The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....December 4, 1895.

"Tom and Jerry" made their annual bow to the public Thanksgiving day.

Pisel's for "Triumph Brand" Baltimore Oysters.

Candidates for Superintendent Berkey's official shoes were very much in evidence last week.

A force of twenty-five masons is employed on the foundation for the new summer hotel, on Tayman Hill.

J. B. Holderbaum is ready for the winter trade with a large and varied assortment of sleds and sleighs. See his advertisement.

For Carpets, Oil Cloths, Druggets, Rugs, Trunks, Valises and Suit Cases, go to Holderbaum's.

There will no services in the Presbyterian Church next Sabbath, as the pastor expects on that day to fill an appointment made by Presbytery.

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

At the last meeting of the state board of health at Harrisburg a committee was appointed to investigate the subject, "Tanneries and their Relation to Disease," throughout the state.

Messrs. Cook & Beerits have placed a set of Fairbank's standard scales in the alley between their warehouse and the Mammoth Block. They have also repaired the alley with plank.

Are you coming to Somerset this winter? If so, do not fail to visit Pisel's Confectionery & Oyster Parlors, opposite Court House.

New trials were refused in the cases of County Commissioner John Hurd, of Blair county, convicted of malfeasance in office, and Jacob and Michael Drass, found guilty of concealing goods with intent to defraud creditors.

Mackintoshes for Ladies and Gentlemen, at Holderbaum's.

Charles Koontz, of Ursina, reports that three bears, a panther and six wildcats have been seen near his schoolhouse. He goes to school well armed. He carries a Smith-Wesson, a bowie-knife, and is accompanied by a vicious cur.—*Uniontown Genius.*

Pisel's own make of Mince Meat the best.

The Memorial hospital at Johnstown has more patients than can be accommodated. Every bed in the hospital has been occupied continually during the last three weeks, and several applications are now pending for each bed as it becomes vacant.

Ladies', Gentlemen's, Boys' and Children's Underwear, at Holderbaum's.

In the sixteen years of history of Lackawanna county records show the commission of forty-six murders, and but three men convicted of murder in the first degree. Capital punishment has never yet been administered in Lackawanna county, and some of the most cold-blooded and red-handed murderers ever known in the annals of crime have escaped.

As an emergency medicine, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral takes the lead of all other remedies. For the relief and cure of croup, whooping cough, sore throat, and dangerous pulmonary troubles to which the young are so liable, it is invaluable, being prompt to act, sure to cure.

The following letters remaining in the postoffice at Somerset will be sent to the Dead Letter office if not called for within ten days from this date, December 3, 1895: Berkey, H. W.; Baker, Henry; Barron, G. J.; Dugal, S. P.; Emert, W. N.; Fisher, Henry; Green, Benj.; Hoover, F. S.; Jackson, W. E.; Marshall, Frank; Meyers R. L. D.; Rhoads, C. E.; Thomas, Ed.; Walter, S. S.; Winters, Ed.

Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment will cure the worst case of Itching Piles there ever was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a single night. Get Doan's Ointment from your dealer.

J. A. Holderbaum, of near Cessna, raised from twenty-seven acres of oats and corn stubble land six hundred and three bushels of Fulcaster wheat. Fourteen acres of this land were not plowed but were harrowed with a spring-tooth harrow and the seed was sown about the twenty-fourth of September. This certainly proves that a large majority of our farmers are sowing too early and that wheat is generally sown on land not properly prepared.—*Bedford Gazette.*

If you are anxious to find the most reliable blood-purifier, read in Ayer's Almanac the testimonials of those who have been cured of such terrible diseases as cancer, rheumatism, and scrofula, by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Then govern yourself accordingly.

Daniel Webster was once addressing the senate on the dry subject of internal improvements when the clock hands came around to the hour of 2. But instead of striking twice the clock continued to strike without cessation more than forty times till it was run down. All eyes were turned to the clock and business was suspended. Mr. Webster remained silent until about twenty strokes had sounded, when he thus appealed to the chair: "Mr. President, the clock is out of order. I have the floor." The staid and august senate broke into an uproarious laugh at the timely witticism. The joke can never be repeated in the senate, however, for the striking part of the clock is no longer ever wound up.

To see a nice assortment of men's, boys' and children's Overcoats and Suits, Hats and Caps, Gloves' &c., latest styles and best qualities and makes, go to Holderbaum's.

A Washington correspondent writes to the Chicago *Record*. There is a great demand on the sub-treasury for pennies just now, and it comes from all sections of the country. The Treasury officials say that the loudest call is from Chicago, where the stock of pennies in the subtreasury was exhausted several months ago and shipments had to be made from other points. It is supposed to be due to the practice of dry goods and notion stores in marking down prices from round figures so that pennies are needed for change. There are now 789,000,000 pennies outstanding, but it is estimated that nearly one-half of them have been lost or have disappeared from circulation, which is a gain of several millions to the government. The daily output of the mints is 19,000 pieces, upon which the government makes a profit of $1,269.

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

Charles Bauer, a Sullivan county farmer, residing at Beaver Brook, was in a stall milking a cow last Monday when she caught him on her horns and tossed him into a stall occupied by a horse. The latter kicked Bauer to death. Bauer was 85 years old and came from Bavaria forty years ago.

"Going into a decline." How often do we hear this expression. What does it mean? It means that people are losing flesh, growing thin, wasting.

The way to correct this condition is to improve the digestion. The condition arises from an inability to eat and digest food. In fact food does more harm than good because it ferments and putrefies in the stomach, developing poisonous substances which when absorbed cause various disorders.

What is required is that the stomach be made to perform its duties. The Shaker Digestive Cordial is a food already digested and a digester of foods as well. It will make the stomach healthy. Get a book from the druggist and read about it.

A California chemist has robbed Castor Oil of its bad taste. Laxol is its name.

Our young society people gave a dance at the Somerset House last night.

A literary society has been organized at Pleasant Hill. Meetings are held Friday evenings.

Landlord Vannear last week purchased a fine Weber Concert Grand Piano for his popular hotel.

Misses Alice and Isabella Scull, of Irwin, Westmoreland county, are visiting at the home of their uncle, Hon. Edward Scull.

Mr. J. Jay Miller and wife, of Pittsburg, ate their Thanksgiving dinner at the home of the former's brother—Mr. C. J. Miller—in Somerset township.

Dr. and Mrs. Carothers entertained last week two of the latter's brothers—Messrs. Robert and Guy Furst, of Clinton county. Robert is a practicing physician at Lock Haven.

Rev. W. Houpt will conduct religious services next Sabbath as follows: Lichty's Church, 10:30 A. M.; Pleasant Hill Church, 2:30 P. M.; Somerset Evangelical Church, 7 P. M.

The teachers of Stonycreek township will hold a local institute at Lambertsville on Saturday, December 7th. County Superintendent Berkey has arranged to meet with them.

Ground has been broken and masons are at work on a large new addition to Cobb & Co's tannery at Confluence. When the new addition has been completed it is said the capacity of the plant will be doubled.

E. H. Horner, of Dixon, Ill., arrived in this place ten days ago and was immediately taken to the home of his parents—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Horner, of Somerset township—where he has since been lying with typhoid fever.

Jacob Wagner, is one of the most successful young hunters in Shade township. He has killed five wild turkeys, three coons and numerous smaller game during the past few weeks. He killed three wild turkeys at a single shot.

Mr. H. B. Senneff, who is well known to many residents of this county has recently purchased an interest in a large lumber firm at Dixon, Ill. His numerous friends here will wish him abundant success in his new venture.

Dr. Albert P. Brubaker and wife of Philadelphia, Edward S. Brubaker and wife, of New Brighton, Pa., Mrs. Harry S. Newlin, of McKeesport, and Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McElroy, of Pittsburg, attended the Phillips-Brubaker nuptials.

Mr. George H. Goeble, of Philadelphia, will deliver a temperance lecture tomorrow evening, in the Evangelical Church, this place. The speaker will endeavor to organize a temperance society among the young people of Somerset. He is said to be a capital talker.

John, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Gonder, formerly of Jenner township, died at the home of his parents in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland county, on Thursday last, from diphtheria. His remains were interred the following morning. The child was sick only three days.

In addition to the attractions presented by the Teachers' Institute Thursday afternoon, Somerset had a balloon ascension and a game of foot ball. The game of foot ball was the first ever played in this place, and was greatly enjoyed by the fifteen hundred people who witnessed it.

The new tariff of insurance rates for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, of which this county is a part, went into effect Sunday morning. Rates were advanced in almost every instance from 33 to 50 per cent. In only one case called to our attention has the rate been reduced from the previous schedule.

Mary Snyder, aged forty-seven years, died at the home of her mother, near Shanksville, on Nov. 23d. The deceased was an exemplary christian and a faithful member of the Lutheran Church from early youth. Interment was made in the Friedens cemetery; services conducted by Rev. J. J. Welch.

A number of the millers of this county who have been manufacturing flour by what is known as the "roller process," met here yesterday for the purpose of taking concerted action in resisting the claim set up by the patentees of the roller process system, who claim a royalty of $100 from every miller using the patent process.

John Barron, of Middlecreek township, died on the 25th of November of blood-poisoning, from a cut on his finger accidentally inflicted about ten days prior to his death, while working at a plow. He was sixty-two years of age, and had been an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Barronvale, where he was buried on the 27th, mourned by a large concourse of relatives and friends.

Rev. C. S. Lucas, of Allegheny City, who delighted a large audience, upon the occasion of his visit here two weeks ago, when he lectured in the Disciple Church, will deliver the same lecture in New Centreville, on Friday evening, 6th inst. The people of that vicinity should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing one of the most popular lecturers in the country.

The meat markets of this place presented an unusual sight last week. Zeigler & Parson displayed a live wild duck, a live dipper, and a lot of live fish, in addition to their usual display of game, poultry and meat. At Stewart's the show window was crowded with pheasants, rabbits, snipe, turkeys—one of which dressed twenty-four pounds—and other delicacies.

George W., the six-year-old son of Postmaster E. G. Henry, of Scullton, was the victim of a deplorable accident last Tuesday. The lad got possession of a penknife and was endeavoring to sever a piece of twine, with the sharp blade turned towards his body, when he gave his hand a sudden jerk with the result that the point of the blade penetrated the pupil of his right eye and entirely destroyed the sight of the organ.

The entertainment given in the Opera House, Friday evening, by the Lyric Quartette, of Pittsburg, assisted by Mr. Angus Mackey, was an unequivocal success. The house was crowded, and the numerous encores showed that those present appreciated ballads sung in English, songs that they understand and which appeal to their emotions. The voices of the young ladies blended perfectly. Every number rendered was a gem.

Maggie, wife of Frederick Laus, the well-known blacksmith of this borough, died between seven and eight o'clock last Wednesday evening, aged 63 years. The deceased was a very large woman, weighing in the neighborhood of three hundred pounds, and was seldom seen on the streets. Two years ago she was afflicted with dropsy and since then her health steadily declined. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon when interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery. The deceased is survived by her husband, four sons, and two daughters.

"On that day let us forego our usual occupations, and in our accustomed places of worship join in rendering thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift." Thus advised the President in his proclamation to the American people appointing and setting apart November 28th as a day of thanksgiving and prayer. Acting on this suggestion the Lutheran church in this place was crowded to its full capacity, many strangers being within the gates, when Rev. T. J. Bristow, of the Presbyterian church, delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Stolen Watch Returned.

Readers of the HERALD will recall an article published in these columns several months ago telling how Miss Nettie Lichty, who makes her home with her uncle, Frank Countryman, on Gravel Hill, was relieved of a gold watch and chain, and of the arrest of one Rev. Lane, who was charged with the theft, and of his subsequent release from custody on his own recognizance. The sequel did not appear until Saturday evening last, when Miss Lichty received the stolen watch through the mail. The package was deposited in the post office at Latrobe, and contained, in addition to the time-piece, an unsigned letter, in which it was stated that it would be wrong to send a defenseless old man to prison for a crime of which he was innocent. The gold chain which accompanied the watch was not returned.

Berlin Postoffice Trouble.

A Uniontown dispatch says: Howard W. Johnson, assistant postmaster at Berlin, Somerset county, had a hearing Friday afternoon before United States Commissioner E. H. Reppert, on a charge of embezzling government funds and supplies, and was held for trial next May under $1,000 bail, F. B. Collins, postmaster at Berlin, going on his bond. The case was worked up by D. C. Owings, a United States secret-service officer. Johnson had charge of the postoffice at Berlin. It was claimed by detective Owings in his testimony that the defendant appropriated a portion of the money order fund left in the office; that on March 31, last, he embezzled postal order funds and neglected to deposit, as provided by law, money derived from the sale of postage stamps and other stamped paper.

Golden Wedding.

There was celebrated in Pittsburg on Monday 25th inst., the fiftieth anniversary of a wedding performed in Somerset. The principals were Lancelot Robinson Beacom and Malvina Reisinger, and they were married at the home of the bride by Rev. Henry Kern, of the Methodist Church. After the ceremony the young couple took their honeymoon trip in a buggy to Connellsville, their future home. All their worldly possessions were packed into a small trunk, which occupied a projecting truck in the rear of the buggy. The trunk was lost on the journey and not seen again for many days. Two years after their marriage Mr. Beacom was licensed to preach, and for forty-eight years he has had charges in the Methodist Episcopal Church, from many of which former parishioners were present at Monday's celebration, which was held at the home of a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beacom, now Mrs. Ross W. Smith.

Phillips-Brubaker Nuptuals.

Mr. Lawrence M. Phillips, General Agent of the Union Storage Company, a leading institution of Pittsburg, and Miss Annie Lowry Brubaker, youngest daughter of the late Henry Brubaker, M. D., were united in marriage at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, at the home of the bride's sister—Mrs. Robert S. Scull,—on Patriot street. Rev. Appleton Bash, a former pastor of the M. E. Church, now of Allegheny City, performed the marriage ceremony. The bridal couple were unattended, and only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties witnessed the happy event. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips took the evening train for Atlanta, Ga., where they will spend ten days, and upon their return will make their home in Allegheny City.

The Deer Escaped.

Ten days ago a crowd of hunters from Shade, Stonycreek and Allegheny townships had a "bushel of fun" with a deer, which they had surrounded in the mountain above New Baltimore. Unfortunately, one of the party who had been left to watch a "crossing," was compelled to absent himself from his post, when not more than ten minutes elapsed before the deer passed with ten feet of where he had been standing. The trail was taken up and followed until the snow disappeared beneath the warm rays of the sun, when the hunt was abandoned. From expressions heard in Somerset last week it will be "all day" with Mr. Deer when the next snow falls.

Do Not Be Surprised.

I want to retire from business and will sell my interest in the stock of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Goods, &c., in the firm of Parker & Parker; possession given February 1st, 1896.

To reduce the stock as much as we can we will commence the

—Red Letter Sale—

on Monday, December 16th. This will be the time for bargains.

GEO. R. PARKER.

O, Yes!

Will arrive this week at E. B. COFFROTH'S a large and handsome stock of China Ware for Christmas trade.

Undertakers Must Have Licenses.

Representatives of the State Board of Undertakers, who were in session in Harrisburg yesterday, had a conference with Deputy-Attorney-General Elkin, with reference to the new law governing undertakers in this State. Subsequently the Board held a meeting and adopted by-laws and rules. It is intended to have licenses in the hands of all undertakers before December 7th, and all who have none by that time will be required to undergo an examination, for which a fee of $25 will be charged. Between eight hundred and nine hundred undertakers in the State are expected to comply with the law. The license will cost $10 each.

Telling a Cow's Age.

A cow's age is indicated by her horns. At the age of two a ring of thick material forms at the base of each horn, and one ring is added every year after this becomes apparent. To find the age therefore, count the rings and add two. In the case of a bull, however, the first ring does not appear until he is five years old, and one annual ring appears after that, so to the number of rings on a bull's horns five must be added. The result attained is, however, only approximately correct, for not only is the time of appearance of the first ring uncertain, but occasionally two rings appear in one year, and then again sometimes a year is omitted, no ring being formed. A dishonest dealer can also change the apparent age of the animal by filing off some of the rings from her horns, so that complete reliance on this sign is sometimes very deceptive.

Clearance Sale of Wraps.

I intend clearing out my stock of Ladies' Misses' and Children's Wraps of all kinds during the month, thereby giving all the advantage of getting Clearance or Reduced Sale Prices, usually given after Christmas.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Christmas Presents.

Persons desiring to make Holiday presents in the way of handsome Bibles or Hymn books, and wishing to have names stamped on the cover, will do well to give their orders at an early day to Chas. H. Fisher, that the work may be done and the goods received on time.

Fisher's Book Store

makes a specialty of getting this work done. Lutheran, Disciple, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed and other Hymn books and bibles imprinted. Persons wishing to order special books, not in stock, for presents, should give their orders at an early date.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Thanksgiving Weddings.

At the pastor's study, Meyersdale, Nov. 28th, by Rev. M. L. Young, Mr. Rufus W. Fritz and Miss Sadie Musser, both of Brothersvalley township; Mr. Edward J. Sipe of Summit township and Miss Annie M. Fritz, of Brothersvalley township, and Mr. Rudolph Christner and Miss Nettie J. Frickey, both of Summit township.

A GRAND SUCCESS.

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Attendance Unprecedented.—Great Interest Manifested by Teachers and the General Public.

The Somerset County Teachers' Institute closed its thirty-ninth annual session at 12 A. M. Friday. We believe that we voice the sentiments of every teacher and director who attended the various sessions when we say that it was the most successful meeting throughout of public school teachers ever assembled in the county. As an evidence of the elevated character of the instruction given by the eminent educators who were brought here from abroad it is only necessary to say that hundreds of people were turned away every session, unable to gain admission to the court room in which the Institute was held. The order maintained was exceptionally good, in fact, so eager were the audiences to absorb as much as possible of the wise and helpful instruction that fell from the lips of Dr. Schaeffer, Prof. Tompkins, Prof. Schmucker, Prof. Meese, Superintendent Berkey, and others, that it was unnecessary to ask for order from the element that on former occasions has proved more or less annoying. All seemed to be animated by a desire to learn and if any teacher returned to his school at the end of the week feeling that he had not been greatly benefited he has himself to blame. The general public was, also, highly edified and benefited.

A pleasing and commendable feature of the Institute was the presentation of a valuable gold watch to County Superintendent Berkey by the teachers. The presentation speech was made by R. R. Sanner, principal of the Confluence schools, just before final adjournment Friday. Mr. Sanner said that the teachers desired in some substantial way to acknowledge their appreciation of the service rendered the schools of the county by the retiring Superintendent, and to signify their regard for him as a fellow-teacher. Superintendent Berkey accepted the watch in a few well chosen remarks in which he spoke feelingly of his nine years' service as a public officer and of the confidence he always reposed in his fellow-teachers.

It is not in the province of a country journal to give a full and comprehensive write-up of all the many excellent addresses delivered during the week, and owing to private obligations which enforced the writer's absence from several of the sessions he will be unable to hint at many of the noteworthy features of the Institute. Our report last week closed with Tuesday afternoon's session.

Mr. H. H. Emmet, the Indian orator, who occupied the Opera House stage Tuesday evening, held his large audience spell-bound by the magic of his eloquence and the earnestness of his plea for justice to a despised race. The speaker was a typical specimen of his race, tall, wiry and graceful. He spoke so rapidly that at times his words were undivided and their meaning was thereby rendered unintelligible, but his auditors were so intensely interested in his story that a pin-drop could have been heard all over the house at any time during the two hours he was talking. The speaker divided his lecture into four parts. After tracing the origin of the North American Indians and dwelling upon their tribal relations, social and moral, he began a vigorous arraignment of the United States government for its mistreatment of his people. He recited in graphic detail the barbarities inflicted upon the red men by their white brothers and succeeded in arousing the sympathy of his audience to a very high pitch. He scouted Gen. Sheridan's famous observation, "The only good Indian is a dead Indian," and pointed out that the Indian is the only species of mankind upon whom our government refuses to bestow the right of franchise, while the same government makes American citizens of the refuse and ignorant element of all other nations on the globe. He showed, by reading a decision of the U. S. Supreme Court, that an Indian can not bring an action at law in any court in the country, and contrasted their condition with that of their brethren in British America, claiming that the Canadian government is more just in all of its dealings with the red man. Mr. Emmett believes that the true solution of the Indian question is to treat the Indians as citizens, make them amenable to the law, and give them the right of franchise after they have demonstrated their capacity for citizenship.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

W. H. Kretchman, principal of the Berlin schools, presided during the hour devoted exclusively to teachers. After a music drill, the query box was opened when questions bearing on school matters were referred to several of the best known teachers.

"The Preparation of Lessons—Why? When? Where? What? How?" was the title of a topic for discussion referred to W. W. Cupp, R. R. Sanner, Clarence L. Shaver and H. S. Rhoads. The speakers agreed with great unanimity that the question at hand was hackneyed, but at the same time all dropped some valuable hints to their fellow teachers. Several of the speakers advanced the proposition that scholars should not be compelled to prepare lessons after school hours, but should do the work of preparing text-book lessons in the school-room. Messrs. Sanner and Shaver favor a liberal use of newspapers and periodicals in the family circle in order that the children may acquire general knowledge and thereby a broader education than they can possible secure from the study of text-books alone. Mr. Shaver spoke at greater length than any of the speakers who preceded him and demonstrated that he is one of the most fluent and practical talkers among the teachers of the county. Prof. Speicher, of Meyersdale, also, spoke upon this question.

Miss Janette McKinley, of Meyersdale, read an excellent paper on "Home Influences in School Discipline," in which she made it clear that if the best results are to be attained in school the pupil must have the helpful assistance of home influences.

The regular session was opened by scriptural reading and prayer by Rev. T. J. Bristow, of the Presbyterian church.

Prof. Meese gave an interesting talk on "Language and Literature," which was followed by an address by State Superintendent Schaeffer, who occupied the period assigned on the program to Dr. Waller, of the Indiana Normal—Superintendent Berkey having previously stated that Dr. Waller was detained at home on account of the death of his eldest son. Superintendent Schaeffer took for his subject "Make the Pupil Think," and before he had concluded his remarks he had set every person in the large audience to thinking in an entirely different channel from any in which their thoughts had ever before flown. There are three essentials, he said, to be observed in starting the mind to thinking in a proper channel. There must be proper material for thought; the best instruments of thought, and the right stimulus for thought. The Dr. illustrated his remarks with a number of historical anecdotes bearing on the subject.

Prof. Tompkins continued his remarks on "Mental Science," after which he answered a number of queries relating to school management. Prof. Tompkins has the happy faculty of answering a mass of miscellaneous questions relating to all possible phases of school work with a correctness and facility that pleased and satisfied his auditors.

At the afternoon session Prof. Speicher delivered a capital address on "The Bible in the Public Schools." Notwithstanding the animated discussion that has been going on in the public press for the past two years on this question, and the adverse decision of a Common Pleas judge, the speaker fearlessly announced the stand he had taken and earnestly advocated the use of the Bible in every school in the land. Mr. Speicher was followed by Superintendent Schaeffer, Prof. Whittaker, of the Lock Haven Normal, and Prof. Tompkins, all of whom imparted useful information and offered helpful suggestions to the teachers.

Dr. A. J. Palmer's lecture Wednesday evening on "Company D: The Die-No-Mores," was of exceptional merit and interest. The lecturer prefaced his remarks by saying that the company of which he proposed to speak derived its queer sounding title from the fact that it was composed of very young men who had enlisted from a boys' school in New Jersey, and whose favorite song had been the good old Methodist hymn "We Are Going Home, to Die No More." After a rather ludicrous description of the position the commanding officers occupy in battle and how the credit for victory is always bestowed upon them, while the heroic conduct of the private soldier is unrewarded on the tablets of history, he gave a vivid description of the assault made upon Fort Wagner, in Charleston Harbor, on July 18, 1863, where fifteen hundred men, out of an assaulting force of two thousand, perished. Five only of the "Die-No-Mores" survived and they were captured along with the remaining survivors and taken to Richmond to languish in the prison pen on "Belle Island." He paid a glowing tribute to the heroism of the men who suffered in Southern prisons, hundreds of whom laid down their lives rather than desert the flag, when by so doing they could secure their liberty. Out of forty thousand Union soldiers confined in rebel prisons only ninety took the oath of allegiance to the Southern Confederacy. The lecturer stirred the hearts of all who heard him with his eloquence, and in turn moved them to tears with his pathos. The subject matter of the lecture left an imperishable impress on the minds of the audience.

THURSDAY SESSIONS.

The teachers' hour was dispensed with at the morning session. After Rev. Hiram King had conducted devotional exercises, and Prof. Tompkins had delivered another of his excellent talks, Superintendent Stewart, of Greene county, was introduced. He spoke on educational matters in general. Prof. Byron W. King occupied the next period with instruction on language, literature and kindred studies. At the conclusion of his remarks institute adjourned in order that the teachers and directors present might attend Thanksgiving Day services in the Lutheran church.

The teachers and directors met in joint-session in the afternoon. M. J. Pritts, Esq., of Somerset, delivered an address on "Co-operation of Directors and Teachers." O. O. Saylor, principal of the Rockwood Schools, was the first speaker on the question "How Can we Improve Our Schools?" His remarks were of a practical character and he impressed both teachers and directors with the fact that he has been an intelligent student of pedagogy and is one of the most thorough and best qualified teachers in the county. The question was further discussed by members of the convention. Prof. Tompkins lectured the teachers and directors on their duties and offered a number of valuable suggestions, which if carried into effect, must result in advancing the educational interests of the county. Prof. Whittaker, of the Lock Haven Normal, and Prof. King, also, spoke at this session, and the Orpheus Club, of Meyersdale, rendered two of their choicest selections.

The evening entertainment, given by the "Mozart Sextet," of Brooklyn, was of a high order, in fact, an intelligent critic was heard to remark that it was the most artistic, and refined musical performance ever given in Somerset. The program was a classical one and the music, therefore, "above the heads" of many in the audience. Every number was loudly applauded. Miss May Whitney's vocal numbers were specially fine.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

E. E. Pritts, principal of the Somerset schools, presided during the hour devoted to teachers. Five minute speeches was the order and D. L. Wiand, of Jennertown, was the first to respond, he speaking in the interests of the "Teachers' Local Institute." S. G. Shetler spoke on "The Grading of the Schools," and P. E. Weimer on "Fixing of Teachers' Wages."

In a neat five minutes speech, R. R. Sanner, in behalf of the teachers, presented Superintendent Berkey with a valuable gold watch. That gentleman was taken entirely by surprise by this unexpected move, but soon regained his composure and accepted the present with a few appropriate remarks.

Superintendent Berkey delivered instruction on "The Teachers' Term Report."

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Houpt, opened the regular program. Prof. Tompkins delivered his final address in which he took occasion to compliment the teachers upon their intelligence and the eagerness they displayed to acquire knowledge. The committee on resolutions offered the following:

Resolved, That we most heartily congratulate our County Superintendent upon his very successful management of school affairs during his term of office, and that to him, in a great measure, is due the advancement that has taken place in the schools of our county.

Resolved, That it is largely due to his able and untiring efforts that the present session of our Institute has been so instructive and entertaining, and that we express our undivided appreciation of all his efforts in this direction.

Resolved, That we recognize in State Superintendent Schaeffer, an earnest and competent leader of educational forces of our State.

Resolved, That we commend the recent school legislation in our State, and that we see in this a means toward securing better schools and more intelligent citizens.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks and appreciation to all instructors and others who in any way helped to instruct and entertain us, thereby making this session of our institute one of the best ever held.

Resolved, That we appreciate the work of the directors in their convention by co-operating with them in all the work they have done, and that this great interest in the schools, shown by their voluntary attendance, without remuneration, should receive our hearty commendation.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the county press for its impartial and extended account of the proceedings of this institute.

The other committees having reported and there being no further miscellaneous business, closing addresses were declared in order. Revs. Bristow, Harkey, and Barnett, spoke feelingly of the pleasure and profit they had derived from attending the various sessions. Messrs. O. O. Saylor, J. C. Speicher, Supt. Berkey and several others also spoke briefly of the benefit the institute had been to teachers and the educational public generally. In fact the closing exercises were more in the nature of a love feast, in which all agreed that the thirty-ninth annual session of the Somerset County Teacher's Institute was the most successfully carried out in every detail and would result in more practical good than any previous session. Prof. King recited several humorous and pathetic selections, after which the Institute united in singing "God Be With Us 'Till We Meet Again," when the institute was declared adjourned.

SUMMARY OF ATTENDANCE.

Of the 295 teachers employed in this county, 291 were enrolled as members of the Institute, and all but five of these were present at every session. The absent teachers were Miss Emily Miller and Miss Katharine Coulehan of Allegheny, Miss Mattie Colborn, of Lower Turkeyfoot, and Mr. C. M. Christner, of Summit. Two of the absent ones—Miss Coulehan and Mr. Christner—have already presented satisfactory excuses for their non-attendance. This is the best record of attendance in the history of Somerset county institutes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts from Entertainments	$719.51
From County Appropriation	200.00
	$919.51
Expended for day sessions	$397.29
Expended for evening sessions	483.20
	$877.49
Surplus receipts	$42.10

INSTITUTE NOTES.

A delightful feature of Tuesday and Wednesday nights' entertainments was the music furnished by the "Orpheus Club," an amateur organization, of Meyersdale. The Club is made up of four young ladies and three young men, who manipulate the piano, mandolin, violin, guitar, and banjo, very cleverly indeed. The faces of the young ladies were as pleasing to look upon as their music was to hearken to.

The HERALD was right when it said that Superintendent Berkey would signalize his retirement from the County Superintendency by making the Institute of 1895 the best in the history of the county.

State Superintendent Schaeffer taught school in this place and is always a welcome visitor. His several addresses before the Institute showed the scholarly training of a master mind. Every period marked an incontrovertible truth and was inspiration to the teachers.

Perhaps one reason for Prof. King's great popularity with Somerset county teachers is the fact that he is a native Somerset countian and is a family connection of some of the numerous King families in Upper Turkeyfoot and Middlecreek. His father removed to Westmoreland county when Byron was a small lad.

That the music this year falls below the standard is not due to any lack of skill on the part of the teachers, many of whom can sing better than the conductor brought here to teach them the "do-ra-me-jas."

The watch presented Superintendent Berkey is a solid gold hunting case valued at $100.

The Hotel Vannear parlors furnished a trysting place for the school "marms" and their gallants after the lectures.

Without wishing to detract from the reputation of any of the many excellent and distinguished instructors who have appeared before Somerset County Teachers' Institutes in the past, it is but just to say that Prof. Tompkins, of the Illinois University, who was here throughout the week, and spoke at every session, was the peer, if not the superior of any of them. His addresses were chock-full of practical, common-sense information, and they fell upon appreciative ears.

School Directors' Convention.

The sixth annual convention of the school directors of Somerset county met in the Presbyterian Church, at 10 A. M., Wednesday, and was called to order by Supt. Berkey. 52 directors were present. A temporary organization was effected by electing I. D. Leydig, of Northampton township, President, and W. H. Sanner, of Somerset, Secretary.

John R. Scott, Esq., delivered the opening address. After welcoming the members of the convention to the county seat, he made an urgent appeal for uniform action on the part of the directors of the county on all matters pertaining to their official duties. He announced himself as strongly in favor of uniformity of text-books and pointed out the many evil results that have obtained from non-uniformity. Before concluding his address he offered a resolution, which was adopted, calling for a convention of directors to take permanent action on this question. Mr. Scott's remarks were in accord with the advanced educational sentiment of the day and showed that he has carefully considered the best interests of the schools of the county.

"School Supplies—What to Get and How to Distribute Them," was the subject of a discussion opened by Joseph Horner, and debated by N. D. Hay, Noah Scott, Mort Weifley, J. C. Gnagey, J. R. Scott, D. J. Horner and M. J. Pritts.

B. J. Bowman opened a discussion on "The Care and Keeping of Free Text-Books." He was followed by Z. T. Kimmel and other members of the convention.

On resolution of John R. Scott, the following committee, one member from each district in the county, was appointed to meet in Somerset, on Wednesday, January 22, 1896, for the purpose of devising ways and means by which uniformity of text-books can be secured throughout the county: I. D. Leslie, Geo. G. Walker, Lewis Helsel, Z. T. Kimmell, Oliver Critchfield, B. J. Bowman, H. H. Witt, J. I. Kaufman, Hiram Frantz, N. D. Hay, Josiah Bridegum, E. K. Hochstetler, J. M. Kimmell, H. D. Lohr, D. L. Wiand, Alfred Knepp, Hiram Shaulis, Nelson Gerhart, B. D. Morgan, J. W. Shultz, Geo. Sechler, Francis Topper, H. D. Moore, John Wagaman, Jacob Fox, Joseph Seese, Jacob Koontz, A. G. Will, M. Weifley, Levi Koontz, T. M. Hook, J. R. Scott, J. C. Gnagey, Eli Martz, J. F. Brant, J. E. Giffin, A. J. Boose, William Zufall, Noah Scott and Dr. F. S. Fechtig.

In the absence of Dr. H. D. Moore, the question assigned to him, "Practical Hygiene in the Schoolroom," was ably discussed by Dr. Pollard.

"The Directors' Part in the Compulsory Attendance Law," was discussed by Hon. W. H. Miller and Hon. A. J. Colborn, who explained the duties imposed upon directors by the act of assembly mentioned.

State Superintendent Schaeffer addressed the convention on general educational matters, and urged upon it the necessity of establishing district high schools. He said that he wanted to see the Pennsylvania boy fitted to earn as much as the Massachusetts and Maryland boys, which he is now unable to do on account of his defective common school education. He referred with pride to the advancement that has taken place in our school system since its adoption and declared that he would not rest content until the Keystone State had the best common schools in the Union.

At Thursday morning's session L. M. Lininger delivered an address on "The Directors' Part in the Local Institute;" Superintendent Berkey spoke on "The Possibilities of Well-directed Schools," and Dr. S. S. Good opened a discussion on "The Duties and Compensation of Directors."

The committee on resolutions reported at this session. The resolutions declare in favor of compensating directors at the rate of two dollars per day for attendance at annual conventions of directors, and three dollars per day for attending the triennial directors' convention; favor the establishing of high schools; approve of Superintendent Berkey's course of study in use in all the schools of the county, and recommend its continuance; congratulate the superintendent upon his zealous and successful work in behalf of the schools; commend the teachers for the excellent work they are doing, and return thanks to Dr. Schaeffer for his presence and valuable assistance.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, I. D. Leydig; Vice President, A. J. Boose; Treasurer, Dr. S. S. Good; Secretary, W. H. Sanner; Delegates to Directors' State Convention, Dr. S. S. Good, J. M. Cook, L. M. Lininger.

A joint session of directors and teachers was held on Thursday afternoon, in the court house, which is referred to elsewhere.

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Jurors for Special Term of Court.

The following persons have been drawn to serve as Petit Jurors at the special term of court beginning Monday, Jan. 13, 1896:

FIRST WEEK—PETIT JURORS.

Addison—Thomas J. Havaner, Elisha Turney, Elijah McClintock.

Allegheny—Franklin Barkley.

Brothersvalley—C. C. Mosgrave, John Stahl, Samuel S. Mosholder.

Black—Ross Heinbaugh.

Berlin Borough—Samuel A. Philson.

Confluence Borough—M. Tannehill.

Conemaugh—Ephraim Thomas, Tobias J. Kaufman.

Elk Lick—J. M. Hay.

Fair Hope—J. H. Kerchner, J. H. Richardson.

Jenner—Frank Dawson.

Jefferson—Joseph C. Flick, Samuel Neiderheiser.

Lincoln—Ed R. Shaffer.

Larimer—W. J. Baer.

Middlecreek—Wilson Saylor, Norman Cramer.

Milford—Barney Walker, Silas Walker, Jacob S. Phillippi.

Meyersdale Borough—Henry Hocking, W. H. Allen.

Northampton—N. B. Poorbaugh.

Somerset—William Weighley, William Keister, Edward Coleman.

Summit—Lewis Christner, Lewis A. Kretchman.

Stonycreek—R. J. Brant, F. F. Cable, Chas. B. Glessner.

Shade—H. J. Mock, R. W. McGregor.

Salisbury Borough—Samuel Lowry.

Upper Turkeyfoot—Jacob Baker.

SECOND WEEK—PETIT JURORS.

Addison—Josiah Silbaugh, S. M. Turney.

Allegheny—Henry Hubbard, Jr.

Brothersvalley—J. M. Shober, Frank Walker.

Black—G. L. Miller.

Berlin—Frank Heffley, A. Heffley.

Benson Borough—Wm. T. Wolford.

Conemaugh—Tobias J. Mishler.

Elk Lick—Ananias Hoover, Demetrius Compton, James A. Winters, John J. Bowser, John Vogle.

Jefferson—William Smith.

Lincoln—Abram M. Baker, Samuel Berkey.

Middlecreek—Daniel Barclay, William Peck.

Milford—Peter Putman, George F. Kimmel.

Meyersdale—Alonzo Graves