e Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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...X Rents advertise the opening ...y goods elsewhere in this paper. ...change announces the death of a ... who lived 50 years with her husband, and died in the confident hope of a ...

...ough an oversight the date line on ... paper part of this edition of the ...ald read November instead of ...

...ter to be kept fresh or its fermentation permanently arrested at any point ...ldition of salicylic acid in the proportion ...ounce to forty gallons.

...ll Christmas presents and holiday ...ds are now on exhibition at Parker ...Parker's. Read about a few of them ...ir advertisement elsewhere in this ...

...ock & Reidy, of Hagerstown, Md., ...ve been awarded the contract for ...ing and completing the Johnstown, ...ton and Westmoreland turnpike. ...ork will be commenced at once and ...to be finished by 1st of April next.

...an end to misery. Doan's Ointment ...will cure the worst case of Itching ...Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles ...ake it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a ...ay. Get Doan's Ointment from ...druggist.

...Kansas man has discovered that ...ly can be made from wet elm sawdust. A disinterested temperance advocate will shortly show the good cause will ...when a man can go forth with a rip ...and get drunk on a fence rail.

...ENTER & PARKER. ...ve received, a New Stock of Plush ...Gum Gloves, Ladies and Misses ...for Holiday trade, New Goods, ...Styles and New Prices. Call and ...

...ard is reported to farmers and horse...ho have had the golden rod causes ...in horses resembling consumption. The "Veterinarian" of Wis...says that this disease has destroyed ...ands of horses in Wisconsin and ...ggests that the horses eat the plant ...ile in a decline. It strongly urges ...destruction of golden-rod.

...ere has been trouble in the pay of ...ic officers owing to little trouble in ...county. The county commissioners ...have refused to not only allow the ...to pay for making their returns ...but will not pay them for their ...at the polls upon election day. ...officers are still threatening to ...resign, or else not perform any ...for which they are not paid.

...Hollidaysburg, Saturday, Judge Mc...handed down an opinion sus...the school board of Hummelstown ...in refusing admission to 150 pupils ...parents declined to have them ...vaccinated. The court rules that the ...have the power to require vaccination as a condition precedent to admission ...public schools, and it is not ...whether smallpox exists in ...locality when the pupil seeks to ...

...ith of Mrs. Agatha B. Edson ...Pennsylvania Railroad com...never $50, the value of baggage she lost in the Johnstown flood ...decided against her in Judge ...Court at Chicago Tuesday. The ...held in effect that the great flood ...case of very, if not the act of God ...the railroad company whose ...was destroyed along with the ...of others intrusted to it as a ...carrier is not liable.

...Johnson, the mother of ...J. Johnson, who was killed by ...E. Squire during a brawl in his ...saloon, Philadelphia, Thurs...sued out in the common Pleas ...of that city against the accused ...for $20,000 damages. The af...occurred on October 12, 1895, when ...struck Johnson on the head with a ..., injuring him so badly that he ...died. The action for damages is brought ...what is known in England as the ...Campbell act and which permits ...wife, mother, brother, or any de...person to sue ...a murdered person to sue ...port.

...ing is a preventive of disease ...ing to a celebrated professor of ...tory. He estimates that the chances ...make catching diphtheria, small ...other contagious diseases ...germs are inhaled through the ...and lungs, as compared to the non...ers in twenty-eight. He asserts ...ing tends to check the development ...bacteria and kill them. It is ...that smoking is forbidden by ...and employers in laboratories ...where the cultivation and propagation of germs of different diseases for ...Smoke kills these minute ...and what applies to a chimney-sweep applies to the human ...

...person who wants to get some...thing does not think when he ...in the advertisement of some ...strange history that he is universally ...as a "mark" to every scoundrel in the country who likes to make ...by living known as existing on ...Attorney General Thorns of ...the department, in his annual ...released recently, points out that all ...can by claims to take advertisements kept and rented out or sold so ...unscrupulous persons can use ...addresses on them. People ...wonder how some quack doctor, ...gods-feeler, lottery agent or ...swindler finds out their address, ...will invariably be found that the ...to whom the circular is sent has, ...before, answered the "call" of ...swindlers. The attorney-general ...that such a list, containing three ...names, was recently offered for ...cent. So that one firm of rogues ...had dealings with that number ...people.

...all know that any tired muscle can ...rested by rest. Your stomach is a ...Dyspepsia is its manner of saying ...tired. Give me rest." To rest ...stomach you must do its work outside the body.

...is the Shakers' method of curing ...bodies, and its success is best attested ...fact that these people are practically free from what is without doubt ...most prevalent of all diseases. Shaker ...Vinegar not only contains digestive ...that which is promptly absorbed ...leaving the tired digestive organs ...but it is likewise an aid to the digestion of other foods in the stomach. A ...trial bottle will convince you of its ...and these you can obtain through ...druggists.

...is the best medicine for children. ...Mothers recommend it in place of ...

...Beard, aged 28, and Frank ...Ege, aged 18, two full-blooded ...Indians, who have been at the Carlisle ...for about a year, became tired ...routine and discipline at the school ...Day last Sunday, intending to ...make distance look to the Pine ...Agency, South Dakota. They ...on foot to Irwin and went without ...Wednesday night, when they ...captured in by the police at the ...station, Pittsburg, and a big meal ...them, while a telegram was ...to the school authorities. They ...well enough at the school, they ...that they have got homesick. The ...of civilization were a little too ...for them. They wanted back to the ...and the free life of their fathers. ...the Eye said he liked the Carlisle ...well enough after he got used to ...but he added, "It's not like an ...Indian." All of which goes to show that ...an Indian there is no place like ...home.

The public school teachers of the county will be with us next week.

The Court has appointed John Wambaugh constable of Allegheny township.

Attorney A. L. G. Hay left Monday evening for Philadelphia on important legal business.

Anthony Carver, aged about sixty years, a prominent and highly esteemed farmer of Stonycreek township, died on Sunday, from the effects of a stroke of paralysis.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Mrs. Fannie Allwine, Therese Bowman, Wesley B. Horner, Obadiah Jenkins, Noah Lancaster.

The members of Somerset Masonic Lodge will hold a banquet at the Hotel Vannear on the evening of December 13th. A number of guests from other places have been invited to be present.

Miss Clara Krebs has returned home after a protracted visit with friends at Danville, Pa., where she formerly resided. Her father and mother, who went East last week, returned home with her.

Yesterday R. F. Davis & Co. sold to the Standard Oil Company a kiln of 75,000 red brick; they are to be shipped to Ellerslie, Md., where they will be used by the Standard's pipe-line running through that section of the country.

County Commissioners Shober and Barnett, Commissioner-elect George F. Kimmel, and assistant clerk E. H. Werner, attended the State Convention of County Commissioners held in Reading last week. They visited Philadelphia before returning home.

Mrs. William Tayman, wife of the landlord of the "Hotel Tayman," at Lavansville, has been critically ill for the past week. Only faint hopes are entertained for her recovery. Mrs. Tayman is about forty-five years of age, and is a lady of most estimable character. She has a wide circle of friends throughout the county.

Cambria county is about to enjoy the unique distinction of being out of debt. The county commissioners have just decided to pay off $10,000 worth of outstanding bonds. These are all the known obligations the county has, and when they are redeemed, for which the funds are on hand, it will be entirely free from debt.

The advance sale of reserved seats for the Teachers' Institute lecture course indicates that this annual series of intellectual entertainments will be more liberally patronized than it was last year, when very few seats remained unsold. County Superintendent Pritts has selected the orators for these entertainments with great care and with a view to giving the best satisfaction to the public.

Venerable Simon Hay of Brothersvalley township, cast his eighteenth ballot for President of the United States when he voted this year for Major McKinley, says the Record. His first vote for President was at the attainment of his majority in 1828 when it was cast for John Quincy Adams, and he has not missed attending the polls and voting at a presidential election since.

Owing to the protracted illness of L. M. Hicks, he has found it necessary to part with the insurance agency which he has successfully conducted in this place for a long term of years. Captain William M. Schrock purchased the business and is now the authorized agent of a number of the leading fire insurance companies of the world. He will occupy Mr. Hicks' office, on West Main Street, for the present.

Lee Forquer, of Ursina, was in town yesterday and exhibited to a number of his friends the rebel bullet that was recently removed from the hip of Marshall Andrews, who died from the effects of the operation. The chunk of lead, which weighs exactly an ounce, was located by means of X rays. It was partly buried in the hip-bone of the deceased veteran, and after being located was only removed with great difficulty.

Mr. John A. Walker, of Steubenville, Ohio, and Miss Leah M. Brashear, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brashear, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on Union street, at eight o'clock last Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by Elder Mullendore, of the Disciples' Church. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will make their home in Steubenville.

Wesley Miller, aged about twenty-five years, of near Bakersville, was the victim of a serious accident on Saturday afternoon. He was working at a corn fodder shredder and in attempting to throw a belt on its pulley had his left hand caught in the gearing. Before the machine could be brought to a stand-still he had sustained a compound fracture between the wrist and elbow, the bones protruding through the flesh. Dr. H. S. Kimmel was summoned to render professional services.

S. P. Sweitzer, who kept hotel in this place for a period of eighteen months terminating April 1, 1895, testified in a case before Judge Longenecker, on trial yesterday, that the gross receipts of his bar for the time mentioned were $17,610.30, and the net profit nearly two-thirds of that amount. It would appear from Sweitzer's statement that selling liquor at 10 cents a drink—"three fingers"—is about as profitable as coining silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 formerly was to owners of silver mines.

Rev. Hutchison, the newly appointed minister of the Jennertown Lutheran charge, was formerly installed on Sunday, November 29. The installation services took place at St. James Lutheran Church, 3½ miles north of Jenners, in the presence of a large congregation. Rev. L. N. Fleck, of Stoyestown, delivered the charge to the minister. Rev. Hutchison has been located at Jennertown since June and is already quite popular with the people of that community.

The many friends of Esquire Daniel J. Brubaker, of Berlin, will unite with the HERALD in extending best wishes for a long and happy life to him and his newly wedded wife, who before her marriage was Miss Almira J. Mong, daughter of the late John Mong, who efficiently served Somerset county two or three terms as Commissioner. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's brother—John Mong, Jr., of near Stoyestown—on Wednesday evening, 25th inst., the ceremony being performed by Rev. L. N. Fleck. The groom has a comfortable home in Berlin, where he and his wife will receive their friends.

Jack Frost is an inimitable artist. Some of his sketches appearing upon the plate glass shop windows on a chilly morning, such as yesterday, are gems beyond description. But all of Mr. Frost's artistic work perishes when exposed to the rays of the sun, and the delicate tracings that have excited the wonder and admiration of all beholders fade away forever. Some beautiful specimens of Jack's artistic ability were visible on Ferner Bros.' store window at an early hour Tuesday morning, where they were seen by Photographer Wellley, who was so impressed with the sight that he determined to preserve them in order that they might delight the eyes of others. Speedily procuring his camera he soon got a focus on the glass, and later in the day exhibited to the writer four photographs of the prettiest and most gracefully arranged clusters of ferns imaginable. Jack Frost's pencil and brush will never again produce the same picture, as the sun destroyed his night's work before it was six hours old, but Mr. Wellley has learned how to preserve his sketches even though they can not be reproduced by the artist himself.

A Generous Act.

Shortly after dusk Monday evening a scraggy looking pair of horses drawing a covered wagon pulled up at the barn of the Hotel Vannear. The driver was an intelligent looking man of about forty years, and huddled together in the box of the wagon back of him were a woman with three or four small children. The man asked if he and the other members of the family might sleep in the barn over night, which by the way was decidedly the coldest night of the present winter. Mr. Vannear, to whom the request was made, replied, "No, I can't allow you to take these little children into the barn, but I will give you a couple of warm rooms in my hotel, where you and your family can spend the night." The faces of the mother and children beamed with delight when they heard this generous proposition and all were profuse in their thanks to the kind landlord. The family were provided with a warm supper before they retired and a substantial breakfast before they departed the next morning. The man said that he had left his home near Richmond, Va., several years ago, having accumulated enough money to buy a small farm in Illinois. Crops turned out bad and he was compelled to place a mortgage on the farm in order to keep his family from starving. Six weeks ago he decided to return to his old home; not having the means to travel by rail, he gathered his few possessions together and placing them in the farm wagon along with his family they set out on their long journey.

And Now They Are Married.

Everybody in and about Somerset knows Jacob W. Hochstetler, and most of those who know him had long been convinced that he was a confirmed bachelor. Jacob patiently submitted to the chaffing of his numerous friends about his life of celibacy, but at the same time "winked the other eye" when he thought of the lady at whose feet he had determined to bow. One day last week he visited the office of Register and Recorder Miller and proudly asked for a license which would permit him to marry the girl of his choice, and Thursday afternoon he was radiant with smiles when he stepped before Elder U. D. Braucher with the bride-elect—Miss Annie E. Meyers—on his arm. The words that made the two lives one were soon spoken. The bride is a daughter of Mr. William Meyers, of Milford township, and is one of the most estimable young ladies in the county. The groom is one of the most thrifty and upright young men about town and will make a model husband. A large number of relatives and invited guests witnessed the marriage ceremony which took place at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Hochstetler are enjoying their honeymoon visiting with friends in the north of the county.

Just Received.

A new line of stiff and soft hats, latest styles; will have a new lot of ties before long; if you want to see something fine and stylish call and see them. I also have everything in the gents furnishing line. Call and let me show you my stock.

W. B. BENNER.

Legislated into Bankruptcy.

The HERALD acknowledges the receipt of papers and a letter from Wm. McMillen, formerly a resident of Addison township, this county. Mr. McMillen recently returned from a visit to points in Kansas and Nebraska to his home in Atlantic, Iowa. He says: "Kansas has, through Popoeratic legislation of the last three years, legislated the State into bankruptcy, capitalists have been compelled to withdraw their investments owing to the unjust legislation and discrimination against them, and so long as present political conditions exist that State will remain so poor that the only hope the people have of successful resurrection is to fertilize the soil under which the remains of the present popoeratic rulers have been buried. Yet, for the sake of the interest we feel in our neighboring State, we indulge the hope that honesty and justice will prevail in the near future over the ignorance and prejudice of the present administration. Nebraska has also elected a Popoeratic Governor and Legislative body and the people of that State are shuddering at the dose they have dealt for themselves. In Omaha I learned that a bank had made application to Eastern capitalists for money to supply stock feeders and received the following reply: 'We will meet all demans from good Iowa men—nothing in Nebraska.' Another applicant for Eastern capital received this reply: 'Nobraskas is not on our list.'

The facts are that Eastern capital will be withdrawn from the State since the legislative popgun has already been firing against the general interests and welfare of the Commonwealth. Money risks investment where it finds safe protection, a lesson the legislatures of Kansas and Nebraska have yet to learn."

The Companion Calendar.

It is said that the expense of making the Companion Art Calendar for 1897 was so great that had it been published in the usual quantity it could not be sold for less than one dollar. Four beautiful female figures are reproduced on four folding pages. Each figure is lithographed in twelve colors, being a true reproduction of the original water-color painting, which was selected because of its excellence of design and charm of color and tone. The size of each of the four folding pages is 10½ by 6 inches.

It is by far the best piece of color work the Companion has ever offered. Both as a calendar and as a gem of the lithographer's art, it is so attractive that it becomes a valuable addition to the mantle or centre-table of any room. It is given free to all new subscribers sending $1.75 to the Companion for the year 1897, who receive also the paper free from the time the subscription is received till January 1, 1897.

Celebrating in 1897 its seventy-first birthday, the Companion offers its readers many exceptionally brilliant features. Fully two hundred of the most famous men and women of both continents have contributed to the next year's volume of the paper. For free illustrated prospectus address,

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

Six Cents a Week.

The election of Mr. McKinley was the occasion of the most rapid and widespread business revival ever known in this country. There is a certainty that good times will prevail and that people will earn money and have money to spend. The Independent, of New York, was foremost in upholding the principles for which Mr. McKinley stands, and rejoices in the better outlook for every man, woman and child in the country.

For forty-nine years The Independent has held the first position among the great religious, literary and family weeklies of this country, and it proposes to fill that position in the future. It has adopted several new, interesting and important features, two of which are: "The Survey of the world," which gives in a concise form all of the important events that have happened in the world during the week, and "Work Indoors and Out," which tells men, women, boys and girls how to earn money in a variety of ways. In general the paper is particularly fitted for professional men, business men, merchants, farmers and families. It costs but six cents a week—$3.00 a year—or at that rate for any part of a year. A specimen copy will be sent to any person free by addressing The Independent, New York City.

Holiday Goods

are commencing to peep out and make their appearance in all corners of

Fisher's Book Store.

The variety of fine, pretty and valuable goods suitable for Christmas gifts will largely exceed anything heretofore seen at this handsome and well stocked store.

Death of a Venerable Citizen.

Died at his residence in Salisbury, on Thursday evening, 26th inst., Casper Loechel, in the 81st year of his age.

This was a sudden call on the part of the Grim Reaper beneath whose keen sickle all must fall, for Mr. Loechel, notwithstanding his advanced years, had been enjoying a fair degree of health and had been seen on the streets during the day by his neighbors. Some time after dusk he complained of feeling unwell, and at 10 o'clock all was over.

Indeed, so unlooked for was a happening of this kind that most of his family who reside in Salisbury had gone some miles into the country to witness the marriage of one of Mr. Loechel's granddaughters, which took place on the same evening.

Deceased was a native of Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and with his wife emigrated to America when comparatively young, landing, we think, at Baltimore. Early in the forties he settled at Salisbury, where with an interval of perhaps four or five years spent on the Jonas Beachy farm in Elk Lick, he resided all the remaining years of his life, following his trade of shoemaker, of which, being an expert master, he never lacked employment and did more or less work on the bench almost to the last day of his life.

A life-long member of the Lutheran Church, Mr. Loechel reared to respectable manhood and womanhood a large family of sons and daughters, all of whom he lived to see settled in life, and who with his aged wife, survive him to mourn a loss in which they have the heartfelt sympathy of all their friends and neighbors. W.

Death of Isaac Metzler.

Isaac Metzler, aged seventy-five years, died at the home of his son—Samuel K. Metzler, in Upper Turkeyfoot township—on Sunday, November 22d. He is survived by his wife and two children, Samuel K., and Mrs. Sarah Snyder. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren. The deceased was a kind neighbor and good friend to everyone. He was a member of the Church of God for fifty-one years. For the last five years he suffered with disease, which he bore with christian fortitude and died in the full hope of God's saving grace. K.

Josiah Glessner Dead.

Josiah Glessner, died at the home of his son Solomon, in Jenner township, on Sunday, Nov. 22d, and was buried at the Calvary Church, near Jennertown, on the following Tuesday, religious services being conducted by Rev. Frank Wetsel, of the Stoyestown Reformed Church.

The deceased was born near Berlin on December 27, 1811. In 1840 he purchased a farm in Jenner township, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. He was married March 19, 1837, to Judith Landis, of Berlin, who died in 1884. This union was blessed by the following named children: Mrs. Matilda Gardner, of near Jennertown; Eliza, now deceased; John, of Ligonier; Frank, of Hollidaysburg; Annie E. and Mary, both deceased. He had been a faithful member of the Reformed Church since early manhood.

Holiday Gifts.

The largest assortment of Holiday gifts at prices to suit the times. A good variety of dolls at low prices. Many fancy articles and novelties. Pocket books, purses, combs, brushes, etc., table linens towels, napkins and art linen, sofa cushions and covers, fur muffs and collars. A large variety of umbrellas, silk and linen handkerchiefs, dress patterns, dress goods, skirts and blankets. Prices of Jackets and capes reduced for the holidays. A large assortment of millinery goods, hats and bonnets, going cheap. Hoods, fascinators and knit shawls. Hundreds of articles suitable for gifts. Come and see my stock.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

A Fine Entertainment.

According to custom, Manager Casebeer, of the Opera House, has secured an entertainment for that place of amusement for Friday night of Teachers' Institute week, Dec. 11th, when the "Tyrolean Troubadours" will make their first appearance in Somerset. The entertainments annually provided by Mr. Casebeer for this particular occasion have heretofore been among the most popular features of the week, and Friday night's entertainment will be of the highest character. Tickets will be placed on sale at Neff & Casebeer's at 8 A. M. Saturday morning, 5th inst.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1895.

D. W. ROBERTSON:

DEAR SIR—The entertainment given by the Tyrolean Troubadours and Mr. Ransom, under the auspices of the Fanwood Council Royal Arcanum, at Scotch Plains, N. J., on the evening of December 11th, was in every sense of the word a success.

All who attended the concert were delighted with the melodious music, and also with Mr. Ransom's refinement and dexterity.

It was a source of much gratification to the entertainment committee to be told by numbers of people that it was the most satisfactory entertainment given in Scotch Plains in many years, and that means a great deal more than appears on the surface. Thanking you for your personal courtesy, I beg to remain,

Yours very cordially,
HENRY A. HALL,
Regent.

No More Federal Paternalism.

Mr. Bryan now announces that he is willing to stand one side and give Mr. McKinley a fair chance to make everybody rich and happy. If the trial fails—if waste continues to make want, if the lazy and incompetent and dishonest do not succeed—then the country may apply at Lincoln, Neb., for a wonder-worker to change all the proverbs and reverse the laws of trade and of Nature itself. This threat to continue the silver agitation ought to serve as a solemn warning to the Republicans. It should spur them on to pass at the earliest possible date a law putting an end to the Government's control of the supply of currency, and so make assurance doubly sure for the future. Above all, it should bite into their minds a deep conviction of the folly of talking governmental paternalism of any kind. They cannot meet Bryan's challenge by offering Protection or any other nostrum in the place of Free Silver. They must deny utterly that it is the duty of government to make everybody prosperous and contented. The only way to face a demagogue is to attack him on first principles, not merely to try deftly to turn his flank. Neither Bryan nor McKinley, neither Democrats nor Republicans, nor the immortal gods themselves, can make legislation do the work of industry and thrift and honesty and self-reliance.—New York Evening Post.

Four-Eyed Cat.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 25.—Max, the handsome Maltese pet of Miss Thompson, of this city, is perhaps the only cat on record that wears spectacles.

Miss Thompson says she has owned Max since her early youth and has found him a most invaluable possession besides being a loving little companion in her loneliness.

A few months ago, much to her distress, Miss Thompson discovered that Max was losing his eyesight, so she carried him to a well known oculist to be treated. At first the man of science refused to make the experiment, scarce knowing how to begin, but at Miss Thompson's suggestion he secured a line and the picture of a mouse, and by holding these alternately and at varying distances before Max, was finally enabled to test his eyes quite thoroughly.

After the necessary treatment the doctor fitted Max with a pair of glasses, the gold frames having to be made to order, of course, and now the big cat looks as wise as the proverbial owl with his double eyes, and Miss Thompson declares his sight is as good as new again.

Judge Longenecker is presiding at the special term of Court in session this week.

Schools of the State.

N. C. Schaeffer, superintendent of public instruction of Pennsylvania, has just submitted his annual report to Gov. Hastings for the year ended June 1 last. While it shows great progress in the school system there is no evidence to indicate that the large appropriation of $5,500,000 is effecting any substantial increase of the salaries of teachers or adding to the length of the school term. The increase in the salary of male teachers was only 26 cents a month, while the salary of female teachers underwent a decrease of 6 cents.

Superintendent Schaeffer refers to the last United States census to show that as a rule the earning power of the industrial classes rises as the percentage of illiteracy falls. He also says the modern factory is thriving upon educated labor, and that its development has helped the intellectual progress of the masses. Supt. Schaeffer also urged a liberal appropriation for higher education, especially a system that would benefit the rural population.

Compulsory education, says Superintendent Schaeffer, has steadily decreased the number of children employed in the manufactures. He claims it was necessary "to banish illiteracy and to make ignorance impossible." The law in Pennsylvania, he says, has not been fully tried and many defects in it will appear which must be remedied by future legislation. Compulsory vaccination is not favored by the Superintendent, and he says it serves to neutralize the compulsory education law. It is better, he thinks, to educate the pupils and parents in the laws of health. With few exceptions the school houses have perfect sanitary arrangements, and this is a point that can not be too closely watched.

Supt. Schaeffer makes a caustic reference to the "sharks" who appeared when the school appropriation was raised to $5,000,000. Agents for charts, maps and blocks induced many uninformed school boards to purchase their high-priced goods. This the superintendent terms extravagance, and issues a warning against it.

Of the distribution of the school appropriation the superintendent says: "It discriminates against the districts which lack industries to hold their adult population and in favor of the districts toward which the young people gravitate as soon as their school days are ended. It is needless to say this method fails to carry out the theory which makes it the duty of the State to provide at public expense equal common school advantages for all its youth."

The teachers employed, according to Supt. Schaeffer, are as a rule competent, and under the present system, only those properly qualified can secure positions. The studies are advancing in tone, and a noteworthy feature of the text books is that they have begun to treat the State government as of equal importance with that of the Nation.

Ought to be Taught in the Public Schools.

While singing and drawing, says the Philadelphia Record, are considered by some good authorities in education to be respectively as essential to human happiness and progress as are reading aloud and writing, there is no doubt about it that a knowledge of the nature and uses of common things is of equal importance. Take the volatile and inflammable kerosene, for instance, which is used, in one way or another, in every house from which children go out to school. If not used for cooking in the oil stove, it may be abused for kindling the breakfast fire; if not used for lighting, it may be put in the wash-boiler; if used for lighting, it may carried about in glass lamps, easily broken, or spilled over the apron that is presently to be worn close to the kitchen range. In every way, since the elders are so negligent with it, the school children ought to be taught its dangers. It was far more important that the little girl who went last week directly from filling the lamps to stand in front of the fire should have known all about kerosene than to be able to bound the States of South Africa. She was fatally burned by the blaze that started on her clothes immediately; and all the boundary lessons of the geography book did her no good, nor the arithmetic book either, in this other fatal ignorance.

Surely there might be made room, even in the "expanded course of study," for plain talks on common things—that cotton will blaze for instance, while wool will only scorch. Articles in everyday use are safe or otherwise as they are understood. Not even older people seem to be well informed as to the dangers of escaping coal gas, judging from the way in which they turn off all the dampers so as to save coal at night, and forget that they are liable to be suffocated. There is a safety point in turning off the draughts in stove or range which shown be known by all little Americans, not only those in the classes who may now have to lend a hand at home in domestic duties.

Teachers, Attention!

The "Ideal Music Course" will be used at the Institute next week. Bring your books with you to the Institute.

Foretold His Death.

YORK, Pa., Nov. 29.—Nelson Thompson, who died yesterday, foretold his death three weeks ago, although he was in a healthy condition. Thompson's mother-in-law had died of typhoid fever, and Thompson predicted that he would die from the same disease before the month was out. He made his will the next day and then took to his bed, from which he was taken a corpse.

News Items.

Elk Creek, Jackson county, Ore., is said to be tinged red with the blood of deer that have been killed on a twenty-mile square patch of ground. A paper out that way says that one man has killed 125 of the animals this year. Another man has a record of 200, three others 150, two others 125 each, and three more 100 each. All told, some 2,000 deer have been killed on what is described as "a famous breeding ground." The meat was sold in market.

A decree was issued Thursday by General Weyler notifying all growers of corn in the province of Pinar del Rio, Havana and Mantanzas to ship all corn in their possession to thenearest towns and settlements. After December 20 all corn found in the possession of farmers will be regarded as contraband of war, and its owners will be liable to criminal proceedings.

A paper from Minnesota says: "Corn will be burned for fuel this winter in many sections of Minnesota and South Dakota. Coal is two dollars a ton dearer than last year, and, with corn at eleven cents a bushel, it is much more valuable as fuel than food. It makes an excellent fire, and an ear of corn makes more heat than its bulk in wood."

In the last forty days twenty-six banks in Eastern and Southeastern Nebraska have been robbed, with losses amounting to more than $300,000. Officers representing different detective agencies, secret service men of the United States and railroad detectives have all been trying to locate the band of safe breakers and four suspects are in jail at Hebron, Neb.

Stylish Wraps,

Newest styles, Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' Jackets are cheap at my store. You will miss it if you do not see my stock before you buy.

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Berlin's Budget.

The reception given to our esteemed fellow townsman D. J. Brubaker and his bride, who came here after being married on Thanksgiving day, was a very happy affair. Quite a number of their friends assembled at the home of the groom to welcome the newly married couple. A sumptuous feast had been prepared. In the afternoon the happy couple were tendered a serenade by the cornet band. The "boys" were highly pleased with their reception and speak in the highest terms of the bride and groom. Mr. Brubaker is one of the favored and highly respected citizens of this place and the whole community unites in wishing the happy couple "God speed."

Our merchants have been shipping potatoes right along since the opening of the season, but a large quantity of tubers still remains in the hands of farmers and dealers.

Mr. Groff-the-cash-before-delivery-man—shipped a car load of apples on Saturday.

All of our merchants seem to be busy and doubtless return thanks to an all-wise Providence—in their closets—for the result of the late election.

The mine owners along the branch appear to anticipate a boom, as they are getting into shape to do a large business. The mine at New Foundout is being drained and put in order. This mine has been idle for a number of years, but the re-election of Hon. J. D. Hicks to congress assures a restoration of the duty on coal, and thus confidence in the ultimate success of this business is restored.

Messrs. Sol. Coleman & Son, whose mine has been idle the past year, are opening what is known as the 7 foot vein, which they will operate in connection with their four foot vein.

Brubaker & Kimmel, who have been constantly shipping coal during the last year or two, and who are now working a large force of men, are also adding improvements and increasing their facilities for larger shipments. Much credit is due these gentlemen for their persistent effort and bound-to-win methods of introducing and creating demand for this fine steam-producing coal in the eastern markets. The writer was informed by a member of the company that they now have regular customers in six different states and have held some of these orders for over two years.

The many friends of Mrs. H. L. Countryman will regret to learn that she is seriously ill.

The Union services held in the Reformed Church on Thank-giving were well attended. Rev. Taylor delivered the sermon.

The entertainment given by the Lutheran Sunday school on Thanksgiving evening was highly appreciated by a large audience.

John Altfather, of Brothersvalley, is building an addition to his dwelling.

Howard Johnson, of Confluence, spent Sunday with the home folk.

Rev. Skyles filled the pulpit of Dr. Kremer on Sunday, preaching two practical sermons. X.

Now a Publisher.

We note that our enterprising bookseller, Mr. Chas. H. Fisher, proprietor of Fisher's Book Store, has gone into the publishing business. He now publishes the book entitled "Favorite Songs," for the schools of Somerset county. At a considerable expense he has issued an edition of 10,000 copies and they are selling very rapidly. These song books ought to be in the hands of every school director, teacher and pupil in this county. It is the best collection of songs in the world.

"Mugwump's" Legal Status.

The word "Mugwump" was defined in a Court of Justice at Wilkesbarre, Pa., last Saturday. Thomas Johns, a well-known resident of the city, and a Republican, became a convert to the silver cause in the last campaign. He wrote a number of articles for the newspapers. Yesterday Johns met Editor Flick, of the Daily Times. Flick said: "Hello, Mugwump." This angered Johns. He upbraided Flick, and then had a warrant issued for the editor's arrest.

At the hearing there was much discussion as to the meaning of the word "Mugwump." Justice Donohue finally decided that it meant "a respectable Republican inclined to kick over the traces." The editor was discharged, and the costs were put on Johns, the Justice claiming that Flick's salutation was complimentary, not insulting.

Lost His Right Hand.

John O'Brien, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew O'Brien, residing at Topper's distillery in Stonycreek township, had his right hand torn off by a discharge from a shot gun. The accident occurred last Saturday forenoon while he and two New Baltimore companions, Henry Webber and Robert Weimer, were hunting not far from the little burg. The young man was standing on a rock and took hold of the gun near the muzzle to set it down on the ground and lean it against the rock when the trigger caught and sent off the load. The injured boy and his companions hastened to Dr. Reidt's office where the wound was given attention. The boy was taken home, but Sunday, it became necessary to amputate the injured member above the wrist and Dr. Garey was called in by Dr. Reidt to assist him in performing the operation. A couple of stray shot pierced one of the boy's ears.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Clerical Orders.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for 1897 it will issue clerical orders to regularly ordained clergymen in charge of churches located on or near its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie. To secure these orders clergymen should make application to the nearest ticket agent as soon as possible, as it is desired that all applications reach the General Office by December 15.

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