The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY. January 20, 1897.

Two thousand and forty-six post offices have been established during the past fiscal year, and 1759 discontinued—a net gain of 287, making a total of 70,860 in the United States.

Anyone who suffers from that terrible plague, Itching Piles, will appreciate the immediate relief and permanent cure that comes through the use of Doan's Ointment. It never fails.

There will be but two eclipses this year, both of the sun. The first will be a partial eclipse about sunset of February 1. There are never more than seven in any year—five of the sun and two of the moon—and never less than two.

Rev. R. Leighton Gearhart has resigned as pastorate of the Reformed church in Bolchoto. For some time past there has been trouble, but the climax was reached on Christmas evening, when, after delivering a talk at an entertainment for the Sunday school, the pastor attended a select dance.

J. G. Bastress, a Findley Township, Mercer County, farmer, died suddenly this week at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was supposed to be wealthy, but he left no will. On Wednesday Dr. Yeager was looking through some of the old trunks and came across two glass jars with gold pieces. The two jars contained over $12,000.

Twenty men disguised as white caps went to the house of Mrs. Jennie Anderson, at Sahlstown, Westmoreland county, on Tuesday night, and demanded J. J. Rook, a married man, who has been living with her. She denied that he was there, but they found him hiding in the attic. He was taken out, cowhided until he begged for mercy and promised never to return, then marched out of town with a howling mob at his heels.

Franklin Harvey, a brakeman on the Missouri Pacific, was killed by a train near Myrick Station on the night of January 8. The accident was caused by a defective drawhead. A strange feature of the happening was a premonition of death had in a dream the night before the accident. Harvey related his dream, and said that it seemed as if he had been struck by an engine and six cars, and, when he was killed six cars ran over his body.

There is consternation among the male portion of Centre county school teachers. When the County Directors met in annual convention they passed resolutions denouncing the use of tobacco in any form by the teachers, and indorsed the law prohibiting the use of the same. They also demanded that in the future the County Superintendent enter upon every certificate granted whether or not the holder is a user of tobacco in any form. The Directors are now quietly investigating to find out how many of the teachers use tobacco with a view of demanding that they either quit its use or resign teaching. As a good many of the male teachers either chew or smoke, when not engaged in teaching, they are greatly alarmed.

Captain W. W. Peabody, Vice-President and Gen'l Manager of the B. & O. S.W., traveled last year, in his private car, the Ogle, just 51,419 miles. The record was kept by C. A. Tonay, who has been in the Captain's private office for eleven years, and who accompanies him on his travels. He keeps a daily record of the car's movements, and can show at any time during the past ten years where it was at any point on the road the Captain was at any time during the past ten years while out on his car. In 1888 the car, with the Captain, traveled 59,850 miles; in 1889, 53,99 miles; in 1891, 46,082 miles; in 1894, 49,331 miles, and in 1892, 53,230 miles. This record is hardly equaled by any railroad man in the west, and is equal to going twice around the world every year, and half way back again.

A Brooklyn physician translates the following from a German writer: "The apple is such a common fruit that few persons are familiar with its remarkably efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphorus in it, in an easily digestible shape, than any other fruit known. It excites the action of the liver, promotes sound and healthy sleep, and thoroughly disinfects the mouth. It also agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretions, and prevents calculus growth, while it obviates indigestion and some of the best preventives of diseases of the throat. Next to lemon and orange, it is the best antidote for the thirst and craving of persons addicted to the alcohol and opium habit."—Medical Review.

A despatch from Flemington N. J., dated January 8 says: The most complete line of hardware ever discovered in a cow was found yesterday. The cow was killed by John Risler, living near Lockstown, a few miles from Flemington. Following is a list of articles found in the stomach: One two-penny wire nail; one four-penny, two six penny, eleven eight-penny, four three-penny cut nails; five four-penny, one five-penny, five six-penny, seven eight-penny, three ten-penny, one eight-penny wrought nails; thirty-nine pieces of nails from 4 inches down, one 3-inch screws, two ½-inch screws, three pieces of wire, three stones as large as a walnut, one hog ring, one threshing-machine spike 2½ inches long, a padlock and key to fit, and one small file. Total, ninety-five pieces. One of the most remarkable things connected with the incident is that the cow was in good health when slaughtered.

If we could trace Dyspepsia to its source, it would be back to our kitchens. In fact, the secret of good health is good cooking. If well cooked, foods are partially digested; if poorly cooked, they are less digestible than in their raw state. If you are a victim of faulty cooking, that is, if you suffer from Dyspepsia, the rational cure must be looked for in an artificially digested food, and a food which will at the same time aid the digestion of other foods. Such a preparation virtually rests the tired digestive organs, thereby restoring them to their natural strength.

The Digestive Cordial, as prepared by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon, is just such a preparation, and a single 10 cent bottle will convince you of its value. If your druggist doesn't keep it, he will be glad to get it through his wholesale house.

Laxol is the best medicine for children, doctors recommend it in place of Castor Oil.

The Noss Jollity Company had a good house at Rich's theatre last night, and they fully justified the expectations of those who witnessed their performance last season. The show is, if anything, better than ever and can truly claim its place in the front ranks of musical farce-comedy. Encores were frequent and every act so good that space forbids special mention of each in detail. The great hit of the evening was made by Miss Etta Sisson, who was repeatedly recalled, which was only a just tribute to her success as a vocalist. She made rather an ambitious bid for popularity by rendering the "Patti Waltz Song," which has been in the divine Patti's repertoire for years, and she captured the audience by her excellent rendition of the song. Nick Glynn was responsible for a great deal of the amusement; Helen Rodgers, a vivacious little miss, won the hearts of young and old with her songs. Frank Noss' strong impersonation was a gem of character work. Miss Mignon Carroll was charming and is also an accomplished musician. In fact, the entire company give more satisfaction to the square inch than any piece presented in this city for some time. The performance will be repeated this and tomorrow evenings with matinees.—Fall River Herald.

Master Russel Love is suffering from pneumonia.

Monday was the first genuine winter day experienced this year.

John Bowman, a venerable citizen of Jefferson township, is critically ill.

John Schlag has been appointed postmaster at Bakersville, to fill a vacancy at that place.

Mrs. Chas. H. Fisher left yesterday for a visit with relatives in Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The "Ghost Story," published on the first page, is of interest on account of its local bearings.

Owners of ice houses are beginning to despair of having them filled with natural ice this season.

Representatives Sanner and Miller and Senator Critchfield returned to Harrisburg Sunday night.

Candidates for nomination for borough offices are hustling. The Republican primary will be held on Saturday next.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the post office: Mrs. Ella Hoffman, Lizzie McKee, Mrs. Lydia Protmar, A. C. Schrock.

We learn from the Confluence Press that Mr. W. J. B. Benford, of Ursina, is preparing to remove to Philadelphia, where he will represent a Chicago publishing house.

The many Somerset county friends of James B. O'Connor, Esq., of Johnstown, will be pained to learn that he sustained a broken leg a few days ago, by reason of being thrown from his carriage.

Mr. F. G. Barnes, of Johnstown, and Miss Lydia Wilson, of Stoyestown, went to Cumberland a few days ago and were married. They are now enjoying their honeymoon with Johnstown friends and relatives.

Mr. George B. Baer, of Cloverdale, Cal., eldest son of H. L. Baer, Esq., of this place, has been appointed chief clerk of one of the important State Senate Committees, and will spend the winter in Sacramento.

Mrs. Jacob J. Glessner died last Tuesday morning at the home of her daughter—Mrs. Miller—near Roxbury, aged 66 years. Death resulted from pulmonary trouble. Her husband preceded her to the grave only three weeks.

The directors of the Somerset Hotel Company held a meeting in Pittsburg yesterday for the purpose of adopting means to push that projected enterprise to a successful conclusion. It has not been learned what steps were taken, none of the Somerset members of the board having returned home yesterday.

Mrs. William Hauger died at her home near Beachdale, Brothersvalley township, on Thursday night, 13th inst, aged 67 years. She is survived by her husband, three sons and two daughters, all of whom are grown. The funeral took place Sunday morning, when interment was made in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, at Berlin.

A number of Somerset gentlemen are arranging to attend the inauguration of President McKinley. They will charter one or more Pullman sleeping cars, and, according to the present program, will leave here on the morning of March 3d and return on the evening of March 5th. The cars will be used as dormatories in Washington.

Mr. Milton Snyder, of Sabetha, Kan., is visiting at the home of ex-Sheriff Hoover. He reports all the people living along "Pennsylvania Avenue," as being well and prosperous. It might be well to add that the "Pennsylvania Avenue" referred to is a road running through land owned by former residents of Somerset county, and is said to be the garden spot of Kansas.

Mrs. Ellsworth Lambert died at her home near Lambertsville, Stonycreek township, on Thursday, 14th inst., from typhoid fever, aged 28 years. She is survived by her husband and four small children, the eldest of whom is aged 9 years; her parents—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gohn—who reside near Lambertsville, three brothers and three sisters. Deceased was a devoted member of the Lutheran Church.

A Scullton correspondent of the Pittsburg times writes as follows: E. G. Henry, postmaster here, claims to have discovered perpetual motion, and will be able to construct a machine that can be used by farmers to run a churn or meat chopper. The price will not exceed $25. He has not disclosed his plans, but says it is the most wonderful power yet discovered, and will eventually be used on railroads.

That the old, reliable Hagerstown Almanac is still in favor is evidenced by the following note, which Mr. Charles H. Fisher found in his mail, Monday morning: "Sir, you will find enclosed stamps for a Old fashen almack Haggerstown. No German. I can't get noth but Doc Almanac here." The order was signed by a New York State patron of Mr. Fisher, who has evidently been guilty of consuming more or less of the physics and blood purifiers recommended by the average patent medicine almanac.

The share holders of the First National Bank held their annual election Tuesday of last week. All the members of the former board of directors, with the exception of Larue M. Hicks, deceased, were re-elected. Mr. Charles O. Scull, of Baltimore, Md., was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Hicks. At a special meeting of the Board of Directors held the same evening, Mr. Josiah Swank, who has been a clerk in the bank ever since it was established, was elected Assistant Cashier. Mr. Swank's many friends throughout the county will be pleased to learn of his promotion.

Many of our readers are personally acquainted with Rodger Davis, the Conemaugh Valley Artist, who has a lodge on Paint Creek, and remember the time when he was a struggling young sign painter in this place. About a year ago Rodger was married to a Mrs. Konold, a wealthy widow, of Pittsburg, and last week Mrs. Davis was made defendant in a suit entered at Pittsburg, in which one Augustus N. Hart, of Dayton, O., claims $25,000 for damaged affections. The plaintiff alleges that he was engaged to marry Mrs. Konold, and that cards had been issued for their wedding, which had been set for December 18, 1894. When the eventful day arrived Mrs. Konold refused to become a party to the ceremony. Mrs. Davis is reputed to be worth more than $150,000.

Alonzo Chamberlain, of Meyersdale, the venerable superintendent of the Cumberland & Elk Lick Coal Company, Saturdry evening tendered a reception to a host of his friends at his residence in that place, the occasion being the eightieth anniversary of his birth. Among the guests present were Governor Lloyd Lowndes, of Maryland, and a number of prominent Baltimorians.

Mr. Chamberlain was one of the early pioneers of the coal business in Somerset county and was largely instrumental in developing the coal fields in Elk Lick and Summit townships. He is credited with having organized the first coal company in that region and has successfully managed it ever since. Ever since he became a resident of Somerset county, some thirty years ago, Mr. Chamberlain has commanded the respect and esteem of all our people. He is one of Meyersdale's most popular and enterprising citizens and one whom they all delight in honoring.

Jennertown Lad Drowned.

Stewart, the fourteen-year-old son of Justice of the Peace David L. Wland, of Jennertown, was drowned in Quemahoning creek, between one and two o'clock Saturday afternoon. Young Wland, and two companions, E. M. Maurer and George Arisman, were skating on Noah H. Shaffer's mill dam, when the ice gave way. Wland was swept under the solid ice and was lost, while his more fortunate companions fought their way to the bank.

Shaffer's dam is about one mile from Jenners, where the Republicans of the township were holding a primary election, Saturday afternoon, and as soon as the sad news reached that place a large crowd rushed to the scene of the drowning. Owing to the treacherous condition of the ice, it was found necessary to construct a raft, on which Joseph Hoffman and William Kautz dragged for the body, which they finally succeeded in recovering about four o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wland are heart broken over the untimely death of their eldest child, who gave every promise of a bright and happy future. Stewart was very popular with all of his companions and his death has cast a gloom over the entire neighborhood in which he lived.

Mrs. Ira Beachley Deserts Her Blind Husband and Three Small Caildren.

Word was received Monday from Beachdale, Brothersvalley township to the effect that Mrs. Ira Beachley, wife of the blind merchant at that place, had deserted her husband and three small children on Saturday morning and eloped with Charles Hentz, a prosperous young stone mason, who also left a wife and one child behind.

Beachdale gossip has connected the names of Mrs. Beachley and Hentz together for some time, but few persons who knew of their flirtation ever believed that it would result in an elopement. It is reported that Hentz recently disposed of his farm near Beachdale, realizing $1,000 in cash from the transaction, and that he also recently sold some of his personal property.

Mrs. Beachley, who assisted her afflicted husband in conducting the store and postoffice, had access to the money drawer and she is reported to have helped herself with a liberal hand before she left.

Saturday morning Hentz was in Berlin and bought a railroad ticket for Garrett. Mrs. Beachley took the same train at Beachdale, and when the train arrived at Garrett it is claimed that Hentz purchased two tickets for Connellsville.

The deserted husband is one of the most remarkable men in this part of the country. Notwithstanding the fact that he has been in total darkness since childhood he has built up and conducted a successful mercantile business, attending to the demands of his customers unaided. His store is said to be a model of neatness. It is not known what steps, if any, will be taken to cause the arrest of the runaway couple.

A Distinguished Armenian.

Prof. Louis Baddour, formerly instructor in the American college at Beirout, Syria, will lecture in the Lutheran church, on Thursday evening, on the "Armenian Massacres." Prof. Baddour has lectured extensively in the eastern cities, where he was well received by large audiences.

He is especially qualified to give a vivid description of the Armenian horrors, as his father and uncle were both assassinated by the Turks. The Prof. is in Somerset now making the acquaintance of our people. His story is a very sad one and arouses the indignation of all who hear it. He has been in America only nine months, but in that brief time he has mastered the English language, which he speaks fluently. A short time since Prof. Baddour visited President-elect McKinley, and his description of the manner in which he was received by the first American citizen as contrasted with his last audience with the Pasha is highly interesting.

The lecture Thursday evening will be free.

A Munificent Gift.

Franklin & Marshall College, at Lancaster, Pa., the leading institution of the Reformed church in the United States, has received $25,000 from Gen. J. Watts De Peyster, of Trivola, N. Y., formally through Mr. O'Connor, a distinguished architect of Hudson, N. Y., with which it is proposed to erect on the college campus a complete library building for the college, with a capacity of seventy thousand volumes. The building will be one hundred and six feet long, with an imposing tower. It will consist of three wings extending southward, northward, and westward. It will be thoroughly equipped for all the purposes of a reading room and library after the most approved modern pattern. It is expected that a corner stone will be laid about May 1st and the building completed for the reopening of the college year.

Death of A. P. Walker.

Alvin Peter Walker, a leading young farmer of Somerset township, died at his home near Lichty's Church, on Thursday, 14th inst., from typhoid fever. He was born on December 5, 1838, and was 38 years of age at the time of his death. In 1861 he was united in marriage with Valeria A. Ankeny. Two sons, Willis and Henry, resulted from this marriage, who with their mother survive. He is also survived by his father, one brother and three sisters. The deceased became a member of Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1887, and from then forward was an earnest worker in the church, rarely missing a service unless his duty called him elsewhere. He was Superintendent of the Sabbath School for a number of years and discharged the duties of that office to the satisfaction of all. Mr. Walker was a man of sterling integrity and high moral character and his death will be lamented by all who knew him.

David Statler.

The venerable David Statler, whose serious illness this paper mentioned a short time ago, died at his home in Stoyestown, at 4:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The cause of his death was paralysis.

David Statler was born in Bedford County about eighty-seven years ago, and when four years of age was taken to Stoyestown, where he had resided ever since.

He was a tinner and coppersmith and formerly worked in Somerset. For a number of years he had a tin shop at Stoyestown.

Mrs. Dorcas Statler, wife of the deceased, died at Stoyestown shortly before the Johnstown Flood, and since that time his grandaughter—Miss Edith Downs—has been keeping house for him.

The deceased is survived by five daughters and one son, viz: Mrs. Annie Beam, of near Jennertown; George Statler, the well-known photographer of Johnstown; Mrs. Ellen Struther, of Alder Grove, Neb.; Mrs. Jacob Zorn, of Berlin; Mrs. William Beechley, of Great Falls, Mont., and Mrs. Lillie Hoffman, of Stoyestown.

Mr. Statler was one of the organizers of the Stoyestown Lodge of Odd Fellows, and had assisted to institute the Lodges of Odd Fellows at Bedford and Somerset. He was also a lifelong member of the Lutheran Church.

Somerset County O. I. C. Lime.

Farmers between Rockwood and Listie wishing to purchase lime will find it to their interest to see the undersigned before purchasing elsewhere.

U. D. BRAUCHER,
Somerset, Pa.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report;

Franklin Lape—Donegal, Pa.
Mary Ellen Claycomb—Somerset, Pa.
Edward W. Berkley—Glade, Pa.
Edith Berkley—Summit Twp.
David L. Parker—Ursina Bor.
Laura Ludermilk—Fayette Co.

SADIE BEAL'S DEATH.

Dr. W. F. Mitchell Makes a Statement.

Dr. W. F. Mitchell, of Addison, a member of the local Board of Pension Examiners, came to town Wednesday morning for the purpose of attending the regular weekly meeting of the Board. Learning that A. O. Beal, father of the unfortunate young woman who died in the Allegheny General Hospital from the effects of a criminal operation, was in town, he visited the District Attorney's office, and in the presence of Mr. Beal and a number of other gentlemen, asked that he be permitted to make a statement under oath.

The Dr. was informed that no one present was authorized to administer oaths and that no hearing was in progress, but that if he desired to make a statement he was at liberty to do so. It is reported that Mr. Beal said he did not care to hear the Dr.'s statement.

Dr. Mitchell said that he left home for Somerset on the morning of December 30th. At Confluence just as he was about to take the accommodation train for Rockwood the telegraph operator handed him a dispatch, which asked him to wait for the next train to meet "Mrs. Keim." He waited and when the "flyer" arrived he stepped into one of the coaches. Presently his attention was attracted by a lady, dressed in black and heavily veiled, who beckoned him to come back to where she was sitting. The woman asked "are you Dr. Mitchell?" and securing an affirmative reply, inquired "are you going to Somerset?" The Dr. replied that he was. Arriving here both stepped at the same hotel.

Dinner was being served at the Hotel Vanneur when a clerk visited Dr. Mitchell and told him a lady in room No. 8 desired to see him.

The Dr. says that when he went to the young woman's room she confided to him that she had committed an operation upon herself for the purpose of concealing her condition, and was fearful that she had made a mistake. She begged him to examine her and tell her if her life was in danger. The Dr. at first refused to make an examination, but finally to appease the girl, who appeared to be in an alarming frame of mind, he did so. Dr. Mitchell says that the young woman was in need of immediate attention and that he directed her to return to her home at once or to go to a hospital, where she could secure proper treatment.

Miss Beal took the 3:42 train for Rockwood and that night was admitted to the Allegheny General Hospital, where she died on January 7th.

The father of the dead girl has not abandoned pursuit of the villains who ruined and caused the death of his daughter, but on the other hand is exerting every effort at his command to bring about their arrest.

In concluding a history of the case the Meyersdale Commercial says: Miss Beal is the third of a trio of most beautiful, intelligent and attractive young women, who have been brutally murdered by physicians within a year's space in this immediate neighborhood and our people are fully determined to seek out these surgical demons, who kill young girls at fifty dollars a head, under the specious plea of hiding their shame. To this end and for this purpose our people are united as we never before saw them in a quarter of a century. The murder of innocents must cease.

Blank Books! Blank Books!

Town and County Merchants, Farmers, Millers, Mill Men, Coal Operators, Secretaries of Societies, anybody, and everybody needing blank books of any kind will find a large stock and great variety at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE.

Ledgers, Journals, Day Books, Cash Books, Records, Justice's Dockets, Receipt Books, Society's Minute Books, Time Books, Diaries for 1897, Books of Judgment Notes, Memorandums, in fact all styles, kinds and qualities of blank books always in stock at Fisher's Book Store. Blank books for Tax Duplicates, Books for Township Supervisors, Blank books for everybody.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Republican Primary.

The Republicans of Somerset township will hold a Primary Election at the usual place on Saturday, January 23, to nominate township officers. All candidates will please send their names and the usual fee to me at Friedens.

E. C. WELCH,
Committeeman.

Borough Primary.

The Republicans of Somerset Borough will hold a Primary Election Saturday afternoon, January 23d, to nominate borough officers. All candidates will please hand me their names on or before January 22, at 7 o'clock p. m., accompanied by the usual announcement fee.

E. S. KANTNER,
Committeeman.

Clearance Sale.

To make room for spring goods, I will commence a clearance sale Jan. 13th.

I will show you Underwear, cheap Pants, Gloves, Mittens, Over Shirts, Working and Dress Shirts, Hats, Caps, and other goods at prices that will astonish you. Call and examine the bargains to be had in my line.

Respectfully,
W. B. BENNER.

Agent for Palace Steam Laundry of Johnstown, Pa.

Births and Deaths for Six Months.

The assessors of the following named districts have made return to the Register and Recorder's office of the number of births and deaths during the six months ending December 31st, viz:

	BIRTHS.	DEATHS.
Milford	7	2
Meyersdale	13	15
Casselman	6	1
Lincoln	19	11
Middlecreek	24	9
Paint	33	4
Brothersvalley	19	7
Allegheny	14	5
Ursina	4	0
New Centreville	0	1
Northampton	8	0
Southampton	7	1
Quemahoning	45	16
Shade	15	3
Summit	62	17
Somerset	41	26
Confluence	15	2
Berlin	8	5
Benson	2	1
Stoyestown	4	1
Jennertown	1	0
Salisbury	16	4
Ogle	5	1
Greenville	8	3
Fairhope	12	1
L. Turkeyfoot	39	9
Somerfield	4	2
Black	12	4
Stonycreek	40	20
Jenner	31	11
Somerset Bor	18	18
Jefferson	16	8
Larimer	10	3

"The Kodak," which has met with popular success wherever produced this season, will be seen for the first time at the Opera House, Thursday, Jan. 21st. It is said to be a musical comedy of the first order; the dialogue is very amusing, while the music is not only melodious, but artistic. The Noss Jollity Co., who interpret the play, sustain their well-known reputation to give a clean, pure and wholesome entertainment and no doubt will receive an enthusiastic and well-pleased audience. An exceptionally clever comedian, Mr. Nick Glynn, appears for the first time with this organization and is sure to create a sensation, as his specialties are entirely original and have been eagerly sought after and copied by the profession.

Miss Etta Stetson, soprano, formerly with Rice's Evangaline Co., will appear in "The Kodak."

ATTORNEY MARTIN DEFENDS HIMSELF.

Tells Why He Does Not Believe the Roddy Verdict Was Justified.

To the Editor of the Johnstown Tribune.

SIR: In a recent issue of your paper you gave space to the Somerset *Herald*, which complains of my interest in the Roddy boys, who have been convicted of "murder in the first degree" for the death of David Berkey, which journal thinks it can see an incidental criticism of the conduct of the Court in the article written by me in the *Democrat* a few days ago.

I thought then, as I do now, that the evidence in the Roddy case did not warrant a conviction. Having in mind all the testimony in the case, can it be possible that all of the reputable witnesses of the City of Johnstown who testified for the defense could have been mistaken, or that they perjured themselves; and that all the witnesses on the part of the Commonwealth were not mistaken and truthful. A jury is not infallible, knowing this from experience.

The testimony should have raised a reasonable doubt, such as the law contemplates, and should have worked an acquittal, as it did in the Jackson case.

How the *Herald* could infer from the article in the *Democrat* that the Court was incidentally criticized I am at a loss to know.

The Somerset *Democrat*, a paper published at Somerset, and which reported the evidence as it fell from the lips of the witnesses, must have criticized incidentally the Court if my article contains such a criticism.

The Somerset *Democrat* in its issue of December 30, 1896, said, *inter alia*, "When the awful words 'Guilty of murder in the first degree' fell from the lips of the jurymen the prisoners turned pale, but gave no further evidence of emotion. During this scene not a sound was heard in the courtroom, save that made by the Clerk of the Court when polling the jury and the response made by the jurymen. The large crowd present hardly seemed to breathe during the solemn proceeding, and, after court was declared adjourned, those in the courtroom passed out in silence. It was, in truth, a solemn and impressive scene, and gave those present a new idea of the awfulness, as well as the majesty, of the law."

It further says, in the Jackson case: "When the words 'not guilty' fell from the lips of the jurymen, and as soon as the large audience present heard the verdict of acquittal, it loudly applauded and exclamations of approval were heard on all sides, but these manifestations were quickly quelled by Judge Longenecker."

The *Herald* should have taken umbrage with its contemporary—the Somerset *Democrat*. It dare not. No criticism, direct or incidental, was intended for the Court. I consider Judge Longenecker one of the most impartial men sitting on the Bench in this Commonwealth, and entertain for him the warmest and highest esteem.

Lawyer Martin, as the *Herald* calls him, does not think of losing the interest he has in the Roddy boys. He is still of the opinion that they were unjustly convicted, and that they are not the right men; but, as I have said before, they are poor and without means, and, for information to the *Herald*, I wish to say there are thousands of good-thinking people in Johnstown and Cambria county who believe as the writer does and who will at the proper time show their feelings.

The editor of the *Herald* says I had better turn my attention to other matters which I am more familiar with, or some people may look upon me as a "bush lawyer." Let me say to him, Cambria county has no bush lawyers. Somerset may have had. The editor of the *Herald* was admitted to the Bar of Somerset; he afterward became an editor. It is now time he goes to raising spinach.

In the TRIBUNE of Saturday last you printed a clipping from the Somerset *Standard*, which thinks the writer not competent to judge; and further, that he is too bright for Johnstown, and suggests that he join the Dazzler Company the next time it comes to the city.

It may be that myself and thousands of others are in error of judgment in this matter, but until the guilt of the Roddys is more clearly proven, we prefer to err on the side of mercy.

As for myself, I would rather be a star in the Dazzler Company than to have my heart calloused with an unchristian feeling. I ask the *Herald* and *Standard* to do me the justice to publish this in their papers.

F. P. MARTIN.

Johnstown, Jan. 13, 1897.

The HERALD has no disposition to enter into a controversy with Lawyer Martin in regard to the merits of the trial of the unfortunate Roddy boys, convicted of murder in the first degree, but when Lawyer Martin says he is "still of the opinion that they (the Roddy boys) were unjustly convicted," he not only criticises the Court, whose duty it is to see that all defendants are given fair and impartial trials, but he casts a reflection on the twelve "good men and true" who were solemnly sworn to render a verdict in accordance with the evidence.

If the character of our courts and juries is to be impeached by an indifferent attorney, who makes up his mind from reading the reports of testimony as printed in a weekly newspaper as to the guilt or innocence of defendants on trial for a capital crime, then trial by jury had better be abolished.

The HERALD, in common with the law-abiding people of Somerset county, will cheerfully aid the Roddy boys in establishing their innocence, if they are innocent; otherwise, it prefers to see the law of the Commonwealth strictly enforced.

For the information of Lawyer Martin we desire to say that the writer never read law, but, on the other hand, is a common every-day country editor with an eye jealous of the integrity of the courts and juries of his county and State; and he would rather leave the question of the guilt or innocence of alleged murderers to them rather than with bumptious young barristers who seek to gain notoriety by coming to their defense after they have been fairly tried and convicted.

With assurances of our distinguished consideration, we again suggest that Lawyer Martin confine himself to matters with which he is more familiar. Meanwhile the convicted Roddy boys will have every attention shown them to which they are entitled under the law.

Mt. Moriah Murmurings.

G. W. Showman, of Johnstown, has been visiting with former neighbors at this place.

The unpleasant weather last Sunday deterred many persons from attending church; even the minister failed to make his appearance. The rough weather this winter seems to have affected the people hereabouts to such an extent that the weekly prayer meeting was abandoned six weeks ago, and three weeks later the Sunday School was discontinued. The writer indulges the hope that the warm weather of coming May will help them over their dilatoriness in church matters.

Simon Shaffer has discovered a good vein of coal and lime on his farm. The coal runs six feet and immediately beneath it there is five feet of lime. Both coal and lime are said to be of a superior quality.

Mumps is epidemic among the young people and children of this neighborhood.

Samuel Lohr has secured employment at Hooversville and it is probable that he will remove his family to that place.

X.

Not Guilty but Must Help Pay the Costs for Punishing a Pupil.

Miss Lizzie M. Batt, teacher of the Dishong school, in Jackson township, who was given a trial at Justice Joseph Jenkins' office, in West Taylor township, Saturday evening, on a charge of assault and battery, was found not guilty, but one fourth of the costs of the prosecution was ordered to be paid by her. The jury was out about two hours.

William Hess, the prosecutor, swore that the defendant unmercifully whipped his eight-year-old son over a month ago, but did not produce any witnesses to prove that the boy received more than he deserved.

Miss Batt took the stand and acknowledged that she did whip the boy pretty hard on account of his incorrigibility. A number of witnesses swore that there had been "bad blood" between Hess and his father-in-law and the defendant, and that they believed the suit was brought with the intention of "getting even."

The costs in the case amounted to about $28, and three-fourths of them were placed upon the prosecutor.

Rev. J. F. Shearer, of Conshohocken, Pa., has been spending a few days visiting with his former parishioners in and about Somerset. Rev. Shearer was called here to preach the funeral sermon of the late Alvin P. Walker, of Somerset township.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Tribute to a Departed Friend.

LAMBERTSVILLE, PA., Jan. 12, 1897.

All that was mortal of Francis S. Burnett, who met a violent death on the Mobile & Ohio R. R. in Murphysboro, Ill., was laid to rest in the Lutheran cemetery at this place to-day.

As the deceased was born in Pennsylvania, his friends thought it proper to bring him here, so that his dust might repose in the soil of his native state.

At one time he lived and moved among us, and by his deportment and kindness endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact. If, as some writer says: "Tears are the softening showers of Heaven," then surely there must have been a copious shower from that celestial country, as tears of love and sympathy fell on all sides. In the home he was affectionate and kind and, like a sunbeam, he brought light and warmth into it. A representative of the M. & O. R. R. who accompanied the corpse, told the writer that Mr. Burnett had the full and implicit confidence of the officials, and that the Company had no more faithful man employed.

As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held in the town where he lived, the ladies of the Lutheran choir sent a beautiful bouquet of white carnations—emblems of purity. He has gone from among us, and we can say that he was a good, kind, generous man, ever ready to to extend a helping hand to those who were in distress.

Death, to the individual who has his thoughts and heart turned to Him who is the way, the truth and the life, is simply a transition to an existence that is higher and more blissful, and the peace of which passeth all human conception. Peace be to his ashes, and rest to his soul.

J. B.

K. G. E. Officers.

Following are the officers of Star of Somerset Castle for the ensuing six months:

Past Chief, John G. Emert; Noble Chief, J. A. Berkey; Vice Chief, J. H. Crise; High Priest, J. W. Recker; Venerable Hermit, J. W. Christner; Master of Records, R. E. Meyers; Clerk of Exchequer, W. H. Stoddard; Keeper of Exchequer, G. B. Hough; Sir Herald, Albert Hay; Worthy Bard, M. E. Craver; Worthy Chamberlain, George J. Platt; Ensign, H. F. Barron; Esquire, Wm. Traup; First Guardsman, A. W. Knepper; Second Guardsman, C. H. Sufall; Trustees, M. J. Pritts, J. A. Berkey, H. F. Barron; Rep. to Grand Lodge, J. P. Weimer.

The Baker Ballot law requires that certificates of nomination be filed in the Commissioners' office at least 15 days before the election, and nomination papers 15 days before the election. In order to fulfill these requirements it is necessary that the certificates of nomination be filed on or before January 29, and nomination papers on or before February 1. Certificates of nomination are the papers filed when the nominations are made by political parties, and nomination papers when the nomination is made by citizens, or in other ways where there are no political parties.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between Charles Weimer and John H. Weimer, under the firm name of Chas. Weimer & Co., is this day, by mutual consent, dissolved. The books, etc., of the late firm will be in the hands of Chas. Weimer, where persons knowing themselves indebted to said firm will call and make settlement of their accounts.

CHAS. WEIMER,
JOHN H. WEIMER.

Somerset, Pa., Jan. 15, 1897.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of John J. Baker, late of Lincoln township, Somerset Co., Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Friday, Feb. 26, 1897, at the house of the dec'd.

JACOB N. BAKER,
NOAH A. BAKER.

Administrators of John J. Baker, dec'd.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Jonathan L. Miller, late of Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Wednesday, March 10, 1897, at the late residence of dec'd.

JOSEPH H. MILLER,
JACOB P. MILLER,
Administrators.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned duly appointed by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., auditor, to distribute the funds in the hands of Mary A. Miller, administratrix of Reuben Miller, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Thursday, Feb. 11, A. D. 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., at his office in Somerset township, when and where all parties interested may attend.

FRED. W. BIESECKER,
Auditor.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE.

OF

Valuable Real Estate.

By virtue of a deed of voluntary assignment of David J. Shaulis and George J. Shaulis, for the benefit of their creditors. By virtue of an order of sale based out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, and to me directed, I will expose to public sale at Bakersville, Pa., on

FRIDY, FEBRUARY 5, 1897,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following estate situate in Jefferson township, Somerset county, Pa.

No. 1. A certain tract of land adjoining lands of A. H. Lenhart, William Barron, Jonathan Miller, Adaline Miller, David Gardner, Peter F. Shaulis, Harvey Shaulis and John Gardner's heirs, containing one hundred and ninety-four acres, more or less, having thereon erected two dwelling houses, bank barn and other buildings.

No. 2. A certain tract of land adjoining lands of the South Penn Railroad Company, David L. Shaulis, (now Elizabeth Barndt) John Kimmel, David Gardner, Deitrich lands and lands of Jonathan L. Miller, containing three hundred and twenty-five acres, more or less. This tract is underlaid with a 4-foot vein of coal.

Terms:

Ten per cent. of the purchase money is to be paid when the property is knocked down; one-third (less ten per cent.) on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed; one-third in six months and one-third in one year, with interest on deferred payments from confirmation of sale.

FREDERICK SHAULIS,
Assignee.

PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, we will expose to public sale at the Court House, at Somerset, Pa., on

Tuesday, February, 2, 1897,

AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

the following described real estate of William H. Keiser, dec'd:

All the surface soil of a certain tract of land situate in Allegheny township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Meyers & Reed, Mrs. Simon Poorbaugh, Kerns' heirs Mrs. R. M. Keiser and others, containing 134 acres more or less, as per deed of V. Hay and wife to Wm. H. Keiser, dated 31st of March, 1862, recorded in Record of Deeds, Vol 84, page 585, &c., of which there are about 50 acres clear, balance wood land, with one-story log house and stable thereon erected. Any person wishing to examine the land above described will call on Mrs. R. M. Keiser on the premises.

Terms:

Twenty per cent. to be paid on day of sale, balance on confirmation of sale by the Court for payment of debts, etc.

R. M. KEISER,
DANIEL C. MARTIN,
J. H. Uhl, Administrators and Trustees,
Attorney.

Jan. 5, 1897.

Trustee's Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county