The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....April 8, 1896.

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

According to the almanac spring has been here for two weeks, but the variable weather has driven away all thoughts of gardening and farming for the present.

All those terrible, itching diseases of the skin that help to make life miserable for us are caused by external parasites. Dean's Ointment kills the parasite and cures the disease. Perfectly harmless, never fails.

Movings were numerous last week. There is a noticeable scarcity of houses for rent in this town; that ought to be a pointer for people who don't know what to do with their surplus money.

As baldness makes one look prematurely old, so a full head of hair gives to mature life the appearance of youth. To secure this and prevent the former, Ayer's Hair Vigor is confidently recommended. Bald ladies and gentlemen prefer it to any other dressing.

A meeting of the Bare-Rock Railroad Company and the Somerset Stone Company was held at Milford, Wednesday, the officers in attendance being Messrs. John Murdock, his sons—Messrs. Jacob M. and Wilbert F.—and his sons-in-law—Joshua C. Duncan, of Johnstown and Edward R. McColly, of Ligonier.

DANA'S Sarsaparilla is not only the best of all remedies for the Nerves, Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, and Blood; *but if no benefit, you can get your money back.*

The same guarantee applies to DANA'S Pills, Cough Syrup, and Plasters.

For sale by David Gildner, M. D. Agent, Rockwood, Pa.

On account of the rearrangement of street numbers in Pittsburg by the city authorities, the office of Mr. Thomas E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pennsylvania Railroad, as well as the city ticket office, corner of Fifth Avenue and Smithfield Street, Pittsburg, will be changed on April 15 from No. 110, present number, to No. 360 Fifth Avenue.

An attache of the White House says that President Cleveland has become very fond of whistling and that the touching old song, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," is his favorite tune. The attache heard him trying to sing to the babies in the nursery one morning, but as a singer he is a failure, being unable to catch a tune. As a whistler, however, he says the President is a great success.

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, April 8, 1896: Anderson, D. L.; Bird, Edward; Crawford, A. H. Jr.; Dougan, S. P.; Fisher, Ray; Ling, Ellsworth; Muller, Geo. W.; Moggs, Lucy; Pierce, John; Sheetz, Athalia; Saylor, Maggie; Stahl, Norman; Smith, Lewis.

As a result of the active work done by the Board of Trade the Johnstown Wall Paper Company was organized a few days ago by the election of T. C. Dupont, John M. Rose, W. E. Matthews, P. S. Fisher, John Emmerling, G. A. Hager and Samuel Waters directors. The capital stock of the company is $80,000. An application will be made for a charter and work will be started immediately.

For selling liquor without a license Judge Greer sentenced Druggist Johnston, of Butler county, to pay a fine of $500 and be imprisoned in the county jail for seven months. Johnston sold on prescription only, but he filled one prescription many times. He sold only by clerk, as he is a dentist, but the court held that the proprietor was guilty. Judge Greer also sentenced Druggist Miller to nine months in jail and $750 fine for selling liquor illegally.

The editor of the *Independence* Kan., *Star* sued a delinquent subscriber for $11. The delinquent claimed he never subscribed for the paper, and did not propose to pay for it. The judge instructed the jury that if the evidence disclosed the fact that the delinquent had taken the paper from the office, or caused it to be taken, they should find for the plaintiff. It cost the man nearly $100 to settle what $11 would have paid. It pays to be honest even with the printer.

Rev. F. P. Saylor, on Monday officiated at the marriage of Mr. John Flamm, of Stonycreek township, and Miss Cora B. Krissinger, of Allegheny township; the ceremony took place in the Prothonotary's office.

Yesterday the same minister officiated at the marriage of Mr. Joseph C. Miller and Miss Katie Kreger, both of Upper Turkeyfoot township. The nuptial knot was tied in the office of the Register and Recorder.

An Indian scalping knife was found in a tree in Clearfield county Pa., a few days ago. The blade was imbedded 29 feet from the ground, and as the tree counted 175 rings from the point of the knife to its hilt, it would indicate that the blade had been in the same position for almost two centuries. The stamp on the side of the knife consists of the representation of a crown and bottle, and it was no doubt imported from England in the early days of the colonies and was probably traded to the Indians.

An extraordinary exodus of Dunkards from Indiana and other Eastern States to North Dakota is taking place. The Great Northern Railway on March 24, had one train from St. Paul containing 1036 of these people destined for points on the line of its road in North Dakota. It is doubtful if a larger number of actual settlers was ever moved at one time by any railroad in this country. There are already over 3000 Dunkards located in North Dakota, and the movement is gaining strength every day.

Good eggs cannot be expected from hens that are fed largely on slops and refuse. Corn makes the richest eggs, as it adds to the fat contents and gives the contents of the shell a consistency that makes it specially valuable for baking and kindred uses. A meat ration also adds to the value of the eggs, and it is because ducks are such ravenous hunters of frogs and the many insects on land and water that their eggs are preferred to all others by bakers and confectioners. Guinea eggs are especially rich in this quality and are better for baking and making icing those those of almost any other fowl.—*Washington County Farmer.*

A can of gold coin was found in the old house of the late Eliza B. Cook at Brownsville, Fayette county, on Monday by her administrator, Dr. H. J. English. While making an inventory of her personal property he came across an old chest filled with all sorts of odd things, among which was a fruit can soldered up tight. The can was very heavy and attracted the attention of the searchers. They hastened to open it and found the contents to consist of $3,400 in currency. Among the many coins were ten $10 gold pieces bearing the date of 1796. There was no denomination on any of the coins. The only means of determining the value was by the eagle on each. This was the first gold issue of this country.

Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, was visited by a destructive fire Tuesday morning, in which $10,000 worth of property was destroyed. The fire originated in the music store of Jerry Peterson, adjoining the Westmoreland Hotel, owned by Mrs. Hartigan and occupied and managed by James Gribben. The fire soon spread to the hotel and also to the hardware store building of C. L. Kuhn, all of which were destroyed. Mr. Gribben's loss will be $1,500, Mrs. Hartigan's loss about $2,000, Mr. Peterson's loss about $2,000, and Mr. Kuhn's loss, who also owned the building occupied by Mr. Peterson, will be about $4,000. How the fire originated is a mystery. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

Romanus Baldwin, of Shanksville, has been granted an increase of pension.

Miss Lou Davis has been in New York for the past few days, taking in the Easter fashions.

Mrs. J. W. Carothers and Mrs. R. M. Linton are visiting friends in the eastern part of the state.

Prof. R. F. Patterson and Edward B. Scull, Esq., of Pittsburg, were visitors here during the week.

Dr. P. F. Shaffer has fitted up a pair of handsome offices in his newly acquired residence on Patriot street.

Mr. D. B. Zimmerman, the well-known Quemahoning township stock-dealer, will leave next Monday for South Dakota where he owns a ranch.

At the Lutheran parsonage of Fridens, on Thursday, April 2nd, Mr. J. O. Mostoller and Miss Ida E. Trent were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. J. J. Welch officiating.

Religious services will be held in Bearltown next Sabbath morning and at Pleasant Hill church in the evening by Rev. T. Vaughan, the newly appointed Evangelical minister of the Rockwood circuit.

Mr. George H. Dively, of Northampton township, and Miss Ida Friedline of Jefferson township, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at the residence of Prothonotary Saylor, Mr. Saylor officiating.

Clyde, the twelve-year-old son of Daniel Saylor, fell from the over-shoot of his uncle James' barn, where he and several companions were playing Sunday afternoon, and striking on his head fractured the right malar bone. The injury is a very painful one.

Five shares of the capital stock of the First National Bank of this place, belonging to the estate of the late Michael Sipe, Jenner township, were sold at public sale on Saturday last for $175.00 per share. The par value of the stock was $100.00 per share.

By a decisive majority of the votes polled at the recent primary election the Republicans of Meyersdale decided to relegate the caucus system of nominating borough officers to the rear and hereafter will make nominations under primary rules.

Samuel Beachy, a former well-known resident of Salisbury, died on March 28th at the home of his son Simon, in Kansas City, Mo., from dropsy. With the exception of Mrs. George Lowry, of Elk Lick township, he was the last surviving child of the late Peter Beachy. The deceased was well advanced in years.

Matthew S. Griffith, a well-known farmer of Jenner township, left for parts unknown one day last week. His sudden flight was brought about through a criminal prosecution entered against him by a young woman living in Quemahoning township. Griffith has a wife and family. He recently sold his farm for $5,000 cash.

Rev. D. L. Yoder, the newly appointed pastor of Somerset Circuit United Evangelical Association, arrived with his family last week and took possession of the parsonage on Main Cross Street. Rev. W. Houpt, late pastor of the circuit, having removed to Washington, D. C., where for the present he will be associated with his brother in giving instruction in the German language.

Quite a sad accident occurred at Huston, about one mile from town, on Tuesday, in which Michael and John Shaff figure as the unfortunates. These two young men were engaged in trucking logs at C. N. Flanigan's mill, and were going over a trestle, when it gave way, precipitating the men in question. One of the unfortunates, John, died Tuesday night, and at this writing the other is in a dangerous condition.—*Confluence Press.*

Josiah J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Lowry, of Stonycreek township, died on Tuesday, March 24th, at the home of his parents, from pulmonary trouble, aged 29 years, 6 months and 5 days. The deceased was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, having been confirmed by Rev. J. W. Poffenberger on April 15, 1885. He is survived by his parents and eleven sisters and brothers, one of his sisters being the wife of our fellow townsman, Isaac G. Jones.

The night watchman at Fort Hill lost a foot in a peculiar way Monday night, says the Myersdale *Commercial*. He was making his rounds when a rock dislodged by the heavy rains came down with a rush catching his foot and crushing it to a jelly. He managed to work around off the track, and then fainted from pain and loss of blood. The engineer of the first train saw the obstruction and the poor fellow was released from his painful position. We learn the limb was amputated near the knee the following day. Have not learned his correct name, several being given.

The principal officers of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company passed through here Saturday on their way to Johnstown. The party was made up of Receivers Cowan and Murray, Vice President King, General Manager Green, Manager of Freight Traffic Wight, General Passenger Agent Scull, Superintendent of Motive Power Middleton, Superintendent of Transportation Fitzgerald, General Superintendent Patton, Superintendent Cutter and other officers of the road. They traveled in a special train of three private cars and were inspecting the entire B. & O. System. Mr. Scull left the train at Somerset and spent several hours with his parents—Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scull—rejoining the party upon their return from Johnstown.

The attention of the HERALD has been called to the pitiable condition of Clarence Staub, an orphan boy nineteen years of age, who about two years ago was unfortunately thrown under a freight train at Williams Station and suffered the loss of both his feet. Being in destitute circumstances he was removed to the County Home, where he was nursed back to health and where he has since been a charge on the county. Staub is a young man of robust constitution and is ambitious to earn a livelihood, but in his present condition he is compelled to walk upon his knees and is therefore unable to secure employment of any character. He will make an appeal to the poor Directors to procure artificial substitutes for the members of which he has been deprived, and in case his modest request is granted, will undertake to support himself. Give the unfortunate boy a chance.

Considerable interest was aroused in Lincoln township Friday morning when it was learned that Frank Murray, a young farm hand had deserted his wife and two children, and eloped with Lizzie Hersh, a young woman of unsavory reputation, who has been temporarily residing in that neighborhood. Gossip has been busy with the names of the principal actors in the case for several weeks, but no one ever suspected that they contemplated an elopement. Murray came to Somerset Wednesday afternoon and purchased a suit of clothes on credit from Knepper & Good, promising to pay for the garments in a short time. That was the last seen of him here. Thursday morning the Hersh woman took the train at Somerset for Rockwood where she met Murray. The same day some section men west of Rockwood on the B. & O. found a few pieces of cast off clothing which were identified by papers in the pockets as Murray's, and it is believed that he changed his dress after leaving Rockwood. Nothing has since been heard of the couple and it is believed that they have gone west. Murray is about thirty-eight years of age and the Hersh woman about twenty.

Plowed With a Democratic Heifer.

Democrats Active For Kooser in Order to Cancel Political Obligations.

Elated, inflated, intoxicated with delight over having carried a majority of the votes at the late Republican primary election, and thus having secured the Congressional conferees from this county, a few of the political friends of Mr. F. J. Kooser through their personal organ make a vicious attack upon the friends of F. W. Biesecker and especially upon the family of the editor of the HERALD.

The HERALD last week evinced a disposition to let Mr. Kooser and his professed friends enjoy their boom to their full capacity, but in the interests of true Republicanism and for the sake of the party it now thinks best to puncture the bubble before it suffers collapse by reason of its own dilation.

Mr. Kooser is not the first candidate to secure a majority of the votes cast at a Republican primary election in the county, but so far as our knowledge goes he is the first candidate to secure a majority where so many members of the Democratic party were permitted to vote and exercise their influence. To make this more clear let us present the cold figures:

DISTRICTS.	Pres't Harrison and Reid	Pres't Cleveland and Stevenson	Total Vote Nov. Election, 1892	Cong. Prof. W. Biesecker	Cong. F. J. Kooser	Total Vote Rep. Primary, 1896
Addison	118	173	291	34	110	134
Allegheny	67	102	169	34	44	78
Berlin Borough	59	121	180	22	44	66
Brothersvalley	212	78	290	75	198	208
Black	83	75	120	30	104	144
Conemaugh	247	58	285	123	77	200
Confluence Borough	72	93	165	49	82	131
Casselman Borough	177	4	181	21	74	95
Elklick	162	146	308	140	111	251
Fairhope	41	49	90	17	44	61
Greenville	89	31	114	42	61	103
Jefferson	118	48	166	32	95	127
Jenner	209	57	326	152	164	316
Jennertown Bor.	16	8	24	8	11	19
Larimer	62	70	135	53	81	134
Lincoln	115	38	153	40	134	174
Lower Turkeyfoot	91	43	134	42	74	116
Meyersdale Borough	230	163	393	122	181	303
Middlecreek	111	57	141	43	81	124
Milford	136	39	175	56	95	151
New Centerville Bor.	20	9	29	11	13	24
New Baltimore Bor.	5	23	28	4		4
Northampton	69	79	148	29	41	70
Ogle	27	4	31	19	5	24
Paint	223	25	248	115	115	230
Quemahoning No. 1	153	8	161	46	132	178
Quemahoning No. 2	63	30	93	45	46	91
Rockwood Borough	88	29	117	22	104	126
Salisbury Borough	89	69	158	66	50	116
Shade	146	56	202	87	109	196
Somerset Borough	239	78	317	144	207	351
Somerset	581	115	696	185	353	538
Southampton	67	44	111	21	38	59
Stonycreek	310	61	371	124	298	562
Stoystown Borough	67	21	68	19	40	59
Summit	257	148	405	98	164	262
Upper Turkeyfoot	148	51	199	81	112	193
Ursina Borough	43	29	72	43	10	53
Wellersburg Bor.	12	22	34	12	5	17
Total	4670	2292	6962	2279	3540	5819

NOTE—The vote of Benson is added to the vote of Paint township; Elk Lick No. 2 to Elk Lick No. 1; Hooversville to Quemahoning No. 2, and Somerfield to Addison in the vote for Congress.

It will be noticed that in the townships of Black and Lincoln, the vote cast for Kooser and Biesecker was greater than that polled at the last Presidential election for the Republican, Democratic, Prohibition and People's party candidates combined, while in other districts such as Jenner, Somerset, Stonycreek, Stoystown, etc., the vote cast for Kooser and Biesecker is almost as great as that polled at the last Presidential election for the respective candidates of the four parties named.

Nor is this to be wondered at since it is an open secret that General A. H. Coffroth, and dozens of other leading members of the Democratic party were untiring in their efforts to bring about the nomination of Kooser. Republicans from every district in the county bear testimony that Democrats were unusually active in the interest of Mr. Kooser, and the total vote polled bears conclusive evidence that from 800 to 1200 members of the Democratic party voted at the Republican primary election. On the other hand it can be said that the Democrats who gave Mr. Biesecker their moral support can be counted on the fingers of two hands.

The reason for all this requires no seeking. Mr. Biesecker and the Republicans who supported him have always and consistently made aggressive and uncompromising battle against the common foe—Democracy. They have never asked quarter and they have never given any.

How is it with the professed friends of Mr. Kooser? They voluntarily left the Republican party and worked and voted in the interests of a Democratic candidate for Governor. When Mr. Kooser suffered defeat for the nomination for Congress on a former occasion these professed friends labored to defeat his successful competitor in the district conference, and subsequently joined hands with the Democrats, in a fruitless effort to accomplish his overthrow in November. At a later day Mr. Kooser received the endorsement of the county for Judge without opposition and received the earnest support of the entire party up until the night before the election, when he voluntarily withdrew from the ticket, against the advice of his professed friends who wished to see a Democrat elevated to the bench.

The most recent recourse of these delectable gentlemen and professed friends of Mr. Kooser to Democratic influences is laid bare in the last issue of their personal organ in the shape of an untruthful and slanderous extract culled from the columns of a Democratic journal, in which an effort is made to convey the impression that Mr. Biesecker's candidacy was in the interests of one Joseph E. Thropp, of Bedford county. Mr. Biesecker and his friends care nothing for this vile insinuation and are loath to believe that Mr. Kooser countenanced it, but in the interest of truth they desire to state that he or none of his friends ever made an agreement of this or any other character with Mr. Thropp or any one representing him.

Can Mr. Kooser and his professed friends say the same in regard to his being a candidate in the interests of Mr. Hicks, the present representative from this district? Will his conferees be thrown to Hicks after making a sham battle for the nomination of Kooser? Time and the district conference will develop this?

Mr. Biesecker and his friends are not attempting to inspire hostility against Mr. Kooser and will give him cheerful and steadfast support, but, "Let the truth prevail though the heavens fall," and may he be speedily delivered from his professed fool friends.

Frightful Accident.

A frightful accident occurred about four o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of Norman Shaffer, who lives on the farm of Samuel Trent, two miles east of here. Mr. Shaffer, who is about twenty-three years of age and is employed as a miner in the Listie mines, was attempting to dry a lot of rock powder before the kitchen fire, when his wife picked up a few grains of the wet powder and proceeded to throw it on top of the stove. Oliver Shaffer, a neighbor, who happened to be present at the time, called to her not do it, but before she could return the powder to the tin basin from which she had taken it, a grain or two fell from her hand onto the stove and ignited. Instantly a bright flame shot up to her hand and communicated with the powder in the basin. The burning powder was thrown all over the upper part of the bodies of the husband and wife and both were horribly burned about the shoulders and face. The dwelling was fired by the burning powder and the occupants were compelled to flee from it, Oliver Shaffer rescuing the infant child of the unfortunate couple. The building with all of its contents was burned to the ground. Dr. P. F. Shaffer was called upon to render professional services, and says that the unfortunate victims will recover.

A MALICIOUS CAMPAIGN LIE REBUTED.

A Card From Mr. Joseph E. Thropp.

It having been asserted during the recent primary canvass and since by the political enemies of Mr. F. W. Biesecker, that he, Biesecker, was a candidate in the interest of Mr. Joseph E. Thropp, of Bedford county, and that Mr. Thropp contributed money to assist Mr. Biesecker in his canvass, the following card, in the form of an affidavit, from Mr. Thropp, effectually disposes of the malicious lie and should cause its authors to at once retract the offensive and cowardly libel.

EVERETT, Pa., April 6, 1896.

I am informed that a report has been circulated in Somerset County to the effect that I had contributed money to assist one of the Congressional candidates in the recent primary canvass in that county; and in view of such report I want to say, most emphatically, that I did not furnish a dollar or any other sum, directly or indirectly, to aid or support either of the two opposing contestants in any manner whatever. Any report or statement given out or repeated, alleging that I did, is absolutely and unqualifiedly false and untrue, no matter from what source it may have come.

JOSEPH E. THROPP.

Sworn to and subscribed before me a Notary Public in the County of Bedford, this 6th day of April 1896.

JOHN G. COBLER, Notary Public.

Witness:—
WM. A. BIEBER.

As Viewed by the Press of the District.

During the recent primary contest it was alleged that Mr. Kooser was not a candidate for Congress with the expectation of procuring the district nomination but was running in the interests of the present member, Mr. Hicks. The following extracts from Republican papers of the Congressional district, would indicate that this impression was not without foundation and largely prevailed in the other counties of the district.

Somerset county's independent republicans seem to have turned out in force on Saturday.—*Altoona Tribune.*

The news from Somerset county is to the effect that Kooser has carried the county for congress against Biesecker, Edward Scull's son-in-law, by from 1,000 to 1,500 majority. It seems to be conceded that the result is a decided victory for Representative Hicks.—*Altoona Tribune.*

KNOCKED OUT IN SOMERSET COUNTY.

The Biesecker-Thropp Combine Snowed Under at the Primary Election.

The Republicans of Somerset county held their primary election for the designation of candidates for the county offices on Saturday last. It was the most hotly contested primary election held in Somerset county for many years. The principal hitch was on the Congressional issue. After the withdrawal of Mr. Jordan, of this county, from the contest, the Montgomery county candidate from near Everett, in the person of Mr. Joseph E. Thropp, the soldier's best friend, the liberal philanthropist and public benefactor—he of the bob-tailed team and big red plumes and liveried coachman spoken of by the *Bedford Gazette* as having honored the ancient borough with a political visit one day last week—(see article printed elsewhere)—invaded Somerset county and entered into a combination with the Scull wing of the Republican party in that county against Mr. Hicks. We have no means of knowing just how much "boodle" he was required to put up, or did put up, if any.

The Hicks forces were marshalled by F. J. Kooser, Esq., who put up an animated and aggressive fight against the Montgomery county man. The result was that the Biesecker-Thropp combine was overwhelmingly defeated at the primary election on Saturday, Mr. Kooser carrying the county by from 1,200 to 1,500 majority over F. W. Biesecker, the Thropp representative. In view of this significant defeat from the "Frosty Sons of Thunder," we suggest to the Montgomery county candidate that he had better save his credit by withdrawing from the campaign before the primary election in this county on the 11th instant. He will certainly "get it in the neck" in this county also. In fact, we advise him to drop politics altogether and attend to his furnace, his company stores and other philanthropic interests.—*Everett Republican.*

Fool Friends.

Senator Chandler, a reputed friend of Reed and an advocate of his nomination for President by the St. Louis Convention, has, by his injudicious utterances and actions, done more that was detrimental to his nomination than could all his enemies and all his rivals combined.

The Somerset *Standard* for this week, with ghoulish glee, gloats over the defeat of Biesecker as an aspirant for the Somerset Congressional Conferees, attempting to prove that it was a defeat for Thropp, and, inferentially, advantageous to Hicks in Somerset county, and therefore a "boost" for him in Bedford, where he is contesting again Tropp for the Conferees from that county.

Mr. Kooser is certainly not in sympathe with the utterances of his pretended organ, for he can not be, and be the honest, level-headed man he is. If he was running in Somerset county against Thropp, and in the interest of Hicks and not for himself, then he was deceiving the honest Republicans of Somerset county. If he was running for himself and desires the Congressional nomination, he could not think it favorable to his chances that Hicks should get Bedford county in addition to Blair, which he has, and thus have half the Conferees of the Conference. And if Thropp should carry Bedford county and thus have three Conferees to three for each of the other candidates, it would certainly not benefit Mr. Kooser's chances to have thus unnecessarily antagonized Mr. Thropp, as the *Standard* inferentially says he did.

Fool friends are much more injurious than open avowed enemies, politically, socially, and in business affairs.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Scott Was in at the Death.

The effort made at the recent meeting of Republican Return Judges to howl down Lawyer John R. Scott, a duly accredited member, while addressing his fellow members, failed most signally. Mr. Scott waited until the howlers had spent their efforts and then calmly continued his timely remarks. He had listened to the same kind of music too often before in political battles to be scared by wind.

Berlin Items.

Prof. W. H. Kretchman, who has been principal of our schools for the past two years and was re-elected last week by the Board of Directors for a third term, left Tuesday for Indiana, Pa., where he will assist as an instructor in the State Normal during the Spring Term. Our schools have been meeting with marked success under Prof. Kretchman and his valuable services have been appreciated by the patrons of the schools.

Communion services were held in the Lutheran and Reformed churches on Easter Sunday. Children's services were held in the evening in both churches. The Lutheran congregation received four and the Reformed twenty-one new members.

Mrs. Jennie C. Miller, of Somerset, was a welcome visitor among her many Berlin friends early this week.

Mrs. Sadie Stover and her son John from Cessna, Pa., are the guests of the former's parents in this place. C.

Important.

While many of our patrons have responded to our previous notice to close up their accounts, there are still a few who have not. To those we would say, please do not defer this longer as we will positively close all accounts, and must insist on settlement at once. We have fully determined to do a cash trade.

Respectfully yours,
FERNER BROS.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

STRUNG UP BY HIS FEET.

Drunken Men Accused of a Shocking Crime.

A dispatch from Chambersburg, Pa., says:

A strange case has just come to light in this county that may result seriously if all facts as now stated can be fully proven. On March 18 Thomas Clendenning died at the home of his widowed mother, at Richmond Furnace, a small place in the North Mountain, from what seemed to be a peculiar phase of typhoid fever. He had returned home from Somerset County but a few days before, having walked the entire distance. He was quite ill upon his return and immediately took to his bed. His legs were badly swollen and he had intense pain and high fever, which increased until death.

The probable cause of death now crops out, which for some reason had not been told before by his mother, not even to the attending physician.

When Clendenning came home he told his mother that he had been with a party of wood-choppers in Somerset County, between or near Lambertsville and Mostoller. In the party were men from Fort London. One day the crowd, or some of them, got drunk, and in their rough sport they caught Clendenning, tied ropes around his ankles, and drawing the ropes over the limb of a tree, pulled him from the ground. Suspended thus head downward his drunken companions left him, and some passers-by cut him down. He was very sick from his inverted position, and the blood running to his head gave him most excruciating pain.

When the phase of the case became known, this greatest indignation was aroused in the neighborhood and the mother was urged to institute suit against the men implicated. One of the neighbors visited District Attorney Light today and that official is now engaged in investigating the case.

Coroner Suesserott has received no information on the subject, but if the statement to the District Attorney is found to be true he will have the body exhumed and an autopsy performed. The alleged crime having been committed in Somerset County, the officials here are acting cautiously, but no effort will be spared to ascertain the facts in the case.

The persons from Fort London who are said to be implicated claim to know nothing about the alleged crime.

Saturday a HERALD reporter learned that the story printed above is substantially correct.

Clendenning was employed as a wood chopper by Edward Mostoller., of Mostoller Station. He was a member of what was locally known as the "Rhoarbach Gang," the reputed leader of which was a young man by that name from Franklin county. The gang was composed of a lot of boisterous young woodsmen, all of whom were more or less addicted to strong drink.

One evening early in March, the "Rhoarbach Gang" had a lot of whisky in their rude hut, and in the drunken orgie which followed it was decided to hang young Clendenning, who had fallen asleep on his bunk, up by the heels.

A rope was produced, one end of which was tied around the victim's legs while the other was thrown over a beam eight feet above. He was hauled up until his head and shoulders rested on the bunk, when the rope was secured and he was left hanging in this inverted position for four hours, while his companions went to the store at Lambertsville, two miles distant.

The story goes that Clendenning was found in this condition by a fellow laborer and released. Next morning he was unable to work, but did not complain of feeling any injurious effects from having been hung up by the heels. His condition did not improve and in the course of a few days he returned to his home in Franklin county.

After Clendenning left for home a rumor was started that his sickness resulted from the cruel treatment administered by his companions, and the members of the "Rhoarbach gang" soon thereafter fled from the country. Several of the parties implicated in the affair talked guardedly about it in Sorber's store at Lambertsville.

The District Attorney of Franklin county has been in communication with District-Attorney Colborn and it is likely that an effort will be made to bring about the arrest of the members of the gang, which it is believed has been already located.

Modern Housework.

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Church Appointments.

Rev. D. L. Yoder of the United Evangelical Church, will preach at the following appointments April 11th and 12th.

At Bethany Church, Saturday Evening at 7:30; At Husband Church, Sabbath at 10:30 A. M.; At Pearltown, Sabbath at 2:30 P. M.; At Somerset, Sabbath at 7:30 P. M.

Rebates on Road Tax.

Attorney General McCormick has given the department of agriculture an opinion on the act passed by the last legislature to encourage the use of wide tires upon wagons on the public highways. The opinion is in answer to a question from Secretary Edge as to whether a farmer residing near a large city, who has placed wide tires upon all his farm wagons except a covered wagon which he uses for hauling market products to the city market, can claim the reduction of road tax under the law so long as his one wagon has narrow tire.

The attorney general says the evident purpose of this legislation was to prevent, as far as possible, the use of narrow tires and wagons upon which heavy loads were carried and to encourage the use of wide tires to the end that the roads should be injured as little as possible. He is of the opinion, however, that a farmer who uses a draft wagon carrying 2,000 pounds or more, has them equipped with four-inch tires and uses no wagon with a narrower tire for the purpose of carrying 2,000 pounds or more, brings himself within the provisions of this act and is entitled to the rebate of one-fourth of the assessed highway tax.

If a farmer has a covered wagon which he uses for hauling market products to the city markets, presumably with a tire narrower than four inches, loads that wagon with 2,000 pounds or more, General McCormick holds he is not entitled to the rebate of the tax, even although all his other wagons are equipped with the tires of the required widths. The four-inch tire must be used on all wagons of the person claiming the rebate that have carried 2,000 pounds or more.

Spring Normal.

A Spring Normal (nine weeks) will be opened at the Cupp School House, beginning April 20th. The best advantages will be offered young ladies and gentlemen who desire instruction in the higher branches and who are preparing to teach. For further information apply to

N. N. CUPP,
Bills, Pa.

A Disputed Point Settled.

The following official correspondence between County Supt. Berkey and State Supt. Shaeffer settles, definitely, a question frequently raised as to the right of directors elect in a new school district to take part in the Triennial Convention to elect a County Superintendent of Schools. A letter of inquiry from the Hooversville directors prompted the appeal to the State Department.

March 12, 1896.

DR. N. C. SCHAEFFER,
State Supt. Public Instruction,
HARRISBURG, PA.

DEAR SIR:—The borough of Hooversville, in this county, was incorporated within the last school year, and on February 18, 1896, elected a full Board of School Directors to take charge of the school interest of the borough on the first Monday of June next. The question arises whether the members of the Hooversville School Board will be legally entitled to vote at the Triennial Convention of Directors which meets on the 5th of May, 1896, to elect a County Superintendent of Schools.

Will you please favor us with your opinion in regard to the question at issue. Very truly,

J. M. BERKEY.

HARRISBURG, March 23, 1896.

SUPT. J. M. BERKEY,
BERLIN, Pa.

DEAR SIR:—By referring to Sec. 7, School Laws and Decisions, page 6, edition of 1896, you will observe that the directors of a new school district "shall have authority to levy, assess and collect tax, procure school houses and do all other acts necessary to the commencement of the schools for the ensuing year."

The election of a county Superintendent in May for the ensuing term of three years is a duty enjoined by law upon the school directors of the county. The members of a new board, after having been duly organized, unquestionably have the right to vote in the triennial convention to elect a county superintendent on Tuesday the fifth day of May next.

In reply to your communication of the 12th inst.

Yours truly,
N. C. SCHAEFFER,
Supt. of Public Instruction.

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, April 17th, and every 4 weeks thereafter on same day. Consultation and Examination free.

Township Building.

The last legislature enacted a law that empowers supervisors, at their option, to purchase a suitable building for a town house or hall, in which to hold elections, store road machinery, hold meetings of township officers and for other township uses. The payment of such a building is also provided for.

The supervisors are authorized, if necessary, to borrow money at not more than 6 per cent. interest, and issue bonds therefor. But the indebtedness of any township under this act shall not exceed one-half of one per cent. of the assessed value of the real estate in such township.

Another method of paying for the ground and hall is provided. It is that supervisors may annually collect a cash tax not exceeding 50 per cent. of the rate of assessment by them laid in each year for road purposes.

It will be observed that this law permits the foregoing to be done, but does not compel it. Townships desiring to avail themselves of the law can do so, and no one can prevent it. It is a law that, it is said, meets with favor in many parts of the state where public houses and halls are less numerous than in some counties of the state.

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The Question of Wagon Tires.

Attorney General McCormick gave the Department of Agriculture an opinion last week on the act passed by the last Legislature to encourage the use of wide tires upon wagons on the public highways. The opinion is in answer to a question from Secretary Edge as to whether a farmer residing near a large city, who has placed wide tires upon all his farm wagons, except a covered wagon, which he uses for hauling market products to the city market, can claim the reduction of road tax under the law so long as his one wagon has narrow tires.

The Attorney General says the evident purpose of this legislation was to prevent, as far as possible, the use of narrow tires and wagons upon which heavy loads were carried and to encourage the use of wide tires, to the end that the roads should be injured as little as possible. He is of the opinion, however, that a farmer who uses draught wagons carrying 2,000 pounds or more, has them equipped with four-inch tires, and uses no wagon with a narrow tire for the purpose of carrying 2,000 pounds or more, brings himself within the provisions of this act and is entitled to the rebate of one-fourth of the assessed highway tax. If a farmer uses a covered wagon which he uses for hauling market products to the city market, presumably with a tire narrower than four inches, loads that wagon with 2,000 pounds or more, General McCormick holds he is not entitled to the rebate of the tax, even allowing all his other wagons are equipped with the tires of the regulation widths. The four inch tire must be used on all wagons of the person claiming the rebate that have carried 2,000 pounds or more.

Somerset Normal.

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TREASURER'S SALE
—OF—
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Agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, directing the mode of selling unseated lands for taxes passed the 15th day of March, A. D. 1834, and the several supplements thereto, the Treasurer of Somerset County hereby gives notice that unless the School, County, Building and Road Taxes due on the following unseated lands are paid before the day of sale, the whole or such part of such tract or parcel of land as will pay the taxes and costs, will be sold at the Court-house, in Somerset Borough, on

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1896,

for the arrearages of taxes due and costs accrued thereon:

ACRES.	OWNER OR WARRANTEE.	TAX.	COST.
	ADDISON.		
200	McMillen R S & J J	$ 21	47
200	" " "	21	47
413	Cherry T	49	11