The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 1896.

Fifteen bars of Good Soap for 25c, at Mahlon Schrock's.

There are in Berks county 300 war pensioners who receive annually $330,000 from Uncle Sam.

In making any dessert which is frozen remember that it requires an extra amount of sweetening.

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

Always buy small nutmegs in preference to the large ones. They have a much more delicate flavor.

Owing to an election contest Schuylkill county will buy 141 new ballot boxes, the old ones being sealed up.

Washburn's Gold Medal Flour, warranted the best in the world, for sale by Mahlon Schrock.

The President has signed the bill to prohibit prize fighting in the Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia.

The House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds Friday ordered favorable reports on bills making appropriations for several public buildings, including one at Altoona, to cost $125,000.

There was a good attendance at all the services last week in the Presbyterian church, and at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath. Several new members were received.

Piles are not dangerous to life, but they are a prolific breeder of misery and irritability. Doan's Ointment gives instant relief even in the worst cases of this and other exasperating diseases of the skin.

The electric light fight at Washington, Pa., between the Council and the company has been settled. The contract is for five years at $5,000 per per year for 65 lights. That is $77 per light per year.

A Kansas Populist is at work on a new scheme to increase the sum of human happiness. He is trying to cross the milk weed and strawberry so that people may raise strawberries and cream together.

"All I demand for my client," shouted the attorney, in a voice of a man who was paid for it, "is justice!" "I'm very sorry I can't accommodate you," replied the judge, "but the law won't allow me to give him more than 14 years."

Mahlon Schrock makes a specialty of Grain, Mill Feed, Baled Hay and Straw.

The Western Union Telegraph Company during the year ending June, 1895, added over 10,000 miles of copper wire to its extensive plant. The company will use that metal alone on all principal lines hereafter.

February is a short month but quite eventful. Groundhog day the 2nd; Lincoln's birthday the 12th; St. Valentine's day the 14th; Election day the 18th; Washington's birthday the 22nd; the "all" day the 29th.

The Century Company has offered three prizes of $125, $75 and $50 for the three best designs for a poster advertising the midsummer number of the Century Magazine. The offer is open to every one. Designs must be submitted on or before April 30, 1896.

Any tendency to premature baldness may be promptly checked by the use of Ayer's Hair Vigor. Don't delay till the scalp is bare and the hair-roots destroyed. If you would realize the best results, begin at once with this invaluable preparation.

Judge Cyrus Gordon, of Clearfield, has decided that all claimants to the distribution of the proceeds of a sheriff's sale of property are entitled to make their demands upon the fund, but they are not entitled to share in it until the valid mechanics' liens have been satisfied.

The Springfield *Republican* says that the failure of a complexion paste company and three piano firms in one week are cheering indications that the American girl is turning her attention to other fields of effort than fine skin culture and the memorizing of half a dozen waltz tunes.

Set prices at Mahlon Schrock's on Canned Goods, Evaporated Fruit, and anything in the grocery line, before purchasing elsewhere.

Brass plates bearing appropriate inscriptions now mark the site of the pews in Christ church, Philadelphia, once occupied by Betsy Ross, maker of the first American flag; Franklin Hopkinson and his son, Joseph Hopkinson, author of "Hail Columbia;" the Penn family, Benjamin Franklin and George and Martha Washington.

George W. Collins, S. E. Hartley, William Appel, R. D. Morgan and William Trimby, School Directors of Meyersdale, were in town, Wednesday, inspecting the High School building in company with Architect J. C. Fulton of Uniontown. They were very much pleased with the building, and will put up a similar one at Meyersdale.—*Connellsville Courier.*

By an act of the Legislature passed May 24, 1895, it is made necessary to have recorded in the several counties of the State the plot or plan or sub-division of any lot or pieces of land, which has been within a period of ten years prior to the passage of the act in question or which shall thereafter be sub-divided into lots. Upon a failure to have such sub-division plots recorded, there is a forfeit or fine of $100 imposed.

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

The spring election in Salford township, Montgomery county, promises to be tedious and unsatisfactory. Neither party has filed certificates of nomination and no candidates have filed nomination papers. The county commissioners disposed of the matter by deciding to issue for that township a ballot with a single blank column. Every person voting will be required to write on the ballot the names of persons for whom they vote.

An exchange says: "If people would purchase green coffee and brown it in their houses, there would be fewer cases of diphtheria, scarlet and typhoid fever. The aroma arising from the browning coffee is one of the best agents in disinfecting dwellings of impure air. It is easier to buy coffee already browned than to prepare it, but to prepare it once a week saves health and doctor bills. The door should be left open and let the aroma pervade each room."

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

New York architects have completed plans for a 30-story building in that city. The plans were prepared by order of a Gotham capitalist who proposes to have the structure erected. It will occupy an entire city block. It is designed somewhat after the Eiffel tower, except that it will be nearly three times as high. There will be a total of 24,000,000 square feet of floors on the 30 floors. It will contain 3,000 separate offices or rooms, capable of accommodating 400,000 persons under one roof.

Farmers are becoming apprehensive about the chances for the wheat crop. The constant freezing and thawing has had a very bad effect on it and it is feared that up to the present time the crop has suffered much damage. The ground is water soaked at present and the wheat is growing some during this open season. A hard freeze would have the effect of raising the surface and lifting the roots out of their beds. A good snow would be the best thing that could happen for the wheat crop.

Mrs. John Knable is seriously sick at her Main street home.

R. M. Linton left last night for Harrisburg to attend a meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee.

Owners of horses should not forget that they are required to register their animals and take out an annual license.

The many friends of genial "Billy" Barron, of Middlecreek township, will be sorry to learn that he is critically ill with pneumonia.

From present indications our farmers will have sleighing during the Farmers' Institute to be held in the Court House, on Friday and Saturday.

The late Squire Werner grimly says: "Judge Horner got astride of my contest proceeding and rode it until he got about $55 out of it when he jumped off."

Mrs. C. L. Snyder and son Charles, of Minneapolis, Minn., are visiting with the family of the former's brother, Mr. George Cunningham, in this place.

Somerset is afflicted with a "Jack the Hugger," who catches women in his embrace when they are passing dark places in isolated parts of the town. He would be a fit subject for a coroner's jury.—*Bedford Gazette.*

The Auditors of Fulton county concluded their labors a few days ago. They surcharged the county commissioners with $944.95, the greater part of which was for drafts drawn in their own favor for salary and expenses during 1895.

James B. Holderbaum is untiring in his efforts to supply the wants of agriculturists. Every few days he adds some new labor-saving farming machinery to his immense stock of goods. This week he advertises two or three articles of great merit.

Notwithstanding the fact that tax collectors are elected to serve for a period of three years the law requires them to renew their bonds to the county annually, when they must be approved by the Court and filed in the office of the Prothonotary.

Word comes from Meyersdale that ex-Senator Fred Grof is critically ill with Bright's disease and that only faint hopes are entertained for his recovery. The Senator had been at the Markleton Sanatorium for treatment but was removed to his home Monday morning.

John Stief, of Northampton township, was one of the successful bidders for the new $100,000,000 four per cent. thirty-year government bonds, having been awarded $2,000 at 112. So far as is known Mr. Stief was the only bidder from this county. The bonds are quoted to-day at 116.

The most severe storm of the present winter prevailed Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The wind blew "great guns" throughout the period mentioned. Snow fell at intervals to a depth of three or four inches and as a result many country roads are blockaded with drifts.

A pleasant little party gathered at the home of Mr. Washington Countryman, in Lavansville, on Monday, 3d inst., that being the anniversary of his birth. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yoman, Mr. George A. Calde and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Deitz, of Lavansville, and Mr. and Mrs. William Marteeny, of Somerset.

By posters printed at this office, John Biesecker, of Jenner township, advertises all of his farming implements, horses and cattle, and household goods to be sold at public sale on Tuesday, March 3d. The sale will be one of the largest held this spring, and the Biesecker farm will be the Mecca of candidates for county office on that day.

John Donahue is the name given by an Irishman who was brought to the County Home, Sunday morning, suffering with frozen hands and feet. John was found at an early hour that morning along the Buffalo Valley Railroad, somewhere between Berlin and Garrett. He was lying in the snow and was unable to assist himself. His residence is not known.

Mr. George Cunningham leaves to-day for Minneapolis Minn., where he has secured a house and will make his future home. His wife and son will follow him in the course of six or eight weeks. Mr. Cunningham has been a life-long citizen of Somerset and has always enjoyed the respect and esteem of the people of this town, all of whom will be sorry to lose him as a friend and neighbor.

The pioneer grocers of the county, Messrs. Cook & Beerits, occupy considerable of our space this week with an announcement of a highly interesting character. Cook & Beerits is a household word throughout the county and is a synonym of best in the various lines of goods handled by them. Readers of the HERALD will be repaid for watching their advertisment throughout 1896.

Edwin F. Uhl, of Michigan, Assistant Secretary of State, has been appointed Ambassador to Germany vice Ambassador Runyon, deceased. A number of our exchanges have it that Mr. Uhl is a native of this place and is a brother of Postmaster Uhl. This is not the case. Somerset county has no claims on the new Ambassador, although, we believe, he is a distant relative of the Uhl family of Somerset.

The following named gentlemen have become stockholders in the Union Provision Company, of this place: H. C. Beerits, C. J. Harrison, W. P. Kooser, James McKelvey, and M. J. Pritts. Other stockholders are George H. Love, A. W. Knepper and Edward M. Love. Messrs. George Love, A. W. Knepper and H. C. Beerits constitute the Board of Directors. As appears above the Union Provision Company has ample capital and business capacity back of it to insure its permanent success. The Union Provision Company is one of Somerset's most promising industries.

Some time since the HERALD announced that Mr. George R. Parker, so long and favorably known as a successful merchant of this place, had determined to dispose of his interest in the firm of Parker & Parker. At that time Mr. Parker was in delicate health and his decision to retire from active business was prompted by that reason alone. The announcement referred to brought numberless prospective purchasers, but with a return of health he decided to continue in business and declined several very flattering offers for his interest in the firm.

The general jumble in the courts all over the State in the interpretation of the liquor-license laws took another twist or two on Thursday in a decision rendered by Judge John Stewart, of Franklin County. A petition from citizens of Mercersburg asked that the Court, in granting license, require saloon-keepers to close their bars at 10:30 P. M. Judge Stewart held that the Act of Assembly vests no arbitrary power in the Court in connection with license, and, therefore, he had no authority to make an order closing saloons at a specified time; he could not enforce such an order if it were made.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

A New Baltimore correspondent of the Berlin *Record* writes as follows: We are assured of the erection in the near future of a new telephone line from New Baltimore to Somerset. Four miles of the line are under contract. I was informed by a reliable party that the line will be completed by spring, the route to connect New Baltimore with Boone, Shanksville, Listie and Somerset. That will give a direct line from Somerset to Bedford. All the names of the projectors can not be learned at this time, but I am informed that it is a wealthy company. Elias Sahrie has the contract for three hundred poles. He is working on them now.

JONATHAN KOONTZ DEAD.

Claimed to Have Had a Personal Interview With "Old Nick."

Jonathan Koontz died at eleven o'clock Sunday night at his home on the top of "coal hill," one and one-half miles south-east of town. The deceased's exact age is not known to the writer, but he had been "a pilgrim here below" for at least eighty years. He is survived by his aged wife, and by one son, William, whose property adjoins his father's.

For many years "Yony" Koontz, as he was familiarly known, was one of the best known characters about Somerset. In addition to cultivating a patch of several acres of ground he peddled kindling wood at all seasons. His rickety one-horse wagon and superannuated steed always attracted the attention of strangers, but not more so than did the driver, who was rarely seen without a heavy whip in his hand and who kept up a running volley of words at the beast urging him to increased efforts.

"Yony's" head was not overstocked with grey matter, but the lack of this desirable substance did not prevent him from becoming intensely religious. As a usual thing he could be found, when at home, either on his front porch or at a window, with an open bible in his hands. He always claimed to have been gifted with rare musical talent but was prevented from cultivating it by reason of a personal interview he held with the devil. When a lad he played the violin and his services were in great demand to "fiddle" for the dances held nightly at the various taverns along the pike. Upon one occasion when four prominent wagoners were doing a "French four" to the music of "Yony's" bow for the diversion of a bar-room crowd, his Satanic Majesty appeared before the musician and commanded him not to play another note. "Yony" said that he immediately dropped his instrument and fled from the house and from that day forward never touched a violin again. His description of "old Nick," as he appeared before him with cloven feet, long horns, forked tongue and bristling tail, was very graphic, and impressed the hearer that the speaker really believed all he was saying.

Mr. Koontz had many friends and no known enemies.

Cash Shoe Store.

From date of April 1, 1896, we will do a strictly cash business. Believing it to be to the best interest of our customers and ourselves, to buy and sell for cash, thereby enabling us to reduce prices and increase our already extensive trade,

FERNER BROS.

A Question of Morals, Not of Politics.

Our criticism last week on the action of the Associate Judges in overruling President Judge Longenecker in the matter of imposing sentence upon a criminal has met with emphatic approval in all quarters, regardless of political affiliations. The only defender of Associate Judge Horner, who was censured most severely and was called upon to either resign from the bench or withdraw from the Republican ticket on which he is a candidate for re-election as School Director, is an anonymous correspondent, and even that cowardly creature does not attempt to defend Mr. Horner's action in outraging justice. If the anonymous friend of Mr. Horner desires him to pose as the protector of a bawd, whose shameless conduct in returning to the home of her accomplice, in face of the verdict of the jury, and remaining there until the very hour she was summoned before the bar of justice for sentence—all of which was made known to the Court—the public has a right to know it. This is a question of morals, not of politics, and as such we submit it to the people of this community.

Horses Wanted.

Farmers having horses to sell should not fail to bring them to Somerset on Friday and Saturday, February 14th and 15th, during the Farmers's Institute. Several horse-buyers have asked us to make mention that they will be here on those days for the purpose of buying horses to be shipped to the eastern part of the State.

Qualifications of Republican Voters.

Republican voters in different districts of the county have requested the HERALD to publish from the adopted rules governing Republican primary elections in Somerset county, the section applying to the qualifications of voters. Rule 11 reads as follows, and every committeeman is sworn to observe it:

"It shall be the duty of the Election Board to organize as directed in Rule 8, and shall keep the polls open till seven o'clock P. M. They shall hold and conduct the election with fairness and honesty, permitting all Republicans to vote who voted the Republican ticket at the last preceding general election and claiming to be Republicans, and Republicans who were prevented from voting by reason of absence from home or sickness, or who have arrived at the age of twenty-one years since the last election, or minors who are known to be Republicans and will be of age before the next general election. Depriving no one whom they know to be a Republican of the privilege of voting, but allowing none whom they know or have reason to believe are not Republicans, to vote."

Another Successful Somerset Countian.

From the Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

An object with every school board is to get the best instructors that can be procured, and that is why Prof. Charles E. Dickey was elected principal of the Avalon public school two years ago, and is now serving his third term. Prof. Dickey came to Avalon highly recommended and his ability as a teacher was shown last summer, when he graduated the high school class from the Avalon school, the first in the history of that institution. The subject of this sketch was born September 24, 1870, in Somerset county, and is the son of the Rev. E. F. Dickey, of New Lexington, who, prior to the time he commenced to preach the Gospel, was a farmer. Young Dickey was, therefore, born on a farm, and was educated at the Pleasantville Academy, in Somerset county, and the State Normal School in California, Pa. Prior to graduating at the State Normal School he had much experience as a teacher, and was principal of the Saltsburg school for two years. He left that school to accept a position as teacher of grammar and arithmetic at the State Normal School. It was while teaching at California that he attracted the attention of the Avalon board. His election some time afterward followed, and he has given satisfaction to all. Prof. Dickey was for two years a member of the permanent certificate committee of the Somerset County Institute, and at the last session of the Allegheny County Institute, was chairman of the Board of Resolutions. He is gifted with a rich bass voice, and is a member of the Bellevue Glee Club, an organization of much promise. He is of a genial disposition, commands the respect of all the scholars in the school, and makes friends wherever he goes.

A Pleasant Surprise.

Last Tuesday evening a surprise party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fox, of Pleasant Hill, in honor of their daughter—Miss Annie—who returned that day after having spent several months in Pittsburg.

A party of about fifteen of the popular young people of the neighborhood gathered at the Fox mansion and took possession of the parlor, a short time before Miss Annie reached home, and when she opened the parlor door and found so many of her friends awaiting her arrival she was almost overcome. After greetings were exchanged an elegant repast was served and the intervening hours until mid-night were devoted to playing games. The occasion was one of the most delightful ever celebrated on Pleasant Hill.

X. X.

Pure blood and a good digestion are an insurance against disease and suffering. Burdock Blood Bitters keeps the blood pure, the digestion ...

Per Curiam.

The senseless attempt of Assistant-Clerk to the County Commissioners, E. H. Werner, to have his name placed on the Republican ticket to be voted next Tuesday in this borough instead of the duly nominated candidate for Justice of the Peace, Noah Casebeer, Esq., was laughed out of court at the first hearing before Associate Judge Horner, but was not finally decided until Wednesday afternoon, when Mr. Horner returned from Bedford, whither he had gone Monday morning. There was not much speculation as to what the opinion of the Court would be and only a few persons were present when Mr. Horner reconvened the hearing "at chambers." The contestant was conspicuous by his absence and it is rumored that he knew his "goose was cooked" when Judge Horner imparted the information to him that it would be unnecessary for him to have his witnesses present.

Before reading the opinion of the Court Judge Horner remarked that he had a little business to transact in Cumberland, Md., and that he took advantage of the opportunity to run up to Bedford, where, it is presumed, he consulted with Judge Longenecker. Mr. Horner might as well have continued his trip to Venezuela, since in the opinion filed it is set forth—as forecast in last week's HERALD—that the courts have no jurisdiction in contests arising from primary elections, and that aggrieved candidates have their remedy only under the rules governing the party organization.

Death of Mrs. Joseph B. Critchfield.

The announcement in last week's HERALD of the death of Mrs. Joseph B. Critchfield was a shock that was severely felt by the unusually large circle of friends who enjoyed her acquaintance. The deceased was a daughter of Samuel King, who came from Montgomery county to Somerset county before the year 1800. She was one of twelve children, having had three sisters and eight brothers, of whom but two brothers, Henry King, of Fayette county, and Jeremiah King, of Bucyrus, Ohio, are still living. Mrs. Critchfield was born in Milford township on September 22, 1812, and was therefore eighty-four years of age at the time of her death, which occurred on Monday, February 3d. She was blessed with an unusually strong constitution and was quite active until her last illness, which lasted but twenty-four hours.

At the age of eighteen years Harriet King, her maiden name, who had received the advantages of the private and public schools of that early day, and the careful attention of her pious parents, was married, in 1829, to Joseph B. Critchfield. Five children were born to them, the youngest of whom died in 1862 at the age of sixteen years. The eldest daughter married Moses Barron, of Middlecreek township, and died about four years ago. The second daughter, at whose home Mrs. Critchfield expired, is married to Mr. William Hanna, of Addison township, and the third daughter and youngest living is married to Mr. Joseph R. Coder, of Ursina. She is also survived by her only son, Hon. Norman B. Critchfield, of Jenner township.

The deceased was laid to rest by the side of her husband, who passed away ten or twelve years ago, on Thursday, 6th inst., in the cemetery at Barron's Church, in Middlecreek township.

Mrs. Critchfield was a woman of superior attainments, both mental and social. She was familiar with all of the standard authors and the current literature of the day; early in life she cultivated the art of making herself entertaining in any circle, which can only be accomplished by discussing subjects in which the first party is interested, and as a result her society was always eagerly sought after. Her circle of friends was very large and she was always sure of a sincere welcome wherever she went. She was a close student of the scriptures and a faithful follower of the teachings of the Disciples. Her life was a practical exemplification of the principles of christianity and her memory will not soon be forgotten.

The Pay of Assessors.

Judge Endlich, at Reading, has just rendered an opinion which is of interest to assessors all over the state. It was in the suit of Edward Marquett vs. The county of Berks. It was submitted to Judge Endlich upon the testimony of the plaintiff, who stated that he was elected assessor of the Twelfth ward, Reading, in the spring of 1893, and in the fall of 1894 he made the triennial assessment; that he began work on September 3, and was employed 131 days; that on December 4 the county commissioners issued their precept to him, and that he worked 53 days after receiving it, having made 78 days up to December 4. He explained that the preliminary work was done in September, October, and November, such as measuring properties, ascertaining changes in the ownership and of residents, and making calculations. Judge Endlich decides that assessors can not be paid for more than thirty days under the law, from the time they obtain the book. Mr. Marquett worked 53 days after obtaining his book, and the opinion decides that he is only entitled to pay for that number of days, and awarded him $132.50. The opinion says that all work done before obtaining the book was done in order that he might perform his duties more thoroughly, but he can not recover.

For Sale.

Any person wishing to buy a fine Thoroughbred Jersey Bull will call on or address.

H. L. COUNTRYMAN,
Berlin, Pa.

Election Officers.

The question raised as to the right of two inspectors of the same political party to serve at the general election as such, was argued in a Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, Saturday.

The petitioners' attorneys argued that under the law regulating the choosing of election officers it is provided that the voters in each division shall cast their ballots for but one inspector, although two are to be elected. This was intended to give the minority party an opportunity to be represented on the inside at the polling places by an inspector, but in a large number of divisions in this city the Republican voters so far outnumber those of the Democratic and other parties that for years past they have been enabled by dividing the vote of the division to elect both the majority and minority inspectors, which condition of affairs, it was contended, was in violation of the acts of Assembly bearing on that subject.

In opposition to this it was contended that the act of Assembly had been nullified by the constitutional provision as contained in section 14 of article 8, and as it was a special act for Philadelphia alone, it was, as Mr. Buckalew said in the Constitutional Covention, nullified.

Judge Thayer decided that the act was abrogated by the new Constitution and discharged the rule. This decision means that in the election of election officers party is not recognized and where in any division the number of one party's voters is more than double that of the minority party's, that the election of election officers may result in the choice of officers of one political party to the exclusion of all others. The only remedy, according to this ruling, is the securing of the appointment of overseers of election, which appointment is provided for in the State Constitution.

Until February 15th.

The low prices for Dry Goods now current at my Clearance Sale will continue until February 15th. It will pay to take advantage of this opportunity to buy good goods cheap. A full line of Wool and Cotton Carpet Chain on hand. Case new style coats for ladies and children cheap.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

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

Royal Baking Powder

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Republican Primary Election.

At a recent meeting of the Republican State Committe, April 23, 1896, was fixed as the time for holding the State Convention.

Rule 19, of "Rules Governing Republican Primary Elections in Somerset County," provides:

"That the Republican party of Somerset county shall hold its primary election for the nomination of candidates on the fourth Saturday of June of each year.

Provided, That in years when the Republican State Convention is held prior to that date, the Chairman of the Republican County Committee be authorized to call the said primary election at an earlier date, the Chairman to give at least 30 days notice of said change of date."

In compliance with the above quoted Rule, notice is hereby given to the Republican voters of the county that

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1896,

Has been fixed as the date for holding the primary election this year.

Attest: FRED. W. BIESECKER, Chairman.
GEO. R. SCULL, Sec'y.

Justices of the Peace and Constables coming to the February court will find that at

Fisher's Book Store

they can get such legal blanks, including Marriage certificates, &c., as they may require, Binn's Justice, McKinney's Justice, Dunlap's Book of Forms, Pennsylvania Digests, Constable's Guides, Dockets, Legal, Fools Cap and Letter papers, large official Envelopes, Fountain Pens and all other goods in the line of stationery that they may require.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Soda Water Must Be Pure.

The state department of agriculture is preparing to enforce the pure food law in the sale of soda water and soft drinks of all kinds. Secretary Edge claims that the term "food," as is expressly stated in the act, includes all articles used for drink or food by man, and therefore includes any adulteration of soda water, milk, mineral water or soft drinks of any character. Early in the Spring it is the purpose of the secretary to strictly enforce the law on this point, particularly in the sale of soda water and other soft drinks sold in such great quantity in the Summer.

Druggists and others in ordering their supply of syrups and other ingredients for next season's trade should take special pains to see that they secure only syrups which are perfectly pure and wholesome, as they will be held to a strict conformity of the law by the department. Two agents of the department are now at work in Philadelphia looking after adulterations of food products of various kinds. They have collected a large number of samples which have been turned over to a chemist for analysis. These agents are also keeping a close watch on commission merchants suspected of selling oleomargarine and other brands of counterfeit butter.

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MRS. A. E. UHL.

The Personal Side of Washington.

General A. W. Greely, of Arctic fame, begins, in the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, his articles on George Washington, which are expected to create considerable discussion. General Greely has read over 2000 of Washington's private letters, and he writes in a frank, unbiased way of the personal side of Washington. His first article will deal with the loves and courtships of Washington and his final marriage to the widow Custis. General Greely's articles are not likely to confirm the estimate of those who regard Washington in an ideal way. But they are truthful and admirably portray the man as he was,—in reality.

Settle Up.

Our books of accounts we will do away with entirely from date of April 1, 1896. We therefore notify all persons indebted to us to call promptly and settle either by cash or note, as by the above date we want all accounts closed,

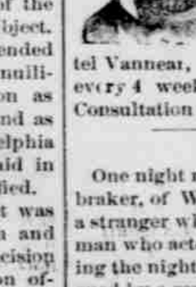
FERNER BROS.

Has no Heirs.

A Uniontown *Dispatch* says: The unusual proceeding of an estate escheating to the commonwealth has just come to light here through the necessary legal steps in such a procedure. It is the estate of the late Charles Semans, of Hopwood, who died a few months ago. Mr. Semans was an aged bachelor and died without legal heirs and without leaving a will and under the intestate laws of this commonwealth the property in such cases escheats to the state.

Nothing was thought of the case until Attorney George B. Hutchinson reported it to Attorney General Amos H. Mylin, reciting the facts and circumstances by which the estate reverted to the commonwealth. The auditor general took the matter up and appointed F. M. Fuller escheator to settle the estate. Under the law the informer gets one-third the property in such cases. Mr. Semans's property is valued at $1500, and $1000 of which will go to the state and $500 to Attorney Hutchinson. This is the first instance of this kind in this county.

Do Not Fail to Read This.



The noted Specialist, Dr. M. Salm, who has been so successful in the treatment of private diseases of both sexes, and all kinds of chronic diseases, may be consulted, as usual, free of charge, in Somerset, at the Hotel Vannear, on Friday, Feb. 21st, and every 4 weeks thereafter on same day. Consultation and Examination free.

An Odd Guest.

One night recently Mr. Henry Stonebraker, of White township, entertained a stranger whose actions still puzzle the man who acted as host. Some time during the night Mr. Stonebraker was awakened by a rap at the door. He got up and found a well dressed man at the door and Mr. Stonebraker invited the stranger in. The guest seated himself and remained silent. All efforts to compel the stranger man to talk were useless. Mr. Stonebraker sat there with his odd guest for some time, but owing to the rain he didn't want to turn the man out at night. Showing him a lounge on which he could rest Mr. Stonebraker went to bed and in the morning he found the eccentric man sleeping. When he awoke an effort was made to make the man talk but he met with the same success as before. He ate breakfast in silence and left the house before daylight without even thanking the man who had sheltered him.

The stranger was well dressed and a man of perhaps 50 years of age—*Indiana Pa., Progress.*

On Tuesday, after ten days of sticking in the sand bar off the Jersey coast, the great steamer St. Paul was pulled into deep water apparently little injured by the accident.

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SATURDAY, the 15th,

—AND:—

WEEKLY THEREAFTER.

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Will be wanted soon, and with a Carload in stock we are prepared to meet the demands of this section. Both WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

LAKE FISH AND MACKEREL

Are now on the market at moderate prices, for Cash or in exchange for Country Produce.

OUR STORE

Is always HEADQUARTERS for Farmers, and especially do we welcome those who attend the Institute—Feb. 14 and 15.

Respectfully,

COOK & BEERITS.

THIS SPACE

Is reserved for Parker & Parker's Announcement of NEW SPRING GOODS.

B. & B.

February--

Is a great month for Fine Wash Goods selling, and this year it's to be even greater than ever at this store.

Everything points to a dressy wash goods season, and our importations of fine foreign goods—Organdies, Dimities, Zephyrs, Ginghams, etc.—and the collection of fine dainty stuffs of American manufacture is greater than ever—more kinds, more styles, more pieces, more yards and more beautiful than ever—it's a collection we point to with great satisfaction and confidence in the merit of the goods, which, when seen, with the prices will sustain and extend this store's reputation for selling fine and pretty Wash Goods at moderate prices—8c. to 75c. Samples are ready to mail.

Silks--

Choice, handsome ones, that can't be told about in a limited space, have arrived from abroad—Silks that have style and beauty heretofore unapproached, and if you're interested in rich Silks we'll be glad to send you samples—a general line or for a special purpose, as your needs may require, and they'll be such as to style, quality and price as will assure this store making the sale—new Silks, 50c. to $5.

Still some lots of good goods to be disposed of before we're satisfied with this store clearing, of which the following is a specimen:

All wool navy blue, medium and wide wale Diagonal Cheviottes—soft finish—50 inches wide, 35c. or 3 yards for a dollar, and whoever gets or sees any of this will understand that what remains to be done here will be done thoroughly as to price, and those who come or send will get the benefit in dollars saved.

BOGGS & BUHL,

Allegheny, Pa.

Stenger'S

House-Cleaning to Begin Monday Morning.

What we mean by house-cleaning is to clean up all surplus and odd ends of seasonable merchandise before our annual inventory of stock, which takes place about February 1.

In order to clean up this stock, prices cut no figure. If you have not yet provided yourself with a winter wrap, now is the time for bargains.

Fur Capes, Cloth Capes, Jackets,

Children's and Misses' Coats,

All go in with this House-Cleaning Sale

Dry Goods Department.

Small lot of 45c and 50c dress cloths—some checks, some rough effects; were considered cheap at 45c and 50c. All go in this House Cleaning Sale at 35c a yard.

Remember, no duplicates on above; when sold that ends them.

JOHN STENGER,

MAIN STREET,

Johnstown, Pa.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Monday the 9th day of March, A. D. 1896 at 1 o'clock P. M. by J. W. Fouch, W. W. Livingston, Garret Ream, Hiram Shaffer and S. S. Yoder and others to be associated with them, under the Act of Assembly entitled: "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations, approved April 29th, 1874, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called "Salix Telephone Company," the charter and object of which is the constructing, maintaining, leasing and operating telephone lines and exchanges in the county of Cambria and extending into the county of Somerset, Pennsylvania. Beginning at Dunlo and passing through Salix, Elton, Scalp Level, Geistown, Johnstown and other towns and villages in said counties, with the right to make connections with other lines for the purpose of Telephonic communication with other lines operating in Cambria and Somerset counties, Pennsylvania, and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and supplements thereto.

C. S. ICKES,
Secretary.

Salix, Pa., Feb. 11, '96.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of Wm. Hay, dec'd. } In the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa.

The undersigned having been duly appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to distribute the fund in the hands of the executor to and among those legally entitled thereto, notice is hereby given that I will sit at the office of Hay & Walker, in the borough of Somerset, Pa., for said purpose, on Wednesday, February 19, 1896, at one o'clock P. M., when and where all parties interested can attend.

A. L. G. HAY,
Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sem Kaufman, Sr. late of Conemaugh township, Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Friday, February 28, 1896, at the late residence of dec'd.

SEM KAUFMAN, Sr.,
NOAH KAUFMAN,
Executors.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Charles Miller, late of Somerset township, dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Saturday, Feb. 22, 1896, at the office of the Executor, in Somerset borough.

L. M. HICKS,
Executor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Having been appointed by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., auditor to pass upon the exceptions filed to the first and final account of the administrator of Henry S. Picking, dec'd., and to distribute the funds in the hands of the administrator to and among those legally entitled thereto, notice is hereby given that I will attend to the duties of said appointment at my office in Somerset Pa., on the 20th day of February, 1896, at 1 o'clock p. m.

VALENTINE HAY,
Auditor.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

In re assigned estate of Jonas J. Weaver.

Notice is hereby given that Jonas J. Weaver and Ida, his wife, of the township of Paint, county of Somerset, and State of Pennsylvania, have executed a deed of voluntary assignment of all their estate, real and personal, to the undersigned, for the benefit of the creditors of the said Jonas J. Weaver. All persons indebted to said Jonas J. Weaver will make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands will present the same without delay to

DANIEL STATLER,
Assignee.

Special Notice.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

OF THE

Farmers' Union Association

AND

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY

OF

Somerset County, Pa.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1895.

Number of policies in force		1945
Am't of ins. subject to assessment		$2,444,792
Rate of tax assessed during year		3 mills

RESOURCES.

Outstanding on duplicates Dec. 31, 1894	$1,221 86	
Am't ass'ment during 1895	6,517 04	
" rec'd for membership	273 50	$8,119 40

LIABILITIES.

Am't due Dec. 31, 1894	$ 251 14	
Am't of loss by fire 1895	5,089 10	
Am't due for all other expenses for the year 1895, including officers' pay, commissions and exonerations	884 49	$6,224 73
Resources in excess		$2,184 67

Resources during 1895.

Received on assessments	$4,529 70	
Received for membership	273 50	
Borrowed money	1,000 00	$5,803 20

Disbursements during 1895.

E. O. L. Stotler, full of ins	50 00
Franklin Rodgers, full ins	168 50
Josiah J. Keim, part of ins	18 22
Josiah W. Fritz, full of ins	140 00
Sylvester S. Potts " "	333 00
G. H. Walter, " "	200 00
Jonas Hemminger, " "	400 00
Amos D. Christner, " "	500 00
Simon Kriss[i]nger, " "	600 00
Minerva E. Hoover, full "	350 00
Daniel J. Keifer, " "	237 00
Annie M. Schrock, " "	1,000 00
Harvey R. Keim, " "	175 00
Charles Sorber, " "	400 00
Joseph J. Daniels, " "	700 00
Josiah W. Fritz, full damage	10 00
B. F. Romesburg, " "	5 00
C. H. Tedrow, " "	2 65
Henry Coleman, " "	17 40
Daniel Peterman, " "	2 75
E. J. Walker, bal. due 1894	41 42
H. P. Hay, Pres., salary	20 00
Lewis Berkley, V. P., salary	13 50
E. J. Walker, Sec., salary	90 00
Directors, for services	99 75
Adjusters	18 25
For printing policies, statements, etc.	85 03
Renewing charter	53 20
Costs and fees	20 25
Postage and stationery	23 92
Room rent for meeting of the board	5 00 — $5,693 21
Balance in Treasury	$ 109 99

Resources Dec. 31, 1895.

Balance in Treasury	$ 109 99	
Outstanding on duplicates	3,127 58	$3,237 47

Liabilities Dec. 31, 1895.

Samuel P. Walker (estate), full damages	$ 3 00	
Catharine Seil, full of ins	50 00	
D. B. Zimmerman, full dam.	89 00	
Borrowed money	1,000 00	$1,142 10
Resources in excess		$2,184 57

Eighth Annual Statement

ON

Contents.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1895.

Number of policies in force	625
Am't of ins. subject to assessment	$510,304
Rate of assessment during the year	5 mills

RESOURCES.

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1894	$ 19 26	
Am't assessed during 1895	2,430 71	
Rec'd for membership 1895	107 00	$2,627 17

LIABILITIES.

Am't due former Treasurer	$ 182 71	
Am't of loss by fire during the year	1,683 00	
Am't due for all other expenses for the year 1895, including officers' pay, commissions and exonerat'ns	199 54	$2,045 25
Resources in excess		$ 581 92

Resources during 1895.

Rec'd on assessments	$1,482 60	
Rec'd for membership	107 00	
Borrowed money	400 00	$1,989 60

Disbursements.

David Weigle on contents	$ 63 60	
Amos D. Christner, full ins.	800 00	
Annie M. Schrock, " "	470 00	
Joseph J. Daniels, " "	330 00	
Alex Coleman, Treas., sal'ry	25 00	
E. J. Walker for extra serv.	6 00	
Postage and stationery	4 44	
Room rent for annual meeting	5 00	
Court costs	42 14	$1,775 78
Balance in Treasury		$ 214 02

Resources Dec. 31, 1895.

Balance in Treasury	$ 214 02	
Outstanding on duplicates	900 61	$1,114 63

Liabilities.

Am't due former Treasurer	$ 182 71	
Borrowed money	400 00	$ 582 71
Resources in excess		$ 531 92

ALEX. COLEMAN,
Treasurer.

Orphans' Court Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to the undersigned administratrix of Samuel R. Critchfield, late of Lower Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pa., directed, I will offer at public sale on the premises in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., on

Thursday, Feb. 13, '96,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

of said day, the following described real estate:

A certain farm or tract of land situate in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., containing 109 acres and 15 perches, strict measure, adjoining lands of Anthony Ash's heirs Joseph Forney, Solomon Simpson, Michael Shaffer's heirs, Eli Ogline and Freeman Hoffman, about 100 acres are in a good state of cultivation, the balance being wood land. The greater part of this farm is underlaid with a four foot vein of coal and limestone. There is thereon erected a

Two-story Frame Dwelling House,

large bank barn, 40x80 feet, and other necessary outbuildings. There is a good orchard of young and growing fruit trees on the farm, which is located in a good community, convenient to schools and churches.

—Terms:—

One-third of purchase money, after payment of all debts and legal expenses, to remain a lien on the land in lieu of dower to the widow of said dec'd., and balance in three payments: One-third on confirmation of sale, one-third in six months and one-third in one year, with interest. Ten per cent. of purchase money to be paid on day of sale. Deferred payments to be secured by bond and mortgage on the premises.

TILLIE CRITCHFIELD,
Administratrix.

Geo. R. Scull, Atty.

Notice of Appeals.

NOTICE is hereby given that appeals will be held from the assessments of 1896, at the Commissioners office, Somerset, Pa., for the several districts of the county of Somerset, on

February 20, 21, and 22, 1896,

when and where all persons and corporations, feeling themselves aggrieved at the enumeration and valuation of their taxable property and effects, in such cases make and provided, are requested to attend and state their grievances for redress according to law.

The appeals will be held on the above mentioned days between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M., and 3 o'clock P. M.

Attest:— HENRY F. BARNETT,
J. G. EMERT, S. U. SHOBER,
Clerk. WILLIAM P. HAY,
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COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon. JACOB H. LONGENECKER, President Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the several counties composing the 16th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the said District, and D. J. HORNER and NOAH BIESECKER, Esq's, Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the County of Somerset, have issued their precepts, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer at Somerset, on

Monday, Feb. 24, 96.

NOTICE is hereby given to all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner and Constables within the said county of Somerset, that they be then and there in their proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office and in that behalf appertain to be done, and also they who will prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Somerset County, to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

EDWARD HOOVER,
Sheriff.

REGISTER'S NOTICES.

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons concerned as legatees, creditors, or otherwise, that the following accounts have passed Register, and that the same will be presented for confirmation and allowance at an Orphans' Court to be held at Somerset, Pa., on

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1896.

First and final account of Adam Deaner, administrator of John Deaner, dec'd.

First and final account of Aaron S. Walker, administrator of Peter H. Walker, dec'd.

First and final account of Nannie C. Yutzy, administratrix of E. D. Yutzy, dec'd.

First and final account of Aaron F. Swank, executor of Daniel Hoffman, dec'd.

The account of Carl Shaffer, administrator of John Shaft, dec'd.

First and final account of J. H. Gardner, trustee for the sale of the real estate of Josiah L. Bender, dec'd.

First and final account of Jacob Sterner, guardian of Raymond and Charles Reynolds, by Ross Sterner, administrator of Jacob Sterner, dec'd.

The account of Abraham Zimmerman, administrator of Elizabeth Zimmerman, dec'd

Register's Office, Jan. 28, '96. } JACOB S. MILLER, Register.

Trustee's & Administrator's Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

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 sale on the premises in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pa., on

Friday, Feb. 21, 1896,

AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

the following real estate, being the late homestead of Irvin Younkin, dec'd.

All that certain tract of land situate in Upper Turkeyfoot township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Mary A. Snyder, John Firestone, William Nicola, Hiram Sanner and others, containing one hundred and thirty-three (133) acres more or less, having thereon erected a two-story log

Dwelling House,

bank barn, 40x80 feet, and other outbuildings, about 100 acres cleared, good sugar camp, fruit and water, being distant about 2 miles from Kingwood and convenient to church and school.

Terms Cash!

10 per cent. of the purchase money to be paid down on day of sale, and balance when sale is confirmed by the Court and deed made.

JOHN F. YOUNKIN,
Administrator and Trustee of Irvin Younkin, dec'd.

John R. Scott, Atty.,
Somerset, Pa.

Orphans' Court

SALE!

By virtue of an order issuing out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, directed to the undersigned, she will expose to public sale, on

Saturday, Feb. 15, '96,

At 2 O'clock P. M.,

at the store of John A. O'Connor, at Conner, Somerset county, Pa., that certain

—Tract of Land—

situate in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., beginning at a maple, thence by land of Adam Naugle, now Daniel Caufield, north 75 deg. west 149 perches to stones, thence by land of Jacob Bennett north 30 deg. east 114 perches to stones, thence by land of Christian Mishler, now Jacob Saylor, south 80¼ deg. east 145 perches to a post, thence by land of David Hammer south 2 deg. east 16½ perches to a post, thence by the same south 10 deg. west 39 perches to the place of beginning, containing 67 acres and 60 perches.

Terms of Sale—Twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when the property is knocked down, balance on confirmation of the sale and delivery of deed.

RACHEL C. RODDY,
Administratrix of Samuel M. Roddy, dec'd.

Jas B. O'Connor, Atty.

RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their applications for Tavern License in my office, and that the same will be presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions for allowance on

Monday, February 24th, 1896.

Charles A. Mitchell, Addison twp.
Edward Nicklow, Addison twp.
Andrew Meqjuade, Berlin borough.
A. B. Falkner, Berlin borough.
William A. Swan, Confluence borough.
J. M. Dodds, Confluence borough.
Scott Sterner, Confluence borough.
G. P. Shaffer, Confluence borough.
John Kurtz, Conemaugh twp.
Thomas S. Williams, Elk Lick twp.
H. G. Stahl, Jenner twp.
J. J. Kennell, Larimer twp.
John H. Slicer, Meyersdale borough.
John W. Guthrie, Meyersdale borough.
Nathaniel Slicer, Meyersdale borough.
J. C. Reed, Meyersdale borough.
S. A. Haines, Rockwood borough.
Samuel Backman, Rockwood borough.
Reuben D. Marietta, Rockwood borough.
Charles S. Vannear, Somerset borough.
Jacob B. Winters, Somerset borough.
George H. Tayman, Somerset borough.
Henry Loechel, Salisbury borough.
C. T. Hay, Salisbury borough.
W. H. Tayman, Somerset twp.
Kiser Kimmel, Summit twp.
Samuel Custer, Stoystown borough.
John H. Hite, Stoystown borough.
Stoney Holsopple, Benson Borough.
John F. Zimmerman, Ursina borough.
Joseph Hershberger, Hooversville borough.

Clerk's Office, February 5, '96. } F. P. SAYLOR, Clerk.

VOLUNTARY ASSIGNMENT.

Wm. J. Fritz and wife, of Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., having made a deed of voluntary Assignment to me of all the real and personal property of said Wm. J. Fritz, for the benefit of his creditors, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said assignor to make immediate payment to me, and those having claims against him to present them duly authenticated for settlement, at my office in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday, February 6, A. D. 1896.

VALENTINE HAY,
Assignee.

Jan. 1, '96.

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