The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY. February 3, 1897.

The commissioners of Washington county, Pa., have fixed the tax levy for this year at three mills.

The commissioners of Westmoreland county, Pa., have fixed the millage for county purposes at five mills, the same as last year.

The sale of the real estate of the late Michael Sipe, in Jenner township, will take place on the premises on Saturday, February 6th.

At the Musical College, Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., $23 will pay for a term of six weeks, instruction and board. Next Term will begin May 3.

For catalogues address,

HENRY B. MOYER, Director.

Miss Florence Klotz, of Allegheny city, aged 18, daughter of Alderman Klotz, has been sworn in and is performing the duties of a constable. The regular constable became ill and it was found difficult to procure the services of an officer to serve subpoenas on witnesses in criminal cases. The young lady volunteered for the work, and is getting along very nicely.

The Commissioners of Allegheny county have elected Frederick W. Patterson county engineer at a salary of $3,000 per year. The office will be an important one. There is now in the county treasury about $250,000 available for the improvement of roads, as provided under the new road law, and it is designed to be ready to commence work upon the opening and grading on some of the main roads of the county.

A lawsuit arose in a university upon the question whether the doctors in law or doctors in medicine should take the precedence. The Judge asked the counsel whether it was usual for the thief or the hangman to walk first at an execution. Being answered that the thief always walked first—"Then," said the Judge, "let the doctors in law have precedence; and let the doctors in medicine follow; and let the doctors in medicine be next in rank."—Old Paper.

Pile are said to embitter existence, but they need not; there never was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a night by Doan's Ointment. Get Doan's Ointment from any dealer.

Relative to the much-discussed question of Constables' pay for mileage, Judge Love, of Centre county, handed down an opinion last week in a test case that they are entitled to pay for back compensation. Judge Love holds, contrary to many decisions handed down elsewhere in the State, that the act of 1895 does not deprive Constables of their customary compensation, and he orders the Commissioners to pay the costs. This means a neat sum to every Constable in Centre county.

The Scientific American prints this cure for diphtheria: "At the first indications of diphtheria in the throat of a child, make the room close, then take a tin cup and pour into it an equal quantity of tar and turpentine; then hold the cup over a lamp to fill the room with the fumes. The patient on inhaling the fumes will cough up the membraneous matter and the diphtheria will pass off. The fumes of the tar and turpentine loosen the film in the throat and afford relief.

A communication from West Brownsville says: "The old and familiar goose, owned by Mrs. Kate Krepps, died a few days ago at the advanced age of 42 years. It had become unusually intelligent, and seemed to display an affection for its friends almost equal to that of a human being. This is the last of a flock of geese which was owned years ago by Aunt Betsey Hopkins, mother of Mrs. Krepps, and it is said they supplied the feathers for all the beds and pillows in the old Hopkins house.

John Wanamaker is going to build a church to celebrate his escape from fire. In the conflagration which destroyed a big business block his store was damaged to the extent of about $100,000, but many times it was threatened with total destruction and was saved only by tremendous work by the fire department and his own store brigade. Mr. Wanamaker is an official of the Bethany Presbyterian church, and is superintendent of the Bible class. Accordingly, he has decided to buy a plot of ground in the south-western section of the city and erect thereon a place of worship.

At the meeting of the State Board of Agriculture at Harrisburg last week the Hon. J. McIlowell, chairman of the Committee on Wool and Wool Growing, said that the clothes to be worn by President-elect McKinley at the inauguration would not contain a thread of foreign fabric. The broadcloth of the coat and vest and the doeskin of the trousers were made from wool grown by the improved merino sheep on his farm in Washington county, now the home of over 600,000 sheep and the banner county for sheep-raising and wool-growing of the Union.

Representative Pitcairn, of Allegheny, will introduce an anti-high-hat bill in the House. The bill makes it unlawful for any owner or manager of any theater or public building where entertainments are held, to which an admission fee is charged, to permit any person to wear any hat, bonnet, or covering for the head, which will obstruct the view of the performance or entertainment. The theatrical manager is authorized to compel the removal of the hat or object the wearer from the building. The bill makes it obligatory also upon theater managers to provide a room in which women can leave their head-coverings.

An unknown exchange offers this good advice: "Never kick a man when he is down; it shows a cowardly spirit, besides you may get down yourself some day. If you are a friend to a person prove your friendship by being a friend in need. Everybody knows who is his friend until a storm comes on. The fellow who runs out in the rain to shake hands with you is the man to tie to. Not that it is the business of a man to uphold us in wrong, but that it is the duty of a friend to help us regain our feet and walk upright when we show a disposition to do right. We are thankful that if we have none of that power that is capable of raising mortals to the skies, neither have we any of that spirit that would drag any one down."

Hacked the question "Have you got a stomach?" it would be safe on general principles, to answer "Yes." But, if you are sure of it, that is, if you ever feel any distress after eating or any pains of whatever description in the region of the stomach, you have got something more than an ordinary stomach; in other words, you have got a diseased stomach. The stomach is a powerful muscle, and the proper remedy for a tired muscle is rest. Try the Shaker Digestive Cordial, for this product not only contains digestive food, which will nourish the system without any work on the part of the diseased organs, but it aids the digestion of other foods as well. You can test its value in your case for the trifling sum of 10 cents. Sample bottles at this price are carried by all druggists.

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Their seeds are always reliable—sure to grow and never disappoint. Send 10 cents for catalogue and deduct this amount from first order. Really costs nothing.

Esquire Henry Rauch, of Jennertown, who has been critically sick, is reported to be improving.

From three to six sleighing parties daily have left Somerset for neighboring towns during the past week.

Rev. J. H. Kuepper, of Berlin, who has recently been suffering from an acute attack of congestion of the lungs, is convalescent.

Messrs. Fred Good and Robert Hochstetler, clerks in the large department store of Solomon & Reuben, Pittsburg, are visiting with Somerset county friends.

The young society people of this place are arranging to give a "Colonial Ball." The date has not yet been decided upon but it will likely take place on the night of February 22d.

Dr. Edward M. Kimmell, who had been at the Markleton Sanatorium for several weeks for the benefit of his health, returned home a few days ago. There has been no marked change in his condition.

Communion services will be held in the Lutheran church, at Friedens, on Sunday, Februry 7th, and at Will's church, on Sunday, February 14th. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Welch, will officiate on both occasions.

The Register and Recorder of Fayette county last week refused to issue a marriage license to Mrs. Jessie Davis and a burly colored man named Baxter. The woman was a former well-known character of this place.

Frank Shivler has purchased the boot and shoe store of George P. Stein & Co. Mr. Shivler was formerly engaged in the same business in this place and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has decided to remain here permanently.

Morrison Bros., private bankers, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., assigned on Saturday to Henry C. and Frank W. Morrison, the son and nephew of the practical owner of the bank. No other banks will be affected, and, it is said, the assets will fully cover all liabilities.

The Confluence Press says that things look business like at the big tannery at that place, where about two hundred and fifty men are employed, while last fall there were only one hundred. It is the intention of the managers to increase the capacity and keep on adding more men to their list of workmen.

The Somerset Reformed church, which has been closed for the past six weeks during which time a new heating apparatus was placed in it, will be re-opened next Sunday morning, when services will be held at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. The pastor, Rev. King, will also conduct services in the Lavansville church at 2 p. m.

The recent discovery of several large veins of coal in the vicinity of Rockwood has encouraged the people of that neighborhood to hope for its speedy development. A vein opened a short time ago by J. A. Philippi, the output of which was assayed by the State Metallurgist, was considered superior in coking properties to Connellsville coal.

The Blair County Republican Committee Saturday selected Saturday, June 12th, as the date for primaries. Chairman Davis was instructed to consult with the County Chairmen of Cambria, Bedford, and Somerset counties, with a view to abolishing the conferee system in the nomination of candidates for Congress and the State Senate.

The Berwind White Coal Company have the machinery on the ground to drill test wells for coal at different points on the 20,000 acres of land they have purchased in the north of this county. Word comes from Johnstown that the projected Pennsylvania railroad branch into Somerset county coal fields will be put under way as soon as spring opens up.

The "week of prayer" services held in the Lavansville Lutheran church, were well attended. On Sunday, January 31st, the pastor—Rev. C. F. Gebhart—administered the holy communion to nearly 300 communicants, many of them being members of other denominations who accepted the invitation of the pastor to partake of the sacrament. There were 13 additions to the congregation.

Mr. Joseph Custer, of Conemaugh township, has an apple tree of immense proportions growing on his farm, directly in front of his house. It produces the variety known as the "pound" apple, and last year bore ninety-eight bushels. The tree measures seven feet three inches around the trunk, is forty feet tall, and the branches measure fifty feet north and south, and fifty-one feet east and west.

At Hollidaysburg Monday morning an attempt was made to blow up the bank building lately occupied by the firm of Gardner, Morrow & Co. A stick of dynamite was set under the front door of the building and then exploded. The windows of all the buildings in the square were shattered by the force of the concussion. The motive for the crime is ascribed to the hatred of some of the late $5 late depositors.

The many friends of Samuel E. Berkey will be pained to learn that he is critically ill at his home in Holsopple, he having sustained a stroke of paralysis a few days ago. Mr. Berkey is about sixty-five years of age and is well known throughout the county. He is a man of giant frame, standing six feet three or four inches in his stocking feet and weighing about 275 pounds. He has long been one of the leading citizens of the north of the county.

Adam Frank, a Pittsburg peddler who has been working in the vicinity of Rockwood, was found frozen to death near the B. & O. station at the latter place Friday morning. He was identified by papers in his pockets and from the tracks left by the man it would seem that he was endeavoring to make his way to the station when overcome by the cold. The remains were taken in charge by the railroad employes at Rockwood and shipped to Pittsburg Saturday afternoon.

The protracted meeting now in progress in the new United Evangelical church, at Husband, is being largely attended. Sunday evening the attendance was so large that not more than half of the people who desired to gain admittance to the building were able to do so, many of those present having traveled a distance of nine or ten miles. The services are conducted by Rev. D. L. Yoder, and to his exertions is attributable the great interest manifested by the public.

For the guidance of our friends who have recently mailed us copies of resolutions adopted by civic and religious bodies in recognition of the removal by death of members of their organizations, we desire to call attention to a rule adopted in the HERALD office more than two years ago, under which resolutions of respect are only inserted at the usual advertising rates. Public notice of the adoption of this rule was given at the time and it has since been strictly adhered to. Death notices are published gratis.

The many patients and friends of Dr. Harry S. Kimmell will be sorry to learn that he is suffering from partial paralysis of the face, the entire right side being affected. Dr. Kimmell enjoys an extensive practice throughout the county and during the severe weather of the past two weeks has been compelled to drive from ten to fifty miles every day in order to minister to the wants of suffering humanity. He thinks that his present condition is the result of exposure and hopes to be fully restored to health in a few days.

Charles G. Dawes, of Evanston, Ill., who has been fixed upon by Major McKinley to succeed Comptroller of the Currency Eckles, upon the expiration of the latter's commission in 1898, unless he resigns in the meantime, was a former law partner of A. Bruce Coffroth, Esq., son of Gen. A. H. Coffroth, at Lincoln, Neb. His wife, formerly Miss Cora Blymyer, is a cousin of the Kimmel and Schell families of Somerset and has visited here on several occasions. Mr. Dawes is only thirty-two years old. He had charge of the McKinley preliminary campaign in Illinois.

Miss Mabel McKinley, daughter of Abner McKinley and niece of the President-elect, made her first appearance in public in New York Thursday evening at the organ recital given by her teacher—Mr. Frank G. Dossert—at Presbyterian Assembly Hall. Miss McKinley was persuaded to take the place of Mme. Dossert, who was unable to sing owing to indisposition. She sang very tastefully Rubinstein's "Good Night," and, as an encore, gave Rodney's "My Dream of You." Miss McKinley expects to go abroad to continue her studies with Marchesi, but says that she has no idea of cultivating her art other than as an amateur.

The Fayette and Somerset County Commissioners met with the inspectors appointed by the Courts of the two counties, at Confluence, on January 23d, where they inspected the bi-county bridge recently erected over the Youghiogheny river at that place. The inspectors made a thorough inspection of the bridge and pronounced it first-class, and they therefore agreed unanimously to approve it. The bridge cost $7,179.20, as follows: Masonry on piers and abutments $2,204 20; King Bridge Company, steel superstructure, $4,975. Each county bears one-half of the expense. The extreme length of the new bridge is 272 feet, length of bridge from abutment to abutment, 260 feet.

Mrs. Maud Cook Smith, of Syracuse, N. Y., who has been visiting with her parents—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook,—will leave to-morrow for New York, where she will join her husband—George Herbert Smith, Esq. Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Smith will take passage on the North-German-Lloyd steamer "Fulda" for a European tour. Their first stop will be at Gibraltar, from whence they will go to Algiers and probably up the river Nile and to the holy land. Returning they will spend a month or six weeks in Italy after which they will visit points of interest in Switzerland, France, and the British Islands. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married last fall, but owing to business engagements of the groom were unable to take a wedding trip until now.

The need of a borough building for Somerset was never more urgent than at the present time. The town owns a site admirably located for a public building and unless there are substantial reasons, of which the general public is ignorant, for not erecting a suitable edifice upon it, the work should be undertaken at once. In addition to the public fire apparatus that should be located at the most favorable point and kept in condition for immediate use, the fire companies are sorely in need of suitable accommodations for meeting rooms and a place in which to store their working clothes. The sum that council annually expends for rent would go far towards paying the interest on money invested in a public building. The building at present utilized for storing the borough property and fire apparatus is a disgrace.

H. L. Berkey, aged 25, was taken to the Johnstown Memorial Hospital, on Monday, where he is being treated for frozen feet and hands. His condition is reported to be such that it may be necessary to amputate one or more of the members in order to save his life. Berkey and a companion named Lee Marshall were in Johnstown last Thursday, which will be remembered as one of the coldest days of the week, the mercury remaining below zero throughout the day. They started for their home near Hillsboro, Paint township, late in the afternoon, stopping at the hotel in Davidsville to warm. When about three miles from home their sleigh upset and the horse ran away. Marshall took after the horse, and Berkey, whose hands and feet were probably already frozen, broke into the Custer school house where he remained all night. Next morning he made his way to a farm house near by, where he remained until he was removed to the Hospital. Marshall it appears caught the horse and went to Jacob Wable's where he stayed all night. He did not say anything about Berkey until some time the next day.

"Abe" Musser, convicted at December term of court of having attempted to commit a burglary on information of William Debakau, of Summit township, was called before the bar for sentence Thursday afternoon, after counsel for the defendant had made a strong plea for a new trial, which was refused by the Court. Judge Longenecker refrained from lecturing the prisoner, evidently thinking that a man who had only a few years ago been released from the penitentiary after serving twelve years' sentence did not require any advice as to his future conduct, but sentenced him to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment for a term of nine years. Musser, apparently was not expecting such a "salty dose," but his emaciated face betrayed no evidence of surprise. He bowed his head submissively when he was lead from the court room by the Sheriff. A moment later the Court's attention was called to the fact that under the sentence imposed Musser would be set at liberty in mid-winter and word was sent to the Sheriff to bring the prisoner back into court, when the sentence was changed to eight years and nine months. Sheriff Hartzell took Musser to the penitentiary Monday morning.

William Vann, of Rockwood, convicted of larceny, at December term, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution restore the money stolen, and to undergo thirty days' imprisonment in the county jail.

Two or three times annually, about the time of the Teachers' Institute and Farmers' Institute, there is a hue and cry raised about the insufficient accommodations furnished by the court room, in which both Institutes are held. A local architect and builder has taken the pains to draw up an elaborate set of plans and specifications for altering and adding to the venerable temple of justice, which will obviate the difficulty referred to, provided they are adopted and the changes are made. Among the alterations contemplated by the architect is the removal of the ornate Roman pillars and portico in front of the building and the erection of a clock tower on the southwest corner. The space thus gained will be added to the court room, as will, also, the space gained by the addition of the rooms at present utilized by the grand jury and the court library. The proposed plan also contemplates the erection of an addition on the west side of the building, in which will be located the Register and Recorder's office, and retiring rooms for juries and the grand jury. The present Register and Recorder's office will be converted into vaults. A number of other changes in addition to those mentioned above are projected. One of the arguments advanced for the proposed changes in the Court House is that the timbers supporting the belfry are unsafe and are a menace to life and property and that steps must be speedily taken to keep it from toppling over. However true this may be it is altogether probable that the Court and grand jury will carefully investigate the matter before improvements on the elaborate scale indicated have been carried into effect. A sum approximating $10,000 has been expended on improving and refurnishing the Court House during the past five years.

Jurors for February Term of Court.

The following named persons have been drawn to serve as jurors at the ensuing term of Court, commencing Monday, February 22, 1897.

GRAND JURORS.

Addison—James A. Wilkins.
Allegheny—Henry Hartge.
Berlin Borough—Wm. J. Penn, Frederick Platt.
Black—J. F. Weimer.
Greenville—A. G. Yutzy.
Jefferson—Noah Bruner, E. G. Gardner.
Larimer—Nath J. Baer.
Lower Turkeyfoot—A. J. Colborn, Freeman Nicklow.
Lincoln—E. P. Adams.
Meyersdale Borough—Walter Burket.
Milford—Geo. W. Hanger, Mahlon M. Saylor, Peter Koontz.
Northampton—Adam Shroyer.
Paint—John H. Shaffer.
Salisbury Borough—Noah Newman.
Somerset—Irwin G. Custer.
Somerset Borough—Alexander Benford.
Summit—Wm. F. Gnagy, John B. Schrock.
Upper Turkeyfoot—B. F. Snyder.

PETIT JURORS.

Ankeny John C.—Milford.
Brougher Franklin—Upper Turkeyfoot.
Blough Ananias—Quemahoning.
Brown D. H.—Confluence Borough.
Bowman M. H.—Somerset.
Berkley E. M.—Summit.
Blough Josiah—Paint.
Bittner Benj. F.—Brothersvalley.
Border D. W.—Benson Borough.
Coleman W. L.—Somerset.
Crissey Elias—Hooversville Borough.
Engle John J.—Elklick.
Fisher Daniel—Berlin Borough.
Frazee William—Somerfield Borough.
Gower S. J.—Addison.
Huston Wm. P.—Somerset Borough.
Harned John—Lower Turkeyfoot.
Hay T. N.—Meyersdale Borough.
Hoffman Peter—Paint.
Johnson Josiah—Quemahoning.
Keim Jere S.—Elklick.
Lohr H. D.—Jenner.
Levan W. W.—Jefferson.
Long Herman—Stonycreek.
Landis J. C.—Stonycreek.
Miller S. S.—Summit.
Miller Lemon—Quemahoning.
McLuckie Robert—Brothersvalley.
Meese Solomon—Elklick.
Moser John—Wellersburg Borough.
McVicker John—Shade.
Pile Wallace—Milford.
Phillippi Austin—Casselman Borough.
Pile John C.—Somerset Borough.
Statler William—Paint.
Saylor D. W.—Somerset Borough.
Stuffi John—Quemahoning.
Sterner Harrison—Black.
Smith H. H.—Brothersvalley.
Sechler Charles G.—Milford.
Schlag John—Jefferson.
Shroyer Adam.—Allegheny.
Walker Justus—Summit.
Wambaugh Jos.—Allegheny.
Walker Millard—Brothersvalley.
Weigle John—Somerset.
Yoder L. D.—Conemaugh.

Petit Jurors for March Special Term, Commencing March 8, 1897.

FIRST WEEK.

Augustine Robert—Addison.
Brant Foster F.—Stonycreek.
Bird A. S.—Addison.
Bowman Jacob J.—Jenner.
Baker David—Fair Hope.
Black James H.—Meyersdale Borough.
Brubaker D. J.—Berlin.
Bittner Charles—Larimer.
Blough David H.—Benson Borough.
Conlehan Thomas—Meyersdale Bor.
Conneway Samuel—Somerfield Bor.
Emerick Solomon—Southampton.
Gambert John M.—Brothersvalley.
Gross Herman—Jefferson.
Gardill Joseph—New Baltimore Bor.
Horner Joseph—Somerset.
Hocking John J.—Meyersdale Bor.
Hoover Jesse—Somerset Borough.
Henry David J.—Upper Turkeyfoot.
Hersh Alexander—Summit.
Johns Scott—Salisbury Borough.
Kimmel D. F.—Rockwood Borough.
Kurtz Henry—Confluence Borough.
Lenhart Alexander—Summit.
Larimer Alexander—Lincoln.
Lehman David J.—Benson Borough.
Levy Joseph—Somerset Borough.
Lambert Hiram—Shade.
Moore Elmer E.—Milford.
McVicker Wm. J.—Allegheny.
Nicklow F. B.—Addison.
Rishler Andrew—Summit.
Schmidt John H.—Quemahoning.
Stull B. S.—Stonycreek.
Snably Israel—Conemaugh.
Straub George—New Baltimore Bor.
Shunk Allen F.—Jenner.
Scott James F.—Lower Turkeyfoot.
Tressler E. G.—Northampton.
Tannehill Z. T.—Lower Turkeyfoot.
Weimer Jacob P.—Somerset Borough.
Yinkey H. E.—Somerset.

SECOND WEEK.

Brougher J. W.—Somerset.
Beal Samuel S.—Lower Turkeyfoot.
Boyer Ephraim E.—Brothersvalley.
Bowman Hiram—Conemaugh,
Barron Herman—Somerset.
Black Frank B.—Meyersdale Borough.
Blough J. W.—Brothersvalley.
Cober Elias—Brothersvalley.
Dickey Malchus—Middlecreek.
Davis J. B.—Ursina Borough.
Fullem S. P.—Summit.
Faidley Zachariah—Summit.
Fogle Adam—Salisbury Borough.
Gloss Ananias—Meyersdale Borough.
Glotfelty George—Larimer.
Hoover Wm. A.—Rockwood Borough.
Hauger Joseph—Rockwood Borough.
Harcomb Thomas—Jefferson.
Holtzhouer George—Rockwood Bor.
Heffley C. P.—Somerset Borough.
Hoffman A. S.—Paint.
Jacobs A. A.—Addison.
Kooser John—Jefferson.
Keller Daniel—Somerset.
Lichty Jacob M.—Summit.
Lydig I. D.—Northampton.
Meuser Irwin—Lincoln.
McCullough Joseph—Addison.
Miller Wm. F.—Allegheny.
Nicholson Alexander—Somerset.
Philson W. F.—Berlin Borough.
Rice Elwood—Somerset Borough.
Shoemaker Cornelius—Summit.
Sipe Peter—Lincoln.
Shaulis Oliver—Jenner.
Sanner Charles—Black.
Sechler Joseph—New Centerville Bor.
Shoemaker Balaam—Southampton.
Thomas E. S.—Fair Hope.
Walker Charles F.—Stonycreek.
Woy E. W.—Stonycreek.
Yoder Moses—Conemaugh.

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Township Nominations.

The Republicans of Somerset township have placed the following ticket in nomination: Tax Collector, Alex. J. Coleman; School Directors, Joseph Horner, Cyrus Hemminger; Supervisors, E. S. Kimmell W. W. Young, Adam Sumpstine, Andrew Woy; Judge, Joseph J. Snyder; Inspector, C. I. Shaver; Clerk, C. A. Rhoads; Treasurer, Emanuel Pile.

The following ticket has been nominated by the Republicans of Brothersvalley township: Collector, W. H. Fritz; Supervisors, Solomon Coleman, H. L. Brant, E. K. Suder; School Directors, E. L. Knepper, J. C. Beachley, Lewis Berkley; Judge, Wm. H. Miller; Auditor, J. H. Hentz; Treasurer, Albert Cober; Clerk, Cal. Hay; Inspector, S. P. Fritz.

The supreme court of the United States, a few days ago, affirmed the constitutionality of the law of Missouri, which gives property owners the right to recover damages of railroad corporations for the destruction of property caused by fire communicated from their locomotives.

Senator Hill has introduced a bill to make the term of fourth-class postmasters four years.

Recent Deaths.

Samuel Livingstons, Sr., one of the most venerable citizens of the north of the county, died at the home of his son Samuel, in Conemaugh township, on Saturday, aged about 90 years. Deceased was for many years one of the most prominent farmers in his community and enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him.

The remains of Robert Fisher, who died in Oakland, California, about ten days ago, were buried from the home of his father—Daniel Fisher—in Berlin, on Saturday, the casket having arrived on Friday. The deceased was thirty years of age and unmarried. He went to California eleven years ago, where he followed the trade of carpenter.

Mrs. Mary Kifer died at her home, on Gravel Hill, Tuesday night, January 26th, aged 86 years. Death resulted from the infirmities of old age. She is survived by five children, three of whom: Michael, John and Mrs. Jacob Thomas, are residents of Somerset. The funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, when interment was made in the Lutheran Cemetery.

Rev. William Uhl, who was born near Wellersburg, this county, in 1818, died on January 19th at his home in Los Angeles county, Cal. He was a graduate of the Gettysburg College and in 1845 entered the ministry. He was pastor of the Somerset charge for several years when he went west in 1851. Shortly after the fire of 1872 he visited at the home of John H. Uhl, Esq., and preached to a large audience in the Court House.

Margaret Anna Gohn was born Aug. 1, 1869, in Bedford county, died January 14, 1897, near Lambertsville, aged 27 years. Death resulted from typhoid pneumonia. She was a faithful member of the Lutheran church and her loss will be mourned by a large circle of friends. She was married on Dec. 31, 1885, to Ellsworth Lambert, who with four children survive. She is also survived by her father and mother, three sisters and five brothers.

Peter Shaulis died at his home, near Bakersville, on Sunday, January 31st, from pneumonia, aged about sixty-five years. Deceased was a good citizen in every way and was highly respected in the community in which he lived. His wife preceded him to the spirit world seven months. Mr. Shaulis was a consistent member of the Bakersville Lutheran church, and the interment was made in the church yard at that place yesterday afternoon, when Rev. C. F. Gebhart officiated. Deceased is survived by a large family of grown children.

Dora, wife of George Miller, a laborer employed by James McKelvey, died very suddenly at her home three miles south of Somerset last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Miller had been at work that day doing up a two weeks' washing, and had just finished baking bread for her family, when she fell to the floor in an exhausted condition. Efforts to revive her were fruitless and she died a few minutes later, death resulting from heart failure. She is survived by her husband and one child. Deceased came to Somerset township from Fayette county. She was 20 years of age.

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CHAS. H. FISHER.

For Another Penitentiary.

Among the bills presented in the State Senate Thursday was one by Mr. Hagy, of Dauphin, to create a middle penitentiary district and provide for the erection of a building. The district is to be composed of the counties of Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Fulton, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, Somerset, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Union, Snyder, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Clearfield, Clinton, and Center. The institution must be capable of holding five hundred prisoners, and must be erected at or near Harrisburg. Seven Commissioners are to be appointed by the Governor to select a site of not more than ten acres, and have charge of the erection. Five hundred thousand dollars is appropriated for the purchase of the site and the erection of the building.

February 28th.

My Clearance Sale will continue until February 28th. A rare chance to get cheap Dry Goods and Wraps. Wool and Cotton Carpet Chains cheap.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Berkshire Pigs For Sale.

Will sell thoroughbred Berkshire Pigs, 8 weeks old, at $2.50. Brood Sows, due to farrow in March, at $10. Boars fit for service at $10. No finer strain of Berkshire to be had, and all worth double the price for breeding purposes.

P. HEFFLEY.

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT OF CHARTER,

In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset County, Pa.

In Re application of the German Reformed Congregation of Amity's or Union Church at Meyersdale for amendment of charter.

On presentation of the petition for amendment on 26 January, 1897, the Court made the following order:

"The Court being of opinion that the alterations and amendments stated will be lawful and beneficial and not in conflict with the Constitution of the State or of the United States, order that notice by publication in the Somerset Herald and in the Meyersdale Commercial be given once a week for three weeks; that application for amendment of charter will be made on Wednesday, 24th February, 1897. Said notice to briefly set forth the character and objects of the amendments.

H. F. BARRON, Clerk. BY THE COURT.

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of said order, the application for charter will on said 24th day of February, 1897, be presented and decree asked for.

The improvements, changes, alterations and amendments briefly stated are:—

ARTICLE 1. Strike out the word German and change the name of the corporation to "The Amity Reformed Congregation of Meyersdale." And strike out the word "male" where it occurs in Article 1, and also the word "one" and insert the word thousand and insert the word "five."

2. Strike out Article 2 and insert a new article, that "all the affairs and business of the corporation shall be managed and conducted by a board of trustees as within article "provides for, excepting that the calling of a "pastor and providing for his support, the determining of the nature of the religious services and other exercises to be held in the "church, and all such other matters as under "the constitution and regulations of the Reformed Church of the United States, belongs "to the consistory composed of the Elders and "Deacons of the congregation shall be done "and managed by the consistory in the name "of the congregation. The Elders, Deacons "and Trustees shall be elected annually on "the 1st day of January in such manner and "for such term of office as by the laws of "the corporation is or may be provided for, "who shall serve until a successor or successors shall have been chosen or elected, and if "at any time the corporation shall omit to "elect on said day, or for any reason may be "required to fill a vacancy, two weeks' notice "of an election shall be given by a public announcement to the congregation when assembled. The trustees now in office are S. "M. Saylor, W. H. Hay, Wm. Apple and Jno. "S. Graves."

3. Amend Article 3 by striking out all that follows the word corporation in the 10th line, and that begins with the words "done to direct" and insert: "Provided, however, that "said bye laws and ordinances shall not be "binding until they shall have been approved "by the congregation * * and that they shall not be repugnant to the articles of incorporation or to the constitution and laws of the State or United States, or to the constitution, rules and regulations of the Reformed Church of the United States.

5. Amend Article 4 by striking out the word "male" where it occurs.

W. J. BAER, Solicitor for Applicants.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Constables' Returns.

A bill abolishing the system of requiring constables to make quarterly returns to the court of quarter sessions will be put in the house by W. C. Smith, of Bedford. This is an old custom which has long since become useless as expensive. At present constables are required to go to the seat of the county in which they live on the first day of every term of quarter sessions court, and make a sworn return to the judges. In ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, Mr. Smith says, they swear they have no returns to make. Some judges have decided that there is no provision for the constables under the new fee bill, and they have to spend a day and the time in going to and returning from court without compensation. In some counties the constables are allowed per diem and mileage. Mr. Smith's bill provides that constables who may have knowledge of violations of the law shall go before the nearest justice of the peace and be sworn to them. These are to be turned over to the court of quarter sessions by the justice, who receives 25 cents for administering the oath, and the constable gets 50 cents for making the return. Mr. Smith says such a law would save from $50,000 to $100,000 annually.

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.

OUTSTANDING County, State and Dog Taxes of Somerset County, Pennsylvania, on the 3d day of January, 1897, due and owing by the Collectors of the several boroughs and townships in said county, as follows:

Collectors.	Yr.	Co.	State.	Dog
Samuel Lambert	1889	$225 57	$	$
J. F. Leydig	1891	62		
A. O. Ankeny	1892	10 65		
H. E. Miller	1894	24 02		
E. E. Meyers	"		78	
Ed Coleman	"	45 71		
Edward Metz	1894	55	261 38	6 00
Cyrus A. Yowler	"		1 67	60
Henry Younkin	"	3 14	3 20	4 00
Sylvester Potts	"	24 97		
Edward Metz	1895	164 53	101 61	67 60
J. O. Atchison	"	3 00		
W. H. Fritz	"	100 00		
Cyrus A. Yowler	"	6 83	21	1 60
Mahlon Glessner	"	17 70		
Elijah Livengood	"	326 67	38 24	122 00
E. C. Farner	"	60 61	17 20	24 00
J. W. Barkholder	"	119 04	39 68	48 00
William Bowman	"		22 22	22 70
Charles Lohr	"	23 22	4 10	15 00
C. C. Weifley	"	56 17	41 12	21 00
S. S. Potts	"	250 42	39 63	99 10
W. H. Berkey	"	946 45	188 78		
W. F. Countryman	"	380 53	163 96	141 15
C. C. Martz	"	4 92	33	5 85
Nelson Judy	"	59 60	23 82	55 35
J. C. Forsythe	"	25 28	18 28	12 15
H. P. Shaffer	"	1 82	8 33	11 50
Edward Metz	1896	412 72	83 69	93 00
Joseph Wambaugh	"	275 90	19 18	62 00
A. E. Casner	"	118 50	26 16	38 00
Frank Heffley	"	72 96	4 14	5 70
J. O. Atchison	"	307 84	5 93	43 00
W. H. Fritz	"	702 87	275 45	124 15
Cyrus A. Yowler	"	54 00	3 10	9 00
Mahlon Glessner	"	17 70		
W. E. Pullin	"	156 12	16 51	26 00
Elijah Livengood	"	1177 41	92 03	152 00
E. C. Farner	"	152 88	21 01	39 00
A. J. Stoner	"	45 51	83 16	69 00
John Hamer	"	167 06		9 00
John Schlag	"	188 07	1 42	7 20
H. W. Maurer	"	60 35	1 56	8 10
Thos. Gallagher	"	4 34	42 68	17 00
Otto Lorentz	"	195 49	17 80	68 70
Meybeck Beam	"	123 80		17 00
J. W. Berkholder	"	308 38	20 00	57 50
William Leckenby	"	237 86	128 57	13 00
Solomon Pile	"	294 55	67 48	23 00
C. H. Tedrow	"	594 62	24 70	48 00
J. M. Pifer	"	112 55	23 21	5 05
G. W. Gross	"	97 64	17 20	4 05
N. B. Poorbaugh	"	304 59	33 00	28 00
Charles Lohr	"	59 77	2 18	17 00
E. F. Foust	"	320 55	75 06	62 00
Daniel Will	"	686 65	28 64	54 00
Solomon Snyder	"	158 50	28 77	15 00
J. C. Glotfelty	"	128 09	237 35	42 00
Sylvester S. Potts	"	350 23	50	73 82
Samuel Conneway	"	5 93	17 50	4 00
Wm. M. Schrock	"	293 42	434 52	42 00
W. F. Countryman	"	1537 57	164 00	119 00
C. C. Martz	"	250 85	18 58	66 00
R. J. Brant	"	814 18	41 00	75 85
George Custer	"	87 82	12 81	10 00
N. J. Judy	"	594 51	116 56	143 00
William Gerhart	"	253 95	25 54	47 00
J. C. Forsythe	"	169 14	26 56	11 00
F. P. Shaffer	"	68 60	47	19 00
		$15425 9085219	3382441	37

We, the undersigned County Commissioners of the County of Somerset, hereby certify that the above statement of the outstanding taxes due said county is correct, according to the record in the County Treasurer's Office.

GEO. F. KIMMELL, GABRIEL GOOD, L. A. KRETCHMAN, Co. Commissioners.

Attest:—J. G. EMERT, Clerk.