The Somerset Herald.

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Easter Sunday will come on March 25 in 1894.

New Year resolutions are being gotten in shape.

Among the new Christmas toys is a miniature Ferris wheel.

The time of year is at hand when horses should be roughed.

It is strange that a man who bets cannot win the better land.

Some of our store windows present a very attractive appearance.

Buy your ear corn from Mahlon Schrock, who had just received.

It is hard to convince a dyspeptic that the world is growing better.

Elder Singer will now probably sing, "Stone walls do a prison make."

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

A man is very much like a razor, because he cannot tell how sharp he can be until he is completely strapped.

If you want good hay by the ton or bale, go to Schrock's Grocery, Flour and Feed Store.

Secure your tickets for Friday night's concert at the Opera House. It will be one of the best ever given in Somerset.

During the past year the Baltimore & Ohio have added 101 locomotives to their equipment. They cost the company about $4,500,000 and are included in the equipment trust.

Any one desiring a copy of the pamphlet law will please call at my office. John Lamer, County Treasurer.

Dr. F. McGraw, of Finleyville, Pa., gave Joseph E. Elliott carbolic acid by mistake. A jury in the Washington county courts decided that the doctor must pay Elliott $2,800 damages for malpractice.

The Gold Medal, as it is warranted to be the highest grade of Minnesota flour in the market. For sale by MAHLON SCHROCK.

Elder Singer has at last got into the Somerset jail. Now if the authorities could only get Bill Fritz there the representatives of moonshine religion and moonshine whisky would be company for each other. They would mingle their spirits, so to speak.—*Pittsburgh Post.*

The leading county paper and the leading weekly paper of the U. S. for $2.00 in advance. Address all orders to the HERALD.

Newspapers men are blamed with a lot of things that they can't help, such as using parties by mentioning visitors, giving news about some folks and leaving others out, etc. We simply print the news he can fined. Some people inform him about such things and others do not. Editors are always glad to learn the news.

To save feed is to save money. This is easy to do by buying a good Hay, Straw and Fodder Cutter and Crusher of

J. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Judge Doty, of Westmoreland county, has decided that theatrical companies cannot draw on the license held by an opera house and that the company must pay $50 license in each county where it plays, unless the company has already paid a state license of $1,000. The penalty is not less than $200 nor more than $1,000.

Everybody knows that the conditions for health are not favorable when the stomach, liver and bowels are disordered. In such cases, headache, indigestion, and constipation are the result; for all which ailments a proper remedy is Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

Just 1,000 prisoners are now within the confines of the Western penitentiary, which is the largest number ever incarcerated there. The great number is attributed to the heavier penalties given prisoners by judges in the shape of longer terms of imprisonment. The hard times and steady increase of population also cut a figure. It is likely that even more prisoners than are now in the penitentiary will be found there at the close of the year.

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.

A medical correspondent of the New York Times protests against the practice of having collected in a common receptacle, at the close of school hours, the pencils and pens used by the pupils, from which receptacle, the next morning, these same pencils and pens are again distributed indiscriminately to the pupils for that day's use, showing the great danger of communicating disease, especially diphtheria.

Fickle and capricious appetites are best regulated by the use of Ayer's Cathartic Pills. They do not debilitate, by excessive stimulation, but cause the stomach, liver, and bowels to perform their functions properly. As an after-dinner pill, they are unequaled.

Stories of Hon. John Cessna are now in order. An amusing incident occurred at the State Convention of 1883. A. Wilson Norris had just nominated Col. Quay for State Treasurer in a speech that has rarely been equaled. Cessna arose to nominate Longenecker, of Bedford, and alluded to him as a soldier who had gone to the front rank in a country where they had good lawyers. This pointed allusion to himself caused a laugh, but Uncle John was equal to the occasion and remarked: "Excuse my modesty, gentlemen—if it would strike in it would kill me."

How often you hear a young lady exclaim "I'd better be out of the world than out of style," but you never hear it said by any who have bought their millinery at

MRS. KATE B. COFFROTH'S.

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

A merry Christmas to all our readers.

Attorney "Cal" Lowry has been in New York for the past week.

An original pension has been issued to John Boyer, of Boone post office.

It is reported that Major Samuel Hunsecker has disposed of his Main street residence to Mr. Samuel Stuff, of Jenner township.

Commissioner-elect Hay has purchased the farm of Joseph L. Miller, in Jefferson township. It is one of the best farms in that section of the county and the price paid for it is said to have been $9,000.

Henry Brick, of Allegheny township, who has been suffering for several years from inflammation of the knee joint, is at present in a critical condition, his only chance of prolonging his life rests upon the amputation of the diseased limb.

Mr. Jacob Klingaman, of Greenville township, and Miss Rosy Landis, of Brothersvalley township, were joined in wedlock by Elder W. G. Schrock last Sabbath. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. Lincoln Coleman, in Stonycreek township.

Mr. Webster B. Parker, junior member of the well-known firm of Parker & Parker, has purchased the Irwin property on Patriot street. Consideration private. Mr. Parker will take possession of his new home, which is one of the most pleasantly located cottages in Somerset, April 1st.

The children of the Methodist Sabbath School Sunday decided to forgo the pleasure of a Christmas treat and to send the money thus annually expended to the charity fund of Pittsburgh. While the amount sent will not be very large it evinces a most commendable spirit on the part of the school.

Mr. Charles H. Fisher is one of several hundred of our citizens who is suffering from grippe, and was confined to his hotel all of last week. We are glad to observe that he is able to be at his place of business this week, because, Teachers' Institute without the urbane Mr. Fisher, would be an incongruity at which the teachers and directors would most lustily rebel.

Harry Roberts, son of Noah Roberts, of Somerset township, met with a painful and perhaps fatal accident Friday evening. He was walking through the freight ware-room in the S. & C. station in this place when he fell through a trap door to the ground, four or five feet beneath. He was badly bruised and sprained and had to be carried to the Commercial Hotel, where he has since laid in a critical condition. He is suffering from internal injuries.

Monday afternoon an officer from Altoona arrested a young man named Jones, at Coleman's Station, on a charge of horse stealing. It appears that some time last summer a horse was stolen from a farmer in Bedford county. Suspicion was directed to the Jones' brothers, of Hollidaysburg. One of the boys was arrested in Blair county. The prisoner was taken to Altoona. The stolen horse has not yet been found.

W. W. Patrick, a native of Addison township, for many years a prominent private banker in Pittsburgh, Thursday made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. Mr. Patrick is largely interested in mineral and timber lands in this county. It is said that his assets are double his liabilities and that none of his creditors will loose a penny. Failure to realize on the assets, which are largely composed of real estate, was the cause for the failure.

Surprise parties don't always surprise, but Mrs. Edward Hoover, of Berlin, was genuinely surprised one evening last week when a host of her near friends and neighbors called upon her and presented her with a handsome rocking chair. Mrs. Hoover will become a resident of the county seat on January 1, when her husband will take charge of the Sheriff's office, and her Berlin friends wished her to carry some token of their esteem with her into her new home.

The HERALD is in receipt of a lengthy communication from R. H. Singer, now confined in the county jail, criticising the evidence of one or more of the witnesses who testified against him on the trial of his case. The HERALD cannot publish the communication, believing that the case has been disposed of to the satisfaction of an impartial and unprejudiced court. There were several facts testified to in this case that were wholly irreconcilable with guilt as to the more serious count in the bill of indictment and we believe that the jury fully appreciated this and returned their verdict accordingly.

For several years the most popular feature of the Institute course of entertainments has been the evening devoted to music. Four or five hundred people have annually been unable to secure admission to these entertainments on account of the great number who desired to attend them. This season Manager Casebeer, of the Opera House, has decided to supply the demands of the public and has secured for Friday night one of the best Concert Company's before the public. The Columbia All Star Combination give the very best refined performance and the public should avail themselves of this opportunity of hearing a really excellent concert.

A sad death is reported from Jenner township. Saturday afternoon Amos Pile hauled a load of wheat to the flouring mill at "Pillville." He had carried the greater part of the load into the mill and was struggling under a bag heavily weighted with grain when he slipped and fell heavily to the ground. He did not appear to be seriously injured by the fall and returned to his home unaided. Sunday he attended to his work about the barn as usual, but Monday morning he was unable to arise from his bed. He thought that he had been seized with an attack of the grippe and that it was unnecessary to call in medical attention. He grew rapidly worse and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon expired. His friends now think that he suffered fatal internal injuries when he fell at the mill Saturday.

A strange delusion is said to have taken possession of the families of two brothers named Saylor, living near Fairhope. The one brother, within a year, lost three children from diphtheria, while the other has lost three with typhoid fever. The families became possessed with the idea that one of the first buried had some wearing apparel over its face or in its mouth that caused the fatalities in the families. They accordingly had the bodies exhumed but found nothing of the dread cause as believed. The Hyndman *Bulletin*, from which we gather the information, says that a spring but a few feet distant from a stable and polluted with the impurities arising from it, might be examined with propriety in regard to the origin of the cases of fever, while diphtheria was contracted in Cumberland by a member of one of the families and carried home, with the result as stated.

The will of the late venerable Abram Beam, which was probated yesterday, was made in June 1871, one month following his marriage to his second wife. Benjamin Kline, now deceased, is named as executor. The instrument provides that the sum of $250 be paid to the elders of the Beam Reformed Church and the interest arising therefrom to go towards paying the minister's salary and to the maintenance of the S. S. library. All of his real estate in Somerset and Jenner townships is entailed forever. First, he gives all of his real estate and certain personal property to his widow and son Abram during their lives, or the life of the survivor, and after their death the real estate is to revert to the elders and trustees of the Beam Reformed Church, the rentals therefrom to be expended in the education of young men for the ministry, any of his grandsons having the preference. At the time the will was made Mr. Beam was worth considerable money, but his fortune was almost depleted at the time of his death.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Supt. Berkey Has Spread a Royal Feast for Teachers and Public.

The thirty-seventh annual Session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute convened in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. The Court room was comfortably filled at the opening of the session and long before the hour for adjournment had arrived standing room was at a premium.

An innovation adopted this year by Supt. Berkey has in a great measure relieved the tedious roll call—which heretofore has consumed so much valuable time. Each teacher has been assigned a number, and when No. 1 calls 1, he is quickly followed in consecutive order by all of the teachers present until the total number, 285 is reached. In this way the presence or absence of all the teachers can be learned in about three minutes.

The members of the Institute united in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," after which Rev. J. D. Domer, of the Evangelical Church offered prayer.

W. H. Rappel, Esq., delivered the address of welcome. Mr. Rappel spoke of the kindly feeling he has always entered for the teachers of this county, ever since the time when he was one of their number, and referred briefly to the improvement that has been made in the character and scope of Institute work during the past fifteen years. One point that he particularly desired to impress upon the teachers present was the teaching of patriotism in the public schools. He would have pupils in our schools learn reverence and respect for the stars and stripes and for our American institutions. He hoped the day would never again come when the Governor of a great Commonwealth would be guilty of pardoning criminals who had been convicted of treasonable and anarchistic utterances, and when the Governor of an other State would threaten to ride through blood up to the bridle straps, killing innocent fellow countrymen, in order to carry out a political measure. Mr. Rappel might have added with even greater force that he hoped the day would never again come when the President of this great Republic would so prostitute the power of his official position as to attempt to reinstate a monarch on her throne. He bid the teachers a cordial welcome in behalf of the people of Somerset.

The address of welcome was responded to by Mr. Will H. Martin, of the Confluence schools. Mr. Martin spoke in a happy vein and was frequently applauded by the institute.

Prof. Excell was given an ovation when he mounted the platform and gave a half-hour's drill in music.

Supt. Samuel Hamilton, of Allegheny County, followed with a very entertaining talk on "The Teacher."

"The Heart," was the subject of a most instructive talk by Dr. E. A. Maltby, of the Slippery Rock Normal. It is eight years since Dr. Maltby last appeared before a body of Somerset county teachers, and he made a number of felicitious remarks before taking up his subject. The Dr. first described the heart of the lowest order of creation—the star fish, &c.,—and followed it up step by step to the highest order—the heart of man. He simplified his remarks with illustrations on the black board and depicted clearly and plainly the circulation of the blood. The point made by Dr. Maltby was the necessity for teaching physiology and hygiene in the schools in order to properly instruct children in regard to the deadly effects of alcoholic stimulents. If all the other lectures of the week should prove uninteresting those who had the pleasure of hearing this brief talk of Dr. Maltby's were amply repaid for the trip to Somerset.

It can truly be said of Byron W. King, who followed with a talk on "Methods in Reading," that he leaped into popularity at a single bound. Prof. King possessed the rare faculty of being able to move his hearers to laughter or tears at will and he gave an exhibition of this power before he closed. Prof. King's instruction, will if followed, put an end to coughing, snoring and sneezing, and will enable every one to breathe quietly and freely. He imparted a great deal of valuable information to the teachers, and if it is carried home and put into practice in the school rooms it will result in great good. Prof. King perforated his remarks with a number of capital antedotes.

Before adjournment Superintendent Berkey announced that out of a possible attendance of 285 teachers all but fifteen were present. A number of those marked absent came in after roll call.

Monday night's lecture by Dr. Holley attracted a large audience. The lecturer sustained his former reputation and delighted his hearers.

273 teachers were present at Tuesday's sessions. The court room was overcrowded both in the morning and afternoon.

The demand for tickets for the Institute lecture course has been the greatest ever known. A number of good seats were still for sale yesterday.

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As I must make quick returns on this stock I will sell at greatly reduced prices.

All goods sold for cash or approved note. No open accounts. Respectfully,

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Drowned in a Mill Race.

Richard O'Connor, of Cambria county, a brother of James O'Connor, of Jenner township, was found dead in Thomas' mill race in Conemaugh township, Sunday night. He had been in Johnstown Saturday, and with a nephew, P. J. O'Connor, of Connor post office, was driving home, late Saturday afternoon. When near Thomas' mill the old gentleman said he was cold and would walk the rest of the distance home. He alighted and Peter drove on with the team. Arriving at his home he put the horses away and retired without waiting for the arrival of his uncle. At noon Sunday he arose from his bed and it was not till then that the old gentleman's absence was discovered. A search was at once instituted and later in the afternoon the body was found lying in the race. After the unfortunate man had left the wagon he walked directly down over the bank into the the race, as his foot-prints in the snow indicated. The body was removed to the home of James O'Connor, from where it was buried yesterday afternoon. The deceased was in his 60th year, and had been a sufferer from heart trouble for some time, and it is supposed that an attack of this caused his death. He was born in Jenner township, and was engaged in farming all his life. He is survived by two sons and one daughter.

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MRS. K. B. COFFROTH.

THE BEECH CREEK EXTENSION.

From the Clearfield Coal Region to Pittsburgh.

The rumors that have been floating around for some time in regard to the proposed extension of the Beech Creek Railroad from Mahaffey, Clearfield county, to Connellsville, find confirmation in the following special from Chicago. The route of the road is as yet problematical. The large purchases of coal lands in the county by parties identified with the Vanderbilt interests, and the reported presence of two engineer corps in the north of the county, indicates that the line will pass through this region.

The Chicago special says: "The most important and significant piece of railroad construction in the United States is that which will next spring connect the Lake Erie system at Connellsville with the Clearfield & Beech Creek railroad at Mahaffey, twenty-five miles southwest of Clearfield. This connecting link will be about 75 miles in length. The Beech Creek would probably have been extended from Mahaffey to Pittsburgh some time ago, but for the difficulty in securing terminal facilities. The Pennsylvania has fought in every way to prevent it obtaining entrance into the Smoky City, but a way seems now to have been found to overcome that obstacle.

"The student of railroading needs only these facts to tell the results. Both roads are owned by the Vanderbilts. When the 75 miles of track are completed it will give the Vanderbilts access to the best anthracite regions in Pennsylvania. More than that it will give them a new through freight and passenger route from Chicago via Pittsburgh and Philadelphia to New York. The latter part of the route will be formed in connection with the Philadelphia and the Lehigh Valley. It will make a mileage from Chicago via Philadelphia to New York of less than 1,000 miles, almost exactly the present mileage of the Lake Shore and New York via Buffalo. By using the more direct and northern lines of the Reading and Lehigh Valley, the mileage can be reduced to almost the present mileage of the Pennsylvania between Chicago and New York.

"This plan will be carried out in its entirety as early as possible next spring, and will be the most important move on the railroad checker board in years. Aside from the opening of a new through route it will give the Vanderbilts a commanding position in the coal trade. The date for the completion of the work has not yet been settled, but it will be early. The new line will be exactly what the Vanderbilts must have to meet the competition of the Pennsylvania. For six months the New York Central has tried in vain to equalize the freight differentials on seaboard business. The two cents advantage enjoyed by the Pennsylvania on Philadelphia delivery gives that road an immense advantage on export business. Only within a week has it been learned that the Pennsylvania positively refuses to reopen the differential question. Under the circumstances it becomes necessary for the Vanderbilts to secure a Philadelphia outlet practically their own."

Mike Makes Right.

Hello, Fisk! Lookin' sober this morning!

Yes, Mike, that's one of my troubles.

Troubles! Why, what's up now? Nothin' up—It's down—down in the mouth, I am.

Go long, Fisk! Why you're just from Snyder's Millinery and Notion store, got a bundle of bargains too.

Correct you are, Mike, Snyder treats me so nice, and we got to be good friends right off—but *he sells his goods too low—that's* what troubles me—I hate to see a man loose money.

Don't worry, Fisk, and I tell you something—Snyder's wholesaled for over three years, and he's found out when to buy. He pays spot cash; He sells for spot cash; He turns his stock often; He's careful of his customers and his credit; He's building up a trade and of course he sells low—can't help it—see how it is?

Yes, Mike, your's right. We'll stick to Snyder's Rockwood Millinery Store, and don't you forget it.

New Official Clerks.

The newly elected county officials have pretty definitely determined upon who will be their clerks and deputies during the ensuing three years. Henry F. Barron, the accommodating and efficient deputy-Sheriff will, during the next three years, assist Mr. Franklin P. Saylor to conduct the business of the Prothonotary's office. We are safe in saying that the county has never had a more popular and accommodating deputy-Sheriff than Mr. Barron, and that he will prove equally efficient and popular in the Prothonotary's office goes without saying.

Treasurer-elect Pugh is such a thorough mathematician and business man that he will be able to conduct the affairs of that office without assistance, and will prove as popular an officer as he did a candidate

Mr. George M. Baker, a prominent school teacher and active Republican of Milford township, will succeed Mr. Barron in the Sheriff's office. He is well and favorably known throughout the county, and Sheriff Hoover will find in him a popular and trustworthy deputy. Mr. Baker will remove his family to Somerset shortly after the first of January.

Register & Recorder Miller has selected his brother, Frank, for clerk in his office. He will also be assisted for several months by the present capable and accommodating clerk, "Joe" Levy. The new clerk has been engaged in business in Johnstown for some time and will bring with him the training that will qualify him in every way to discharge the duties of that office to the satisfaction of his employer and the general public, and we have no doubt will soon become as popular with persons having business in that office as is his predecessor.

Newest and Best.

Go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's for the newest most stylish, best and cheapest Ladie's, Misses and Children's Wraps. She always leads in styles, quality and prices.

Wait Sorber's Pants.

Walter Sorber, the well-known stock dealer of Stoyestown, returned home Friday from an extended trip through the east. Thursday he stopped off at Harrisburg and after attending to business in that city went to the Pennsylvania station for the purpose of taking a train for Johnstown.

After a wait of several minutes his train came along. In passing through the iron gate in the throng of people, each of whom was pushing more or less, he felt some person tug at his back. He turned quickly and at the same moment placed his hand on his pocket. To his surprise he found the trousers had been cut completely away around it. He noticed a man trying to get out of the crowd. Sorber drew back his fist and dealt the crook a terrible blow, knocking him down.

At this juncture a police officer appeared upon the scene and took the pickpocket into custody. A struggle ensued and soon the prisoner broke loose and made good his escape. Mr. Sorber had his purse, which contained a considerable sum of money, in the pocket but fortunately it was not taken.

Mr. Sorber thinks the thief had been following him and thought that that would be the best place to undertake the job. It was a close call and his pantaloons will require some mending.

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

Pastor Installed.

Rev. T. G. Briston was installed pastor of the Somerset Presbyterian church, Dec. 14, 1893. Rev. J. M. Barnett, of Markleton, presided and delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. Hunter, of Fairchance, delivered the charge to the people. The pastor then pronounced the benediction and the congregation then came forward and took him by the hand, bidding him good speed.

DEATH'S HARVEST.

A Number of Prominent Residents Pass Away.

MRS NORA COFFROTH.

This community sustained a severe shock Sunday when it became known that Mrs. A. H. Coffroth, wife of General Coffroth, had expired at her rooms in the Somerset House at 15 minutes before one o'clock.

Mrs. Coffroth had been an invalid for more than twenty years and when she was attacked with grippe a few days ago her husband and friends became apprehensive as to the result. Her death was sudden, and although her friends were apprehensive, they were still unprepared for the visit of the dread messenger.

Mrs. Coffroth was 62 years old. She was a daughter of the late Jacob Kimmel, of Berlin, and was a sister of John O. Kimmel, Esq., Ex Judge Charles Kimmel and Theodore Kimmel. Dr. Edward M. Kimmel, ex-Judge Francis Kimmel, and Miss Belle Kimmel, all deceased, were, also, her brothers and sister.

Mrs. Coffroth was a highly educated, accomplished and amiable lady. She was popular with all classes of society and possessed a peculiar fascination for young people who delighted in her society. She was a charming conversationalist and by reason of wide travel and reading possessed a vast fund of information.

She is survived by her husband and one son, A. Bruce Coffroth, Esq., of Lincoln, Neb.

A peculiar coincidence in Mrs. Coffroth's death is the fact that she and her three children, all of whom preceded her to the grave, all died at precisely the same hour of the day.

The many friends of General Coffroth throughout the county and state will learn with sorrow of the affliction that has befallen him. Few husbands and fathers in this community have ever bowed under a greater weight of tribulation than has come to him. He has the deepest sympathy of all his fellow townsmen in his distress.

The funeral will take place from the residence or Mrs. Kate B. Coffroth at 1 o'clock to-day. The services will be conducted by Rev. Mullendore, of the Disciples' Church, the deceased having been a faithful member of that denomination for many years.

FREDERICK HOLBROOK.

Frederick Holbrook, a respected German resident of this place, died at his home on Gravel Hill, Monday night, aged 70 years. The deceased had suffered from Asthma for a number of years, but the immediate cause of his death was grippe. He is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.

GENERAL MOSES ANDREW ROSS.

The death of General Moses Andrew Ross, in his 84th year, at his home in Petersburg, Addison township, on Tuesday, 12th inst., from the effects of a heavy cold, removes from the scene of action one of the most prominent figures in the history of this county.

Born in Masontown, Fayette county, of Scotch-Irish parentage, he removed to this county when a lad and settled down among the sturdy people of that race who predominated in Addison township. Commencing his business career as a clerk in a country store he soon became the owner of an establishment himself, and for more than sixty-five years occupied the same building as a store for general merchandise. With the single exception of Samuel Philson, of Berlin, he was the oldest merchant in the county at the time of his death.

General Ross was a man of large frame and of remarkably handsome presence. In his younger days he took an active part in State militia affairs and in that way earned his title of General.

He was a prominent Whig in the days before the war and after the formation of the Republican party he became an active worker in the ranks of that party. He was twice a member of the legislature, and during his last term was chairman of the committee on education and took an active part in promoting and perfecting the public school system. He was postmaster at Addison for a great many years and successively filled nearly all of the local offices.

For more than fifty years he was an active and devoted member of the Methodist Church, and had been called to fill every official position obtainable by a layman. The church at Addison sustains a severe loss in his death.

General Ross was perhaps best known as a friend and neighbor. He was a man of exceptionable learning and ability and his strict integrity and business capacity qualified him for many positions of trust and responsibility. His counsel was eagerly sought and accepted by all who knew him. In the wide circle in which he was known no one possessed greater influence for all that was good, or did more to mould public sentiment and opinion. He was always a pronounced temperance man.

Six sons and two daughters survive him: Orville A. Ross, Robert E. Ross, Mary C. Ross, of Addison; A. Marshall Ross, of Confluence; Mrs. Sullivan Johnson, George C. Ross, of Pittsburgh; Mansfield A. Ross, Frank M. Ross, Coraopolis, Pa.

The interment took place on Friday at noon and was attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, all of whom were sincere mourners.

ESQUIRE ABRAM BEAM.

Esquire Abram Beam is dead at the age of 96 years. He passed to his final reward at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home in Lincoln township. He was born and always lived on the farm on which he died. He oft expressed a desire to round out an even century of life, and had it not been for the cruel beating he received at the hands of three masked robbers who visited his home one night during the latter part of August, his wish in all probability would have been gratified. Up until that time he was in the enjoyment of all his faculties and looked eagerly forward to the day when he would pass his hundredth mile stone, but he never rallied from the shock and injuries inflicted by the robbers.

'Squire Beam was an extraordinary man in many respects. He was over six feet tall and was endowed with great physical strength. It is said that he never required the services of a physician until a few years prior to his death. He was more than ordinarily intelligent and always evinced a keen interest in passing events. He was generous to a fault and was never as happy as when surrounded by his friends and neighbors. His board was indeed a hospitable one and few days passed that he did not entertain a number of people. His acquaintance extended throughout the county and for many years a visit to 'Squire Beams was one of the chief pleasures of his friends from all sections.

Many years ago Mr. Beam erected an oil mill, where he manufactured flaxseed oil in large quantities for the market of this and adjoining counties. Afterwards he erected a woolen mill, and for a number of years conducted both mills successfully.

In the early fifties he was twice elected a member of the board of county commissioners and was a member of the board when the present Court House was erected. He afterwards was a candidate for the office of Associate Judge, but suffered defeat at the primary election. He was repeatedly elected to the office of Justice of the Peace and to other local offices. He was a Republican since the birth of that party and always took an active interest in its behalf.

Mr. Beam was twice married. His first wife was a Miss Simpson, of Somerset township, and his second a Miss Statler, of Stoyestown. He is survived by his wife, two sons and three daughters.

The funeral took place Saturday morning, when the body was laid to rest in the Beams Reformed Church graveyard.

ESQUIRE WILLIAM REEL.

Some time ago a notice appeared in these columns announcing the critical illness of 'Squire William Reel, of Shade township. Wednesday night he gave up life's fitful struggle and closed his eyes in sleep. He had attained the advanced age of 84 years and when the messenger came he found him waiting and willing to go.

Mr. Reel was born in Shade township, where he constantly resided. Like 'Squire Beam he was a man of rugged constitution and rarely, if ever, required the services of a physician.

He enjoyed the affection and esteem of all his neighbors, and was well and popularly known throughout the county. He served as a member of the board of county commissioners and performed his duties to the satisfaction of the people of the county. He was an earnest and aggressive Republican.

Mr. Reel was an intelligent, hard working farmer, and by thrift and industry accumulated a competency. He was noted for his genial disposition and hospitality. His wife preceded him to the grave several years ago. He is survived by five children, as follows: Mrs. Abia, wife of Jacob Kimmel, of Stonycreek township; Savilla, wife of Joseph Lambert, of Shade township; Jane, wife of William Small, of Johnstown; Maggie and Mathias, who reside at home.

ELIZABETH HARBAUGH.

Mrs. Elizabeth Harbaugh died at her home on West Main street Saturday morning, aged 88 years, 7 months and three days. Death resulted from physical troubles incident to old age. Mrs. Harbaugh's maiden name was Statler, and she was born at the "Statler" stand, a favorite hostelry in the active days of the Ligonier pike on the summit of the Allegheny mountain, six miles east of Stoyestown. When a young woman she was married to James B. Roberts, by whom she had four children, namely Mrs. Elizabeth Rice and the late Mrs. John H. Weimer, of Somerset; Miss Mary Whitehill, of Bedford county, and Mrs. Maggie Lyons, of Fulton county. For a number of years Mrs. Roberts kept the hotel west of town, on the site of George Tayman's present cottage. Mr. Roberts dying in course of time his widow married Michael Harbaugh, of Somerset. Two children resulted from the second marriage, only one of whom, Mrs. Amelia McClure, of Kansas, survives.

The deceased was a consistent member of the Lutheran church and was the oldest member of that denomination in Somerset at the time of her death. She was a good and kind neighbor and was loved and respected by all of her friends.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, when the body was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetry.

MRS. GEORGE BOYD.

Mrs. George Boyd, died at her home, at the corner of Thirty-third and Jane streets, Pittsburgh, Friday afternoon, the cause of her death being pneumonia. She was in her twentieth year and had only been married 5 months.

The remains were brought to the home of Mr. Boyd's mother in this place Saturday, from where they were interred Sunday afternoon. Mr. Boyd was accompanied to Somerset by a sister of his wife.

CLEARANCE OR REDUCTION SALE.

My Clearance or Reduced Price Sale will begin on Tuesday, the 26th day of December. During this sale all kinds of Dry Goods will be sold at greatly reduced prices, and many kinds of goods will be sold at cost.

Next week or the following week look for large advertisement.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

The members of the Brethren or Dunkard Church, in Central Pennsylvania, have decided to found a Home for the aged and indigent of the denomination. They have purchased for this purpose the commodious buildings formerly used as a young ladies' seminary at Shirleysburg, Huntingdon county. The buildings are picturesquely located and splendidly adapted for the purpose. The Dunkards are strong numerically in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, and as it has been their custom not to allow the poor of their church to be sent to the public alms houses, they decided upon a denominational Home for them.

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Criminal Court.

The following cases were disposed of at last week's term of court:

William Faith, charged with assault and battery and with resisting an officer, was found not guilty, but was mulcted for all of the costs.

"Not guilty but the defendant to pay all costs" was the verdict in the case of Edward Mostoller, charged with adultery.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Curtis L. Weimer, charged with forgery, the costs were divided between the prosecutor and defendant.

A nol pros was entered in the case of Emanuel Koontz, charged with adultery.

F. L. Stonemaker was sentenced to ten months in jail and the costs of prosecution and to pay a certain amount quarterly towards the support of his child. He was found guilty of adultery and f. and b.

Robert H. Singer was sentenced to pay a fine of $5, all the costs of prosecution and 3 months in jail. He was convicted of assault and battery.

Josiah L. Berkey was sentenced to pay a fine of $500, all costs of prosecution and three months in jail. Mr. Berkey was convicted of violation of the liquor laws. Much sympathy is felt for him because his offense consisted in selling wine of his own manufacture. He succeeded to a business which had been carried on for many years by his father-in-law.

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JONAS L. BEAM,
"The Hustler."

A Tale of Peace and Repose.

Abraham Beam, who died last Wednesday night at his home in Somerset county, spent the 96 years of his life on the one farm. Where he breathed his first breath he breathed his last. In this time of unrest, when travel is a passion, and when one place has hardly come to seem like a home until it is wearied of and another sought, in a different county or State, it is worth while to ask if this man was not as happy, as useful, as intelligent while passing his more than four score and ten amid familiar scenes as are those who range over half the face of the earth? Emerson said that it was folly to travel for knowledge when he could step into his garden and pick up a handful of earth in which there were untold mysteries appealing to the imagination and intellect, and knowledge to engage him for all his days, and perhaps it was Charles Kingsley who preached a beautiful sermon on the blessings of routine. Like all philosophers, Emerson exercised his right to be inconsistent, and traveled widely, but what he says contains a rich truth, and there is a rich truth, too, in the saying that there is blessedness in routine, but there are few who have the gift to attain to it. Nearly a century on the same farm! It tells of peace and repose which charms one amid the rocking and swaying of the restless multitude, in this city to-day, in another to-morrow, ever on the move, ever going till the grave is reached.—*Pittsburgh Times.*

Suitable Presents.

Indian Baskets, Celluloid Frames, Umbrellas, Handkerchiefs, Fancy Work, Suits for the Boys, Mink and Seal Boas, Muffs and Fur Sets. These are a few of the many things shown by the Rockwood Millinery Co. (Store open Christmas Day.)

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