The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.......January 25, 1893.

HOLDING THE REINS.

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—*Somerville Journal.*

Readers of the HERALD should not forget that J. N. Snyder, the druggist, can fit their eyes.

Long-haired people who wish an economical ... are advised to wet their hair, ... and then break it off.

A fine line of sleighs, Robes and Blankets at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware store. Call and see them.

By the way, do you say "dress" when you mean your outside garment? You mustn't; "gown" is the proper word to use.

To discourage the marrying of elopers, an ... legislator would fine $10,000 any one marrying a couple without a license.

A girl who knows makes this revision of an old adage: "A ride in a sleigh without ... is like apple pipe without a bit of cheese."

James B. Holderbaum, the hardware man, ... timely notice to owners of horses that he is prepared to supply them with the best ... and sleds in the market.

W. Fake Conrad, of Tyrone, has been named chairman of the second Democratic division including Huntingdon, Bedford, Somerset, Cambria and Blair counties.

Remember that Mahlon Schrock is headquarters for all kinds of grain and mill feed, at bottom prices, also a full line of fresh groceries and Flour always in stock.

An old man named Harden, who lived alone in a hut near Ligonier, Westmoreland county, was found frozen stiff last week by his neighbors. He was about 60 years of age.

Ellen Hickey, a lone widow living near ...ville, Westmoreland county, was ... to death last week. When discovered on Friday, she was unconscious. All efforts to restore her failed. She died in a few hours.

William Horn fell down the Southwest Connellsville Coke Co.'s B shaft at Morewood, a distance of 200 feet, Saturday morning, and lives to tell his thrilling experience. ... a broken arm and a few slight bruises he is uninjured.

Judge R. R. Nelson, of the United States court, has declared the Chinese exclusion act unconstitutional in a case brought before him in habeas corpus proceedings in the interest of A. Yuk, a Chinese of seven years' residence in the United States.

The Illinois state supreme court has reversed the decision of the lower court in the case of ex-Detective Dan Coughlin, who with ... and O'Sullivan, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and is now in the penitentiary for the murder of Dr. Cronin.

In April next there will be a total eclipse of the sun, and astronomers all over the world are preparing to take observations of the event. Every eclipse of late years has resulted in the accumulation of new and important facts. As the power of the telescope increases, too, does the importance of these observations.

A man in Sugar Grove, Pa., wants to carry the U. S. mail for nothing and is willing to pay $50 for the privilege. The route is from Sugar Grove to Jamestown, N. Y., a distance of 11 miles. The mail carrier makes a handsome profit from passengers baggage and freight. It is the only route in the U. S. where the government receives money from the contractor.

Tuesday night burglars worked a job in the postoffice at Ligonier by blowing the safe open with powder and setting fire to the building. The explosion aroused the people in that portion of the town near the postoffice and the fire was speedily gotten under control. About $400 was stolen from the safe and the damage to the building was about $25. No arrests have been made as yet.

The "lemon squeeze" craze bids fair to come up again this winter, as a popular amusement. Each member of the party brings a lemon which is cut open, the seeds taken out, counted and dropped into a jar, an accurate but strictly private record being kept of the number. After all are in each person ... as to the entire number of seeds, and prizes are distributed to the most successful guessers. Any other seedy fruit, apples or oranges for instance, may be substituted for lemons.

There is no improvement in the health of General William Lilly, at Mauch Chunk, one of the congressmen-at-large from this state. He was stricken with vertigo caused by acute indigestion on November 27 last, since which his condition was alarming. He soon rallied but was compelled to relinquish all forms of business. For the past two weeks he has been confined to his residence, and of late seldom leaves his room. There seems to be a total collapse of his entire physical system.

In an opinion delivered by Judge Green in the case of the Latrobe Building and Loan Association against Margaret A Fritz, the Supreme Court has decided that a married woman can make any kind of a contract in relation to the improvement of her separate estate, which she could make if she were a single woman, including even the giving of a bond. In this case the court reverses the county court, which had treated as illegal and void a bond given by Mrs. Fritz for the repayment of money loaned her by the building association for the improvement of her real estate.

Hon. Geo. V. Lawrence of Washington county has prepared a bill repealing the "bounty on fox scalps," which cost the commonwealth in the aggregate $40,000 a year. Mr. Lawrence claims that foxes are more beneficial than destructive, from the fact that they kill large numbers of mice, which little animals he says, do a good deal of harm to the hay and other product of the farmer. In the outside of a fox hole discovered recently he declared 101 dead mice were found all of which were carried there as food for the young foxes that had inhabited the dwelling place under the ground.

While dying ex President Hayes frequently referred to a visit made to his wife's grave on the preceding Sunday, and spoke of the ... beauty of the snow covered landscape. He said that he almost wished he was lying then by the side of his wife. It was all so peaceful, "and yet," he said, "I am not unhappy. My life is an exceptionally happy one." The family were hastily summoned to his bedside when it became apparent about 10 o'clock that the ex-President was sinking. His last words were to his family physician, Dr. Hilbert to whom he said: "I know that I am going where Lucy is." The words were spoken distinctly, and his face bore a happy smile.

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 this date, January 25, 1893: Attany, Edmund; Alesia, Carmine; Baer, A. S., Mrs.; Bier, Carl; Baker, Frank; Call, C.; Cafee, J. P.; Couvale, T. B.; Fritz, ... F.; Fieman, F. A.; Fragala, Francesco; Gallahan, Atamintz; Hentz, Balrer; Hoover, W. W.; Hochstetler, John; Helfert Maria; Hoover, J. L.; Hay, Alex.; Livengood, Clarence; Lambert, Samuel; Miller, Wesley G.; Miller, Jas. A.; Mayo, E. D.; Mattison, Susie; Rhoads, Minnie; Rhoads, L. W.; Sarver, Jennie A.; Shaffer Mollie; Stahl, Norman; Wingard, Maggie.

JOSIAH KELLER, P. M.

Milton Long has succeeded Will Good as janitor of the county jail.

The Republicans of Jefferson township will nominate a township ticket Saturday.

Ex-Sheriff Rush McMillen was shaking hands with his friends in Somerset, Monday.

The worst drifted road in the county is said to be between Stoyestown and this place.

Constables will be elected in all of the townships and boroughs of the county at the February election.

Mr. Blaine Miller, of Rockwood, has been appointed a page in the House of Representatives at Harrisburg.

Dr. Musser, of Berlin, is under bail for assaulting his father-in-law, Dr. Ernest, and threatening to kill his wife.

Laura Barnhart, of Friedens, died of scarlet fever in Altoona last Wednesday. The remains were interred at Coleman's Station.

Frederick Uphouse, a prominent and respected citizen of Middlecreek township, died Monday. He was about 80 years of age.

Burgess Weitley has received a number of pamphlets from the State Board of Health treating on the precautions to be taken against diphtheria.

Lawyer James L. Pugh is away on a ten day's pleasure trip. He will visit Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and New York before returning to Somerset.

Mr. Oliver Knepper, a prominent citizen of this borough, has been confined to his home for the past ten days suffering from severe stomache trouble.

At a meeting of the State Agricultural Society at Harrisburg last week, John Biesecker, of Jenner township, was elected one of the Vice Presidents for the ensuing year.

"Jim" McKelvey claims to have seen a fox frozen stiff in its tracks in a field halfway between Somerset and Berlin. Well, it has been a little chilly; but then, a fox is a fox.

Rev. L. N. Grieso, of Johnstown, who has preached from the pulpit of the Disciples' church in this place on several occasions, has tendered his resignation to take effect April 1st, to his home congregation.

The ladies of the local Childrens Aid Society are making arrangements for an entertainment to be given by home talent in the Opera House, Wednesday evening, February 22d, for the benefit of that worthy charity.

Peter Brugh, one of the best known and most honored citizens of Somerset county, died Saturday at his home, near Bakersville. Mr. Brugh was in his 82d year and had been in feeble health for a long time prior to his death.

A Bethel citizen, named Boyer, spent a night in the lockup at Johnstown, Thursday night. He had sobered up by the next morning and was released upon payment of $3 fine and costs. He had a good sized wad of money in his pocket when arrested.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson, desire through the columns of the HERALD, to return their sincere thanks to the people of Somerset borough for the liberal donation sent them last week. It has enabled them to cancel a small indebtedness and will supply the needs of their family for some time.

It seemed as though nearly every thing on runners was in town Saturday. The temperature was moderate and farmers from all sections took advantage of the sleighing to come to town and their wives came along to make purchases for their families. Storekeepers were kept busy as nailers all day long.

Mrs. Stephen Weaver and her daughter Louisa, of Kent county, Michigan, who had been the guests of their relative—Mr. Samuel Weaver—of Paint township, for the past three weeks, departed for their home Friday morning. Mrs. Weaver is a daughter of the late Joseph Weaver, of Paint township, who died about two months ago.

Mr. Abner McKinley, of New York City, dropped into Somerset Monday morning for a two days visit with his friends in this place, and incidentally to enjoy a sleigh ride. When Mr. McKinley comes to Somerset with his family next summer he will bring a pair of horses with him that promise to throw dust in the eyes of all the local roadsters.

An Act of Assembly requires township and borough auditors to file annually, in the office of the Prothonotary, a statement of the financial condition of their districts. This law has been practically a dead letter so far as Somerset county is concerned, and we would suggest to auditors, in order to save themselves trouble, that they attend to this matter promptly in the future.

We are in receipt of a lengthy communication from a prominent citizen and taxpayer, of Brothersvalley township, concerning the inefficiency of several of the teachers employed in the public schools of that district. Our correspondent alleges that the teachers referred to are incapable of solving simple questions in common fractions. We withhold the communication for the present.

Mr. E. L. Benford, formerly of New Centreville, this county, is wanted by officers of the law on a charge of forgery. Benford's method was to get merchants to cash checks ostensibly drawn by a city firm on the First National Bank of Cumberland, Md. Four of the these checks have turned up and all have been pronounced forgeries. Among other merchants victimized by Benford was Mr. P. J. Cover, of Meyersdale. Cover has offered a reward of $25 for the forger's apprehension.

Elder Lawrence W. Scott, of St. Louis, Mo., who preached in the Disciples' Church, this place, Sunday evening, 15th inst., is an author of more than ordinary ability. "The Hand Book of Christian Evidence," "The Mooted Question and Other Rhymes," as well as several other poetical productions which have been embalmed in music, specimens of his work, have received favorable criticism from high sources. While here he was the guest of our fellow-townsman, Dr. S. J. McMillen.

James B. Holderbaum, the leading hardware dealer of the county, two weeks ago, had sold all of his large stock of sleighs and all that he could secure from dealers in neighboring towns. He sold a number of sleighs to parties living as far distant as Altoona. Saturday he had only two out of a large stock of bob-sleds left. Mr. Holderbaum not only sells farmers labor saving machinery with which to "make hay when the sun shines," but he sells them vehicles for pleasure and utility when the snow flies.

Friday evening about sixty members of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Disciples' Church, of this place, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Jenner X Roads, where they were joined by about twenty members of the same society from Johnstown. After supper the entire party adjourned to a hall, near by, where some little time was consumed in reciting and singing. A majority of the Somerset party reached home between two and three o'clock while others did not reach here until eight o'clock next morning.

Senator Critchfield has been made chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture. He has also been given a place upon the following committees: Appropriations, Public Health and Sanitation, Judicial Apportionment and Vice and Immorality.

Representative Weller has been made chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, and placed upon the Committees of Statistics, Centennial Affairs and Congressional Apportionment.

Representative Miller has been placed upon the Committees of Appropriations, Federal Relations, Judiciary Local, Legislative Apportionment and Library.

By way of Connellsville we learn that the northern ends of Fayette and Somerset counties are flooded with counterfeit silver dollars and half dollars. It is thought a gang of counterfeiters has located in the moonshine country of Somerset county.

James Owen O'Connor, the tragedian of pleasant? memory, who appeared at the Opera House in this place several years ago, has been adjudged insane by a commission of New York physicians. We thought James was "a little off" when he was in Somerset.

We are indebted to the *Volette* for the information (from a teacher) that three more branches are taught the present session in the Somerset schools than ever before. Is'nt it about time to weed out a few branches and teach only those which teachers are qualified to teach?

A nut for the tax payers of Somerset borough to crack: If it takes the school directors of the Somerset borough school district ten years to pay a bonded debt of $3,000, with an annual income of $1,200 collected for that purpose, how long will it take the town council of the same borough to pay $25,000 with an annual income of $2,500 for all purposes?

Ex county Auditor, Israel Emerick, expired very suddenly and unexpectedly Friday afternoon at his home in Southampton township. Friday morning he wrote a letter to his attorney, J. R. Scott, Esq., which was forwarded later in the day by his wife, with a note enclosed bearing the sad intelligence of the 'Squires death. Somerset county had no more upright and straightforward citizen than 'Squire Emerick. His death will be regretted by a large circle of friends. The deceased was about seventy years of age.

A Washington special in the Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* of Tuesday says that John F. Swartly, of Coleman, Somerset county, apparently 65 years of age, committed suicide Monday morning at the Mt. Vernon hotel in that city, by turning on the gas in his room. He had several thousand dollars on his person when found. Mr. Swartly has been wrongly located, as no person of that name lives within five miles of Coleman, and so far as we have been able to learn no family by the name of Swartly resides in this county.

District Attorney Robert S. Murphy does not improve and his friends are becoming alarmed at his serious condition. About three weeks ago he had a wart removed from the knuckle of one of his fingers, and shortly afterward severe pains were felt at the place and swelling began in the hand and arm. This has been getting worse, until it has developed into something of the nature of gangrene. An operation was performed to day in order to relieve him of the acute pain, which at all times is very excruciating.—*Johnstown Herald.*

So far three of our Republican friends have acknowledged their willingness to serve the people of Somerset borough in the capacity of Justice of the Peace; at least that number are reported to be in training for the office of Constable; only one is electioneering for Tax Collector; none have announced for School Director and quite a number are hinted at as being willing to serve as councilmen; Burgess Weitley has abled his castor into the ring and will fight for re-election; no one has been spoken of for Street Commissioner, possibly for the reason that it is proposed to let the streets go as they were permitted to go last summer without any work being done on them.

An arrangement has been made whereby nearly all of the country Senators and Representatives will meet at stated periods during the present session of the Legislature for the purpose of consulting in regard to all legislation presented. The story set afloat in regard to the members mentioned having adopted a constitution and by-laws with pledges of secrecy and united action upon all measures is not. No such action was ever contemplated. Mr. Cessna, of Bedford, has been elected President, Mr. Thomas, of Cambria, Vice President, and Senator Critchfield, Secretary, of the organization referred to. The organization of country members should result in great good to their constituency, and if it serves no other purpose it will at least enable those members to vote intelligently.

L. C. Colborn, Esq., left for Bellefonte, Centre county, Monday morning, where he will appear in a case brought by the poor authorities of that county against the poor authorities of Somerset county, to recover the cost of maintenance of an inmate of the State Insane Asylum at Danville. The inmate, James McFadden, was brought to Somerset county by "Tom" Collins during the days of construction on the South Penn R. R., and the question to be decided is whether McFadden gained a residence in this county at that time or not. Ex-Governor Beaver will assist Mr. Colborn for the defense and Gen. Daniel Hastings will prosecute the case.

Before returning to Somerset Mr. Colborn will visit Philadelphia where he will represent Somerset county at a convention of those having charge of the feeble minded children of the Common wealth.

Miss Lizzie Shaffer, who was taken to the asylum at Harrisburg a week ago on Saturday, has returned to her home in Shade township. She was accompanied home by her brother, to whom the asylum authorities said that she was entirely cured.

The doctors of the institution, when she was taken there, expressed the opinion that she was only in need of quiet and rest, attributing her malady more particularly to a bad cold, while not in very good health. Their diagnosis, it seems, was correct, and in the early part of the week she had fully regained her normal condition. Her friends here were written to, and upon learning of her condition gladly had her brought home. There is said to be no probability of a recurrence of her mental trouble. She went to church on Saturday night and greeted her acquaintances as usual.

We learn from the Johnstown *Herald* that Stephen Griffith and Jacob Wertz, two Conemaugh township farmers who were in that city last Tuesday, stated that there was likely to be considerable trouble with the Crescent Pipe Line Company in that township. The gentlemen said that the building of the pipe line through their farms, as well as through those of others, had caused considerable damage which had not yet been paid for, although repeated demands had been made on the company for a settlement, and as many times promises had been exacted from the company, but no money came. The men say that if their claims are not settled soon they will go to law. In many cases, they say, the company has violated the law in the laying of the pipes, having in some places laced them only six inches under ground when the law states that they shall be covered with no less than eighteen inches of ground. They say that in case the company refuses to settle they have good cases against it for violating the state law.

The south bound S. & C. passenger train, due at this place at 9.16 A. M., Tuesday morning, ran into a team owned by Charles C. Pile, a short distance north of the Stoyestown bridge, instantly killing one of the horses and badly injuring the other. Mr. Pile was engaged at hauling manure from his father's barn into a meadow on the opposite side of the railroad track. The heavily ladened sled stuck fast in the snow while the horses were between the rails and he was unable to proceed. Just at this time he heard the passenger train approaching at a rapid speed. A sharp curve was right ahead and not having time to unhitch his horses before the train would be upon him, Mr. Pile hastened up the track to meet it. The engineer saw his signal but was unable to stop his train. The engine dashed into the helpless horses, disemboweling the one closest to it and tossing both about thirty feet from the track. The horses were thrown on opposite sides of the track. The sled was wrecked and the harness was torn into shreds.

The Scull-Greevy Report.

A press dispatch from Washington, Monday, says: The report on the Scull-Greevy contested election case was filed to-day by Chairman O'Ferral, of the Election Committee. It is unanimous, no minority report being submitted. The report is very lengthy, reviewing all the testimony, which covered hundreds and hundreds of pages. The point of townships voting in boroughs is not used, although the majority of the committee held that such was perfectly legal. Messrs. Gillespie, Johnson, of Indiana, and Cobb, of Alabama, held, however, that technically, under the laws of Pennsylvania, this sort of voting was not legal.

The preponderence of evidence was so overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Scull, that even if the township vote cast in boroughs had been counted out he would have been elected, and the committee decides that he is entitled to his seat and that Mr. Greevy has not made out a case.

February 17th

Is the last day of my Reduced Price Sale. Don't forget the date. Until that time there will be a great chance to get goods at the lowest bargain prices.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Death of the Oldest Lady in the County.

A remarkable life went out Saturday afternoon when Mrs. David Lavan died at the home of her nephew, William Tayman, at Lavansville. Her death was entirely unexpected and was a great shock to the members of her family. The deceased was—so far as is known—the oldest woman in the county. On the 15th day of September last she celebrated her 90th birthday. She is survived by her only child, Mrs. A. E. Tayman, for many years proprietress of the Somerset House.

The funeral took place at Lavansville Tuesday afternoon and was attended by representatives of four generations of the Lavan family and by a large number of people.

A week prior to her death Mrs. Lavan had visited the home of her nephew, David Tayman, who lives some distance from her home.

Mrs. Lavan was remarkable in more respects than that of the great age to which she attained. Her mental faculties were unclouded until the hour of her death, and although belonging to the previous century she evinced a lively interest in the affairs of to-day. Her memory was remarkable, and owing to the fact that most of her life was passed in a hotel at which many of the men and women of the country who were famous a half century ago were entertained, her conversation in regard to those early days was always absorbingly interesting. Mrs. Lavan was married about seventy-eight years ago and had since resided constantly in the house in which she died.

To Farmers and Fruit Growers!

I am taking orders again for fruit and ornamental trees, shrubs, etc., for spring planting. All who want anything in this line will find it to their best interest to consult me. I try to please my patrons by furnishing first class stock, true to name, at lowest prices. Those who patronized me heretofore can testify to this statement.

Respectfully,
JOHN D. BAER,
Friedens, Pa.

Farmers' Institute.

Next week, it will be remembered, is the time announced for the meeting of the Somerset County Farmers' Institute, and if the number of persons who made inquiry concerning the time of the meeting, before the program was announced, can be taken as an indication of the interest that is felt in these gatherings by farmers throughout the county, the attendance will no doubt be unusually large. Somerset County is coming to the front as one of the leading agricultural counties of the state. We have heard with pleasure the complimentary remarks made concerning the intelligence of the farmers of this county by the gentlemen who have come from other parts of the state to assist in these meetings, and no better proof is needed of the correctness of the estimate they make of our people than is seen in the large attendance the Farmers' Institute is always sure to secure. The complaint that farming in recent years does not pay, is almost universal. We have no means of judging whether this complaint is well founded or not, but if it is, there can be no better way of remedying the evil than for farmers to come together and by their united wisdom endeavor to discover where the trouble lies and what steps can be taken for its removal. Statistics show that the population not only of this county but of the world is increasing more rapidly than are the facilities for supplying the people with the daily necessaries of life. The trouble therefore must be, that in some lines there is an over production, while in others, equally important, the supply is not sufficient for the demand. The trouble as well as the remedy must be discovered by farmers themselves. Men engaged in other vocations will not stop in the race they are making for success in their respective callings to solve these problems. They are content to have their daily bread supplied, and will scarcely think of inquiring at what sacrifice or profit it is done by the tillers of the soil. The disposition shown by farmers all over the country at the present time to come together and discuss questions that mutually interest them we regard as an indication of good, and we therefore hope to see the coming institute as well, and if possible, better attended than any that have preceded it.

"R. L. S."

Every reader of the HERALD knows what these initials stand for. Many of them have been to the great "Red Letter Sale" now going on at Parker & Parker's. It has been decided to continue this sale until after the Farmers' Institute, next week, in order that persons from far away sections of the county, who will be in town at that time, can take advantage of the wonderful bargains. There is nothing mean about Parker & Parker; they want everybody to stand on the same level when dealing with them, and they will not refuse you a bargain that they offer some one else. The "Red Letter Sale" this year has met with unprecedented success, but a false impression has gotten abroad in regard to the depletion of the great stock. Parker & Parker never exhaust their shelves of any one particular line. That would never do; new goods are arriving daily and all are sold at red letter prices. Remember these bargains are only offered once a year. After February 6th all stock remaining in their establishment will be invoiced and preparations will be made to open the first arrival of Spring Goods. For the next eleven months prices will be as low (if not lower) than elsewhere in the county; but they will not be "R. L. S." prices. On account of the Farmers' Institute the "Red Letter Sale" will continue until Feb. 6th.

Mr. Cessna as a Reformer.

On Wednesday Mr. Cessna presented in the house of representatives a joint resolution which provides for an amendment of article eight of the constitution providing for biennial instead of annual elections for all state and county officers and for the amendment of the fourteenth section of the article providing for the election of election boards biennially. The resolution also proposes an amendment to the second section of article fourteen to authorize county officers to serve four years instead of three. He also proposes to amend the constitution so that the term of office of justices of the peace and aldermen shall be six years instead of five and that the terms of officers affected by the proposed change shall be extended to 1896.

Modern Housework

May be done more easily, more conveniently and with less expense on the Cinderella Range than with many others; all the old objections to ranges removed. It will save you time, money and hard work. It is a good baker and is sold with that understanding. Sold by James B. Holderbaum, Somerset, Pa.

Somerset's Woes.

From the Bedford Gazette.

Somerset has our sympathy; our profound sympathy. We pour it into every community that undertakes to establish water works. We have experienced the grief, yea the agony, that follows each section of water pipe put under ground; that hovers over perforated reservoirs, and that clings to the resulting debt like ivy to the oak. Bedford has gone through one water works epoch of twenty years and is now just about where she started, ready to begin at the beginning and travel all through it again. Somerset has got only as far as the period of debate in council and discussion in newspapers; but the heat already developed gives promise of a destructive conflagration before many moons pass away.

Nor is this disturber of the peace the only vexatious affair of state that disturbs the serenity of Somerset's councilmen. The inefficiency of their policeman has distressed the councilmanic mind for a long time. Some months ago the officer was discharged, but after several interview of the nature of diplomatic conferences, he was given a chance to redeem his reputation—a new trial, as it were. At the end of the probationary period the council met and solemnly ordered the clerk to "write down" a deliverance such as Dogberry in his most fantastic mood never dreamed of. Here it is:

In consideration of the improvement of the police service by William Gilbert during the past month, the council hereby agrees to retain said Gilbert for one month at a salary of $25, said Gilbert to go on duty at 12 M. and remain on duty to midnight; to take care of fire in the engine house and remain with prisoners in lockup all night.

Will our altitudinous neighbor forgive our seeming impertinence in presenting a protest against this marvelous entry on the borough records? We raise the point of constitutionality. "What's the constitution among friends?" asked Congressman Tim Cambell, of New York, on a memorable occasion. But such levity should not be permitted to interfere with a case as grave as the one under consideration. Article first, section ninth of the constitution of Pennsylvania declares that no one "can be deprived of his life, liberty or property unless by the judgment of his peers or the law of the land." Yet Somerset's councilmen undertake to do indirectly what they may not do by direct means. When the burgess sentences a lawbreaker to the lockup for twenty four hours, that sentence imposes precisely the same punishment upon William Gilbert, a man guilty of no offense whatever. And how can efficiency be expected of the unfortunate officer when he knows that the arrest of an offender is also an arrest of himself?

Our heart bleeds for the persecuted Jews in Russia. We weep over the the stories of cruelties practised by slave traders in Africa. Shall we then be unmoved by the wrongs of William Gilbert?

It is said that the most highly civilized nations celebrate great holidays by hanging councilmen. We believe it. There is nothing improbable in the story.

Our Annual Red Letter Sale will be continued until Feb. 6, in order to give every person attending the Farmers' Institute, the benefit of this great Annual Sale.

PARKER & PARKER.

Township Accounts.

A correspondent of an exchange favors the passage of a law requiring Township Treasurers and Supervisors to make sworn statements of their accounts with the townships, and post them in a conspicuous place at each voting-place for the inspection of voters on election day, and the editor in his editorial comment says:

"The accounting for the management of local business practically comes after the jurors have been called upon to render their verdict, instead of before, as it should. Every year most of the voters, when they go to the polls to select public officers, know comparatively little of the details of the management of affairs by men who are asking for re-election; and when they do learn what has been done the year before, it is then too late to recall the votes they have cast for inefficient or delinquent officers. This is evidently not as it should be; and the need for such a change of the law as will enable the voters to learn, a reasonable time before election, just what their official servants have been doing, must be apparent to any man of sense.

But this is not the only amendment needed in the administration of local affairs. At present bills are universally allowed and paid by the officers who contracted them before they are audited at all. Then, long after the persons rendering the service of furnishing the materials have received their pay and spent it, the public Auditors meet to look over the vouchers and certify that they agree with the disbursing officers's account. It is true that in theory the Auditors have power to disallow a bill or to scale it down; but practically that power is hardly ever used, and the bills are almost inevitably passed as present because it is urged that it is hardly fair to make an officer refund money that he hasn't kept himself, although he may have expended it improvidently. The result of this state of affairs is that the auditing of the local accounts is practically a farce and affords no real protection to the tax payer.

They manage these things better in our neighboring State; and our legislators will do well to study the laws of New York with a view to improving our own in this regard. In that State the person presenting a bill is required to verify it, and it is then considered by the local auditors before it is paid. This system affords the tax payers reasonable protection against the allowance and payment of inordinate or fraudulent claims, giving the auditing officers power to contract the public purse strings before the money is paid out. The wisdom of this manner of doing business, instead of trying to recover the money after it has been paid out, must be apparent to every man of sense. The subsequent publication of these local bills with a statement of the amount claimed and allowed adds a further safeguard to a system well calculated to prevent the wasteful or corrupt expenditure of the public funds. That the establishment of a similar system of managing county, township and borough affairs would be a great improvement on our laws relating to local finances must be self-evident to any citizen who will reflect on the subject.

The Stockholders of the Somerset Electric Light, Heat and Power Company will hold an election at Dr. J. M. Louther's office, on January 30, 1893, from 1 to 2 P. M., to elect a Board of Directors for the ensuing year.

J. A. BERKEY, Secretary. J. M. LOUTHER, President.

Champions of Sunday Laws.

The Sabbatarians of Pennsylvania are to hold a conference in Harrisburg on February 22, to consider what they seem to regard as dangers threatening the observance of Sunday. After interviews on four successive days with the Congressional committee which is considering the proposed repeal of the Sunday closing provision in the World's Fair appropriation, the members of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association met on Monday and favorably acted on the question of holding a State Conference, whose object will be to devise means to fight against opening the World's Fair gates on Sundays, and also to oppose the repeal of any of the provisions of the Sunday act of 1794. Circulars are being sent out to the "pastors and Christian churches" asking their prayer for the success of the conference and the movement in general.

Cheap Trip to California.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company announces a special trip to San Francisco and other Pacific Coast points, via St. Louis, on February 14th next. This trip has been especially arranged for the accommodation of persons desiring to settle in the West, and should be largely patronized by them. All comforts necessary for a trans-continental trip. Apply to B. F. Bond, Division Passenger Agent, or Daniel Bride, Passenger Agent, B. & O. Central Building, Baltimore, Md., for full information as to rates to all points West, and time of trains from various stations on the B. & O. lines.

Republican Primary Election.

The usual Republican primary election for the purpose of nominating candidates for the several borough offices will be held in the court house on Saturday, February 4th, 1893. Polls open from 2 to 7 o'clock p. m. All candidates will please hand me their names on or before Friday, February 3.

FRANK S. CUNNINGHAM,
Committeeman.

When a Lien Ceases to Exist.

An important case that effects the legal rights of all contractors and laborers in the state was decided in the case of Baird & Hoffman vs. H. H. Ott in the Blair county court Friday. The plaintiff contractors filed a contractor's lien for $1,000 against a building in Altoona. The building afterward burned down. Judge Landis decided that the lien ceases to exist with the building and there can be no continuance of the lien if the building is no longer there.

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Lambertsville Items.

Mrs. Reese has returned from a visit to Coleman's.

Messrs. Lambert and Gohn, of this place have the contract for erecting a Lutheran church in Shade township.

Sixty scholars are enrolled in the Lambertsville public school. Several of this number expect to join the graduating class next spring.

Mr. L. C. Lambert has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. Scott, of Pittsburgh.

Rev. Sheets will begin a protracted meeting in this place in a few days.

Miss Maud Lambert is making arrangements to attend normal school at New Paris, Bedford county, in the spring.

"TOM."

South Milford Items.

It is a regular old-fashioned winter we are having with the mercury 21° below zero. The public highways were all blockaded with snow for the past week, but at this writing they are nearly all open for travel.

Our school, taught by Miss Lizzie Baker, has been closed the past week on account of bad roads and cold weather.

Frank Harrah, one of our estimable young men, met with a painful accident a short time ago while trying to board a freight train at Casselman. He was thrown under one of the cars and had all the fingers on his right hand cut off.

Mr. Harry M. Meyers, one of our enterprising young men, is spending the winter with his grandfather, Mr. A. Boucher.

Our wide awake farmer, Mr. J. C. Schaff, is busily engaged in hauling a car load of lime.

Mr. M. G. Boucher has just finished building a fine poultry house. He contemplates going into the poultry business the coming summer.

The Yowler Brothers are busily engaged making cross ties this winter.

John Schrock wears a broad smile. It is a girl.

Moving has already begun. Mr. D. Pearl moved into Mrs. J. S. Phillippi's tenement house one day last week.

Mr. Austin Miller, living near New Lexington, will move on the Wolf farm in the near future.

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DIED.

SWEITZER.—At Cumberland, Md., Jan. 11, 1893, Binnie Viola, daughter of S. P. Sweitzer, of diphtheria. Binnie was a bright little girl and was the idol of her father. She was a student in the Union street school, and was very popular among her school mates. Her unexpected death caused a shadow of gloom among her little friends and as a token of love they laid a floral offering on her bier.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE.

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., there will be exposed to public sale on the premises, in Addison township Somerset county, Pa., on

Saturday, Feb. 18, 1893,

at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate late the property of Sally Enos, dec'd viz: All that certain tract of land situate in Addison township, Somerset county, Pa., beginning at stones, thence East 150 perches to stones, thence North 106.8 perches to stones, thence West 150 perches to stones, thence South 106.8 perches to place of beginning, containing

100 Acres 100

strict measure, and being the same tract of land conveyed to said Sally Enos by Joseph Enos by Deed dated 26th July, 1872 recorded in Vol. 48, page 508, etc. Said tract of land has a log dwelling and barn thereon erected.

Terms:

½ in hand, ½ in one year and ½ in two years with interest on deferred payments from confirmation of sale. Deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the premises.

ARCHIBALD BIRD,
Administrator.

PUBLIC SALE.

OF

Valuable Real Estate.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., there will be exposed to public sale at Pocahontas, in Greenville township, said county and State, on

Saturday, Feb. 18, 1893,

at 1 o'clock P. M., the following described real estate situate in said Greenville township, and late the property of Peter D. Miller, dec'd, viz:

Tract No. 1. Known and described in the proceedings in partition of the estate of said Peter D. Miller dec'd, as No. 2. A., containing 200 acres and 115 perches; adjoining lands of Sally Wright, Joel Miller and Solomon Albright.

Tract No. 2. Known and described in the proceedings in partition aforesaid as No. 2, B., containing 111 acres and 140 perches; adjoining lands of Joel Miller, Solomon Albright, Samuel D. Yutzy and No. 2A. above.

These two pieces are known as the Heller farm and were sub-divided as above by the Sheriff's inquest.

Terms:

Ten per cent. of bid to be paid cash on day of sale and balance one-third on confirmation of sale; one third in one year and one-third in two years with interest from confirmation of sale. Deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage upon the premises.

JOEL P. MILLER,
ISAIAH BARE,
Executors.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estate of Philip Barr, late of Jefferson township, dec'd. } In the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa.

To all whom it may concern;

Notice is hereby given, that the petition of John Gardner, Administrator of said deceased, was presented to the Court on the 21st day of December A. D. 1892, setting forth that he had filed a final account in said estate and had paid out all moneys in his hands to the parties legally entitled thereto, and praying the Court that he be discharged from the duties of his appointment and that he and his sureties be released, and that an order for his final discharge will be asked for at an Orphans' Court, to be held at Somerset, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1893.

By the Court,
A. J. HILEMAN,
Clerk.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

Farmer's Union Association

AND

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF

Somerset County, Pa.,

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, '92.

Number of policies in force	1567	
Am't of insurance subject to assessment	$2,093,965	
Rate of tax assessed during the year	2 Mills	

Resources.

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1891	$ 67.90	
Outstanding on Duplicates Dec. 31, 1891	2272.67	
Am't of assessments during the year 1892	3863.58	
Amount received for membership during the year 1892	151.00	$6355.15

Liabilities.

Am't due Dec. 31, 1891	2082.50	
" of loss by fire during year '92	2874.45	
" due for all other expenses for the year 1892, including officers pay, commissions and exonerations	703.04	5670.39
Resources in excess		$ 686.16

Resources During the Year 1892.

Received on assessments	$4008.58	
" for membership	151.00	
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, '91	67.90	$4227.48

Disbursements During the Year 1892.

David Weigle full of insurance	$1000.00	
Wm. H. Hay estate full of ins.	600.00	
Edward G. Mostoller " " "	500.00	
Annie Rose " " "	300.00	
William Rose balance " "	287.50	
Wm. Coughenour " " "	120.00	
David Weigle part of ins. on barn	600.00	
Simon P. Welmer damage by lightning	21.45	
Silas Walker damage by lightning	6.00	
Daniel Surber damage by lightning	6.00	
John B. Schrock damage by lightning	5.00	
Missouri Phillippi dam. by fire	14.00	
Andrew J. Coleman " " "	10.00	
Mary Rhoads " " "	19.50	
Sam'l W. Poorbaugh " " "	8.00	
Ephraim J. Walker Sec. salary	100.00	
" " " Treas. "	40.00	
Samuel F. Rieman Pres. "	12.00	
Hiram P. Hay Vice " "	9.00	
Directors for services	54.75	
Adjusters " "	7.50	
For printing and standard policies	75.00	
Books, postage and stationery	28.15	
Miscellaneous expenses	8.75	$3900.10
Balance in Treasury		$ 327.38

Resources December 31st 1892.

Balance in Treasury	$ 327.38	
Outstanding on Duplicates	1761.78	$2089.16

Liabilities December 31st 1892.

Cyrus Shaulis full of insurance	$ 500.00	
Wm. Saylor " " "	500.00	
David Weigle part " "	400.00	$1400.00
Resources in excess of liabilities.		$ 689.16

FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT ON CONTENTS.

Number of policies in force	390	
Am't of insurance subject to assessment	$83114.98	
Rate of tax assessed during the year	2 Mills	

Resources.

Outstanding Dec. 31st 1891	$ 566.81	
Am't assessed during year 1892	607.65	
Received for membership during year 1892	71.00	
Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, '91	15.30	$1260.76

Liabilities.

Am't due Dec. 31st 1891	$ 434.80	
Am't of loss by fire during the year 1892	284.00	
Am't due for all other expenses for the year 1892, including officers pay, commissions and exonerations	78.06	$ 896.86
Resources in excess		$ 363.84

Resources During the Year 1892.

Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, '91	$ 15.30	
Received on assessments	481.57	
" for membership	71.00	$ 567.87

Disbursements During the Year 1892.

Paid David Weigle full of insurance on house	$ 310.00	
Paid David Weigle full of insurance on barn	240.00	
Paid Annie Rose full of insurance on house	144.00	
Paid William Coughenour full of insurance on house	100.00	
Paid Wm. Rose full of insurance on barn	94.80	
Paid for printing	17.00	$ 825.80
Amount due Treasurer		$ 272.54

Resources Dec. 31, 1892.

Outstanding on Duplicates	$ 636.38	$ 636.38

Liabilities Dec 31, 1892.

Amount due Treasurer	$ 272.54	$ 272.54
Resources in excess of liabilities		$ 363.84

SAMUEL F. RIEMAN, President.
EPHRAIM J. WALKER, Sec'y and Treasurer.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Samuel W. Blough, of Cambria county, Pa., Jesse Blough, of Logan, Kent county, Michigan, Julian intermarried with John Keyser, of Elkhart county, Indiana, Christian intermarried with Yast Berkey, both of whom are deceased leaving the following named heirs: James Berkey, Edward Berkey, and Mary A. Yoder, of Goshen, Indiana, Sarah intermarried with Emanuel Keim, now deceased, leaving the following children: Andrew Keim, of Kent county, Michigan, Elmira, intermarried with Abie Thomas, of Kent county, Michigan, Christiana intermarried with Stephen Keam, of Cambria county, Pa., Peter Keim, of Johnstown, Cambria county, Pa., John H. Keim, Mary A. Keim, Martha A. Keim and Lydia Keim, of Kent county Michigan.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of Andrew Blough, dec'd., situate in Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pa., on Monday, the 20th day of February, 1893, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, January 11, 1893. ISAIAH GOOD, Sheriff.

WRIT OF PARTITION.

To Sarah Ragor, intermarried with Martin Ragor, residing at Ebensburg, Cambria county, Pa., Ellen Seese, residing at Elton, Cambria county, Pa., Emeline Seese intermarried with William Shank, of Donion, Cambria county, Pa., and Uriah Seese, residing at Johnstown, Cambria county, Pa.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of a Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will hold an inquest on the premises, on the real estate of Philip E. Seese, deceased, situate in Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., on Thursday, the 23d day of February, 1893, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

Sheriff's Office, January 11, '93. ISAIAH GOOD, Sheriff.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Simon A. Bittner, late of Brothersvalley Twp., Somerset Co., Pa., deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 11th day of March 1893, at the late residence of deceased.

SOLOMON COLEMAN, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Peter P. Baker, late of Black township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of Administration on this estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on or before Saturday, Feb. 25th, 1893, at the late residence of dec'd., in said township.

HENRY H. STAHL, Administrator.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jonas Weaver, late of Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement, on or before Saturday, the 28th day of January, 1893, at the late residence of the deceased.

A. D. WEAVER, Administrator.
Fred. W. Biesecker, Attorney.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of E. J. Hoover, late of Ursina Borough.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them for settlement duly authenticated, on or before Saturday, February 25th, 1893, at the office of the Executor in Ursina Borough.

W. S. KUHLMAN, Executor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Jonathan Baer and wife To H. L. Baer. No. 24 Feb. T. 1893. (Voluntary Assignment.) } In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset Co., Pa.

Having been duly appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., in the above assignment, to make a distribution of the funds remaining in the hands of the Assignee to and among those legally entitled thereto, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office in Somerset, Borough, on Monday, February 20, 1893, when and where all parties interested can attend.

FRED. W. BIESECKER, Auditor.

CAUTION NOTICE.

The public is hereby notified that my wife, Araminta Burke, having left my bed and board without just cause, I will not be responsible for any debts of her contracting.

SIDNEY BURKE.
Garrett, Pa., January 11th 1893.

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