hour in a strong hot solution of salt water and if one application is not enough, two will be a cure.

About 75 per cent. of people wear their heels down on the outside, 10 per cent. strike the toe squarely, and 5 per cent. wear on the inside.

It is suggestive fact that many earnest workers are now laboring for a revival not among outside sinners to repentance, but among inside hypocrites to become ashamed of their practices.

There are one hundred and eight applications for retail liquor license on file in the Clerk's Office at Greensburg, and of this number about thirty come from Jeannette. The applications will be heard early in March.

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 fitting Dr. Kings glasses.

The president has appointed Frank J. Over, one of the editors of the Holidaysburg Register, postmaster at that place. Mr. Over is a very popular young man and will make an efficient official.

A correspondent asks us the origin of the phrase "He isn't in it." It was first used by an elder who died and went to heaven, and looked around for the man who took his paper three years, and then left it in the office marked "Refused."—*Westmoreland Plain.*

A Remarkable Case.—Mr. Walter Wheeler, of the Washington Mills, Lawrence, Mass., for years afflicted with varicose veins, accompanied by a troublesome eruption, was perfectly cured after taking only eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

A new mode of crippling husbands was recently brought into use Saturday night by Mrs. Thomas Edwards of Hazelton, Luzerne county. She had removed the mattress and springs from a certain bed, and when her husband retired without a light, she jumped into bed, landed on the floor and broke an arm and leg.

To preserve a youthful appearance as long as possible, it is indispensable that the hair should retain its natural color and fullness. There is no preparation so effective as Ayer's Hair Vigor. It prevents baldness, and keeps the scalp clean, cool, and healthy.

Butchers Valentine Wissel and Joseph Eilstein returned to-day from Stoystown, where they made a big purchase of cattle. They bought fifty-three head from D. B. Zimmerman, of that place, which will average 1,400 pounds apiece. This is said to be the fattest lot of cattle ever raised in that section. Mr. Zimmerman is gaining an enviable reputation for raising good cattle.—*Johnstown Tribune, Friday.*

A Pittsburgh telegram says that Senator John Sherman passed through that city last night, and stated in an interview that he would withdraw from politics after this term. He says he has now received more honor than any other man in the history of the country and will never enter another political career. He says Forraker cannot control the Ohio delegation.

One of those unreasonable men who take a newspaper for a year or two and then send it back "refused" or "not wanted" was sued by a publisher in Michigan a short time ago, and the judge gave a verdict for the full amount and costs. The man decided that notice to discontinue was insufficient if the subscriber was in arrears. He was put first.

The counsel for George W. Delamater and his brother have presented to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania a petition for a reargument upon their application for a change of venue in the criminal proceedings against the clients. It is claimed that the feeling in Crawford county against the Delamaters has grown so strong to enable them to hope for a fair trial. The court has not yet acted on the petition.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* makes a good suggestion when it urges that at the coming February election particular attention be paid to the choice of competent persons to serve on the election boards, in view of the fact that the ballot which must be used next November will be about as large as a page of an ordinary newspaper, and that special care and unusual intelligence will be required for the intricacies of the new law many voters be disfranchised.

The Pennsylvania railroad officials are making preparations to open the Portage Mond at Hollidaysburg, Pa., which was abandoned several years ago. The proposed road will afford an air-line route down the mountains from Cresson to Petersburg, in Huntingdon county, and will shorten the distance fifteen miles between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. This route is in the line of the company's policy in providing rapid transit to the World's fair at Chicago, and the present heavy traffic on the main line, through Altoona, renders the need for this new mountain road imperative.

Aaron Good, a prosperous farmer residing near Harrison City, Westmoreland county, was stricken down a few days ago with the grip. Friday morning, in the presence of his family, he arose from his bed, went to a bureau drawer, took out his revolver, and, before the family were cognizant of what he was doing, placed it to his right temple and blew out his brains. His sufferings had made him temporarily insane. Mr. Good, who was about 50 years old, leaves a wife and grown-up family. Thursday afternoon he said to his wife that something awful was going to happen before long, but she never thought he meant to take his life.

A Miner named Hilton, living near Frankfort, Ky., found himself at death's door some months ago. He quarreled with his wife and in order to keep his wife from enjoying his estate, he made a servant bring him a red bag, which he placed on the fire. Hilton's maiden sister rescued the bag in which she found $70,000 in bonds. She took these home with her for safe keeping. Hilton died and an administrator was appointed. Her sister surrendered the package of bonds, but was surprised to find that all but $2,000 had been stolen. City Marshal Stanford, of Frankfort, came to Nashville some weeks ago, cashed some coupons from the missing bonds and was arrested on the charge of bringing stolen property into the state. Unknown persons have surrendered to Hilton's administrator $22,000 in bonds, and the case against Stanford will not be pressed.

Argument court next Tuesday, 26th inst.

From present indications we will have excellent sleighing the remainder of the week.

Rev. F. P. Saylor, of Somerset township, is spending a few days with Johnstown friends.

It would be impossible to enumerate the number of persons in this place who are suffering from grippe.

Mrs. Hugh Dennison died Saturday night at the home of her son-in-law, J. F. Beachy, in this borough. She was 82 years of age.

Martin Eichelberger, proprietor of the La Palace Hotel, at Hyndman, died from the grippe Friday afternoon, after a few days illness.

John, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. McGriff, of this place, died Thursday morning from rheumatism. He had only been ill a few days.

The two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Morgan, of Johnstown, died at the home of his grand father, C. W. Pugh, at Stoystown, Thursday. Death resulted from pneumonia.

Last Monday afternoon while Henry Shaffer, of Conemaugh township, was working with a pitch fork in his barn, the handle of the fork struck against a rope and two of the prongs penetrated his foot.

On Thursday Jacob Kauffman and wife, and Samuel Miller, wife and two daughters, all of Conemaugh township, left for Michigan and Indiana, where they will visit relatives who reside there and who left these parts many years ago. They will return in about three months.

The young ladies who have been appointed auxilliary members of the State Committee on Women's Work in this county, will probably meet at Rockwood, in the course of a few days, when a county organization will be effected and when the work will be apportioned.

Hay & Sons store, at Meyersdale, was burglarized at an early hour Tuesday morning, and goods to the amount of $500 were carried off. Since that time it is said that the authorities of Rockwood have arrested every suspicious individual passing through that place, endeavoring to catch the guilty parties.

Hon. A. J. Colborn, who had but recently recovered from a prolonged sick spell, is again confined to his home. He was seized with grippe Monday evening and in a short time his condition became alarming, but is much improved at the time of our going to press. Mrs. Colborn is suffering from the same disease.

The real estate of the late John Geiger, deceased, advertised in the HERALD, was sold on Friday and Saturday. A farm in Fairhope township was sold to Geo. W. Owens, of Bedford county, for $2,000, and a house and lot in Hyndman borough was sold to Mrs. Ellen Gessner, of that place, for $300. Both sales are regarded as very good.

Capt. Noah Bowman's store at Stoystown was robbed of three or four hundred dollars worth of goods Friday night. Charles Spangler, a resident of that place, recently released from the western penitentiary, was arrested for the crime but gave the constable the slip and is still at large. Officers are on his track and hope to recapture him.

Theodore Rhoads, aged eighteen, of Pleasant Hill, Somerset township, sustained a severe injury Saturday afternoon, which in all probability will render him a cripple the rest of his days. He was engaged at cutting a water soaked log that had become frozen, when his axe glanced aside and striking his left foot on the instep severed it almostin two

On the first page of this issue will be found the full text of the address delivered by Superintendent of Public Schools, J. M. Berkey, before the recent Farmers' Institute. The address attracted the closest attention on the part of the large audience present, and was enthusiastically applauded. It was one of the most excellent features of the Institute, and at our request Mr. Berkey furnished it for publication in the HERALD.

Burgess Wetley has returned from a week's visit to friends in the Elklick region. He spent one day in Meyersdale in order to investigate the electric light system of that town. He reports the lights entirely satisfactory to the consumers and says that the arc lights for street purposes are all that could be desired. Meyersdale pays $40 a year per arc light for an all night service and it is intimated that the owners of the plant have discovered there is no profit in them at that figure.

A copy of the Onawa, Iowa, *Democrat*, kindly forwarded to us by the banking house of Holbrook Bros., reprints the notice published in the HERALD on the death of Dr. C. G. Stutzman, and adds a glowing tribute to the memory of the dead physician. Dr. Stutzman assisted in laying out the town of Onawa, having moved there with the Holbrook Bros., in 1857, and for several years thereafter gave the residents of that place the benefit of his professional skill "to a very large extent gratuitously."

A wedding took place in the Sheriff's office on Monday morning. Abram H. Sanner, of Fayette county, who had been an inmate of the county jail since last term of court, in default of payment of costs, and Lucy Ann Pletcher, of Jefferson township, were the high contracting parties. Esquire Casebeer performed the ceremony in the presence of a half score of witnesses. After the conjugal knot had been tied, Sanner returned to his cell, accompanied by his bride. He was given his liberty later in the day, his brother entering bail for the payment of the costs.

Thursday afternoon a collision occurred between a freight train and a shifting engine on the B. & O. R. R., at Yoder's siding, west of Salisbury Junction. Both engines and a number of cars were wrecked. The crew of the freight all left the train and escaped uninjured. The engineer of the shifter was slightly injured in jumping, his fireman, young Wyland, was thrown from the tender of the shifter over the tops of both engines and into the tender of the freight train engine. He was seriously injured and was taken to a hospital in Pittsburgh.

John J. Seese, an old resident of Paint township, died on Tuesday afternoon from dropsy, after an illness of several years. He was conscious until his death. About fifteen years ago he got into a dispute with a neighbor named Jacob Rose, and in a fit of anger he seized a stick of wood and struck Rose over the head, fracturing his skull, from which death ensued shortly after. He was tried and convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. Since the expiration of his term, about eight years ago, he has been living a retired life at his home in Paint township, and re-established himself in the esteem of his neighbors.

John R. Brinham, who has been merchant and postmaster at Wellersburg, this county for the past fifty years, died on Monday last, aged about eighty years. He was an Englishman, having emigrated to this country when a boy, and soon after his arrival in America located at Wellersburg. He was prominent in developing the mineral resources of that region and was the owner of several large tracts of mineral land. He was greatly embarrassed by the financial panic of 1872 to '78, but succeeded in preventing the property from being sacrificed, by skillful management; and if the day ever comes when the property can be sold at anything like it's real value, it will leave his heirs in comfortable circumstances. Mr. Brinham was unusually well informed and possessed exceptional business qualifications, having been entrusted to transact business for his neighbors for miles around. He had a large acquaintance throughout the county and was universally respected and esteemed. He was a faithful member of the church of England and an intense Republican.

A Franchise Awarded.

A franchise of the streets was granted to the Somerset Electric Light, Heat and Power Company at a meeting of the town council last Tuesday night, they having been the lowest bidders for street lights. The council have not yet determined how many lights they can afford to put in for street lighting purposes or what system of lights they will adopt. Another question which they will be called upon to decide is whether or not they shall enter into a contract for an all night service. The revenue of the borough is not sufficient to permit of a very large increase of cost over the present oil lamp system, and it is possible that the matter of entering into a contract for lights may be left to a vote of the people. The bid of the company for street lights range from $600 to $800 for a midnight service and from $700 to $900 for an all night service. An all night service would prove more satisfactory all around, and it will be a mistake to contract for a midnight service when the difference in cost is so small. Meanwhile the company are completing their organization and are inquiring into the merits of the different systems. One thing is sure the people want electric light and it can't come too soon.

Sudden Death of John Bowman, Sr.

John Bowman, Sr., aged eighty-three years died suddenly Sunday morning at 3 o'clock at the home of his son, about midway between Stoystown and Hooversville, on the Hooversville road, Quemahoning Township. Mr. Bowman had been suffering with asthma for a number of years, and early Sunday morning got up to fix the fire, and, as he was doing so, he fell over dead. He was born in the township in which he died in 1809, and had been all his life a hard working farmer.

His wife, whose maiden name was Lohr, died three years ago. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman, namely: Mrs. Samuel S. Swank and Mrs. Charles Weigle, of Hooversville; Mrs. Joseph Kocher, of near Stoystown; Mrs. Jeremiah Maurer, Mrs. J. E. Griffin, and Noah and Benjamin Bowman, of Stoystown; Henry Bowman, of Johnstown, and John, Jr., who lives at the farm where his father died.

The deceased was a member of the Stoystown Lutheran Church.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl.

We call attention to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's advertisement in another column. Her clearance, or reduced price sale is now going on, and will last until February 20th. Prices are marked down so low that all should take advantage of this great *Cash Sale.*

"Here's a How-dy-do."

The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* of Sunday is authority for the statement that a meeting of Democratic politicians representing western Pennsylvania counties, met in that city Saturday for the purpose of asking Chairman Kerr, of the Democratic State Committee, to re-elect himself at a meeting of the committee to be held at Harrisburg to-day, and to keep down the present administration in their attempt to elevate Secretary Harrity to the National Committee vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Scott. A representative from this county is reported as having said: "I am a Cleveland man out and out. I held a responsible and good paying position under President Cleveland, and I am heartily for him for re-election. But," the gentleman went on, "the people of Pennsylvania should understand that Mr. Cleveland would be the last Democrat in the nation to turn down such a faithful party servant as Chairman Kerr has been. Mr. Cleveland could not be expected to take part in such a contest, and it is decidedly unfair to the ex-President to have his name dragged into a little factional fight. Mr. Harrity knowing that Cleveland is strong with our people, has been hiding himself behind Cleveland to impose upon the Democratic party of this state for purely selfish purposes. Mr. Harrity is not a Cleveland man—he is a Harrity man; but he is willing to use Cleveland or any other man of standing in the party to gain his own end. Pennsylvania's Democracy should in all decency re elect Mr. Kerr Chairman of the State Committee."

The HERALD has no means of ascertaining who the Somerset Democrat was who volunteered the above information, but whoever he was he spoke the sentiments of the local boss who "has it in" for Pattison and his cabinet. How far he will dare to go contrary to the desires of his party in this county, a great majority of whom are friendly to Pattison and all of whom are heartily for Cleveland for President, the future will determine. But it is dollars to dimes that the member of the State Committee from this county will cast his vote for the Wallace-Kerr-Hill-Gorman-Brice Combination, and what is the Hay-Fisher-Baer faction going to do about it?

For Sale.

My share, one-half, of the Bevins property, in this borough. Here is an opportunity for a man with a small family to secure a good home, cheap. Possession given April 1, 1892. Call on or address

GEO. R. PARKER, Somerset, Pa.

A Brave Brakeman.

While the Western Express on the Pennsylvania Railroad was going up the eastern slope of the mountains on Monday two sleepers became detached, and before anything could be done the cars started down the grade at a rapid rate. The crew of an eastbound freight, seeing the danger, jumped from their train, in an endeavor to render assistance. S. B. Myers, a brakeman, made an attempt to board the flying cars, but was hurled violently to the track. James Brown, a young brakeman, however, succeed in boarding the rear car, and in a short time he succeeded in stopping the runaway cars. Realizing that the second section was due, the boy after securing the brakes, hurried on down the track and within a quarter of a mile flagged the second section, which was thundering along at the rate of 40 miles an hour.

An awful accident was thus averted by the forethought and bravery of the young man, who is said to be the youngest brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad. The passengers, 14 in number, did not know of the danger until after it was passed.

More Work of the Cooleys.

Since the two unsuccessful efforts of Sheriff McCormick and Pittsburg detectives to capture the Cooley gang of Fayette county, they have again begun their depredations.

Last Saturday Frank Cooley and John Ramsey went down in the vicinity of Leisenring, where Ramsey's father and sister live. They went to the house of a young man named Collins, who Cooley and Ramsey had heard had been talking disrespectfully about the latter's sister. They captured Collins and took him to the Ramsey homestead and on bended knee and at the point of a revolver he was compelled to retract before the girl. After nearly frightening Collins to death, they let him go on promises that he would hereafter hold his tongue. The next day they took two of John Cunningham's horses and rode them several miles and then tied them to a fence.

The pair created quite an excitement by riding through the village of Leisenring and firing their revolvers.

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.

Spring Elections.

At the February election constables and assessors will be elected for three years; under the new law each district elects but one assessor, who does all the registering and assessing, and in the third year of his term he makes the triennial assessment—hence the importance of exercising judgment in the election, that competent men may be selected. The new election law of the State goes into effect March 1, 1892. Under the new law the judges and inspectors elected next month will be required to hold the election next November. Election boards therefore should be chosen with a view to thorough competency and responsibility.

HE WAS A NOTED MAN.

Death of Christian Long at Shippensburg.

From the Harrisburg Independent, Saturday.

The following dispatch, received this morning at the *Star-Independent* office, explains itself:

SHIPPENSBURG, Pa., Jan. 16, 1892

Christian Long, esq., died at his home this morning, at 1.30. He will be buried on Monday, the 18th, at 1 o'clock p. m., from his late residence.

J. C. RUMMEL.

In all parts of Pennsylvania, especially along all the leading railroad lines that run into and through the state, among politicians, lawyers, legislators, civil engineers, newspaper men, and that vast number of people who are expecting something "to turn up" the announcement of the death of Christian Long, of Cumberland county, will create intense interest. He was as well known as any man in the state, while he made no seeming effort to attract attention from any body. He began life in the Cumberland Valley, first as a revivalist, a sort of local exhorter, in which capacity he was as sincere as are the class of men who adopt such a course to "get along," and from this he went into the clock business when the famous "Yankee" or wooden clocks were first introduced as an article of commerce. A controlling characteristic of Mr. Long's personal organization consisted of his activity which gave him much force as a clock peddler, while the volubility in the use of language, which he acquired as an exhorter, gave him rare advantages as a talker in selling his goods. He was in his day credited with selling a clock to the owner of a farm which he left with him in a harvest field, or one in which the man was ploughing, while the peddler drove to the farm house where he succeeded in selling another to the wife of the sturdy yeoman. He traded clocks for Cumberland Valley railroad company stock at a period when that corporation was in a bankrupt condition, many a holder of such values readily "swapping" several shares for a single clock, a transaction by which the wily peddler secured a holding in that company, which in time made him a power in its control, often enabling him even to dictate to its president and board of directors as to their action about the time their re-election was to be effected.

When the Pennsylvania railroad company began to reach out for alliances with other roads, such as the Cumberland Valley and the Norrbern Central, Mr. Long came into prominence. The late John Edgar Thompson, of the Pennsylvania Central company, conceived a great preference for Mr. Long as a "business man" and used him in "ways" which both best understood in furtherance of many really vast purposes of that mighty corporation. Mr. Long was shrewd in the fullest sense of the term—cautious in language and prudent in executing an order, qualities which commended him to the great railroader who used him in many transactions in which he would have been slow to trust a more pretentious and self-assuming man.

As a lobbyist, in Harrisburg, Mr. Long played a prominent part, and was a successful worker. He was one of the men identified with the famous so-called "Pittsburgh riot bribery bill," a measure which was designed to hold the state responsible for the loss of property destroyed in Pittsburgh during the strike of railroaders in 1877, in the effort to secure which much corruption was alleged, and for which several prominent men from different parts of the state were convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary, but pardoned by Governor Hoyt, an act which consigned that really able man to an obscurity from which he will never likely emerge. Mr. Long was involved in the same cases, but he managed to escape being called for trial by feigning sickness, having, it is said, induced a physician to instruct him in displaying the indications of a paralytic and then taking a room in the United States hotel, to which place the late Judge Pearson sent a physician to examine him, who reported that it would endanger his life to force Long into court. It was the most adroit plan of "possum acting" any man ever played, and succeeded in pulling the wool over the judge's eyes.

From that period, and for several years prior, Mr. Long dealt largely in western lands, of which he had a large holding in several states. He also owned a large amount of real estate in Harrisburg, which he continued to own to the day of his death.

Mr. Long's leading characteristic consisted of a desire to accumulate. He was a sagacious man in the true sense of the word. Clear sighted, cool headed and untiring he pursued whatever he desired to accomplish tenaciously exhausting every means to reach his end. Men who knew him best either respected his strong points of character or hated and feared him. When he once gained an advantage he never lost it in foolish dealing, but turned all of its available forces to his own profit. He loved wealth, not for any comfort or personal adornment it gave him, but merely for its power to add to his gain, as he did when he exhorted at local rustic prayer meetings in the rural regions of Cumberland county, played the accordion as a clock peddler, carried out the schemes of great railroaders, or outwitted a profound judge, so he was in all things, a plain man, covering his deep cunning with a disregard for show of any kind, but always ready to grasp the almighty dollar and lay it away for his own benefit. In his line of peculiar conduct he had no associate, and if ever his life is written by any one, Christian Long can be made to occupy a place in Pennsylvania business affairs in railroading, financiering and legislation of the period when he lived such as no other man fills. His death will fill the newspapers of the state with many quaint stories of his peculiarities, his actions and his personal habits, some of which will be true, but the great majority will be the usual exaggeration and coinage of the imagination in writing the obituary of such men.

Mr. Long was well-known throughout Somerset county, having spent a large portion of his time in this place following the construction of the Somerset & Mineral Point R. R., and after that road got into financial difficulties he became one of its principal owners. He had a number of other investments in this county.

We Mean Business.

Persons knowing themselves indebted on our books are requested and earnestly requested to call at once and settle their accounts by cash or note, as the books must be settled. We sell goods at short profits and cannot afford to sell on long time.

PARKER & PARKER.

Dr. Douglass' Odd Will.

From the Pittsburgh Times.

The will of the late Rev. John Doglass, D. D., was filed yesterday. He says: "I owe no man anything, and have no debts. I direct and positively order that the expenses of my burial shall not exceed $75, and that my coffin shall be made of plain boards, and without adornment or decoration of any kind. As I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Son of God, for salvation, and that men are saved when alive, it will not be necessary to hold religious exercises over my body." Continuing, he directed that no monument was to be erected over his grave. He bequeathed his lot in the Allegheny Cemetery to his son, Robert H. Douglass, but no stone shall tell to whom it belongs or who is buried there, and the stones there now must be allowed to crumble into dust and never be replaced. To his son and four daughters he gave $2,000 each, the residue to be divided among his daughters.

The following letters remaining in the Postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from January 29, 1892:

Benno, S. A.; Clay, Elizabeth, Campbell, Mrs. A.; Hill, May; Ganfner, James; Kimmel, Morgan; Ling, Mary M.; McCloy, James; Shaff, Geo.

FOREIGN.

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JOHAN KNEBER, P. M.

A Reported Yellow Ochre Mine.

Although the bowels of the earth in Cambria county have already yielded hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of various minerals, it would seem that its resources have not yet been fully determined. From recent investigations it is believed that there exists in Jackson township a mineral more valuable than any yet found, and one that is rare in this section of the country. This is nothing less than a vein of yellow ochre, which is used in the manufacture of paints. About a year ago, while prospecting for coal on the farm of George Page, near Vinco, a very yellow substance was found, which caused much surmise as to what it was. Recently Chas. N. Crouse, of South Fork, went out to Mr. Page's farm and he and Mr. Page spent considerable time prospecting. This labor was rewarded by finding the croppings of a well-defined vein of yellow material, which experts pronounce to be a good quality of ochre. The vein was found where a small stream comes from the hill, and was of considerable thickness seeming to get thicker as it went farther into the hill. The yellow material is very compact, and is clean and free from sand. Its color is very pronounced, and is much different from any clay or other material ever observed in this section. A sample was brought to this city to-day, which will be analyzed to determine its exact value.—*Johnstown Herald.*

To Whom it May Concern.

Within a few days we will have sent out statements to every one having accounts on our books. We have a great deal due us in small bills. Some of them have been standing until forbearance has been to the limit. If they are not paid within 10 days of receipt of statement we will place them in the hands of an officer for collection.

M. M. TRENWELL & Co.

Statistics of the Lutherans.

The Census Bureau has issued the fifth in the series of bulletins on church statistics. It contains the returns for the entire Lutheran Communion in the United States, which includes four general bodies and twelve independent congregations.

The bulletin shows that the largest number of communicants embraced in any one State is found in Pennsylvania, which has 219,069. Wisconsin comes next, with 145,671, and Minnesota third, with 143,503. All the States and Territories have communicants except Nevada, the Indian Territory and Oklahoma.

$150,000 For a Horse.

J. Malcolm Forbes, of Boston, has purchased from Senator Stanford, the celebrated trotting horse Arion, which as a two-year-old, has a record of 2-10¾.

While the exact amount paid for the horse cannot now be obtained, it is known that the figures closely approximate $150,000. This is the highest price ever paid for a horse in the history of the world. The nearest approach to it is the $105,000 paid for Axtel and $100,000 paid for St. Blaise.

On November 10, 1891, Arion made a record of 2-10¾ at Stockton, Cal. Arion is a bay colt, fifteen hands high, and was foaled March 13, 1889. His sire was Electioneer, sire of 100 2.30 trotters, and his dam Nanette, sister to Woodnut (2.16¾.)

Township Public Schools.

From the Harrisburg Star-Independent.

After the regular term of the public schools in the several township of the county have closed this year, there will be efforts made to open private schools in a number of them which will afford an opportunity for those who can pay for the tuition. The township school term in all the counties of the state is too short, and in a degree a deprivation of what the commonwealth intended all the children of the state should have in free education when the common schools were established. The trouble has been that there are influences at work in all these townships disposed to be mean in educational matters, the result of which is that the children are deprived of what they should enjoy in its fullest extent. To open private schools will not supply the defects of this short term system, for the reason that only the children of parents able to pay, as we have already stated, will enjoy these advantages of education, while those of parents who cannot pay must go without their facilities. This is a subject with which the legislature must deal in a general way, as township school boards will not do it because they hesitate to raise the revenues to defray the expense of this enlarged facility of free education.

How Old They Are.

Benjamin Harrison is 59, John Sherman is 68, Joseph Hawley is 66, Senator Hour is 66, Mr. Blaine is 62, Senator Morrill is 82, Tom Reed is 52, Senator Allison is 63, Ex-Senator Ingalls is 59, and Matt Quay is 59. On the other hand, on the Democratic side, Senator Gorman is 52, Speaker Crisp is 46, Senator Carlisle is 56, Sanator Hill is 49, Senator Pugh is 72, Lieutenant Governor Sheehan is 33, and Congressman McMillan is 47.—*N. Y. Sun.*

A Seasonable Injunction.

"Keep your feet always dry, and be on your guard against catching cold at this time of the year," said the doctor. "Look at the list of deaths and at the diseases that kill people and you will take care of your health if you value your life. George Washington himself died from catching cold. He stayed out in a December rain, did not change his clothes when he got home, took a cold, and had an attack of ague which was followed by the laryngitis that ended his life. He would probably have lived to be 10 or 12 years older than he was at the time of his death if he had not caught that cold in the winter time. Nearly half of my patients are afflicted with troubles that grow out of carelessness in regard to damp feet, chilling winds and wet clothes."

The Local Newspaper.

Hon. Preston B. Plumb, late U. S. Senator from Kansas.

I believe in local newspapers. They are the leaders, the makers of public sentiment. They are nearer to the people than any other papers. Their editors mingle with the people, and consciously or unconsciously, reflect the views of their readers. By reading the local papers I can tell just what the people are thinking and talking about. I can feel the pulse of the people and take their temperature. I am amazed, too, at the excellence of our county papers. The majority of them are carefully, ably edited. They not only print the news of their neighborhood, but have opinions which I find it worth my while to read and reflect upon. I get no better return for any of the money which I spend than for that which I pay out for the local newspapers.

No Mercantile Tax for Liquor Dealers.

The Pittsburgh *Times* of a few mornings ago had the following: Prothonotary Newmyer, of the Supreme Court yesterday received the decision in the appeals of the Commonwealth from Common Pleas No. 2, in the matter of the assessment of a mercantile tax on bottlers, brewers, distillers, and wholesale and retail liquor dealers. The latter claimed that their license fee was all the State tax they could be railed upon to pay. The lower court sustained their appeal. The Supreme Court affirms this.

For Sale.

Eight acres of improved land, adjoining Somerset borough. For terms, call on or George Acman, Somerset, Pa.

Texas Lore.

From the Galveston News.

The finger of scorn is a yard long.

Do not live with your finger on the trigger.

Take things as they come and give them up as they go.

Inspiration that one has to wait for is not worth having.

The whisper is never admissible except when the tiresome baby is asleep.

The bean means business when he begins to bring candy for all the little brother sisterhood.

Mt. Moriah Items.

John Miller is making preparations to build one of the best barns to be found in the county on his farm near this place, at present occupied by his son Harvey.

F. C. Maurer, one of our best citizens and senior member of our "Bachlor's Club," expects to leave shortly on an excursion to the Pacific coast. He will return with warm weather.

The report that Ed. D. Mostoller, of this place, is dead or about dying, is all a mistake. He had been suffering for the past year from an injured spine and more recently from a severe cold, but is now able to get around and attend to business.

Dr. Joseph Crist, or "Joe" as his many friends persist in calling him, continues to do a large business with his celebrated family medicines. The Dr. says that his different compounds contain many virtues and judging from the quantity he sells the people must agree with him.

Soloman Ogline regrets that there has been so little snow up to date, as he and his brother have only succeeded in bagging sixty rabbits so far this winter. He accidently shot himself in the foot a few weeks ago while handling a revolver. The wound was a very slight one.

Some time ago David Maxel bought Wm. C. Miller's small farm near here, and after repairing the house, which had been unoccupied for six or seven years, moved his family into it. If he continues making improvements to his farm he will have one of the finest homes in this neighborhood before a great while.

D. B. Zimmerman, one of our stockmen, is feeding a good many head of cattle this season. A great many of them showed a vicious disposition when Mr. Zimmerman promptly dehorned them, since which time they have been as tractable as any old cow on his place.

Wm. Deitz will erect a new barn the coming summer.

In spite of the sickly weather and reports of grippe and fever patients from all over the county the people of this section have been unusually healthy the present winter.

X.

Officers Elected.

The following are officers of Pride of Somerset Castle No. 114, of Stanton's Mills, for the ensuing six months' term:

Past Chief—D. D. Weaver.
Noble Chief—J. Snably.
Vice Chief—G. W. Shannon.
High Priest—F. Bear.
Venerable Hermit—S. J. Swank.
Master of Records—J. C. Ober.
Clerk of Exchequer—N. D. Bowman.
Keeper of Exchequer—W. J. Dinges.
Sir Herald—F. Dinges.
Worthy Bard—L. Sowerbrower.
Worthy Chamberlain—G. R. Gardner.
Ensign—N. A. Baker.
Esquire—H. F. Bittner.
First Guardsman—Jno. Penrod.
Second Guardsman E. C. Dinges.
Trustees—J. T. Miller, L. Sowerbrower, A. Berkey.
Representative to Grand Castle—J. C. Ober.

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

MANLOW SCHROCK.

Joint Local Institute.

The following is the program for the joint local institute for Jenner township and Jennertown borough to be held at Jenner X Roads, January 30, 1892:

Address of Welcome—C. C. Schmucker.
Duties and rights of teachers—W. A. G. Lape.
Graded Schools—Dr. C. P. Lenhart, Jac. Hoffman.
Class Drill in Geography—W. Risheberger.
Oration—R. W. Lohr.
Recitations—Kimmel Rauch, C. M. Swank, W. J. Peterson.
School Apparatus, How to use it?—H. E. Shaffer, Jno. A. Reisinger.
Manners and Morals—M. L. Hoffman.
Schoolroom Decorations—J. C. Donges.
Solos—R. F. Witt, Clara Picking.
Essays—J. P. Shaffer, Nora B. Miller. Annie Sipe, F. B. Shaffer, P. S. Pile.
Should directors furnish the text books—D. L. Wiand.
How to teach Philology—W. L. Weighley.
Closing remarks—E. E. Blough.

Institute to commence at 10 o'clock a. m. and to consist of three sessions. County Superintendent J. M. Berkey expects to be with us and take part in the discussion.

There will be an entertainment by the school on Friday evening previous.

Patrons and friends of education are cordially invited to be present and those on the program are expected to come well prepared.

COX.

Following is the programme for a district institute, composed of the district comprising Middlecreek, Casselman and Upper Turkeyfoot, to be held at New Lexington on Saturday, February 5, 1892.

First Session—10 *A. M.*

"School Discipline," Miss Lou A. Moore.
"Penmanship," W. A. Lint.
"Rewards and Punishments," Ella Ficher.
"School Apparatus," Dr. H. D. Moore.
"Business Forms," W. H. H. Baker.
"Emulation," William F. Sanner.
"Are District Institutes a Success," F. E. Younkin.

Second Session—1 *P. M.*

"Methods of Teaching Orthography," W. B. Putman.
"Arithmetic, Fractions, Board Work," A. J. Sembower.
"The Teacher Outside the School-room," I. S. Snyder.
"The American Flag and its Lessons," E. E. Barclay.
"The Teacher in the Play Ground," Clara Pile.

Talks by teachers, directors and citizens. Debate—*Resolved*, That Secret Organizations Perpetrate and Foster Crime. Affirmative, I. S. Pile and A. W. Snyder. Negative, A. S. Snyder and C. R. Phillippi.

COMMITTEE.

Suits By Prohibitionists.

Chairman Patton, of the prohibition state executive committee, announces that suits which some or more taxpayers of Philadelphia, members of his party, will shortly bring in that city for the purpose of testing the validity of the Baker ballot law, which virtually shuts out the prohibitionists, will be against the mayor, county commissioners, county controller and city treasurer. Against the mayor, in order to get at the corporation; the county commissioners, they have the ordering of the ballots; the controller, who approves all bills, and the city treasurer, who pays the same. This action will be taken with a view of restraining these officers from proceeding further under this law, and preventing further expenses until the validity of the act has been ascertained.

MARRIED.

SANNER—PLETCHER.—At the Sheriff's office, by Noah Casebeer, J. P., Mr. Abraham H. Sanner, of Fayette county, Pa., and Miss Lucy Ann Pletcher, of Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pa.

—TO MY—

Friends, Patrons, and the Public.

After many years in the mercantile business in your midst, I have concluded that the time has come for me to settle up all my old business, and for that purpose I opened a new set of books

JANUARY 1, 1892,

And kindly request all having accounts to call and settle at once. Also, to reduce my large Stock, and to make place for

SPRING GOODS,

I WILL OFFER A

GREAT REDUCTION

—FOR—

CASH,

On the Entire Stock of

CLOTHING, CARPETS,
FURNISHING GOODS,
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES,

ETC., UP TO

FEBRUARY 15, 1892.

I also offer a GREATER REDUCTION on my line of

Boots and Shoes,

To close out that class of goods. I purpose to continue the business at the old stand, with a partner in the profits of the business, and invite you to call, and we will try to please you. Thankful for the patronage heretofore extended to me, I am, respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

J. M. Holderbaum.

Here We Are Again

WITH OUR

GREAT ANNUAL

R. L. S.

Commencing to-day, and each day thereafter for 30 days, at which time we will sell off a large assortment of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Goods, etc., at cost. Now is your time for Bargains.

20-inch Black Silk, price $1.00, R. L. 86
" " " 90 " " 67½
24-inch " Satin Rhadams $1.40 " " $1.10
46-inch " Silk Warp Cashm. " " " 1.12
40-inch Col'd " " " $1.25 " " 95
46-inch Blk Henrietta (all wool) $1.00 R. L. 83
46-inch Blk Henrietta (all wool) 90 R. L. 67½
46-inch Blk Henrietta (all wool) 85 R. L. 62½
46-inch Blk Serge (all wool) 90 R. L. 67½
32-inch " " " " $1.00 R. L. 80
46-inch " Cashmere " " 90 " " 67½
40-inch " " " " 60 " " 46
" Col'd " " " 60 " " 45
" " " " 50 " " 40
38-inch Colored Bed Cords 35 " " 30
36-inch Plain and Fancy Stripe Cachm. 25 R. L. 21
36-inch Plain Cachm. 35 R. L. 25

Velvets and braided trimings to match at cost. In the Domestic Department we will sell best makes Dress Ginghams Were 10 cents Red Letter 8 cents
Lancaster Gingham were 8 R. L. 7 "
Willington " " 7