The Somerset Herald

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY. March 24, 1897.

Mahlon Schrock wants 1000 tons of strawy No. 1 Timothy baled hay.

In some of the farming districts of China pigs are harnessed to small wagons and made to draw them.

Mahlon Schrock is headquarters for Grain, Mill Feed, baled Hay and Straw.

Mrs. Alexander Campbell, widow of the celebrated theologian, is lying very ill at her home in Bethany, W. Va. She is in her 84th year.

Country produce always taken in exchange for goods at

MAHLON SCHROCK'S

Children should be told not to handle the big, flat bugs that hover around the electric lights in summer time, and sometimes fall to the street. They are poisonous and are known as the "fish-killers."

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MAHLON SCHROCK

The County Commissioners of Franklin county have appointed two overseers to compel the tramps confined in the county jail to break stones. It is said the news has spread among the wanderers and they are steering clear of that county.

For Rent—The store room and rooms now occupied by Mrs. A. E. Pisel, as an ice cream and oyster parlors in the First National Bank building. Possession given April 1st, 1897. Call on or address JOS. R. SCULL, Somerset, Pa.

The Chambersburg and Bedford turnpike has charged bicycles toll at the rate of one-half cent a mile for the past few weeks. The bicyclists object to this tariff and will make an application to the company to remove it.

For Sale—One-half interest in a long established, good paying county newspaper in Western Pennsylvania. Sale necessary to settle an estate. Inquire of E. J. Kerr, Bedford, Pa., or T. C. McGirr, 20 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

At San Francisco this week Ignacis Francisco de la Cruz Garcia, said to be the oldest man in the United States died aged 137. He was a native of Sinaloa, Mexico, but came here when he was 25 years of age. His age has been questioned, but he had documents which sustained his claim.

For Sale—Mrs. A. E. Pisel offers his stock of groceries, confections &c., store fixtures and ice cream and oyster parlor fixtures for sale on reasonable terms. Possession given April 1st, 1897. Here is a good opportunity for the weight person to purchase a well established business. Call on or address Mrs. A. E. Pisel, Somerset, Pa.

The Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania will begin the Spring term of fourteen weeks on Tuesday, March 30, 1897. A large corps of skilled teachers. Daily drill a specialty. Beautiful campus. Commodious buildings. Students may enter at any time. They may board in clubs. Write for information.

D. L. WALLER, Jr.,
Principal.

Judge Greer of Butler county, has decided that shooting matches where turkeys and chickens were put up to be shot for were contests of skill, and as such did not come under the law prohibiting gaming but if money were bet on the result it would be gambling and should be returned to court.

Hon. E. E. Robbins, of Westmoreland county, has called on Postmaster General Jno. A. Gary and obtained a lengthy interview on the subject of postoffice appointments. In reply to Congressman Robbins' inquiries the official stated that no changes will be made in the postoffices till each incumbent had served the full term of four years for which he was appointed. Removals will only be made for good cause.

Once county grand jurors, according to one of our exchanges, are not to be fitted with. At the last court, in three cases returned, the grand jury decided that in one the costs be saddled upon the justice of the peace before whom the preliminary hearing was conducted; in another that the district attorney be responsible for costs, and in the third that the costs be paid by the prosecutors. The law with reference to the district attorney will not stand, so lawyers say.

The following "fishy" story comes from Polo, Ill.: A year ago Friday a man named Wallace was hanged here for the murder of his sister. Last week the grass took on a green hue in the court house square and where the stockade had stood except over a spot under the gallows which is barren and forms the profile of a woman's face and head. This picture is said to be a likeness of the murdered woman.

Another farmer caught in a snare. Several weeks since a lightning rod agent came to the house of I. Smith of near Leesburg, and after flattering Mr. Smith awhile asked him if he did not want a nice lightning rod on his barn. Mr. Smith did not care to have one as he did not feel able to pay for it; but the sick rascal cut him to the quick by telling him he would put one up for $5, and go Smith to bite. In due time he came and put up the rod, after which Smith found he owed $155 for the rod and $6 for putting it up.

A dispatch from Washington, D. C., says: Western Pennsylvania wool growers will be better protected under the duty fixed by the new bill than they were by the McKinley bill. The duty is 11 cents per pound, but certain grades of wool which were in the second and third classes of the McKinley bill are now admitted in class. This gives protection against certain cheaper foreign wools that were imported by the carpet and shoddy manufacturers. These only wanted a duty of 6 cents per pound, and the carpet manufacturers never gave up the fight against this reclassification until last night.

A Cumberland, Md., dispatch says: As the result of the proselyting of Mormon elders in the lower end of Allegheny county, Maryland, and contiguous sections of Fulton and Bedford counties, Pennsylvania, migration to Utah has commenced. Wednesday a party of eight, composed of McCormack S. Robinson and family, Leander Clay, and Lawson Collins, all well-to-do farmers, of Fulton county, who have recently embraced Mormonism, left for Utah to reside. McCormack Robinson was recently ordained an elder, and has been preaching in Pratt. Others will follow as soon as they can sell their farms.

Iowa lawmakers appreciate the free and easy way in which some insurance companies do business and to better protect the people who place their properties in their hands have decided to impose stricter regulations on them. These looking and stringent rules should interest the Pennsylvania legislature that they may take a step in that direction. Last week the Iowa legislature passed a radical insurance bill. The law was amended so that the face of the policy is conclusive evidence of the liability of the company, and all that is necessary is to prove that the loss has occurred. Action may be begun within forty days after proof of the loss, and the time within which suit may be begun was extended from one to two years. If recovery is had by suit, double the amount may be recovered, with attorney's fees. The company is made liable for the action of every agent who solicits insurance or collects money. If the agent receives money or takes insurance in a company he knows is insolvent or about to become insolvent he is guilty of a misdemeanor, and may be fined from $100 to $1,000. The policy shall be valid, notwithstanding the violations of any of its conditions, unless it can be shown by the defendant company that the violation contributed to the loss.—Harrisburg Star-Independent.

A pension has been granted to Margaret Wambaugh, of Allegheny township.

Jonas Weaver, of Paint township, was badly injured one day last week while hauling logs not far from Scalp Level.

Governor Hastings has named German D. Speer, of Uniontown, to be Superintendent of the National Pike in Fayette and Somerset counties.

Mr. John Heffley has been appointed Burgess of Berlin, vice Burgess Floto, elected at the late February election, who was found to be ineligible.

Frank G., eldest son of the late R. C. Landis, of Brothersvalley township, died recently at Sedgwick, Lawrence county, Arkansas.

Mrs. Michael A. Sanner has been critically ill for ten days past at the home of her daughter—Mrs. Charles J. Harrison.

George Johnson, of Quemahoning township, is suffering from an ugly wound on his right foot, inflicted by an ax several days ago while cutting wood.

L. C. Colborn, Esq., will leave for Scranton to-morrow morning, where he has been summoned as a juror in the U. S. District Court.

Charley Dobson, of Bedford county, arrived in Quemahoning township last week and will spend the summer assisting his brother George on the farm.

During his recent visit to Akron Lawyer Charles W. Walker was admitted to the practice of the law before all of the courts of Ohio.

D. B. Zimmerman has returned from South Dakota, where he spent the winter on his ranch. He will return to the west in a few weeks when he will be accompanied by his family.

Robert Gardner, of Jenner township, is suffering from a pistol shot in the palm of his right hand. He was taking his revolver out of his overcoat pocket when the weapon was accidentally discharged.

Greensburg boasts of a lady school teacher who keeps a kit of dentist's instruments in the school room and removes troublesome molars from the jaws of her pupils.

The contractors who have been awarded the contracts for grading the proposed branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad from Lovett to Scalp Level have put several hundred laborers at work in the neighborhood of Scalp Level.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Mrs. Lavenia Friedline; Jennie Hoffman; Sev. Knight; Arthur Miles; S. S. Miller; Sarah Stoner; Ella Stern; Mrs. Mattie Trent.

The Meyersdale Commercial says contractors have been looking over the ground along the B. & O. between that place and Rockwood with a view of putting down a double track during the coming spring and summer.

Notwitstanding the promising outlook at the beginning of the season manufacturers of maple sugar and maple syrup say that the output will be the shortest for a number of years. The uniformly mild weather experienced this month accounts for it.

Frogs have made their appearance in the streams and pools throughout the county during the last few days and their music fills the air. An old farmer claims that as many nights preceding the equinox as frogs pipe just so many nights thereafter will the water be frozen over them.

The many Somerset county friends of Mr. John G. Sanner will be pained to learn that he has suffered a relapse and is again critically ill at his home in Allegheny. His wife is also suffering from nervous prostration and her condition was so serious Saturday that her sister—Mrs. Kate B. Coffroth—was summoned to her bedside.

Mr. James A. Peters, of Markleton and Miss Phebe C. Nicholson, of Somerset township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents—Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Nicholson—near Husband, on Sunday, March 21st, Rev. D. L. Yoder, of the Evangelical church officiating. A number of invited guests witnessed the ceremony.

The retail liquor license granted by the Court to Harvey G. Stahl, of Jenners, was at Thursday's session of court transferred to James M. Gillespie, late of the Whiskey Springs Hotel, Cambria county. The Jenners Hotel is one of the oldest and best known in the county. The new proprietor has already taken possession.

Mr. H. Grant Kennedy, of Bolivar Westmoreland county and Miss Flalla Zimmerman, of Stoyestown, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, on Thursday afternoon last. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. N. Fleck, of the Lutheran church. A large number of invited guests were present at the wedding. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents.

At a meeting of the members of the Democratic County Committee held in this place on Saturday the following nominations were unanimously made: Jury Commissioner, J. W. Brancher, of Somerset township; Poor House Director, John W. Schiller, of Allegheny township. Gen. A. H. Coffroth and Joseph Levy were elected delegates to the State Convention, and R. M. Linton was reelected Chairman of the County Committee.

The certainty of the Scalp Level Railroad has started afresh the rumor about the proposed line to be built from South Fork, Cambria county, down through Somerset county to connect with the Pennsylvania Midland, thence to Mt. Dallas and over the old survey of the South Penn to Richland, in Franklin county, and again connect with the Pennsylvania near Harrisburg. The route, it is said, would shorten the distance between Pittsburg and Philadelphia about sixty miles.

Mr. L. E. Holsopple, of Holsopple, Somerset county, who has lately invented a dozen or more useful and valuable contrivances, is now out with another. It is a simple and effective device for shoeing the most vicious horse or mule with perfect safety and without injury to the animal. The device will securely hold any of the animal's feet in any desired position without the use of stocks, etc., and one man can perform the entire work. Mr. Holsopple has applied for a patent.—Johnstown Tribune.

Rev. David Sheerer, pastor of the Jennertown Circuit of the United Brethren Church, was injured at Holsopple last Sunday afternoon while in the act of entering his buggy to go to Jennertown. His horse became frightened and he was thrown to the ground. Fortunately some one caught the horse before he began to run, or it is likely Rev. Sheerer would have been seriously injured, as his feet were tangled up in the lines. Dr. Swank, of Davidsville, was in Holsopple when the accident occurred and attended him.

Dr. J. W. Carothers received a dispatch Friday morning announcing the death of his father—Rev. M. J. Carothers—at Newville, Cumberland county, the preceding night, and took the first train for that place.

Rev. Carothers was a former resident of Somerset county and in connection with Rev. J. L. W. Seibert was instrumental in establishing the early Evangelical churches in this section of Pennsylvania. While doing circuit work here he and Rev. Seibert married sisters, daughters of the late Ludwig Weller, of Somerset township. Deceased was about 72 years of age. He is survived by his wife and three or four grown children. One of his daughters is the wife of Bishop Dubbs, of the United Evangelical Church.

TO SAVE THE RODDYS.

Argument for a New Trial in Behalf of the Convicted Murderers of David Berkey.

Argument for a new trial in behalf of the Roddy boys, convicted of murder in the first degree, was heard by the Court Saturday afternoon. It was not generally known that the arguments would be made at that time and as a result there were few persons outside the members of the bar in the court room.

The defendants were brought into court by Sheriff Hartzell and Deputy Baker. Long confinement has commenced to tell on the prisoners. John's ruddy skin has become blanched, and Jim's milk and water complexion is even ghastlier than it was at the time of his arrest. The latter has taken on a lot of flesh since he has been kept at the expense of the county, and no longer presents the distressed nervous appearance he did at the time of the trial. The prisoners appeared to be deeply interested in all that was said in favor of and against giving them another opportunity to establish their innocence, and kept their eyes riveted on the different attorneys who addressed the Court.

Judge Longenecker announced that the Court would take the testimony taken before the Commissioner at Johnstown and the affidavits to chambers where they would be carefully considered, and that attorneys would be expected to confine their remarks to the most material points on which they sought to have the verdict of the jury set aside and a new trial ordered.

General Coffroth was the first of the attorneys for the defense to address the Court. His remarks were very brief and it was evident that he was confident that the Court would accept a principal of law, which he read, to the effect that in cases where a witness finds that he was mistaken in the testimony he had given on the trial sufficient reason existed for granting a new trial. Gen. Coffroth's remarks were devoted entirely to the admissions of the witness Herdman, who now frankly acknowledges that the evidence he gave in regard to seeing the Roddy boys at Osborne Station on the morning following the Berkey robbery was a mistake; that he was in Gettysburg, Pa., at the time.

Charles F. Uhl, Jr., followed for the defense. Mr. Uhl pointed out a number of alleged inconsistencies in the testimony of Caroline Berkey, wife of the murdered man, and argued that it was impossible for her to have seen the countenance of the man who dropped the mask from his face in the Berkey home on the night of the robbery. He also referred to evidence contradicting the statements of Lottie Adams which the defense produced before the Commissioner at Johnstown.

L. C. Colborn, Esq., for the Commonwealth, argued that the evidence of Herdman and the Adams woman were not material and could not have had any effect upon the jury. He also referred to the evidence of the defendants' witnesses who testified before the Commissioner that John Roddy was working in Hill's coal mine on the morning after the Berkey tragedy, as being of a flimsy character and not to be relied upon.

Attorney F. J. Kooser, for the Commonwealth, rehearsed a great deal of the after discovered evidence and claimed that none of it was material and furnished no grounds upon which the court would be justified in ordering a new trial. He declared that at the time of the December trial the Commonwealth relied upon the evidence of a witness named Cooper, who averred that Jim Roddy had visited his home in Morrellville on the night of the Berkey robbery and had accompanied him to the Cambria Iron Works early the next morning, seeking employment, to work an acquittal, whereas the Commonwealth was now prepared to show that the witness Cooper, was working night turn that week, and therefore could not have been at his home at the time mentioned. In regard to the testimony impeaching the veracity of the Adams woman, Mr. Kooser said it was of a character not to be relied upon. He directed the attention of the Court to the fact that the defense had made no effort to assail the evidence of any of the other witnesses who had seen the defendants traveling in the direction of the Berkey homestead.

District-Attorney Colborn summed up the argument for the Commonwealth. He claimed that if the evidence of the Adams woman and Herdman was entirely eliminated from the case sufficient evidence still existed to warrant the jury in finding the defendants guilty of murder in the first degree. That the guilt of the defendants was established without the evidence of the witnesses named. He drew a graphic picture of the scenes enacted in the Berkey homestead on the night of June 21, and declared that the features of "Jim" Roddy, who had been engaged in the dastardly work of burning the feet of his venerable victim in the presence of his helpless wife, were so indelibly photographed upon the heart of the old woman when the mask fell from the villian's face, that time could never efface it. Continuing Mr. Colborn dwelt briefly on some of the most telling points made against the defendants at the trial, and corrected some of the alleged misstatements made by Mr. Uhl.

W. H. Ruppel, Esq., closed the argument in an earnest and carefully prepared address in behalf of the defendants. He started out by saying that to his mind and from expressions he heard from jurors who sat in the case the verdict was arrived at from the facts established by five witnesses for the Commonwealth: The statements of Lottie Adams, Jackson Ripple, Caroline Berkey, the declaration of David Berkey, and Robert Herdman. The Adams woman and Herdman, he argued, were the only witnesses who had a previous acquaintance with the defendants and for that reason their statements had a greater influence upon the jury than the statements of other witnesses. The statements of both these he claimed have been disposed of. As to Jackson Ripple, who had testified in regard to meeting the defendants at the watering trough on the evening of May 27th or 28th the Commonwealth contradicted his statement by the evidence of the mail carrier Whittaker and another witness, who had placed the defendants in a different place, several miles east of the Berkey homestead. Mr. Ruppel called attention to a number of affidavits submitted which go to clear up the alleged false statements made by witnesses for the defense before the Commissioner. He declared that the jury was only the judge of the facts and not of the law, and that in his opinion the Commonwealth had not made out a case strong enough to justify the Court in sentencing two men to death.

It was after four o'clock when Mr. Ruppel finished his argument, Court then adjourned, Judge Longenecker taking the 5:20 train for his home in Bedford.

The Court will render its decision at regular argument court, which meets on April 13th.

All the new styles of wall paper now in at SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Presented With a Pig.

The Goodwin Company playing at the Opera House this week last night presented a live pig to the handsomest man in town. The contest was by ballot and the result was not announced before our going to press. Great interest was manifested in the comest.

To-night a prize will be voted to the most popular lady in town. In this case the prize will be of a more appropriate character.

At the Saturday matinee a prize will be given to the brightest pupil in the public schools.

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The Works of the Newfoundout Mines Destroyed by Fire.

A fire broke out in the coal tipple of the Newfoundout coal mines on the Berlin and Garret railroad, Friday night last and consumed all the buildings, fixtures and tools connected with operating the plant. When the blaze was first discovered it was in the roof of the coal tipple. The wind was very strong and it was not long until the entire building was in flames. From this the flame spread to the office, engine house, blacksmith shop and a shanty nearby, destroying with the weigh scales, cars, tools and other perishable property, and doing much damage to the boiler, engine, pipes and iron structures in general. Dr. Garey, the owner of the property, puts his loss at about $3,000.

The mines were being operated by the McDowell brothers, who leased the property from Mr. Garey four or five months ago and spent about $2,000 in pumping out the water and putting the property into condition for work. Considerable time was required for this and these gentlemen had only fairly begun coal shipping operations when the fire's destruction put a stop to it.

It was between 9 and 10 o'clock when the fire was seen. It is supposed to have caught from a spark or a heated pipe. Men who had been working there until after 9 o'clock had banked the fire and started for their homes and not over fifteen minutes afterward the fire broke out.

It is reported that the McDowells will rebuild, but not on the old site. They will move further up the hill and sink a slope instead of a shaft, utilizing the old opening as and airshaft.—Berlin Record.

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Court Proceedings.

The application of Simon P. Sweitzer—convicted at December term on a charge of embracery—for a new trial was argued Thursday. Application was refused. The defendant has been confined to his home by sickness for the past two months, and sentenced was suspended until a future day.

The Cumberland & Elklick Coal Co., defendants in a suit brought by A. E. Von Mersiowsky, were adjudged blameless for the injuries sustained by the plaintiff, who was employed in their mines.

S. E. Shepp, who claimed $25, the price of a steer sold to David Kuhlman, was surprised when the jury returned a verdict for the defendant, who claimed a set off, for $ 76.17.

J. D. Swank, assignee of the Fairhope N. Savage Fire Brick Co., secured a verdict for $5,672.11 against S. D. Livengood.

The suit of S. B. Philsen's use vs. The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, which was re-tried by order of the Supreme Court, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for $3,314 48.

There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts and 25 cts per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Wouldn't Shake Hands With Abner McKinley.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and their 6-year-old daughter Grace left Washington for their Nebraska home the day before the inauguration. While they were at the Washington depot awaiting their train, says a Washington correspondent, Abner McKinley, the brother of the President, approached the party and cordially shook Mr. Bryan's hand. He was presented to Mrs. Bryan. Then Mr. Bryan said: "This is my daughter, Grace."

Mr. McKinley held out his hand with a pleasant smile. Grace looked up at him with a frown on her pretty face. She put her tiny hands behind her back and shook her head.

"Won't you shake hands with me?" asked Mr. McKinley, in a grave voice.

"No, I won't," said Grace. "I nebber shake hands with a 'Kinley man."

Mr. McKinley looked hurt, until it was explained to him that Grace had no dislike for him, but treated every "'Kinley man" with the same disdain.

Religious Announcements.

The Sabbath School at Lichty's Evangelical Church will be re-organized next Sabbath at 9:30 a. m. Preaching services at 10:30 a. m.

The Pleasant Hill Church Sabbath School will be re-organized at 2 p. m., followed by preaching services at 3 p. m.

Preaching services will be held at Somerset at 7:30 p. m.

Coming, The Vitascope.

The Vitascope and Concert Company will exhibit at the Somerset Opera House, Thursday evening, April 1st. In order that those desiring to attend the performance may secure their seats early the manager wishes to announce that tickets will be placed on sale at Neff & Casebeer's jewelry store, on Monday morning, March 29th, at 9 o'clock.

Notice.

The Books of Parker & Parker will be in my hands until April 10th. Persons knowing themselves indebted to us will please call and settle without delay by cash or note. I will be at the old stand until the above date. Accounts not closed by that time will be put in the hands of an officer for collection.

G. R. PARKER.

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CHAS. H. FISHER.

"For three years I suffered from Salt Rheum. It covered my hand to such an extent that I could not wash them. Two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters cured me." Libbie Young, Popes Mills, St. Lawrence County, N. Y.

The Play.

The Goodwin Dramatic Company who are playing a week's engagement at the Opera House, Monday evening presented that delightful melo-drama "A Country Girl," before a large and enthusiastic audience. The Company is one of the best that has visited Somerset during the season.

Saw Mill and Farm for Sale.

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Hooversville, Pa.

RIDING ON THE RAIL.

Conductor Waite Furnishes Two Sensations.

The passengers on the morning train to Rockwood Saturday had rather more excitement than the B. & O. usually furnishes at schedule rates, says the Johnstown Democrat. The start was made from Johnstown without any sort of warning of what was to come and Conductor "Billy" Waite punched tickets with the same urbanity that he shows when the Young Women's Fishing Club takes an excursion to Paint Creek or Holsopple. It was a lovely morning, after an all night rain, and the passengers were feeling glad they were alive.

And just as they were feeling that way the most a part of the mountain took a sudden notion to slide down and try conclusions with Conductor Waite's train. This happened the other side of Kring a few miles, at a point where a misunderstanding with the track might easily have landed the train in the river; and perhaps all the passengers as well as the crew thought of this when they felt the collision of the landslide with the cars.

Fortunately, no great damage was done. The big rock that came down the side of the hill struck fairly between the baggage car and the smoker and those in the latter car got a pretty good jolt and all of them thought a smashup was coming in a second, but the liveliest jump was made by the nimble train boy. He evidently meant to get away if he could.

However the engineer had seen the rock topple as the engine thundered by and when he saw he couldn't get the train clear in time, he threw on the brakes and brought it to a standstill, after the steps of the smoker had been torn off and the journal boxes slightly damaged. As soon as it was seen that no real harm had been done, the train hustled on up the mountain while the passengers began to tell each other tales of peril on the rail.

And just as these were becoming exhausted and just as the train boy got his heart-beats down to normal, the air brakes gripped the wheels again and everybody got up suddenly in a breathless suspense. No one knew what had happened for some moments, but the train stopped and then began to back up briskly. A dozen car lengths or so back those on the rear platform could see the figure of a man lying at the side of the track. Then the word was passed through the cars that "we have killed a man." Happily, it was not so bad as that. A man had been struck by the engine and knocked 15 or 20 feet, but he wasn't killed nor even very seriously hurt. He was groaning feebly when picked up by the crew and put aboard the baggage car and presently he revived enough to sit up and talk. It subsequently was learned that he was a lunatic escaped from the Somerset alunshouse and that the authorities had been looking for him for two or three days. He had been sitting on the ties and the engine struck him before it could be brought to a stop. The poor fellow had his shoulder and two or three ribs broken, but otherwise his injuries were not severe.

Bethany Will Continue.

The directors of Bethany college, Bethany, W. Va., held a meeting at the Seventh Avenue hotel, Pittsburg, Wednesday evening to decide whether the oldest college of the Campbelite denomination, organized by Alexander Campbell, founder of the Disciple church, was to be closed owing to financial difficulties.

The trustees were loth to close the institution, and finally decided to negotiate a loan to tide over the temporary embarrassment and to appeal to the great brotherhood of disciples throughout the country to come to the relief of the institution by the next annual commencement.

The faculty is in debt about $20,000. The institution holds many notes on which it is impossible to collect. It is also endowed with $40,000, which is not available at present, and may not be for some time.

Somerset Normal.

The annual session of the Somerset Normal will open May 17th, and continue eight weeks. Circulars sent on application.

H. S. SCHELL,
H. S. RHOADS.

Arbor Days Fixed.

Governor Hastings has fixed upon Friday, April 9, and Friday, April 23, as Arbor Days for this year.

In his proclamation the Governor gives some interesting facts concerning the benefits growing out of the observance of Arbor Days. He says: "The custom of annually fixing a day to be celebrated as Arbor Day has spread into every section of the country. The value of these celebrations has been abundantly manifest. In the State which claims the honor of having originated Arbor Day more than three hundred and fifty million trees were planted during the first years.

"School grounds have been adorned, the surroundings of the home have been beautified, public parks have been multiplied and the landscapes and charming scenery of Pennsylvania may yet be made still more attractive. We are rapidly passing from a destructive to a constructive policy. We have learned the lesson that trees and forests are essential to our continued prosperity and that he who plants a tree, whether boy or man, is a public benefactor."

Dr. Sadler has returned from his Trip South and is now ready for all business in his line.

SAVED THEIR EYES.

Pterygium on Both Eyes Cured.

Mr. Moses M. Taylor, Blackburn, Westmoreland county, had a fleshy growth from the inner corner of each eye grow up over the pupil, blinding him so he could not work. Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, was consulted through Mr. Samuel Harris, whom the doctor had cured of the same thing. Mr. Taylor's eyes were perfectly cured also.

Mr. Geo. Meyers, Springdale, Pa., had the same kind of growth, which had advanced to the danger line. By the doctor's operation, by his special method, which after hundreds of trials has never failed, his eye is as perfect as ever.

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A letter has been received by the authorities of the Presbyterian Hospital in Allegheny from William McConnell, of McConnell's Mills, Washington county, who was discharged from the hospital several months ago. McConnell was operated on for a cancer in his left upper jaw. More than half of the bone had to be cut out. It was replaced with aluminium. When McConnell left the hospital he could not eat any food that required masticating. The flesh healed over the aluminum portion of the jaw perfectly, and he grew a full beard, but not until recently was McConnell able to eat solid food. In his letter to the hospital authorities he states that he is now able to masticate the hardest kind of food with his aluminum jaw.

Administrator's Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to me directed, I will expose to sale at Scalp Level, in Paint township, said county, on the premises, on

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 1897,

at one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate of Kate A. Knavel, dec'd, described as follows:

A certain lot of ground situate in Scalp Level, Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lot of David J. Shaffer and the public road leading to Rummel. Containing 31 4-10th perches.

Terms:

Ten per cent. of the purchase money to be paid when property is knocked down; balance of purchase money on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed.

W. C. KNAVEL,
Administrator.

Fred. W. Biesecker,
Attorney.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.

Rose Blanch Fichtner by her next friend J. W. Wilbourn, vs John Daniel Fichtner } In the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa. No. 2, Sept. T., 1896. No. 29, Dec. T., 1896.

Alias Subpena in Divorce.

And now, Feb'y 27, 1897, on motion of I. C. Lowry Esq., attorney for libellant, filed, the Court appoint A. C. Holbert, master, to take the testimony in the above stated case, find the facts and report an opinion, &c. Extracts from the Record certified March 1, 1897. The undersigned appointed master, as above stated, hereby gives notice that he will sit in his office in Somerset borough, Pa., for the purpose of attending to the duties of his appointment on Wednesday, March 24, A. D. 1897, at 1 o'clock p. m., when and where all parties interested may attend.

A. C. HOLBERT,
Master.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Quemahoning township, with Supervisors Josiah Lohr, John Bowman and Treasurer William Maurer, for the year ending March 8, 1897.

Account of Josiah Lohr.	Dr.	Cr.
To am't labor tax duplicate	$ 83 96	
" cash	236 58	
" due twp from last year.	111 65	
By am't labor done on roads		$ 780 08
" 70½ days supervising		119 25
" 2 3-5 days assessing funds		32 40
" necessary expense		4 36
" exonerations		2 60
" commission on $257 58		10 36
" paid to treasurer		112 54
" due township		79 40
	$1170 99	$1170 99

Account of John Bowman.		
To am't labor tax duplicate	$ 780 26	
" cash	191 61	
By am't labor done on roads		$ 817 01
" 50½ days supervising		75 75
" exonerations		27 81
" commission on $191 60		9 58
" paid to treasurer		41 73
	$ 971 90	$ 971 90

Account of William Maurer, treasurer.		
To am't in hands of treasury from last settlement	$ 30 61	
To am't received from Jos. Lohr	142 54	
" " John Bowman	41 73	
" " County Com'rs.	10 00	
By am't paid on orders & note		$ 218 45
" treasurer's commission		4 37
" in hands of treasurer		8 08
	$ 230 90	$ 230 90

We, the auditors of Quemahoning township certify that the above account is correct and true.

J. H. BAUSH,
W. H. ANKENY,
ESPEY TROSTLE,
Auditors.

J. N. Walter,
Clerk.

Public Sale

OF

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to sale at the late residence of Mary Kifer, dec'd, in Somerset borough, (west end) Somerset county, Pa., on

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1897,

At 1 o'clock P M.,

the following described real estate of said Mary Kifer, dec'd:

No. 1. A certain piece or parcel of land consisting of three adjoining pieces, with house and stable thereon, situate in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., on the road leading from the Felger road at a point a short distance east of A. J. Coleman, through "Hickory Hollow," adjoining lands of A. J. Coleman, Harrison Berkey, Charles and George Barnhart and public road, containing four acres more or less, being the same property conveyed by G. M. Neff to Mary Kifer by deed dated 20th April, 1896, of which there is about 2½ acres clear.

No. 2. A certain lot of ground with a two-story house and other out buildings thereon, situate in Somerset borough, Somerset county, Pa., and is bounded as follows: on the north by Union street, on the east by Elizabeth Rice, on the south by Main street, and on the west by alley, being the same lot of ground conveyed by Joseph Chorpenning to Mary Kifer by deed dated 21 Feb'y, 1870, recorded in deed record, Vol. 42, page 388, &c.

These are desirable properties. Persons wishing to purchase can go on the premises and examine for themselves.

Terms:

Cash. Unless changed on day of sale to time with interest. Twenty per cent. to be paid on day of sale.

MICHAEL KIFER,
Administrator, &c.

March 1, 1897.
James Saylor, Auctioneer.
J. H. Uhl, Att'y.

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LEGAL NOTICE.

In the matter of the assigned estate of David Barron and Clara B. Barron, his wife, of Milford township, Somerset county, Pa.

The said assignors having presented their petition to the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, praying for an order and decree of said Court, directing Samuel J. Bowser, the assignee, to re-convey to the said assignors the real and personal estate of said petitioners included in the assignment; it being represented by said petitioners, that they made arrangements with E. L. Countryman to pay all the debts of the assignors, and that the lien creditors join in asking for the reconveyance. Notice is hereby given that the prayer of said petitioners will be granted by the Court unless objections to same is filed on or before the 13th of April, 1897.

J. A. BERKEY,
JOHN H. UHL,
Attorneys for Petitioners.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Samuel E. Berkey, late of Conemaugh 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 knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Thursday, the 22d day of April, A. D. 1897, at the late residence of the dec'd.

E. M. BERKEY,
Administrator.

Fred. W. Biesecker,
Attorney.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Harriet Berkeybile, late of Shade 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 Saturday, April 24, 1897, at the residence of the administrator.

PHILIP BERKEYBILE,
Administrator, c. t. a.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Kate A. Knavel, late of Paint 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 auth