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The amended Baker ballot law requires that nominations for borough and township offices shall be certified to the commissioners 15 and 15 days respectively before election. Candidates should bear this in mind.

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

Not every woman, who arrives at middle age, retains the color and beauty of her hair, but every woman may do so by the occasional application of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It prevents baldness, removes dandruff, and cures all scalp diseases.

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The sprinkling of salt on the icy sidewalks has rightly been prohibited in about all the large cities. It is very destructive to shoes and rubbers and is also unhealthy. Sand is the best substance for icy walks, and then comes sawdust and ashes.

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Secretary Edge, of the state board of agriculture, has completed an examination of a herd of cows owned by Hiram Werne, of Washington, Washington county, for tuberculosis and the test applied indicates that no of the animals have the disease. Mr. Edge has ordered State Veterinarian Bridge to appraise the animals and then have them killed.

A Penn township, Westmoreland county farmer who raises a great many hogs, attended the State Fair and wrote the following letter to a neighbor: "DEAR FRIEND:—I inspected the live stock department of the Fair. You will be interested to know that the display of hogs was unusually large. Among the hogs I saw some of your breed, and was very much surprised at not seeing you there yourself."

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,
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The latest swindle reported is something like this: "A stranger calls upon a farmer who resides upon a public highway and solicits the privilege of posting bills on the most conspicuous side of the barn or fence. He pays the farmer two dollars for the privilege and gets a receipt for the same. With the farmer's autograph once in his possession, the receipt turns up in the shape of a note for $200." Don't sign anything for a stranger, is good advice.

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

The Universal Postal Convention, which was held at Vienna a short time ago, passed an article providing that postal cards exchanged between countries of the Postal Union shall be treated as letters if they exceed 5½ inches in length and 3 1-5 inches in breadth. The large size postal cards measure 6 inches in length and 3½ inches in breadth, and cannot be sent to any country embraced in the Postal Union (except Mexico and Canada) for less than 5c each, and, if a less amount is paid, they are liable on delivery to double the amount of the deficiency.

How often you hear a young lady exclaim "never 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.

John D. Rockefeller, the Standard Oil millionaire, got along in business very well as plain John Rockefeller until he began to get rich. Then he appropriated the letter D as a middle initial. Nobody knows what this letter D stands for, and nobody ever will.

The millionaire thought he needed a middle initial to round out his signature on a bank check, and he took the fourth letter of the alphabet because it looked well. His brother William, whose fortune of $60,000,000 was made in oil, too, never added to the name his parents gave him.

John D has a son named after him, and the D in the boy's name is a mystery too. These two are the only ones in the Rockefeller family who have more than one Christian name. John D's three daughters have short, simple names—Bessie, Alta and Edith.—*N. Y. World.*

Do you use Meat Cutters?
" " " Sausage and Lard Presses?
" " " Butcher Saws?
" " " Butcher Knives?
" " " Butcher Steels?

If you use anything in the Hardware line call at J. B. Holderbaums Hardware Store save money and get the best goods.

Andrew Carnegie has agreed to give $5,000 per working day for the next two months for the relief of the unemployed of Pittsburgh.

John Bickely, 95 years of age, and said to be the oldest man in Washington county, tried to commit suicide, Saturday, by cutting his throat. He is very wealthy. Bickely has frequently expressed the desire to live to be 100 years old. He will recover if blood poisoning does not set in.

The New Year was ushered in with the ringing of all the Church bells in town.

Prof. R. F. Patterson, of the Pittsburgh High School, spent several days of last week with Somerset friends.

Mr. D. B. Zimmerman, the well-known stock dealer has returned from South Dakota to his home in Stoyestown.

Mr. Isaac D. Ankeny, who removed to Dixon, Ill., five or six years ago, is paying a visit to relatives in this county.

Ex-County Treasurer George J. Black, of Meyersdale, was shaking hands with his numerous county seat friends New Year's day

The many friends of Mr. Isaac Yoder, of Conemaugh township, will be glad to learn that he is recovering from his recent indisposition.

Mr. Abram Horner, of Dixon, Ill., is paying a visit to his brothers, Judge Daniel J. Horner, of Somerset, and Mr. Joseph Horner, of Somerset township.

The usual services will be held at the Presbyterian church, next Sabbath, Jan. 7, 1894. The pastor, Rev. T. J. Bristow, will preach morning and evening.

George T. Wadds, and William and Richard Jones, of Philadelphia, have returned home after a spending a week with their friend Pierce Miller, in Stoyestown.

On the last day of the year 1893 Mr. Josiah Miller and Miss Catherine Hosteller, both of Middlecreek township, were united in marriage by Esquire John H. Miller, at Trent.

Mr. Isaac S. Kauffman, of Conemaugh township, has been laid up for the past month—first with grip, now with typhoid fever. His condition is reported to be serious.

Mr. Tobias W. Yoder, aged 84 years, of Conemaugh township, is ill and little hopes are entertained for his recovery. His wife, who is about the same age, is also confined to her bed.

The new board of County Auditors, met Monday and took the oath of office. During the day they effected an organization by electing R. E. Meyers, clerk, and J. A. Berkey, Esq., attorney.

Wm. H. Miller, whose home is near Lavansville, fell from the mow in his barn Saturday and broke one of his hip joints. Mr. Miller is about sixty five years of age and his recovery will be very slow.

At the parsonage of the Jennertown Lutheran Church on Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, Mr. Joseph Miller and Miss Rebecca Croyle, both of Jenner township, were united in marriage by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Crist.

Rev. John H. Knepper preached his farewell sermon Sunday evening in the Brethren Church, Johnstown, and to-morrow will remove his family to Berlin, where he has accepted a call from his old congregation.

An increase of pension has been granted John Custer, of Buckstown; a re-issue has been granted William P. Huston, of Somerset borough, and an original pension has been granted Mrs. Mary Pritts, of Somerset township.

Capt. Chas. J. Harrison has received a handsome and valuable souvenier of the World's Fair—one of the large oak hat-racks from the Pennsylvania building—a present from H. D. Tate, Governor Pattison's private Secretary.

Mr. C. G. Campbell, of Johnstown, has been appointed District Deputy High Priest of Portage Chapter, for the districts of Blair, Cambria, Somerset, Indiana, Westmoreland, Fayette and Green counties, to succeed C. N. Stark, of Greensburg.

During the year just closed Register and Recorder Hileman issued 283 marriage licenses—an increase of six over the preceding year. 2224 licenses to wed have been issued in this county since the marriage license law went into effect in October, 1885.

N. George Keim, formerly a popular teacher in the Somerset public schools, now principal of the public schools, at Elkins, West Va., and editor of the *Inter-Mountain*, a weekly paper of the same place, was circulating among his numerous Somerset friends last week. Mr. Keim is an Elk Lick township boy.

Senator N. B. Critchfield, accompanied by his son John, left for Lock Haven, Monday. At that place the young man will enter the State Normal School and his father will return to Harrisburg for the purpose of witnessing the proceedings of the Republican State Convention in session in that city to-day.

The Farmers' Institute, to be held in the Court House next Wednesday and Thursday, promises to attract a larger crowd than usual and the committee having charge of the arrangements have prepared for an overflow meeting in case all the people who may attend cannot be accommodated with seats in the Court room.

Mrs. P. A. Johns, wife of the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Rockwood, won the handsome doll offered by the Rockwood Millinery Company to the customer guessing nearest the number of seeds contained in a quart jar. Mrs. Johns' guess was 1235. The doll is 42 inches tall and is the handsomest one ever brought to Somerset county.

Fire destroyed the large frame dwelling house of Mrs. Susan Neiderhiser, near Bakersville, last Wednesday morning. The fire occurred at three o'clock in the morning and resulted from a defective flue. The family of James Shaffer occupied the building and it was with great difficulty that they succeeded in saving a part of their household furniture. The loss will reach several thousand dollars; insurance $1,000.

All of the new Court House officials were on hand at the commencement of business Monday morning. All of them had previously taken the oath of office and the matter of turning over the public records to them was speedily transacted, as the books had all been brought up to date by the retiring officials. Throughout the day the offices were crowded with the friends of the new officers who called to extend their congratulations and wish them "A Happy New Year."

One of the last official acts of the out going board of County Commissioners was to appoint of Charles F. Uhl, Jr., of Somerset boro h, Mercantile Appraiser for the ensuing year. Mr. Uhl is one of the most promising young men of this place and for several years past was a successful teacher in our common schools. He abandoned teaching last summer and entered upon the study of the law. He will discharge the duties of his appointment diligently and to the satisfaction of the tax payers of the county.

Norman W. Fitt, aged 16, of Jefferson township, died on Thursday, Dec 21st, from lock-jaw. Readers of the HERALD will remember that young Fitt accidently discharged the contents of his gun into his foot while changing the gun from one hand to another while hunting five or six weeks ago. The physician who was called upon to dress his wounds advised that the injured foot be amputated, but the suffered would not agree to amputation until the day prior to his death, and when it was too late to save his life.

Friday morning the barn of Aaron Smucker, near Downey, was entirely destroyed by fire. Nothing was saved except the live stock and some harness. There was stored in the barn besides hay and feed, all of Mr. Smucker's farming implements, and these were burned up with the barn. The fire was first seen in the loft, between 6 and 7 a. m. The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Smucker as it is only about two years since the barn was built and the insurance upon it was small. The cause of fire is unknown. Mr. Smucker, we are informed, will rebuild.

Passenger brakeman Wisemiller, of the Somerset & Cambria train, had a narrow escape from losing his left eye, at the turntable in Johnstown, the other evening. He was disconnecting the air-brake between the cars and engine, and the one end of the brake struck him just above the eye, inflicting an ugly wound.

The congregations and pastors of all the local churches will unite in holding union services during the week of prayer, commencing Monday evening next in the Lutheran Church, Tuesday in Disciples Church, Wednesday in Methodist Church, Thursday in Presbyterian Church, and closing Friday evening in the Reformed Church.

In the Disciples Church, at six o'clock Thursday evening, Mr. Thomas Leadbeater, of Johnstown, and Miss Lizzie Huston, of this place, were united in marriage by Elder William Mullendore, in the presence of a large number of friends of the bride and groom. The bride is one of Somerset's most estimable ladies, and the groom is an employe of the Cambria Iron Company. Mr. and Mrs. Leadbeater will reside in Johnstown.

At an election held at Berlin last Tuesday by the members of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset county, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year:

President, Alexander Musser; Vice President, Wm. H. Hilligas; Secretary, E. J. Walker; Directors, Samuel F. Rahman, Simon P. Fritz, Samuel W. Poorbaugh, James Tipton, Alexander Coleman and Lewis Berkley.

The Franklin and Marshall Glee and Serenade Clubs will give one of their capital performances in the Opera House, in this place, on Thursday evening, January 25th. The entertainment given here two winters ago by similar Clubs from the same institution is pleasantly remembered by the large audience who had the pleasure of listening to it, and insures a "packed house" for the coming entertainment. The performance will be given under the auspices of the ladies of the Somerset Reformed Church.

The new board of County Commissioners organized Monday by electing Henry F. Barnett President of the board, John Emmert of Lincoln township, was elected Clerk and his salary fixed at $1,000 a year. J. "Cal" Lowry, Esq., was elected attorney to the board. Dr. H. S. Kimmel was elected physician for the jail.

The new clerk is a son-in-law of Commissioner Barnett, and for the past few years has been one of Lincoln township's most successful teachers. He is young and intelligent and will make an efficient officer.

The board of Poor Directors met at the County Home, Monday. Joseph L. Miller, senior member of the board, was elected president for the ensuing year. The following appointments were made for the year 1894:

Stewart, John C. Miller.
Attorney and Clerk, L. C. Colborn, Esq.
Physician, Dr. Perry Shaffer.
Treasurer, E. E. Pugh.
Chaplain, Elder Daniel H. Walker.

The re-election of Messrs Colborn and Miller is a deserved recognition of the labors of faithful and conscientious officials.

The board adopted a resolution before adjouring complimenting the retiring member of the board—William Dickey—upon the faithful discharge of his duties.

The will of the late General Moses A. Ross, of Addison township, was probated one day last week. Sullivan Johnson, son-in-law, A. Marshall Ross and Robert E. Ross, sons of the testator, are named as executors. The instrument was written by the testator and is of unusual length. It bequeaths $5,000 cash to each the eight heirs, and provides that the residue of the estate—variously estimated at from $80,000 to $100,000—be divided equally among his heirs. The executors are given instructions as to how the testator would have them discharge their trust, but leaves the settlement of all his affairs to their judgment.

General Ross was noted for his leniency towards those who were indebted to him and he desires his executors to show the same disposition, so far as they can consistently do so, towards those indebted to his estate.

Sheriff Hoover has been confined to his home in Berlin for the past ten days, suffering from an attack of quinsy. Saturday afternoon Register and Recorder Hileman drove to that place and administered the oath of office to him. The deputy-Sheriff—Mr. George Baker—took the oath of office at an early hour Monday morning and at once took charge of the Sheriff's office. Later in the day ex Sheriff Good qualified as deputy-Sheriff and will assist Mr. Baker in conducting the business until the Sheriff is able to take hold.

Tuesday morning Sheriff Hoover and family came to Somerset with all of their household effects. Mr. Hoover's condition is greatly improved and in the course of ten days he will be as well as usual. Had Sheriff Hoover failed to take the oath of office until after he came to Somerset, the County Coronor, Dr. H. D. Moore, would have acted as Sheriff until the duly elected officer was qualified.

The Governor of Iowa has pardoned Adam Deitz, a native of this county, who had been an inmate of the Iowa State penitentiary for the past ten or twelve years, having been convicted on a charge of murder. The allegation was that Deitz and a woman with whom he had been on intimate terms, had conspired and poisoned the woman's husband. Deitz was a local horse doctor and an attempt was made to establish the fact that he had furnished the poison. Conviction was secured on circumstantial evidence and many persons believed the prisoner was innocent. Among those who believe him innocent is the editor of the Cedar Rapids *Gazette*, and to his untiring efforts in his behalf, Deitz in a large measure owes his liberty. The petition for his pardon was signed by the Judge who tried the case. Many of the older people of this county remember Adam Deitz and a number of them manifested a lively interest in his behalf. He is now past seventy years of age.

In a communication from Rev. E. Manges, formerly pastor of the Lavansville Lutheran Church, now of Gettysburg, the HERALD is informed that the surgical operation performed upon his daughter, Katie, by Dr. Keene, of the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, was very successful. For the past four or five years Miss Manges had suffered from a disease known to the profession as "Osteo Sarcoma," causing her intense suffering and agonizing pain in her right arm.

An hour or two after the amputation of the arm had been performed the sufferer became aroused and remarked: "Oh, my right arm is so cool; even down to the ends of my fingers."

Four weeks after the operation Miss Manges was removed to her home, and her father writes "is bright and cheerful."

A typographical error occurred in the columns of the Tyrone *Herald* a few days ago which brought forth the following letter:

DEAR EDITOR: In your issue of yesterday your typesetter by mistake (or it may be intentionally) made the notice read "Drunkard Church" for "Dunkard." It is a matter of no importance to us, but it gives us an opportunity to state what, perhaps, many of your readers do not know. There is not in the United States, or in any other country, a saloon or licensed house kept by a member of the Dunkard Church. If any other church can present a better record on the temperance question let them speak. Further, no one can be a member of the church of known intemperate habits.

"Brethren" is the recognized name of our church, but the term "Dunkard" is used in the notices, because some persons know the church only by that name.

J. B. BRUMBAUGH.

Buy your ear corn from Mahlon Schrock, a car load just received.

OLD SOLDIERS BANQUET.

Cleveland's Pension Policy Scored.

The annual banquet of R. P. Cummins Post, G. A. R., is always a notable local event. The one in the Opera-house Thursday night was the most successful in the history of the organization.

Division Commander Sample and daughter, of Pittsburgh, were present and added much to the pleasure of the evening, the former by a stirring and earnest address and the latter by several delightfully rendered songs.

A large number of veterans were present from distant parts of the county—some of them having traveled 20 miles through a pelting rain storm in order to enjoy one more social re-union with their comrades.

The banquet was prepared by the wives of the local members of the Post, and while the annual G. A. R. banquets of the past have been noted for their excellence, the one Thursday night excelled all of its predecessors.

The comrades assembled in the Post room at an early hour and transacted all that remained of unfinished business for the year 1893, and at 9 o'clock they adjourned to the Opera House, where the feast had been prepared and awaited their attack. Unfortunately Commander Sample and daughter had missed their train at Rockwood and were compelled to make a nine mile drive to Somerset through the rain. They arrived before the comrades had left the tables and were greeted with a round of cheers and provided with seats.

After Comrade Sample had been personally presented to all present, Capt. Harrison mounted the stage and called the assembly to order. F. P. Saylor delivered the address of welcome. He spoke feeling of the rapidly diminishing ranks of the old soldiers and of the good feeling that resulted among the survivors from these annual meetings. He spoke also, of the promiaence attained in all walks of life by the boys who had carried muskets in defence of their country, and intimated in a most delicate way that he had been accorded some measure of prominence and honor himself.

Commander Sample was next introduced by the Chairman, who said that this was the first visit R. P. Cummins Post had ever received from a Commander since its organization.

Comrade Sample replied that he was glad to be there, although his presence had cost him one of the weariest rides over the roughest road he had ever traveled, "But," he continued, "I would have come to Somerset to-night if I had had to walk." He complimented the comrades upon their annual social gatherings, and the ladies upon the interest they manifested in them.

"There must be something in this G. A. R." he said, "that will bring men and women out a night like this, and there is something in it that is not to be found in any other organization. This organization was founded upon the battle field, among men who slept under the same blanket, who drank from the same canteen, who shared their last crust and who carried the last messages of the dying. It is a comradeship that was cemented in blood and that ties soldiers one to another as nothing else can." After referring briefly to the patriotic spirit that had fired the men of Pennsylvania in the early sixties, Comrade Sample declared that there was never such a demand that all old soldiers stand shoulder to shoulder as now. "It is necessary that we stand together in order that our voice may be heard at Washington and thunder in the halls of the Capitol," he said with great earnestness. He criticised the order of Mr. Cleveland's pension commissioner requiring that pensions be suspended pending investigation as to the merits of the case. He protested fiercely against the action of the Administration's officers in branding comrades as perjurers before they have been proven guilty. He told of a number of incidents that have come under his own personal observation where the greatest injustice has been done to disabled and starving veterans. In conclusion he eulogized the old soldiers for the part they had taken in saving the country and in crushing the rebellion, and said he trusted the day would never come when a comrade would be ashamed to acknowledge that he had served in the army that had crushed the greatest rebellion the world had ever known and had preserved the unity of the states and from the ranks which so many eminent men in all the professions and avocations had sprung simply because a venal press and more venal public officials were attempting to dishonor their record.

The Commander's address aroused a great deal of enthusiasm.

Comrade J. S. Harkey followed in a short address, in which he gave his views on the pension question. Rev. Harkey has studied the pension question carefully, and in his opinion no class of our citizens have been so grossly slandered and misrepresented and unjustly treated as have the old soldiers. He expressed his indignation at the assertion that "the pension roll should be made a roll of honor," and at the people who reiterate it in every community. "It is a roll of honor now." He demanded to know the name of any veteran in this community who was drawing a pension from the government to which he was not entitled and promised to make it known at the department in case the charge could be substantiated.

It was half past 11 o'clock when Comrade Harkey concluded his remarks and the Chairman announced that the balance of the program would be dispensed with.

W. H. Koontz made a few remarks in regard to the European influences during the rebellion, at the conclusion of which Comrade Sample led in singing "Marching Through Georgia."

A Remarkable Man Dead.

In the death of George Miller, at his home in Jefferson township, last Tuesday, this county lost one of her most remarkable characters. Miller was seized with smallpox when only three years old, and since then he had been totally blind. Some fifty years ago he learned to make hand hay rakes, and he made them so well and substantially that he soon built up a large trade in this and adjoining counties, and became known as "the blind rake maker."

Owing to his blindness he could not go into the woods and cut down timber with which to make rakes, but he always accompanied the wood choppers and selected the trees which he desired cut down. His sense of touch was so fine and accurate that he never made a mistake in selecting the right kind of timber.

Miller's workshop was a little wooden, windowless shanty in which he labored often until late in the night, the absence of light making no difference to the lone occupant, and here he fashioned the rough wood into rakes that commended themselves on account of their high finish.

Miller's work was not confined to the manufacture of rakes. He was considered a good hand in the harvest field and his services were in demand for that work. He frequently made trips to Somerset and other towns alone, and never seemed to have any difficulty in finding his way. Many stories are current in regard to his remarkable adventures and to how he overcame difficulties that seemed insurmountable to men with unobstructed vision. He was in his 79th year and his death resulted from an attack of grip. Many years ago he married the widow of a neighbor. No children resulted from the union.

January Bargains

in many cases are not bargains at all, but Mike and Fisk and all must agree that Snyder's Millinery Store, at Rockwood, contains a larger and more honest lot of Real Bargains, than any one could realise without seeing them. We want you to *come in* and prove our statement and if we cannot prove it we will make you a present of anything in the store to the value of $10 00. *We mean business*, and a happy and prosperous new year to all.

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

Death's Harvest.

MRS. ABRAM MUSSER.

Mrs. Abram Musser died at her home on Union street at six o'clock yesterday morning, aged about 57 years. She had been in delicate health for a number of years, suffering from a complication of diseases, and when she was seized with grip two weeks ago her family and friends became apprehensive as to the result.

Mrs. Musser was a devoted member of the Disciples Church and was esteemed by the entire community for her many motherly and christian virtues. She is survived by her husband and by three children, M. J. Pritts, Esq., cashier of the Somerset County National Bank, Mrs. Walter Heffley, of Somerset township, and Irvin Pritts, of Omaha, Neb., all children by a former marriage with Joseph Pritts, who for a number of years was a well known and prominent resident of Somerset.

MARY TAYMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. David Tayman, of Lavansville, were called upon last Wednesday to mourn the death of their daughter, Mary, aged 22 years, who died at the home of her sister—Mrs. Annie Gregory—in New Stanton, Westmoreland county.

Miss Tayman left her home last September, and after spending several weeks in Chicago went to visit friends in the West. She arrived in New Stanton about Dec. 1st, and shortly after her arrival was prostrated by fever.

She was one of the brightest scholars ever graduated from the Somerset borough public schools, and was very popular among her large circle of acquaintances. The remains were brought to Somerset Thursday afternoon and removed to the home of her parents. The funeral took place at 2:30 Friday afternoon.

SAMUEL FLICK.

Samuel Flick, a venerable and highly respected citizen of Jefferson township, died Wednesday, Dec. 27. He had been suffering for several years from the ailments incident to old age, but the immediate cause of his death was owing to a severe attack of grippe. He is survived by three children, Silas, Mrs. Silas Cable, and Mrs. Simon Young, all of Jefferson township.

SAMUEL BENDER.

Samuel Bender, a native of this county, died at Viola, Wis., Dec. 11th, aged 79 years. He was married in 1840 to Miss Elizabeth Barnett, and in 1854 removed from this county to Wisconsin.

MRS. JACOB SIGLER.

Mrs. Jacob Sigler, aged 79 years, died at her home in Somerset township, at an early hour Christmas morning. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. She was a member of the Lutheran Church and was esteemed by all who knew her for her many virtues.

SARAH RUBRIGHT.

Mrs. Sarah Rubright died Friday night from old age at her home in Berlin. Mr. and Mrs. Rubright removed to Berlin from Perry county in 1824. Her husband died from the effects of a broken leg in 1844, leaving her to provide for a large family. The record of her birth was lost, but she was believed to be past ninety years of age.

CATHARINE SCHROCK.

Mrs. Catharine Schrock died Saturday, Dec. 23, at her home in Brothersvalley township. Her husband, Joseph Schrock, died fifteen years ago. She is survived by eight children, six sons and two daughters. The deceased was well advanced in years and was a member of the Amish Church.

MRS. JAMES B. SAYLOR.

Mrs. James B. Saylor passed away at her home in this borough at an early hour on the morning of December 21st, from heart failure. Her death was unexpected. She was a most estimable lady and was beloved by all of her acquaintances. She is survived by her husband and eight children, the youngest of whom is only three weeks old.

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

The Assessor and the Parson.

MR EDITOR:—From my childhood I have been accustomed to revere you men of the quill as knowing all things, excepting, of course, Cleveland's instructions to Willis, and, perhaps a few other mysteries in Democratic politics, hence I have a little difference between the Assessor and the Parson to submit to you:

The other day the Assessor came and wished us to state, on oath or affirmation, how much money we had at interest that was taxable. We frankly told him that what little money we had was in bank subject to our check, but whatever balance remained undisturbed during an entire year we were allowed three per cent interest on. We then stated the exact balance upon which we were allowed interest during the past year—less than a year's salary for a country parson—requested him to please ascertain whether it were taxable, and if so we would cheerfully fill out statement and pay taxes, but that a former Assessor had inquired and informed us that such balance was not taxable. The Assessor thought it might be taxable for half the amount, since we got only 3 per cent., but was not sure. We requested him to find out, and then we would fill in his paper. He asserted that he was under no obligations to call again, and, unless we fixed up the paper then and there he would, according to his instructions, if he found the balance taxable, return it and the Commissioners would add 50 per cent. And right here, Mr. Editor, is where our point of difference comes in. I hold that he has no right to make me a "Centaur," for either I am honest or I am a scoundrel; if I am a scoundrel he has no right to take my word for the fact that I have a balance in bank, but if on the other hand he takes it for granted that I tell him the truth in reference to that balance, he has no right to add 50 per cent. under the scoundrel clause in the assessment papers. For those papers provide that, "If any one refuse or neglect to properly fill out such papers, &c., then the Assessor shall examine the dockets, &c., &c., and ascertain what moneys he has &c., and to such sum as he finds the Commissioners shall add 50 per cent." But I defy him to find a single scratch on any dockets, &c., that I have one penny on interest; even the 3 per cent. on bank balance is only a verbal understanding between myself and the banker. But I have by no means refused to make out such statement, when once I know whether indeed I am taxable with my money, and gave him the exact amount that he might inquire concerning it, but he claims he is under no obligations to come a second time, and we do not dispute that. We simply claim the right of being treated either as an honest man or as a scoundrel, and if the latter, then we protest against his taking our word, but insist that he find from dockets, &c., whether we have any money at interest.

Are we right or are we wrong? Please tell us. PARSON.

[It is a matter of conscience entirely with the Parson. If he has reason to believe that he will receive interest on any money on deposit, it is his duty to make the same known to the ASSESSOR.—EDITOR HERALD.]

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN!

And it Will Concern Everybody Who Wants to Buy Goods Cheap.

I have purchased the entire stock of store goods of J. M. Holderbaum, Somerset, Pa., consisting of Clothing, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Dry Goods, Carpets, &c.

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.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Farmers' Institute.

The large attendance at all former Farmers' Institutes in this county, as well as the active part taken by those in attendance, assures us that we need no longer urge the people to come. The important question in the past has been, and no doubt will continue in the future to be, "how shall we accommodate all who are in attendance?"

The fact that the Court hall has always been crowded has led us to believe that in order to accommodate all it may be necessary to provide for an overflow meeting. For this reason we have secured the attendance of a sufficient number of helpers to enable us to keep two meetings running at the same time if it should be found necessary to secure an additional hall. Among those from abroad who have promised to be present if they can arrange to do so, who have no special assignments upon the programme, but will take part in general discussion, are Hon. Geo. E. Heyburn, of Chaddsford, Pa., and Hon. Chas. S. Beatty, of Leisenring, Pa.

Our instructors are all thoroughty practical men, who will be found ready to respond to any call for information on any subject relating to the farming industry, whether it be given through the query box or upon the floor of the institute.

Papers read before the Institute must be handed to the resident member of the State Board of Agriculture for the use of the Board.

After each address or paper announced in the programme the subject will be open for general discussion, in which all are invited to participate. In such discussion speakers will be limited to five minutes. The exercises will be interspersed with music and recitations.

A business meeting of the Somerset County Agricultural Society will be held in one of the rooms of the Court house, on Wednesday, at 1 o'clock P. M.

The B. & O. R. R. will, upon the presentation of orders, sell excursion tickets from all stations within the county where they have agents, as well as from Johnstown and other important points on the Pittsburgh Division. To secure orders for excursion rates write to N. B. Critchfield, Jenner's X Roads, Pa., stating how many orders you wish to secure.

N. B. CRITCHFIELD,
Resident Member State Board of Agriculture.

A. G. KIMMEL,
P. K. MOORE,
VAL. HAY,
O. P. SHAVER,
M. J. BEACHY,
} Executive Committee Somerset County Agricultural Society.

Farmers' Institute.

Farmers' attend their annual Institute to exchange ideas in order to more successfully and economically carry on practically farming. Those of an economical and practical turn of mind will find the clearance or reduction sale of Mrs. A. E. Uhl when attending the institute a good place to save money in purchasing necessary supplies for the present and spring season.

A Squire Locked Up.

"Last evening," says Friday's Johnstown *Tribune*, "George B. Gardner, a Justice of the Peace at Stoyestown, became entangled in the clutches of the law. Having come to this city to transact some business, he proceeded to one of the newspaper offices with which he had some transactions, and not finding the proprietor in, he used some unbecoming expressions, alluding directly to the proprietor, and notifying the establishment of his intention of calling upon them again.

When he put in his appearance again, his man was in, and he stated his business, to which some objections were raised. He claimed to have done some reportorial work for the sheet for which he was to receive a certain amount; the proprietor refused to give him the full amount, claiming the work was not worth what he demanded. This irritated the Justice, whereupon he removed his coat and made dire threats. An employe of the office, seeing the perilous situation they were in, telephoned for an officer. This the Justice heard, and immediately took his departure. He was met, however, by the officer who read a warrant to him, charging disorderly conduct. After spending the night behind the bars, he was brought before the Mayor this morning, where he pleaded not guilty. Several witnesses were called, who testified to his disorderly conduct, and the Mayor fined him $5.25. The Justice will raise the amount."

A Rare Chance.

Do you wish to buy a new style Ladies, Misses, or Child's wrap at cost? If so, go to Mrs. A. E. Uhl's.

New Centreville Items.

Christmas services were held in the Lutheran church on Sunday evening and was well attended. The little folks were made happy by receiving a nice treat.

Services were held in the Reformed church on Christmas evening. The house was filled and a specially prepared program was well rendered. A beautiful tree, filled with ornaments and wax tapers, adorned the rear of the chancel. The children received their usual gifts and were happy. The pastor was handed a well filled purse for himself and wife, which was thankfully received.

A festival was held during the holiday week by the members of the Christian church. We have not learned of the success of the festival.

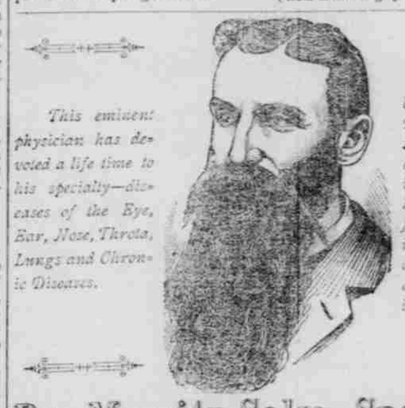
On Wednesday evening, the 27th, Jacob Walter and wife celebrated the tenth anniversary of their wedding. They received a variety of useful articles in tinware, a good serenading, and the guests an excellent supper. Quite a good number were present.

A number of our citizens have been afflicted with la grippe, among them Rev. Miller and wife, and Jacob Heinbaugh.

Roads are almost impassable.

OCCASIONAL.

Nearly all the cereal and fruit crops of this year were below the average, as reported from Harrisburg by Secretary Edge.



This eminent physician has devoted a life time to his specialty—diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat, Lungs and Chronic Diseases.

The doctor has been for years a Professor and Lecturer in several of the largest Medical Colleges, and has earned great fame as an authority and author on all subjects concerning his specialty.

Dr. Morritz Salm, Specialist.

Wonderfully Successful in all Chronic Diseases of the

EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, LUNGS and NASAL CATARRH.

All Eye Operations Successfully Performed by him.

Successful Double Cross-eye Operations.

INDIANA, PA., Oct. 12, 1892.

I have been cross-eyed, and that very badly, for over 28 years. Dr. Salm operated on both eyes in less than two minutes time, without causing the least pain, nor was I confined to my room for a moment. I can conscientiously say that my eyes are now perfectly straight. Thanks to the doctor.

MRS. CALLIE KINTNER.

After Nineteen Years of Suffering I have Learned to Bless Dr. Salm.

For more than nineteen years I have been in very bad health and suffered untold agonies. I have tried eastern and western Medical Institutions, to get relief, and have had nine different physicians not alone without any success whatever, but became gradually worse, until I heard of the wonderful cures performed by Dr. Salm, when I put myself under his treatment. I began gradually to improve, and now feel again as if life was worth living once more, feeling strong and hearty as when I was a young girl, and all this I have to thank Dr. Salm for, God bless him.

MRS. MARY DICKIE.
Blacklick, Indiana Co., Pa., April 20, 1893.

Offensive Smell of Catarrh, of Eight Years standing, Cured by Dr. Salm.

Our little daughter Katie had a bad case of catarrh for more than eight years, her breath was something terrible, and her general health was very much undermined. But now, after a course of treatment with Dr. Salm, we consider her entirely cured.

MRS. ALICE ROHR.
Nittany, Centre County, Pa., April 23, 1893.

Incipient Consumption Cured by Dr. Salm.

For some time my lungs have been badly affected; began to lose flesh rapidly; all energy and appetite had left me and I grew rapidly weaker. I put myself under care of Dr. Salm and consider myself entirely cured of that malady now, feeling stronger and hearty again, and have gained all the flesh I had previously lost. I can heartily recommend Dr. Salm.

MARY RUSSELL, McCandless, Pa.

Asthma and Bronchitis Cured. Can Enjoy life Once More. Thanks to Dr. Salm.

For more than six years I have had a most terrible case of asthma, and it was seldom, indeed, when I could rest for a night, on account of coughing, closeness in chest and panting for breath, with huge drops of cold perspiration breaking out all over me. I was, indeed tired of life. I had tried all of the best physicians in this neighborhood and nearly all patent medicines I heard of, but grew rapidly worse. After I had given up all hopes of ever deriving benefit to my terrible malady, I was obliged to go to Dr. Salm, and I thankfully bless the day that I went to him, he has done me more good in the short time that the doctor has treated me, than all others in six years. I don't cough or wheeze, sleep all night and can breath with ease, enjoy life once more and consider myself almost entirely cured. I write this so that sufferers from any chronic diseases may know where to go and get cured.

MRS. THERESA KARL,
Wife of Michael Karl.
Conemaugh, Pa., Cambria Co.

Deafness Cured by Dr. Salm After a Great Many Others Have Failed.

For quite a time I have been almost totally deaf from catarrh, particularly in my left ear, which seemed dead and the right one got worse daily. I was very despondent and almost desperate on account of not being able to hear what went on around me; felt always tired and lost all energy; now I am quite a different man and feel happy once more, all this thanks to Dr. Salm's skillful treatment. I have been to three other doctors. No one can imagine how good, how young I feel since I can understand I once more without an effort.

MICHAEL STEINER, Johnstown, Pa.

Cured by Dr. Salm After Having Suffered for Years With Stomach, Bladder and Kidney Trouble.

I have been suffering with very severe stomach, bladder and kidney trouble, and on account of