The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE B. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY. December 16, 1896.

Did you see the new line of Ties at Henry's? Nothing as fine in the town. Prices low, to suit the times.

The figures slipped into the calendar January, 1897, and will stay 111 years from that date, or until Dec. 31, 1929. No other figure has had such a consecutive run, and the 9 itself has only once before been in the run which lasted over a century in which it continuously figured.

Constipation is the cause of all sorts of serious disorders of the blood. Strong cathartics are worse than useless. Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's own remedy for troubles of this sort.

The Supreme court of Missouri has made the ruling that a telegraph company is liable for mistakes made by it in the transmission of telegrams. The court declares the printed contract at the head of every telegraphic message blank, providing that the company is not liable for unrepeated messages, is invalid.

Has for Holiday Trade. Call and see my line of latest style stiff and soft hats. Everything up to date.

W. B. BENNER.

By the law of 1857 the electors of each state are required to meet and give their votes on the second Monday of January next following their appointment, at such place in each state as the respective legislatures shall direct. The meetings will take place at the several state capitals on the fourth of that month, when the formality of "giving their votes" will be gone through with by the successful electors.

There were dressed at Thomas Oakes' woolen mills, at Bloomfield, N. J. last week, 20 pounds of Pennsylvania wool, which is to be manufactured into cloth from which a suit of clothes is to be made for President-elect McKinley. The suit will be given to him before his inauguration, and the object is to show that American-made cloth, manufactured from home-grown wool, is as good as the foreign material.

If in search of an Xmas Present, call and examine my stock. Everything in Gents' Furnishing Goods can be found here.

W. B. BENNER.

A delicious Christmas cake may be made by remaking together one pound of sugar and three-quarters of a pound of butter; add nine well-beaten eggs and two tablespoonfuls of molasses in which a teaspoonful of soda has been dissolved, a wineglass of milk, one pound of flour, one pound each of currants and raisins, two cents' worth of mace, one grated nutmeg, one teaspoonful each of cloves and cinnamon. This quantity will make two large loaves.

LOST.—On Monday morning between the public square and Kantner's Woolen Factory, a leather purse containing $16.41. The finder will be suitably rewarded upon leaving the same at this office.

Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian, and Dr. B. H. Warren, State Zoologist, have issued a bulletin from the Department of Agriculture on the diseases and enemies of poultry. In it they say careful estimates indicate that the poultry industry of the Commonwealth is affected by these agencies to the extent of $3,000,000 annually. The joint report has been written in answer to an extensive demand for information on the subject of which it treats. Pennsylvania is known to be one of the leading States in the production of poultry. According to the best information obtainable, there are in this State 15,874,000 fowls of all sorts including turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, valued at $12,299,000. These are estimated to produce yearly 68,819,000 dozen eggs at an average of twenty cents a dozen making a total value of $13,763,000 or $2,000,000 in the cost of poultry and eggs. In the United States their value is about $40,000,000 annually.

From Argentina comes news of the passage of a remarkable law, by the enforcement of which the statesmen of that faraway republic very foolishly expect in the course of a very few years to crowd its plains and mountains with inhabitants. One clause of this enactment reads: "On and after January 1, 1897, every unmarried male citizen of Argentina who is not less than 20 nor more than 80 years of age, shall, on the first day of each month, pay a tax, the amount to be determined by the municipal authorities." This is certainly going a long ways, but the South American legislature went still further, and rounded out their law with another clause which reads: "A celibate of either sex who shall without legitimate motive, reject the addresses of him or her who may aspire to his or her hand, and who continues continuously unmarried, shall pay the sum of 500 piastres for the benefit of the person, man or woman, who has been so rejected." Perhaps this scheme will work as its inventors hope, but the chances are that before January 1 arrives Argentina will have led by emigration every unmarried person now living in the country. That second provision would inspire terror even in the into Mr. Holmes.

Secretary Edge has summarized the returns of the official crop reporter of the state department of agriculture and authorizes the following estimates as to the acreage and yield of the crops the past season in Pennsylvania: Wheat, 1,127,000 acres; 8,000,000 bushels. Corn, 1,250,000 acres; 42,000,000 bushels. Oats, 1,230,000 acres; 38,000,000 bushels. Potatoes, 200,000 acres; 18,000,000 bushels. Hay, 2,500,000 acres; 2,000,000 tons.

Secretary Edge estimates that there was consumed in this state about 23,000,000 bushels of wheat at feed and 2,000,000 at seed; making a total consumption of 25,000,000 bushels. A deficiency of about 17,000,000 bushels this year will have to be obtained from sources outside the state.

The condition of the clover in wheat stubbles is reported considerably better than last year. The deficiency in the hay crop was largely the failure of the grass in the wheat stubbles in 1894 and 1895. The average condition of live stock is reported as above that of the same time a year ago. The percentage of loss from disease is also less than in 1895.

We know of but one community in the world where dyspepsia is practically unknown, and that is the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, N. Y. These good people have been studying the subject of digestion for more than a hundred years, and that they understand it pretty thoroughly is evidenced in the foregoing fact. Their Digestive Cordial is the safest and best remedy in cases of indigestion that we know of. A trial bottle can be had through your druggists for the trifling sum of 10 cents.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial supplies the system with food already digested, and at the same time aids the digestion of other foods. It will almost instantly relieve the ordinary symptoms of indigestion, and no sufferer need to be told what these are.

Lazell is the best medicine for children. Doctors recommend it in place of Cod-liver Oil.

Sheriff's Sale.

The following properties advertised for sale by Sheriff Hoover were knocked down to the highest bidders Friday afternoon:

William Kline tract in Jenner township to Daniel D. Weaver for $70.

T. M. Miller tract in Summit township to Ephraim Miller for $900.

William E. Pallen tract in Benson borough to P. J. Blough for $350.

Mary A. Hare tract in Elk Lick township to Hay & Walker for $75.

Stephen McNair tract in Addison township to David Heffelbaugh for $825.

Frank Rodgers tract No. 1 in Shade township, to Lydia M. Rodgers for $2500; No. 2 to same for $500.

Mr. J. H. Cable, of Blackhawk county, Iowa, is visiting with Somerset county friends.

Mrs. Joseph R. Nutt, of Akron, O., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Hay.

Antonio Camphire, who fell down a flight of stairs and sustained serious injuries ten days ago, is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. W. F. Joyce left yesterday for Philadelphia, where she will visit at the home of her brother—Dr. A. P. Brubaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Beall, of Frostburg, Md., have been spending the past week at the home of the latter's father—Hon. A. J. Colborn.

Harry Boyts, a well known farmer of Somerset township, passed to his final reward last Saturday morning. He was eighty years of age.

Mrs. Francis Suhrie, of Allegheny township, sustained a broken arm a few days ago, the result of accidentally falling down a flight of stairs.

Ex-Judge J. R. McMillen, of New Lexington, was an interested spectator at court yesterday. He was warmly greeted by his many friends.

Misses Mira Ross and Maud Dean, of Petersburg, who were guests of Miss Bertha Cromwell during institute week, returned home on Monday.

Associate-Judge-elect George J. Black, of Meyersdale, is spending the week in Somerset. He will not remove to this place after he has assumed the duties of his office.

Mrs. R. D. Mock, of Pleasantville, and Miss Bertha Baumgardner, of Salisbury, who were guests of Miss Nora Belle Walter during the past week, have returned home.

A protracted meeting is in progress in the Evangelical Church, at Husband. Rev. Haviland, of Johnstown, is conducting the revival. So far he has been greeted by large audiences.

John A. Topper, Jr., of New Baltimore, who is enrolled as a student at the Lock Haven Normal School, has been awarded an assistant professorship in that institution, he having stood at the head of a class who underwent a competitive examination in mathematics.

A large number of witnesses from Johnstown and the north of the county, called here to testify in the prosecution against Richard Jackson and the Roddy brothers, returned home last evening, when they learned that the cases would not be tried before Thursday or Friday.

The Berlin branch of the B & O. is being relaid with new steel rails. This will be welcome news to the patrons of that "crank line," many of whom insist that they can cover the distance between Berlin and Garrett on foot quicker than they can by rail, owing to the wretched condition of the track.

Miss Marion Platt is visiting at the home of her uncle—Capt. M. R. Adams—one of the doorkeepers of the United States Senate, in Washington, D. C. During her absence she will witness the marriage of her cousin—Miss Jessie Adams—to a prominent young man of Beaver, Pa.

The slaughter of pheasants and rabbits about Somerset this season has been unprecedented. Indifferent marksmen appear to have no trouble in bagging a half-dozen pheasants and as many "cotton-tails" in a day. Local meat markets are constantly supplied with the game mentioned.

The Northern Pacific Railway Company's Product Car, containing the natural and manufactured products of Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, will be at the Somerset station to-day, and should be visited by all persons interested in the development of the States mentioned.

James B. Holderbaum and family expect to take possession of their new home, —the Knable property—next week. Many improvements have been made to the property since it came into the possession of its present owner and it is now one of the handsomest and most comfortably fitted up homes in the county.

It is rumored about town that Prof. Stewart Schell, principal of the borough public schools, will pay a visit to Irvington, Indiana, during the holidays, and when he returns will be accompanied by a bride, a charming young lady of that city. Prof. Schell will take several of his Somerset friends with him to see that the "knot" is properly tied.

A young man named Charles Foust got gay Sunday night and threw several stones through the windows of Isaiah Holsopple's hotel, at Hillsboro. He was promptly arrested, and Monday morning was lodged in jail by Constable Elmer Hays, of Paint township, where he will remain for three months, unless he secures bail in the meantime, before he will be called upon to answer a charge of malicious mischief.

Lucinda Bittner, aged 63 years, 10 months and 15 days, departed this life on Sunday, 13th inst., at her home near Casebeer Church, in Lincoln township. Deceased was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church for fifty years and was one of the charter members of the Christ Church Sunday School, organized by the late Jacob Casebeer, many years ago. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, Rev. C. F. Gebhart officiating.

George, son of John Moore, a well-known farmer of near Edie, died on Tuesday, 8th inst., from the effects of internal injuries received last March, while he was engaged at work at saw-mill near his home. He was in his eighteenth year and was a promising young man. The funeral took place on Tuesday, 10th inst., when religious exercises were conducted by Rev. Long, of the Jennertown Reformed Church.

The members of Somerset Masonic Lodge gave a banquet at the Hotel Vandear last evening. Colonel H. H. Kuhn, and C. G. Campbell, of Johnstown, were among the visitors from abroad. Col. Kuhn presided as toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by Judge Longenecker, C. G. Campbell, A. L. G. Hay, C. J. Harrison, J. R. Scott, J. L. Pugh, and W. H. Sanner. About 100 gentlemen were present. The banquet was a grand success.

Register and Recorder elect James M. Cover has disposed of his mercantile establishment at Jenners to Mr. Jacob Hoffman, of Somerset township. The agreement was signed and delivered on Saturday. The sale includes the building in which the store is located. Jenners is one of the best mercantile stands in the county, and Mr. Hoffman will take to it the ripe experience of a prudent and successful business man. The formal transfer will be made about New Year's, when Mr. Cover will come to Somerset to enter upon the duties of his office.

A number of young unmarried ladies about town have been doing a commendable work the past three or four weeks, sewing for the children of a colored orphan asylum located at Lynchburg, Va. They have been meeting once a week, and while one of the young ladies reads aloud from a popular novel in which all are interested, the others utilize thread and needle. The result is that yesterday morning a box, in which complete wardrobes for twelve little pickaninnies were carefully stowed away, was forwarded by express to the institution mentioned. It was a first effort at cutting out and building uniforms for all the young ladies, but, then, who ever heard of a pickaninny's garments fitting, any way?

There are nineteen prisoners in the county jail, the largest number confined in that institution at one time for a number of years past.

Mr. Abner McKinley, brother of the President-elect, arrived in town this morning from Washington. He will remain for several days at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. A. J. Endsley.

County-Treasurer elect W. W. Winters has leased the Park Trent property at the east end of Union street, at present occupied by Register and Recorder Miller and family. Mr. Winters will get possession of the property about April 1st next.

The Postoffice Department has issued an order directing postmasters throughout the country, in other than Government buildings, to reduce the lock-box key deposit from 25 to 20 cents, and to refund the difference—5 cents—to holders of keys. Patrons of the home office were greatly surprised yesterday morning to find a note in their boxes requesting them to call at the cashier's window.

This community sustained a severe shock Monday evening when it was announced on the streets that Miss Maggie, only daughter of Philip Gilbert, had expired shortly after nine o'clock. Deceased was about 44 years of age. She was a devoted daughter, and ever since her mother's death, ten years ago, had presided over her father's household. Her venerable father and grief-stricken brother have the sympathy of all their neighbors in their sad bereavement. The funeral will take place at 2:30 P. M., to-day, from the family residence on West Main Street.

We take pleasure in informing our readers that the new United Evangelical Church, at Husband, will be dedicated on January 31. Bishop Sanford, of Harrisburg, will be present and take part in the exercises.

The new church, at Lichty's, erected by the same denomination, will be dedicated on January 10th, when Bishop Dubbs, of Chicago, will officiate.

The buildings mentioned are two of the handsomest structures in the county and reflect great credit upon the building committees who had charge of the work.

A general invitation is extended to the public to be present on both occasions.

The crowds of people in the court room and on the streets yesterday reminded old residenters of court week twenty years ago, when every able-bodied man in the county felt called upon to be present at the quarterly sessions of court. These later day assemblies are more orderly than they were formerly, when court week always witnessed its prize fight between local bullies from the various districts, and riots on the streets were of frequent occurrence. The wheels of justice are just as busy grinding out the filthy details of violations of the moral code as they were in the early times, but people generally are not as anxious to be present at the washing of their neighbors' dirty linen as they formerly appeared to be.

When Mrs. M. H. Hartzell refused admission to a stranger who sought a lunch-session to her Rockwood home last Wednesday he became ugly. Mr. Hartzell was absent from home and Mr. Charles Benford attempted to eject the stranger from the porch. When Benford took hold of him he drew a knife and made a vicious slash, cutting Benford across the neck and hand, and hurling him through a window. Constable King appeared upon the scene about this time and took the stranger into custody, but not until after he had received a stab in the neck. The stranger was committed to jail in default of bail. He gives his name as William Kline, and was formerly employed at McSpadden's stone quarry, east of Rockwood.

"Sam" Swank, of Conemaugh township, was a visitor at the home of his brother Jacob D., in this place, on Sunday last. He had some trouble in convincing his friends that he was the actual "Sam," on account of the discolored pair of optics and ornamented chin he exhibited. Two or three months ago "Sam" got tangled up with a horse he was riding and was thrown violently to the ground, alighting on his head. Afterwards, when he was carried to the home of his brother, Dr. Elwood Swank, in Davidsville, the physician failed to recognize him, his head being swollen out of all proportion, and almost entirely devoid of skin. It was a narrow escape from an untimely death and "Sam" was warmly congratulated by his Somerset friends.

The large crowd of people assembled in front of the Court House Friday afternoon were treated to an exhibition of the skill and volubility of a half-score of auctioneers. In addition to the Sheriff's sales, advertised for that time, five or six other properties were offered for sale. After Sheriff Hoover had disposed of the various tracts committed to his hands with directions to bring the money into Court, a glib-tongued orator, mounted the box and asked for bids for a farm; he in turn was followed by another crier, who gave place to still another, and so on until late in the afternoon. The various "barkers," with their unique, vociferous accomplishments and witty sallies furnished no end of amusement.

M. Fillmore Brinham, the well-known and popular merchant at Glencoe, this county, was ground to death under the wheels of a Baltimore and Ohio locomotive last Wednesday afternoon. The accident took place only a few rods from the unfortunate victim's store, and in full view of several men who were rooted to the ground by the awful sight. Mr. Brinham had gone on to the railroad track for the purpose of chasing off a cow that was in imminent danger of being run down by a fast approaching "limiter," when his feet slipped from under him, and he fell across the rails. One of his legs was cut off at the thigh, and one arm was torn from its socket. He lingered only a few minutes, when death came to his relief. Mr. Brinham was about forty years of age, and is survived by his wife and three children. He was a son of the late John R. Brinham, of Wellersburg, and was married to a daughter of the late Alfred Wilmoth, in his day one of the largest and wealthiest lumbermen in the county.

At this time when "visions of sugar plums" are dancing through the heads of young folks everywhere we desire to call attention to a barrel that has been placed in Kantner & Platt's grocery store which will serve as a receptacle for Christmas presents for the fifteen unfortunate little children, who are being sheltered in the Children's Aid Society boarding house. Many persons who naturally feel inclined to contribute to this cause would fail to do so if they were obliged to visit the boarding house, and the barrel has been placed in a public place for their convenience. Dishes, clothing, bedding, food, toys, sweetmeats and money will be thankfully received and properly bestowed. "Look on the merry faces of your children, if you have any, as they sit around the fire. One little seat may be empty. One slight form that gladdened the father's heart and roused the mother's pride to look upon may not be there. Dwell not upon the past." Think of the orphaned children, whose hopes and anticipations are as bright and fervid as your little one's were and rest assured that your mite will bring its reward now and hereafter.

Holiday Goods.

Mrs. K. B. Coffroth takes pleasure in calling your special attention to her line of holiday goods. You will find among her stock a new line of fine chinaware, choice pieces and sets to be found nowhere else in town, a few choice things in sterling toilet articles, dolls in endless variety, and the loveliest handkerchiefs you ever saw. Come see these beautiful goods before purchasing.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Great Interest Manifested in the Fate of Richard Jackson and the Roddy Brothers, Charged With the Murder of David Berkey.

December term of criminal court convened at 10 A. M., Monday morning with Judge Longenecker and Associate Judges Horner and Biesecker on the bench.

Milton Wegley, of Jenner township, was appointed foreman of the grand jury, and banker Robert Philson, of Berlin, was excused from attendance upon the grand jury, he having business in Pittsburg, which demanded immediate attention.

The first case taken up was that of the Commonwealth vs. Paul Grove, charged with the larceny of a set of bob sleds. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Daniel Albright and Harvey Daniels were next placed on trial to answer indictments alleging assault and battery and robbery, on information of Brady Lacock. The prosecutor, who is an inoffensive looking individual, said he was "past thirty-five years of age," but was unable to state when he celebrated his thirty-fifth anniversary. He testified that the defendants had persuaded him to ride with them in a buggy from Ursina to Confluence, that they had forced him to drink whisky with them, and later kicked him almost to death and finally relieved him of $1 out of his entire capital of $1.75. The defendants admitted having had a little rough sport with Lacock but emphatically denied having assaulted or robbed him. The jury believed their statement and returned a verdict of not guilty.

Wilber Allen, a colored lad, who was charged with maliciously shooting through the cab window of a B. & O. locomotive, occupied by Engineer William Otto and his fireman, was found guilty of pointing fire arms, and was committed to jail pending sentence.

NOLLE PROSEQUIES ENTERED

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

Commonwealth vs. A. J. Lowry, A. & B.

Same vs. George and John Dull, malicious mischief.

Same vs. the Supervisors of Somerset township.

Same vs. Mary Bennett, fornication.

Same vs. James Geary, A. & B.

Same vs. Frank Dunmeyer, A. & B.

Same vs. David Gildner, A. & B.

Same vs. William Dively, A. & B.

Same vs. Michael Nicholas, F. & B.

Same vs. James Berkebile, F. & B.

Same vs. Howard Pile, F. & B.

Same vs. Chas. S. Sorrel, A. & B.

CASES CONTINUED.

The following cases were continued:

Commonwealth vs. Paul Grove, selling liquor without license and to minors.

Same vs. Edward Shultz, F. & B.

Same vs. Orange Sorber, F. & B.

Same vs. Edward B. Barnett, F. & B.

Same vs. Frank Knupp, F. & B.

Same vs. Daniel W. Brown, desertion.

Same vs. James Berkebile, F. & B.

TRUE BILLS RETURNED.

The grand jury returned true bills in the following cases:

John and William Hart, larceny.

Samuel Tressler, larceny.

Same vs. James Roddy, et al., felonious assault.

Same vs. same carrying concealed weapons.

Same vs. same burglary and horse stealing.

Same vs. John W. Nicademus, burglary.

BILLS IGNORED.

The grand jury ignored the following bills:

Commonwealth vs. Thomas Z. Ringler, A. & B.

Phoebe Ann Wiltrout, who has been prominently identified with the last three or four sessions of criminal court was called up for sentence Tuesday morning, she having been found guilty of A. & B., at a former term. She was sentenced to ten days in the county jail.

Wm. Reep plead guilty to a charge for burglary and was remanded to jail.

Francis Shaulis, indicted for burglarizing Daniel Saylor's eating house, in Somerset borough, was acquitted.

The court room was crowded to its full capacity at yesterday afternoon's session by persons who were anxious to hear the testimony in the Berkey murder case. About 100 witnesses were present, and up until the hour of adjournment none of them had been called before the grand jury. The grand jury is expected to find a true bill against the three men accused of causing the death of David Berkey and his daughter Lucy tomorrow, but the case will hardly be reached before Thursday or Friday.

The indications are that the calendar will not be cleared until next week, probably Wednesday or Thursday.

A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, nature and uses of the national tonic and alterative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburgh, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free of druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Italian, Dutch, Swedish and Bohemian.

Farm For Sale.

The executor of the late David Heiple will sell at private sale a farm of 44 acres, one mile west of Somerset. Land in good state of cultivation, good house and barn, fruit orchard, underlaid with coal and mine open. Call on or address,

CHARLES HEIPLE,
Somerset, Pa.

HOLIDAY BOOKS.

Books for Christmas Gifts.

There's nothing so appropriate, nothing so pretty, nothing more useful, nothing more easily selected for a present than a book. Nobody ever has too many books. People of all ages, sexes and conditions want books. Everybody delights in books. Books are handsomer, plentier and much cheaper than ever before. No trouble to select a book for any one at

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When you are in doubt as to what to get for a present you are always safe to get a book. Pretty Toy Books, Books in Sets, Books in Handsome Bindnig. Useful and Ornamental Books. Books for everybody, in fact, Books cost but little money, readily and quickly figured out, always sure to please and you are saved endless trouble and worry by going to the Book Store.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Death of Margaret Pritts Huston.

Margaret, relict of the late Chambers Huston, of this place, died at the family residence, on South Main Cross street, Sunday evening, aged 86 years and 1 month. While her death was not unexpected, it nevertheless came in the nature of a shock, as she had eaten a hearty breakfast and appeared unusually bright throughout the early part of the day. Mrs. Huston was one of Somerset's oldest and most highly valued christain mothers. She leaves a family of grown children, only one of whom—Miss Mary—remains at home. The survivors are John, Alexander and Mrs. Frederick Weimer, of Somerset, Samuel, of Morgantown, W. Va., Mrs. Josiah Pile and Mrs. Abraham Eicher, of Milford township, and Mrs. Thomas Leadbeater, of Johnstown. Deceased had been a member of the Christian church for a long period of years and the funeral exercises, which took place yesterday afternoon were conducted by Elder William Mullendore, of that denomination.

HAPPY TEACHERS

40th Annual Institute an Unqualified Success.

The fortieth annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute has passed into history and all who took part in its deliberations feel that it will go to make up one of the brightest pages in the educational annals of the county.

The attendance was equally as large as at any former session, many persons being turned away at each meeting unable to gain admission to the Court room in which the Institute was held. So anxious, in fact, were some to be present and enjoy the proceedings, that the room was half-filled fifteen minutes after the morning session adjourned by ladies and gentlemen who patiently waited until the afternoon programme was taken up. The very best of order was maintained throughout the week and teachers and pupils appeared eager to drink in the words of wisdom and adopt the helpful suggestions dropped by the eminent instructors. Equal interest was manifested in the meetings devoted entirely to teachers, where views were interchanged as to the best methods to be adopted in schoolrooms and to listening to essays on educational topics.

It is a genuine pleasure for young men and ladies engaged in the occupation of teaching to sit in the presence of such able and practical teachers as Superintendent Walton, of the West Chester Normal, Dr. Noss, of the California Normal, and Prof. Chapin, of Rochester, N. Y., and feel the inspiration of their presence and enjoy the rare atmosphere which surrounds them. That teacher must have been a dullard indeed who failed to be inspired by Prof. Walton and who returned to his school-room unprepared to discharge the duties devolving upon him better than ever before. It is perhaps, not too much to say that Prof. Walton imparted more helpful and practical instruction during the week than ninety per cent. of the learned gentlemen engaged in the same commendable work, who have preceded him in this county. He was not only a prime favorite with the teachers present but with all who heard him.

Dr. Noss, who is recognized as one of the most thoughtful, careful and successful educators in Pennsylvania, was easily at ease with his audience, many of whom were his devoted friends and admirers. The Dr. has been a visitor at our County Institutes for a number of years past, and has probably done more to qualify the teachers of this county, through the medium of the California Normal, than any other man in the state.

Prof. Chapin is an earnest and practical educational worker and his various talks, some of them on very dry subjects, were embellished in a manner that held the interest of his hearers from start to finish.

The musical director exceeded the expectations of his audience and made himself popular, and venerable Dr. Horne, of Allentown, delivered practical talks.

A notable feature of the week was an unexpected visit from ex-County Superintendent J. M. Berkey, now City Superintendent of the Johnstown Public Schools, who was greeted with rounds of applause by the teachers and who made one of the best addresses delivered before the Institute.

Before final adjournment the usual resolutions, the most notable of which were those favoring central township High Schools and disapproving the practice "of employing unqualified home teachers rather than qualified teachers from other districts," were adopted.

It is not the province of a weekly newspaper to fully report the proceedings of a Teachers' Institute, but rather to chronicle the success or failure of such meetings, with a view to encouraging those engaged in teaching the youth of the Commonwealth to greater effort and higher ambition.

Superintendent Pritts and the teachers associated with him have good reason to feel proud of the success that attended their first effort.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENTS.

The lecture course, that has grown to be such popular feature of Institute week, was exceptionally well selected to please a heterogeneous audience. We last week told how "The Poet Judge" sung his way to the hearts of his hearers on Monday night.

Tuesday night Hon. H. W. J. Ham, of Georgia, lectured on "The Snollygoster in Politics," an individual whom he depicted as being engaged in preying upon the dear people for mercenary purposes, and without personal or party principle, willing to start a new party the moment he is unable to rule the one in which he finds himself. The lecture abounded with humor and sounded a note of warning to those who cherish and would preserve American institutions.

"Under a White Umbrella," was the subject of a reading by F. Hopkinson Smith, the popular novelist and artist, on Wednesday night. Notwithstanding the fact that the audience was taken on a visit to Cordova, Amsterdam, Venice and the City of Mexico, in all of which places they were permitted to enjoy the various sights with the discerning eye of an artist under his white umbrella and to mingle with all classes of people in their natural habitat, we feel that the journey was unappreciated by a large portion of the great audience. Most of Mr. Smith's hearers expected to hear a lecture of a similar character to the one that immediately preceded it, and when they discovered their mistake, could not suppress their disappointment. A young lady, as she left the Opera House, remarked to her escort: "Some people came here expecting to get a chromo and were disappointed when they were presented with a steel engraving. I should love to hear Mr. Smith read every word in his sketch book."

Thursday night's entertainment was a delightful two hours of song by the Arions, a quartette of lady vocalists, relieved by an admirable recitationist—Mr. Cooke.

Elegant and Large Stock of Christmas Goods.

If you are looking for a present for the Holidays you are always safe to go to

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Death of a Venerable Citizen.

Henry Schlag, Sr., one of the best known and most worthy citizens of Somerset county, died at his home in Bakersville, on Friday, December 11, 1896. He was born on August 11, 1811, in Darmstadt, Germany, and emigrated to America in 1832, when twenty-one years of age. Shortly after landing he settled at Bakersville, where he followed his trade of shoemaker, and where he married Mary Baker. Six children were born as the fruits of this union, viz: Matilda, Paul, B., John, Julia, Franklin, who died in 1870, and Henry. His wife dying in the early fifties he married Susan Whipkey, in 1860, who preceded him to the grave four years ago. He is also survived by 9 grand-children and 1 great-grand-child.

Mr. Schlag united with the Reformed Church in the Fatherland and was always connected with that denomination, passing away in the firm faith of the Christian religion.

He was one of the oldest surviving members of the Somerset Masonic Lodge and was always interested in the welfare of that order.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon, when religious services were conducted by Rev. Hiram King, assisted by Revs. Harkey and Gebhart. Interment was made in the cemetery near his home. About thirty members of the Masonic fraternity were present at the funeral.

Deceased enjoyed a very extensive acquaintance throughout the county and his death will be mourned as a personal bereavement by hundreds of his friends.

Typhoid Germs in the Stonycreek.

From the Johnstown Tribune

James H. Harlow, Engineer Inspector of the State Board of Health, alleges that one of Johnstown's twin rivers—the Stonycreek—contains the bacteria that cause typhoid fever in great numbers, and that they have been carried almost from the source down the stream, spreading at various points on the way as far west as Pittsburg.

Typhoid has been unusually prevalent in the Smoky City for some time past, and Mr. Harlow, who lives there, set about to discover the cause if possible. In conjunction with Secretary Benjamin Lee, of the State Board of Health, letters were sent out to about forty towns along the Allegheny River and its tributaries. These letters contained a list of questions relative to the water supply, sewage system, the number of cases of typhoid, diarrhoea, and dysentery, and the number of deaths from these causes since the first of the present year.

Replies received indicated that there was no typhoid fever along the Allegheny or any of its branches except the Kiskiminetas. A little closer investigation induced Mr. Harlow to follow the river to Johnstown to see which of the two streams joining here to form the Conemaugh might be guilty of carrying the germs.

At Blairsville he found that during the year there had been forty-two cases of typhoid fever and three deaths. This city, up to October 1st, had thirty-three cases and twelve deaths. This is regarded as an exceptionally high death rate. Going on up the stream and its tributaries, he found that Davidsville, Somerset county, with a population of about ninety persons, had thirteen cases during the present year, but no deaths. No evidence of the disease was found above this point.

It is the opinion of the Engineer Inspector that the fever germs were carried down the stream from Davidsville and caused the disease at the various places on the way where it had prevailed.

Mr. Harlow looked into the water supply of Johnstown and says no danger whatever lurks in the waters of the Mill Creek or St. Clair reservoirs, but that of the Stonycreek is contaminated.

Scarface Charley Dead.

There is much sorrow among the Modoc Indians on the Quawpaw reservation, in the Indian Territory, four miles northwest of this city. Their head chief, Scarface Charley, is dead. He died yesterday, after a lingering illness of several months' duration, and which the physician pronounced consumption, says a Seneca (Mo.) correspondent of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. His hair and beard were streaked with gray, on his arrival at the reservation, 22 or 23 years ago.

Since residing there he has been a farmer in a small way, and has always been peaceful and law-abiding. Some years ago he professed religion, and since that time had been a leader in the church and Sunday school and respected by Indians and whites alike. A private graveyard contains the remains of three of his children. The tombstones can be seen from the door of his residence. He leaves a widow and three children and the remnant of the once famous Modoc tribe to mourn his death. He will probably be succeeded by Chief Yellow Hammer.

"Scarface Charley" was the last surviving of the small band of Modoc warriors whose cruel massacre of Brig. Gen. Canby and the Rev. Dr. Thomas, in the lava beds of Northern California in 1873, shocked the civilized world. Gen. Canby, Dr. Thomas and Indian Inspector A. B. Meacham, acting as a peace commission to treat with the hostile Modocs, under Capt. Jack, met the Indians at a point agreed upon, unarmed and without military escort, and, after a few moments' conversation, were set upon by the savages. Gen. Canby and Dr. Thomas were instantly killed and Meacham was left for dead upon the spot, but he was subsequently rescued and recovered. Four of the Indian chiefs who instigated the massacre—Capt. Jack, Scouchin, Black Dave and Black Jim—were afterwards captured by Gen. Jeff. C. Davis' command, and, after trial by a military commission were hanged at Fort Klamath, Ore.

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