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GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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Democrats of the Kentucky Legislature nominated William Lindsay for United States Senator.

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

With 32 murderers 500 other prisoners awaiting trial, the Cook County Jail at Chicago, is overcrowded.

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

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer states that the free text books used in the schools cannot be used in the summer pay schools.

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

Charles Hartmann, a farmer living near Gettysburg, was attacked by a vicious stallion, Saturday. The flesh was torn from his body and he was terribly trampled. He is in a critical condition.

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.

County Commissioner Charles F. Allen of Schuylkill county, was arrested again Thursday evening, this time charged with committing perjury in taking the oath of office and swearing that he had made no promises or bribes before the election. He gave $2,000 bail.

Provide yourself with a bottle of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and so have the means at hand for contending successfully with a million cold. As an emergency medicine, it has no equal, and leading physicians everywhere recommend it.

A Missouri man whose wife was killed by a train while walking along a railroad track with him near St. Joseph has brought a claim for $10 damages against the company, pathetically pleading: "She was a good wife, and her cooking could not be equaled in the State of Missouri. She was worth all of that to me, and I think you ought to pay."

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.

During the year just ended the loss by fire in the United States in property value was about $150,000,000, greater than has been recorded in any one year, except that in which Chicago was burned and that in which the best part of Boston was blotted out. Boston lost more last year than any other city, the estimate being $300,000. Nearly the whole of it fell upon the insurance companies.

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.

Many explanations have been given of the origin of the expression "raining cats and dogs." One is that it is a perversion of the French "cataduops"—a waterfall—"it is raining a cataduops," or cataracts. Another explanation is that the male blossoms of the willow tree, which are used on Palm Sunday to represent the branches of the palm, were called "cats and dogs" in some parts of England, where they increase rapidly after a few warm April showers, and the belief prevailed that the rain brought them.

How often you hear a young lady exclaim "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.

While Miss Annie Caldwell, a young lady, was riding along a highway in Bullskin township, Fayette county, her horse stumbled over a pile of stones. Miss Caldwell was thrown off, the horse falling on her leg, crushing it badly at the ankle. She brought suit against the township for damages. The case was heard before arbitrators. Last week the arbitrators rendered their decision, awarding to Miss Caldwell damages to the amount of $577.50 for her injured leg.

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

Detectives have arrested G. W. Williams, a merchant at New Alexandria, Westmoreland county, for larceny. On the 13th of June William Williams, father of the merchant, died, and on that day, it is alleged money and valuable papers, aggregating from $1,000 to $4,000, mysteriously disappeared. Detective Howard Camp who was prominently identied in the Nicely case worked up the case against Williams.

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.

Mrs. Sarah Davis, of New Paris, Bedford county, probably the oldest woman in the State died Thursday night in her 104th year. She was the mother of seven children and had thirty-five grandchildren and sixty-three great grandchildren. She had resided all her life in that county. For the past eight years she has been confined to her bed on account of not having the use of her lower limbs. Her eyesight was good until the day of her death, she being able to tell the time of day from a clock which hung on the opposite side of the room from where she lay. Her death was caused by an attack of the grip.

A pension has been granted Daniel Mickey, of Casselman.

Capt. Noah Bowman, the well-known Stoyestown merchant, is critically ill.

Mrs. George Auman, of near Lavansville, is reported seriously ill from the effects of grip.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Friedline, of New York City, who have been visiting friends at Lavansville, have returned home.

Elder Robert H. Singer rescues his fellow-inmates in the county jail with two sermons, morning and evening, each Sunday.

Seventy five men have been thrown out of employment by the closing down of the Flog Hill and Tub Mill Run mines in Elk Lick township.

Mr. Austin Hemminger, of Jenner township, recently purchased a fine farm from his father-in-law, upon which he will move in the early spring.

The farmers of Paint and adjoining townships will hold a Farmers' Institute in the Hoffman School House, Paint township, on Thursday, January 18th.

Mr. Jonas Blough and Miss Mary Weaver, of Logan, Kent county, Mich., have returned to their home after spending the past five weeks among relatives in Paint township.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George Love, formerly of this place, now of Johnstown, will be pained to learn that their youngest son, Mr. Frank Love, is critically ill.

Mr. Hermanus Trent and Miss Annie Bittinger, of this place, were married at the home of the groom's parents, January 3d, by Rev. J. D. Donner, of the Evangelical Church.

The musical event of the winter will be the concert to be given by the Glee and Serenade Clubs of Franklin and Marshall College in the Opera House, on Thursday evening, 25th inst.

Mr. Ross M. Rininger and Miss Myrtle M. Specht, both of Stoyestown, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage, Hooversville, on January 2. Rev. D. B. Lan performed the ceremony.

William J. Dinges, post-master at Stanton's Mills, died at his home in that place on Friday, Dec. 29th. He was about forty-nine years of age, and is survived by his wife and several children.

Conductor William Waite, of the S. & C. passenger train, has gone to Crawford, New Jersey, in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of his father. Mrs. Waite accompanied her husband.

Mr. John F. Cover has secured a lease on the hotel property at Jenner X Roads, and it is said will take possession of it early in the spring. Mr. Cover has been connected with the Somerset House for the past two years.

At the coming February election the voters of all boroughs in Pennsylvania will choose a chief Burgess who will hold the office for a period of three years. Tax collectors in boroughs and townships will also be elected for three years.

Julia Ann Hite, relict of the late Adam Hite, aged 85 years, died at her home in Johnstown, last Wednesday night. Her maiden name was Hitechew, and she was a sister of Messrs. David and Gideon Hitechew, of Shade township.

Rev. C. F. Gebhart was presented with a handsome donation by the members of the Lavansville Lutheran Church, on New Year's. The members of this congregation also held a special Christmas service. The music was one of the most notable features of the Christmas service.

A dea. was consumated at Bedford last week in which the Bedford Springs Hotel Company and the Bedford Springs Water Company passed into the hands of a party of capitalists. It is said that the new company will erect a new and magnificent hotel with a capacity for 1,000 guests.

The Board of County Commissioners, of Bedford county, have appointed S. Russel Longenecker, Esq., their solicitor for the ensuing three years. Mr. Longenecker is the eldest son of Judge Longenecker, and was admitted to the practice of the law, after passing a very flattering examination, about a year ago.

The reports of Somerset's National Banks make a very gratifying showing to both stockholders and customers. The figures show that they are both prepared to meet any demand that may be made for cash. Both are prudently and conservatively managed and reflect great credit upon their officers. None need fear for the safety of their funds deposited in our banks.

Messrs. Curtis K. Grove and Solomon Uhl are in Harrisburg as delegates to the Democratic State Convention, which meets in that city, to day. Mr. Uhl was substituted by his brother, John H. Uhl, Esq., the regularly elected delegate. Both Messrs. Grove and Uhl are candidates for the Somerset post office and both will seek an opportunity to pour their "tale of woe" into the ears of the State leaders of their party.

In last week's issue we copied an item from a Johnstown paper setting forth that 'Squire George Gardner, of Stoyestown, had been arrested in that city for disorderly conduct, and had spent a night in the cooler in default of costs.

The 'Squire now claims that when he was locked up the police officials took from him some valuables which they did not return. The articles which he claims are gone are a watch charm, a chain and a key. These he values at about $20.

The officers claim that every article taken from Gardner was returned, but the 'Squire emphatically denies the statement and has signified his intention of bringing suit against the city.

Mr. J. Frank Johnson, a native of Somerfield, this county, and a member of the firm of Johnson, Eagye & Earl, prominent wholesale grocers, of Pittsburgh, died Friday afternoon at Atlantic City, N. J. The deceased had an attack of typhoid fever last July, which developed dropsy. He went to Atlantic City two months ago and had almost regained his former good health when he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in a relapse. Mr. Johnson was 53 years old and was a twin brother of Mrs. Mary Meyers, and a brother of Mrs. William Koontz and Mrs. A. J. Endsley, of this place. He leaves a widow and one child, a daughter, 14 years of age.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank, held January 2, $2,000 was added to the surplus fund and a semi-annual dividend of three per cent on the capital stock was declared out of the earnings of the past six months. The capital and surplus of this institution is now $64,000.

The Board of Directors of the Somerset County National Bank, at a meeting held December 30th, declared an annual dividend of six per cent and added $4,000 to the surplus fund. The capital and surplus of this institution is now $62,000. At the close of the meeting the officers and directors of the bank banqueted at the Somerset House.

John Blyer, of Johnstown, while digging Friday, in the river deposit near the Stone Bridge, in search of relics, found a gold pin upon which was inscribed the name "Minnie Linton." It will be remembered that Miss Linton was drowned in the Great Flood from the residence of Mrs. Hettie Ogle. Some time after a portion of the charred remains of Miss Linton were recovered near the spot where the pin was found. The other occupants of the house were Mrs. Ogle, Miss Minnie Ogle, Miss Grace Garman, of Berlin, Miss Mary Watkins, a telegraph lineman, and John Quinn. The last named escaped and is now telegraph operator at the Merchant's Hotel, Johnstown. The others were all swept to destruction and no trace of them has ever been found.

AN INJUNCTION GRANTED.

Mayor Weifley and Town Council Restrained by the Court From Letting the Contract for Water Works and From Issuing Bonds for the Same. Judge Biesecker Makes the Decree and is Sustained by Judge Longenecker. Prospective Contractors Pack Their Grips and Take the First Train for Home. An Earnest Fght by Property Holders to Prevent Their Homes From Being Mortgaged.

A little over two years ago the question of placing a bonded debt of $25,500 on the Borough of Somerset, in erecting a system of water works, was submitted to the voters of the Borough at an election called specially for that purpose. At that time it was generally supposed that a water supply by gravitation could be secured, although those who had carefully looked into the matter knew that this could not be done. The election was quite an exciting one, a majority of the property owners being arrayed against the proposition while on the other side were arrayed a number of free holders supported by the almost solid vote of the non-taxables. Water carried the day by a majority of 62 votes. From that day to this, at intervals, engineers have been employed in a fruitless endeavor to find a source from which a water supply could be obtained by gravitation. In this manner much money has been frittered away and streets and crossings badly in need of repairs have been neglected, because of lack of funds in the borough treasury. When finally convinced that, owing to its attitude, Somerset could not be supplied with water by gravitation, the members of Town Council decided to adopt heroic measures and the "pumping system" was resorted to. Despite all remonstrance from tax payers they purchased a piece of ground, had two holes bored in the ground to a depth of 130 feet each, contracted for two *very expensive* "pumps," and were about to let the contract for building a reservoir, piping the town, etc., when a number of tax-payers served a written notice on the Borough Treasurer not to pay out any more money in this direction, unless at his own peril. A weak attempt was made by several of our local contemporaries to hold the gentlemen who signed this paper up to public ridicule, and their action was most flippantly spoken of by these same brilliant writers.

The time for the opening of the bids for the proposed contract was set for 7:15 o'clock Saturday evening, January 6th. Friday afternoon Solicitor Hobbert appeared before Judge Biesecker, asking for a preliminary injunction restraining the Burgess and Town Council from proceeding further in the matter. The restraining order was made by Judge Biesecker and on Saturday afternoon his order was confirmed by Judge Longenecker.

A large number of contractors were here to bid on the work, but as soon as they heard of the action taken by the court they made haste to take their departure.

Following is a copy of the bill filed in the case and the decree of the Court sustaining the same:

In the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Somerset, State of Pennsylvania.

SITTING IN EQUITY.

No. 1, Feb'y Term, 1894.

Between A. H. Coffroth, Josiah Keller, Jacob D. Swank, Enoch Plough, Edward Scull, E. Kyle, John A. Walter, J. H. Uhl, James W. Woolley, J. Harry Fritz, L. C. Colborn, Jacob S. Picking, H. L. Baer, J. C. Lowry, Jos. W. Gastiger, W. H. Sanner, A. J. Hileman, Geo. R. Scull, H. M. Berkley, John R. Scott, James L. Pugh, Elias Cunninghams, H. Heffley, H. A. Flick, Curtis K. Grove, Frank H. Sufall, Philip Gilbert, Geo. Auman, Ed. Sufall, J. F. Beachy, L. M. Hicks, John Knable, W. H. Mier, W. Meghan, F. W. Biesecker, J. H. Miller, A. Woolley, Jacob Fleck, Valentine Hay, John H. Huston, Sam'l I Herr, F. M. Weimer, C. S. Vannear, S. D. Shoemaker, Harry Pile, Isaiah Pile, Ered'k Weimer, A. McKinley, Peter Fink, Geo. W. Benford, J. G. Ogle, W. P. Huston, L. W. Vannear, F. R. Laus, Chas. C. Shafer, Jeremiah Rhoads, H. F. Barron, J. B. Saylor, J. N. Snyder, L. W. Brehm, John J. Schell, W. C. Weaver, Geo. Cunningham

and

Wm. H. Weifley, Burgess; Josiah Pisel, Thomas Jones, Frank Granger, W. W. Davis, John G. Sanner and E. H. Werner, Town Council for the Borough of Somerset.

To the Honorable, the Judges of said Court:

Your Orators complain and say, That,

I. They are citizens of the United States, residing at Somerset, in said County of Somerset.

II. That the said Wm. H. Weifley, Burgess, by order of the Town Council of the Borough of Somerset, has advertised as your Orators believe in violation of his duty and in violation of law, for "proposals for the construction of a system of public water works for Somerset Borough up until Saturday evening, January 6, at 7:15 P. M."

III. That the said Burgess, by order of the Town Council, ordered an election to be held on Saturday, the 19th of December, A. D. 1891, in order to get the consent of the electors of said borough to an increase of the indebtedness of said borough for the purpose of constructing a system of water works and of providing a supply of water for the use of the said Borough and the inhabitants thereof.

IV. That in said "Election Notice" the indebtedness of the borough was not set forth as required by the Act of Assembly, but in said "Election Notice" it was erroneously stated that said indebtedness was "nothing."

V. That the election held under said "Election Notice" was illegal.

VI. That at said election a large number of persons voted to "increase the debt" of said borough "for the purpose of constructing a system of water works and of providing a supply of water for the use of Somerset borough and its inhabitants" who were not legally entitled to vote at said election—for the reason that they had not resided in the borough the length of time required to entitle them to vote on municipal affairs; had not paid a borough tax; had not paid a county or state tax; who were non-residents; who were non registered and who did not file requisite proofs.

VII. That no return of said election was made to the Clerk of Quarter Sessions and the votes counted by the Court as is required by the Act of Assembly.

VIII. That the Burgess and Town Council propose to erect water works by the "pumping system," but when the subject was voted upon the "gravitation system" was the only one before the people; and if said election was legal the electors voted for the gravitation system and not for the pumping system.

IX. That the wells now drilled will not supply the borough and its inhabitants with water.

X. The water pumped from the wells now drilled is not of the quality or quantity required to supply the inhabitants of the borough with pure or healthy water.

XI. That if the pumping of the present drilled wells to supply the borough with water is allowed then the wells of the west end of town will be drained of their supply of water and the property owners of that section will suffer irreparable loss.

XII. That the cost to the borough to supply water by the "pumping system" from drilled wells will be burdensome to the taxpayers and will be cruelly unjust to that portion of the taxpayers who will receive no benefit.

Your Orators therefore pray:

1. That the Burgess and Town Council of Somerset borough, the defendants, clerk or employes, be enjoined by order and injunction of this Court from letting the contract to construct a system of water works for Somerset borough and the inhabitants thereof.

2. That the Burgess and Town Council of Somerset borough be enjoined by an order of this Court from issuing any bonds of the borough under the election held on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1891, for the purpose of constructing water works.

3. That the defendants be ordered to pay the costs of proceedings.

4. That such other and further relief be granted to the Plaintiffs as the nature of the case requires and to your Honors shall seem meet.

Somerset County, ss:

Personally appeared before the undersigned, Prothonotary of said County, John A. Walter and James W. Woolley, who being duly sworn as the law directs, say that the facts set forth in the foregoing bill, so far as derived from their own knowledge, are true; and in so far as they have derived them from other sources they believe them to be true.

JNO. A. WALTER,
JAMES W. WOOLLEY.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 3d day of January, A. D. 1894.

F. P. SAYLOR.

A. H. Coffroth, Josiah Keller, *et al* vs. W. H. Weifley, Burgess, and Josiah Pisel, Thomas Jones, Frank Granger, W. W. Davis, John G Sanner, and E. H Werner, Town Council for the Borough of Somerset. } In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, State of Pennsylvania. Sitting in Equity. No. 1, Feb'y T. 1894.

And now to wit: the 5th day of January, A. D. 1894, upon consideration of the allegations of the Bill and the prayer of the parties plaintiff therein, it is ordered, adjudged and decreed as follows, to wit:

1. That a preliminary injunction issue directed to the Burgess and Town Council of Somerset Borough, the above named defendants, their clerk and employes strictly enjoining them, he said defendants, clerk and employes, and all and every of them from letting the contract and any contract to construct a system of water works for the Borough of Somerset and the inhabitants thereof.

2. Further enjoining said Burgess and Town Council of Somerset Borough, the above named defendants, their clerk and employes, and all and every of them, from issuing any bond or bonds of the Borough of Somerset, under and by virtue of any alleged authority given them so to do by an election held in said Borough of Somerset, on the 19th day of December, A. D. 1891, for the purpose of constructing water works.

NOAH BIESECKER,
Judge.

January 6th, 1894. The bill in this case having been this day presented to me at Chambers, at Bedford, Pa., together with the injunction bonds and affidavits and the foregoing order, the action of Judge Biesecker is now confirmed by me as President Judge, and it is further ordered that the preliminary injunction decreed by him stand, until the further order of the Court, with leave, however to the defendants to apply to dissolve the same in accordance with Equity Rule, No. 13, Sec. 75; the hearing, in case of such application, to be held at some convenient time during the week of court in Somerset, beginning January 15th, inst.

J. H. LONGENECKER,
Pres't Judge.

The matter will in all probability be argued next week, and the final decision of the Court will be watched for with interest by all citizens of Somerset.

The above petition represents a large portion of the assessed valuation of the town. The signatures of many more tax-payers could have been obtained had the opportunity of signing been afforded them. A supplemental petition will doubtless be prepared when all will have an opportunity of signing.

The gentlemen who are pressing this matter are not doing so from selfish motives, as some of our contemporaries have intimated. They are citizens and property owners, and, if they can prevent it by legal means they will not stand idly by and see a burdensome tax imposed upon themselves and fellow citizens in an absurd attempt to procure a sufficient supply of healthful water from two holes in the ground, each 130 feet deep, drilled in a basin into which the village grave yard drains.

Still at the Seat of War.

Telegrams are flying thick and fast between Captain Henry F. Picking, in command of the U. S. fleet in the harbor of Rio, Brazil, and the Navy Department. The Department refuses to make any of Captain Picking's communications public and from this it is taken that the war between the Brazilian government and the insurgents is fast approaching a crisis. Captain Picking had hoped to be relieved about Jan. 1st, from duty aboard ship, he having already served two years at sea, the period specified by the regulations, but he has so successfully discharged his duties pertaining to U. S. interests in Brazil that it is more than likely he will be retained at Rio until the war is over.

The Captain's letters to his sisters in this place are forwarded by way of England.

NOTICE!

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Commissioners of Somerset County, Pa., that they refuse the payment of any scalp orders for foxes and minks, the Act of 1889 being unconstitutional.

HENRY F. BARNETT,
J. G. EMERT, S. U. SHOEMAKER,
Clerk. WM. P. HAY,
County Commissioners.

Prominent Leather Manufacturers Here.

John K. White, of Hyndam, Bedford county, and M. H. Hartzell, of Rockwood, Somerset county, were in Carlisle to-day. Both gentlemen are extensive leather manufacturers in their sections, and they were delighted with this, their first visit to Carlisle. The Carlisle shoe factory, the gentlemen say, has been one of their largest patrons for years.

Both are among the most prominent leather men of the country, and their visit here was entirely that of a business mission. They have been highly pleased with their trip, and look upon the shoe industries of Carlisle as the most promising in the country.—*Carlisle Leader.*

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

An Unwelcome Guest.

An unwelcome guest has appeared in the Northwest which has caused genuine alarm among the agriculturists. It is known as the Siberian thistle and is tough, prickly, poisonous, crowds out of space all native growth, spreads in every direction, matures rapidly and scatters its seeds broadcast. It is believed to have been brought into the country by Russian refugees.

This vile weed has established itself in several of the northwestern states—Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and the Dakotas. It is a terror to the farmer and a movement is on foot to ask Congress for a million-dollar appropriation to aid in its extermination. It is difficult to see how a war against this vegetable terror could be made effective even with this amount of money as a basis of operations.

One thing is certain, there should be measures taken to prevent the introduction of such pests into the country.

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.

Swear or Affirm.

The matter of swearing or affirming in legal business seems to be claiming its share of attention at this time and is a subject of general interest. The custom of affirming, which originated among the Society of Friends, and is particularly strong in the country near Philadelphia, is gradually gaining ground, and one of the leading members recently expressed it as his opinion that it would not be long before swearing on the Bible would be altogether done away with. In every jury drawn there are some men who swear, while others affirm.

There is still another legal form by which people may solemnly bind themselves to tell the truth, and that is by the oath of the uplifted hand, but it is seldom used, and is in fact, unknown to the great majority. Someone who wants to take this form turns up in court about once a year, or perhaps less often, and he generally excites curiosity among the spectators and consternation among the court officers.

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

Farmers in Convention.

Fifth Annual Session of the Farmers' Institute.

Somerset County Farmers' Institute has become a permanent institution and it has steadily grown in popular favor since its organization five years ago. The attendance has increased from a half hundred persons who were present at the first Institute until to-day there is not a hall in the county large enough to accommodate all of the people who desire to attend.

The Court room was comfortably filled at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning with farmers farmers' wives and farmers' daughters, from all sections of the county and long before the hour for adjournment arrived every available seat was occupied and a large number of persons were compelled to stand.

An organization was effected by the election of P. K. Moore, of Middlecreek township, chairman; Jere Miller, of Somerset township, secretary, and W. H. Miller, of Quemahoning township, query manager.

The "Highland Grange Choir," composed of a number of young ladies and gentlemen from Husband, Somerset township, rendered a selection, after which Senator Critchfield introduced the gentlemen present from distant parts of the State, who came prepared to give the benfit of their experience on the farm and to exchange views in regard to agriculture and kindred topics with Somerset county farmers.

Secretary Edge, of the State Board of Agriculture, was first presented. The Secretary has attended previous sessions of Somerset county Farmers' Institutes, and was accorded a cordial reception. Mr. A. C. Scison, of Lackawanna county, who will be remembered by all who attended Institute last year, was next presented, and before adjournment favored the audience with one of his inimitable songs. Hon. John A. Woodward, of Centre county; Hon. J. D Hicks, of Altoona, Hon. George Hopewood, of Fayette county, and Hon. Geo. Hayborn, of Delaware county, were next presented. All of the gentlemen made a few felicitous remarks upon being introduced to the audience.

"Farmers' Organization and What they Have Accomplished," was the subject of a paper read by Henry J. Hoffman, of Husband. Mr. Hoffman urged the necessity of farmers' organizations, and followed it up with a concise statement of the work accomplished by the Grange since its organization by a half dozen determined men in Washington City many years ago.

The subject was then taken up and discussion by the members of the institute. Secretary Edge said organization among farmers is a good thing and should be encouraged, but he desired to caution the members of organizations against the wrong use of the power in their hands. He referred to gangers petitioning to the legislature in behalf of reduced taxation and at the same time petitioning to have their taxes increased. Other speakers followed in the same strain.

At the afternoon session the Court room was crowded to its full capacity. Many persons were unable to gain admission to the room and were compelled to return to their homes. The features of this session were a talk on "Commercial Fertilizers" by Secretary Edge, and a paper on "Keeping Boys On the Farm" by Dallas J. Fike, of Elk Lick.

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.

Births and Deaths.

The law requiring assessors to make semi-annual returns of the deaths and births in their respective districts went into effect June 1, 1893. The reports are now being slowly filed in the Register and Recorder's office. At the present time only 26 districts have been heard from, notwithstanding the assessors were notified on the passage of the law and of the time when it went into effect. The assessors do not seem to consider it an imperative duty and are taking their own time to prepare their reports. The districts already in are as follows:

	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
Jennertown Borough,	1	1
Casselman Borough,	4	3
New Centreville Borough,	4	0
Larimer,	14	4
Lincoln,	29	5
Southampton,	4	2
Greenville,	15	2
Ogle,	5	0
Stonycreek,	30	9
Fairhope,	6	4
Middlecreek,	9	1
Northampton,	11	8
Quemahoning,	27	13
Confluence Borough,	9	6
Wellersburg Borough,	4	7
Allegheny,	23	7
Milford,	17	7
Ursina,	3	2
Stoyestown Borough,	2	1
Berlin Borough,	8	10
Jefferson,	15	9
Benson Borough,	7	1
Somerset Borough,	21	18
Salisbury Borough,	14	6
Somerset,	30	12
Jenner,	19	8
Total,	302	131

Excess of births—171.

The facts given in regard to deaths are as follows: Name, color, sex, age, name of father, name of mother, married or single, place of birth, occupation, date of death, place of death, cause of death, duration of last sickness, place of interment, date of interment, date of record.

In regard to births, they are as follows: Name, sex, color, name of father, name of mother, residence, occupation of father, date of birth, date of record. The columns used for recording this data are large, the sheets being about 22x18 inches.

The assessors in many instances have been careless in preparing their reports. They have neglected to put in facts according to instructions, because they have not deemed it important. In the lists of deaths, many assessors have not put in the names of the parents of the deceased, especially if they were old persons. A common error, too, was the failure to give the father's name in the case of illegitimates. The data is important as a matter of record and the officials are expected to exercise the greatest care in its collection.

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

Stonycreek Institute.

Programme for a teachers' district institute to be held at Downey, Jan. 12th and 13th, 1894:

1. Manners in the recitation—J. C. Schrock.
2. The model school-house—W. J. Glessner.
3. The word method—R. I. Richardson.
4. Impromptu class—A. P. Kimmel.
5. What are some of the most common evils of our schools?—E. G. Ross.
6. The country school, its course of study and daily programme—C. E. Ringler.
7. Paper—moral training—Miss Ida B. Speicher.
8. What are the objects of recitations?—P. S. Spangler.
9. Advanced arithmetic—R. J. Brant.
10. Language lessons for the first and second grades—D. W. Miller.
11. How to teach arithmetic to beginners—M. R. Schrock.
12. Recitation—H. M. Stull.
13. Benefits derived from attending the County Institute—J. B. Schrock.
14. Value of history as a study—G. W. Schmucker.
15. Class drill in physiology and its value as a study—I. G. Carver.
16. Topical talks—M. D. Reel.
17. Factors of success in teaching—Prof. J. C Speicher.

The programme will be interspersed with music and queries. All friends of education, especially teachers and directors, are cordially invited to attend this institute.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Miss Lydia Shaffer, aged 30, died Saturday at the home of Mr. Charles Whipperman, in Jenner township. Death was caused by pneumonia. The deceased was a daughter of the late Conrad Shaffer, of Jenner township.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* offers eight beautiful water color scenes from the Midway plaisance of the World's fair by the celebrated artist, W. H. Crane, for every subscription to its weekly. The pictures are gems and will ornament any parlor. They will be delivered free of charge upon receipt of address and subscription money.

Services will be conducted in the Presbyterian Church by Rev. T. J. Bristow, Pastor, next Sabbath, Jan. 14, morning and evening. Subject, A. M., "Cause me to hear Thy loving kindness in the morning." P. M., "Who hinders the soul in coming to Christ?" On the Sabbath following, Jan. 21st, communion services, with week day services preparatory, of which due notice will be given.

Ground was broken, Saturday, at Laurel, Md., half way between Washington City and Baltimore, for the great Boulevard electric railway, with which it is proposed to connect the two cities. The line is to be as nearly straight as possible, and will be the longest electric railway in the world.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* is an oracle of the great Republican party, but not the organ of any man or set of men.

Horses Wanted!

I will be in Somerset from the 15th to the 20th of January, 1894, for the purpose of buying horses from four to eight years old. All persons having horses to sell will please bring them to Somerset. Must be sound, fat and well-broken to harness.

ELWOOD WEBSTER,
S. D. SHOEMAKER.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* publishes all the news, and what you see in it you can believe. It publishes facts not fakes. If you want to keep correctly informed about affairs of the world in general and those of western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and northern West Virginia in particular, read the Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette*.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of John M. Werner, late of Greenville township.

Letters of administration having been granted by the proper authority, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement at the late residence of dec'd, in Greenville township, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 1894.

LYDIA RINGER,
CYRUS WERNER,
ALFRED A. RINGER,
JACOB P. MILLER,
Administrators.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob A. Shultz, late of Jefferson Twp., deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Friday, Feb. 23, 1894, at the late residence of dec'd.

W. P. HAY,
Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elisa Crissey, late of Shade township, dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them for settlement duly authenticated, at the late residence of dec'd., at Jacob Walters, on Friday, the 16th day of Feb. 1894.

JAMES F. HAMER,
Executor.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Come trespassing on the premises of the undersigned on or about the latter part of October, 1893, a low, heavy set buck sheep, betwixt a white and dark in color. The owner can have his property by calling on the undersigned and paying charges.

N. N. STAHL,
Friedens P. O.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In Re estate of Adam Snyder, dec'd. } In the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa.

Having been appointed Auditor in the above estate, by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, to make distribution of the fund in the hands of the Administrator, among those legally entitled thereto, and to ascertain advancements, etc., notice is hereby given that I will sit at the office of Hay & Walker, in the borough of Somerset, for the purpose above stated, on Wednesday, January 24, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all parties concerned may attend.

A. L. G. HAY,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In Re-estate of Rev. M. L. Weekly, deceased.

Having been duly appointed Auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., in the above estate, to make a distribution of the fund in the hands of the Executor to and among those legally entitled thereto, I will attend to the duties of said appointment on Tuesday, the 23d day of Jan. A. D. 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of Hay & Walker, in Somerset, Pa., when and where all persons can attend.

C. W. WALKER,
Auditor.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

The estate of William Reel, late of Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration having been granted by the proper authority, to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement and allowance, at the late residence of the deceased, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, 1894.

JOSEPH C. LAMBERT
JACOB G. KIMMEL,
Colborn & Colborn. Administrators.
Atty's for Adm'rs.

LEGAL NOTICE.

In Re-Estate of Wm. S. Morgan, dec'd. } In the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa. 13 December, 1893.

Second account of executor confirmed Ni. Si.

And now, 14 December, 1893, upon the petition of S. S. Fleck, Executor filed the Court appoint John O. Kimmel, Esq., Auditor, to distribute the funds in the hands of the Executor to and among those legally entitled thereto.

Somerset County, ss:

[SEAL.] Extract from the record Certified this 20th Dec. 1893.

A. J. HILEMAN,
Clerk.

I will attend to the duties enjoined by the foregoing commission at my office in Somerset Borough, on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1894, where and when all parties or persons interested can attend.

J. O. KIMMEL,
Auditor.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Jonas Stevannon and wife, Susannah, of Brothersvalley Twp., Somerset County, Pa., have made a voluntary assignment to me of all their estate, real and personal, in trust for the benefit of their creditors. All persons indebted to said Jonas Stevannon and wife will make immediate payment to the undersigned and all persons having claims against them will present them duly authenticated to

SAMUEL S. FORNEY
Assignee,
Scott & Ogle, Attorneys. Berlin, Pa.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE

Gideon Bowman & wife } No. 290, May Term, 1893
vs. } Voluntary Assignment.
L. C. Colborn.

Assigned account filed with exceptions.

The undersigned having been appointed Auditor to examine the exceptions and make distribution to and among those entitled thereto, will meet all parties interested at his office in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday, January 18th, 1894, at 10 a. m., to attend to the same.

JOHN H. UHL,
Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Henry Kreger, of Somerset Borough, deceased.

Having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry Kreger, dec'd, notice is hereby given to all persons owing said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present the same duly authenticated for settlement at the office of E. O. Kooser, Somerset, Pa.

E. O. KOOSER,
Administrator.

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