The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....Oct. 11, 1893.

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

Miss Allie Smith of Elklick, Pa., has succeeded Miss Lillie Weaver as Western Union telegraph operator at Greensburg.

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

The tramps throughout the country seem to be busily engaged locating the people who took their money from the banks.

Use Gold Medal, the best flour in the world. Every sack is warranted. For sale by MAHLON SCHROCK.

The mountains are always beautiful when clad in their autumn garb, but not in years past have the hills about Somerset been as gloriously arrayed as this October.

New Hats, new Ribbons, new Trimmings, in endless variety, at MRS. K. B. COFFROTH'S.

"Winter," according to Dr Ira Hicks, "will begin with storms of more or less severity about the middle of November and March will prolong it at the last. We may reasonably say that we expect upon the whole, a hard winter." He adds a word of advice: "We candidly think that the man who begins early and prepares well for a disagreeable and hard winter will have no regrets, but cause of rejoicing."

Clearance sale of fine furniture at Devlin's 80 and 82 Franklin St., begins Aug. 9th. Parlor suits at about half price.

An editor, who must have been a school teacher once himself, writes thus of the pedagogues: "Schools are commencing all over the country. We wonder if there is any one who gets more scoldings than the faithful country teacher, and yet who deserves more praise. If any one ever wears a starry crown it should be the patient, conscientious teacher, for surely no one accomplishes more good or has greater difficulties to overcome than he."

FOR SALE—A few shares of valuable stock in the Markleton Sanitarium, of Markleton, Pa. Will be sold right to a quick buyer. Address Box 147, Johnstown, Pa.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer has issued an official circular fixing Friday, October 20, as Arbor Day. Dr. Schaeffer urges upon superintendents, teachers and school officers throughout the State the adoption of a programme of exercises that shall be educative as well as interesting. He says the day occurs near the anniversary of the landing of Columbus, and therefore many patriotic and historic associations may be made to cluster around the celebration.

Remember that Mahlon Schrock keeps in stock a full and fresh line of groceries, flour and feed, at bottom prices. Country produce taken in exchange for goods at all times.

The farmers residing along the eastern border of Westmoreland county have taken preliminary steps in the direction of organizing a vigilance committee for the purpose of punishing the outlaws who have been terrorizing that section by robbing. Until all the crops are housed, in certain localities the highways will be patrolled by armed men. Some of the vigilantes will be under pay, but more than half of the whole organization are property owners and will do patrol duty under a system that will keep the volunteers out of bed but two nights in a week.

Have you seen Devlin's Brussells Carpets at 50 cents per yard, in any pattern? Lace Curtains lower than jobbers prices. Prices guaranteed on any article.—80 and 82 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

John W. Books, who was defeated for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Indiana County at the primary election last spring, recently filed his nomination papers as an Independent candidate, and on Monday made an information against A. S. Campbell, D. W. Simpson, and D. Walker Smith, charging them with malicious libel in connection with the circulating of the "mortgage circular" during the campaign. The accused entered bail for court, and, as an offset, Mr. Simpson made an information against Mr. Books, charging him with indulging in the practice of gambling.

The season is now open. Get your gun—Colt, Winchester, Marlin, Stevens and Flobert Rifles, single and double barrel Shotguns of all kinds, Revolvers a specialty at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

A new style of money order is to be used by the postoffice department. The new form does not differ materially from the old one. In size it is 3¾ inches by five, the old one being 5x3¾. The only difference is that the name of the payee is placed on the order as well as on the "advice," heretofore the payee's name appearing only on the latter. The new method will enable the purchaser of the order to see that the payee is properly designated and will prevent mistakes caused by errors in the names.

When the hair begins to come out in combing, it shows a weakness of the scalp that calls for immediate attention. The best preparation to arrest further loss of hair and restore the scalp to a healthy condition is Ayer's Hair vigor.

At the meeting of the A. M. E. conference, held at Blairsville, last week, "Dr." Williams, the campmeeting king, was called upon to explain why he did not fill the charge at Indiana, to which he had been assigned the previous year, and gave the following reasons, to wit: "There were no visitors and therefore nothing to eat; there was no place to lie down, therefore no place to sleep; there was no place to sit and no place to stand. Therefore, I didn't go. I just left them in the hands of God."

A confusing postage stamp conundrum has begun the rounds: A young lady entered a postoffice, handed a dollar bill and said that she wanted twice as many twos as ones and the balance in threes. The clerk started to count out the stamps, grew perplexed, commenced figuring and figured until the next day. Now who can solve the problem of how many stamps were given the young lady by the clerk. Our devil figured on it and said he would take a few postal cards rather than fool away any more time. Our mathematical expert solved it quickly, though.—ED.

A fine head of hair is an indispensable element of beauty. Ayer's Hair Vigor maintains youthful freshness and luxuriance, restores to faded and gray hair its original color, prevents baldness, removes dandruff, and cures scalp diseases. It gives perfect satisfaction.

Three Johnstown young ladies, between 16 and 20 years of age, have been held for court on a charge of disturbing a religious meeting. They giggled audibly and otherwise misbehaved during prayer. At a preliminary hearing in extenuation of their conduct, the young ladies stated that a big black spider ran across the hand of one of their number making her jump, which caused the others to laugh. Another reason for their merriment was the breaking down of a seat occupied by a very fat woman and her precipitat on to the floor.

Home Knit Hoods always in stock at MRS. K. B. COFFROTH'S.

The writer of the following won the prize recently offered by a newspaper for the best answer to the question "how to keep husbands home at night." A Quaker advised his son to keep his eyes wide open when courting; after marriage to keep them half shut. If you did not act on the first part of the advice, try the latter. Study your husbands disposition and be sure to make a thorough study of your own. Try using a little tact and a good deal of consideration for his wishes and feelings and see if you can not teach him to be more considerate of yours. Business is trying. Men like peace at home. If possible, manage not to be worn out. Be cheerful. Don't worry. Don't scold."

Dr. J. M. Louther has returned from California.

Charley Lane, the S. & C. baggagemaster is on the sick list.

Local sportsmen report all kinds of game unusually scarce.

Sheriff Good, wife and family, started on a western trip last evening. They will visit the Fair and expect to be absent about two weeks.

The following Berliners are at the World's Fair this week:—Frank Collins and wife, County Superintendent J. M. Berkey, and Mrs. J. O. Stoner.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dumbauld, Daniel Will and Edward Frease, of Milford township, have returned from a two week's visit at the World's Fair.

Mrs. Dorothea Stoner, aged seventy-six years, died at her home in Berlin, last Tuesday evening. The deceased had been in delicate health for several years.

Mayor Weffley left on the morning train Monday for Chicago. After spending ten days viewing the sights at the Fair he will visit friends in Illinois and Indiana for several weeks.

A number of local attorneys are in Pittsburgh this week attending the sessions of the Supreme Court, where several cases appealed from the courts of this county will be argued.

The second series of races on the Lavansville track will occur Saturday. A number of the fastest horses in the county will be present. The races will doubtless attract a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Uhl, William H. Ruppel, Esq., Valentine Hay, Esq., Mrs. Porter Heffley and her daughter, Mrs. Frank Cunningham, will go to the World's Fair this week.

County Treasurer John Hamer and wife left last evening for Chicago. They will spend a week at the Fair and before returning home will visit friends at different points in Indiana.

Miss Anna M. Heffley, of Berlin, will enter the Allegheny General Hospital, Allegheny City, and will take the required two years course of training in order to become a professional nurse.

The external appearance of the Court House has been greatly improved by several coats of paint, but the side walk in front of that building continues a menace to limb and life of pedestrians.

Jacob Sarver, of Allegheny township, and Miss Sarah E. Stevanus, of Brothersvalley township, were married last Tuesday afternoon, at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. D. H. Bender officiated.

J. B. Snyder, of Wilmerding, has been in Somerset for the past week and will remain until after the marriage of his daughter, Miss Flora, to Mr. Frank Black, of Meyersdale, Thursday afternoon.

The protracted drouth of the past summer destroyed a large number of the beautiful young shade trees in and about the Academy square. The teachers in that building should see that they are replaced with new trees on Arbor day.

Monday Sheriff Good purchased the elegant new home of Mr. J. B. Snyder, on Patriot street. Mr. Snyder has been engaged in business at Wilmerding, Allegheny county, for the past several years and he has decided to remove his family to that place.

In another column will be found a statement of the financial condition of the First National Bank at the close of business on Tuesday, October 3d. The flattering showing made cannot be other than very gratifying to the stock holders and patrons of that institution.

Miss Nellie Brown Pond, of the well-known concert company bearing her name, died at her home, in Boston, a few days ago. All dates of the company have been canceled, including their appearance here at the teachers's county institute. She has been here several times and met with great favor.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Griffith, of Jennertown, died last Tuesday morning, after a month of suffering. This is the fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Griffith that has been touched by the cold hand of death. They have the sympathy of their many friends and relatives in their bereavement.

Mrs. James B. Tredwell will go to Pittsburgh during the latter part of the week for the purpose of receiving medical treatment at the hands of a prominent specialist. Mrs. Tredwell has been in delicate health for several years and her friends have been encouraged to believe that she can be permanently benefitted.

If General Coffroth should become a resident of Somerset township he would in all probability be elected Supervisor at the first opportunity. We are led to this remark by the fact that the General has made an excellent piece of road out of Franklin street, the extreme western street of the town, that for many years had been in an impassable condition.

The Western Pennsylvania Missionary Society of the Christian Church, met in this place Monday. About 100 ministers and lay delegates are present and are being entertained in the homes of the local members of that denomination. The sessions of the Society are held in the Christian Church. Monday evening the Christian Endeavor Society held a rally, led by Elder Mullendore.

The many friends of Mrs. Lydia Sipe, who was suddenly bereft of her reason some three weeks ago while at the World's Fair, will regret to learn that there has been no improvement in her condition. Her brother-in-law, Mr. D. J. Horner, with whom she makes her home, has called in a number of the ablest practitioners in this section of the State, but they have been unable to give the patient relief.

Reports from Confluence are to the effect that typhoid fever has again become epidemic in that town. Twenty cases were reported from there Friday. The first to succumb to the disease was "Wash" Fannegan, aged about 27 years, a liveryman, who, about one year ago, purchased the stable of "Jack" Dodds. Typhoid fever was prevalent at Confluence several years ago, when a number of deaths ensued.

"Uncle Jim" Parson, known all over the county, was shaking hands with his town friends Monday. He celebrated his eighty-fifth anniversary yesterday. Although incapacitated from work, Mr. Parson is remarkably well preserved for a gentleman of his years. His intellect is as clear as when in early manhood. Although he only lives a mile and one-half from town Mr. Parson is rarely seen on the streets of Somerset.

More or less complaint is heard daily in regard to the service the Electric Light Company is giving the borough. Hardly a night passes but that one or more of the street arc lights refuse to burn and the sections of the town in which they are located are left in darkness. The managers of the Company should give this matter speedy attention, otherwise council may have to adopt the docking system in vogue in other towns illuminated by electricity.

Hon. Cyrus Coleman, of Markleyville, California, arrived in town yesterday and will remain for a few days visiting among his relatives and friends. Mr. Coleman learned of the death of his father, the venerable Daniel Coleman, of Somerset township, while he was at the World's Fair three weeks ago, but not until after it was too late for him to attend the funeral. Mr. Coleman left Somerset county thirty-three years ago and shortly afterwards located in the Golden State. He has gained a prominent position in his adopted state and has represented his district in the legislature and senate.

A number of local Democratic politicians who have had the promise of a storekeepership in their pockets for the past several months, have become very "hot under the collar," at the inaction of the appointing power. Their "Uncle Aleck" was in Pittsburgh Monday in consultation with Collector Kearns, but unless the heads commence to drop very soon there promises to be more discord in the ranks of the unterrified than exists at present.

Friday the Johnstown syndicate composed of John Thomas & Sons, Russel Uhl and Enoch James, disposed of their option on the Holsopple coal tract, in Paint township, at a handsome profit. The sale is conditioned on a favorable termination of their suit in the courts of this county with Messrs. Coffroth & Rupple, who claim a previous contract with Mr. Holsopple. The case is set for trial at a special term of court to be held next month.

The young people of Somerset will be glad to learn that Prof. J. J. Arnold has consented to open a dancing class here this winter. The Professor is well-known to our people, having taught several classes here last winter and winter before, and we have no doubt but that his class, the coming season, will be more largely attended than any of the former ones. There is certainly no more beautiful accomplishment than to be able to dance well.

The gentleman who secured the contract for drilling a test well, with a view to securing a sufficient quantity of water to establish borough water works, appears to be so well satisfied with the result of the first hole sunk that he has started the drill in the second one. The pump has not yet arrived for testing the volume of water the well first drilled will furnish per hour and the second well is being drilled at the risk of the contractor.

Telephone connection between Meyersdale, Garrett, Beachdale, Berlin and Somerset, was made one day last week. The line is not yet in perfect working order and no arrangements have yet been made for the transmission of private messages. A schedule of rates will probably be made within the next few days, when due public notice will be given. Clerk to the County Commissioners, E. H. Werner, is president of the company.

Invitations have been received in Somerset to the wedding of Mr. Joseph E. Herr of Oil City, and Miss Beatrice Webster, of Dayton, Ohio. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents in Dayton, on the 12th inst. Mr. Herr is a brother of the Herr Bros., jewelers, of this place. His bride is the daughter of an Episcopal clergyman. Invitations to the wedding are confined to the immediate families of the bride and groom.

At high noon, Thursday, October 5th, Miss Margaretta M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kimmel, of Brothersvalley township, and Mr. Robert B. Walker, of Summit township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a large number of invited guests. The ceremony was performed by Rev. S. J. Taylor, of Berlin. The bride and groom left on the evening train for Chicago and other points of interest in the west.

Ed Mostoller's store, at Mostoller's Station, on the S. & C. R. R., was burglarized Friday night, and a quantity of merchandise, including tobacco and cigars and wearing apparel, was carried off. A small amount of cash left in the till was also stolen. The thieves effected an entrance to the store by removing a large pane of glass from one of the windows. Mr. Mostoller has a pretty good idea who the thieves were. It is said that they do not live very far from the station.

Waldo Messnarc, "the Greek Orator," who was once a well-known minister of Philadelphia, and famous throughout the country as a public lecturer, died Sunday morning in the German Hospital, in that city. He had been dissipating heavily of late and was recommended to a gold cure where it is said his friends found him in a critical condition and had him removed to the hospital. He was 43 years of age. The deceased had accepted an engagement to lecture before the coming Teachers' Institute in this place.

The County Commissioners and County Auditors have decided to reduce the percentage of the County Treasurer on all county funds passing through his hands from two and one-half to two per cent. This action will not interfere with the fees of the present incumbent as it cannot take effect until his successor in office has been duly qualified. The power to regulate the per centage of the Treasurer is vested in the boards of County Commissioners and Auditors by act of Assembly. We understand that a reduction of one-half per cent will curtail the emoluments of that office about $300 per year. Somerset county has uniformly paid two and a half per cent commission to all of her Treasurers. E. E Pugh will be the first Treasurer elected to feel the reduction.

A petition is being circulated and signed by a number of the qualified electors of Somerset township praying the Court to designate some convenient place within the limits of said election district where general elections shall be held. The electors of Somerset township have voted at the Court House ever since the erection of that building, but a recent act of the legislature requires that they vote within the limits of the district in which they reside. The change of the polling place will be a great inconvenience to many voters and no matter where the voting house is located it is bound to cause more or less dissatisfaction. Judge Longenecker will hold a special session of court on the 16 inst., when polling places will be designated for Somerset township and other precincts in the county where a change is made necessary by the law referred to.

Charles J. Melville, a man who at one time was famous throughout Europe and America, died at the West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh, last Monday, aged 73 years. A Pittsburgh paper has the following in regard to his career and sickness:

Melville for years was the champion bareback rider of the world. Almost from his infancy he had been traveling as a circus rider. He was engaged with Dan Rice, and had traveled and gave performances in all the principal cities of America and nearly all European countries as well. Melville's fame was so great that he was called upon to give private performances of bareback riding before almost all the crowned heads. He made fortunes and lost them in his time. He married when young, but his domestic life was unhappy. His wife was only 16 years of age when she was married. Two children were born, a son and a daughter. Both of them are living in the neighborhood of Forwardstown, in Somerset county, where their parents lived for some years after marriage.

During the war Melville enlisted in an Ohio regiment and served at the front until he was sent home to recover from wounds received in battle. During this time his wife had formed an intimacy with another man whom she afterwards married. When Melville recovered sufficiently from his wounds he again took up his circus life and continued at it until old age and approaching blindness obliged him to quit the profession. During the last three or four years Melville spent upwards of $1,200 trying to save his eyesight. He had been living with his son and paying for his board, but when the son discovered the old man's money was about all spent he turned him out, as the father alleged.

On June 24 Melville was admitted to the West Penn hospital. He was totally blind and almost exhausted for want of proper attention. It was thought he would only live a few days, but under the skillful treatment he received he astonished everyone by his rapid recovery. Some short time ago he had a relapse and died from exhaustion yesterday morning.

A Horse Thief Captured.

On last Tuesday a stranger riding a fine bay mare presented himself at the blacksmith shop of O. G. and H. C. Barnhart, in Stoystown, and proposed to trade his animal for a fine pony owned by the proprietors. They at first looked upon him with suspicion, but he told a very plausible story, stating that he lived at Harrisburg and was returning from a trip to Ohio, and, after the usual "dickering," the trade was made and the stranger departed with the pony.

On Wednesday morning a telegram was received by Samuel Custer, landlord of the Custer House, Stoystown, from James E. McAfee, of Youngstown, Westmoreland county, stating that the mare had been stolen from his stable on Monday night and offering a reward for her recovery and the arrest of the thief.

The mare was placed in charge of officer I. F. Shaffer, who started to return her to the owner, while the Messrs. Barnhart at once started in pursuit of the thief and pony. After an exciting chase they located the pony at Osterburg, Bedford county, on Thursday, where they found him in the possession of W. H. Imler, who had traded for him.

The trail was again taken, and on Friday the thief was apprehended at Martinsburg, Blair county, while the man was negotiating another trade. He was arrested and placed in jail at Hollidaysburg, awaiting the arrival of Westmoreland county officers. He was identified as Charles Long, a native of Schellsburg, at which place his mother still resides.

Dancing Class.

Prof. J. J. Arnold by request will re-open the dancing class at the Opera House on Tuesday evening, Oct. 17, 1893, at 7:30. Ladies and gentlemen wishing to learn this beautiful accomplishment are requested to be present on the above date. All the latest and most fashionable quadrilles and round dances taught; will start the class with the two and three step waltz.

A Merry Church Fight.

Suit has been filed in the Cambria county court against Revs. Beale and Bartlett, two well-known Evangelical ministers of this city. Attorney Esher, a son of Bishop Esher, came down from Somerset a few days ago to further the preparations for the coming contests in the courts. Ex-Mayor Rose will defend Revs. Beale and Bartlett.

The case grows out of the long-standing contention between two factions of the Evangelical church and ministry in Cambria, Indiana, Bedford and Somerset counties. They are divided into two classes—the Dubsites and the Esherites. The Dubsites are in the saddle and the Esherites are left behind. It is the Esherites who are pushing the suits—for suits have been filed in Bedford, Somerset and Indiana counties as well as in Cambria. Evidence will be taken in Bedford county this week and if the suit terminates favorably for the Dubs faction it is probably that the Esher faction will let the suits in the other counties go by default, since defeat in Bedford county practically means defeat in Cambria, Somerset and Indiana counties.

The trouble seems to have started at the general conference held in Buffalo in 1890, in which a large number of the members of the conference desired the deposition of the editor of the Evangelical Messenger, and a portion of the delegates refused to endorse the proceedings. Since then the breach has widened. One faction preferred charges against Bishops Esher and Bowman, and the other against Bishop Dubs. But the Dubs faction would not recognize the proceedings against their favorite bishop.

Bishop Dubs presided at the Pittsburgh conference held in Johnstown in February, and made the usual ministerial appointments for the district, which is composed of Indiana, Cambria, Bedford and Somerset counties, and this suit is brought to drive all the ministers in Pennsylvania out of the pulpit, because, as is claimed, Bishop Dubs had no authority to act. In the eastern states the Dubs faction is said to be largely in the majority, and in the Johnstown church 243 of the members are Dubsites, but two ministers being on the other side.

Among the lawyers employed by the Dubsites are Judge Baer of Somerset, Hon. John M. Reynolds of Bedford and Hon. W. H. Rose of Johnstown. The case will furnish material for a great legal battle.—*Johnstown Democrat.*

In The House.

A good thing to have in the house is the Cinderella Range, a good baking of bread is always assured. Sold by Jas B. Holderbaum.

Another Man Buncoed.

"It has just come to light," says the Connellsville *Courier*, "that C. K. Sadler, of Point Marion, has been swindled out of $7,000 and is also liable for a note amounting to $10,000. Sadler has sworn out a warrant for a man who worked the slick game on him and who passed off as L. A. Sprague of Pittsburg. Sprague turned up in Point Marion some months ago, about the time a land boom struck the place. Sadler contemplated selling his farm off in town lots. Sprague represented himself as an agent for a loan association, which would prove a bonanza to those getting in on the ground floor, and represented further to Sadler the folly of letting money lie idle when he could make 15 or 20 per cent. on it in his own scheme.

Sprague, it is said, claimed the privilege of working his scheme in Pennsylvania and Virginia, and would sell the right for the first named state for $75,000 and for West Virginia for $45,000. He finally got Sadler to invest $10,000. Sadler is a man who usually requires his best neighbor to give security for any ordinary sum, but to this stranger he gave $7,000 here without any security whatever. The payment was by a check on a Uniontown bank.

The cashier hesitated about giving Sprague the sum, but Sadler said it was all right, and Sprague got the money. This $7,000 Sprague said he would credit in the note for $10,000, which Sadler had also given him. The note is entered up in the Prothonotary's office, but no credit is given on it. Sprague did, however, give a receipt for the cash. Sadler has heard nothing of Sprague since then. Sadler's attorney has asked the court to open up the judgment with the view of having it set aside on the ground of misrepresentation. A warrant has also been issued for Sprague's arrest on a charge of false pretense."

The Greatest Sale of the Year.

We must certainly acknowledge that this paper has the confidence of all its readers, from the fact that only last week we commenced a series of advertisements setting forth a general reduction sale for the months of September and October, to those who taking advantage of the very low rate to the Exposition, would kill two birds with the one stone, and purchase what goods they desire for the furnishment of their homes. The sale is still on. We are selling All-Wool Carpets at 65c which will cost you in your town 90c to $1.00 per yard. We are selling Bedroom Suits at $15 and $25 that would cost you in your own stores $25 and $35. We are selling Parlor Suits of our own make in any covering desired at fully 25 per cent. less than you can buy anywhere. Rugs, Lace and Chenille Curtains, all have a similar reduction. All the city makes of Stoves and Ranges kept by us and sold at less prices than the manufacturers. Extension Tables, Sideboards, China Closets and Dining Chairs, same general reduction. Odd Oak Dressers with German Beveled Glass, only $10.00. Odd Oak and Walnut Bedsteads at $3.50, $4.00 and $5.00 that formerly sold for twice the money. All goods guaranteed to destination.

HOFFER BROS. & CO.
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Do you use Meat Cutters?
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" " " Butcher Steels?
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The Mechanic's Lien Act Unconstitutional.

Property owners, builders, contractors and mechanics are all interested in the decision of Judge Hemphill, of Chester county, which declares that the Mechanic's Lien law of June 8, 1891, is not legislation but usurpation, trespasses upon the inherent and indefeasible rights of property, violates the fundamental principles of both contracts and agency, eliminating from the one mutuality of assent and from the other the authorization of the principal, and is therefore unconstitutional and void.

The act of 1891 declares, first, that no contract shall prevent the filing of a mechanic's lien for work done or materials furnished unless the sub-contractor shall consent to the contract in writing, and that without such written contract all contracts which declare that no Lien shall be filed shall be invalid as against the right of the sub contractor to file the same. Secondly, the act declares that all persons contracting with the owner shall be considered the agents of the owner in ordering work and materials for the erection of a building. Under this act David McMasters, a sub contractor, filed a lien against the West Chester Normal School. The school as a corporation had dealt directly with Davis Pennock, who contracted to erect the building. With him a written agreement had been made in which Pennock, for himself and his sub contractors, waived the right to file any lien or claim against the property or owner, and agreed to file no such Lien. McMasters, who was Pennock's sub-contractor, did not unite in the agreement. McMasters attempted to recover, claiming that Pennock was the agent of the school corporation and that he had not, by written contract, parted with his right to file a lien in accordance with the terms of the act of 1891.

Judge Hemphill summarizes the decisions of the United States and State courts under the law of contracts. The first point to be ascertained was whether the act of 1891 affected the original contract or remedy provided. The judge points out that the act gives no new remedy, for the contractor had the right of lien before its passage, and that it affects solely the contract taking effect and becoming operative at the inception of the contract, while the remedy provided by law for the enforcement of the contract becomes operative only when the contract has been broken. Continuing the judge holds that the section of the act which makes the original contractor the agent of the owner creates an involuntary agency, not when the contract is broken, but when made. As in the case decided the contract was made subsequent to the law, and the latter would therefore become part of the former, Judge Hemphill is of opinion the act of 1891 does not impair the obligation of contracts, but decides it to be unconstitutional on other grounds. These grounds are that the act attempts to interfere with the owner's right of contract and creates without his consent an agency between him and the sub-contractor. He therefore holds that the Legislature attempts to do great injustice to the owner and exercise a power never conferred upon it, but, on the other hand, expressly reserved to the individual citizen by the declaration of rights of the State Constitution.

Practically the act would put the owner at the mercy of the first sub-contractor, since there might easily be sub contractors of whom the owners could have no knowledge. A contractor could not contract for the erection of a building in satisfaction of a debt without running the risk of being worse off than he was before, since the debtor could by concealing the sub-contract, appear to satisfy the debt and subsequently liens could be filed which would absorb the value of the building.

The objections to the act stated by Judge Hemphill are so serious that they will at once be apparent to every reader of the decision. The wonder might exist that these objections were not seen when the Legislature and press were discussing the subject at the time the act was passed, were it not for the fact that Legislatures are constantly engaged in the attempt to make unconstitutional laws at the instigation of a class which does not see very clearly the rights of other classes.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

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Won Mr. Fisher's $10.

The following letter needs no explanation:

TO CHARLES H. FISHER.

With Major James B. Tredwell, we were appointed a committee to report to you that you might pay the reward you so generously offered to the citizen who had "the best decorated house—hotels and public buildings excluded from competition"—during the late reunion of the 54th Reg. Pa. Vol. Major Tredwell has declined to act with us because his son is a competitor for the prize, and we beg leave to report that after inspecting the various decorations about the town we are of opinion that the office of the *Vedette*, and the dwelling houses of Geo. M. Saylor and Edward W. Rhoads were each so handsomely decorated that we are unable to discriminate between them, and we, therefore, award your prize to the decorators of these three buildings in equal proportions.

F. J. KOOSER,
J. N. SNYDER.

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Robt. E. Reno, Salesman.

A Frightful Accident.

One of the most distressing accidents that we have ever been called upon to record occurred at Scottdale last Friday evening, Miss Cora Philipps being instantly killed, and Mrs. Pritts, who accompanied her slightly injured.

The two ladies were out driving, and when nearing the Mt. Pleasant branch road their horse took fright at a passing train and ran away. The ladies had no control over the maddened animal, which dashed up to the railroad at a furious pace. The bug struck an obstacle and the ladies were both thrown out. Miss Philipps was thrown on the track immediately in front of the moving train, and before assistance could reach her, the wheels had passed over her head crushing out her life in an instant. The train was at once brought to a stop and the remains of the unfortunate lady picked up by the crew. Her skull was crushed and her body was badly mangled. The body was removed to her boarding place and taken charge of by her friends.

Mrs. Pritts was removed to her home. Her injuries consist of a number of painful cuts and bruises, and while of a serious nature are not considered fatal.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Edwin M. Love	Somerset Bor.
Flora M. Heffley	"
Charles Engleka	Brothersvalley
Lizzie Hauger	"
Frank Sayers	Somerset Bor.
Lizzie H. Maust	Lincoln
Calvin W. Ripple	Paint
Lizzie Lehmaster	"
Robert B. Walker	Summit
Margretta M. Kimmell	Brothersvalley
Peter J. Lohman	McKeesport, Pa.
Mary Regina Wolfhope	New Baltimore
William H. Lynn	Vanderbilt, Fayette Co.
Millie Stantz	Dawson, "
Jacob Sarver	Allegheny
Sarah E. Stevanus	Brothersvalley

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Hon. Don Cameron.

SOMERSET, PA., Oct. 9, 1893.

ED. HERALD:—Will you permit a life-long Republican to have his say on a matter that does not quadrate with the general sentiment of the Republican press of our State, and is evidently not in accord with the opinion expressed by the HERALD?

It is amusing to note how flippantly Pittsburg and Philadelphia papers, with few exceptions, and the country press generally, that simply reflects city-manufactured opinions, go for Hon. Don Cameron because he differs with President Cleveland and the monied men of Wall Street. Nothing seems to be too ugly or too hard to say about him, and all because he has had the courage of his convictions. One paper breaks out in the following distiche: "The disgraceful attitude of Senator Cameron is perhaps without a parallel in the annals of the National Legislature." And another smart Alex, not a thousand miles distant from here, calls him a traitor and a betrayer. One honorable exception to the abusive articles appearing in Republican papers was printed in the Philadelphia *Press*, in which occurs the following judicious observation: "Senator Cameron is simply a cool-headed statesman who had the courage to stand by his honest convictions. The fact that the *Press* does not agree with him is no reason for abuse. The gold monometallist organs have injured their cause incalculably by just such foolish talk as they indulge in."

Mr. Cameron gave good and unanswerable reasons for not favoring the unconditional repeal of the Sherman bill. If wrong in his position let newspapers that assail him and call for his resignation point out where in he is wrong. I have read plenty of denunciations, but have failed to see anything in Cleveland's last letter, or in any speech delivered in the Senate, or in any newspaper article that convicts him of wrong doing.

The plea that the repeal of the silver law would restore confidence and start up idle mills and give the country prosperity is the merest bosh. A leading Wall Street broker recently said, "It is no longer clear that repeal of the Sherman silver law would accomplish what had been expected. It is now evident that its anticipated effect would have been largely sentimental, but impossible to restore confidence as was thought it might be restored some months ago."

It looks to a man up a tree that the whole scheme is a Democratic stratagem to put Republicans in a hole. A leading New York Democratic paper last week said: "No Democrat in the United States Senate can talk of compromise on the silver question without recreancy to the party platform upon which Mr. Cleveland was nominated and elected." Yes, that's about the size of it, and reveals the "nigger in the wood pile."

Let some more Chambers of Commerce, like the Pittsburg one engineered by wise Scotts, Bradleys and Russells adopt more resolutions denouncing Mr. Cameron; let papers go on vilifying him to their hearts' content, and then see them all crawl into holes before six more moons shall wax and wane. I predict they will all be ashamed of the course they now pursue.

Good for the Johnstown *Tribune* that speaks out in meeting thus: "After all the talk; after all the assurances by interviewed hyperoritical Senators that the Sherman repeal bill would go through; after all the prodding done by the Democratic newspapers that know as much about the silver question as a new born babe does about the dynasties of Egypt, but hated to see the first Democratic idea die in the cradle; after all the stuffed Prophet's attempt at coercion, it is about settled that in the Senate it is compromise or nothing."

We shall see what Dan Voorhees' continuous session will come to. He is a fine specimen of a statesman for Republicans to follow; divested of demagogueism, what is he, anyhow?

Keep hands off the tariff, is what the industries of the country demand. The great mass of the American people care nothing about the silver question; they, with manufacturers, are afraid of "Free Trade," and that's what's the matter.

REPUBLICAN.

Come to the Fall and Winter Opening of I. H. Davis & Co., on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 10th and 17th.

Advice to Constables.

In addressing the constables at the opening of court last week, Judge Sadler of Cumberland county, said: "You constables can do nothing better than arresting men and young men who carry loaded pistols in their pockets ready to whip them out on the slightest provocation and perhaps shoot down perfectly innocent people. A man has no constitutional or moral right to carry concealed deadly weapons on all occasions; and I will say to you, whether or not I be criticised, that if you do your duty in arresting boys and men carrying revolvers we will see that no costs are imposed on you. I am informed by the officers of Carlisle that you can walk down our streets on any Saturday evening when they are crowded and meet fifty persons who have in their pockets pistols loaded and ready to be pulled out, with men, women and children near who are liable to be killed. Let us make an effort to stop this practice, that people may ride on cars and sit on their door steps without exposing themselves to danger."

If you want a new Hat or Bonnet, call at MRS. K. B. Coffroth's store, north-east corner of Diamond.

Missionary Meeting.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 6, 1893.

EDITOR HERALD:

The right arm of our denomination, Board of Missions of the Evangelical Association (Parent Society) holds its sessions this week in High street church, this city.

During the interval of general conference, it has the care of home and foreign fields. The work is important, extensive and expensive, but it prospers, notwithstanding opposition from the factional "minority." When this faction left we had a debt of about $65,000. The debt will be paid, so says the Board, and the Kingdom of Christ pushed forward with increased vigor. It is 45 years since we first saw Pittsburgh. Wonderful, wonderful progress has come to smoky Pittsburgh; just now a little dull, as well as other places.

J. L. W. SEIBERT.

MRS. K. B. Coffroth has received her stock of new Fall and Winter Hats. Call and see them.

Stonycreek Township Institute.

The school teachers of Stonycreek township will hold an institute at Shanksville, on Saturday, Oct. 14th, 1893.

The following program has been arranged:

Value of school charts in the school room, I. G. Carver.
School games, J. B. Schrock.
Class drill in language, P. S. Spangler.
Object lessons, R. J. Brant.
How to succeed with dull pupils, E. G. Ross.
Solo, Miss Ida B. Speicher.
Impromptu class, C. E. Ringler.
Benefits of free text books, R. D. Richardson.
Written reviews, G. W. Schmucker.
Dialogue, H. M. Stull and Jesse Schrock.
Value of district institute, A. P. Kimmel.
Institute to open at 9 o'clock a. m. The institute to be interspersed with music and queries.
Directors and friends of education are invited to be present.

School Report.

Report of Rockwood public schools for the month ending October 6, 1893.

HIGH SCHOOL—O. O. SAYLOR—PRINCIPAL.

	Males	Fema'es	Total
Pupils enrolled	11	14	25
Average attendance	10	16	26
Per cent "	98	95	96

Pupils who attended every day during the month: Linda Sechler, Anna Wolfersberger, Blanche Parks, Jessie Ward, Sadie Stein, Annie Baker, Grace Critchfield, Lizzie Stein, Grace Cobaugh, Elmer Critchfield, David Miller, Arthur Miller, Fred Masters, Oscar Bocso, Howard Boose, Minden Wolfersberger.

GRAMMAR ROOM—MISS ELLA WERNER TEACHER.

	Males	Females	Total
Pupils enrolled	17	23	40
Average attendance	16	21	37
Per cent "	90	93	92

Pupils who attended every day during the month: Lillie Parks, Bertie Gatchell, Marguerite Gatchell, Maggie Yutzy, Jennie Snyder, Alfee Hay, Ada Growall, Maud Rush, Irvin Wolf, Frank Hay, Charles Cunningham, Eddie Weimer, Howard Miller.

INTERMEDIATE ROOM—MISS NANNIE KIMMELL—TEACHER.

	Males	Females	Total
Pupils enrolled	24	22	46
Average attendance	21	20	41
Per cent	95	93	94

Pupils who attended every day during the month: Lizzie Ward, Ella Deeter, Mary Critchfield, Pearl Sandles, Lulu Holtzhour, Ollie Deeter, Durlie Murray, Hattie Johnson, Scott Rush, George Yutzy, Harry Spangler, Willie Parks, Harry Miller, Chas Coughenour, Clarence Critchfield, Charles Short, George Murray, Eddie Critchfield, George Craft.

PRIMARY ROOM—MISS TOA SC