The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY, April 5, 1893.

Athens has not peeped forth yet.

Somerset county contains 1,102 square miles.

The Kramer or Oil City wagon is sold by J. B. HOLDERBAUM.

The whip of first of April customs is not unleashed.

See A. E. Uhl's advertisement will interest you this week.

The highest point in Pennsylvania is said to be just south of the Sand Patch tunnel in this county.

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

Homes for three boys, aged 13, 8 and 5, respectfully wanted by the Children's Aid Society. Address Mrs. M. O. Kooser, Somerset, Pa.

Master Guy Holsopple, son of Mr. Edwin Holsopple, of Benson Borough, has not completed his twelfth consecutive school term without missing a day.

SINCE Mrs. Uhl's return from New York and Philadelphia there have been great families of Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Lady Wraps, Trimmings and Millinery Goods moved at her store.

The Johnstown Daily *Tribune* fooled its readers April 1st by appearing in eight-page form, six columns to the page. The *Tribune* knows its make-up frequently, but always gets there in great shape."

Judge Peck, of Bradford county, has decided that the expense of the Spring elections must be paid by the several townships of that county, under the special act of 1846, which was not repealed by the general act of 1893.

The celebrated Studebaker wagon for sale by

J. B. HOLDERBAUM.

Mrs. Henry Blough, of Conemaugh township, who since the death of her husband two years ago, has been making her home with her son, Dr. Milton Blough, of Chicago, is paying a visit to her friends in the neighborhood of Stanton's Mills.

An exchange remarks that a good many years ago when a boy was whipped at school he received another whipping when he went home. These days the father and mother take his part against the boy, and go before the board and make a complaint.

Campbell & Dick, Pittsburgh, advertise dress capes and spring wraps in this week's issue. No better place in the city to buy.

Rev. A. J. Beal, formerly pastor of the Evangelical church in this place, the gentleman who ministered to the spiritual wants of Miss Neely just before his execution, has been appointed pastor of the Evangelical church, Johnstown. Rev. Beal has many friends in Somerset county.

Easter is said to be older than Christianity. The name by which we know the day is identical with that of the ancient Saxon goddess of Spring, Easter. The early missionaries gave a Christain meaning to the observance of the day, but it has retained its ancient name.

The store is crowded daily! Why? Because the people are getting great bargains in odds and ends in shoes.

FRANK SHIVLER,
Knepper Block.

The Senate committee on judicial apportionment have amended the bill which was introduced at the beginning of the present session in the same form in which it was passed by the Governor two years ago. This arrangement puts Fulton county in the district with Bedford and Somerset.

The address delivered by Senator Critchfield, published in the HERALD last week, against the extension of the public school system has been read with interest by many of his constituents in this county. A few issues of the HERALD containing the Senator's remarks on this question are still to be had at this office.

Thanks for a liberal patronage in the past, and after April 1st, I am prepared to deliver and ship fertilizer for all spring crops, such as potatoes and vegetables. Motto: Best goods for least money. Call on or write

A. C. DAVIS,
Somerset, Pa.

A good paper hanger's paste is made of four pounds of fine wheaten flour mixed with a small quantity of cold water thoroughly stirred; two ounces of powdered alum are then added and when dissolved, a gallon of boiling water. When cool it may be thinned as desired with cold water and used.

There is a general impression throughout this county that the lawful season for catching trout begins on April 1st, which is a mistake one. The law has not been changed and fishermen must wait until the 15th of April before they dare begin angling for the speckled beauties or abide by the consequences of the law.

There is no national holiday, not even the Fourth of July. Congress has, at various times, appointed special holidays, and has recognized the existence of certain days as holidays for commercial purposes, in such legislation as the Bankruptcy act, but there is no general statute on that subject. The proclamation of the President designating a day of thanksgiving only makes it a holiday in those States which provide by law for it.

House cleaning time occasions very many strange thoughts as well as many strange expressions, (that would not appear well in print, but it is safe to say that more people are thinking about new furniture at this season of the year than of anything else. Keep on thinking until you visit the Henderson Furniture Co., at Johnstown. You will find just what you want there. Don't be satisfied with anything else.

Mr. Abraham Pepley, of Shade township, recently ploughed up a silver coin on his farm. It is a Spanish coin, bearing date 1787, with the inscription "Carolus III, Dei Gratia, Hispan et Ind. Rex." Almost dozens of silver coins have been found in various parts of the northern end of this county, and were undoubtedly "dropped" by Provincial and Revolutionary soldiers in their passage westward or eastward through this part of the country.

The jumping rope season is here and the participants in that exercise must have a care lest their desire to out jump their associates will exceed their physical powers with disastrous consequences. Every year several deaths are recorded from this injudicious pastime, and one has already been reported from South Williamsport. Her funeral took place Sunday from the M. E. church in that city. She died Friday night from the effects of excessive rope jumping a few days before. She was eight years old.—*New Haven Democrat*

Haven't been to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's since her new spring goods have been received? Well, I'll declare, if you won't have to hurry up! Nothing like the display made at her store has ever been equalled in Somerset before. The very prettiest dress patterns I ever saw, and O! such lovely hats and bonnets. Then, too, Uhl's prices are always the lowest. If you want to have anything fit to wear this season, take my advice and pay Mrs. Uhl a visit just as soon as you can. And she felt satisfied he hadn't said half as much as she should have.

In a late opinion the Supreme Court says that when an engineer on a railroad engine is approaching a point where it is his duty to sound his whistle, as required by the statute, observes near by on a highway a man struggling with a team of horses hitched to a wagon, and can see from the surroundings that sounding a whistle will make the team unmanageable and greatly endanger the team and man, it is his duty to desist until the danger point is passed, or, if necessary, to stop the train, and if he does not, but needlessly sounds the whistle and permits steam to escape, causing the horses to run away, the company is liable for injuries inflicted.

Prof. Robert Fletcher Patterson, of the Pittsburgh High School, has been spending a part of his Easter vacation at his old home in Stoyestown.

J. R. Coder, who has conducted a successful mercantile business in Ursina for a number of years, recently purchased a store in Scottdale, and will remove to that place.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a notice to contractors, from the burgess and town council of Somerset, asking for bids for the construction of a system of water works for the town.

Rev. A. H. Hertz, pastor of the Hooversville Lutheran Church, has tendered his resignation to his congregation and it has been accepted. The resignation will take effect May 1st.

The *Vedette* thinks the Farmers Alliance ought to be satisfied if either of two prominent candidates for the Meyersdale postoffice is successful, since their names are Hay and Oats.

Residents of Summit township held a mass meeting Monday for the purpose of taking the necessary preliminary steps looking towards dividing that township into two separate districts.

HERALD subscribers who change their place of residence this spring will please notify us so we can get the new address on our mailing list. In all cases give the last address as well as the new.

Ex-County Commissioner Charles W. Williamson, of Shade township, was a first of April visitor in Somerset. Barring his abomible politics Somerset county has no better citizen than Squire Williamson.

B. J. Bowman, of Brothersvalley township, who recently suffered the loss of his barn by fire, has received a check for $1372.31 from the Ætna Insurance Company, in which company his property was insured.

Daniel Augustine, the prominent Addison township stock dealer, is said to be the owner of one hundred and one farms in this and other counties of the State. A majority of Mr. Augustine's farms are valuable ones.

The appointment of Hon. John M. Reynolds, of Bedford, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior, is an indication of "how the cat will jump" in this congressional district. "Boss" Harrity was sponser for Mr. Reynolds.

Samuel C. Lichty, believed to be the oldest citizen of this county, died at the home of his grandson, Wm. P. Meyers, in Summit township, Monday, March 26th. He was 93 years, 7 months and 26 days old. For many years he had been both blind and deaf.

Engineer Foster Walter's engine, No. 522, attracts a good deal of attention from persons who happen to be at the station when it passes to and from Johnstown. No. 522 is just fresh from a three months' visit to the shops and looks as pretty and fresh as an Easter bonnet.

William Gilbert, who has served the borough as policeman for so many years that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, was relieved April 1st by Simon Berkey, the newly elected borough High Constable. Mr. Gilbert will continue to be a terror to evil doers in the capacity of Constable.

Charles Riggs, the erstwhile sewing machine and organ agent, of Bills post office, Somerset township, was arrested in this place Monday evening on a charge of false pretense, and in default of bail was committed to jail. John Bingner had endorsed Riggs' note for $50.00, and he claims that the latter misrepresented matters to him.

Ed. Richardson, formerly of Shade township, who has been Johnstown's Chief of Police during the past two years, retired from the force Monday. He will take a few week's rest before determining upon the future. The change of Johnstown's city administration from Democratic to Republican brought about Mr. Richardson's retirement.

Hon. Geo. G. Walker, of Allegheny township, was a Monday visitor in Somerset. Few men in this county have led a more active life than Mr. Walker, who is now in his seventy-fifth year, and is still hale and hearty as a young man. He is one of the very few men found in every community whose counsel is sought and accepted by his neighbors.

"Uncle Jim" Parson, than whom no man in the county is better known or has more friends, was in town Monday for the first time in many months. Mr. Parson is in his 86th year, but doesn't look it by fifteen years. While in town he met the venerable Squire Jesse Slick, of Shade township, also in his 86th year, and enjoyed "cracking" jokes with him.

Mr. D. H. Hostetter, of Paint township, has been exhibiting in a Johnstown newspaper office a copy of the Holy Bible, which was printed in Switzerland three hundred and fifty-seven years ago. The book was bought by Mr. Hostetter in 1881, at Moses Eash's sale, for five cents. Mr. Hostetter's friends are urging him to place the Book on exhibition at the World's Fair.

The Fike lot, on Patriot street, a few yards west of the S. & C. station, has been purchased by Mr. W. H. Reitz, who will erect a flouring mill on it in the near future. Mr. Reitz's mill situate south of the old railroad depot is found to be too inconveniently located and it is probable that the machinery now in use there will be removed to the new mill as soon as it is completed.

The town council are getting a magnificient return for the money invested in the borough's Main street property—$5 00. It is to be hoped, however, that the lessee will keep it cleaner and more attractive than the borough authorities have done. The latter permitted it to be adorned with old tin cans and cast off under clothing. Cabbage plants and potato tops will not prove so great an eye-sore to the public.

A Lincoln township correspondent asks us to correct the statement that a Justice of the Peace permitted the action recently commenced by Barbara Enos vs. Harry Slagle to be settled. The correspondent states that the case was duly returned to the prosecuting attorney and that the settlement was permitted by an officer of the Court, after which Judge Longenecker ordered that the case be laid before the grand jury.

John M. Topper, of New Baltimore, is the owner of a horse that enjoys a chew of tobacco as much as any curb-stone loafer in the land. The animal has been known to devour a ten cent plug in the course of a day without suffering any ill effects, and on numerous occasions he has been caught in the act of rubbing his nose against the cheek of a tobacco chewer in a manner that was interpreted to say, "let me have a chew off your plug."

Parker & Parker's large store window attracted the attention of all pedestrians on Main street Friday and Saturday. It was magnificently decorated with choice fabrics gracefully looped, a number of birds in bright cages, a glass bowl containing several gold fish, baskets filled with brilliantly colored Easter eggs, an old cluck and a brood of chicks, surrounded by a beautiful display of early spring flowers, went to make up a novel effect.

Elder Peter Vogel has consented to preach Sunday mornings during the coming month to the Disciples' congregation in this place, or until the church officers have arranged to supply permanently the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Elder Granger. The subject of Elder Vogel's address next Sunday morning will be "Christian Citizenship," and will be prepared especially for the benefit of professional and business men. Elder Vogel is one of the most entertaining, logical and convincing preachers who ever filled a pulpit in Somerset, and the announcement of his text will doubtless attract many persons to hear him next Sunday who are not in the habit of attending divine services.

The Willard Comedy Company are playing a six night's engagement at the Somerset Opera House. The performances are highly spoken of.

Cashier Berkley, of the First National Bank, received a telegram from Salisbury Tuesday morning announcing the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mahlon C. Berkley, who passed away the previous night at the home of her mother, Mrs. John W. Beachy, in that place. The deceased was a victim of consumption and had been making her home with her mother since her return from the west about a year ago. She was about thirty three years of age. Her husband and one child survive.

A telegram received from Sand Patch Friday evening announced the death of John Ravenscraft, of typhoid pneumonia. The deceased was about fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife and a number of children. Mr. Ravenscraft removed from Frostburg, Md., to Somerset county several years ago, since which time he has been extensively interested in the lumber business. He was the owner of several fine properties in Meyersdale. Recently he was concerned in two or three important legal battles fought in the county courts.

Rev. J. M. Kimmel, who preached to five congregations of the Brethren Church—Berlin, Downey, Listie, Walker and Milligan—in this county, preached an impressive farewell sermon in the Berlin church last Sunday evening. Tuesday morning, accompanied by his family, he left for Louisville, Ohio, where he has accepted a call from a congregation of the same denomination. Rev. Kimmel had endeared himself to the people of his Somerset county circuit and they parted with him regretfully.

Friday, when the early morning express, north bound, was crossing the switch south of the Somerset station, the tender jumped the track and was followed by the engine and a number of cars. Rails and ties were twisted and torn up for several rods, but no other damage resulted. It required three or four hours time for workmen to repair the track. Engineer Parks, who was in charge of the locomotive, says it was the worst accident he has met with during his long experience as a railroader, which speaks volumns in praise of that careful engineer.

Easter Sunday was filled with sunshine, and Easter bonnets, Easter gowns and Easter flowers were more numerous on the streets than ever before. Special Easter morning services were held in the Lutheran and Reformed churches, and in the evening the children of the Methodist church recited a specially prepared program. All of the churches in town were decorated with flowers and plants and all were attended by unusually large congregations both morning and evening.

Jacob Berkey, aged 88 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Annie E Sidman, in Johnstown, Sunday morning, at 7 o'clock. Mr. Berkey was a native of Somerset county and removed to Johnstown about nine years ago. About two weeks ago when he started to descend a flight of stairs at his son-in-law's residence he was stricken with paralysis and fell to the bottom of the stairs, severely bruising his head and different parts of his body. He never recovered from the attack. He is survived by five children.

The Lewistown, Pa., *Chronicle*, in its issue of April 1st, devotes considerable space to an account of the farewell exercises in the Lutheran Church of that place on the previous Sunday, when Rev. L. L. Seiber severed his official connection with that congregation. At the conclusion of the services the congregation remained in the church, when a set of resolutions laudatory of Rev. Seiber and his services, wer adopted. Rev. Seiber was pastor of the Lavansville Church for a number of years and has many friends in this county.

Acquaintances of County Commissioner Uhl may have observed that he has always walked with a peculiar step—not Spanish, but rather as if something hinderet his locomotion. Well, something did, and last week Drs. Luther and Carothers removed a tumor, weighing between three and four pounds and as large around as a sugar keeler, from the fleshy part of his left thigh. The tumor appeared when Mr. Uhl was only a lad but did not prove much of an annoyance until the past few years. The opperation was performed very successfully and Mr. Uhl will be able to attend to the duties of his office in the course of a few days.

Elder John C. Schrock, of the German Baptist Church, died at his home near the Summit, two miles north of Somerst, Thursday night, after a lingering illness from stomach trouble. The deceased was in his 75th year. Elder Schrock was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of Somerset county and the announcement of his death will be received with sincere regret by his legion of friends. He is survived by three sons, Cyrus, Simon and Mahlon, all of Somerset and four daughters, Mrs. S. S. Forney, and Mrs. Daniel Musser, of Brothersvalley township, Mrs. Norman Miller, of Meyersdale and Mrs. I. C. Johnson, of Somerset township.

A gentleman who was recently appointed a viewer to pass upon a bridge in this county thinks he has just cause for complaint because of the following unsatisfactory notice he received from the surveyor appointed by the Court: "The time set for the bridge view is on Dec. 2, at 10 o'clock at the bridge." After traveling almost a day to find the bridge, the viewer in question who had seen a notice of his appointment in the HERALD, came up with the surveyor and the other viewer. It is customary in this county for surveyors to inform the viewers who are to pass upon roads, bridges, sites, etc., where the same are located in order that there may be no misunderstanding.

The many friends of Mr. "Ken" Price will be sorry to read the following from last week's Meyersdale *Commercial*: "Mr. Kennedy Price, who has been ill for a month or more, left for Philadelphia on the noon train Tuesday, accompanied by his wife and her father, Mr. J. J. Hoblitzell. The family have become alarmed at Mr. Price's condition and he will be placed under the best medical treatment that can be obtained Mr. Price is an energetic and enterprising business man, respected and esteemed by his fellow citizens, who regret to know that disease has laid so heavy a hand upon him. We hope proper treatment may soon restore him to his home, his friends and his business."

At eight o'clock Thursday morning, March 30th, Miss Sarah Emma Brubaker, second daugher of the late Henry Brubaker, M. D., and Mr. William F. Joyce, of Baltimore, Md., were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother in this place. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Younkins, of the M. E. Church, in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the family. The bride and groom left the same morning for Baltimore, where they will make their future home. Somerset had no more popular and and charming young lady than Miss Brubaker, and Mr. Joyce has made many fast friends among our people during his repeated visits.

The following from the Bellefonte *Watchman*, concerning a gentleman who is pleasantly remembered by many of our readers, will be read with interest:

"Thomas A. Shoemaker has resigned the superintendency of the Bellefonte Central railroad to devote his entire time to the management of the Bellefonte Furnace company's plant at this place. Under Mr. Shoemaker's conservative direction the Central has flourished since its organization and to his untiring efforts the public is largely indebted for the present efficient system of train service along the line between this place and State College, and to his timely suggestions Bellefonters owe the beautiful resort, Hunter's Park, which has gained such popularity. The iron business is not a new one for Mr. Shoemaker and he will make as much of a success of it as he has of his railroad ventures."

Judge Landis, of Blair county, Friday granted 39 tavern licenses, refused 42 applications and held one under advisement. Twenty hotels in that county must close their bars this year. A dispatch from Altoona, says: "Judge Landis was appointed by Governor Pattison to succeed Judge Dean, now of the Supreme Court. He has refused every Republican applicant in the county except one man who is in partnership with a Democrat. He refused almost all the applicants represented by A. V. Dively who was his opponent for the appointment. He has also refused all but two of the applicants represented by N. P. Mervine, who is an announced candidate against him for the judgeship. The decisions have created a great deal of comment in this city."

The streets of this town are usually crowded Saturday of each week with people from the township and from all parts of the county who come to Somerset for the purpose of purchasing their week's supplies. Last Saturday, being April 1st, the crowd was unusually dense and a more disagreeable day to be out of doors is hard to imagine. Great clouds of dust and gritty sand from the road were driven through the streets all day, and the man who could count out a roll of money and keep his eye on the denomination of the notes had a hard task. Stores and offices were crowded with people and hundreds who were unable to gain admission to them were compelled to transact their business in the raw air and in a perfect gale of dust. A great deal of money changed hands Saturday. Business men and money lenders say that money was "easier" Saturday than it has been for years.

Capt. Thos. J. Grier, a member of the Philadelphia bar, died in that city Saturday, March 25th, of heart failure. The remains were brought to Petersburg, this county, for interment, and were in charge of a committee from Post 2, G. A. R., of that city, of which he was a member. Capt. Grier was a native of Somerset county. His mother, Mrs. Perry Collier, still resides in Addison township. Capt. Grier commanded Co. B., 18th Pa. cavalry, during the war. After the rebellion was over he entered the law Department of Harvard University. Subsequently he applied for admission to the bar of his native county, and upon passing an examination was admitted in 1867. Shortly after gaining admission to the Somerset bar he removed to Philadelphia, where he made his home until the time of his death. The deceased never married and is reported to have left an estate valued at not less than $100,000.

The President has nominated Hon. John M. Reynolds, of Bedford, to be First Assistant Secretary of the Interior. The principal duty of Mr. Reynolds will be to consider appeals from the Commissioner of Pensions, and questions of violations of the pension laws. Mr. Reynolds is forty-five years of age. He was born in Lancaster county, but removed to Bedford, where he taught school and read law. He served one or two terms in the legislature and was district attorney of Bedford county one term. He was defeated for the Senate, and two years ago was defeated for President Judge by J. H. Longenecker. His wife was Miss Ella Hartley, daughter of Col. Wm. Hartley, of Bedford. Mr Reynolds has been recognized for some years as the leading Democratic member of the Bedford bar, and he enjoys the confidence and respect of his neighbors irrespective of party.

As the result of engaging in a drunken row at West Salisbury, last Tuesday afternoon, Simon Hammer is hammering away at prison fare in the county jail. Simon went into Williams' hotel with his pockets filled with stones and immediately began to hammer down the house. In a few minutes landlord Williams was hammering Hammer, as he had a right to do in order to protect his household goods, and in a short time had hammered him into a state of unconsciousness. Simon recovered sufficiently after a while and attempted to hammer the landlord's son but got hammered in return until he was again on the floor. At this juncture the borough policeman appeared and hammered Mr. Hammer from the hotel to the lockup. He was given a hearing the following morning, when he was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury. Hammer is said to be a desperate character and to have richly deserved the hammering he received.

If current reports are true Meyesdale has been buying oleomargarine for butter. The law holds dealers to strict account, and informations, we understand, have been made by revenue officials against several of our dealers. We know nothing of the facts, but presume it is only justice to the dealers to say that they have been victimized by the creamery sharks. It takes an expert to distinguish the product of the oleomargarine factory from the poor quality of butter now too commonly made and sold hereabouts. In some instances the former is decidedly preferable, and dealers who desire to do so can handle it, provided they comply with the law and sell it for what it really is. The public have a right to complain if a ten-cent compound is foisted upon them for 25 cent butter. The best safeguard for dealers is to steer clear of the "creameries" that flood the market with the artificial stuff under the guise of gilt-edged butter. One of these concerns, if we remember aright, was prosecuted a year or two ago, but its profits are enormous and it can well afford to pay a heavy fine now and then.—*Meyersdale Register.*

New Millinery.

The largest, prettiest and cheapest line of Millinery Goods can be found at

MRS. A. E. UHL'S.

Interesting to Shoppers.

J. M. Holderbaum is not only breaking records, but he is breaking prices this spring. The shelves of his mammoth store are filled with all new goods and he is determined that they shall be replaced with new goods. In order to do this his prices are the lowest consistent with prudent business management. What sense is there in buying a suit of clothes that has been lying on the shelf for a score of years, when you can buy one of the latest cut and best material for the same money. Think of this; you can profit by doing so. Holderbaum carries the largest line of ready made clothing in the county. All new and will be sold this spring. Every good house-wife is extremely careful in selecting a new carpet. She can make no mistake if she selects one at Holderbaum's. None prettier or better in Somerset, and none sold as cheap. If you are contemplating purchases of any kind of merchandise you will do well to refer to Holderbaum's advertisement elsewhere in these columns.

For Sale Cheap.

A new fifty-hundred weight Shuttler Wagon 2½ inch tread. Call on or address

J. C. LOWRY,
Somerset, Pa.

Are You Going to the "World's Fair?"

If so, go through the "Columbian Exposition Transportation Co., of Pittsburgh. For catalogue and terms address

H. G. WILL, Ag't.,
Glade, Pa.

Ursina Normal

Will open April 17th and close June 23. Higher branches will be taught. No failure at examination last year. Boarding—$2 50 to $2.75. Address

WILL H. MARTIN,
Ursina, Pa.

H. G. WILL,
Glade, Pa.

Wanted.

50 barrels good maple sugar and 500 gallons good maple molasses. Cash paid on delivery.

Respectfully,
COOK & BEERITS.

Her Experience.

The saying "that there is no substitute for experience," is true, she had tried other Ranges, but found the cinderella the most uniform baker and roaster. Sold and guaranteed by James B. Holderbaum.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Not a Peg to Hang On.

Sol Uhl's Contest for the Office of Justice of the Peace Falls Flat.

As forecast in the HERALD at the time attorneys for Solomon Uhl presented a petition to the Court praying that an order be served on Oliver Knepper to show cause why the certificate issued to him as Justice of the Peace in and for the borough of Somerset for a term of five years by virtue of an election held on the 21st day of February should not be cancelled and a certificate issue to Solomon Uhl instead, Judge Longenecker decides that Mr. Uhl does not have a peg on which to hang his claim of his own election or grounds sufficient upon which to base a contest.

The opinion was received by Prothonotary Sanner Thursday evening and as soon as its contents became known there was great rejoicing among certain citizens of both political parties who feared that the prayer of the petitioners might be granted and that a contest would ensue, and that by this means the ballots they voted at the February election would be exposed to public view.

Following is Judge Longenecker's answer to the petition of Mr. Uhl:

Solomon Uhl vs. Oliver Knepper. } In the Quarter Sessions Court of Somerset County.

No.——February Term, 1892.

The prayer of the petitioner in this case is that the Court shall "make a decree that the certificate of election issued to Oliver Knepper be cancelled and that Solomon Uhl be declared elected Justice of the Peace, and that a certificate be issued to him accordingly." Numerous grounds are assigned as the foundation for this prayer. Down to "D," on the third page of the complaint relates to the action of the Borough Auditors in refusing to allow certain nominations called the "Citizens Ticket" to be placed upon the official ballot. We cannot review the action of the Auditors. Their determination was final, being the tribunal named by the Act of 1891 for that purpose.

The remaining specifications, except perhaps No. 6, are not available to sustain the prayer of the petition. They might furnish ground, if supported by proof, to set aside the entire election, but not to make the decree asked for in this proceeding.

From 7 to 10 inclusive, the specifications are of the drag-net character which usually accompany some real, tangible charge or specific ground, which would, upon the proof thereof, change the result as between the contesting candidates. Standing alone they do not present a case for a contest.

Looking then at No. 6, we find that it alleges that 17 persons named and 20 others not named "voted an illegal and invalid ballot for Justice of the Peace, which votes were counted for Oliver Knepper, and if the election board had not counted said invalid and illegal ballots, Solomon Uhl would have been declared elected Justice of the Peace."

Manifestly this must be based on mere conjecture. It is not possible that any one could know certainly how any of the persons named voted. Under the present system the election officers themselves could not know without a flagrant violation of their duties. Besides it does not state in what respect their ballots were illegal or invalid, or whether all were so for the same reason. It is too indefinite and uncertain to furnish the vehicle for an election contest. On the whole, we deem the petition insufficient and refuse to permit it to be filed under the provisions of the Act of Assembly for the purpose of instituting a contest.

J. H. LONGENECKER, P. J.

Ladies' Wraps.

A beautiful assortment of Ladies' Capes, Cape Coats, Plaited-back Coats, Reefers and Blazers in black and colors; prices, $2 50 up.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

The First of April.

Different business methods prevail in Somerset county to-day from those in vogue ten or twelve years ago, when all accounts and debts become due and payable April 1st. Then every farmer who was owing a payment on his farm, and every business man who had local obligations to meet, was expected to come to time, and woe betide him if he did not have the "guelt" on the first day of April. All notes and mortgages given during the year fell due on April 1st, in fact all business whatsoever dated from that day in the year, and it was recognized throughout our local world as "settle day." The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker looked forward to April 1st with the greatest interest, for on that day they canceled their books and began business anew. Usually the same pocket that carried money in the morning held it again at night, but not until after it had paid the debts of a half-dozen or more persons. Lawyers prepared for April 1st as they now do for an important session of court, for on that day they drew up all the deeds and mortgages, entered and satisfied all the judgments of the business year. The Clerk of the Courts was made the custodian of large amounts placed in his hands to satisfy judgments. Curb-stone brokers loaned out their money on approved security at way beyond the legal rate of interest and then quietly waited until April 1st, when they demanded the principal only to reinvest it.

Streets were crowded on April 1st as they never were on any other day of the year. Farmers from all sections of the county were drawn here on that day if they wanted to pay or borrow money, or if they had any business outside of the daily routine to transact.

Then, too, April 1st was moving day for all families who made a change of residence during the year, and men, women and children were on the go with their household goods and live stock. In short April 1st commenced the year throughout Somerset county in both business and social affairs. The first day of April was regarded in other counties of the State where the, German element predominates, in much the same manner.

But, "the wheels of progress never turn back," and all this is rapidly changing—although it was kept up to some extent Saturday, when our local banks did the largest business in their history, and the streets were crowded with people—Money can now be borrowed on any business day and for almost any length of time at the legal rate of interest. Merchants do a cash business, or demand monthly or quarterly settlements. Lawyers find little if any more to do on April 1st than on other days of the year, while curb-stone brokers are willing to loan out their money without the stipulation that it falls due on April 1st.

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G. M. Baker.

County Centennial.

Time to Prepare for Its Observation.

If the citizens of this county propose to celebrate the centennial anniversary of its formation it is high time that they were taking the preliminary steps looking towards that end. But a little more than two years remain in which to prepare for it. If the occasion is to be made a memorable one no time is to be lost. In view of the day being observed by the people of the entire county it should be made an historical event. Many months will be required to collect the data of a hundred years.

By an act of the State legislature approved April 17, 1795, entitled "an act for erecting part of the County of Bedford into a separate County," Somerset was ushered into existence. The same act provided that the courts of the said county "shall be opened and held on the Mondays next following the courts of Westmoreland county at Brunerstown, in the said county of Somerset, until a Court House and goal shall be erected, &c." It further provided "that the Governor of the Commonwealth should appoint five commissioners, non residents of the county, to meet at Berlin on the first Monday of September next, and proceed to view and determine upon the most eligible situation for erecting the county buildings for the said county."

The commissioners appointed by the Governor met on the day named and after viewing the different sites proposed for the county seat sent forward the following report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

"Summerset Town (formerly called Brunerstown), Sept. 12, 1795.

SIR:—We the undersigned commissioners appointed by his Excellency, Thomas Mifflin, Esq., Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, agreeably to the act of General Assembly passed April 17, 1795, have viewed the County of Summerset, and, taking the Center and other important circumstances under view, do unanimously fix on the town of Summerset (formerly called Brunerstown) as a proper place for the Seat of Justice for said County.

We are sir,
Yours truly, &c.,
WILLIAM FINDLEY,
JOHN BADOLLET,
JAMES CHAMBERS,
THOMAS CAMPBELL."

A. J. DALLAS, Secretary.

On the same day, Sept. 12, 1795, the town of Somerset was plotted, when the grounds now occupied by the court house and county jail were donated for that purpose by Adam Schneider, one of the two owners of the ground upon which Somerset is now built.

The patriotism of the residents of Somerset county is second to that of no other county of Pennsylvania and we do not believe that they will let this occasion pass without paying it loyal recognition. There is something peculiarly fascinating about our rugged mountain homes that endears Somerset county to all her sons and daughters that time and long residence elsewhere has never been able to erase. She has given birth to and nurtured many men who have been prominent in religious, governmental and social affairs, and whose fame is as broad and enduring as the Nation. No county in the State has made more marked progress in the pursuits to which she is limited by reason of her surroundings and no county has a brighter future than hers.

It is only proper, therefore, that the people of Somerset county should unite in making her centennial anniversary a memorable occasion, and that this end may be accomplished we invite the co-operation of our brethren of the county press in keeping the matter before the public and encouraging it to take such action as will redown to the glory of the pioneers who established this beautiful heritage, to those who have made it famous among the counties of the Commonwealth and to those who will further develop its rich resources and add to the splendor of its proud record.

A Rare Native Tipple.

"Talking about whiskey," said a mild mannered gentleman, who takes his "tod" only upon perscription of his physician, one evening recently in the presence of a HERALD reporter, "it is generally known that intoxicants can be manufactured out of anything from rye to the printed labels on tomato cans, but it remained for a citizen of Someret county to distill whiskey from huckleberries. A good many years ago there lived in the mountain above Salisbury a German named Miller, who following the custom of those degenerate days built a small distillery close by his home. It happened one season that there was an abundant crop of huckleberries and Miller's wife and children gathered a number of bushels of the little blue, woody fruit. The economical housewife carefully placed the barries in the old fashioned bake-oven to dry, thinking to convert them into pies during the winter months. Her husband came across the dried fruit one day and conceived the idea of distilling it into "the stuff that cheers." Accordingly the dried huckleberries were "mashed" and, after being put through the fermenting process, in due time produced a half-barrel of huckleberry whiskey. About this time Miller was arrested by revenue officers, charged with illicit distilling. I was concerned in the case and on one of the visits his wife paid me in regard to securing her husband's release from jail, she presented me with a jug filled with the huckleberry whiskey. Well, it set around my house for several years when one day my wife called my attention to it. Court was in session at the time an I remembering His Honor's (it is not necessary to name him) fondness for a "wee nip 'o the creeter," I filled a vial and presented it to him at his hotel. The Judges' benignant face beamed with satisfaction upon tasting it, and he afterwards declared it to be the finest beverage that had ever passed his lips. It is needless to add that His Honor was supplied with a "small bottle" on his repeated visits to Somerset until the supply was exhausted. In color the huckleberry liquor was a deep purple, its bouquet was exceedingly rich and pleasant, and its strength was of the "tanglefoot" variety. I never heard of huckleberry whiskey before and have not heard of any since."

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A great stock of laces of the kinds that are now most fashionable, in Silk, Linen and Cotton, in Black, Cream and White.

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A large assortment of styles.

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The largest stock ever shown in Somerset, in fast black and colors. Prices and colors guaranteed.

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A full assortment of kid, silk, and cotton gloves and mitts.

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