The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, ... July 19, 1893.

Blue eyed persons are seldom color blind.

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

Not for 20 years have caterpillars been so numerous as now in Pennsylvania.

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

A sneeze is said to be the sign of good health and luck. Sick persons never sneeze, it is said.

Superintendent Ulerich has decided to hold the Westmoreland County Institute this year during the week beginning Monday, December 18th.

A mean man never knows when he is mean; he only thinks he is cautious, just as a near sighted persons seems to be looking far away.

Confluence is becoming a favorite resort for Pittsburgh ministers. A half-dozen or more clergymen are at that place now spending their summer vacation.

A man will burn his fingers lighting a cigar with a piece of paper, and make no fuss about it, but when his wife asks him to set the bakettle over, and he takes hold of the warm handle, he is mad enough to ship-wreck the kitchen.

The latest gossip in Harrisburg society circles is the announcement of the engagement of Heron Crosseman, of New York, and Miss Vinnie Pattison, only daughter of Governor Pattison. When the wedding will take place is probably has not been decided but it will likely be before the Governor retires from the executive mansion.

It has been agreed between the two factions of the Evangelical Church of this State that the cases in Reading, Easton, Norristown and Williamstown, growing out of controversies over church property, shall be argued together before the Supreme Court next spring, and that the decision shall be accepted as final in all other pending cases in Pennsylvania.

The following letters remaining in the postoffice at Somerset will be sent to the Dead Letter Office is not called for within ten days from this date, July 19, 1893:

Barnett, John; Balden, Henry; Jackson, Mark; Kauffman, A. B.; Knowlton, Stephia Capt.; Painsia, Libari; Pritts, Edward L.; Stahl Willaim, J.

JOSIAH KELLER, P. M.

The Ebensburg *Mountaineer* intimates that Mickey Smith, the condemned murderer of John Minahan in Johnstown, who escaped from the county jail in a "mysterious" manner some years ago, is a very prominent member of society on a certain ranch in the west, and that a photograph of him, mounted on a mustang pony and rigged out in his best leather breeches and Sunday "peg-leg" was sent to friends by him not long since, and that his photograph is even now in Ebensburg.

Meyersdale has swung into line as a competitor for the State Industrial school. If it goes anywhere off of the "Pennsy" we can show superior advantages of site and surroundings. At a meeting held in Justice Cook's office on the evening of the Fourth many representative citizens were present and a strong committee was appointed to push the matter, who are now in correspondence with the proper authorities.—*Commercial*.

"Address no stranger and allow no stranger to address you," is the advice of the chief of the Chicago detective force to all visitors. "If you want to know anything wait till you see a policeman." The chief adds: "The price of safety in this city is to keep your mouth shut in the presence of those you do not know. The smartest confidence men in the world have come to the World's Fair. They are sharp enough to deceive even the Chicagoan."

The latest crusade of the W. C. T. U. is directed against root beer, and that mild beverage, heretofore considered entirely harmless, is now on this organization's black list. It appears that an enterprising Philadelphia manufacturer of the popping liquid has offended the W. C. T. U. by using the white ribbon symbol on his advertisements. The indignant cold water ladies met and framed a protest notifying the root beer maker that they do not drink his product and asking him to stop using their symbol as an indisement.

The postal script will soon take the place of the postal note now in use. The postal note costs 3 cents and carries any amount up to $5, while in a script, a sheet calling for amounts from 1 cent to $5, has been prepared from which, on payment of 1 cent, the amount of money to be sent by mail to any part of the United States may be torn off the same as an express order. There will be no writing on it of any kind by the postmaster, the sender inditing the check draft. The Government guarantees its safe transportation.

As is usual at this season of the year many of the gutters along highways and along house are again filled with rank growths of noxious weeds, which emit sickening odors. One of the sure processes for the destruction of such offensive crops is to apply small quantities of turpentine to the roots, which will serve as an influ ence of surer extermination than is that of digging them out of the ground, for every piece of root left will produce a stalk in a short time. The application of turpentine is a sure destroyer of all weed growths, and one of the cheapest remedies for such a nuisance which can possibly be adopted.

In view of the diversity of opinion concerning the new fee bill recently signed by the Governor, the question at issue being whether officers of the peace and constables are included in the provisions of the act if holding office at the time of the passage of the act, Judge Reeder of Northumberland county, has in a case stated, decided that the fee bill goes into immediate operation and that justices and constables must make out their bills in accordance with this act and the county commissioners must pay them. In some counties in the state the new bill is construed, without judicial decree, to apply only to those elected after the passage of the act. Judge Reeder's decision is the first upon the subject.

Postmaster General Bissell has decided to abandon the three sizes of postal cards now in use and to substitute one for both single and reply cards. With that purpose in view the specifications which have been sent to prospective bidders for the contract for furnishing the postal service with cards during the next four years call for a single card of the uniform size of three and one-half by five and one-half inches. This is what is known as the international size, it being used generally by the countries comprising the international postal union. The double or reply card now in use will be continued with the size when folded reduced to that of the international card. The two cards will take the place of the small or ladies' card, the cardinal and the large card and the large return card.

The New York *Press* proposes to send to the World's Fair as its guests fifty Union veterans, members of regular Grand Army posts, who are to be selected by the readers of The Sunday *Press*. This proposition is made as an evidence of the esteem and gratitude in which the *Press* holds the men who imperiled their own lives to save the nation.

Each of the chosen veterans will be the guests of the *Press* from the moment the train leaves New York until its return, and the journey will be timed to include a full week's sojourn in Chicago, with all expenses paid, including daily entrance to the grounds of the Exposition.

All G. A. R. veterans in good standing are eligible. They may come from any town, city, State or territory over which the Stars and Stripes proclaims its government.

The selection of the fifty favorites will be made on the ground of popularity, their popularity to be voted by ballots printed in every issue of the The Sunday *Press*.

Sweet cherries are a drag on the market at four and five cents per quart.

Charles Raubach has been appointed postmaster at Pidlison, this county.

Prof. J. D. Meese, of the California State Normal School, is in Somerset.

Miss Florence Wilson, of Wheeling, West Va., is visiting her friend, Miss Louise Scull.

E. E. Pritts' Summer Normal commenced its sessions Monday with a fair attendance.

Stoystown is becoming a popular summer resort for Pittsburgh and Johnstown people.

An ice cream festival will be held in the Grange Hall, at Husband, on Saturday evening, July 22.

Diphtheria has reappeared in Berlin and last Sunday carried away the ten-year-old son of Samuel Dubstadt.

Mr. and Mrs. "Tom" McCutcheon, of Pittsburgh, are the guests of Mrs. McCutcheon's sister, Mrs. C. J. Harrison.

Quite a heavy storm passed over the north of the county Saturday evening, doing great damage to corn and other growing crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barchfield, of Pittsburgh, are guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Custer, at Stoystown.

Mrs. Harry B. Colborn, her son "Ajax" Colborn, Jr., and two daughters, of Frostburg, Md., are guests at the home of Hon. A. J. Colborn.

Dr. P. F. Shaffer is enjoying a hard earned vacation. He drove over the mountain to Bedford, Friday, and expects to remain there for the next ten days.

A party of Somerset young people drove over to Salisbury last Wednesday for the purpose of attending a party given by Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beachy, of that place.

The many Somerset friends of Miss Ida Bareland will be grieved to learn that her father died suddenly Friday night at his home in Monongahela City.

A private letter from Editor George Baer, of the Cloverdale *Reveille*, says that he reached San Francisco on the 11th, and was happy to again sniff the salt breeze from the Pacific.

Messrs. Porter Hedley and Frank Meyers despatched a monster rattle snake one day last week along the banks of the Laurel Hill creek, where they were fishing for trout. A second reptile of the same species escaped them.

Robert J. Miller, son of Rev. Noble G. Miller, Presiding Elder of the Blairsville District of the Pittsburgh Conference of the M. E. Church, was run over and instantly killed by a freight train at Wilkinsburg Saturday morning.

A special train Sunday afternoon carried the members of the Johnstown Outing Club over the S. & C. from that city to Rockwood, where their car was attached to the "flyer" and hauled to Huntsville, O., at which point the club will go into camp for two weeks.

Messrs. Norman Knepper and Charles Coffroth, prominent business men of this place, leave this evening for Chicago, via the great lakes. They expect to spend a short time at Cleveland, Detroit, Macanack Island and other points before proceeding to the White City.

The Sunday-school of Casebeer Church, in Somerset township, will hold their annual harvest home pic-nic on August 4th. Prominent speakers will be present and music will be furnished by the Lincoln Cornet Band. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. John Rink, of Jeannetown, was the owner of one of the finest horses in this State until the latter part of last week, when his fine spotted Arabian horse died of apoplexy. Mr. Rink claims there was not a better or finer bred horse anywhere to be found.

The new board of pension examiners for this county have received official notice of their appointment and have filed their oaths of office. The members of the board will doubtless receive their commissions within the next few days and instructions in regard to their duties.

Rev. J. T. Spangler, pastor of the United Brethren Church at Shanksville, and Miss Carrie Woy, of Johnstown, were married at the home of the bride's parents last Thursday evening. Rev. W. H. Spangler, of the Morrellville U. B. Church, a brother of the groom, performed the ceremony.

Mr. Geo. T. Swank, editor of the Johnstown *Tribune*, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Dr. Lee, and a Mr. Storey and his wife, of Johnstown, spent a day in Somerset last week on their way home from Bedford Springs. The party were traveling in a carriage, but took the train at Somerset, sending their team home in charge of a driver.

The members of town council by a vote of four to two have passed a resolution to advertise for bids for the construction of a gravity system of water works. The resolution was vetoed by Burgess Weibley, but was passed over his veto. The source of supply is the headwaters of Kimberly and the plans upon which bids will be received were prepared by an engineer from Tyrone.

The published reports in regard to the serious condition of Jacob Koontz, of Quemahoning township, who was dealt a brutal blow on the head with a beer glass in the hands of Josiah Speicht, of Sprucetown, were unreasonably exaggerated. Mr. Koontz was in town Monday and was enjoying his usual good health, although he carries a scar on his forehead as an evidence of his opponent's unmanly and cowardly assault.

The following corps of teachers have been employed to teach the Somerset borough schools the ensuing term: Principal, E. E. Pritts; room No. 2, Miss Nellie Cunningham; No. 3, Miss Mary G. Fleck; No. 4, Miss Emma J. Haston; No. 5, Miss Kate Snyder; No. 6, S. E. Berkey; No. 7, Miss Carrie Rhoads; No. 8, Miss Hattie Stutsman; No. 9, Mrs. Mary J. Connelly. A teacher for room No. 1 has not been elected.

Laborers employed at making an excavation for Russel Stewart's new house on West Main Street were much surprised to come across a well preserved stump of a large white oak tree when they supposed they had dug a sufficient depth for a cellar. The oldest inhabitant was sought and he declared that no tree of that character had spread its branches within the borough limits during the past eighty years.

The Salisbury *Star* is authority for the statement that Ed Engle, of that place, recently found a large number of counterfeit 1853 quarters, which had been secreted in an old stone fence in the Stutzman addition to Salisbury borough. The coins were very perfectly made, and when new would undoubtedly have been very hard to detect from the genuine, at least so far as appearance goes. They had evidently been in the stone fence a long time.

For the past ten days there has been scarcely a night that an attempt at burglary has not been made in the southern and eastern parts of Somerset township. Rudolph Hoover's house was entered while the family were all absent and a small amount of money and a lot of edibles carried away. A lot of butter and eggs were carried away from the house of one of Hoover's neighbors a night or two following. Complaints of petty thieving have been heard from others living in that neighborhood. It is believed that the depredations are being committed by persons who live in the neighborhood and are acquainted with the surroundings and habits of the people where they make their visits. Unless they desist in their thieving it is only a question of time until the guilty parties are brought to justice.

Mr. Grant Zufall, of Meyersdale, went over to Altoona, Monday, and will at once enter upon his new duties as lumber inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

It is announced that a bank will be established at Rockwood within the next few weeks by Meyersdale capitalists. A banking room has been secured in Buckman's new building.

Conductor Waite, of the S. & C. passenger train, is enjoying his annual vacation, and with his wife and family is stopping at Wolfersberger's Rockwood hotel. Conductor Frank McDonald is in charge of the passenger train during Mr. Waite's absence.

Mr. D. B. Zimmerman, of Quemahoning township, who has been on his ranch in Montana for the past three or four months, writes to Mr. C. C. Schrock, under date of July 9th: "I now have my cattle at the railroad and expect to ship them to-morrow. They will make two train loads. I have just returned from a drive of about 400 miles over the Rocky Mountains and am glad to be back in Dakota. I hope to get my cattle located in pasture so that I can get home late this month."

James L. Pugh, Esq., H. C. Beerits, the well-known merchant, and William S. Stahl, a prominent Somerset township farmer, have been sitting for several hours each day this week as arbitrators in the suits between E. H. Buterbach and a number of prominent Paint township farmers to determine the ownership of the mineral rights of their farms. A largesum of money is involved. Buterbach had secured leases of the mineral rights in question and the claim is set up that he did not live up to his part of the agreements.

A number of wood choppers were engaged at felling a tree on the ridge, south of town, last Tuesday evening, and when the tree did not topple over as far as was desired, Martin Fisher, one of the wockmen, went back to it for the purpose of "hitting it a couple of more licks," as he said, against the protest of his fellow workmen. The tree came down with a crash before Fisher had time to escape from its branches, one of which struck him full in the back crushing him to the ground. The injured man was carried to the home of his brother, Hiram Fisher, in an unconscious condition. His life is despaired of.

Arrangements have been made with Mrs. H. K. Monroe, of Philadelphia, formerly of this place, to visit Somerset and deliver her illustrated lecture on "Luther, or the Story of the Reformation," in the Opera House, on the evenings of July 31st and August 1st. The lecture involves a spectacular entertainment in which 20 gentlemen in costume represent Luther's trial at Worms, &c. The lecture is farther illustrated by 85 stereopticon views. A chorus of 70 voices will also participate in the entertainment. The lecture has received the most flattering notices from the press and from leading ministers of the Lutheran denomination all over the country.

Sunday, Rev. Lewis T. Lampe was installed as pastor of Beam's charge, Reformed Church. The installation services were conducted by Revs. Cramer, of Berlin, and Long, of New Centreville, in the presence of a very large congregation. Beam's charge is one of the oldest in the county and is composed of the following congregations: Beam's, Effie, Calvary and Davidsville. The charge has been without a pastor ever since Rev. Berger resigned and removed to Greensburg, more than a year ago. The new pastor, Rev. Lampe, is a recent graduate and this will be his first field of labor. He has entered upon his work determined to build up the different congregations in his charge and has already made a most favorable impression upon the people of that section of the county.

The Methodist Church in this place, which has been closed during the past month undergoing repairs, will be re-opened to the public next Sunday. Dr. A. H. Narcross, principal of the Pittsburgh Female College, and a former pastor of the Somerset Church, has promised to be present and will preach in the morning at 10:30. A song and praise service will be held at 2:30 in the afternoon, and at 7:45 in the evening Rev. T. H. Wooding, presiding elder of this district, will preach. Communion services will follow the sermon by the presiding elder. Mrs. Mary Uhl Patton, of Pittsburg, will be present at both morning and evening services and will favor the congregation with several vocal solos. Rev. Younkins and family, who have been visiting friends at Meadville, pending the repairs to the church, returned home during the past week.

The large plate glass windows in Knepper & Ferner's store, in the Odd Fellows building, were mutilated in such a way as to entirely ruin their beauty last Tuesday night, by some scoundrel who deserves the severest punishment the law provides for such cases. A sharp piece of flint or steel was evidently used to score the glass. We understand that the owners of the building have conclusive evidence as to who the guilty party is and that they will enter a prosecution at once. There should be no compromise in a case of this kind. A man contemptible enough to commit such a crime is not deserving of sympathy. No motive has been assigned that would impel a man to seek revenge of so base a nature, although it is intimated that the glass were scarred by a candidate for admission to the Odd Fellows' Lodge who was black-balled.

State Superintendent of Public instruction, N. C. Schaeffer, in an interview at Harrisburg, Saturday, said that the new Free Text-book law goes into effect at once. He has rendered a decision that it is the duty of the directors to make provision for furnishing and equipping the schools with the text-books and supplies generally needed by pupils for daily use in the schools, such as state pencils, paper, pens, ink, tablets, etc.; that, while it is no doubt wise to urge pupils to use the books in their possession for the purpose of lessening the immediate outlay of money, they cannot be compelled to use their own books, and that in all the required branches of study, books are to be provided by the directors and for all grades of the public schools, including the high school.

The Superintendent scored Judge Ewing, of Pittsburgh, for his decision on Friday to the effect that school boards can only purchase one series at a time.

Prompt and effective work on the part of a number of gentlemen at the Somerset House, Sunday morning, saved that well-known hostelry from destruction by fire. Located in the wash room on the ground floor of the building is a gasoline stove and hot air engine, utilized for hoisting water to the upper floors of the building. The pump was in operation at ten o'clock Sunday morning, and after it had been set running no further attention was paid to it. Several children, sons and daughters of guests of the hotel, were playing on the back porch and when they saw a great tongue of flame leap out of the wash room door and across the porch they set up a cry of "fire!" People living in the neighborhood heard the alarm and at once began to shriek "the Somerset House is on fire." Probably a dozen lady summer boarders were sitting on the hotel porch and they began to scream as they ran to their rooms to pack up their effects and remove them from the burning building. Two or three of the ladies fainted on the stairs. Meanwhile, Landlord Kyle and several men rushed to the wash-room. The room was completely enveloped in flame and smoke and they were unable to enter it for a few minutes, when the flames suddenly diminished. Then they saw what had caused the fire and bringing a section of carpet into play they soon smothered the flames to death. The gasoline tank had sprung a leak and the liquid trickling down the pipe had reached the fire in the stove several feet below. Instantly the flame leaped to the tank and ignited the half gallon of combustible fluid therein. The loss suffered was trifling.

A Cyclone Described

By a Somerset County Man Visiting in Iowa,

WATERLOO, IOWA, July 10, 1893.

Editor Herald:

The afternoon of last Thursday was hot and sultry, and everybody was on the lookout for a storm. My attention was attracted to a dark mass of clouds which was gathering in the southwest. The storm came in an awful form at 5 o'clock. The writhing and twisting motion of the clouds excited a feeling of uneasiness in those who observed them. A peculiar roaring sound issued out of the mass distinct above the other sounds of the approaching storm, and everybody felt that bad work was going on in that direction. Soon after these sounds were heard the whole firmament was overcast and hail commenced to fall. At Elder Earleys, where I was staying, it came down in great chunks of ice which would have knocked a man senseless had one of them struck him on the head. The largest of these hail stones measured over fourteen inches in circumference after they had lain where they had fallen from ten minutes to half an hour. The hail was followed by rain, but the storm did not continue more than an hour. Soon after the clouds commenced to break a messenger arrived at Earleys and told of the dreadful destruction which had been wrought one mile south. We started at once for the scene. We first came to the beautiful residence of William Slater. It was torn to pieces, and two members of the family were killed. One of the family was carried three-fourths of a mile away from the house.

Elder Converse's house was also destroyed, but no lives were lost there; the family having taken refuge in the cellar.

Mr. Pitcher's barn and residence were shattered but not wholly destroyed. A young man employed on his place was struck by flying timbers and was so badly injured that his life is despaired of. The buildings owned by Mr. Morgan are gone. Mr. Johnson, a middle-aged man of genial disposition and very popular in the community, was picked up in the grove, dead.

A mile further west was the home of Samuel Burch, and here a shocking sight met our eyes. The family consisted of father and mother and four children. The parents and three children were killed outright, and the remaining child is hurt so badly that she will probably die. The scene of this desolate home and the thought of this instant blotting out of the lives of almost an entire family deeply affected all of us, and our tearful faces were an expression of the heaviness and sadness of our hearts.

After all that one may have read or been told concerning the nature of a tornado, she can form no true conception of what it is like, its astounding power and destructiveness, until he has stood in its tracks and seen the waste which it has committed. Of the houses which were carried away last Thursday nothing can be found of them save small fragments of lumber, mostly smaller than the size of ordinary stove wood, and these are strewn for miles across the country from east to west, but inside of a narrow strip of 60 rods in width, which constituted the track of the tornado. A whole board or piece of timber or shingle of any of the houses has not been seen. The ground on which the buildings stood is swept clean of everything, and there is nothing to indicate that buildings ever occupied the spots excepting the uncovered cellars, and the foundation stones which are scattered about the yards. The trees of the grove, many of which were as large as a man's body, are twisted off a few feet from the ground. Many of those which still stand erect are stripped of their bark, even to the ends of the smallest twigs. The corn fields at a little distance look like freshly plowed ground. Everything in the stables with the exception of a few hogs, was carried away and killed. At the Slater farm are the dead bodies of thirty-nine head of cattle and fifteen head of horses and forty-eight hogs. Probably a hundred men are employed in burying the carcasses of animals found in the track of the storm.

Mr. Converse, one of the lucky ones in the storm, says: "The tornado was right upon them before they realized that they were in any danger." He happened to walk to the east side of the house and look out. The advance of the tornado was then only a short distance on the opposite side of the road from the dooryard fence. It took but a glance at the black objects before him to show him that they were in imminent danger. He shouted for the family to run for the cellar, and as he followed the others down the stairway and crouched upon the floor, the tornado struck them. For a few seconds they were enveloped in midnight darkness, and they were fairly deafened by the awful roar about them. Then it suddenly grew light again. It could not have been more than a minute from the time that the approach of the tornado was seen until the building was swept from its foundation. Want of time prevents me from entering more fully into details concerning this awful calamity. What I have written relates only to the work of the cloud in the vicinity of Orella. The damage in other localities is vastly greater than here. At Pomeroy it tore down two-thirds of the houses and killed and wounded over two-hundred people.

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A Correction That Falls to Correct.

In its last issue, under the caption "The HERALD corrected," the editor of the *Democrat* undertakes to "correct" the HERALD, and in his attempt discloses a woful amount of ignorance or wilfully misrepresents the facts. Says the *Democrat*:

In the last HERALD we are assured that, "Had the warring factions of the Democratic party in this county been able to compromise their difference they might have controlled" the appointment for Deputy Collector. What a prophet the HERALD is. Up to this time no Deputy Collector for this county has been appointed. L. M. Herrington has been appointed for the district composed of Fayette and Greene counties. Our district is composed of Somerset and Cambria and Clearfield counties. As Somerset county gets the General Gauger, a better office than the Deputy Collector, in all probability the Deputy Collector will go to Clearfield county, the home of ex-Collector Bigler.

Mr. Herrington was appointed Deputy Collector for the district composed of Somerset and the eastern part of Fayette county to succeed Mr. P. A. Johns. Mr. Herrington has been actively engaged in the discharge of his duties and has already visited the various distilleries and tobacco manufactories in this county. While a change in the division of the district such as the *Democrat* speaks of may be contemplated, none such has yet been made.

The statement that the position of "General Gauger" is a better paying office than that of Deputy Collector is absurd. The former pays $3 00 per day while actually employed and the appointee must have his headquarters in Pittsburgh. The latter pays $1100 per year, with an allowance of $600 for traveling expenses, and the person holding the appointment may live anywhere he pleases, just so that it be in the district.

A Hard Question Solved.

"How could two persons be born at the same time and die at the same time, at the end of fifty years, and yet one of them live a hundred days more than the other?" is a query propounded to the writer the other day. Can you tell? Perhaps not. Well, the answer turns upon the familiar fact that a person who goes around the world toward the west loses a day, whilst the person who travels in the opposite direction gains a day. We will suppose then, that the two men in question were born in New York, from whence a trip around the world may easily be made once a year. One of them goes always towards the west, the other towards the east. One loses a day every year, the other gains a day every year. When the men die, after fifty years of age one has seen one hundred days more than the other. —*Exchange*.

Why is "I" the most unfortunate of letters?—Because its never in cash, always in trouble and debt, and never out of danger.

Married Women's Rights.

Among the good laws made by the last legislature, and approved by Governor Pattison, was one enlarging the rights of married women in the acquiring and disposing of property, to sue and be sued, and to dispose of her possessions by will. It repeals entirely the act of 1887, which it was expected would fill the bill. The supreme court thought differently, however, and ruled that under it married women could only make a contract, or confess judgment in three cases: First, upon any contract relating to *any trade or business which she was engaged*; second, for the use, enjoyment and improvement of her separate estate, and third, for necessaries furnished for herself and family.

But it is hard to see how the supreme court can interfere with the act approved June 8, 1893. It provides that a married woman shall have the same property rights as her unmarried sister, except that she may not mortgage or convey her real property unless her husband joins in such mortgage or conveyance. The new law declares that a married woman may make any contract in the exercise of her property rights as well as an unmarried woman, except that she may not become accommodation indorser, maker, guarantor, or surety for another, and she may not make or acknowledge a deed or other instrument mortgaging or conveying away her property without her husband's consent. It is provided, too, that a married woman may sue and be sued, but she may not sue her husband except for a divorce, or for support, or to protect her separate property. Husband and wife may testify in such suits against each other, except as to confidential communications. The law further guarantees the right to dispose of her property by will, but it does not take away the husband's rights to contest as provided by existing law.

The new law, if permitted to stand as it is, will greatly benefit merchants and business men generally, as well as the married woman herself, who it seems but fair should have the same rights as others who hold property.

Rooms for Rent in Chicago.

Three nicely furnished rooms, with hot and cold water, baths, double beds. Ten minutes to Fair by elevated cars and 20 minutes by cable cars. A nice quiet place. Rent one dollar per day.

N. S. GRIFFITH,
No. 6010 Wabash Ave.

Beautiful Stoyestown.

Stoyestown is proud of its beautiful location and well it may be. It would be an ideal place for a summer resort, its advantages in this respect being recognized already by many people who go thither during the heated term to while away a brief resting spell among the quiet hills and peaceful valleys.

Stoyestown is not a lively place, but it is a good trading town and its people and those who live near are substantial. They know that their town is charmingly situated and it is one of their proud boasts that there is no better place for health. Certainly their air is clear enough to please anybody and it would be a very unimpressionable soul which would not expand a little at the wide prospect which greets the eye from the top of the main street looking off across the creek and over the railroad.

The people of the village dream of the day when some one with capital and enterprise will build a big hotel there and invite the world to repair thither for health and sylvan recreation, and their dream may yet be realized. The opportunity is there and it is not likely to go begging always for the man of pluck to embrace it.—*Johnstown Democrat*.

A Theologian's Theory of Woman.

From the Pittsburg Times.

The REV. C. S. LUCAS, pastor of the First Christian Church, Allegheny, preached a sermonette last evening on "Woman." He supplemented his remarks by saying he would challenge the world to disprove any statement he made, and if any of his hearers were in doubt as to any point made he would gladly devote four hours of his time in his study to proving all he said. He said: "God created animals in pairs, but Adam individually and alone. Eve was in Adam originally, and woman came from man entirely. Man was not created for woman, but woman for man. Adam lost by the operation what God took to put in Eve. He was created a male and a female. It is not believed that Moses meant a rib was taken from Adam. Dust was used to make man, but woman was made from the flesh. God never breathed into Eve's nostrils. She got breath from Adam. The Bible shows two principals, a male and a female. The male principal is the spirit and the female principal the soul. A woman's heart is her home. She walks the earth by divine right as the queen of hearts and the queen of man. Eve was given a body of finer organization than man. It is not a woman's business to reason, as she gets information by tuition. If once a woman becomes a thinker she is a mannish woman. What the serpent tempted Eve with was to abdicate her soul and love and usurp Adam's power as a thinker." The speaker concluded by saying it was as much a person's duty to get married as it was to be baptized.

Association of Physicians and Surgeons.

Under the auspices of the Bedford County Medical Society, a meeting was held at Bedford Springs on Tuesday, at, which time a Tri-State Association of Physicians and Surgeons, was organized, representatives being present from West Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. George H. Carpenter of West Virginia; vice presidents, Dr. J. C. Stever of Huntingdon county, Dr. H. S. Wishart of Fulton county, Dr. W. S. Mountain of Somerset county, Dr. E. Duke of Cumberland, and Dr. M. H. Detwiler of Bedford county; treasurer, Dr. S. H. Gump of Bedford; secretary, Dr. A. Enfield of Bedford.

Mid-Summer at Atlantic City.

The Mid Summer Excursion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad to Atlantic City from Pittsburg, Wheeling, Parkersburg and all intermediate stations to Washington Junction, Md., will be run on Thursday, July 20th. This will be the second of the series of the Baltimore and Ohio Seashore Excursions, and will be on a par with its predecessor in the convenience of train arrangements, excellence of accommodations and superiority of the service. Those availing themselves of the low rates offered for this excursion will find Atlantic City at the height of its mid summer galeties and glories, while the bathing will be the best and the boating superb.

Tickets will be valid for return journey for twelve days from day of sale, and will be good on all regular trains. On return journey they will be good to stop off at Washington, thus affording an opportunity to visit the numerous public buildings, which are open to visitors free of charge, and to take a trip down the Potomac to Mt. Vernon, the tomb of Washington, as well as to visit other places of interest in and near Washington.

For rates and time of trains, consult appended table:

LEAVE	A. M.	A. M.	RATE.
Rockwood	10.57	12.40	9.00
Johnstown	7.40	2.15 P. M.	9.25
Somerset	9.05	4 40	9.00
Meyersdale	11.17	1.04 A. M.	8.50
Hyndman	12.02 P. M.	2.00	7.90
Cumberland	12.50	2.45	7.50

Correspondingly low rates from other stations.

Pullman cars on both trains.

For more detailed information apply to nearest B. & O. agent.

A Wonderful Record.

D. W. Border, of Bethel, has a Poland China brood sow which is a corker in its way. On August 25, 1892, when but ten months old, the sow gave birth to nine pigs; on February 1, this year, she had fifteen more, and last Sunday she increased this by sixteen, making forty pigs within less than eleven months. Mr. Border would like to hear from any one who has a sow that can beat this record.

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OLD NATIONAL PIKE TAVERNS

Col. T. B. Searight Takes a Trip Over the Road and Gives Some Interesting Pen Pictures.

Many changes have taken place along the National Pike since that great national highway was in the full tide of its glory in the days of Clay and Polk and Jackson. Speaking of these matters with a Cumberland *Times* reporter a few days ago, Col. T. B. Searight, the historian of the pike said: "Yes, I drove over the old National Road in a buggy bringing Mrs. Searight along to see that no harm befel me. We had a very pleasant trip. I experienced a feeling of sadness at witnessing the great changes wrought along the road by a half a century of time, but a recollection of its past glories kept me from a moody state of mind. Nearly all the old tavern keepers, stage drivers and wagoners are dead, and many of the old taverns utterly obliterated. I left my tired horse in the keeping of Joe Fisher, an old stage driver in Frostburg. I recognized his face the moment I saw him, although I had not seen him before for forty years.

"Coming out from Uniontown one of the first place of note is the Turkey's Nest at the foot of the first long western slope of Laurel Hill. Old wagoners and stage drivers would not recognize the Turkey's Nest as it appears to-day. Its ancient beauties are supplanted by what they call the greater beauties following in the wake of progress and improvement. The big water trough, one mile from the summit, once so familiar to stage drivers and wagoners, occupies its old place on the road side up against the laurel beds, but the old stone building near it has collapsed and is little less than a pile of debris. To add to the encroachments of progress, the ancient water supply at this famous point has been cut off by the Uniontown Water Company.

"The summit of Laurel Hill wears its old time aspect. The cottages are there fairly well preserved and the main building is still standing, but plainly yielding to the ravages of time and storm. Jerry Snyder's old tavern at the foot of the hill still remains, showing evidences of the kindly efforts of its blind owner to keep it from falling. The owner is Lewis M. Snyder, a son of the original proprietor, who lost his eyes many years ago by an explosion in a limestone quarry. The stone he was quarrying were for use on repairs of the road. The Chalk Hill house, eight miles east of Uniontown, near Fayette Springs, shows but slight changes. It still keeps open as a tavern, and is sustained by a local trade only. The old Billy Darlington stone house is still open for the accommodation of the public, and well kept by Calvin Dean. The old Mt. Washington house retains its original appearance, but is a private residence. Here the Good Intent line of stages changed horses. The old stone toll house near Mt. Washington has tumbled down.

"The old Ross Rush, stage house of the Stockton line, has not been kept as a tavern for many years. Mr. Rush lives in it in retirement, and is of venerable age. The house and surroundings are well preserved. The old Inks house stands as a silent, lonely monitor of the glories of the past, and Nicholas McCartnes, its most famous proprietor, is dead, but by no means forgotten. The old Charley Rush house, a popular wagon stand of the olden time, is a lonely farm house with nothing around it to tell of the stirring scenes of the past. So it is with the old Yeast, McCullough, Marlow and Brownfield houses. The ruin that once surrounded them is changed to painful stillness, not to say solitude.

"The great bridge at the Big Crossings is giving away, but is to be repaired and restored. A wise thing to do. The old Endsley house in Somerfield, is still kept up. It is in good condition and well managed by Wm. Endsley, a son of the old proprietor. The Metzar house, Temple of Juno, still presents its antique and now lonely appearance to the few passing travelers. The Newbury and Mitchell taverns are farm houses, fairly well preserved, but the large old stables are bending and wavering. Petersburg wears a prosperous appearance, but the land marks of the old pike are nearly all affected.

"Augustus' old tavern at the foot, and the old stone tavern at the top of Winning Ridge, have succumbed to the new order, and the old wagoner would scarcely recognize them. Keyser's Ridge is not like it was when the panting stage teams were driven up before the doors of Stoddard's and Farrell's old taverns. Nigger Mountain is the same old rugged peak, with a history that cannot be obliterated, but it echoes no longer the rattle of the stage coach. The Little Crossings is the seat of an apparently well cultivated mountain farm, with nothing of its ancient prestige. The Shades of Death have no longer any terror for the traveler. The trees are all cut down and the tradition of Sam Luman's encounter with highwaymen is all that remains to remind the present settlers of the glories of the old pike.

"The old Tomlinson home is in a poor state of preservation. The Sand Springs are merged in the municipality of Frostburg, and few can remember the old popular wagon stand at that point. The Franklin House and Highland Hall are remembered only in song. Mr. Sheets keeps a good house in Frostburg, but it is only lineally descended from the tavern of the old pike. Clary's old place, east of Frostburg, remains solid and looks natural. The Evertsein house has vanished. The toll house is still standing six miles from Cumberland, but no tolls are demanded. The old Bruce house at the junction of the old and new locations, remains a monument of the past. "The Narrows" are as picturesque and beautiful as when seen and admired by Henry Clay. I found the road better than I anticipated. There are but few rough places between Uniontown and Cumberland."

"Did you see many old pike boys in Cumberland?"

"I saw Samuel Luman, Ashbel and Hanson, Willison and Robert Hall, who manifested a deep interest in the history of the old road."

"When will your history be published?"

"The coming fall, I think. The road from Frostburg to Cumberland is as good as ever it was, and the drive from the point first named, down to Cumberland in the evening, is delightful."

The Colonel has been gathering material for his book for years past.

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.

Farmer John P. Fredd, of Walnut Glen, Montgomery county, has harvested his wheat crop for the season of '93 and reports the wheat of the Fultz variety, three and three-quarter acres, from which 4,404 sheaves, weighing an average of ten pounds were taken. Mr. Fredd estimates the grain yield as fully twenty-five bushels to the acre which is large—considerably above the wheat average. The owner of the Walnut Glen farm will not sell this wheat, not a bushel of it. But he will feed the same to his chickens and can make in eggs $1 50 per bushel out of the grain in that way.

LETTER FROM EX-GOVERNOR BEAVER.

Advantages of a Department of Mining Engineering at the State College.

To the Editor of the Somerset Herald.

SIR: The Legislature of Pennsylvania at its last session did wisely in appropriating the money for the establishment of a Department of Mining Engineering at the Pennsylvania State College. The appropriation will be sufficient for putting into practical and successful operation a thoroughly equipped "school of mines." With buildings and well organized departments in all the fundamental branches of a good education, the appropriation made by the legislature enables the State College to apply every dollar directly to the technical part of the education of a mining engineer.

It is the design of the College to organize this department so as to fit its students for the position of mine superintendents, mine foremen, mine inspectors, etc., as well as mining engineers, special reference being had to the needs of Pennsylvania. Being warmly interested in this subject not only as a member of the Board of Trustees of the State College, but also as practically interested in the development of mining interests in Pennsylvania, I write you to call your attention to the subject so that the fact of the establishment of such a department may become known in all parts of our Commonwealth interested. The demand for such a department or school has been shown for a number of years in the introduction of bills for the establishment of separate schools of mines, and the further fact that many students now at the State College and others entering the present year have already signified their intention to enter this new department.

I know of no phase of advanced scientific education which has more of practical interest for the people of Pennsylvania than this. We have great numbers of bright young men in our mining regions who are endeavoring under great difficulties and discouragements to fit themselves for positions such as are herein indicated, who should have the opportunity of securing the advantages of a liberal education at a minimum of cost. These advantages the Pennsylvania State College offers, and of them hundreds of our bright young men should take advantage. Those who are interested in the subject can secure all the information they desire by addressing Dr. George A. Atherton, President, "State College," Centre county, Pa.

Hoping that you will be interested in this subject, as its importance for your region demands, I am very cordially yours.

JAMES A. BEAVER.