The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....July 31, 1895.

Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos and other stringed instruments at Snyder' drug store.

Keep cool. Don't drink too much ice water. Be sparing on horses and don't overwork them. A damp sponge and a small shade attached over the herd of the horse during this intensely hot period may save many a good animal.

Phebe Walton, who was 90 years of age, died at the Bucks county Poor House Thursday. All of her long life, with the exception of five weeks, was spent in the house where she died. She was well known to almost every person in Bucks county.

If you expect to attend school this Fall send for a catalogue of the State Normal School at Indiana, Pa. Fall Terms opens Tuesday, September 3d. Address,

D. J. WALLER, Jr.,
Principal.

It is said that roaches are killed outright by the poisonous water exhaled from fresh cucumber peelings scattered about the floor at night, and that two or three repetitions will exterminate them root and branch. It is worth trying.

Owney, the tramp dog, which in the past year or two has traveled pretty much all over this continent, was put aboard a steamship bound for Australia at Vancouver a week ago. If he lives he is likely to make a remarkable record as a tramp traveler.

Malion Schrock is headquarters for mill feed, grain, bailed hay and straw.

John Murray, of Wymps Gap, Fayette county, died a few days ago at the remarkable age of 105 years. He ordered his coffin several days before his death. Although he had no children, Murray feared Morphans. They all attended his funeral.

Do you want to buy a first-class musical instrument at a moderate price? Go to Snyder's drug store

Watermelons have the right of way over Georgia railways just now, and the quantity of the fruit going out of the state is astounding. Two or three extra passenger trains of twenty-five carloads each are going north every day over the Columbus Southern alone.

Secretary Edge, of the Agricultural Department, says a mouthful of mouldy straw will kill a horse in from two to seven days, and so dangerous is the poison that they have been known to die from the effects of mouldy straw placed near them, but entirely beyond their reach.

The ninth annual state convention of the county commissioners of Pennsylvania will be held at the court house at Meadville, commencing Tuesday, October 1, at 10 o'clock a. m. The committee on program is Levi Putman, of Crawford, D. A. Sankey, of Erie, and P. W. Seibert, of Allegheny county.

Last Thursday afternoon Col. S. Elder, who lives near Bell's crossing, handled 28 dozen of good, heavy wheat. Mr. Elder is in the 91st year of his age and did this work without any trouble whatever. The next morning he was in town as usual, feeling as healthy and vigorous as ever.—*Ligonier Echo.*

The following, clipped from the *Scientific American*, will be of interest to many persons: "Twenty-four carat gold is all gold; 22 carat gold has 22 parts of gold, 1 of silver, and 1 of copper; 18 carat gold has 18 parts of pure gold and 3 parts each of silver and copper in its composition; 12 carat gold is half gold, the remainder being made up of 3½ parts of silver 8½ parts copper."

A thousand and eighty-one wolves and coyodes killed in one medium sized county would appear to be a fair record, but the farmers of Yellowstone county, Mon., who have collected bounties on that number thus far this season complain about the meagre results. Neighboring counties have done much better Still, the sheep and poultry should rest a trifle easier even in Yellowstone county.

It is predicted that the time is not many months distant when as good a bicycle as now retails for $100 can be purchased for $50, and even $40. A report has been in circulation for some time to the effect that a syndicate is being formed for the purpose of putting on the market, on or before April 1, 1896, four hundred thousand bicycles, which are to be made at $18 each and sold as low as $30 This bicycle is to be as good for all ordinary purposes as the $100 wheel of to-day.

The old South Pennsylvania Railroad tunnels in the northern part of Franklin county are being cleared of debris and water preparatory, it is said, to their use by the Cumberland Valley Railroad in the extension of the latter road to Mt. Dallas. The Cumberland Valley has the right of way for the old South Penn route and has been for some time anxious to construct this road, which would tap the coal fields. The work now being done is in charge of Engineer Chauncey F. Ives.

Several days ago Mr. Joseph Eash of near Davidsville noticed bees flying around a diminutive house he had placed on a 15-foot pole for the accommodation of blue birds. He made an investigation and found that a swarm of hybrid bees, with a king and queen, had taken possession of the cot. He at once successfully hived the whole swarm, but shortly afterward the bees became restless and started off toward Mr. A. F. Swank's place. A calithumpian band was organized, and, the swarm settling on one of Mr. Swank's apple trees, it was again hived.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Benjamin Walker, living near Carlisle, was bitten in a peculiar manner by a copperhead snake. Mr. Walker is employed in John Witter's sawmill, and, as is customary with the mill hands, lives in a temporary lodging. The men slept in bunks built along the side of the structure, elevated from the ground. As Walker was about to arise and get out of his bunk to go to work he half turned over and threw out his hand. It touched a copperhead snake which had climbed into the bunk and was coiled beside him. The reptile instantly struck and the fangs penetrated the back of Walker's hand. Walker is still suffering intense pain and his arm is greatly swollen.

An interesting experiment in turning large farms into small holdings, which may help to solve the agricultural problem in England, was recently completed in Dorsetshire. Sir Robert Edgecombe, seven years ago, bought a farm of 343 acres, spent money in building roads and wells, divided it up into 25 holdings of from two to 33 acres, and offered them for sale, payment to be made in ten equal annual installments. Purchasers were readily found of all trades and classes, eight only being agricultural laborers, and the installments, with slight exceptions, have already been paid off. Instead of a farmer and three laborers, there are now 25 families of 75 persons on the land, which has increased in value from £170 to £313 a year

A writer in an exchange says: "I never use window screens to keep out flies. My method is a very simple one, and I learned it years ago from my grandmother, when I used to sit and watch her putting bunches of lavender flowers around to keep flies away. My method is simpler. I buy five cents worth of oil of lavender at the drug store and mix it with the same quantity of water. Then I put it in a common glass atomizer and spray it around the room, wherever flies are apt to congregate, especially in the dining room, where I sprinkle it plentiful over the table linen. The odor is especially disagreeable to flies, and they will not venture in the neighborhood, though to most people it has a peculiarly fresh and grateful smell."

New home grown potatatoes are retailing at 60 cents per bushel.

Regular services will be held in the Presbyterian church next Sabbath morning and evening.

Pension certificates have been re-issued to George W. Shoemaker, of Somerset township, and Casper Warner, of Addison township.

John M. Rummel, of Paint township, who suffered a sunstroke some time ago, is getting along nicely, having almost recovered from its effects.

Mrs. Mae Biesecker will leave this morning for Bethany, W. Va., where she will spend six weeks visiting among her numerous friends at that place.

From all sections of the county comes the report that the potato crop will be the largest ever harvested. The potatoes are said to be larger in size than usual.

The Musical Institute will close on Friday night with a grand concert in the Disciple Church. Admission for adults, 35 cents; children, 25. Tickets for sale at Benford's drug store.

Star of Shade Castle, 210, K. G. E., will hold their fourth annual picnic in Cable's grove, near Reitz postoffice, in Shade township, on Saturday, August 24th. Good speakers and music will be in attendance.

The young society people of this place gave a delightful impromptu dance at the Hotel Vannear, Monday evening. About thirty couples were present, including a number of ladies and gentlemen from out of town.

The bicycle race for the championship of the county, scheduled to take place on the Somerset track on August 2nd, between Johnson, of Berlin, and Gurley, of Meyersdale, will likely be postponed owing to an accident to the former's wheel which has necessitated his sending it to the factory to be repaired.

Monday afternoon Sheriff Hoover received a dispatch dated South Fork, Cambria county, and signed W. W. Baker, as follows: "Horse and buggy stolen 26th inst.; black horse aged six years with white spot to under saddle on left side; man 200 lbs. weight; light suit; dark mustache; dark hair; buggy box painted green; right side bar broken."

District-Attorney Berkey received a dispatch yesterday morning advising him that an unknown man had been killed at Yoder's station, near Meyersdale, on the B. & O. R. R. Monday night. The man was evidently run over by one of the night express trains and his body was so badly cut up that there was no way of indentifying it.

Col. H. H. Kuhn, of Johnstown, arrived in town Monday evening and will remain until after the funeral of his wife's sister, which occurs at 10 A. M. this morning. During his presence in Somerset Col. Kuhn bought the saddle and bridle used by his brother-in-law, Col. R. P. Cummins, throughout the war, from the owner, Gerge Auman.

A party of James Seibert's Somerset friends drove down to his home in Milford township last evening and tendered him and his bride a serenade. They were accompanied by the Sons of Veterans' Drum Corps. Mr. Seibert's father—Rev. J. L. W. Seibert—was also present and participated in the festivities Mr. and Mrs. Seibert furnished an elegant luncheon to the serenading party.

Andrew Shaffer, aged eighty-two years, died at the home of his son—Melker Shaffer—in Paint township, on Wednesday last from Bright's disease. Mr. Shaffer was born in the township in which he died. The deceased was married twice, his first wife having died about twenty years ago. He is survived by his widow, and ten children, several of whom are well-known residents of the north of the county, while the rest reside in western states.

An exciting game of base ball was played at Berlin last week between the home team and Rockwood, resulting in a victory for the latter by a score of 24 to 13. During the progress of the game Rev. Skyles, pitcher for Berlin, had one of his fingers broken; Will, catcher for Rockwood, was smashed on the jaw with a bat, and Gardner, 1st baseman of the same club had a rib broken. A riot between the "rooters" of the respective nines was prevented by the prompt action of a few cool heads.

Miss Maize Cummins, aged about sixty-three years, died at her home on Main street at an early hour Monday morning, after an illness of one week, from heart disease. The deceased was a daughter of the late Joseph Cummins, for many years a leading merchant in this place. Since the death of her father, about eighteen years ago, Miss Maize had lived alone. Her only sister, the wife of Col. Henry H. Kuhn, of Johnstown, and her sister-in-law, the widow of Col. Robert P. Cummins, were with her during her last sickness.

The divorce proceedings in the case of Annie Whiffler vs Nicholas, her husband, has attracted a small sized crowd to the office of the commissioner, E. O. Kooser, Esq., for three or four hours each day the past week. Mrs. Whiffler, who was housekeeper at the "Commercial Hotel," during the year and a half it was conducted by Simon Sweitzer, is represented by attorneys Uhl & Holbert, while the defendant is represented by attorneys John R. Scott, Esq., and P. F. Pampell, of Frederick, Md. The testimony so far has been of a spicy character.

Monday evening Master Ross Scott, son of lawyer John R. Scott, shot a blue crane at Kantner's dam below town. Master Scott was walking along the banks of the creek with his Flobert rifle over his shoulder when his attention was attracted by the unnatural swaying of a lot of alder bushes. Peering into the bushes he saw a large bird moving slowly through them. In a moment he had his rifle in position and firing dropped the bird in his tracks. The crane measured 5 feet, 11 inches from tip to tip and attracted a great deal of attention, when later in the evening it was tacked up in front Mr. Scott's law office.

Tayman's race track at Lavansville is being liberally patronized by horsemen from different parts of the county and country. At the present time Mr. Tayman has a string of twenty "goers" in his barn, and under the careful training of the experienced drivers he has employed are developing great speed. Mr. Tayman has been paying special attention to breaking and training two and three-year-olds, and competent judges admit that a colt after having been handled for a month or two on his track is thoroughly broken and safe. Four or five Somerset parties have had colts broken and trained by Mr. Tayman this season, and they are all delighted with the results attained.

The hundreds of friends of William W. Waite, passenger conductor on the Somerset & Cambria branch of the B. & O. R. R. for the past ten or twelve years, will be sorry to learn that he has decided to sever his connection with that company to-day. Mr. Waite has been interested in a manufacturing plant at Williamsport, Pa., for a number of years, and the business—manufacturing planing mill machinery—has increased to such large proportions as to demand his constant and individual attention. During the long period Mr. Waite has been conductor on the S. & C. he has won, by his uniformly polite and courteous treatment, the respect and friendship of all of the patrons of that road. It is not yet known who will succeed Mr. Waite, but it is generally believed that Mr. Frank McDonald, the popular local freight and extra passenger conductor, will be the lucky man.

Fireman Peter Cover Killed in a Wreck.

Near 12 o'clock last Tuesday night a disastrous freight wreck occurred on the Pennsylvania Railroad near New Florence, in which Peter Cover, a native of Jenner township, was killed. A long west-bound train broke two or three cars back from the engine, which, thus released of its load, bounded forward. The engineer soon realized what had happened, but before he could make up his mind what to do the rear section of the train had rushed down the heavy grade upon the forward cars and there was a terrible collision.

Peter Cover, the fireman, was at work shoveling coal when the collision occurred. The effect had been to ram the tender through the cab and clear up against the boiler, the fireman with it; and when the crash and resultant confusion were over he was found pinned in the awful wreck, alive and fully conscious, able to call out directions for his removal, but, as the first sight showed, hopelessly injured. He was taken out at last, still living and conscious, but his body was almost cut in two at the waist, the right leg was off at the ankle, one arm was nearly severed, and his head was terribly cut. All that could be done was to make his last moments as comfortable as might be, and in less than an hour after the wreck occurred the brave fireman was dead.

The remains of the unfortunate man were removed to the home of his parents, in Jenner township, from whence they were interred on Thursday afternoon at the Hopewell M. E. Church. Twenty Pennsylvania Railroad engineers and firemen attended the funeral. Six of the latter acted as pall-bearers.

Foot Cut Off by the Cars.

Lee Sellers, son of Augustus Sellers, a well-known resident of Ursina, was the victim of an accident Sunday afternoon whereby he will be a cripple the remaining days of his life. Sellers and two companions desired to pay a visit to the neighboring town of Confluence and in order to reach there undertook to jump on board a fast moving B. & O. freight train. The boys were some distance from the station when they heard the train approaching and started to run for it, Sellers in the lead. His companions called to him not to undertake to jump, when they saw the rapid speed at which the train was moving, but their admonition was unheeded. Grasping the side arm of a car the unfortunate young man attempted to leap on the stirrup when he was thrown under the wheels and his right leg was cut off between the ankle and knee. He is about twenty-one years of age.

Knots Tied by Justices.

Several of our local Justices of the Peace have been having an inning at the "knot tying business." 'Squire Casebeer reports that on July 4th he officiated at the marriage of Fairmont C. Dale and Nettie E. Hauger, both of Westmoreland county, and on July 25th at the marriage of J. N. Crise and Georgia G. Lowry, both of the same county.

'Squire J. L. Berkey, of Lincoln township, officiated at the marriage of Henry Durst and Annie W. Howard, on the 5th day of July, and on the 30th day of June at the marriage of John S. Hartman and Lucy M. Ogline. The two last named couples are all of this county.

Reformed Church Reunion and Picnic.

The fifth annual reunion and picnic of the members of the Reformed Church in this county, will take place on Tuesday, August 13th, at Rockwood. Excursion trains will be run from all directions. Hon. W. J. Baer will deliver an address at 10:30 a. m., on "The Unity of Christendom," to be followed by an address by Valentine Hay Esq., on "The Reformed Church in Doctrine and Attitude Stands for Church Union."

The following program is announced for the afternoon:

"The Mission of the Reformed Church to the Heathen"—W. H. Kramer, Esq.

"The Young People in the Church"—A. L. G. Hay, Esq.

"The Older People in the Church"—Dr. A. F. Speicher.

"The Social Feature of the Church"—Dr. H. C. McKinley.

The program will be interspersed with vocal and instrumental music.

Dr. Carothers Home.

Dr. J. W. Carothers returned Saturday evening after a seven week's absence in Philadelphia, during which time he was confined in one of the leading hospitals of that city, where he underwent a surgical operation for the removal of one of the bones of his right foot which had been fractured as the result of a fall he sustained six months ago. The Dr.'s numerous friends and patients will be glad to learn that he returned home greatly improved in health and has again taken up the practice of his profession.

Russel Wilt Captured.

Russel Wilt, who was arrested at Lima, Ohio, and brought here last Thursday, to answer charges of carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery with intent to kill, entered bail before Esquire Knepper in the sum of $1500, when he was released to appear at September term of court. Readers of the HERALD will recall an account of a drunken row between Wilt and Perry Critchfield, published at the time it occurred in May last. Wilt fled the county the day following the trouble and nothing was heard of him until a short time ago when he was located at Dixon, Ill. He evidently learned at that place that officers were on his track and fled to Ohio, where he was taken into custody. Critchfield still carries the arm that Wilt gashed with a knife in a sling, and it is doubtful whether he will ever recover the use of it.

Death of a Prominent Reformed Minister.

Rev. C. U. Hileman, formerly pastor of the Reformed Church at Salisbury, but late of the Reformed Church at Greencastle, Pa., died on Thursday last at the home of his friend—Dr. McCauley—in Petersburg, Huntingdon county, whither he had gone for the purpose of receiving treatment for heart trouble at the hands of his friend and former physician. He was buried on Saturday, at the "Hill Church"—with which he became connected in his youth—a short distance from the farm of his father, in Lebanon county. He is survived by his father, and by his wife, one son and three daughters. Ex-Judge Baer and H. L. Baer, Esq., attended the funeral.

Rev. Hileman was a frequent visitor in this place and enjoyed the esteem of all our people. While on a visit here last winter he was seized with pneumonia and for several weeks was confined to his room at the Somerset House, hovering between life and death. The deceased was possessed of a moderate sized fortune, and at the time of his death was the owner of Somerset's finest business building—the "Baer Block"—two farms in Somerset township, and was interested in other Somerset county real estate and mineral rights.

Constables to be Re-Elected.

An act of the last Legislature, which is of interest to Constables, seems to have been overlooked during the bustle at the close of the session, and yesterday, when it was found in the State reports by Attorney H. M. Scott, its provisions caused surprise among ward officers. It provides that on the third Tuesday of February, 1896, and triennially thereafter, the electors of every township and borough and, where the boroughs are divided into wards, of every ward, shall vote for and elect a properly-qualified person for Constable in each of the said districts, and a properly-qualified person for High Constable in each of the said boroughs, and the persons so elected shall serve for three years.

The Constables all over the State were elected for three years last February. Previous legislation had done away with the High Constables. Now the Constables will, apparently, have to run again for their offices next February.

For Better Roads.

The legislature at its last session enacted a road law which has also been signed by the governor and is therefore now the law of the state.

The new law provides that whenever the board of county commissioners, or a majority of them, shall, by resolution, determine to make any public road now in existence, a county road, or relocate, straighten, open or widen the same, the matter shall then be submitted to the grand jury, and if approved by that body, and the court of quarter sessions, such road shall then be a county road, and the cost of making and maintaining the same shall be paid out of the county treasury, as well as all damages sustained by owners of the land over which such roads shall be constructed, and the county commissioners are authorized to levy a tax not exceeding two mills on the dollar on all the real and personal property in the county to defray the cost of constructing such roads.

The act further provides that all work for making and maintaining country roads shall be performed by contract to be given to the lowest responsible bidder, after due notice given by publication in at least two newspapers published in the county.

Speedy Justice.

Judge J. W. F. White, of Common Pleas Court No. 2, Allegheny county, has recently introduced an innovation in criminal procedure, the legality of which has been challenged by some of the Allegheny lawyers. He has decided that it is not necessary that a bill of indictment shall be returned as true by the Grand Jury before a prisoner can enter a plea of guilty, thus avoiding the preliminary investigation of the case by that body, greatly expediting criminal business and saving costs. The new rule already sensibly reduced court expenses in Allegheny by dispensing with two panels of jurors, and it is expected that the county will be the gainer to the extent of $8000 when the jury fees at September and December terms are footed up. There will also be a reduction in prison expenses, inasmuch as prisoners unable to procure bail will not be confined a long time awaiting the action of the grand jury, but can be sentenced at once and serve their term in whole or in part before the Grand Jury investigation could take place under the old rule of procedure. In our rural counties where terms of court are infrequent, a prisoner who has no friends to bail him out may be kept in jail for several months before he has an opportunity to plead guilty.

Judge White holds that the right to have a "true" bill of indictment returned by a Grand jury is one which the prisoner may waive, and when he has signed such a waiver on the bill prepared by the District Attorney, and has pleaded guilty, he may be lawfully sentenced.

Fertilizers.

I have completed a new warehouse at Somerset Pa., and will at all times be prepared to furnish the Zell Guano Co. fertilizers specially prepared by them for the different crops and in any quantity; these goods have been thoroughly tested and prove to be of the very best. Persons desiring any of the above goods can be accomodated by calling on H. L. Sipe Somerset Pa. A supply of the same goods will also be kept at my Sipesville warehouse.

Peter Sipe, Ag't.

Richest Farm Counties.

A great deal of gratifying comment has followed the publication of the fact that Pennsylvania has three of the six leading agricultural counties in the United States. According to the United States census of 1890, the six leading counties in the value of agricultural products and the values follow: 1. Lancaster County, Pa., $7,657,790; 2. St. Lawrence County, N. Y., $6,054,160; 3. Chester County, Pa., $5,863,800; 4. Worcester County, Mass., $5,489,430; 5. Bucks County, Pa., $5,411,370; 6. Colusa County, Cal., $5,357,350. Lancaster has long been known as the richest farming county in America and the census proves it. This does not mean the value of the land, but the value of the yearly farming product. Lancaster leads by great odds in the value of farm lands, although it is only one-third as large as St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

Teachers' Examinations—Change of Dates.

Being assured that several dates and places announced for examinations will have very few, if any applicants, and desiring, also, to complete the examinations a little earlier, I make the following changes:

Addison, Aug. 6th, recalled. Any applicants from the district to come to Confluence or Ursina on the 7th and 8th.

Wittenburg, Aug. 13th; Pocahontas, Aug. 14th; Kennell's Mills, Aug. 15th, recalled. Applicants, if any, to meet at Sand Patch, Tuesday, August 6th.

Mt. Zion (Allegheny) Saturday, Aug. 10th, instead of Aug. 16th.

Special examination at Somerset, Saturday, September 14th.

J. M. BERKEY,
County Sup't.

Stolen at Somerset.

On July 4th, at Somerset, Pa., was stolen a pocketbook containing our certificates of deposit No. 15,826 for one hundred dollars, dated November 3d, 1894; No. 15,888 for one hundred dollars, dated December 19, 1894; No. 16,042 for one hundred dollars, dated March 30, 1895; No. 16,137 for eighty-one dollars, dated May 3, 1895, No. 16,224 for sixty-five dollars dated June 21, 1895, all of above payable to the order of Emanuel Masters. Also, No. 16,221 for six hundred dollars, dated June 21, 1895, payable to the order of S. Coleman & Son, on which there is endorsed a payment of two hundred dollars.

The public is hereby cautioned against receiving or negotiating these certificates, as payment has been stopped.

S. PHILSON & Co.
Berlin, Pa.

Graves of a Nation.

George Washington is buried at Mt. Vernon, Virginia; John Adams at Quincy, Massachusetts; Thomas Jefferson at Monticello, Virginia; James Madison at Montpelier, Virginia; James Monroe at Richmond, Virginia; John Quincy Adams at Quincy, Massachusetts; Andrew Jackson at Nashville, Tennessee; Martin Van Buren at Kinderhook, New York; William Henry Harrison at North Bend, Ohio; John Tyler at Richmond, Virginia; James K. Polk, at Nashville, Tennessee; Zachary Taylor at Louisville, Kentucky; Millard Fillmore at Buffalo, New York; Franklin Pierce at Concord, New Hampshire; James Buchanan near Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Abraham Lincoln at Springfield, Illinois; Andrew Johnson at Greenville, Tennessee; Ulysses S. Grant at Riverside Park, New York; Rutherford B. Hayes at Columbus, Ohio; James A. Garfield at Cleveland, Ohio; Chester A. Arthur at Albany, New York.—August *Ladies' Home Journal.*

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

The following are the officers of Star-of-Shade Castle, No. 210, K. G. E., of Reitz, Somerset County, for the ensuing six months' term: Past Chief, Thomas J. Mock; Noble Chief, J. Walter Ling; Vice Chief, Russel Lambert; High Priest, Geo. F. Reitz; Venerable Hermit, J. B. Umberger; Master of Records, John H. Reitz; Clerk of Exchequer, B. F. Lambert; Keeper of Exchequer, Samuel Thomas; Sir Herald, Thomas W. Hamer; Worthy Bard, Frank J. Wechtenheiser; Worthy Chamberlain, Albert C. Mock; Ensign, Jacob M. Wagner; Esquire, Albert J. Dull; First Guardsman, John Merits; Second Guardsman, L. M. Lambert; Trustee, George F. Reitz; Representative to the Grand Castle, L. M. Lambert.

Wanted.

A good live agent in Somerset county to sell the latest thing in gate and door springs. Address, C. R. Soxman, Somerset or Latrobe, Pa.

The Remains of Somerset's Foremost Soldier Disinterred.

Last Wednesday Mrs. R. P. Cummins had the remains of her husband—the gallant Colonel Cummins—removed from their resting place in the old portion of the Lutheran Cemetery and interred in a lot recently purchased by her in the new addition to that burial ground. For a great many years it was customary to inter bodies in the Lutheran cemetery at almost any convenient spot without regard to where the remains of the surviving members of families should be laid to rest, when they too are called away. Mrs. Cummins desires when she has been removed by death to be laid by the side of her loved and honored husband.

Col. Cummins died from wounds received at Gettysburg on the second day of that historic battle and when his remains were brought here for burial his wife and children were prevented by natural causes from looking upon his face. When the body was disinterred Wednesday, the casket in which it had reposed for more than thirty years, was found to be in excellent condition. The lid was removed, when it was seen that the body had been wrapped in two blankets, the first made of gum and the second a regulation army blanket, and had been carefully packed in charcoal. Mrs Cummins, who was present at the disinterment, had no trouble in identifying the body as that of her hero husband by the teeth, which had been set in a gold plate, and immediately banished the suspicion that had lingered for many years that a possible mistake had been made when the body was shipped home.

Real Honest Butter.

A member of the Illinois legislature has introduced a bill to regulate the sale of butter in that state, which has some good features. This bill forbids the sale of reworked butter for fresh butter, and provides that each package of such butter offered shall be plainly branded "Reworked and recolored butter." It is the practice in cities to take rancid and unsalable butter, and rework it and treat it with chemicals which hide or destroy the rancid taste and odor, and sell it for fresh butter. This is a fraud as much as it is to sell oleomargarine for butter, and there is no valid objection to such a law.

The consumer is entitled to what he buys, and to him a lot of grease butter which has been bought for two or three cents a pound and made over by being manipulated by those with more knowledge than honesty, is a most reprehensible practice, and it is to be hoped that a law of this kind will be enacted in more than one state.

All forms of adulteration or manipulation by which the food of the people is sold for something else than just what it is, should be regulated by law in such a manner as to give the purchaser an opportunity to know just what he is getting. —*Exchange.*

Small Beginnings

Make great endings sometimes. Ailments that we are apt to consider trivial often grow, through neglect, into atrocious maladies, dangerous in themselves and productive of others. It is the disregard. of the earlier indications of ill health which leads to the establishment of all sorts of maladies on a chronic basis. Moreover, there are certain disorders incident to the season, such as malaria and rheumatism, against which it is always desirable to fortify the system after exposure to the conditions which produce them. Cold, damp and miasma are surely counteracted by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. After you have incurred from these influences, a wineglassful or two of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters directly afterward should be swallowed. For malaria, dyspepsia, liver complaint, kidney and bladder trouble, nervousness and debility it is the most deservedly popular of remedies and preventives. A wineglassful before meals promotes appetite.

To Develop Coal Lands.

Mr. M. W. Keim, of the Seventeenth Ward, left for Hooversville this morning, where he will begin active operations to develop the coal of that locality. Mr. Keim holds options on about ten thousand acres of undeveloped coal lands in the vicinity of Hooversville and Stoyestown, and several openings will be made at once to determine the quality of the coal.

The first tests will be confined to what is known locally as the Miller seam, and in the State geological survey as bed B. The basin extends over a large area in that portion of Somerset County, and averages about four feet in thickness, and where opened has proved fine quality. Capitalists have become interested, and if the proposed tests should be satisfactory a large body of coal will undoubtedly be developed in the near future. Work will begin to-morrow on the farms of Mr. Washer, one mile south of Hoversville, and of J. B. Blough, near Dull's Station.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Blew up Himself and House.

James Fisk, a lumberman, on Saturday, at Beaver, Oregon, blew up himself and his house with giant powder.

Fisk made money as a logger, married, built a $3,000 house on his ranch, and furnished it handsomely. Recently he had trouble with his wife, who showed fondness for another lumberman, and soon afterward he failed in business. With the consent of his creditors, he transferred the house and one hundred and sixty acres of land to his wife. As soon as she secured the deed she abandoned him, taking her nine-year-old girl, who was the father's pet. Fisk brooded over this, and repeatedly declared to a friend that his wife should never get the house. He kept in the attic the giant powder which he had bought for blowing out stumps. He put this powder in one heap on the ground floor and exploded it. The report shook the town. Of the house and its contents only ashes and a few charred timbers are left. When the neighbors searched for Fisk all that was found was a foot and a hand, which had been blown two hundred feet from the house.

West Virginia Farms.

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How He Worked a Balky Horse.

The subject under discussion was balky horses. John Miller, cashier of the Citizens' Bank of Big Run, had the floor. He said:

"When I was a chunk of a boy my father had a balky horse which it occasionally fell to my lot to drive. It was a heartrending experience and I often exhausted my patience and ingenuity in attempts to make him go. He would jog along all right on the level or down hill, but would not go up hill. He would just stand. If you would lick him he would proceed to back. Finally I hit on a scheme. When I came to a hill I'd just turn the brute around and whip him and he would back up the hill. When he reached the top I just turned him around and he would go down all right."—*Pansylvaney Spirit.*

Favors the Coast.

In an interview, Hon. Joseph H. Manley, discussing a report that the Republican National Committee would meet in Washington early in November to decide the time and place of the next Republican National convention, said he had heard nothing of the plan. Mr. Manley said he would prefer to hold the convention on the Pacific coast. A trip across the continent would be educative. He expressed himself in favor of holding the convention after the Democratic convention had been held. "The Democratic party is now in power and it should be the first to announce its platform and candidates."

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Back in the Long Ago.

EDITOR HERALD—

My father, L. Harbaugh, handed me some facts of a somewhat traditional character, which doubtless are true and are part of early pioneer times of Somerset county. Any statements by him should be considered authentic. He is past 70 years of age, with a retentive memory of events in his boyhood days, and the traditions of early times, which have escaped the historian's pen.

He has read with intense interest the Centennial articles which appeared in all the Somerset papers, and to supply a few notes which may be of historical value, he begins with

THE FIRST MILITARY COMPANY OF SOMERSET.

The first military company of Somerset was the Somerset Rifles, commanded by Captain James Wilson; and as near as can be reckoned was organized about the year 1804. Their uniforms consisted of soft hats with buck-tail plumes, black hunting shirts, orange-colored pantaloons and black boots. Leonard Harbaugh, Sr., was a member of this company many years.

The Turkeyfoot Artillery was organized by Captain John Hanna on the same day the Hanna-McClintock fight occurred, remaining in existence for some years; John R. King and George Prinkey each served a term as captain.

In 1790 emigration set in from the counties of York and Lancaster, whence came the Weimers, Prittses and Casper Harbaugh, with five sons and one daughter; the latter, Barbara, was subsequently united in marriage with Frederick Weimer. These families settled between Somerset and New Centreville. Mr. Harbaugh being a carpenter, most of his sons followed the same trade. David, the youngest son, became noted as a machinist, having built and operated the first wool carding machine in Somerset county, two miles north of Ursina. He was six feet four inches tall. He moved to Ohio, and died in 1870.

Christian Cramer, another pioneer, was a prominent citizen of Somerset county and owned a large farm north of New Centreville. If Somerset county had no physician or surgeon in those early times, (Herman Husband excepted,) Mr. Cramer was a good substitute. He could skillfully reduce fractured bones, or set dislocated joints. His descendants are numerous, and are amongst the most upright and honored citizens of Somerset and Fayette counties. He lived a christian life, and was a prominent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mill Run, A. E. H.
Fayette Co., Pa.

A Westmoreland School Question.

An important question which the State Superintendent of Public Instruction will likely be called upon to decide, has just been raised by the Directors of East Huntingdon Township, Westmoreland County. Teachers holding permanent certificates granted prior to the Act of Assembly adding physiology and hygiene to the regular course of study in the Public Schools have, of course, no mark for the branch, and in the case mentioned the Board has compelled the applicants to pass an examination before the County Superintendent in this branch. Permanent certificates are good for life, and it is claimed by the teachers that those granted prior to the passage of the act referred to are valid in every respect.

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Acting Secretary Wike has issued the following instructions to all custodians of United States buildings under the control of the treasury department:

"The flag of the United States shall be hoisted over all buildings under the control of the treasury department during the hours of business, and on Feb. 22, May 30 and July 4, from sunrise to sunset, except when stormy weather prevents its display. When either of the last three days falls on Sunday the flag is to be displayed on the day that is observed locally. On May 30, the flag should be placed at half mast. The revenue flag will be displayed over custom houses, as required by Article 513 of the general regulations, and the customs and navigation laws."

A Rare Instance.

Although difficult to believe, it is nevertheless true that the death of two half-sisters, the daughters of the same father, occurred 170 years apart. The grandfather of the British Minister, Charles James Fox, Sir Stephen Fox, married in 1654, and had a daughter born to him in 1655, who died in the course of the same year. He had several other children, who grew up and married, but all of them died before their father, and without issue. Sir Stephen, not wishing his large fortune to fall into the hands of distant relatives, married again at a very advanced age, and his youngest daughter was born in 1727. She reached the age of 98 years and died in 1825, that is, 170 years after the death of her oldest sister. She saw Queen Victoria when the latter was a child, while her half-sister was carried in the arms of Oliver Cromwell.

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Drying an Umbrella.

During the frequent use of umbrellas in the spring showers we should keep in mind the oft-repeated caution concerning care in drying them. They will last much longer if they are always placed, when wet, with the handle downward to dry. The moisture then falls from the edge of the frame and the fabric dries uniformly. When it stands handle upward, which is commonly the case, the top of the umbrella holds the moisture and not only takes a long time to dry, but it soon injures the silk or other fabrics used for the cover, and rusts the steels. This is the cause of this part of the umbrella wearing out before any other part. Umbrella cases are also responsible for the rapid wear of the silk. The constant friction causes the tiny holes that appear so provokingly. When not in use leave the umbrella loose.

Twelve Thousand Million Papers.

The annual aggregate circulation of the papers of the world is calculated to be 12,000,000,000 copies. To grasp an idea of this magnitude, we may state that it would cover no fewer than 10,490 square miles of surface; that it is printed on 781,250 tons of paper, and further, that if the number 12,000,000,000, represented, instead of copies, seconds, it would take over 333 years for them to elapse. In lieu of this arrangement, we might press and pile them vertically upward till, gradually reaching our highest mountains, topping all these and even the highest Alps, the pile would reach the magnificent altitude of 490 or in round numbers, 500 miles. Calculating that the average man spends five minutes reading his paper in the day (this is a very low estimate), we find that the people of the world altogether annually occupy time equivalent to 100,000 years reading the papers.—*Philadelphia Record.*

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Mammoth Freight Wagons.

The largest freight wagons in the world are now, it is asserted, made in San Leandro, Cal., for steam freighting in connection with traction engines, the capacity of those wagons being sixteen tons each, and with sufficient wheel surface to sustain that amount without injury to the roads. The dimensions and details show the size of axles to be 4 inches in diameter, front wheels 4 feet 10 inches high and 16 inches width of tire, rear wheels 6 feet high and tires 16 inches wide; length of bed 19½ feet, width 4½ feet, and 6 feet high. These are made wholly of iron and steel, except the bed, which is of wood. The front wheels track somewhat wider than the rear ones, due to the fact that the continual hauling over the road, and the wagons always running in the same tracks, naturally cut down the road into ruts to a certain extent, rendering it uneven. To overcome this the engine wheels are 26 inches wide and the front wheels of the wagons so designed that the tire tracks will lap one-half the width of the engine wheels on the inside.—*N. Y. Sun.*

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