The Somerset Herald.

EDWARD SCULL, Editor and Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY.....December 23, 1896

WITH the completion of the Siberian railway now building, a journey around the world can be made in a little less than forty days.

Now that Congress has voted to exclude liquors from the capitol, there will be another interesting test of the question, "Does prohibition prohibit?"

JOSEPH H. CHOATE, the celebrated New York lawyer, will be a candidate for the succession to Senator David B. Hill, but Platt is reckoned a sure winner if he wants it.

GENERAL Horace Porter says that there are so many political clubs asking for places in the line of the McKinley inaugural procession that he will not know where to place them.

IN THE only battle Weyler has won he seems to have killed a general and all his staff under a flag of truce, the insurgent army being absent. Perhaps it will be considered a famous victory—in Spain.

MARK HANNA says that more than 8,000 citizens of Ohio have filed applications for appointments to Federal office under the McKinley administration. It is thought the number will reach 12,000.

COL. WATTERSON is confident that Cleveland will want to be the Democratic candidate again in 1900; but it is not at all likely that the party will have sense enough to make a better nomination then than it made 1896.

CUBA and the Philippines are many thousand miles apart, but the result of Spanish despotism in both is the same. If Yankee filibusters are to blame for the war in Cuba, who is at the bottom of the similar revolution on the other side of the earth?

THERE was great excitement over the failure of three banks in Blair county, but the welcome news comes that the depositors will be paid in full, and the banks again resume business. Temporary embarrassments do not kill a well-regulated institution.

IT IS stated that Senator Sherman will not be a member of the cabinet. It is said his feeling is that he can be of more service to President McKinley's administration and the Republican party by remaining in the Senate, and he will be a candidate for re-election.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND does not care even if he has Congress on his hands. Having fired his message at that august body, he goes off duck-shooting and has a good time. No President ever enjoyed life more than Grover while in the White House.

IT IS reported that Governor-elect Tanner, of Illinois, has decided to recognize only Gold Democrats in making appointments that go by law to the Democratic party. He insists that the Silver men are not Democrats, and the fact can be proven by quoting the Chicago platform against them.

SOME of the papers are calling attention to the fact that pensions have cost this country $2,000,000,000 since 1865. But more than that amount within the same time has vanished in the flame and smoke of conflagrations in the United States, and nobody seems to be worrying about an outgo that is largely preventable.

BUT ten votes were cast in the Senate against the Lodge immigration bill, and they were cast by Democrats. The Chicago Democratic National convention declared in favor of immigration restriction, and, at the first opportunity, Democrats vote against restriction. This is further evidence of Democratic disintegration and disregard for party platforms.

THE discovery of eighty insane people in the Eastern Penitentiary will doubtless lead to an examination of the prisoners in all of the State penal institutions to ascertain whether there are any more unfortunates of this class in prison. What causes special wonder is that these insane people could be behind the bars, the officials aware of their insanity, and yet nothing was done to place them where they really belonged until Judge Gordon, of Philadelphia, took action from information received. The Judge had every reason to discuss the matter vigorously from the bench, and he has served notice that he will not cease until he has had all of the unfortunates removed to institutions where they can be properly treated.

THE Senate amendments to the Lodge bill restricting immigration are not such as are likely to meet serious objection in the House, and the enactment of the bill into law seems certain. This is a measure that will doubtless meet with general approval. While not barring intelligent immigrants from the old world, its requirements as to education, which are the leading features aside from existing laws, will tend to elevate immigrants as a class, and to bar those who do not readily assimilate with our systems. Statistics on educational questions indicate that the countries most affected by the law are those whose people are least desired.

THE Supreme Court of Idaho has handed down a decision which extends the right of suffrage to women of that State, and establishes as law the mooted point that to fail to vote for or against an amendment is not in fact a vote against the amendment. At the recent election the woman's suffrage amendment received 6,000 more votes than were cast against it, but the favorable vote cast was not a majority of the highest vote recorded at the polls. Opponents of the amendment carried the case to the Supreme Court on the proposition that, having failed to receive a majority of the total vote cast at the election, it failed of passage. The Court ruled adversely to the proposition.

TWENTY women were elected at the last election in Kansas as county clerks. This is about one-fifth of the number of county clerks in the State. Besides these, two cities have women mayors, city clerks, police judges, and members of the city council. These were secured under legislative acts giving women limited franchise to the extent of allowing them to vote for and hold local offices. Kansas as a State voted on a constitutional amendment last year giving the right of suffrage to women in all elections, and the proposition was defeated by 35,000. Women's success in local affairs is not in accord with this vote, unless local offices are being used as a kindergarten for the political education of women.

THERE will be little mourning for the Dingley bill, which died in the Senate last week. It was formulated for the purpose of raising revenue to get Cleveland and Carlisle out of a hole, and it went through the Republican House a-flying. Unfortunately, the Free Silver people in the Senate were able to prevent its passage, and the deficit in the Treasury continues, while we get deeper and deeper into debt. As it is, however, let the bill go. Just as soon as the Republicans assume the reins of Government, an effort will be made to pass the McKinley bill, and that will not only bring in enough revenue, but it will afford protection to American industries. Then we shall have the prosperity that disappeared when the Democrats came into power and enacted the Wilson bill.

THE New York Journal's correspondents have been trying to find out how many men could probably be mustered in defense of their country "in case of war with a foreign power." The queries are asked in view of the remote possibility of war with Spain on account of Cuba.

Some of the answers will strike the general reader as rather humorous. Indiana, for example, promises 10,000 men; Virginia thinks that 3,500 volunteers could be depended upon to fight for the United States, while California has 5,000 patriotic volunteers, and Wisconsin thinks she could spare a force carefully estimated at 2,800. It must be remembered that these men are not to go to Cuba to fight in the revolutionary army, but are to enlist in the defense of the United States against a foreign foe.

The estimates are ridiculous. Spain should place no reliance upon them. If the President of the United States should find it necessary to call for volunteers, such figures as these would look silly before the call had been out an hour. Kentucky alone would furnish more colonels than all the men promised from the four States named. Governor Hastings replied to the Journal's query: "I do not care to estimate the number of troops who would volunteer from Pennsylvania in case of a war with Spain." His difficulty would be to put the figure high enough.

Carriers Have Perquisites.

From the Connellsville Courier.

The readers of the Courier will remember how hard it was to secure carriers to try the experiment of rural free mail delivery in Westmoreland county. The government wouldn't pay over $300 a year while the carries wanted about $700. However, the matter was finally compromised and a man went to work. The carrier was granted the privilege of carrying papers, magazines, etc., and to offer them for sale to the country people. Besides he can act as messenger and carry packages to and from town, thus adding to his income.

The system so far has met with the approbation of the people. The mail for delivery is made up at the Ruffsdale postoffice and the route covered by the carrier is from Ruffsdale along the pike to Mendon, thence to Waltz Mill, to Pierce's school house, to Hunker and back to Ruffsdale. Mail is delivered to all persons living along the route and those living off the road can make arrangements with neighbors to receive their mail or put up boxes at convenient places. The carrier receives mail matter and carries a supply of stamps for the accommodation of the people. A time schedule for the route is made out which he follows as closely as possible. A thorough test will be made of the territory covered to see if the scheme is practicable. If the public is better served in this way the increased expense of delivery will to a certain extent be counterbalanced by the star routes which can be abandoned. Much interest is manifested in the results of the experiment. The number of people served on the route is 229.

Plan Novel But Wouldn't Work.

TOPEKA, Kan., December 18.—Governor-elect Leedy is a man of great energy and vigor, but the army of Populist office-seekers who daily beslege him have driven him to his quiet home at Lawrence. Two weeks ago he opened an office here and invited his constituents to call and tell him what they want in the way of offices.

The result is that to-day the Governor-elect closed his office and went home to seek repose. Applicants for office who have been unable to secure a pass or who have not means to pay railway fare to Topeka send their photographs to Governor Leedy. This big assortment of Populist pictures represents all brands of Kansas whiskers. Only two show clean shaven faces.

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Last Week's Court Proceedings.

Wednesday morning John Nicodemus, a Jenner township youth entered a plea of guilty to robbing Groff's store at Confluence. He was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution, $1.00 fine and to be confined in the Huntingdon Reformatory.

Jere Pletcher, of Somerset township, accused of stealing oats from lawyer Valentine Hay's farm was convicted.

The cross suits between John and William Hart on one side and Samuel Tressler on the other, for larceny growing out of a dispute over a lot of corn and corn fodder—the Harts having farmed for Tressler on the shares—were disposed of by the Court directing the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

Wednesday afternoon the case of the Commonwealth vs. Abe Musser, charged with burglary on information of William Debakan, was taken up. The testimony adduced was in line with the facts published in the HERALD the week following the commission of the crime. The prosecutor told of the midnight attack on his castle and how he had defended his life and property with an ax; how he had cut one of the men on the left hand and the other on the head; he identified Musser as the man he had cut on the hand.

Musser took the witness stand in his own defense. He declared that he was at home on the night of the attempted robbery. He arose at an early hour the next morning and went to work in the Shaw coal mine. While endeavoring to cut a wedge with which to secure a mine prop he cut himself on the left hand with an ax. He hastened home and after his wife had washed and bandaged the wound he went to Meyersdale and consulted a physician. His wife corroborated his testimony as to his being at home on the night of the burglary.

A number of witnesses were called in rebuttal and evidence was adduced which went to show that Musser had set up a carefully prepared defense, when he visited the mine, but that in place of returning from the mine to his home, he went from the mine to Meyersdale where he had the wound in his hand sewed up. The case was given to the jury Thursday morning and at 2 o'clock in the afternoon they returned a verdict of guilty in manner and form as indicted. Musser has not changed much in physical appearance since he was defendant in a case for robbery ten or twelve years ago, which resulted in his conviction followed by a long term in the penitentiary. He is a frail looking man and one of the last men the casual observer would take for a desperate criminal.

Simon P. Sweitzer was placed on trial Thursday afternoon, the charge against him being the unusual one of embracery. Testimony was offered showing that Sweitzer had treated a juror to a glass of whisky and conversed in the presence of several jurors regarding a case in which he was interested as prosecutor and which they were trying as jurors. The defendant testified in his own behalf that he did not know the men in whose presence he had been talking were jurors. In charging the jury Judge Longenecker remarked that in case the jury found the defendant guilty, their verdict would in no way reflect upon the jurors Sweitzer had talked with. The jury returned a verdict of guilty. Counsel for Sweitzer filed motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment.

William Graves entered a plea of guilty to assault and battery. He was sentenced to pay the costs and undergo ninety days' imprisonment in the county jail.

SENTENCES IMPOSED.

When court convened Monday morning Judge Longenecker directed the Sheriff to bring Jeremiah Pletcher, Wm. Reep, and Wilber Allen into court for sentence.

Pletcher had been convicted of stealing a lot of oats and a half bushel measure. The prosecutor asked the Court to impose a lenient sentence, and after consultation it was agreed that the defendant should enter bail for his appearance at February court, when sentence will be imposed.

Reep, who plead guilty to burglarizing B. S. Fleck's store in Jenner township, was sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory; and Allen who plead guilty to pointing firearms, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and to undergo six months' imprisonment in the county jail.

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, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

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The means by which the sixty persons were poisoned at a silver wedding anniversary in Blair county recently have just been discovered. The guests were all taken sick after eating chicken salad and it has been learned that the dressing for the salad was prepared in a copper kettle. To this cause the poisoning was due.

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Local Items.

D. C. Lambert and Mrs. Kate Boyer have been appointed postmasters at Daley and Mance, respectively.

Lewis and Justice Gastiger, sons of our fellow townsman Joseph Gastiger, recently returned from a European trip.

John Williams has leased a track of land near Millville, O., and will stock it with cats and rabbits. He proposes to raise large numbers, to supply skins for the cloak and cape market.

A young man named Charles Bishop and sixteen-year-old Minnie Lease, of Elbinsville, Bedford County, Tuesday afternoon secured a team and were being driven across the Maryland line for the purpose of being married, when the young lady's father learned of their escapade and set out in pursuit, followed by many neighbors. A tollgate stopped the fleeing lovers and the father caught them, whereupon the young man drew a revolver, but did not shoot anybody. The young lady was taken back home, after which the father had two warrants sworn out against Bishop, one charging him with attempting to kill and the other for carrying concealed weapons. He gave bond for his appearance before a magistrate for a hearing.

Samuel Houseman, a Pennsylvania canal boatman, can boast of voting anywhere in the United States. He possesses a soldiers' and sailors' certificate issued by President Andrew Jackson which entitles Mr. Houseman to vote the national ticket at any voting place in the United States. The ticket is so arranged that when he votes the judge of the polling place signs his name in order to prevent repeating. He is now eighty-four years old, and has voted at every national election since William H. Harrison was elected, except the last election, when he was caught on the canal below Harrisburg and it was impossible for him to reach a polling place in time. He is a staunch Republican and has named his boat the "Robert T. Lincoln."

At a recent meeting of the Pioneer Fire Company the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: President, Mahlon Schrock; V. P., J. W. Frease; Sec., Harry Keifer; Treas., N. E. Knepper; Foreman, R. F. Davis; 1st Asst., Wm. Stoddard; 2nd Asst., George Knee.

Pipemen.—Raymond Stoddard, John Houpt, Wm. Gilbert, Wm. Troup.

Linemen.—Fred Holbrook, Albert Holbrook, Mahlon Schrock, Harry Rhoads.

Flagmen.—Clarence Pile, R. W. Berkey.

Policemen.—Albert Holbrook, George Davis, J. H. Crise, M. R. Bowman.

Axmen.—Albert Hay, E. W. Weimer.

Niece of Pulaski Kills Herself.

Josephine S. Jerocka, a niece of the General Pulaski who fought in the war of the American revolution and was killed at Savannah, Ga., committed suicide by poison at her home in Brooklyn Saturday. Mme. Jerocka was a claimant for $2,000,000 which, it is said, her famous grand-uncle had advanced to the United States Government to aid it in prosecuting the war of independence. She had, according to her story, been robbed of the papers which established her claim and was obliged to take a government clerkship in Washington from which, however, she was dismissed by Cleveland in his first term. Since this she had a terrible struggle with poverty and was finally reduced to selling papers. For some time she has been entirely dependent upon charity.

Mme. Jerocka wrote to a Washington paper in a hopeless strain intimating that she intended to commit suicide. It was in accordance with this threat that she killed herself.

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Christmas Giving.

Christmas is near at hand and those who are looking forward in joyous anticipation of having a good time should not be unmindful of those who may be in want. Let us, therefore, in obedience to our faith; shine by our works that we may fully realize the saying of the Christ child, when He saith: "He that hath this world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth his bowels of compassion, how dwelleth the love of God in him."

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Judge Reynolds, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, made a decision yesterday in the case of Miss Eva E. Cobb, of Washington, Pa., which extends the provisions of the dependent pension law to a very important degree. Miss Cobb is the daughter of Edmund Cobb, late of Company C, Two Hundred and Third Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. She is thirty-three years of age. After the death of her father she drew a pension until she became sixteen years of age, when her name was dropped from the roll under the general provisions of the law.

Her Guardian made an application to have her restored on the ground that she was permanently helpless and incapacitated from earning a living, being subject to epileptic fits. This application was denied by the Commissioner of Pensions on the ground that it did not come within the meaning of the term permanently helpless. Twice since—in 1894 and the spring of 1895—the application was renewed, and each time refused on the same ground, cases being cited where minor children of soldiers were refused pensions under this provision of the law where they had lost one arm or one leg. In such cases they were held to be permanently helpless.

Congressman Acheson, however, took the case to the Secretary of the Interior, who gave it to Mr. Reynolds, and he, after careful consideration, ordered that Miss Cobb's name be placed upon the roll.

It is regarded as a very important decision at the Department, as it brings an entirely new class of cases within the provisions of the Pension law. Miss Cobb will receive $10 per month from July 6, 1894, the date of filing the application for reinstatement upon which Judge Reynold's decision was based.

Among the improvements that will be made on the B. & O. is a radical change in the running of passenger trains. General Manager Greene has been investigating this matter for some time and contemplates changing the number of cars per train so that they can make better time going up the heavy grades, and as a consequence will not run so fast coming down. Now that the track has been placed in a first-class condition and new motive power purchased for the passenger trains, Mr. Greene is of the opinion that, by equalizing the weight of the trains, a trip over the B. & O. will be made very pleasant.

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SCIENCE: Story of the progress of science during the nineteenth century, a series of papers by Dr Henry Smith Williams, supplemented by contributions on special subjects by expert scientists. Articles on the relations of curious psychological manifestations to physiology by Dr. Andrew Wilson.

AMERICAN FEATURES: **The Mexico of To-day**, a series by Charles F. Lummis, splendidly illustrated—the result of a recent visit to Mexico undertaken for Harper's Magazine. Mexico is pre-eminently a silver-producing country, and its monetary operations rest entirely on a silver basis. Owing to the keen discussion of certain economic problems in connection with issues of urgent importance in American politics, these papers will command general attention. **American Historical Papers** by Woodrow Wilson, John Bach McMaster and James Barnes. The true story of **Sheridan's Ride**, by Gen. G. A. Forsyth. Continuation of Howells' **Personal Reminiscences** of eminent literary Americans.

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What the Weekly has been in its spirit and purpose, as these have been manifested principally in its editorial pages, it will continue to be.

It is impossible to announce with precision all that the Weekly will contain during the year 1897. It exercises only to announce what is about to happen in the world, what triumphs for good government are to be won, what advances of the people are to be made, what is to be the outcome of the continuous struggle between the spirits of war and peace, what is to happen in the far East, what is to be the state of Europe twelve months hence, what new marvels of science are to be revealed, or what are to be the achievements of arts and letters, for the Weekly to be a pictorial record of all this.

CARTOONS will continue to be a feature.

SERIAL STORIES. A New England story by Miss Mary E. Wilkins, will begin in January. A tale of a Greek uprising against the Turks, by Mr. E. P. Benson, the author of "Dodo," will follow. A sequel to "The House-Boat on the Styx," will follow," by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, illustrated by Mr. Peter Newell.

More Short Stories will appear in the Weekly than it has been possible to publish during 1896.

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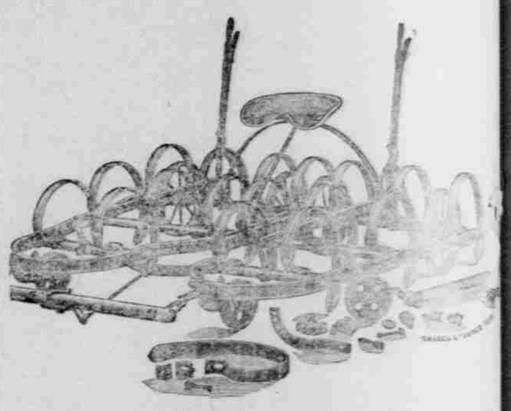

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