The Somerset Herald.

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HERALD gives us pleasure to speak well of a good article. "Garland" Stoves and Ranges are acknowledged to embody all that is near in that line. They have the reputation of being the best made. Though imitated by many, they are equaled by none.

Human nature is so strangely built that a man will run a square to tell the editor of a paper that a certain letter in a certain word in some particular paragraph was printed upside down, while the column article commending some meeting, association or movement in which he has a personal interest he never mentions.

Word comes from the Cumberland Valley that the peach crop will be the largest harvested for many years. After the April freeze many orchards could have been bought for a very small sum, while in the same orchards now the fruit is being thinned out and the trees propped up to prevent their breaking down.

The most interesting election ever held in Tyrone was conducted Wednesday, when the people there voted for a loan of $50,000 at a special election for the purchase of the Tyrone Gas & Water Company's plant. It was a spirited contest, as the Company was desirous of holding to their plant. The vote was one hundred and sixty-five majority in favor of the bonds.

State Treasurer Haywood has wired the different clerks of courts throughout the state asking for returns of the different kinds of liquor licenses granted by the courts. He wants to give the Governor an estimate of the revenues under the new revenue measures. Some of the copies of the clerks are very unsatisfactory because they do not specify the location of the licensed dealers. Under the new bill the dealers are classified as to cities, boroughs and townships.

In a month or less Senator Quay may be studying politics in the Old World. The Senator has received an invitation from a friend to accompany him on a European trip, and he is disposed to accept if should his Senatorial duties be in such shape as to permit him to leave. He and his friend are to leave in about a week, and the length of their stay abroad will probably depend upon whether or not the Senator's presence will be needed to take charge of the Republican convention the latter part of August.

Judge Mestrezat, of Fayette County, is examining closely the rush of foreigners who are clamoring to be made citizens. He had a batch before him last week and among other questions asked them if they had celebrated the Fourth. Of course they had, but only four could tell why or seemed to know anything about the laws and institutions of the State or country. All such were refused, and but six were granted citizenship. Another naturalization court will be held July 26th and 26th and all applicants will be closely scanned.

Salaries of teachers can be reduced with one blow of the ax of economy; but it may require years to restore them. In the meantime, the children will be the losers of what their fathers imagine to have gained. It is a poor recommendation to a school director to boast of having saved the tax payers some money by reducing the school term and the teachers' salary. He could have won greater merit yet—if merit it is—by closing the schools altogether. If teachers' salaries and school terms were higher than they ought to be, then there would be some reason in the cut which many districts are making.—School Gazette.

"Capt. George W. Skinner, pension agent, will make the largest aggregate payment of pensions that has ever been made from the Pittsburg office," says the Pittsburg Post of Wednesday. "Payments were commenced yesterday and the amount will likely exceed $1,750,000. The quarterly paying of pensioners has been delayed two or three days. Extra work was entailed by the addition of over 40 new names to the list. They were received from the commissioner of pensions on Friday, and all have now been put on the roll, so that they will get their first checks from the government some time this month. There are now over 65,000 names on the rolls of the Pittsburg office."

A refreshing summer drink is made from blackberry vinegar. Put the berries into a stone jar and mash them thoroughly; add cider vinegar to cover it well; stand in the sun all day and in the cellar all night, stirring well now and then; strain and put as many berries in the jar as were in it before; pour the strained sugar over them, mash and set in the sun all day; strain a second time the next day. To each quart of this juice add one pint of water and mix; then to each three pints of this mixed juice add five and a half pounds of white sugar. Place over the fire and stir until the sugar is dissolved. Let it come to a boil, remove the scum and then take off and strain. Bottle while warm and seal.

One thousand laths will cover seventy yards of surface, and eleven pounds of nails put them on. Eight bushels of good lime, fifteen bushels of sand, one bushel of hair, will make about enough mortar to plaster one hundred square yards. A cord of stone, three bushels of lime and a cubic yard of sand will lay one hundred cubic feet of wall. One thousand shingles laid four inches to the weather, will cover one hundred square feet of surface, and eight pounds of nails fastens them on. One-fifth more siding and flooring is needed than the number of square feet of surface, because of the lap in the siding and the matching of the floor. Five courses of brick will lay one foot in height on a chimney; six brick in a course will make a flue four inches wide and twelve long, and eight bricks in a course make a flue eight inches wide and sixteen long.

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James S. Beacom, of Westmoreland, for State Treasurer, and Major Levi McCauley, of West Chester, for Auditor-General, is the way the Republican State ticket will read after the August Convention unless there should be some unforseen slip in the political cogs. Senator Quay is said to desire a soldier on the ticket, which explains in part his friendliness for the Chester county man. He also wants to please Governor Hastings, who is the earnest backer of Major McCauley. Senator Hardenbergh will gracefully drop out of the fight for Auditor General and Senator Gobin's chances were spoiled by the split in his own county.

State-Chairman Elkin has returned from his home at Indiana and reports the Republican lines throughout the State, as indicated by the Delegate elections, in good shape. Senator Mitchell, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, is here and apprehends no serious trouble in the State this fall.—Harrisburg Telegraph.

Miss Emma Cook, of Johnstown, is a guest at the home of her uncle—Jonas M. Cook.

Mrs. Charles Hunsecker, of Norristown, Pa., is visiting at the home of her sister—Mrs. H. L. Baer.

Somerset and Berlin ball teams will try conclusions on the home grounds this afternoon at 2:30.

Misses Maud Dean and Myra Ross, of Addison, were the guests of Miss Bertha Cromwell, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Frances Fry and daughter, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of the former's mother—Mrs. H. G. Baer.

Mr. A. G. Benkhart, of Philadelphia, a former well-known citizen of this place, was a guest last week at the home of Mr. J. A. Lambert.

The Somerset borough school board will hold a meeting on August 3d for the purpose of electing a corps of teachers for the term of 1897-98.

Rev. J. A. Ballantyne, Presiding Elder McKeesport District, will preach in the Methodist church, on Sunday evening next. All are invited.

Rev. Yoder requests us to make the following announcements for next Sabbath: Preaching services at Husband at 10:30 a. m.; Lichty's 2:30 p. m.; Somerset 7:30 p. m.

Dr. M. H. Baker, a skillful young physician of Pittsburg, has located in Stoyestown, and will hereafter be associated permanently in practice with Dr. J. H. Gardner.

Messrs. J. D. Livengood and M. J. Beachy, two of Salisbury's substantial citizens and business men, were cirulating among their county seat friends on Friday and Saturday.

From the report of the State Superintendent it is learned that Wellersburg, this county, is one of only two districts in the State where no school tax is levied, the State appropriation being sufficient to maintain the schools.

Mrs. A. J. Schell and her daughter—Miss Lucy—of Connellsville, arrived in Berlin last Friday and will remain there for some time. Mrs. Schell is in delicate health and it is hoped that she will be greatly benefited by the mountain air.

Harvest has commenced in earnest. Wheat is ripening very rapidly and in a few instances has already been cut. A great deal of hay has already been made, and the crop is said to be a good one, resulting from the abundance of rain in the early season.

It would be an act of wisdom on the part of town council to have the several acres of land surrounding the pumping station, belonging the borough, planted with trees and shrubbery. The expenditure of a few dollars now would in the course of a few years transform an unsightly plot of ground into a pretty little park.

Mr. L. W. Brehm, the well-known baker, and Miss Ida Boyts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boyts, of Somerset township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on Sunday evening, 11th inst., Rev. D. L. Yoder officiating. A limited number of guests were present. A wedding supper followed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Ananias Menges, of near Hooversville, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage on June 27th, when a number of their friends and relatives assembled to offer their congratulations. An excellent supper was served in the early evening. The happy couple were the recipients of a number of valuable presents.

The B. & O. excursion to Pittsburg, Sunday, was well patronized. Seventy-two tickets were sold at the local station. When the train arrived there were several hundred people from the north of the county aboard. The excursion was run in two sections from Rockwood, arriving in Pittsburg about one o'clock. The excursionists arrived home at midnight.

Venerable Thomas Bird, aged eighty-one years, of Elkhart, Ind., is visiting at the homes of his brothers—Basil and Noah—in Addison township. Mr. Bird left Somerset county forty-four years ago and this is his first return visit. The old gentleman enjoys excellent health and is very happy among the scenes of his youth. Only a few of his boyhood friends survive.

The Meyersdale school board, at a meeting held Saturday, elected the following instructors for the ensuing term: Principal, Prof. J. C. Speicher; Assistant Principal, Ira Shaver; Grammar School Teachers, A. B. Grof and D. H. Bauman; teachers, Misses Lou Moore, Maud Stotler, Mame McNamara, Nell Rutter, Alice Burket, Sarah Wegley, Ida Shoemaker and Helen Schaff.

About a year ago W. F. Daniels, of near Connellsville, deserted his wife and could not be located. Mrs. Daniels had her husband's picture printed in the Pittsburg papers and detectives made many efforts to locate him. Last week a constable of Jennertown captured Daniels in the mountain above that place, where he had been working for a lumberman, and took him to Uniontown, where he was committed to jail.

Miss Mabel McKinley, who accompanied the President's party to Canton for the purpose of spending the Fourth of July with Mother McKinley, arrived here last week and will spend the greater part of the summer at the home of her parents. Shortly after her arrival a span of handsome Virginia horses for Miss McKinley's own use arrived. Among Miss McKinley's many accomplishments that of driving has not been overlooked, and she devotes several hours each day to driving over the country roads near town.

Rev. J. H. Sutherland, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Love for a few days last week, is an applicant for the Consulship at Jerusalem, and judging from the character of his endorsements he will likely secure the appointment. It may be said that Rev. Sutherland is the candidate of the Presbyterian church for this desirable mission, since he is endorsed by the leading men of that denomination throughout the country. Another point in his favor is the fact that he is on friendly terms with President McKinley and the members of his family.

Mr. J. H. Ware, wife and two small sons, spent several hours in town Monday, on their way home from a visit to the former's parents—Mr. and Mrs. Amos Ware—in Allegheny township. When 4 or 5 miles east of town one of the wheels of the carriage in which they were riding gave way, throwing the occupants to the ground. Fortunately none of them were seriously injured, Mrs. Ware sustaining only a few slight bruises. Mr. Ware borrowed a spring wagon from a farmer in which he conveyed his family to Somerset, and afterwards returned for the disabled carriage, which was repaired by a local mechanic.

A large barn belonging to Emanuel Ash, of Jenner township, was set on fire by a bolt of lightning last Tuesday evening and was entirely destroyed. It is said forty tons of hay were stored in the building, all of which was consumed by the flames, together with a large lot of farming implements and machinery. A Jenner township gentleman, in speaking of the fire yesterday, said the destruction of the Ash barn makes the fifth barn in that immediate vicinity that has been fired by lightning during the past two years, a remakable coincidence being that all of the barns destroyed were located on adjoining farms.

GOT THEIR "BUMPS."

"Maroons" Fearfully Thumped by Berlin.

The road from Berlin to Somerset was mighty long Friday night for the "Maroons" and "rooters" who had journeyed across the county earlier in the day with the avowed intention of wrestling a second victory from Berlin. In fact the "Maroons" were so confident of their ability to "best" Berlin a second time and had proclaimed their purpose so frequently and loudly in advance that they had some misgivings as to how they would be received after their crushing defeat, and, therefore, slunk into town under the cover of night. A more thoroughly dejected and humiliated ball team would be hard to find.

The credit for winning the game for Berlin must be accorded to "Red" Davis, whose work in the box was the fastest the "Maroons" ever run up against. Davis was on his own "claim" and anxious to retrieve whatever prestege he had lost in the former game with Somerset, and he went about his work with a grim determination that struck terror to the hearts of his adversaries. As the game proceeded Davis' strength and cunning seemed to grow and at times he hurled the ball with the momentum of a runaway engine on a down grade, with the exception that he kept perfect control of his machinery. Twice, thrice, four times he caught the "Maroons" with two slow "drop" balls, followed by a swift inshoot. The faces of the "Maroon' batters when they were called out on strikes would have been a profitable study for a comic valentine printer. Davis' work with the stick, too, was phenominal. At one juncture of the game with three men on bases he pounded out a home run, bringing in four scores, and the way his legs flew over the ground would have excited the admiration of a starving grasshopper. The long and the short of it is that "Red" Davis plays ball, good ball, winning ball, and is a dangerous man for amateur players to run against. He was admirably supported by Hall, Woods, Snyder, Landis and others.

Swindell lacked steam and apparently only used one curve, which was readily recognized by the Berliners, none of whom experienced any difficulty in locating the ball and pounding it for safe hits. Swindell is a very pretty and graceful player, but unless he shows marked improvement he can't be placed in the same class with Davis. Crawford played his usual fine game, as did Uhl and Saylor, the latter having a three-bag hit to his credit. Most of the errors charged to the "Maroons" were inexcusable, and Haws' failure to connect with the ball was most surprising.

Umpire Hunter was very satisfactory to the spectators and to the winning team, and in all fairness it must be said that the objections filed by the "Maroons" against his decisions were unfounded. It was the cleanest piece of umpiring ever seen in the county.

BERLIN	R	H	P	A	E	SOMER.	R	H	P	A	E
Hall, c	2	2	8	5	0	Pugh, 1	1	0	7	0	0
Metzgar, r.f	2	2	0	0	0	Crawf'd, c.f	0	3	4	3	1
Kim'l, m	0	0	0	0	0	Uhl, l	2	2	4	0	2
Snyder, l	2	1	15	0	0	Haws, s	2	1	2	4	1
Erhart, s	2	2	0	1	2	Pick'g, 3	0	2	1	2	0
Fogle, 1	2	1	2	0	0	Hess, 1	1	1	1	0	2
Landis, 3	1	1	2	3	0	Witt, 2	0	2	1	1	2
Woods, 2	4	2	2	2	0	Saylor, r.f	1	1	1	0	0
Davis, p	3	4	0	5	1	Swind'l, p	1	2	1	1	1
Totals	18	15	27	16	3	Totals	7	15	24	13	9

Score by innings:

Berlin	3	0	2	6	1	1	2	1	x	—	18
Somerset	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	—	7

Summary:—Earned Runs—Berlin 7, Somerset 2. Home Run—Davis. Three Base Hits—Woods 2, Saylor. Two Base Hits—Davis 2, Hall, Fogle, Uhl. Sacrifice Hits—Davis, Landis, Crawford 2. Bases on Balls—Hall, Kimmel, Pugh, Pickling, Witt, Haws, Swindell. Hit by Pitcher—Fogle, Woods, Harlan. First Base on Errors—Berlin 5, Somerset 1. Left on Bases—Berlin 5, Somerset 12. Stolen Bases—Hall, Metzgar, Snyder, Crawford, Haws, Pickling. Passed Balls—Hall 3. Wild Pitches—Davis 2. Struck Out—Fogle, Landis, Kimmel, 4, Pugh, 4, Uhl, Haws 3, Witt, Harlan. Time—3:15. Umpire—Dr. Hunter.

THE OLD STORY.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Handles a Revolver With Fatal Results.

Word reached here Monday of the death of Robert Good, a thirteen-year-old boy, recently indentured by the Childrens' Aid Society of Somerset county to a farmer living near Grantsville, Md.

From the meagre particulars at hand it appears that the lad and a companion of about the same age found a revolver in a bureau drawer on Sunday afternoon, and while playing with the weapon, which they supposed to be unloaded, it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering young Good's body above his left hip and coming out near the pit of his stomach. The wounded lad lingered until 11:30 o'clock Monday morning when he died, notwithstanding the fact that he had the attention of a skillful physician.

The dead boy formerly lived with the family of Henry Fisher, of near Somerset, but he was incorrigible and Mr. Fisher had him placed in the County Home. He is said to have been an unusually bright lad.

Answer to Correspondents.

B. B., Confluence—We do not think that popular song, "I'm a Good Old Kicker," has been set to band music yet.

H. S., Friedens—So far as we know the child has not been named yet. It's condition is precarious and but small hopes for its life are entertained. It is said that the mid-wife deserted it and started east, over-land, Tuesday morning. If it survives it may be called "Kicker," "Disorganize," "Fakir," or "Rump." Any old thing will do.

E. L., Meyersdale—The actual vote polled at the fake primary was 1858—not 4,000. 4,000 was what the "leaders" said would be polled, but as usual, they were slightly "off."

O. B., Sand Patch—The cries "from the cellar," that disturbed Mr. Kooser when making his rump convention speech may have emanated from Pritts' ghost, said to haunt that place.

N. S., Ursina—You are right—it was in 1896 that Mr. K. carried the county for Congress, not in 1886.

Who Shall Name the Baby?

The question as to whether the naming of the baby belongs, as a matter of right, to the baby's father or to the baby's mother is raised in a queer lawsuit originating in Eastkill, in the heart of the Catskill Mountains. The plaintiff is Ole Halverson, a Swede, who cultivates a small farm on the mountain side. He has sued for damages the Rev. J. G. Remerton, a German Lutheran minister of the same place, and the pleadings set forth the following state of facts: Mr. and Mrs. Halverson have a son of tender years. The former desired that the boy should be called Oscar, after the present monarch of Mr. Halverson's fatherland. Mrs. Halverson dislikes the name of Oscar, and was determined that the baby should not be burdened therewith. Mr. and Mrs. Halverson took the baby to the clergyman to be christened. Mr. Halverson requested the minister to name the child Oscar, but Mrs. Halverson had already talked the reverend gentleman over, and to Mr. Halverson's surprise and indignation the boy was christened not Oscar, but something else, whereby Mr. Halverson suffered serious disappointment, loss of authority in his household, laceration of feelings, etc., for which he prays damages. The clergyman's defense is that he christened the child in accordance with the wishes of its mother, whose rights in the premises he considered paramount. The case brings up a novel question in jurisprudence, the decision of which will be regarded with interest in thousands of families throughout the land.—Albany Law Journal.

Wool Wanted.

Farmers—Bring your Wool to our Factory one mile South of Somerset. We will trade you goods for it or pay you the highest cash price. Carding and spinning done on short notice. Good work guaranteed.

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Woolen Manufacturers,
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Some New Laws.

Here is a queer kind of an act that passed the legislature. It authorizes the free transportation of school children, and is as follows:

AN ACT

To authorize school directors and controllers to provide transportation for school children, at the expense of the district, to the public schools of the district in which they reside, or to the schools of neighboring districts.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act the school directors of any district, by the affirmative votes of the majority of the board duly recorded on the minutes, may provide transportation for the children, at the expense of their respective districts, to and from any school in the district in which the children have their residence or of neighboring districts: Provided however, That the provisions of this act shall apply only to the pupils of schools, which in the discretion of the board of school directors, have been closed by reason of small attendance: And provided further, That it shall apply only to pupils that have a greater distance to travel or are placed at greater inconvenience than before such schools were closed: And provided further, That the cost of transportation per pupil shall not exceed the cost of maintaining per pupil the schools thus closed.

Section 2. The expense incurred providing for transportation of school children under this act, and tuition for education when admitted to the schools of other districts, shall be paid by the treasurer of the district in which the children have their place of residence, upon the order of the school board of directors; and no member of the board or other official of the township, borough or school district shall be a party to any contract or agreement with the board, or receive any remuneartion for services rendered to the district in conveying children to or from any school.

Approved—The 22d day of June, A. D. 1897. DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

Other educational bills that have become laws require every public school to be supplied with a copy of each edition of Smull's legislative handbook, authorize boroughs to establish free public libraries, permit the employment of teachers of typewriting and stenography in the public schools without certificates, authorize school directors to establish free kindergartens, allow school children to use the books during vacation.

TO ENCOURAGE FORESTRY.

AN ACT

For the preservation of forests and partially relieving forest lands from taxation.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That in consideration of the public benefit to be derived from the retention of forest or timber trees, the owner or owners of land in this Commonwealth, having on it forest or timber trees of not less than fifty trees to the acre, and of said trees to measure at least eight inches in diameter at a height of six feet above the surface of the ground, with no portion of the said land absolutely cleared of the said trees, shall on making due proof thereof, be entitled to receive annually from the commissioners of their respective counties during the period that the said trees are maintained in sound condition upon the said land, a sum equal to eighty per centum of all taxes annually assessed and paid upon the said land, or so much of the said eighty per centum as shall not exceed the sum of forty-five cents per acre: Provided however, That no one property owner shall be entitled to receive said sum on more than fifty acres.

Section 2. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved—The 25th day of May, A. D., 1897. DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

TIME OF TAKING THE TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT.

One of the new laws will change the time of making the triennial assessment, next fall. It is as follows:

AN ACT

To designate a uniform date when the commissioners of the several counties shall issue their precepts to assessors to make the triennial assessment of property, and fixing a time for the return thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the commissioners of the several counties of this Commonwealth shall issue their precepts to make the triennial assessment of property of the assessors of their respective townships, boroughs, wards and districts on or before the second Monday of September; and the said assessors are hereby required to complete the said assessment and to make their return thereof not later than the thirty-first day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven, and triennially thereafter: Provided, That the commissioners of the several counties of the Commonwealth may, at the time of issuing their precepts as aforesaid, direct the return thereof to be at any time before the said thirty-first day of December.

Section 2. That all laws or parts of laws, general or local, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved—The 20th day of April A. D., 1897. DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

MERCANTILE TAX LAW.

The new Mercantile Tax bill is in the nature of an equalization of a former inequitable law. The small merchants in the cities have been complaining for years that the mercantile tax was not imposed in a way that was fair to them. They claimed that the big dealer was not paying his fair proportion of the tax. The first law of this character was passed in 1844. It made fourteen classes, the smallest of which was for a business of $1000, and the largest for a business of $300,000. In 1866 it was extended so as to take in a business of $5,000,000.

In the last twenty years the volume of business has increased so and the consolidation of interests have become so prevalent that scores of establishments in the state have been doing a business not only of $5,000,000 but of $10,000,000 and some over that. The new law is intended to cover this class. Up to the sum of $50,000 there is no difference from the rate paid at the present time. The changes or increases on those doing more than that amount of business. The grades are equitable and as they go higher the rate is made slightly lower in proportion. It is a uniform grade, and in the end is likely to commend itself to those who are called upon to pay the tax. One thing is certain, it is in the interest of the smaller dealers.

Judge Gives His Reasons.

Judge Joseph Hemphill, who made the ruling that naturalization papers will not be granted by the Chester County Court to those foreigners unable to read the English language, says he was induced to make the ruling by these two consideration:

"First—Our compulsory education law requires natives to qualify themselves for American citizenship, and I did not feel it would be proper to prefer or favor foreigners over native born.

"Second—The number applying at this time for naturalization who had been in the country for some 25 or 30 years satisfied me their applications were made not for the purpose of securing the rights, privileges ond honors of American citizenship, but solely for the purpose of relieving themselves from a petty tax of three cents per diem. The naturalization laws were not purposed to aid such people to accomplish such ends, consequently my rule."

To Live Well

is the aim of everyone. What is more essential to attain than health and happiness, comfortably warmed homes and properly cooked food? "Garland" Stoves and Ranges accomplish these results, and are guaranteed to be the best that money and ingenuity can make.

William Henry, a justice of the peace at Apollo, a few days age, celebrated his 91st birthday. He has filled the office of justice for nearly half a century.

A MOONSHINE RAID.

TWO BROTHERS WERE CAUGHT.

One of Them Was in The Act of Filling the Still.

Deputy U. S. Marshal Frank J. Campbell, of Connellsville, Saturday afternoon arrested Louis and David Ansell, of Fayette county, near the Somerset county line, on a charge of manufacturing moonshine whiskey. The prisoners were taken to Uniontown and placed in jail, pending a hearing before a U. S. Commissioner.

The home of the Ansells is in a wild and secluded spot, out of the way of travel. They had built their still on the hillside, some distance from their home, at a point where it was well hidden and where they could see the approach of strangers easily. Mr. Campbell had previously located the still by the smoke from it and he knew the difficulty there would be in reaching it. He got the lay of the land, and when he led his posse to the mountains on Saturday he had his plans well in hand.

Knowing that one of the Ansells would be on the lookout, he led his men around the mountain and made the ascent from the side where they would be safe from the observation of the moonshiners. They crept cautiously along the hill guided by the smoke from the still, and succeeded in reaching it before they were discovered.

They found Louis Ansell just in the act of pouring a bucketful of yeast into the still, and to avoid trouble they got their guns in line with him and ordered him to surrender, which he did without a question. A couple of the men with Mr. Campbell went down the hillside a short distance and they found David Ansell, on watch, they say.

Louis declared that he alone had any interest in the still. He said his brother was not on watch and had had nothing whatever to do with the running of the still.

It is said that the Ansells were caught through their own indiscretion in selling the stuff.

Ordinarily only a tried and trusted man could buy whisky from the mountaineer distillers, and then only after he had gone through secret forms sufficient to have admitted him to fellowship in any lodge. But the moonshiners were having so little trouble that they made the conditions of purchase much easier, and any person with an acquaintance in the mountains did not need to suffer from cramps.

It is said that the government officers have information of other stills, and expect to raid them soon. The arrest of the Ansells will likely spread some alarm in the mountains, and the moonshiners will no doubt draw the lines tighter to avoid outside interference.

Hon. Cyrus Coleman's Estate.

An item has been going the rounds of our exchanges in regard to a fortune bequeathed by the late Hon. Cyrus Coleman, of California, to a Somerset county young lady, at present employed in a Greensburg millinery establishment. Unfortunately for the young lady in question the story is without foundation.

The first distribution of Mr. Coleman's estate was made a few days ago among the three heirs, Mrs. Frank Weimer, of this place, Mrs. I. D. Leydig, of Glenco, and Mrs. O. L. Barnes, of California, all neices of the decedent, each of whom received about $1100.

Mr. Coleman's will, which was not found until some time after his death, provided that his body should be cremated and his ashes interred in the cemetry at Berlin. This request could not be complied with, owing to the fact of the body having been buried for so long a period before the will was brought to light, but the California court has decreed that the body shall be removed to Berlin for burial at a future date, and has directed the administrator to withhold a sufficient sum from the decedent's estate to bear the expense of removal and reburial.

The distribution referred to above was made from the personal property and life insurance of the deceased and represents about three-fifths of that portion of his estate, the balance having been consumed by the California anthorities.

Mr. Coleman left a lot of real estate which is yet to be disposed of, the value of which is unknown here.

Big Time at Friedens.

The members of Friedens Council Jr., O. U. A. M., are going ahead with a vim to make the sixth annual reunion of that patriotic order, which will be celebrated in Pelion Grove, at that place on Saturday, July 31st, the most notable celebration of the year. The grove is admirably adapted for the entertainment of a large crowd, such as will be present on this occasion, and everything possible will be done looking towards the comfort and entertainment of all. Among the features of the day will be an address by Congressman J. D. Hicks. Other able speakers will also be in attendance. Baseball will claim the attention of lovers of the National game in the afternoon; dance music will be provided for for all who desire to "tred a measure" in the splendid pavilion. Invitations have been issued to all of the Councils in this county and to a number of Cambria County Councils to be present, and a general invitation is extended to the public.

Mercantile License Tax.

State Senator Mitchell, of Jefferson county, who is the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee is a merchant, and for that reason is much interested in the discussion relative to the new mercantile tax law. He has been engaged in the mercantile business for more than a score of years and is therefore familiar with the subject in all of its details, when asked for an opinion upon the new mercantile tax law he replied:

"In my opinion the provisions of the law are just and equitable. Every thoughtful merchant has been impressed with the very great inequalities of the old law. For several years the small storekeepers have been agitating the question and in different parts of the State they are forming the the Anti-Department Store Association for the purpose of equalizing the burdens of taxation so that the large merchant will have to pay tax in proportion to the business he transacts. Under the present law a merchant who does a business amounting to $1,000 a year pays a mercantile tax of $7. If the larger merchant were taxed at the same rate on the amount of business transacted, a $10,000 business would pay $70; $100,000, $700; $1,000,000, $7,000, and $10,000,000, $70,000 annually. Under the present law, however, the merchant who does a business of $10,000,000 annually only pays $1,000 in tax. This is so unfair that the mere statement of it carries with it a condemnation of the old law. So far as I have been able to ascertain the sentiment of the merchants generally the new law is favored when its provisions are understood.

"The new law will affect but a very small proportion of the merchants in the State. For instance, in the city of Philadelphia alone there were 21,285 merchants who paid a mercantile tax in 1896. There is no difference in the rate imposed under the new and old law up to $50,000. In the city of Philadelphia 20,046 dealers do a business, as reported to the Auditor General, of less than $50,000 a year. Nine hundred and seventy-nine do a business amounting to more than $50,000 a year. In other words, the new law will not affect 20,306 dealers in the city of Philadelphia. The rate will be increased on the remaining 979 dealers. But the increase is in the line of exact justice and equality. It requires the large dealer to pay a tax somewhat in proportion to the volume of business transacted. The more the new law is discussed and understood the more favor will it have in the eyes of the people."

Crops in Somerset County.

Mr. Jacob I. Kaufman, writing from Davidsville on July 3d, thus intelligently epitomizes the condition of crops in his neighborhood and in Somerset county:

"I have been making hay, or helping to make hay, for over fifty years, and the one just passed has been the best week, for the first week in haymaking, that I have ever known. We commenced cutting on Saturday last, and will have made by this evening not less than twenty-five tons of good clover hay. This is more than either my father or myself ever succeeded in harvesting in a corresponding period, and our combined experiences extend back for a good many years. In Conemaugh township generally the hay crop is good, but a visit to Quemahoning shows that it will be light there. This is largely accounted for by the fact that we had a good soaking rain two weeks ago, while they had none at all; nor was there enough to amount to anything in the southern part of Conemaugh.

"Our wheat crop, as well as our hay crop, will be good; some old fields are better than they have been for fifty years. Oats looks well. Corn is late, but is doing well, and may yield a fair crop. Potatoes will not be as good as for the past two years. Apples will be a light crop; pears, half a crop; cherries, a quarter crop; berries, a full crop; grapes, a good crop at some places, but in low grounds they were hurt by late frosts. Peaches will be a full crop where there are trees, but the last few winters the old trees were nearly all frozen."—Johnstown Tribune.

Fatal Cherry Picking.

Mrs. John Bailey, of Daley, Shade township, while picking cherries on the farm of Emanuel Manges, near that place, last Thursday, lost her balance and fell from the top of a tree, a distance of some thirty feet. In her descent she struck with her left side against a pole propped against the fence and died almost instantly. The blow in the side was just over the heart.

There were several children with Mrs. Bailey when she fell, and they at once raised an alarm, but when assistance arrived the unfortunate woman was dead. Mr. Bailey was in Schellsburg, Bedford County, when the accident happened, having left his wife at the Manges farm on his way to that place in the morning.

Besides her husband the deceased leaves six children—three sons and three daughters. She was a member of the U. B. Church and highly respected and esteemed by everybody in and about Daley.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

Suicide From Home Sickness.

The town of Markleysburg, in the mountain of Fayette County, was greatly excited Friday evening by the discovery in the mountains of the dead body of Elizabeth Winn, a 14-year-old girl, with a bullet hole straight through her heart. The suicide was the result of despondency and loneliness.

The girl was an orphan whose parents died at Homestead several years ago and she had since lived with a family named Altman. The Altman family recently moved from Homestead to Markleysburg and the young girl could not become reconciled to the change and wanted to go back to Homestead.

Several weeks ago she started on foot for Homestead and after three days' wanderings was found and brought back to Markleysburg. Friday she took a revolver from the coat of one of the boys while he was at dinner and at once went some distance into the woods.

She wrote a note before she fired the fatal shot, saying she had good reason for killing herself, but would not divulge it, as it would do nobody any good. The note expressed a desire to have her body buried beside her mother at Homestead, but she was buried near the spot where she ended her life.

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I will sell while this car lasts at following prices for cash:—

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Big Fight On.

There is a big fight on in Dunbar township, Fayette county, over the road question. Dunbar township has been operating under a special law similar to the Luzerne law. The roads were in charge of three commissioners who divided the roads into sections of not more than a mile each. The contracts for keeping the roads were awarded to the lowest bidder, one section at a time and for three years. Last year the contract was let and the total for all the roads for the three years was only $4,500, or $1,500 a year. Despite this low price, the petitioners aver, the commissioners levied a tax of five mills for this year, which on the assessed valuation of the property of the township would raise a sum of $19,700, or over twelve times the amount of the legal contract.

The petitioners allege the commissioners gave private contracts for repairing the roads on which they spent large sums of money annually. The court has appointed Robert R. Smith and M. J. Tully supervisors for whose levy the petitioners will wait before taking further action.

Boy Cut to Pieces by a Mowing Machine.

William H., the 8-year-old son of Alexander Weaver of Richland township, Cambria County, was killed by being caught in a reaping machine on his father's farm Saturday.

The lad was carrying water to his father and the latter's assistant who were cutting grain in a field. About 11 o'clock in the morning, after the lad had made one of his trips, he crawled upon the machine while his father was oiling it and took the lines in his hands. As he did so the horses started off, but were quickly stopped by Mr. Weaver. Too late, however, for in a few short seconds that elapsed between the time the horses started and when they were stopped little William had been thrown under the knife of the machine. Both legs were caught and so badly mangled that he died two hours afterward.

Mt. Moriah Items.

Mrs. H. D. Rhoads, of Husband, has become a member of her son William's family, at this place.

A young son of Daniel Long was thrown from a hay rake last Thursday. Among other injuries sustained was a fractured leg, which was reduced by Dr. Louther, of Stoyestown.

Jonathan Rhoads, of Johnstown, spent several days—including last Sunday—at his old home near here.

The Horner Lutheran Sunday School will hold their annual picnic in the beautiful Muller Grove, near the Church, on Saturday, August 14th.

The potato bug crop has never been more prolific than the present season.

The hay crop is considerably below the average in this section.

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Public Sale

OF

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale on the premises in Quemahoning township, on

Thursday, August 19, 1897,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate of James M. Ankeny, dec'd.

A certain tract of land situate in Quemahoning township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of John Horner, Christian Schlegle, Cyrus Ankeny's estate, E. E. Ankeny, Joseph Hummel and others, containing 75 acres and 32 perches, more or less, being the same tract of land conveyed by the administrators of Cyrus Ankeny, dec'd, to Wm. H. Ankeny, and by Wm. H. Ankeny to James M. Ankeny, now dec'd, (see deed record, volume 56, pages 282,) about 20 acres clear, balance timber, with large frame house, bank barn and other outbuildings; also apple and peach orchards, and never-failing spring on the farm. This farm will be sold subject to a dower of $611.02, the interest on same to be paid by the purchaser to Elizabeth Ankeny, widow of Cyrus Ankeny, dec'd, and at her death the principle to the heirs of Cyrus Ankeny, dec'd. This farm is in good condition and in a good section of the county, close to school and church and only a short distance from the railroad and Stoyestown and Hooversville.

Terms:

Ten per cent. cash on day of sale or secured to be paid; the