The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....May 27, 1896.

The New Baltimore and Somerset Telephone Company have completed their line to Shanksville from New Baltimore. Work on the line, which has been suspended awhile, will be resumed this week.

Mrs. K. B. Coffroth has in stock all the new and stylish things in millinery.

A resident of Indiana kept a careful record of snowy days during the past winter. By the record it appears that snow fell on 57 days, and the total fall was about 37 inches, the lightest in 20 years.

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

Ex-Lieutenant Governor Chauncey F. Black announces positively that he will not accept re-election as President of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, which is a league of clubs from all parts of the State.

Have you seen the new gilt and leather belts at Mrs. K. B. Coffroth's? You can buy one for 25 cents.

If you feel dizzy, can't sleep, hair is falling out, have a bad taste in your mouth and believe the span of life is growing suddenly short, you have all the symptoms of an unpaid subscription bill. Pay the printer and be happy.

Over 4,000 rolls of Wall Paper to select from at Snyder's Art Store.

After the refreshing rains last week it is needless to say vegetables, grass, etc., are springing up with great vigor. But the progress made by all vegetable life in this vicinity during the last few days is remarkable. Spring crops are coming up nicely.

The largest line of Wall Paper ever shown in the county at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Pulmonary consumption, in its early stages, may be checked by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It stops the distressing cough, soothes irritation of the throat and lungs, and induces much needed repose. Hundreds have testified to the remarkable virtues of this preparation.

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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.

The plans already formulated for Farmers' Institutes of Pennsylvania during the coming year include a series of lectures on cooking by some lady who is an authority upon the subject, and it is proposed that farmer's wives and other ladies in attendance shall hold at least one session which shall be exclusively devoted to topics of interest to them.

An old coin was found in the corn field of Col. Elder last week and he showed it to us yesterday. On one side is Georgius III, Dei Gratia, 1676, with the head of a man. On opposite side the British coat of arms and some lettering too indistinct to read. The Colonel values the coin very highly, as it is only about four years older than he is.—*Ligonier Echo.*

During the cyclone which passed over Wabaunsee County, Kansas, late Wednesday afternoon, the wind picked up the house of Farmer Jansen, lifted it two hundred feet in the air, and dropped it down one hundred yards away. The serpentine twister played about the pasture five minutes and then returned, picked up the house and dropped it down on its foundation almost as it found it.

Major Chauncey Ives, of Chambersburg, formerly chief engineer of the Cumberland Valley and at present chief engineer of the proposed Baltimore & Cumberland Railroad, in company with J. Nelson Sipes, an attorney of McConnellsburg, is at present in Bedford county buying where he can the right of way of the old South Penn Railroad. It is said that the Cumberland Vally have their finances in such shape that they will be able to complete the South Penn from the Cumberland Valley to Mount Dallas, Bedford county.

Dr. William McGowan, a prominent and wealthy man, who has been residing in Ligonier for many years, committed suicide in a dark woods not far from the town Friday by shooting himself through the brain. A dispatch from Ligonier says that Mr. McGowan was in his sixty-sixth year, and was noted for his scholarship and scientific knowledge. Although a physician, he never practiced. He made a trip to Philadelphia some time ago and had been complaining of his health ever since, fearing he was going insane. He had large business interests in Pittsburgh, and was reputed to be worth $200,000.

On Tuesday of last week, says the Indiana *Messenger*, Archie Stewart of Centre township, was plowing in one of his fields. A rain was coming up and a pretty heavy cloud was noticed in the sky. Suddenly there was a blinding flash of lightning, accompanied instantly by a tremendous clap of thunder. Mr. Stewart closed his eyes as the lightning flashed before him and when he opened them he found one of his horses lying flat on the ground. The other one was standing motionless and apparently uninjured. He examined the horse on the ground and found it dead, and he was consoling himself that one was saved, when the second animal dropped dead. It had stood fully ten minutes before it fell.

A Cedar Rapids, Iowa man, who didn't want the postmaster or anybody else, as he was a married man with a family, to know that he was corresponding with a young lady in that city, invented a plan which worked like a charm until the snap was accidently discovered. He routed a lock box and gave one of the keys to the young lady. The girl would write a letter to him, carry it to the postoffice, open the box and deposit the letter in the box without a stamp. He in answering, would pursue the same course. There was no postage to pay and no chance for mistakes in distribution. The postmaster caught on to the scheme, but he has so far been unable to find anything in the postal laws to fit the case.—*Ex.*

The Pittsburg Post's special correspondent at Havana, Cuba, was expelled from the war-torn island Sunday, May 10, by the butcher, General Weyler, for cabling to *The Post* the truth about the atrocities perpetrated on the Cuban patriots. But *The Post* gets the news. Every day it publishes from three to four columns of special cable news and all the domestic news. This paper is enjoying a great and rapid growth as the result of its progressive policy in publishing in attractive form all the news from all over the world for 1 cent daily, and from 24 to 30 pages of news and literary matter for 5 cents on Sunday. Ten Mergenthaler linotype machines and a huge three-decker Scott press, recently installed to reinforce the already extensive press facilities, make *The Post* plant the most complete. *The Post* is a high-grade paper. It is a Democratic paper. No other paper equals it for diversity, reliability or general wholesomeness and interest. Chas. H. Fisher is *The Post* agent at Somerset, Pa. Give him your orders.

W. H. Rankin, of Uniontown, is the name of the new store-keeper and ganger at Sweitzer's distillery.

Mrs. C. C. Musselman left last week for Nebraska, where she will spend several months visiting with her sons, who are residents of that State.

John Lape, aged about 65 years, died at his home just south of town, last Tuesday morning. He is survived by his wife and a number of children.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Mite Society will hold a festival at the residence of Mr. George H. Love on Decoration Day and evening.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the first spring meeting of county trotting horses at Tayman's Lavansville Driving Park, Friday afternoon.

Ed Pugh, a well-known young man about town, blew a very ugly hole in the palm of his right hand Sunday afternoon while carelessly handling a revolver.

Prothonotary Saylor will deliver the Memorial Day oration at Confluence. Rev. J. S. Harkey will be the principal speaker at Berlin on the same occasion.

Lawyer J. A. Berkey's Main street property is being beautified and rendered more convenient of access by the erection of a very handsome double verandah.

Mr. John H. Weimer has disposed of the Patriot street lot in the rear of his family residence, to Mr. Edward Barron, who will erect a house on it during the present season.

A dispatch from Ligonier says: "John Young, a recently married man of Somerset county, was arrested here Wednesday night on a serious charge preferred by a young woman. It is said another similar charge is pending at Somerset."

Major James E. Barnett, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, spent Monday with Somerset friends. The Major had been visiting for a week with his father at the Markleton Sanatorium, and was on his way back to the State Capital.

The Supreme Court has decided that the sugar bounties, granted under the McKinley tariff act, are legal and must be paid. This will be good news to a number of sugar producers of this county who have claims against the Government for the aggregate amount of $5,000.

Mr. William B. Mier, who has had charge of the Western Union Telegraph Company's lines in this county for the past thirty years, or almost ever since the wires were first erected, has severed his connection with that company. His position will be filled by a Bedford county man.

The citizens of one of the three road districts in Brothersvalley township met recently in Berlin, when it was decided by an almost unanimous vote to purchase a road making machine. One of the remaining two districts will have to take similar action before a machine can be bought by the township.

John D. Jones, who was a member of Co. C. 5th Pa., Vol., was found dead in front of the stairs in the house in which he lodged at Dayton, O., on Sunday morning. He was buried from the Soldiers' Home. Deceased at one time lived in this county, and later in Johnstown.

The annual convention of the Ministerial, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society, of Somerset district Evangelical Church, was held in Husband church, on 19th-22nd inst. The program advertised in the HERALD was carried out in every detail. The convention is said to have been the most successful ever held in this district.

Superintendent Flynn, of the Western Union Telegraph, was here Monday, inspecting the condition of the Company's lines throughout this county. The Superintendent gave agent Benner permission to place a "ticker" in his residence, which will enable him to receive and transmit messages after office hours.

Rev. John H. Zinn, formerly of Glade, this county, will deliver the Memorial Day address at Belleville, Pa. He will also preach memorial sermons on Sunday at Thompsontown and McAllisterville, Pa., in connection with several lectures he has engaged to deliver on "Through Confederate Prisons and Home Again."

A camp of strolling gypsies passed through town Thursday and have since been in camp on the banks of Cox's creek, two miles west of town. Sunday the camp was visited by a number of young ladies and gentlemen from the surrounding country. An old gypsy woman reaped quite a nice lot of silver by telling fortunes.

The many friends of Rev. Hiram King, pastor of the Reformed church of this place, will be sorry to learn that he has been confined to his home for the past ten days, suffering from a complication of disorders that so far have baffled the skill of medical science. Although no fatal termination of his troubles is anticipated, he is nevertheless a very sick man.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a card of the "Hotel Kautz," No. 614 Rail road Street, Johnstown, Pa. Mr. Edward B. Kautz, formerly of Jennertown, is the proprietor and he will always be glad to welcome his Somerset county friends. The hotel will be formally opened to the public on Friday evening, 29th inst., when excellent music will be in attendance.

It is whispered about town that an effort is about to be made to extend the borough limits of Somerset so as to include the four or five hundred people who are residents of the borough in nearly every sense, except being deprived of side walks, electric light, fire protection and municipal taxation. In case this effort is successful Meyersdale will have to abandon its claim to the "Metropolis."

At a joint meeting of the county commissioners of Fayette and Somerset counties held Thursday, in Uniontown, plans were adopted for the superstructure for the new iron bridge to be erected across the Yough river at Confluence. The plans of the King Bridge Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, were adopted. The contract for the abutments and the structural iron work will be let at a joint meeting to be held at Confluence, June 10th.

A wedding of more than local interest took place on Wednesday evening, May 20th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Stull, of Stonycreek township, when their daughter, Miss Kate, and Mr. William C. Dively, a prominent young man of Roxbury, were pronounced husband and wife, by Rev. John H. Knepper, in the presence of a large invited company. Miss Sadie Stutzman, of Johnstown, was bridesmaid and Mr. J. M. Miller, was best man. A wedding supper was served immediately following the ceremony. The happy young couple were the recipients of a large number of presents.

Mr. Alexander Casebeer, special officer of the local Board of Health, has visited a large number of private residences and business houses during the past ten days. He reports that a majority of the properties inspected are in good sanitary condition, while a number of others demand immediate attention. As soon as Mr. Casebeer has completed his rounds the Board of Health will take prompt measures to see that the evils complained of are corrected. It should be unnecessary for the officer to serve a second notice on any property holder, as all should see to it that there homes and places of business are kept in the best sanitary condition possible.

House and Barn Burned.

Between the hours of 11 and 12 o'clock Sunday morning, 17th inst., fire broke out in the farm house of George Weighman, of Allegheny township, and in a short time the entire building was enveloped in flames. Mr. Weighman and his two eldest sons were absent at church and Mrs. Weighman and the younger children made a futile attempt to carry the household furniture contained in the building to place of safety. A strong west wind prevailed at the time and the flames soon communicated with the barn, corn crib and other outbuildings and with an unoccupied dwelling, a quarter of a mile distant, also the property of Mr. Weighman. In the barn was stored a large lot of valuable farm machinery, including a thresher, mower, wagons, harness, etc., all of which were devoured by the flames. A lot of hay and grain and a number of hogs also perished in the fire. When Mr. Weighman returned home nothing remained of his buildings but a few charred and smouldering timbers, everything else having been burned to ashes. His loss is estimated at $4,000 on which there was about $2,300 insurance in the Somerset County Mutual Fire Insurance Association.

It will always remain a mystery how the fire originated as there had been none in the house after the morning meal was prepared. When the flames were first discovered they had eaten their way through the roof.

Mr. Weighman and family have removed to New Baltimore, where they will temporarily reside until he can have a new home erected.

Appealed to Court.

According to Mayor Wellley there is "blood on the municipal moon." Monday afternoon Judge Longenecker granted a preliminary injunction restraining the borough authorities from building a culvert across the foot of West Main Street. The injunction was not served by the Sheriff until after the old bridge crossing the stream at the point indicated had been torn away and replaced by a line of twenty-four inch tile. Mayor Wellley says that the council acted too promptly in having the work, which he considers unnecessary, done, and that he will in all probability veto the resolution authorizing it at the next meeting of that body.

Councilman E. H. Werner, whose property abuts on the small stream crossing West Main Street, recently offered a resolution in council authorizing the street commissioner to replace the stone culvert with twin lines of 24 inch tile. The resolution was defeated. Sunday it was noised about town that Mr. Werner would ask the Court for an injunction restraining the municipal authorities from putting down a single line of twenty-four inch tile. In order to defeat Werner's movement the street commissioner put a force of men at work at an early hour Monday morning and had the tile in position before the injunction was granted. What further action will be taken in the matter it is impossible to state.

Ruling on Land Warrants.

The board of property has decided that where a warrant for vacant land has been granted by the commonwealth and a return of survey made in pursuance of such grant there can be no forfeiture of the rights of the warrantee, even though a patent has been granted, unless it shall appear that fraud has been committed to secure the warrant. The board also decides that where a warrant has been granted for vacant land a return of survey made and only a portion of the purchase money paid there can be no forfeiture to the state by reason of failure of the purchase money.

These conclusions were arrived at yesterday at a meeting at the department of internal affairs on account of the provisions of law which give the commonwealth a lien upon the land described for the balances of fees and purchase money due the commonwealth. Because of the findings in this case the board refused the applications of W. B. Stevens, of Scranton, for large tracts of vacant land in Lackawanna county held by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Hudson railroad company.

At the meeting of the board in July argument will be heard in a number of cases involving the title to valuable land in different parts of the state.

Under the Hammer.

The following properties advertised for sale by Sheriff Hoover were knocked down to the highest bidders in front of the Court House, on Friday afternoon.

H. H. Wentworth tract of 205 acres in Ogle township, to James B. Holderbaum, for $100.

Two-story frame house and lot of M. Conneway, in Somerfield borough, to Pittsburg parties, for $145.

S. S. Saylor tract of 300 acres in Northampton township, to Louis Engleka for $700.

Dwelling house and lot of Kate Swank, administratrix of Ephriam Swank, dec'd, in the town of Davidsville, to H. L. Kaufman, for $407.

Dwelling house and lot of Hermanus Trent, in Somerset borough, to George Snyder for $700.

Daniel J. Miller tract of 119 acres in Elk Lick township, to Elias Hershberger, for $1600.

Battle With a Blacksnake.

Mr. Jerry Berkey, of near Stoyestown, had an experience with a blacksnake a few days ago which he is not anxious to have repeated. On the day in question he was on his way to the barn. On reaching the top of the flight of steps leading to the granary he saw an immense blacksnake lying at his feet. Its head was toward him and was not over three inches away from his foot.

Under the circumstances he did not care to either advance or retreat, and concluded to attack where he was, setting his foot down hard on his snakeship's head. The very instant he did so the snake's whole body seemed to fly in the air, and before Mr. Berkey knew exactly what was happening it was wrapped tightly around his leg, with constantly-increasing pressure. The left foot was still free, and with it Mr. Berkey managed to crush the serpent's head and then, when the grip had loosened somewhat, strip the coil from his leg.

When stretched out and measured Mr. Berkey found he had been doing battle with a good two yards of snake. It is the first reptile of the kind ever seen on the farm to his knowledge.

A Deserved Rebuke.

The New York juror who, on being reprimanded for inattention to the case he was supposed to be trying, rose and rebuked the lawyers in charge of it for "asking silly questions and wasting time" did the state some service. He expedited the trial of the case by stopping the lawyers' flow of irrelevant talk and he vindicated the right of intelligent citizens to be intelligent even in the jury box. The practice of trying to befog jurymen, puzzle witnesses and win a verdict by chicanery is much too common among a certain class of lawyers not only in New York but elsewhere, and it is a standing reproach to our judicial system that so much of it is permitted. It would soon be ended, however, if all jurors were as well aware of their rights and as ready to claim them as was Mr. Twombly. The last thing a lawyer wishes to do is to gain the ill-will of the jury, and if he finds that pettifogging is having that effect he will soon stop pettifogging.—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

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THE KANSAS CYCLONE.

Former Residents of this County Killed. Others Sustain Great Financial Loss.

The HERALD mentioned last week that great interest was manifested throughout this county in the deadly cyclone reported to have swept the country in the vicinity of Sabetha, Kansas, on Sunday, 17th inst., inasmuch as a large number of families, former residents of Somerset county, have made their homes in and about that place. "Pennsylvania Avenue," a road leading from Sabetha through the most fertile and best fruit growing section of the state is lined for a number of miles on either side by the handsome barns and comfortable farm houses of former Somerset county husbandmen, who have a reputation for thrift an l hospitality throughout Kansas, the same as they formerly enjoyed in Pennsylvania.

PONY CREEK AND PENNSYLVANIA AVE.

The tornado swept everything in its path, for several miles wide, from Sycamore Springs on the south to Falls City, thirteen miles northeast. All of the best improved farms have been laid desolate and the buildings carried for miles across the country. People who were well fixed with comfortable homes are homeless and left without clothing enough to shelter them. It is an awful picture to look upon. It cannot be described. People must go and see with their own eyes in order to fully realize what an awful calamity has befallen the people of this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lanning saw the storm approaching and sought refuge in the cellar. They were locked in each other's arms when the tornado struck the house. It swept away all the buildings and sucked Mrs. Lanning out of the cellar. Mr. Lanning says the next thing he remembers he discovered that he was alone in the cellar; his wife and all his buildings were gone. He went out and discovered Mrs. Lanning in the top of a large hedge tree, where she had been carried by the storm, calling for him. She was not injured beyond a few bruises. Mrs. and Mrs. Lanning were left without a stitch of clothing except what they had on their backs.

Roy. Howard, all buildings and orchard swept away. Loss $1,500.

Mr. Basket, buildings all gone. Loss not reported.

Mahlon Miller, barn gone. Loss $500.

U. B. church, demolished, no insurance.

Mr. Brougher, barn shaken up, other buildings slightly damaged.

Tom Crow, barn gone, house removed from foundation. Loss $2,000.

Pete Lanning, all buildings gone, stock, orchard and evergreens wiped away. Loss $4,000. Tornado insurance.

Jake Hahn, all buildings gone, orchard destroyed, some fine stock killed. Loss $7,000.

John Kimmel, buildings gone. Loss $3,000.

Sam. Flickinger, buildings gone. Loss $2,000.

Harvey Hahn, buildings gone. Loss not reported.

Elmer Lanning, all buildings gone. Loss $2,000, Tornado insurance.

Sam. Phillippi, all buildings gone. Loss $1,500.

Mahlon Beechy, wind mill demolished.

Commissioner A. J. Lichty barn lightly damaged.

Al. Smith, barn gone. Loss not reported.

I. D. Mease, who is farming Jake Hahn's farm, lost everything he had.

Progressive Brethren church destroyed. Loss $2,500.

Lichty property, occupied by Sam. Warner, buildings gone.

School building in Jake Lichty district, destroyed. Loss $800.

Dan. Saylor, all buildings gone. The family were in the cellar at the time. When the building turned over the foundation caved in, burying Mrs. Saylor under several hundred pounds of rock, killing her instantly. Mrs. Schug, an old lady who was staying at Mr. Saylor's at the time of the storm, was also crushed. Mr. Saylor escaped with a broken arm and several severe bruises. Loss on property $12,000. Tornado insurance.

Jake Lichty, buildings all gone. Mr. Lichty had one of the finest residences and largest barns in Morrill township. He was one of the heaviest stock dealers in Brown county and had his yards stocked with fine cattle. Everything was swept away as clean as though it had never existed. Loss $10,000.

Joe. Nicholson, building gone. Entire family more or less injured.

North Morrill German Baptist church, destroyed. Loss $1,500.

John Fletcher, buildings destroyed. Loss $8,000.

Jake Scott, buildings gone. Loss $4,000.

A. J. Kregar, buildings gone. Loss $3,000.

T. Eakins, buildings gone. Loss $3,000.

Jonas Forney, buildings gone. Loss $2,000.

Mr. Kent, buildings gone. Loss $7,000.

John Barkley, occupying Fletcher farm total loss.

Mr. Deidreick, buildings on two farms. Loss $6,000.

Jake Warner, buildings badly damaged. Loss not reported.

John Smith killed, Mrs. Smith injured. Buildings destroyed. Loss not reported.

Sycamore Springs, trees and grove badly demolished.

Rev. E. L. Yoder is caring for a number of the needy at his home. The people all along the line who escaped the cyclone, are doing everything in their power to aid the poor and unfortunate.

Are You Going Fishing.

If so you will find at Fisher's Book Store, the largest stock and a great variety of rods, hooks, flies, snoods, lines and leaders at wholesale and retail for trout, catfish, chubs, sunfish, bass and carp.

Wool Wanted

At Kantner's Factory, one mile south of Somerset. We want 20,000 lbs of wool and will pay cash or take it in exchange for goods. Carding and spinning done promptly at lowest possible prices.

Widows Can't Throw Kisses.

Mrs. Mary Ashkraft, an attractive widow, and Etta, her daughter, a pretty miss of eighteen, were arrested at Wichita, Kan., on a warrant sworn out by T. A. Fawcett, a tailor, charged with the "crime" of throwing kisses at him and calling him pet names and thereby disturbing his peace.

The case was tried in the police court. The widow said she did not throw a kiss at Mr. Fawcett, but did waft one toward his wife. If, however, it went astray and hit Mr. Fawcett, it did not hurt much, as there was no malice in the kiss.

Miss Ashkraft pleaded guilty to throwing kisses at Mr. Fawcett. She hated Mr. Fawcett's wife, she said, and did it to make her jealous. It developed that the two families, who are next door neighbors, have been at dagger's points over trivial differences. The judge discharged the widow and fined her daughter $5. He gave Mr. Fawcett a severe rebuke for bringing such a case into court. Miss Ashkraft begged the judge to remit the fine, promising never to throw kisses again. He relented to the extent of suspending the fine during good behavior.

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South Penn Talk Revived.

"The South Penn road will be built beyond a doubt," said a prominent official of the Pennsylvania railroad when asked the other day about the future of that famous line, "but it will not be done this year. The re-surveys of the route, now being made by Cumberland Valley engineers, are for the purpose of perfecting our right of way, so that when we decide to go ahead with the road and complete it there will be nothing to delay us. No time has been fixed on for the resumption of work, but I don't suppose that it will be many years before we find that we can make use of another line across the state to great advantage."

As originally projected, the South Penn railroad was to extend from Pittsburg, where it had the backing of Andrew Carnegie and other large manufacturers, to Harrisburg, where it was to connect with the Reading railroad. The financial sponsors for the road were the Vanderbilts, who, in revenge for the support given by the Pennsylvania railroad to the unnecessary paralleling of the New York Central by the West Shore road, carried the war into their rival's territory, by starting the South Penn and Beech Creek roads, both of which were projected into the very heart of the Pennsylvania's territory. A truce was declared after the Vanderbilts and the Pittsburg manufacturers had spent $5,000,000 on the South Penn, but it came too late to prevent the construction of the Beech Creek railroad, which has ever remained as a thorn in the side of the Pennsylvania people, giving the Vanderbilts access to the rich Clearfield coal fields.

In taking up the work of finishing the South Penn it is understood that the Pennsylvania railroad, which bought the line from the Vanderbilts, intend to complete only a portion of it. This will probably be from Newville, on the Cumberland Valley road, to Mt. Dallas, the northern terminus of the Pennsylvania's Bedford division. By the construction of this new stretch of railroad the Pennsylvania would secure a connection with its Bedford division, which is now isolated from the rest of the system, and would secure for its own lines the entire haul of the West Virginia coal, which now passes from Mt. Dallas to Huntingdon over the tracks of the Huntingdon & Broad Top railroad.

It is doubtful if the South Penn will ever be built beyond Mt. Dallas, at least, not for many years. Most of the expensive tunnel work, on which so much money was spent, is between Newville and Mt. Dallas, and the cost of finishing this portion of road will not be very heavy.

Duties of Supervisors.

Supervisors shall open, keep constantly in good repair, clear from all impediments to easy traveling, all public roads in their respective townships, build sufficient causeways of stone or timber, make and maintain bridges, cut open and maintain drains and ditches, erect at every junction of two roads index boards, cause the rates of assessment by them raised to be entered in books, take to their assistance the township assessors to make their levy upon the last adjusted valuation of taxable property, give copies when demanded by any one of his tax, allow books to be inspected, give notice to all persons to work out their respective proportion of road tax.

In making roads they are the judges where to cut drains and ditches to lead the surface water from the road, and for this purpose they have the right to enter upon adjoining lands to make, cut open and maintain such drains and ditches.

They have also the right, if the necessary materials, stone, gravel and sand, can not be conveniently obtained by contract, at reasonable prices, to enter upon adjacent or convenient land and dig and carry away from such land such stone, gravel or sand upon the road for making and repairing the same, doing no unnecessary damages.

They also have the power to put up certain water troughs along the public roads, not costing over $20 for each trough, or they can allow owners of land to put up such troughs or erect pumps and pay them not exceeding $5 a year, but only one in every five miles shall be paid for.

Supervisors neglecting their official duties are subject to fines and liable to indictment for neglect of their duty.

The constable of every township and borough shall make returns at every term of the court of quarter sessions of any defect in any public roads in their respective districts.

All persons who obstruct any public road, change any gutters, drains or ditches, make themselves liable to fines and indictment.

Supervisors have the right in their discretion to build sidewalks, but must be kept in repair by adjoining land owners, may erect public buildings to hold elections therein and store machinery and tools therein.

Then They Married.

A dispatch from Cleveland to the New York *Tribune* says:

Nothing more romantic and beautiful in the matter of courtship has ever been published than the courtship of the next President with the noble woman who is now his wife. In the town where they resided she was the teacher of a Bible class in the First Presbyterian Church, and he the superintendent of the Sunday school of the First Methodist Episcopal Church. In going to their respective schools they passed each other at a certain corner, and found it pleasant to stop occasionally and indulge in conversation concerning their work. This went on for many months, until on an ever-memorable Sunday afternoon in their history he said to her:

"I don't like this separation every Sunday, you going one way and I another. Let us change the order. Suppose after this we always go the same way. I think that is the thing for us to do. What do you think?"

"I think so, too," was the answer, which gave to him one of the most beautiful of wives and to her one of the noblest and most devoted of husbands.

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It aids nature, and this is the best of it. It gives immediate relief and, with perseverance, permanently cures.

Sold by druggists. Trial bottles ten cents.

A Long Sleep.

Moritz Pront is suffering from catalepsy at a hospital in New York City.

He is 19 years old and lived at No. 205 Delancey street. He has been unconscious, apparently sleeping, for nearly twenty-three days, and shows no signs of awakening. He had a slight attack of catalepsy five years ago, the period of unconsciousness then lasting less than twenty-four hours. Since then he has had three seizures, each of longer duration than its predecessor.

Dr. Bernard Nelson, the chief of the house staff at Beth Israel Hospital, said today that a strong current of electricity had been passed through Pront's body four or five times a day. An attempt to awaken him by starvation had been tried and was unsuccessful, and another attempt was begun Thursday which will be continued for fifty hours. Pront's pulse, respiration and temperature are normal.

His End Was The Rope.

Elmer Fordish, alias Florence Fuhrer, a convict in the Western Penitentiary, committed suicide Wednesday morning by hanging himself in his cell. Fordish will be remembered here as the man who murdered Baltimore & Ohio Fireman Michael Niland at Yoder siding about four years ago. Fordish's parents live in Wilkinsburg, Allegheny county. He was tried for Niland's murder before Judge Longenecker at the June term of court, 1892. He was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to 9 years' imprisonment, so that he had served very nearly four years of his time when he decided to take his life.

Ever since he was a prisoner at Riverside he has been subject to moody and despondent spells, and these became much more pronounced as the time rolled on. For the past several months he has been considered a very dangerous man, and the Penitentiary officials, by command of Warden Wright, were more than usually watchful in his case. They guarded him so carefully that they scarcely ever let him out of their sight, and by day or night he was almost constantly under their observation. Of late, in particular, his demeanor was reckless and forbidding, and he was often heard to make use of the expression that he would "as soon be dead as alive." He was a man of more than average parts and education, and, in his brighter and better moments, could be quite agreeable to those with whom he came in contact. But these fair spells only came, it seems, at long and irregular intervals, and he seemed to bear the burden of his sentence very heavily, and with increasing gloom of spirit. It is somewhat a puzzle to the Penitentiary officials how he succeeded in taking his life at the hour named, for guards were passing and repassing his cell all the time, and as an indication of the short space that could only have elapsed between his hanging and the finding of the corpse, it may be stated that the body was warm when it was cut down. It was found by a turnkey named Jones and another, and they at once went into the cell and cut the body down, and then summoned the resident physician, who, however, pronounced life extinct, and was able to decide that Fordish at last had realized his oft-repeated wish.

Fordish shot and killed Fireman Michael Niland without the slightest provocation. He was brakeman on the same train Niland was firing on. They were lying at Yoder waiting for the west bound mail to pass when the shooting occurred. Niland and Fordish had some words about shoveling down the coal from the top of the engine tank, but there was nothing like a quarrel. Suddenly Fordish pulled a revolver and shot Niland through the heart.

Shortly after his imprisonment in the Somerset county jail Fordish admitted to a reporter that he had killed his victim without giving him an opportunity to defend himself. The admission was made in the presence of Sheriff McMillen, but was under the seal of confidence, and was therefore not used against him. When the jury returned their verdict he turned to the reporter and whispered: "If you had gone on the stand they would have stretched my neck."

Criminal Court.

The regular term of criminal court opened at 10 o'clock Monday morning with Judges Longenecker, Biesecker and Horner on the bench.

Henry Hoffman, of Somerset township, was appointed foreman of the grand jury.

Judge Longenecker administered the oath of office to Prof. E. E. Pritts, the newly elected County Superintendent of Public Schools.

F. O. Dupont, of Rockwood, convicted at February sessions of aggravated assault and battery, was sentenced to pay a fine of $10, the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of ten days.

The first case called for trial was one in which Martin Williams was indicted for burglary on information of Rufus Rauch. The defendant appeared in court without an attorney and the Court appointed J. C. Lowry, Esq., to defend him. The jury returned a verdict of guilty.

The next case called was one in which Nelson Pletcher is defendant on a charge of false pretense. The case is being argued when this report closed.

The District Attorney entered a *nolle proseque* in the following cases:

Commonwealth vs. Michael Mowry, F. & B., Carrie E. Bittner, pros.

Same vs. J. J. Berkepile, F. & B., Mary Shockey, pros.

Same vs. George Wilt, rape, Grace A. Ankeny, pros.

Same vs. Winfield Nicholson, F. & B., Margary Kessler, pros.

Same vs. James McCleary, hawking and peddling, C. B. Moore, pros.

Same vs. Same, selling unwholesome food.

Same vs. Charles Whitstone, F. & B., Hester Ellenberger, pros.

Same vs. Ephraim Thomas, F. & B., Caroline Thomas, pros.

Same vs. James M. Beal, F. & B., Mary J. Beal, pros.

Same vs. Lewis Pifer, A. & B., Sarah Pifer, pros.

Aqoard Ship.

Sea voyages are usually deemed promotive of health. So they are in most cases. But it may well be doubted if the shaking up aboard ship, which people of very fragile constitution and weak nerves get, is not prejudicial if its effects are not averted or nullified by a medicinal safeguard. The best, if we are to believe testimony of ocean travelers, whether they go abroad for health, pleasure or business, is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Invalids, commercial travelers, sea captains and yatchmen concur in recommending this fine defensive tonic. So do emigrants to the frontier, the inhabitants of malarial regions, and all who are exposed to hardship or rigors of climate. For malarial, rheumatic or kidney trouble, nervousness, dyspepsia, liver complaint and constipation it is eminently efficacious, and commended by the medical fraternity far and near.

A Weak Case.

GREENSBURG, Pa., May 25.—The trial of Joseph Mayer, charged with the murder of his wife in the vicinity of Ligonier three months ago, was begun here this morning. The prevailing opinion is that the commonwealth has an exceptionally weak case. Mayer and his wife were returning home from a dance late at night. There was no third person. The husband claimed that while he was changing his revolver from one pocket to another it was accidentally discharged and a bullet struck his wife, killing her. The coroner's jury, summoned the following day, accepted this statement and he was exonerated. A few days after that a rumor became rife that the couple left the scene of the dance in a quarrelsome mood, and that the husband was heard to upbraid his wife for dancing during the evening with another man. That rumor led to his arrest. Mayer still holds to his first statement, and seems to still greatly lament the sad ending of that winter night's dance.

Never Saw a Sheep or Hog.

CHICAGO, May 24.—Through John E. Rastall, formerly of Kansas, it has developed that one-third of the children of one of the principal grammar schools of Chicago have never seen a live sheep or hog, though all have seen lions, tigers and other animals of the tropics.

The matter has been taken up by the press on the belief that the same ratio of children throughout the city have never seen a live sheep or hog, and the park commissioners will be requested to place specimens of these animals in the zoological departments of the parks.

You can buy a Hat already trimmed. Any price you wish to pay, from $1.50 up, at Mrs. Coffroth's.

DIED.

BOWMAN—Catharine Bowman, born July 15, 1823, died at her home, May 24, 1896, aged 72 years, 10 months and 9 days. After serving the Lord in the Evangelical church for upwards of sixty years, Sister Bowman has gone to meet the Master and receive her reward. Funeral services by D. L. Yoder.

MARRIED.

BOWMAN — FRIEDLINE.— At the Evangelical Parsonage, May 26, 1896, by Rev. D. L. Yoder, Mr. J. J. Bowman of Husband, Pa., and Nancy Friedline of Edie, Pa.

The Childrens' Aid Society of this place, would like to secure good homes for eight small children—boys and girls. Write to Children's Aid Society, Somerset, Pa.

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Notice to Contractors.

The Commissioners of Somerset and Fayette Counties will receive sealed proposals for the erection of the mason work of the proposed joint bridge over the Youghiogeny river at Conf