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[illegible] Stoves and Ranges cook [illegible] for many millions. [illegible] Wible, the well known [illegible], Chambersburg, Pa., [illegible] Somerset one day this week [illegible] glad to meet his friends in [illegible] class work at reasonable

[illegible] Ranger Green, of the Balti- [illegible] Railroad, has issued an or- [illegible] all live stock to be watered [illegible] at least once every twenty-four [illegible] Trainmasters are to be held strict- [illegible], and the penalty for vio- [illegible] is rather severe.

[illegible] William Parshall, of Wampum, [illegible] county, has just recovered [illegible] after twelve weeks' illness. During this [illegible] while lying in bed, he tried three [illegible] which consumed four hours. [illegible] which consumed four hours. [illegible] was not allowed to neglect busi- [illegible] account of a little sickness.

[illegible] office is being made, and the Grand [illegible] of the Republic is reported to be [illegible] it, says the New York Times [illegible] a large folder bearing a copy of [illegible] Lincoln's address at Gettys- [illegible] will be placed in every college, high school [illegible] school in the United States.

[illegible] Reid Keefer, who has been re- [illegible] in the west for thirty years and [illegible] that time never communicated [illegible] Somerset county friends and [illegible] created them to a surprise last [illegible] appeared in Berlin. He [illegible] of the State of Washington [illegible] on the purpose of attend- [illegible] inauguration.

[illegible] (Toole, of Altoona, decided [illegible] will against Mayor Barr. Some [illegible] McCann was arrested for [illegible] and disorderly. Out of [illegible] his purse of $1 was taken by [illegible] a fine. McCann wanted to [illegible] instead, but was refused. The [illegible] decided that McCann should [illegible] back and the mayor should [illegible].

[illegible] of secret appointed last De- [illegible] by Judge Dallas to assess the [illegible] for the taking of five additional [illegible] by the United States to pre- [illegible] Gettysburg battlefield and to [illegible] Confederate avenue Thursday [illegible] report in the United States Cir- [illegible] Court. The awards, it is stated, are [illegible] average rate of $62 per acre and [illegible] amount awarded is $939.50.

[illegible] pay your fuel eaters, and in- [illegible] the "Diehard" Stoves and Ranges.

[illegible] verses in all should be framed [illegible] in interior scene will need to [illegible] supplemented by some- [illegible] brackets. Some will need a [illegible] bread line of crimson within [illegible] others look well with oak out- [illegible] Pictures of peasant life or [illegible] cradle scene rather incongru- [illegible] every room. Wood outside a gilt [illegible] frame would be more suitable.

[illegible] in Washington who has for years [illegible] existing newspaper accounts of [illegible] accidents declares that no locomo- [illegible] ever came out alive from his [illegible] disaster. He has not insist that en- [illegible] were killed in their first or see- [illegible] engines, but he maintains that after [illegible] has had two "close calls" he will [illegible] a station railroading. Undoubt- [illegible] and surest way of avoiding [illegible] accident is not to become [illegible] engineer.

[illegible] School Board of Greensburg has [illegible] that the amount of fines im- [illegible] upon "common drinkers" in the [illegible] past seven years, [illegible] should have been turned over [illegible] Society, amounts to about [illegible] instead of giving the money to [illegible] fund it was placed in the [illegible] Society. The School Direc- [illegible] will make a demand for the money. [illegible] hereafter label all cases [illegible] "disorderly conduct," [illegible] enough will reap the harvest.

[illegible] Thorne, of Meyersdale, who is [illegible] the state boss examination, [illegible] of the State college, class of [illegible] is one of the State's great foot [illegible] players, having played [illegible] for years and will be re- [illegible] the foot ball sports to be [illegible] that backed U. of P. strong [illegible] 6 for a touchdown. He says [illegible] playing both base ball and [illegible] will accept a position as mine [illegible] one of his father's mines, if he [illegible] passing the examination.—[illegible] News-Standard.

[illegible] the water works which Ligo- [illegible] ing was begun Wednesday. [illegible] evening was about a week, and the work [illegible] be finished inside of 30 days. The [illegible] let over a year ago to Messrs. [illegible] & Oliverio, of Pittsburg, but [illegible] time the work was tied up on [illegible] of a defect in the bond issue. [illegible] gratification one, and the [illegible] being obtained from one [illegible] mountain streams on the summit [illegible] hill range, a distance of six [illegible] miles. The fall is nearly 400 [illegible] feet, making it certain that the system will be [illegible] to Latrobe and other towns.

[illegible] of Paul McJunkin against the [illegible] of the Conemaugh School Dis- [illegible] Cambria County, was heard before [illegible] Keller, of that township, [illegible] at Ebensburg. Mr. McJunkin [illegible] sued for $667.50 salary for six [illegible] although he had been dismissed [illegible] before the end of five months [illegible] year. The Directors offered to [illegible] and make a tender of $417.75, [illegible] refused. It cropped out in [illegible] that the Directors never [illegible] but on outside rumors [illegible] a meeting and dismissed the [illegible]. The result of the case will be [illegible] of interest. The decision will [illegible] next Saturday at 2 o'clock.

[illegible] freight wreck occurred [illegible] Run on Thursday evening [illegible] Two cars were killed and twenty- [illegible] heavily loaded with merchand- [illegible] derailed and badly wrecked. [illegible] accident was caused by a draw- [illegible] which dropped out of a freight [illegible] passing inland. The crew on the [illegible] noticed a heavy jar as their train [illegible] the draw head, and a flagman [illegible] back to prevent the second train [illegible] running on the obstacle or to re- [illegible] the second train was follow- [illegible] and the precaution was use- [illegible] engineer could not check up [illegible] in time to avert the danger. Several of [illegible] passed the track and piled up [illegible] bank, while others tumbled [illegible] embankment and landed be- [illegible] of the trainmen escaped unin- [illegible] injured by jumping. Eight [illegible] are apparently under 18 years of [illegible] and by an brakemen to jump [illegible] to Hyndman, near the scene [illegible] wreck and it was feared for a time [illegible] had been buried under the [illegible] When the wreckage was cleared [illegible] bodies of two boys, Frederick [illegible] Conrad of Ohiopyle, were [illegible].

[illegible] story about it. When the Shak- [illegible] some time ago to give away a [illegible] free Digestive Cordial to any [illegible] might call at their New York [illegible] there was a great rush and a great [illegible] thought they were crazy. [illegible] events proved it to have [illegible] very clever advertising transac- [illegible] although they gave away thou- [illegible] dollars, it was in the end profit- [illegible] for every one that took a free [illegible] came back for more and paid for it [illegible] after saying they had derived [illegible] benefit from its use than from [illegible] medicine they had ever used. [illegible] nothing so uniformly success- [illegible] in the treatment of stomach troubles [illegible] Shaker Digestive Cordial, and [illegible] is better than all, it relieves at once.

[illegible] the new form of Castor Oil is so [illegible] that children like the spoon

A pension has been granted Mrs. Barbara Thomas, of Drakestown.

Mrs. Hartzell, wife of Sheriff M. H. Hartzell, is visiting at the home of Major and Mrs. Frank Cavanaugh, in Greensburg.

Regular services will be held in the Presbyterian Church next Sunday, May 2nd, morning and evening. The hour for Sabbath school has been changed to 9:30 A. M.

One of the large plate glass windows in J. B. Holderbaum's store room was broken Sunday afternoon by a crowd of young boys, who were playing in front of the store.

Hon. Augustus S. Landis, a distinguished lawyer and ex-Judge of Blair county, died at his home in Hollidaysburg, on Sunday, from valvular disease of the heart.

Mr. J. M. Cook, the well-known grocer, who had been confined to his home for a week or ten days suffering from an attack of grip, was able to be at his place of business for a few hours yesterday.

Communion services will be held in the Friedens Lutheran Church on next Sunday, May 2nd, and at Will's Church on Sunday, May 9th. The pastor, Rev. J. J. Welch, will officiate on both occasions.

Peter Thomas, of Conemaugh township, was stricken with paralysis while on his way home from Johnstown last Saturday. His entire left side is affected. Mr. Thomas is a very old man and his condition is critical.

At the meeting of the Democratic State Central Committe held in Harrisburg last Wednesday, R. M. Linton, of the Democrat, was elected division chairman of the district composed of the counties of Blair, Bedford, Cambria and Somerset.

Capt. H. H. Kuhn, of Johnstown, who as a member of Governor Hasting's staff, participated in the Grant monument parade in New York yesterday, used the the saddle from which his brother-in-law—Colonel Robert P. Cummins—was shot at the battle of Gettysburg.

Mr. Samuel Arthur, of Johnstown, and Mrs. Bella W. Griffith, of Jenner township, were united in marriage on Thursday, 22d inst., at the home of Rev. John F. Bracken, of Roxbury Methodist church. Following the ceremony a wedding supper was served at the residence of the groom.

Miss Elizabeth A. Saylor, daughter of ex-Prothonotary Frank P. Saylor, has the honor of securing the first appointment in this county under the McKinley administration, she having on Friday been named for postmistress at Listie, upon the recommendation of Congressman Hicks. Miss Saylor and her brother—Weller—conduct a general store at that place.

Evangelist R. W. Abberley, who is conducting a revival meeting in the Christain Church, is meeting with gratifying success, a number of additions to the church membership having been made during the past week. Mr. Abberley is gifted with rare oratorical powers and attracts large numbers of people to hear him. The evening meetings will be continued throughout the present week.

Mr. George A. Hoerr, of Latrobe, Pa., and Miss Judith Heffley, one of Berlin's fairest daughters, were united in marriage in the Berlin Lutheran Church, at 2 o'clock last Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of a large audience. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Taylor. Mrs. George W. Pile, Miss Grace Pile, Mrs. H. C. Pile and Miss Lou Davis, of Somerset, were among the invited guests present.

The semi-annual session of the Somerset County Conference of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod will meet at Lavansville, on 10th, 11th and 12th of May. The indications are that there will be a large attendance. An interesting program has been prepared. On Tuesday afternoon Dr. Bergstresser, of Rockwood, will deliver an address on "Phillip Melancthon, co-worker of Martin Luther," and on Tuesday, Rev. W. A. Shipman, of Johnstown, will deliver a discourse on "Sociality."

Prof. Byron W. King, who will appear at the Opera House next Tuesday evening, May 6th, under the auspices of the Somerset United Evangelical congregation, should be accorded a splendid audience. Prof. King's reputation as an entertainer is too firmly established to require any commendation from the press, while the cause in behalf of which he appears is most deserving, the United Evangelical people having recently lost all of their church property. Tickets for the enternainment will be placed on sale at Ferner Bros. store, on Monday, May 3d.

During a period of thirty days ending April 29th, 364 mail pouches and sacks were dispatched from the Somerset postoffice; 601 were received, making a total number of 965 pouches and sacks handled. 32 pouches and sacks were received and dispatched daily. The weight of mails dispatched via railroad was 5,774 lbs.; weight of mails received 10,595 lbs.; total number of pounds handled, 16,270; weight of mails received and dispatched daily, 543 lbs. All mails are weighed for a period of thirty days once in four years in order to fix the amount of compensation for transportation.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that officers of the Berwind-White Coal Company will make application to the Executive Department for a charter for a corporation to be known as the "Paint Township Water Company," the object of which is to supply water for commercial use. This is another indication that the town of Scalp Level is to become a prominent mining centre and that the population of that place is expected to rapidly increase in the near future.

Since writing the above a syndicate in which local citizens are interested give notice that they will also make application for a charter for a corporation to be known as the "Scalp Level Water Company."

The airship which has created so much excitement in the west is said to have made its appearance in this county, a number of people living in the vicinity of Cassaman claiming to have seen it several times after night about ten days ago. Those who claim to have seen the mysterious vessel say that it is brilliantly illuminated and they at first thought it was a huge electric light floating above the Westinghouse Electric Works at West Pittsburg. They labored under this impression until they saw accounts of the airship in the papers when they concluded that it must have been the strange object they saw.

Constable William Gilbert's official duties called him to Johnstown one day last week when there chanced to be a circus exhibiting in that place. William had seen "the elephant" before, but the opportunity to survey the outside of a circus tent was too great a temptation to be passed by. While gazing at the mammoth stretches of canvas William was spotted by a pick-pocket, who viewed the handsome watch chain displayed on William's vest as intently as William viewed the circus tent. The thief mistook William for a "country jay" and following him to the B. & O. station made an effort to abstract his watch and chain without attracting attention. Now, it happens that Williams' business for the past twenty-five or thirty years has been to catch thieves and the moment he felt a strange hand on his watch chain he immediately grasped the situation and turned the would-be-thief over to the police. The thief, whose name is Harris, was sent to jail for thirty days.

Sudden Death of a Popular Young M...

This entire community sustained a severe shock yesterday morning when it was announced that Mr. William B. Benner, who for the past ten years has had charge of the local Western Union Telegraph office, had died suddenly at his home on South Main Cross Street. Mr. Benner had been at his place of business throughout Monday and retired about ten o'clock in apparently excellent health. He awoke about five o'clock Tuesday morning and started to get up for the purpose of assisting his wife take up a carpet from the floor of one of their rooms. While in the act of putting on his clothes he was seized with a spasm of the heart and dropped to the floor. His wife assisted him back to bed and sent for Dr. Carothers, who administered some medicine to stimulate the action of his heart. He did not complain of feeling pain and shortly after the Dr. arrived said that he was resting easier and felt as if he go to sleep. The Dr. had barely returned to his home when a messenger came for him a second time and when he arrived at Mr. Benner's bedside he found that he had been dead for some minutes, he having been seized by a second spasm. Messengers had also been dispatched for his mother—Mrs. Washington Meghan—but she arrived too late to see her son alive.

Mr. Benner was thirty-four years of age. He was stricken with paralysis in infancy which permanently affected the left side of his body. Notwithstanding his disability he was a stranger sickness, frequently remarking to his friends that he had never been ill for a minute since he was a child. He was of a cheerful, sunny disposition and was a prime favorite throughout the town and with all the patrons of his office. Last spring he purchased the gentleman's furnishing establishment of W. A. Kimmell, into which he removed the telegraph office, and was meeting with marked success.

He was married to Miss Nannie, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Weimer, on the 30th day of April, 1895, and no more congenial and happy young couple were to be found. His tastes were of a domestic character and every minute of his time not occupied by business was devoted to his home. He was thoroughly conscientious and upright in every relation of life and none knew him but to love and respect him. His sad death is a crushing blow to his young wife, who had entered into all of his bright plans for the future with a loyal heart. In her great bereavement she has the sympathy of all her acquaintances.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Death of Mrs. John J. Schell.

Mrs. Rose B Schell, wife of Mr. John J. Schell, died very unexpectedly a few minutes after three o'clock Monday afternoon, at her home in this place. Although Mrs. Schell had been in delicate health for a number of years she was still able to attend to her customary household duties and the members of her family had every reason to believe that she would survive for many years. Last Friday she contracted a slight cold, which developed rheumatism in the region of her left shoulder and heart, and on Monday morning Dr. Kimmel was called in to prescribe. Mrs. Schell was not confined to bed, but about two o'clock she complained that the rheumatic pain in her side was becoming more acute and her daughter—Miss Edith—who was with her observed that her respiration was becoming labored. Miss Edith went to a window and called across the street to her neighbor—Miss Martha Knable—to come and remain with her mother while she went for the Doctor. Before Miss Knable had time to respond to the summons Mrs. Schell was still in death.

Mrs. Schell was a daughter of the late Isaac Ankeny, whose father Peter Ankeny was one of the founders of Somerset. Peter Ankeny was a descendent of the French Huguenots. He was born near Hagerstown, Md., and came to Somerset about 1773. He owned about two-thirds of the present site of the town. Soon after the Ankenys came to this county they were driven away by the Indians, but returned later and built a block house on their property, and thenceforth remained here. Isaac Ankeny inherited much of his father's estate and was a rich man in his day. All of his children were liberally educated. At an early age Rose married John J. Schell, who has been prominently identified in the development of the business and social interests of the county. Mrs. Schell was always an active and influential member of the Christian church and exercised a wide influence for good throughout the community. In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Ida Wilson, of Moline, Ill.; Mrs. Ella Clark and Mrs. Myra Reed, of Uniontown, Pa.; Mrs. Anna Lewis, of St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Edith, who lives with her father, and P. A. Schell, the well-known local merchant and plumber. She is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Brown, of Wheeling, W. Va.; Mrs. Matthews, of Kansas; and Miss Valeria, of Somerset; and by two brothers, Hon. Thomas A. and John Ankeny, of Minneapolis, Minn.

The funeral will take place at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Popular Young People Married.

A wedding of much local interest was celebrated at Johnstown last Tuesday evening when Mr. Joseph M. Bricker, the affable clerk in Dr. Louther's drug store, and Miss Mina Picking, one of Somerset's most popular and worthy young ladies were pronounced man and wife by Rev. Wm. Alfred Shipman. The scene of their nuptuals was transferred to Johnstown, owing to the fact that the bride is an orphan and the groom desired to have the ceremony performed at the residence of his relatives—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kearns—The attendants were Mr. N. E. Berkey of the Somerset borough public schools, and Miss Melda, daughter of James B. Saylor. Only a few invited guests and near relatives witnessed the ceremony. Following congratulations a wedding supper was served. Some time ago Mr. Bricker purchased Dr. Louther's pretty Patriot street cottage and has since had it handsomely fitted up for the reception of his bride.

Commendable Enterprise.

Mr. C. S. Vannear being unwilling to wait for the town authorities to provide a system of public sewers has gone to work with commendable foresight to construct a private sewer from his hotel property to the stream south of town, a distance of about one-quarter of a mile. For ten days past he has had a large force of men engaged digging trenches and putting down six inch tile and the work should be completed before the close of the present week. It is understood that Mr. Vannear has arranged with parties whose property abut on the sewer to have access to it at their convenience, and thus it will be seen that a large number of property holders on the south side will be accommodated with this desirable means of increasing the value of their property. It is only a question of time until the borough authorities will be required to adopt measures looking towards the construction of a system of sewers for the entire town, and we have been informed that council has already appointed a committee with this object in view.

Decision Reversed.

The superior court at Pittsburg on Monday presented an important decision on the pure food law, sustaining its constitutionality and reversing the decree of the Chester county court. It was in the case of the commonwealth against William C. Curry, Chester county.

The defendant was convicted under the act of June 23, 1895. He is alliged to have sold in imitation of and under the name of olive oil a large quantity of a certain adulterated article and compound, component being yet unknown.

Explored the Laurel Hill Cave.

Sunday evening a wagon containing five men drove into town and to a livery stable where they disembarked from the vehicle in which they were seated. Attention was attracted to them by the solicitation of their outer garments, it being the usual custom of Somerseters to take a bath at least once a week, generally on Saturday evening, after which they don clean clothes and appear at "their best" until they retire the following Sunday night. Upon inquiry it was learned that the party of gentlemen in question had journeyed early Sunday morning to a point among the foot hills of the Laurel Hill mountains, where Harry Shaulis, of Jefferson township, is alleged to have discovered a cave while coon hunting one night two or three weeks ago. Mr. Shaulis and several companions met the Somerseters at the mouth of the alleged cave, a small opening in the ground barely large enough to permit an average sized man to crawl through. The members of the party, who had all provided themselves with candles, following the lead of Shaulis, soon disappeared beneath the ground. After crawling on hands and knees a distance of perhaps thirty feet they found that they were able to stand erect. The bottom of the cave is composed of a sticky mire through which the explorers found it difficult to make their way. As they advanced, however, the ground beneath their feet became dryer and a small rivulet of crystal water appeared in the centre. The explorers followed the course of the stream in which the volume of water steadily increased, the quantity being added to by the water of a number of tributaries. The roots of giant trees penetrated the roof of the cave and every now and then the decomposed trunk or the huge stump of a tree impeded their progress. It was utterly impossible to tell the exact width or height of the cavern by the faint glimmer of the tallow candles, but at various points it cannot be less than thirty feet wide and twenty feet high. After the explorers had penetrated to a distance of about three-quarters of a mile, as nearly as they could judge, further progress was cut off by a wall of stone and slate, in which their was an opening not large enough to permit the smallest man in the party to drag his body through, and through which the water rushed with great velocity.

The cave or cavern is undoubtedly the result of the action of the waters of countless ages which have sought their way from the mountain top to the sea.

Lucky Escape of a Train Jumper.

Persons at the S. & C. station about five o'clock Monday afternoon felt their hearts stand still when they witnessed John Hoyle's unsuccessful attempt to mount a north-bound freight train running at a speed of twenty miles an hour. Hoyle, who is the sixteen-year-old son of Amos Hoyle, the well-known section boss, wanted to go to Listie, and rather than wait for the regular passenger train concluded to travel on a freight at the time puffing up the grade from Kantner's. He walked down the track a distance of several hundred yards from the station and when the train came along grasped a handle bar on one of the cars. He evidently missed his hold, for the next moment his legs were dangling under the rapidly revolving wheels. Once, twice, thrice the wheels threw his limbs from the track and when he finally was compelled to release his hold the wheels turned him over and over again, finally dropping him by the side of a rail. When the train had passed the young man staggered to his feet and after walking a few yards fell to the ground. The persons who witnessed the accident rushed to his assistance. It was found that none of his limbs were broken, but he was badly bruised about the head and back. He was carried to the home of his brother-in-law—Harry S. Kifer—where he received professional attention. He was resting comfortably last evening and will recover.

Plow Castings.

The Somerset Iron Works have constantly on hand a large supply of the following named plow points: Gale, Oliver Chilled, Imperial, Farmer's Friend, Wolverine, Centre Lever, Hartzell, Hillside, Invincable, Eighteen - Seventy - Seven, Iron Beam and Hillside Wooden Beam. Old iron taken in exchange for goods. Call on or write to

SOMERSET IRON WORKS,
Somerset, Pa.

Base Ball Suits and Bicycles Free.

It is safe to say that nearly every member of the rising generation is now thinking of base ball or bicycling. But how to get the bicycle and how to get base ball uniforms, are the problems. The Philadelphia Press solves both. That paper, which has always led in its amateur base ball and bicycling departments, now makes two novel, interesting offers. It will furnish, absolutely free, to the amateur base ball club receiving the greatest number of votes before June 19, a complete set of the finest National League Base Ball uniforms. This includes caps, shoes, belts, stockings, shirts and trousers, and the whole outfit will be of the finest quality. The whole outfit will be given absolutely free to the amateur club receiving the greatest number of votes. Full details of the offer are given in the Press every day.

Any number of bicycles will be given free to those who will render a trifling service to the Press. Details of the bicycle offer will be sent to any person who sends two two-cent postage stamps to the Press, Philadelphia.

Household Economy.

One of the strong points of the Cinderella Range is its cleanliness and economy. It has an extra deep ash pit, with bailed ash pan, and is so constructed that the ashes can not accumulate under the grate, which is the chief cause of so many grates burning out. Sold and guaranteed by

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

To Abolish Capital Punishment.

Representive Jefferis of Chester county is pushing a bill in the legislature to abolish punishment.

He has written to every judge in the state asking for an opinion on the measure and enclosing a copy of the bill. It provides "that in all cases when the accused is found guilty of murder in the first degree the jury may qualify their verdict by adding capital punishment, and whenever the jury shall return a verdict qualified as aforesaid the person convicted shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life and hard labor." The bill was formally indorsed at the recent annual meeting of the Friends of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.

Haunted!

The human tenement is often haunted—to the grievous discomfort of its possessor—by those malignant spirits, constipation and biliousness. But the abominable pair may be speedily driven out with the potent help of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This genial alterative, while it relieves the bowels and regulates the liver, never as a drastic purgative does, produces violent effects and weakens the intestines. On the contrary, the action of the Bitters is precisely analogous to an effort of nature seeking to resume her proper functions. This furnishes pretty conclusive evidence that it is better to use persuasive means, so to speak, than to endeavor to coerce nature to a return to duty. Violent remedies produce only a temporary effect, followed by a hurtful reaction. For indigestion, malarial and kidney complaints, rheumatism and nervousness, the Bitters takes highest rank among remedies of the philosophic school.

Removal.

Dr. Samuel J. McMillian's dental office is now in the brick building on Patriot street, two doors below office formerly occupied by him.

Some Recent Deaths.

Henry Kreger, aged about sixty years, a veteran of the war, died very suddenly at the Riverside Hotel, in Confluence, last Tuesday afternoon, 20th inst. Mr. Kreger arrived at the hotel shortly before 12 o'clock and immediately after eating dinner complained of feeling sick. Dr. Tarnehill was summoned but before he reached the hotel the sick man had expired. Death resulted from heart failure. Deceased was a life long resident of Upper Turkeyfoot township and was highly esteemed by his neighbors. His wife died a number of years ago. He is survived by a number of children, all of whom reside in the west.

Gotlieb Sweitzer, a well-known resident of Lower Turkeyfoot township, died at his home in Harnedsville, on Thursday, 22d inst, aged about sixty years. He had been ill for a number of years with a disease that baffled the skill of local physicians. The physicians who had treated him were anxious to confirm their diagnosis of his case and for that reason they performed an autopsy upon the body. The autopsy showed that death resulted from cancer of the liver, that organ being covered with malignant cancerous growths. Deceased was a Swede by birth and came to this county twenty-five years ago, when he secured employment as a butcher for a B. & O. Railroad contractor near Ursina. He married a lady from Berlin, who with several children survive.

Mrs. Harriet Ankeny died at her home in Des Moines, Ia., on Easter Sunday, April 18th, in the ninety-seventh year of her age.

It was February 15, 1801, almost at the dawn of this century, that Harriet Susannah Giese first saw the light of day in Berlin, Somerset county, Pennsylvania. Her father was Rev. Henry Giese, a native of Lichtenow, Westphalia, one of the early and strong preachers of the German Reformed church, whose name has an honored place in the early church history. Her mother was Anna Maria Baker, born near Frederick, Maryland. Mrs. Ankeny, however, lost her mother when she was but six weeks of age and she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher, whose kindness to her was so great that she ever held them in the same affection as that given to her parents.

Mrs. Ankeny is the last of her family of two brothers and four sisters. She became the wife of Mr. Ankeny on July 29, 1823. It was a very happy marriage and celebrated with the usual festivites of the time, a party of eighteen ladies and gentlemen riding over from Somerset, nine miles distant, on horseback, to attend. The young couple went to the old Ankeny homestead, in Somerset, to begin their married life.

The old farm home was not abandoned until 1831, when Mr. and Mrs. Ankeny moved to Millersburg, O. Their four sons were born in Pennsylvania and their four daughters in Ohio, here the family lived most happily until they removed to Iowa and to Des Moines. Mrs. Ankeny lost her husband in 1876, and it has been chiefly upon her daughter, Miss Harriet Ankeny, whose care for her mother has been a first consideration always rested.

Born on the threshold of the nineteenth century, she lived under the administration of every president except that of Washington, beginning in that of Adams and closing her life in the initial stages of the administration of President McKinley. Having lived through the war of 1812, the Seminole Indian war, the war with Mexico and the great civil war, she was imbued with a patriotism most sturdy and intense, often remarking to her children and grandchildren to be "always true to your God, your country and your flag."

The surviving children are: Mr. Peter Ankeny, the oldest, now 71 years of age; Captain Ankeuy of Corning, Colonel Ankeny, Mrs. J. R. Barcroft, Miss Hattie Ankeny, of Des Moines, and Mrs. H. H. Clark, of Hartford, Conn., all of whom were present at the bedside of their mother when the end came.

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.

ROBBERS AFTER COUNTY FUNDS.

Cambria Court House Doors Blown off Their Hinges.

Burglars Thursday night broke into the Cambria county court house and made a bad wreck of the Prothonotary's office. They had gained entrance at a window at the rear of the building by climbing up on a pile of cord wood standing there, and by using a jimmy, pried the window open. After getting in they broke off the knob of the combination lock that was on the big iron doors with a sledge, and placed a blast of powder between the out and inner doors.

The explosion that followed was terrific, and awakened a number of people in the neighborhood, but no one knew from what direction the sound came. Dr. Frank James and a number of friends were on Center street, a short distance away, at the time, and heard the explosion. They immediately rushed over to the bank and postoffice, but as everything was all right there failed to locate the trouble.

After the thieves got in they leisurely proceded with their work. Many drawers were gone over until they finally came to the cash box, which contained about $100, which they took. A judgment note for $1,000 and a money order for a small amount, were laid aside. The other papers and records were not disturbed. Everything about the office is a wreck. The doors were blown off their hinges and the iron bent so as to be worthless. The new steel files recently put in are crushed in different places by the flying iron, and the plaster torn off, etc. The thieves evidently thought they were getting into the treasurers's office, but pinched the wrong vault. They were seen on the street a short time after, but they got safely out of town.

Literary Notes.

The czar-like rule exercised by Speaker Reed has been the occasion of much comment and critism of late. Endowed with a plentitude of power beside which the President of the United States seems mean and insignificant, Mr. Reed is to-day the autocrat of Congress. The threatening danger of this one man power is clearly and forcible indicated in an article which will appear in the May FORUM from the pen of Mr. HENRY LICHFIELD WEST, an authority on national politics.

The May number of McCLURE'S MAGAZINE is especially abundant and interesting in the matter of portraits of famous people. In illustration of a paper by Miss Tarbell on the remarkable work of G. C. Cox in photographic portraiture, there are truly speaking likenesses of Donald G. Mitchell ("Ik Marvel"), Walt Whitman, Eleanora Duse, Henry Ward Beecher, and others; and a series of life portraits of Daniel Webster exhibit that most august and impressive of great men at close intervals from middle life to the year of his death. Some of the Webster portraits have never before been published; and all have interesting histories, which are set forth in notes by Mr. Charles Henry Hart.

Demorest's Magazine for May contains nearly 200 graphic illustrations, and there is not a dull page in it. "McKinley's Administration, Told by the Camera," is alone well worth the price of the Magazine, the photographs vividly depicting the whole pageant, and needing no verbal description.

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WHO PAYS THE EXPENSE AND PROFIT?

Peddlers are humbugging the farmers selling steel ranges from wagons over the county. Aside from the large profit they have, did it ever occur to you the enormous expense thus incurred, all of which is paid by the purchaser.

Figure it out for yourself: High priced salesmen, feed for horses, board for men, wear and tear of wagons, warehouse rent, manager at big salary to handle your notes and money and send them to St. Louis.

Is it less than $25.00 for each range sold? Can it be less, even if they sell the number claimed?

Then the profit. The stockholders must get the interest on their investment, salaries of high-priced officials must be paid, they are **not in business for fun**, you must pay for all this as well. Does it not represent another $25.00 on each range to pay for all this? Now, you have left just the amount the range costs the manufacturers, 15 to 20 dollars, you pay the rest.

Can the farmer afford to pay this enormous profit? At the present price of farm products is it not about all the farmer can do to make ends meet? Then why throw away $30.00? You might as well, as that amount simply represents the difference between what they are worth and what they sell for.

Do they do business in cities and towns? No. Why? **The innocent and unsuspecting farmer is their prey.**

Yes, they have printed some testimonials, bought them by furnishing repairs free, but they are false in that they do not tell the truth in regard to time range was in use, hence you can look with suspicion on the rest contained therein. They could well afford to keep them in repair if they so desired. The interest on ten dollars will keep any good stove in repair during a lifetime.

But they will tell you they never will require repairs; they will hammer them to show they will not break, but apply no test as to durability against fire. You are not expected to take a sledge hammer to make your stove work, although you may feel like it if you buy a range from these peddlers.

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We sell steel ranges, sell them at a fair price. We will sell you a larger and better steel range for $40.00, and the size sold by the peddlers for $35.00, including tank and high closet, made by one of the largest and most reliable concerns in the world. And further, **we will give you a written guarantee** to furnish all repairs free of charge during a period of five years from date of sale.

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Notice of Application for Charter.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on Wednesday, the 19th day of May, A. D. 1897, by Edgar B. Kay, Samuel Hoffman, Geo. J. Kloppy, A. Berkey and E. H. Werner, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D., 1874, and the supplements thereto, for a charter of an intended corporation to be called the "Scalp Level Water Company," the character and object whereof is the supplying water to the inhabitants of the village of Scalp Level and vicinity, in the counties of Somerset and Cambria, state of Pennsylvania, and to such persons, partnerships and corporations as may desire to take and use the same in said village and the territory contiguous thereto, and for these purposes to have and exercise all the rights and privileges of and under said Act of Assembly for such corporations made and provided.

J. A. BERKEY,
Solicitor.

ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Matilda S. Lint and D. G. Lint, her husband, of Jenner township, having made a voluntary assignment of all the property, real, personal and mixed of said Matilda S. Lint to me in trust for the benefit of her creditors, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to her to make immediate payment to me, and all persons having claims against her to present them duly authenticated for settlement to me, at the office of Hay & Hay, Somerset, Pa., on Saturday, June 5, 1897.

VALENTINE HAY,
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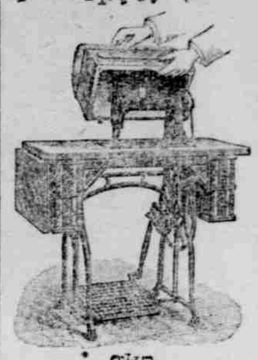

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of certain writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa., to me directed, there will be exposed to sale at the Court House, in Somerset borough, on

FRIDAY, MAY 21, '97,
At 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Mary Horner, of, in and to certain lot of ground situate in the village of Jenner X Roads, Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining the Bedford & Ligonier pike, lot of Samuel Bricker, and lands of Joseph Covode, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Mary Horner, at the suit of Daniel Biescecker.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Andrew Steinel, of, in and to a certain piece or parcel of land situate in Summit township, Somerset county, Pa., bounded on the north by the Martin Meyers lands, east by land of John Klingaman, and on the south and west by a public road, containing three acres, more or less, having thereon erected a log dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings, and an orchard of choice fruit trees growing on the premises.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Andrew Steinel, at the suit of A. Mankamler.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Clara Bell Vought and R. J. Vought, of, in and to a certain piece or parcel of land situate in Milford township, Somerset county, Pa., beginning at a stone corner at the public road leading from Peter Duff's to Geibhartsburg, thence north 19 degrees west 82 5-10 perches to stones, thence south 51 degrees and 2 5-10 perches to stones at the same public road, thence along said public road south 48 degrees west 14 perches to the place of beginning, containing ten acres and 74 perches strict measure.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Clara Bell Vought and R. J. Vought, at the suit of Julia H. Uhl.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Grant Shoemaker, of, in and to a certain tract of land situate in Larimer township, Somerset county, Pa., containing 130 acres