The Somerset Herald

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THE PUBLISH-TO-DAY

an installment of Capt. Charles King's latest and best story of army life,

A SOLDIER'S SECRET.

Love and fighting on the Western frontier. Read it from the beginning.

Rev. W. Houpt will conduct religious services at Pearltown on next Sabbath at 2 P. M.

Trimmed Hats always in stock at MRS. K. B. COFFOTH'S.

Judge White, of Indiana, is reported to have made $17,000 one day last week speculating in Welshback gas-burner stock.

Apples are so plentiful in Blair county that they are a drug on the market. At some points they are selling for 5 cents a bushel.

You cannot be in style, unless you have a stylish Hat. Go to Mrs. K. B. Coffroth's and you will be sure to get what you want.

John Gordon, the "sassafras man" of James Whitcomb Riley's poem, has just died at Charleston, Ill., aged nearly eighty. He made his living by selling sassafras roots.

Mrs. Jacob Speicher, of Stonycreek township, is laid up at present with a dislocated shoulder, the result of tripping and falling as she was running out into the yard to look after one of the children.

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

The Westmoreland Water Company has notified its Greensburg subscribers that the supply will only last until October 24 unless there should be rain. Water has already been turned off at Irwin and Jeannette.

Judge Simonton has dismissed the objections of Crawford, the regular Democratic candidate for judge in the Green county district, to the use of the words "True Democratic" party in the nomination papers of Ingham, Independent candidate.

The mile posts on all the Vanderbilt roads are made of stone, with the numbers cut deeply and painted so as to be conspicuous. Not long ago new stone posts were erected all along the Lake Erie Road between Pittsburg and Youngstown.

John Wilson Shultz, of Lancaster, has built a unique "corn" house. The building represents two stories in height, with a barn roof, its dimensions being 36x20 inches, with massive door and windows made from grains of corn, symmetrically ornamented.

Among the officers elected Wednesday at the 22nd annual convention of the Association of the Directors of the Poor and Charities in Philadelphia, was L. C. Colburn, Esq., who was made treasurer of the Association. The association will meet next year in Pittsburg.

Mrs. K. B. Coffroth has received a full line of Fall and Winter Millinery. All the latest and most stylish things can be seen at her bazar. You are all cordially invited to call. Miss Tredwell has again taken charge of the trimming department.

G. G. Eysinger, of Altoona, has a twenty shilling bill of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania issued in the year 1777 and presented to him many years ago by his father. It is printed in red and black ink on serviceable brown paper, water marked in two lines, the upper containing the word "Pennsyl" and the lower "vania."

A smooth-tongued chap is said to be traveling over the country on a bicycle, taking subscriptions for an alleged magazine for ladies, at twenty-five cents per year. A premium is offered, and it and the magazine are to be sent to the subscriber as soon as the order is turned in. The subscriber never gets either, and the agent gets away with the money.

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

Recently a Juniata county man bought a peck of sweet potatoes, explaining to the storekeeper as an apology for his extravagance that he was going to entertain company on Sunday. On Monday he returned to the merchant with the potatoes saying the expected company did not come as proposed and asked the storekeeper to take back his delicacies and refund the money.

Two merchants, Jacob Drass, of Roaring Springs, and Michael Drass, of Duncansville, were convicted at Hollidaysburg last week of collusion and concealment of goods with intent to defraud creditors out of $8,000. A. L. Horner, of Baltimore, was the prosecutor, and prominent wholesale merchants of Philadelphia were witnesses. The goods had been secreted in cellars, hay mows and out of the way places.

The older members say the state convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, which closed its session on Wednesday at Harrisburg, was probably the most successful meeting of the State Ribboners ever held in Pennsylvania. There were 48 delegates present. The membership in the state is now 21,000, with a regular organization in every county. Philadelphia has the largest number of members, and Chester county comes next.

A singular incident occurred in the Allegheny county court a few days ago. John Shaw was in court to answer a charge of committing a nuisance. The grand jury having ignored the bill for indictment, the bill was returned to the district attorney, who, supposing a true bill had been found, arraigned Shaw, who at once pleaded guilty. When it was found that the grand jury, notwithstanding Shaw's subsequent admission, had decided him innocent, the accused was discharged after the court recovered from the effects of laughter.

"I was troubled with that dreadful disease called dropsy; swollen from head to foot. Burdock Blood Bitters has completely cured me. It is a most wonderful medicine." Joseph Herick, Linwood,

Major James E. Barnett, son of J. M. Barnett, of Markleton, and well-known in this place, of the Tenth Regiment, who is Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, went to the rifle range of the Governor's Troop last week for the purpose of qualifying and did some remarkable shooting. He qualified at the five hundred yards range by making five bull's eyes, and this was considered such a fine performance that the other officers asked him to continue shooting. He did so and made in all eleven consecutive bull's eyes. The twelfth shot was a strong four, and he was compelled to cease shooting owing to the darkness.

William Compton, of Elk Lick township, is the owner of a curiosity in the shape of a stone that from all appearance was used for the purpose of grinding corn by the pioneers of America, if not, indeed, by the people of a prehistoric age. The stone in question was found a number of years ago near the summit of the Big Mt. It is 8 feet 1 inch in circumference at the top and 10 feet 4 inches at the base, and is 32 inches thick. A round hole 11 inches in diameter slopes down from the top to a depth of 12 inches where it communicates with an opening 11 inches square. The stone is a grey sand rock and bears every evidence of having been dressed by a skilled mechanic.

Pension certificates have been reissued to Casper Darst, Somerset, and Levi J. Yoder, Meyersdale.

Royal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rhoads, of near Jennertown, while cutting sheaves for a thresher in his father's barn one day last week, accidently cut an ugly gash in one of his hands.

Della, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Brendle, of Edie, who was badly burned a few days ago by falling against the kitchen stove during the temporary absence of her mother from the room, will recover.

One day last week the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hennekamp, who live in Jenner township, fell from a sled her father was using to haul corn to the barn and broke one of her arms between the elbow and wrist.

Only one change was made in the schedule time of passenger trains on the Somerset & Cambria branch under the winter arrangement, which went into effect Sunday. The evening north-bound train will run 10 minutes later than heretofore, arriving at Somerset at 6:25.

During his absence from home last week L. C. Colborn, Esq., visited the West Chester Normal School, his *alma mater*, and while there presided at the 25th anniversary of the Moore Literary Society, the first society organized at that institution. Mr. Colborn was its first president.

An unknown correspondent writing from Pittsburg asks us to apprise the friends residing in this county of Mrs. R. B. Moorhead that their venerable friend "is very much in need of someone looking after her. Tell them to go and see for themselves," the communication concludes.

Jacob Swank, who was born in this county in 1826, died October 3rd at his home in Westmoreland county. He was married to Elizabeth Gunter, also a native of this county, in 1849, and is survived by his wife and eight children One of the latter is the wife of Noah Brendle of Edie. The deceased was a member of the Reformed church for fifty-five years.

On the 4th page of this issue of the HERALD we begin the publication of a serial story, "A Soldier's Secret," by Capt. Charles King, author of "The Deserter," "Dunraven Ranch," etc. The author thoroughly understands the art of writing an effective story and never allows the interest of his readers to flag for a moment. Don't miss the opening chapters.

Dr. H. M. Rauch, son of Esquire Henry Rauch, of Jennertown, died at 5 o'clock Monday evening, at his home in Rock Falls, Ill. His brother, Dr. William Rauch, of Johnstown, was with him when the final summons came. The deceased was about thirty years of age. He removed to Illinois shortly after he was admitted to the medical profession, four or five years ago.

Joseph Silva, of Quemahoning township, was given a hearing Friday before Esquire Knepper on a charge of assault and battery, and in default of bail was committed to jail. It appears that the prisoner got into a quarrel with his wife and in a violent fit of passion seized a chair and struck her with sufficient force to break her arm. Silva was very penitent when before the Justice and wept numerous briny tears.

There were about two dozen Johnstown ladies and gentlemen, in several parties, who partook of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Custer, at the Custer House, Stoyestown, yesterday. The cooking and hospitality of this house have long been noted, and from year to year the accommodations have been extended until now it is one of the most famous hostelries in this section of the State.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

John Sorber, Thomas T. Barnett and Seal B. Shelly, who were convicted in the U. S. District Court one year ago of robbing the post office at Buckstown, were discharged Monday by Judge Buffington. The boys had been released on their own recognizance to appear a year later and answer for their good behavior during that time. Their term of probation being completed they came into court Monday.

Mrs. Mangus, relict of David Mangus, aged about seventy-two years, died suddenly at the home of her son Joseph, in Shade township, near Reitz post-office, Sunday morning. She rose at an early hour to make the fire and complained of having a pain near her heart and returned to her bed soon after. When one of the members of her son's family visited her about an hour later the old lady was cold in death.

From a village of ten or fifteen houses ten years ago Rockwood has developed into the fifth largest town in the county, with a large number of comfortable and commodious dwellings, and stores and shops to meet the requirements of the inhabitants. An electric light plant furnishes illuminating current for the streets and private consumers and a public water supply is now being agitated. Rockwood has made more rapid progress than any of our county towns.

In response to a letter from County Superintendent Berkey "that in harmony with Thanksgiving, which occurs in Institute week, an adjournment will be made from 10:30 A. M., to 12 noon to attend the public Thanksgiving Day exercises at Somerset," it was resolved at the regular meeting of ministers Monday to hold the regular union Thanksgiving services in the Lutheran church. Rev. T. J. Bristow, of the Presbyterian church, was elected to preach the sermon.

Jefferson township's most venerable citizen, John Gardner, died on October 9th, in the 88th year of his age, from troubles incident to old age. When a young man the deceased engaged in the mercantile business at Bakersville but abandoned it to engage in farming, which occupation he followed the remainder of his life. He is survived by his wife and four children, three sons and one daughter. Mr. Gardner was a consistent member of the Lutheran church.

"Nutwood," "Billy H," and "Tempest," all Somerset county horses won first money in the races in which they were entered at Johnstown last week, the first named "flyer" having clipped three or four marks off his previous record of 2:30. All of the above named racers will be at Lavansville on Saturday when an effort will be made to beat the track record of 2:24. Persons who wish to see the fastest mile ever trotted in Somerset county should visit the Tayman track on this occasion.

A disastrous conflagration was narrowly averted at the Disciple parsonage last Tuesday night by the prompt action of several neighbors. Elder Mallendore was absent from home and his wife was confined to her room by sickness when one of the children ignited a match to look for a toy. The flame of the match was communicated to a couch and in a moment had leaped up to the window curtains. The children promptly raised an alarm and neighbors carried the burning furniture from the house and tore the curtains from their hangings.

The career of aeronaut Samuel Beam is another illustration of the capabilities of man and the obstacles which a country boy may surmount. Five years ago Beam was toiling away on his father's farm in the mountains of Jenner township. At the age of sixteen a roving spirit developed in his breast and running away from parental restrictions he secured employment with a circus, with the result that in less than a year thereafter he developed into an aerial artist. We can not commend Prof. Beam's hazardous occupation as one worthy of emulation.

Death of Ex-Sheriff Shafer.

In the death of Josiah Shafer, who passed from time into eternity at an early hour Saturday morning, Somerset lost one of her most venerable citizens and the town and county a man who for a long term of years occupied a prominent position in the public eye and was held in warm affection by all of our people. The deceased was in the 77th year of his life and for the past ten or twelve years had been in delicate health. His illness in fact can be said to date from the time, ten years ago, when he sustained permanent injuries from the kick of a horse, and since when he was incapacitated from performing physical labor. The announcement of his death was a severe shock to the community, as it was not known that death was imminent. The funeral occurred at four o'clock Sunday afternoon, when religious services were conducted by Rev. Davidson, of the U. B. Church, of which denomination the deceased had been identified since early manhood. Interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery.

Josiah Shafer was married at an early age to Miss Eve Barrick, a lady of many christian virtues, who throughout her long life has been noted for her benevolence. Five sons, Matthew, James, William, Charles and John, with their mother survive.

In 1863 Josiah Shafer was elected to the office of Sheriff by the Republican voters of the county, and was re-elected in 1869. He was a native of Allegheny township and few citizens of the county ever enjoyed a higher degree of popularity than the deceased when he was at the zenith of his political power. His death will occasion wide spread sorrow.

Fatal Shooting Accident.

George, the seventeen-year-old son of Nicholas Berkey, whose pretty home is located just south of this place, died at 8 o'clock Monday morning from the effects of a gun shot wound accidently received while hunting.

Saturday morning young Berkey and a companion—Dorsie, the sixteen-year-old son of Charles F. Rhoads, of Somerset—started hunting. About eleven o'clock they were walking through the woods back of John Weller's, on the Centreville road. Rhoads was four or five feet behind Berkey and was carrying his gun in his hand when the weapon accidently exploded, and the contents entering the calf of the latter's left leg, tore the flesh almost from the bone. So close was the muzzle of Rhoads' gun to Berkey's leg that the wads and bits of clothing were embedded in the flesh and the charge of shot crushed the flesh to a pulp. Rhoads attempted to carry his wounded companion, but was so agitated that he was unable to assist him more than a few yards when he left him and ran to Weller's and told them of the accident. Mr. Weller went to the scene of the shooting and carried the wounded lad to his home while Rhoads hastened to town for medical assistance. Before Dr. Kimmel arrived Berkey removed his shoe and stocking and when the ghastly wound was revealed he swooned from shock. After the flow of blood had been checked and the wound dressed the injured boy was removed to his father's home. Sunday morning it was thought that amputation would have to be resorted to to save the young man's life, but upon examination it was found that his physical condition was too weak to withstand the operation. Blood poisoning had already set in. The unfortunate victim lingered in an unconscious condition until death came to his relief.

Dorsie Rhoads, who is half-crazed with grief over the death of his friend and the part he played in the fatal catastrophe, says that he was carrying his gun with both hammers drawn back when his foot caught in a root of a tree and he fell forward to the ground. One barrel of the gun was discharged when he fell.

The funeral took place at four o'clock Monday afternoon, when interment was made at Metzler's Church.

Mennonite Convention.

The Sunday school convention and church conference of Mennonites of Pennsylvania, which has been in session in Blough's church, near Davidsville, since last Thursday, closed Saturday afternoon. The principal business of the Sunday school convention was the preparatory work looking to the establishment of Sunday schools in conjunction with that denomination throughout the State. Many of the churches are without a Sunday school. Most of the schools are in country districts and wanting in the advantages of modern education.

The Sunday school convention was attended by more than 200 delegates representing every section of the State. The church conference delegates said the present poor house system is an imposition on taxpayers, and that the proper remedy was for each church to support its own poor. Every delegate signed the resolution.

Robert Engle Accused of Robbing the Mail

County Detective Frank Campbell, of Fayette county, recently visited Jones' Mills, and arrested Robert Engle at the instance of Postoffice Inspector D. C. Owens, on the charge of robbing the mails of a registered letter. Engle's father has the contract for carrying the mail between Jones' Mills and Somerset and young Engle occasionally performed his father's duty. He is charged with stealing the registered letter referred to in the HERALD two weeks ago as having been lost between here and Bakersville. He was taken to Uniontown and lodged in jail. Saturday he was given a hearing before United States Commissioner E. H. Reppert, when he was remanded to jail until Tuesday, when the case will be tried in the U. S. District Court, at Pittsburg. From the testimony developed at the hearing at Uniontown it does not appear that the case against Engle is a very strong one. He claims that he found a check for five dollars in front of the post office at Bakersville and took it home and gave it to his father. The check was signed by Edward Zigler and was drawn in favor of Mrs. ——Stanton. Engle senior, thinking that the check belonged to one of the Zigler boys of this place brought it to town and took it to the meat market of Zigler & Parson, but they failed to identify it. The stolen registered letter contained three one and one two dollar bills in addition to the check for $5. The money has not turned up. The prisoner is only 16 years old and much sympathy is felt for him.

In Self-Defense.

In Philadelphia last week Judge Arnold had something to say regarding self-defense. It was in the case of a man who had been assaulted and in defense knocked down his assailant. In the fall the man struck his head on the curb and died from concussion of the brain. In charging the jury Judge Arnold said: "The old rule of law that a man who is assaulted by another must submit to the assault and retreat until he can retreat no further, or retreat to a wall, as it was called, has been superseded by a more sensible rule, that a person who is attacked may oppose force by force, and advance in his own defense if he deems it necessary. Persons are no longer under an obligation to submit to a beating when by defending themselves they may avoid harm. They may return blow for blow, and it is now agreed that retreat is not obligatory. This is wise and just. In the present case it appears that the defendant was assaulted by a drunken sailor, and in defending himself, the act which was an assault and battery on the part of the sailor, and a justifiable defense by the defendant, resulted in the accidental death of the sailor. As the defendant was not engaged in the commission of a crime, he ought not to be held for the result of an accident brought on by the deceased." The jury acquitted without leaving the box.

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TWO BOYS INJURED.

Aeronaut Beam Fails to Make a Balloon Ascension on Account of the Storm, Rigging Falls With Disastrous Results.

The snapping of a guy rope at the show grounds Saturday afternoon allowed a heavy thirty-five foot pole to topple over on the heads of a crowd of 1500 people who had assembled to witness Prof. Samuel Beam make a balloon ascension. A lad named Mangus, from Berlin, was struck on the head and seriously injured, but just how badly can not be told, as he was removed to his home the same evening. Harry Sipe's eight-year-old son was also struck by the pole and had one of his arms crippled. There was a wild scramble to get out of the way of the falling timber and the wonder is that none of the crowd were killed.

The day was one of the most unpleasant to be out doors ever witnessed in these parts. The dust and sand that had accumulated on the streets and roads during four months drought was gathered up and driven in blinding clouds by the high wind which prevailed from sunrise Saturday until Sunday night. Notwithstanding the unfavorable condition of the atmosphere 1,000 strangers were attracted to Somerset by the announcement in last week's HERALD that Prof. Beam would make a balloon ascension at two o'clock that afternoon. At the appointed hour an immense crowd congregated on the show grounds. Prof. Beam and his assistants had everything in ship shape except elevating the immense canvas bag into position between two thirty-five foot poles and inflating it with hot air. The crowd surged around the balloon as though all were anxious to make an ascension with the Professor; and when an effort was made to draw the balloon into position the strong wind caused a guy rope to break with the result stated above. The daring young aeronaut made three or four attempts to get the balloon into position and inflate it with hot air, declaring his intention to venture an ascent no matter how strong the wind blew, but was prevented by the storm. The crowd lingered about the show grounds until late in the afternoon, hoping that the wind would subside and that the Professor would get away, but they were doomed to disappointment. Prof. Beam says that he will make an ascension here on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. He is advertised to make an ascension at Berlin next Saturday.

COROBORATES BEAM'S STORY.

The following from the Johnstown *Tribune* coroborates Prof. Beam's story of his having been lost in a storm and being carried 200 miles from the point where he made an ascension, published in these columns last week:

"Our readers will recall a communication, which appeared in these columns some months ago, in regard to the supposed fate of an aerial artist known in the profession as "Prince Leo," who, while giving a balloon ascension at Celeron, near Jamestown, N. Y., was caught in a storm and was thought to have perished. The writer had seen the aeronaut's ascent, and, although he said the balloonist's home was near Johnstown, he could not give his name. The letter of Mr. George Orth, who also witnessed the ascension and recognized the aeronaut as a Johnstown man, will also be recalled. The man in question has been identified and located by the Somerset HERALD, and he proves to be Prof. Samuel Beam, a son of Joseph Beam, a former resident of Jenner township.

Every Housewife

Should examine the Cinderella Range. Bread will raise nicer, and bake more evenly in the Cinderella than in any other. Sold and recommended by

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Somerset, Pa.

A Hint to the "Pennsy."

The Pennsylvania Midland railroad appears to have the consumption or some other wasting disease, says the Bedford *Gazette*. The projectors of this road have consulted the best physicians of England and America and from present indications have failed to find any one that was able to furnish them with the golden specific, and we fear they are left out in the cold to face the storms another winter; and unless a relief party is sent to their rescue they are doomed to perish in a financial snow squall. The *Gazette* would suggest that the Pennsylvania Railroad company attend the patient, as we think it is about time for this company to bestir itself in this section of the country, where the rich coal, ore and timber fields call for a better outlet, and if the P. R. R. Co. doesn't soon give it to us some one else will. If the P. R. R. is caught napping it will be the first time. The New York Central has downed it in the way of fast trains and can land its passengers at western cities in less time. But a glance at the map will show that the distance from New York city to Chicago over the New York Central is about 976 miles, while the distance over the Pennsylvania railroad from and to the same points is about 913 miles. By a new line from some point on the Cumberland Valley railroad *via* Mt. Dallas, Bedford, Cessna, and over the Allegheny mountain, with a good grade and without a tunnel, to a point on its main line near Johnstown it would shorten the distance about 30 miles, making the distance from New York to Chicago about 883 miles, 93 miles less than by the New York Central, which wouldn't be able to see the P. R. R.'s smoke.

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A Very Sudden Death.

Frank Wolf, Esq., was found dead in his saddler shop at 5:10 yesterday afternoon by Mr. Thos. Rees, who had gone on a business errand. Mr. Rees called Will. A. Miller and N. Klingaman and they turned Mr. Wolf who had fallen face downward on the floor, and found him dead. Subsequently Dr. A. C. Harrison was called in as he was going by and pronounced him dead from apoplexy. His nephew Mr. A. F. Welshons took charge of the remains and had them removed to the family residence. Mrs. Wolf is lying ill, and there are but two children at home, Charley and Maggie, aged respectively fourteen and sixteen. The oldest son Will is at Fairchance, and May is with her uncle Jos. A. Heckart at Pittsburg. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon and the body will be buried beside that of his first wife who preceded him about three years. This sudden death has greatly shocked our community, the more so as he was known to every one and generally esteemed. Mr. Wolf's is the sixth of sudden deaths that have occurred of our citizens within the past few years: These are Nicholas Appel, Paul Wonn, Chas. Askey, D. S. Cober, (near Berlin) and Geo. A. Dunlap (near Pinto, Md.)—*Meyersdale Commercial.*

Excursion Rates to Atlanta.

On account of the Atlanta Exposition, the B. & O. R. R. Co. will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates. Season tickets will be sold every day until December 15th, good returning until January 7th, 1896. Twenty-day tickets will be sold every day until December 15th, good returning for twenty days from date of sale. The rates from Somerset will be $33.90 for season and $24.90 for twenty-day tickets.

Correspondingly low rates from other points on the line.

Ladies' Wraps.

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Record-Breaking Drought of 1895.

The year 1895 is a record-breaker in drought annals. Somerset county has not suffered so much as other portions of the state, but even here it is very dry and from every section comes complaint of the scarcity of water. One correspondent writing from the north of the county says "the question of securing sufficient water to supply stock has become alarming, many springs and wells that heretofore never failed are completely exhausted and if the drought continues for another week stock in many places will perish from want of water."

In Western Pennsylvania the total deficiency in rainfall since the beginning of the year has been 9.03 inches. Since April 20 there has been no coal stage in the Monongahela river. Not a bushel of coal has passed south since that month, and 8,000 miners in the river pits have been idle almost the entire period. There is little prospect of a coal stage in the rivers until the winter rise. All the boats and barges are loaded and 20,000,000 bushels of coal have been waiting three months for higher water on which to go south. Cincinnati, Louisville, Memphis and all other river cities are beginning to experience higher coal prices owing to the inability of dealers to lay in stock. Along the Monongahela river the rainfall during September was but half an inch.

The Ohio river is so low at East Liverpool that the influent pipes are bare and the supply is scarcely sufficient to supply domestic needs of the town, and some of the industries are obliged to shut down.

The following from the Philadelphia *Times* gives an idea of the situation in Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, where the drought is even worse than west of the mountains:

The long-continued dry spell, brought about by an almost entire absence of rainstorms since early in July, has introduced a water famine throughout the state of an unprecedented character and extent. Every section is directly affected and in a number of populous centres the situation is of the most serious nature. This condition has prevailed in the coal regions the past month and in the farming country supplies are obtained miles away for cattle and household purposes.

The present drouth is a record-breaker. The summer of the year 1869 was equally rainless and covered a wide stretch of territory, but the reserve forest area prevented the type of distress that exists today and springs and creeks were running then that return nothing now. The rivers of the state are now showing the low water mark of that year side by side with things never seen before. In the city of Altoona the supply has been restricted to four hours a day and to this the relief trains that transport 350,000 gallons of water from Hollidaysburg every 24 hours must be credited as a separate item. The Juniata valley is like a desert waste, the farmers carting water in barrels from points five miles away, and in Berks, Lehigh, Lancaster and Bucks counties the situation is even more alarming. The reservoirs of the towns are as dry as the streams and water has become an article of sale from house to house. In Schuylkill, Columbia, Luzerne and Northumberland, the coal region sections have become accustomed to drought experience, but nothing like the present one marks the records of the past.

At Home.

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A HEROIC REGIMENT.

The 142nd Has a Record it May be Justly Proud of.

The recent reunion of the 142 Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, held at Mount Pleasant, was attended with most successful results, over 300 veterans participating in the proceedings.

The regiment has an interesting history. The ten companies, with 953 officers and men which composed the regiment, were enlisted in June and July, 1862, for three years. It was organized in August, and on the 1st of September the following officers were elected: Colonel, Robert P. Cummins, of Somerset county; lieutenant colonel, Alfred B. McCalmont, of Venango; major, John Bradley; adjutant, W. L. Wilson; quartermaster, William C. Hilman; surgeon, Thomas J. Keeley.

The regiment was immediately sent to the front, and remained there in active service until Gen. Lee surrendered at Appomattox. During the three years between its first engagement at Fredericksburg, Va., on December 13, 1862, and the end of the war, the regiment participated in twenty-four battles, including Chancellorsville, Thoroughfare Gap, Rappahannock, Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Fort Steadman, Five Forks and Gettysburg.

The losses of the regiment are as follows: Enrolled, 975; killed and died of wounds, 7 officers, 133 men; wounded, 21 officers, 400 men; died of disease, etc., 21 officers, 81 men; captured and missing, 2 officers, 156 men; total loss, 809. This percentage of losses is greater than any regiment in the service with the exception of two. This may well be believed when the record of the three days at Gettysburg is read on the tablet on that famous battlefield, how out of the whole regiment 63 per cent. were killed, wounded or captured in these engagements alone.

It was on the field of Fredericksburg, the regiment's first fight, that 250, or one-third of those who went into the fight were killed or wounded, including the gallant Maj. Bradley. It was on the first day of the battle of Gettysburg that Col. Cummins was killed, and at the roll call that night there mustered but 75 men and 3 officers of the 350 officers and men composing the regiment when it went into the fight. A noteworthy boast that Company B can make is that their record shows not a single deserter during their entire period of three years' enlistment.

After the death of Col. Cummins and the wounding of Lieut. Col. McCalmont, at Gettysburg, the remnant of the regiment was commanded for a time by Lieut. Elder, all his superior officers being killed, wounded or missing. The old regiment was now so reduced in numbers that a new colonel could not be mustered in under the regulations, but Lieut. Col. McCalmont commanded until he resigned to become colonel of the Two Hundred and Eighth Pennsylvania Volunteers, when, on September 17, 1864, the command devolved upon Maj. H. N. Warren, who served as colonel by brevet until the regiment was mustered out May 29, 1865.

A Change of Day and Date.

Hereafter the celebrated specialist, Dr. M. Salm, will be in Somerset, at Hotel Vannear, on Friday, and every four weeks thereafter on the same day, beginning Friday, Nov. 1, and 29. Dec. 27, etc., etc. Consultation & examination free.

COL. SANFORD'S BREAKDOWN.

The Pathetic End of a Noted Lecturer's Career.

A dispatch from Chicago states that Col. James Pomeroy Sanford, traveler, orator, writer and humorist, has just returned to his home at Wheaton, Ill., broken down in health and mind. His breakdown is traced by some of his more intimate friends to a strange meeting which occurred November 11th, 1894, when he was attending a reception in his honor at Norristown, Pa.

The guest begged him to recount some of his personal reminiscences, and he was asked how he came to be such a world-wide rover. He said he had been married three times and "had been in every place on earth at least three times" and was then prepared to cross the ocean for at least the twentieth time. Among the guests was Miss Anna Sanderson, from Tioga Centre, N. H., whose face seemed to attract the speaker and who was apparently drawn to him. She listened attentively to his story of marrying when a mere boy and going to South America on a tour and learning while there that his young wife had died. The traveler said his letters to his family were never answered, and he had never gone back.

"My mother was born in Steuben county, N. Y.," spoke up Miss Sanderson, "and her father bore exactly the same name as yourself. But mother never saw him. Grandpa was killed, they said, in South America before she was born."

"Indeed," remarked Col. Sanford, and then led the conversation to another topic. Finally he said he was not feeling well, and a few minutes later, excusing himself, went to his room.

Soon there was a knock at his door and he opened it to admit Miss Sanderson, her face flushed with excitement.

"I have been thinking it over," the girl said, "and I have come to tell you that I think you are my grandfather."

"And I have thought, my child, for ten minutes that you are my granddaughter."

Col. Sanford took her in his arms and wept. In a chance sentence he learned that his first wife was now dead.

By appointment Col. Sanford met his granddaughter at Ontario Centre, N. Y., on August 21st, last. He was then formally introduced to his daughter, Mrs. Washington Sanderson, whom he had not only never seen, but whose existence he had never suspected. The meeting agitated him deeply. He now knows that his first wife had lived years after he thought her dead, and had never moved to reclaim her, and had re-married.

These reflections, Col. Sanford's friends say, preyed on his mind and brought him to his present pitiable condition.

Col. Sanford is known as "America's greatest traveler." He has been in every country of the world. He was described in a London journal as the "restless American who looked forward with dismay to the day when there would be no country left for him to explore." He was born in Seneca county, N. Y., about fifty-seven years ago, became a colonel in the Civil War and was breveted brigadier general.

Col. Sanford lectured before the Somerset County Teachers' Institute on several occasions and was one of the most entertaining public speakers ever heard in this place.

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EXECUTOR'S SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of the last will and testament of Jonathan Bittner, late of Northampton township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd., I will sell at public sale, on

Saturday, Nov. 16, '95
At 1 o'clock P. M.,

on the premises, the following described real estate, viz:

A certain tract of land situate in Northampton township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Wm. Pearbough, Wm. Hitte, Philip Weisel, John H. Miller and George Eulman, containing 106 acres, more or less. There are on the premises a good

Two Story
LOG HOUSE,

a log barn, good water, an orchard of good fruit and a sugar camp, about 80 acres clear, balance of the tract well timbered with white oak and chestnut oak.

Terms:

One-third in hand upon delivery of deed, one-third in one year and one-third in two years. Payments to be secured by judgment bond on the premises. 10 per cent. of the bond money to be paid immediately when the property is knocked down. Possession given of the farm immediately, but not of the house until the 1st of April, 1896. Terms can be changed on day of sale to suit purchasers.

JACOB POORBAUGH,
Executor of Jonathan Bittner, dec'd.

SHERIFF'S SALE!

By virtue of a certain writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa., to me directed, there will be exposed to sale at the Court House, in Somerset borough, on

Thursday. October 31, 1895,
AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest claim and demand of William Wirth, of, in and to a certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Hooversville, Somerset county, Pa., containing one-fourth acre more or less, fronting on Water street, bounded by Railroad alley on the south, lot of Joseph Hershberger on the west, and lot of Elias Berkey on the north, having thereon erected a two-story frame house, known as the "Alpine Hotel," large frame stable and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of William Wirth, at the suit of Russel Chi's use.

—Terms:—

NOTICE—All persons purchasing at the above sale will please take notice that 10 per cent. of the purchase money must be paid when property is knocked down, otherwise it will again be exposed to sale at the risk of the first purchaser. The residue of the purchase money must be paid on or before the day of confirmation, viz: Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1895. No deed will be acknowledged until the purchase money is paid in full.

Sheriff's Office, Oct. 9th, '95. } EDWARD HOOVER, Sheriff.

EXECUTOR'S SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate.

Under the authority of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Zerfoss, deceased, and by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale, on the premises, on

Saturday, November 2, 1895,
At 1 O'clock P. M.,

all the following described tract of land, late the property of Samuel Zerfoss, dec'd., viz:

A certain tract of land situate in Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., adj