The Somerset Herald.

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

Humphrey D. Tate, Gov. Pattison's private secretary, is ill at his home at Bedford.

If the paper which is put over jelly be wet in the white of an egg it will when dry fight and fend and keep the fruit from molding with much more certainty than if it is dipped in alcohol or brandy.

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

To preserve fruit jars from breaking wrap the jars with a towel saturated with cold water, and pour in your hot fruit. The parties who gave us this receipt say they have used hundreds of jars in this way and never had one break or crack.

WANTED: A girl to do general housework in a small family. Wages good. Address P. O. Box 15, Somerset, Pa.

Conemaugh and Uniontown are found in list of offices classified by the postmaster-general and announced, Thursday, as under the provisions of the civil service law. In this classification all clerks and mail carriers will be employed on competitive examination, regardless of politics.

After ten years of service Dr. Theodore B. Lyon, principal of the California State Normal School, has been granted leave of absence for one year for travel and study in Europe, and Prof. C. L. Ehrenfeld, a former principal of the school, has been chosen acting principal for the year.

Twenty-three farmers in Chester county have answered the question, Does it pay to lime land? Of the 23, 17 farmers say it does pay, although most of them grow some clover or as an expediency. Nearly all believe that potatoes are a more profitable crop in this State than oats or any kind of corn.

The soundness of a beam or log can be accurately determined by the sense of hearing alone. The ear should be applied to one end of the beam, while the other is struck with a hammer. If the sound is clear, distinct and sharp, the beam is sound in every part; if dull or muffled, decay has set in somewhere in the interior.

Turnips may be seeded now. Use plenty of seed, as the fly often does damage when the plants are small. The seed may be planted in rows by drills adapted for that purpose, and after the young plants get well under growth the heaviest portion of the work will then be done. An acre of turnips will be found of great value as an aid to the farm feed for winter use, as the turnips serve as a change, and are advantageous in feeding the stock.

A driver of a vehicle who attempts to pass another on the same road does so at his own peril, for if any accident occurs to the man in front passing the rear driver is responsible. This does not mean that the man in advance is not obliged to yield a part of the road when notified, but that the burden of care rests on the rear driver, who is in a position to see and avoid danger while the other is not. If injury to the leading vehicle results from the attempt to pass whether on a well-beaten thoroughfare or on a country road, the rear driver will be held responsible.

Nearly a million of souvenir half-dollars are still held at the Mint in Philadelphia, subject to the orders of the Secretary of the Treasury. The opinion of Attorney-General Olney that no more money ought to be paid to the Illinois corporation known as the "World's Columbian Exposition," will place the control of the souvenir coins out of their hands. In all probability the coins will be placed in circulation at par value, as it is stated at the Mint that they will probably not be recalled. The last shipment of half-dollars to Chicago was made April 3, 1893, and amounted to $250,189.

The Legislature passed a law which decrees that the State Superintendent of Instruction may grant permanent State teachers' certificate to graduates of recognized literary and scientific colleges. There is one thing needed still more. It is an act repealing all laws which compel the frequent examination and re-examination of teachers. A teacher who is engaged constantly in his profession has no more need for continually renewed certificates than a lawyer or doctor has for a yearly diploma with the attendant nuisance of answering questions.

Thirty years ago Miss Nelson, of Franklin township, Beaver county, was engaged to be married to Willis Rogers. On the wedding night Miss Nelson dressed in white silk, awaited the bridegroom. About midnight word was received that Rodger's dead body had been found lying by the roadside where he had been thrown by the animal he was riding. The bride was prostrated. She vowed she would never wed and exacted a promise from her family that if she died they would use her wedding dress for her shroud. On Monday night Miss Nelson was married to G. W. Chambers, in the same gown she had prepared three decades ago.

It is true that increased wages elsewhere are attracting from Somerset county many of her best public school teachers? If so our school boards should not permit this state of things to continue. That is the worst sort of economy which serves only to lower the efficiency of the schools and teaching service. The education of our children is altogether too important a matter to be subjected to a down grade in order to save money. Besides, the liberal State appropriation renders such a policy absolutely inexcusable. In these days of ficklenessss of fortune and financial reverses nothing is so good for a man or woman to possess as a first rate education. It is a powerful aid in the battle for substitute or advancement and it cannot be taken from you. It sticks to its possessor through adversity as well as prosperity. Then don't let others steal our best teachers by paying them better wages—Dallas Record.

Chicago is now begining to realize in a pecuniary way upon its investment in the Columbian Exposition. In the last 120 days of the Fair it is estimated that from $100,000,000 to $150,000,000 will be taken into Chicago and left there. The estimates assume that between July 1 and November, 120 days, the average number of visitors in Chicago above normal will be 100,000 to 125,000, and they will spend not less than $5 a day each while here. On that basis the amount spent daily will aggregate $1,000,000 to $1,250,000—for 120 days, $120,000,000 to $150,000,000. The city is already experiencing the relief that follows the receipt of liberal sums of money from all quarters. The theatres report an immense business, with Barnum leading the great show at Jackson Park. The business streets are crowded with great armies of men, women and children, and the big stores are doing the largest business in their history.

The midsummer *Cosmopolitan*, the first at the new price of 12½ cents per copy, though unchanged in size, excels any other issue of that magazine in the number of its distinguished contributors, in the interest of its stories and in its overflowing illustrations by famous artists. Francois Coppie, William Dean Howells, Camille Flammarion, Andrew Lang, Frank Dempster Sherman, H. Bayssen, Charles DeKay, Thomas A. Janvier, Colonel Tillman, Agnes Repplier and Gilbert Parker, are a few of the names which appear on its title page. Three frontispieces, all by famous artists, furnish an unusual feature, and among the artists who contribute to the 119 illustrations adorning its pages are Laurens, Reinhart, Fenn, Tousnant, Stevens, Saunier, Fitler, Neaille and others. The midsummer number is intended to set the pace for the magazine at its new price of 12½ cents a copy, or $1.50 a year. The magazine remains unchanged in size and each issue will be an advance upon its predecessors. Literally, every known country is being ransacked for material in the hope to bring the *Cosmopolitan* forward as the leading magazine in the world.

Mr. Frank Topper, of New Baltimore, will visit Chicago next week.

Attorney Paul H. Gaither, of Greensburg, is spending a few days with Somerset friends.

Mrs. John J. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her father, Barnet Picking, in this place.

Mrs. Ross B. Reid, of Uniontown, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Schell, in this place.

Mrs. Frances Baer Fry and daughter, of Philadelphia, are the guests of Mrs. Fry's mother, Mrs. Annie Baer.

Prof. Stewart Schell, of the Northwestern University, Irvington, Ind., is spending his vacation with his father's family in this place.

Mr. Watson Pease made the round trip from this place to Johnstown, Sunday, on his wheel. The distance covered is about sixty miles.

Mrs. Walter B. Dibert and her sister Miss Minnie Balsinger, of Johnstown, are visiting at the home of Mr. R. R. Roberts, on Main Cross street.

Mr. and Mrs. George Livengood and family, of Scott City, Neb., are visiting friends and relatives at Salisbury, Mr. Livengood's former home.

The B. & O. added another through train to Chicago, via the Pittsburgh Division Sunday. It passes Rockwood at an early hour in the morning.

Elsewhere in these columns will be found an advertisement of the Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, one of the leading educational institutions of the State.

Mrs. Mary Miller died at her home in Quemahoning township on Thursday afternoon, June 29th, after a short illness, of heart disease. She was seventy years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Scott and four children, will leave for Chicago Thursday evening. They expect to devote the next two weeks to taking in the sights at the World's Fair.

Childrens' Day services will be held in the Evangelical Church Sunday evening. A special program has been prepared for the occasion. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The Indiana State Normal School graduated a class of fifty last week. Prominent among the graduates was Miss Ida Belle Scott, eldest daughter of Mr. Noah Scott, of Ursina.

A new schedule went into effect on the B. & O. R. R. Sunday. The only change that will effect Somerset is that the afternoon train, south bound, is due here at 4:40 instead of 5:01, as heretofore.

Mrs. J. R. Walter, of Wellington, Kansas, who has been spending the past six weeks with her daughters, Mrs. R. R. Roberts and Mrs. Brinker Jones, in this place, will return home to-morrow.

Among other Somerset people who will go to Chicago this week are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fink, Mrs. Kate B. Coffroth, Miss Flossie Knepper, Mrs. Brinker Jones, F. J. Kooser and family left for that city Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Benedict Yoder, of Stonycreek township, leave to-day for a three month's visit to their children in Kansas, Iowa and Indiana. They have five sons and one daughter residing in the States mentioned.

Editor Marshall, of the Berlin *Record*, was a caller at this office Saturday. Brother Marshall has made an excellent local paper out of the *Record* since he took charge of it and the people of Berlin have just reason to be proud of it.

We understand that the County Commissioners have decided to have the Court House repainted this fall. Why not relay the pavement surrounding the public buildings at the same time? The latter is in much the worse condition.

Prof. Philip Fisher, a former resident of Berlin, but now of Oakland, Cal., paid a visit to his relatives and friends in the former place last week. The Professor has charge of the California Educational Exhibit at the World's Fair.

The B. & O. R. R. authorities have changed the name of the station at Bethel to Holsopple. By and by, it is said, an effort will be made to have the name of the town (Benson) changed to correspond with that of the station and the post office.

Miss Elenor Philson, of Berlin, was awarded a beautiful gold medal, for making the most progress in instrumental music, by the faculty of the Allentown Female Seminary. Miss Philson will return to Allentown and resume her studies in the College in the fall.

The new pastor of the Berlin Lutheran Church, Rev. J. S. Taylor, was installed at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. J. S. Harkey, of Somerset, and Rev. M. L. Young, of Meyersdale officiated. A large congregation, made up of members of the Lutheran denomination from all over the county, was present.

It is reported that two mills for the manufacture of paper pulp will be erected in the north of this county in the near future. One A. E. Somerville, of Prosser's Hollow, Cambria county, is said to have secured control of several large tracts of pulp wood in one of the northern townships and will proceed to develop them at once.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bridigum died at the home of her son, Wm. Menges, in Berlin, July 4th, aged 86 years. The deceased had been twice married, her first husband being Adam Menges, for many years engaged in the mercantile business in Berlin. Her second husband was George Bridigum, to whom she was wedded in the summer of 1856.

Deputy-Collector Herrington, of Uniontown, was in Somerset for a few hours one evening during the past week. He was besieged by local Democrats who think that they are just the men to label the "barls" in Uncle Sam's bonded warehouses. Mr. Herrington is a very pleasant gentleman and we have no doubt will prove an efficient officer.

An effort is being made to organize an Alumni Association of the graduates of Franklin and Marshall College in this county. Lawyers Fred. W. Biesecker and A. L. G. Hay are at the head of the movement. There are probably twenty-five Franklin and Marshall boys in this county, and all are invited to communicate with the gentlemen named.

Mr. George Dumbauld, a former well-known resident of Somerset township, met with an ugly accident at a barn raising at the home of Ephraim Schrock, near Kingwood, in Upper Turkeyfoot township, one day last week. A heavy timber was being rolled towards where Mr. Dumbauld was standing, and before he observed his danger, one of his legs was caught and broken at the ankle.

The mail carriers on the different "star routes" in the county entered upon their four years' lease last week. McClellan Crain, is the name of the carrier on the Somerset—Shanksville route, and G. S. Engle, is the name of the carrier on the Somerset—Jones' Mill route. John Spangler, of Somerset, is considering whether or not he shall sub-contract for the Somerset—Jenner X Roads route.

Misses Flora and Elsie Snyder, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Snyder, entertained about sixty of their friends at their beautiful home in this place last Thursday evening, and introduced them to the latest acquisition to their family, Mrs. A. B. Snyder, of Cumberland, who with her husband, are spending their honey-moon at the Snyder mansion. The reception was one of the most elegant ever given in Somerset.

T. J. Picking and wife, of Terre Alta, West Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shafer, on Union street.

In the July number of the Pennsylvania *School Journal*, the official organ of the Department of Public Instruction, appears at length the act passed at the recent session of the legislature and approved by the Governor affecting the salaries of County Superintendents. By its provisions the salary of the County Superintendent of this county will be $1,000 for the ensuing three years. The law expressly applies to the Superintendents elected this year.

An organization known as the Farmers' Association, composed of a number of the leading citizens of the north of the county, are erecting a steam grist mill at Benson. The building, three stories high and covered by a steel roof, is almost ready for the machinery, which will be of the latest improved roller process pattern. It is expected that the new mill will be ready to grind grain by the first of September. The capacity of the mill will be 100 barrels of flour per day.

The annual Harvest Home Pic Nic will be held as usual in Snyder's Grove, near Friedens, on Saturday, August 19th. The Friedens harvest home is in a great measure a county celebration, since it never fails to attract people from all sections. Everything that can will be done to make the celebration this year better than any that has preceded it. The notice is timely and every person who can should take a day off and go to Friedens on the date set.

Somerset celebrated the Fourth in the usual boisterous style. More powder was exploded on the last occasion than ever before and the streets were littered for several days following with burning remnants of fire crackers and rockets. The crowd was immense and the decorations were gorgeous. The K. G. E. Pic Nic was moderately successful. The music furnished by the Meyersdale band was the best band music heard in Somerset for years. There was very little drunkenness.

Farmers wives in Brothersvalley and Stonycreek townships are being annoyed by a couple of ill natured and rascally peddlers, who find it convenient to visit them when there are no men about the house. At one house Mr. Peddler swore that he would tear down a screen door, at another he promised to shoot the dog and at the third he impudently inquired where the head of the house kept his money. A stout hickory broomstick, vigorously applied, will doubtless rid the community of these vagabonds.

A special adjourned court was held in the Court House, Tuesday morning, Judge Lucien Doty, of Westmoreland county, presiding. No one was present excepting the members of the bench and the attorneys at the bar. The only business transacted was the hearing of motions for new trials in cases tried before Judge Doty. At the afternoon session Judge Longenecker presided. Court was only in session for a short time and no business of general interest was transacted. Both Judges Doty and Longenecker returned to their homes the same evening.

When the Somerset county friends of E. E. Critchfield meet him hereafter they can address him as Major, since he was last Thursday night elected Major of the Tenth regiment N. G. P., at an election held at Washington, Pa., in compliance with a recent act of assembly. There were four candidates for the place, all of them among the best known officers of the regiment, but Mr. Critchfield was elected on the eleventh ballot. The Major is the eldest son of Senator N. B. Critchfield, of Jenner township, and has been prominently identified with the National Guard of the State for a number of years. Major Critchfield lives in Mt. Pleasant.

"Buzzy" Saylor was put in the cooler on the Fourth for encasing in a street fight. The following afternoon he was liberated by three cronies, who effected an entrance to the lockup through a window and smashed the lock from the cell in which "Buzzy" was confined. Later in the day information was made against "Bob" Pugh, Walter Burket and Milton Yoder, charging them with assisting a prisoner to escape. Burket and Yoder were arrested the same day and lodged in jail and the escaped prisoner, Saylor, was overhauled at Rockwood, Thursday evening, and brought to jail. Saturday the trio were released on bail. Pugh has not yet been apprehended.

An informal meeting of the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools Commission was held at Harrisburg, Thursday night, when the general requisites for the location of the proposed State Industrial School were discussed. It was agreed that the site should embrace at least one hundred acres of ground, with plenty of pure water, a small grove, good drainage and be near a main railroad line. No particular section of the State was mentioned, but the Harrisburg *Telegraph* thinks that the school is likely to be located near the central part, within easy reach of Harrisburg and the headquarters of the Commission. The sub-committee on the selection of a site will visit all the places offered. The appropriation is $150,000, but the Commission will not spend much on the site. One prominent member said that he thought $100 an acre would be sufficient.

Esquire Knepper was aroused from his slumbers at a late hour Sunday night by a violent ringing at the front door. A messenger told him that his presence was desired at the county jail as speedily as possible. At the jail was Mrs. George Ringler, of Somerset thwnship, who desired to make information against her husband for assault and battery and against Mrs. Samuel Custer for surety of the peace. Monday morning Ringler came to town and entered bail for his appearance at court, and later in the day Mrs. Custer did the same. It appears that Mrs. Custer visited the home of the Ringlers' Sunday afternoon and threatened to clean out the weaker portion of the family, and after she retired to her home Ringler took up the quarrel and carried out what Mrs. Custer had promised to do. The trial of the cases it is intimated will expose a family skeleton that has been attracting more or less public attention for several years past.

During the last couple weeks several robberies have been committed in the vicinity of Buckstown. William Reels' house was entered during the daytime while the members of the family were engaged out in the field. The house was ransacked and a gold watch and several dollars in cash were taken. One trunk was broken open and although it contained a pocketbook containing over $100, the burglars failed to find it. The following night William Statler's place was visited and his smoke house was robbed of everything it contained. The robbers are plying their vocation amongst the farmers between Buckstown and Berlin. The farmers, it is said, are organizing a vigilance committee, and they are determined to look after the culprits and protect themselves against the acts of the robbers. It is the impression of the people in that portion of the county that the deeds are being committed by persons who are well-known, although they manage to evade the officers.

When the long line of pensioners ranged up before Agent Bengough at Pittsburg Wednesday it was learned that fully 250 names had been dropped since the last pay day under the new rule. "Disability ceased" was marked opposite them and there was no money for them.

Old weather-beaten soldiers walked up to the desk as they had done for many years past, and with the full assurance that they would get their pensions. The look of astonishment and disappointment that came over their countenances was painful.

An unusual occurrence took place when Mrs. Haymaker, widow of Obadiah Haymaker, returned the checks sent her by the Pension Department. Her husband was killed several years ago while defending an oil well and for a long time she was unable to obtain possession of her property. Recently, however, she regained control of her estate and is no longer dependent on the bounties of "Uncle Sam."

Buried in the Same Grave.

It is a remarkable dispensation that carries away a husband and wife who have lived happily together for many years, and until both have passed their allotted time on earth, and consigns them to the same tomb. Such was the case with Mr. and Mrs. James Endsley, of Somerfield, this county. Mrs. Endsley died last Friday night, from a complication of stomach troubles, aged 73 years. Her husband followed her into the great beyond the next morning. He was 75 years of age and had for many years suffered from the tortures of Bright's disease and was stricken with paralysis about ten days prior to his death. The immediate cause of Mr. Endsley's death was heart failure. Husband and wife were laid to rest in the same grave, Sunday, in the presence of a vast concourse of people, many of whom had been attracted by the unusual sight of a double funeral.

Mr. Endsley was the eldest brother of Dr. A. J. Endsley, of this place, and was one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Addison township. The deceased are survived by three daughters, one of whom is married and resides in Cumberland, Md., another is chief operator of the Western Union Telegraph Co. in Chicago, and the third lived with her parents.

J. B. O'Connor's Daughter Hurt.

The many friends, in this county, of lawyer James B. O'Connor, of Johnstown, will be sorry to learn of the accident that befell his two-year-old daughter, in that city, Friday evening. Mr. O'Connor and his daughter had started to drive to Forwardstown, the home of the former's parents, and stopped at a house of a relative on Main street. The carriage was driven close to the curb and Mr. O'Connor alighted and went into the house. He returned to the street in a moment and held the horse by the rein. In a few minutes a street car rounded a corner close by and the horse became frightened and backed the carriage into the car, despite Mr. O'Connor's efforts to control the animal. The crash threw the little child headforemost under the feet of the horse and completely wrecked the carriage. The little one was rescued by her father and carried into a house close by and Dr. Lowman was called upon to dress the child's wounds, which were very serious. The right ear, with surrounding flesh, was torn almost off by the horse's feet, and there was a wound above the right temple large enough to admit a person's finger. The Dr. stitched the wounds, and says the scars will be almost invisible. It is thought the little sufferer will recover.

Meeting of the Farmers' Alliance.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Somerset County Farmers' Alliance was held in Odd Fellows Hall, Somerset, on Saturday, 8th inst. All but two of the sub alliances of the county were represented by regularly elected delegates. The meeting, which was quite an interesting one, was presided over by President B. F. Snyder, Prothonotary-elect F. P. Saylor, officiated as Secretary, and that old time Democrat, Jonas McClintock, of Addison township, as Treasurer, received the dues of the sub-alliances. The meeting was quite harmonious and brotherly. Mr. Chas. H. Fisher, B. F. Snyder and Editor W. V. Marshall, of the Berlin *Record*, were elected delegates to represent Somerset County at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Alliance, which this year convenes at Meadville, in October.

After the discussion of the tax question and the passing of resolutions advocating the graduated tax idea, and the election of U. S. Senators and the President and Vice President of the United States by direct popular vote of the people, the County Alliance adjourned.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at the county seat, which locality meets with popular favor.

Meyersdale Wants It.

A meeting of the German Baptists of the western district of Pennsylvania was held in the church at Geiger's station last Wednesday. A large number of delegates from the different congregations were present. Among other business transacted was the election of seven committeemen to secure a place in this vicinity to hold the Annual Meeting in May, 1894. The names of the committee are as follows: J. B. Holsinger, of Bedford county; C. G. Lint, Valentine Blough, N. R. Davis and W. G. Schrock, of Somerset county; Joseph Holsopple, of Indiana county, and Stephen Stutzman, of Cambria county. As will be seen four of the seven members of the committee come from this county and it looks as though Meyersdale will stand a pretty good show of getting the meeting. A half-dozen other places are striving to secure the meeting, Johnstown, perhaps, making the most united effort. Meyersdale successfully entertained the vast crowd of people who attended the Annual Meeting held at that place some years ago, and with the facilities that town has since acquired for handling large crowds of people, there can be no doubt about its being the most desirable point in the western part of the State for holding the meeting.

Shaking the Tree.

There was quite a stir among local Democrats Saturday evening when it was learned that Chairman John, Jonas McClintock and a number of other leading members of that party were in town. Chairman John said that he was here on private business and that the meeting of so many politicians of the same household was purely accidental and had no political significance. Mr McClintock said that he had intended going home but missed the train. The other gentlemen all offered excuses for their presence in town, but somehow or other they all managed to get together in General Coffroth's office as as soon as night set in. The HERALD is not in a position to tell what occurred in the General's office, but it is creditably informed that after the doors had been locked Chairman John grabbed the plum tree and, after giving it a vigorous shake, was rewarded with two plums, one labeled "district storekeeper," and the other marked "storkeekeeper and gauger." All the other members of the party tried their hands at shaking the tree, but no fruit fell. Finally General Coffroth pulled a long black slate from under the table. A number of names were written on the slate and there was a great craning of necks to see whose they were, in fact, it is said that at least two members of the party have carried their heads on their left shoulders ever since, as a result of the strain they endured. One name after another was taken off the slate and a new one written in its place until at last only the required number of names to fill all the Internal revenue appointments in the county remained. The various appointments will be given out from the Collector's office in the course of the next few days and the appointees will be the "Simon pure stuff."

The Jurors Drank Whisky.

The arguments of counsel on a motion for a new trial in the Salyards murder case occupied the court all day Wednesday at Carlisle. The liquor drank by the jurors during the trial was the principal issue and counsel for the defense hold that under the rulings of the higher courts a single drink of whisky furnished a juror is sufficient cause for a new trial. In this case it is proved that all but two jurors took whisky or beer regularly three times a day, and the county paid a bill of $52 for extras furnished by the hotel during the trial.

K. G. E. Elect Officers.

The following are the officers of Star of Shade Castle, No. 210, of Reitz, Pa., for the ensuing six months' term:

Past chief, Jno. B. Umburger; noble chief, Nelson E. Manges; vice chief L. M. Lambert; high priest, L. D. Sine; venerable hermit, Howard Manges; master of records, Jno. H. Reitz; clerk of exchequer, B. A. Small; keeper of exchequer, Samuel Thomas; sir herald, Thos. W. Hamer; worthy bard, George Gahagen; worthy chamberlain, Russell Lambert; ensign, Charles Gahagen; esquire, Joseph Geisel; first guardsman, John Merrits; second guardsman, Wm. Rankin; trustee, Jno. B. Umburger; representative to the Grand Castle, L. D. Sine.

Another Fruitless Attempt to Capture Pritts.

So many stories have been in circulation the past three weeks concerning the movements and whereabouts of "Bill" Pritts, the fugitive murderer and moonshiner, and so loud and persistent have been the demands that he be corraled and brought here to jail, that Sheriff Good decided to make one more effort to capture sly old William. Friday evening the Sheriff summoned a posse of ten or twelve men and left town for the moonshine country under the cover of darkness. It was deemed advisable to take a round-about way to the home of the Pritts' and the posse accordingly drew up at Jones' Mills late in the night. From Jones' the posse proceeded to Pritts' home. William was not there and the members of his family denied all knowledge of him. Their denials were taken with a grain of salt, and the Sheriff detailed a number of men to search the deep ravine below Pritts' house. Nothing came of it, however, and no trace of the sly old moonshiner could be found. At the house of a neighbor it was learned that Pritts was at the home of Dr. Hunter, a physician who testified in the Hochstetler case, and whose home is on the Fayette county side of the mountain. Several of the Sheriff's posse visited the Doctor's home, only to learn that he had left a short time before for the purpose of visiting a patient six miles distant. This was thought to be an important clue, as it had been generally understood that Hunter was taking care of Pritts' wounded arm. Several men followed the Doctor to the house where they had been told he had gone, and sure enough they found him there. He denied all knowledge of Pritts' whereabouts. The posse then searched the houses of a number of Pritts' relatives and persons believed to be in sympathy with him, but to no effect.

The Sheriff says that all the people of that vicinity expressed a desire to be rid of Pritts and volunteered to do all in their power to capture him. The Sheriff winked the other eye," when asked if he believed that they meant what they said.

It is easy enough to tell how to go about capturing Pritts, but people familiar with the mountain where the moonshiners hold forth say that it is next to impossible to do so. Pritts' home is surrounded by a dense thicket and and he can lay concealed within 100 rods of it and watch all that is going on in the building. He would have no trouble they say in eluding a thousand men for months, providing he could obtain food. It really seems that if the old moonshiner is ever brought to justice it will not be until after he has voluntarily surrendered or has been starved out by a posse sent to capture him.

Has His Coat Off Now.

From the Pittsburg Times.

Gen. A. H. Coffroth, ex-Congressman and general manager of the Unterrified in and about Somerset county, came to Pittsburg yesterday at the head of a delegation of the "frosty sons of thunder," who are ambitious to help the Government out in filling places in the Internal Revenue service. Gen. Coffroth and his constituents enjoyed a long interview with Collector E. P. Kearns and when they left the Federal Building they looked contented and happy. Gen. Coffroth looks as fresh and vigorous as he did in 1879, when he was accepted as the Democratic leader in the lower house of Congress. His closely cropped beard is probably a shade whiter, but he is still active and pleasant. He is just as active in his home politics now as he was then and his main strength lies in his attention to the wants of his friends. His district is largely Republican, but his friends talk of his running again for Congress.

Successful Teachers.

The Pittsburgh *Times*, Saturday morning, published the names of the winners in the contest that has been going on for the past six months to determine what fifty teachers should be sent to the World's Fair and entertained there at the expense of that paper. None of the fortunates hail from this county, although had the voters in the contest accepted the advice offered in these columns and concentrated their strength on one candidate the result would have been different. The teachers from this county who received over 1,000 votes are as follows: Coder Ada, Ursina, 8,730; Bauman B. D., Mance, 1,275; Dull Alice H., Meyersdale, 10,232; Fryburg F. G., Stoystown, 1,436; Hady Ella Meyersdale, 10,205; Johnson Howard, Berlin, 1,619; Pritts E. E., Somerset, 10,295; Shaffer Josie, Rockwood, 6,809. The teacher receiving the greatest number of votes was Miss M. Frederick, of Braddock, 57,115, and the successful candidate receiving the least number of votes was Amanda Holler, of Braddock, 16,166. All of the winners are from Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Va.

C. B. Cook, principal of the schools at Chartiers, Allegheny county and a native of this county, is one of the winners.

The party, consisting of teachers and other persons, will number 70; Superintendent of Public Instruction N. C. Schaeffer and Dr. D. J. Waller, Principal of Indiana Normal, have been invited to go along. The special train will leave Pittsburgh on the afternoon of the 24th of this month.

Capture Bill Pritts.

From the Altoona Tribune.

Bill Pritts, the Somerset county moonshiner, is getting entirely too much notoriety at the expense of the Somerset county authorities and the United States officers. Not long ago he was reported as having bled to death from a wound in the arm. But the latest advices are to the effect that he is still above earth and in the hands of his friends. If this latest report be true both the local authorities of Somerset county and of the general government should see that he is promptly corraled. The case as it now stands is a disgrace to both wings of the law.

The fact that he is "in the hands of his friends" has nothing to do with the case. By shielding an outlaw these "friends" also become outlaws and are amenable to arrest. Every few weeks there comes a stirring tale from the southern states of a battle between United States officers and moonshiners. It comes in glowing rhetoric and with a superabundance of adjectives. Can it be that there is more bravery in the average southern United States marshal than those who are supposed to have cognizance of the Pritts case in Somerset county.

Further, Pritts is a murderer—the slayer of Hochstetler. Are the Somerset county officials so easy minded as to leave this blot on the escutcheon of the county and allow him to remain a free man? The public is becoming tired of the Pritts business and doubly tired of the excuse made for the failure to capture him. As the case now stands there is no necessity to go outside of our neighboring county to learn of the law being persistently and successfully defied. While this case is before public attention it is not necessary to go south to hunt for evasions of the law.

Still on the Map.

The following from the Johnstown *Democrat*, of Monday, will doubtless prove to be as great a surprise to our readers as did the news that he was dead, to the lamented "Butch" Saylor. "Butch" said he "knew it was a lie as soon as he heard it."

A report reached Johnstown late Saturday night that Somerset had been visited by another conflagration and that the whole city was burning to the ground.

The rumor spread rapidly and was circulated on what appeared to be reliable authority. When Sunday morning arrived a large crowd boarded the B. & O. train and visited the scene of the supposed fire. Long before noon, however, the information was received at the B. & O. station that there was no foundation for the rumor and that Somerset was still on the map.

The story that the city was burning down was readily believed, since everybody knows that Somerset is almost wholly without fire protection and practically at the mercy of the fire fiend.

Easy to Manage.

The Cinderella Range is easy to manage, many other ranges are not. The construction of the Cinderella admits of plenty of air under the grate, which prevents it from burning out, and every provision is made for cleanliness. Examine it before you buy. Sold by Jas. B. Holderbaum.

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

Royal Baking Powder

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Share With the State.

County Officials Must Divide Proceeds of Their Offices.

The Court House officers were considerably perturbed last week. Prothonotary Sanner and Register and Recorder Hileman each received a letter from Auditor General Gregg instructing them that "the State is entitled to receive one-half of all the fees after the deduction of $2,000 and the expenses of their offices." Both of these offices yield annually from $2,500 to $4,000 in fees, all of which has heretofore gone to the incumbents. The enforcement of the law will therefore take from $500 to $1,000 per year from each of these officers.

Messrs. Sanner and Hileman forwarded their reports to the Auditor General's department in the customary form but they were promptly returned for correction.

Auditor General Gregg's letter is as follows:

DEAR SIR:—Your attention is directed to Section 8 of the Act of April 2nd, 1868, (P. L., page 11,) which reads as follows:

"The prothonotary or clerks of the supreme courts, courts of common pleas, of the courts of *nisi prius*, of the courts of quarter sessions of the peace, of the orphans' court, the Registers of Wills and the Recorders of Deeds of this Commonwealth, shall pay into the treasury, for the use of the Commonwealth, after deducting all necessary clerk hire and office expenses, fifty per centum on the amount over and above the sum of two thousand dollars, which shall be found by the auditor appointed by the court to settle accounts of county officers, to have been received by any officer in any one year; Provided, if two or more of said offices shall be held by any one person, the Auditor General shall add together the fees received in the offices so held, and shall charge the same percentage on the aggregate amount of fees received by such person holding more than one of said offices.

Beginning with the first Monday of January of the current year, it is the intention of the Department to have a full and correct return and audit of all fees of office, together with clerk hire and office expenses, in order to determine definitely the liability of all county officers under the above act, and while the fees of office are to be returned monthly, payment will only be required after the close of the year, when settlement shall have been made by the Auditor General as based upon the report made by the auditor appointed by the court of common pleas, and the monthly returns of officers to this Department. Under the above act all county officers are instructed to provide and keep a special account book in which an entry shall be made of all moneys received for fees, specifying the date, the title of the case, if any, and for what service and from whom received. This book must be open for inspection, and for the information of the auditor appointed by the court of common pleas to audit and examine county officers' accounts.

In making out the quarterly return for the quarter ending July 3d, 1893, you are hereby instructed to include a full and correct return of the fees of the office received from all sources from the first Monday of January, 1893, to the first Monday of July, 1893. No returns will be considered complete and ready for filing unless these instructions are carried out. [See opinion of Attorney General herewith enclosed.]

After the quarterly return for the second quarter of the present year (ending July 3, 1893,) is made and placed on file in this department, all quarterly returns will be discontinued and thereafter only monthly returns be required from city and county officers, as provided for in the recent act of 1893. New blanks for making monthly returns under this act will be prepared and furnished to county and city officers in time to make the monthly return for July, 1893.

Commencing with the year 1893, no clerk hire or expenses of office will be allowed in the annual settlement of the accounts of county officers, except the auditor's report be accompanied by itemized and properly receipted vouchers accounting for all clerk hire and office expenses, to be deducted from the fees received. County officers are instructed to take duplicate receipts for all money paid for clerk hire and expense of office, the originals of which are to be forwarded with the auditor's report for the year 1893, and annually thereafter.

Respectfully,

D. McM. GREGG,
Auditor General.

Attorney General Hensel's letter referred to above reads thus:

HARRISBURG, June 26, 1893.

Hon. D. McM. Gregg, Auditor General, Harrisburg, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge your favor of June 19, inquiring, *inter alia*, whether in counties of over 150,000 the State is entitled to receive one-half of the remainder of all fees after deducting the salaries and expenses of the county officers; and calling my attention to the fact that heretofore it has been the practice in counties of over 150,000 population to pay no portion of the fees collected to the Commonwealth.

In reply I have to say, that in my opinion the Act of March 31, 1876 (P. L., page 135, does not modify or repeal the Act of March 10, 1869, (P. L., page 80,) so as to deprive the State of its right to one-half of the surplus of the county officers' fees in the counties of over 150,000 population. On the other hand, I am of the opinion and I advise and instruct you, that in all counties, (including those containing over 150,000 inhabitants, in which county officers are paid by salaries,) the State is entitled to receive one-half of all fees of the county officers after the deduction of their salaries and the expenses of their offices, as provided by law.

Yours truly,

W. U. HENSEL,
Attorney General.

Sipesville Items.

The Knights of the Golden Eagle held their long promised open meeting last Thursday evening. The hall was crowded to its full capacity. Music was furnished by the Casebeer Church Orchestra and by Miss Lister and students. Misses Rosy Shaffer and Darlie Bell delighted the audience with several recitations. Addresses were delivered by J. A. Berkey, F. P. Saylor and others, among them Dr. Joseph Crist, of Jenner. The meeting was a success in every particular and the hope was expressed by many of the audience that the Knights would favor them with a similar meeting in the near future.

Our farmers are busy harvesting their hay. The crop will not be much more than the usual harvest.

Wheat and rye are both ripening fast and will have to be cut next week. The crops of all kinds, excepting hay, are unusually good.

Many people from this section attended the celebration in Somerset last Tuesday, but the greater number of them took in the band pic nic at Elie.

Wm. Swank and J. N. Friedline sold their fine tract of oak timber to Eaton Bros., of Westmoreland county, one day last week. The purchasers have already got a saw mill at work on the tract.

The lime quarries east of town have shut down for want of orders. They expect to resume operations in August.

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DIED.

MOSHOLDER.—On June 26, little Leora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mosholder, near Shanksville, in her 13th year.

ASSIGNEES' SALE OF Vauable Real Estate.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, to me directed, I will expose for sale on the premises, the real estate of Gideon Bauman, in Northampton township, on

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at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, the following real estate, viz:

No. 1. A tract of land situate in Northampton township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of S. H. Darragh, Simon Bauman and others, containing 62 acres more or less, of which there are about 100 acres cleared, 40 acres in meadow and balance well timbered with Pine, Hemlock and Oak, having a large two-story frame

Dwelling House,

large bank barn, black smith shop, summer house and other out buildings thereon erected. The buildings are all comparatively new. There is also two good apple orchards, pear and peach orchard and other fruit trees on the premises. The farm is well watered with streams and never failing springs. Situate one-and-a-half miles from Bauman's station and "Mance" P. O. on the B. & O. R. R.

No. 2. A tract of land situate in Northampton township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Christian Werner, S. H. Darragh, Wm. Hittle, Josiah Boyer, Herman Martz, Debt & Bro. and others, containing 129 acres more or less, of which there are about 100 acres cleared, having a two-story

LOG HOUSE,

with frame kitchen attached, a log bank barn and other out buildings thereon erected, a good apple orchard and large sugar camp on the premises. The largest portion of this tract is thickly timbered with Pine, Hemlock, Oak and Poplar, sufficient to cut over a million feet of lumber, about 2 miles from the B. & O. R. R., good roads and easy grade.

Nos. 1 and 2 are both convenient to church and school and in good locations and splendid neighborhoods.

No. 3. The undivided one third interest of a tract of land