The Somerset Herald.

EDWARD SCULL, Editor and Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY.....December 29, 1897.

MAY the New Year be a happy and prosperous one to the HERALD's many readers.

AS THE New Year approaches the different candidates for the Republican nomination for Governor are brightening up their booms.

WITH the passing of 1897 there will be a new face at the door of Greater New York, but the same old boss will direct its movements.

A SOUTH American paper issued an extra stating that war had been proclaimed between the United States and Spain. It was, apparently, a dull afternoon for news.

THE wheat crop of 1897 in the United States is footed up at 530,000,000 bushels. It is a solid item of wealth, and stands on its own merits, regardless of currency cranks.

SENATOR QUAY announces that he will take no part in the nomination for governor. His enemies, however, will continue to denounce every candidate they oppose as "Quay's man."

CANADA has placed a tax of two dollars a gallon on whisky going into the Klondike country "in order to stop the traffic." The figure looks more like a revenue raiser than a moral barrier.

THE total population of Hawaii is 87,000, or about one-twenty-fifth that of New York City. They could all be put in a corner of that cosmopolitan city and "assimilated" without much trouble.

BY AN act of the Legislature, approved May 26, 1897, all dairy cows and neat cattle for breeding purposes brought into the State from other States will, after January 1, 1898, be subject to quarantine regulations pending an inspection.

SHOULD Congressman Grosvernor ever have presidential aspirations, he would be sure to receive the unqualified support of the vast army of patriots who have failed to pass a civil service examination.

PENSION COMMISSIONER EVANS is opposed to the civil service law. He says he would as soon run the chance of drawing a prize in a Louisiana lottery as to get an efficient clerk through the civil service law.

AUDITOR GENERAL MYLIN, State Treasurer Haywood and Senator McCarrell, the active members of the commission charged with the erection of a new Capitol, declare that the new State house will be ready for the next session of the Legislature.

FIGURES just published in a New York journal show that the number of unemployed men in that city has been reduced by 33,000 since the Christmas of a year ago. No better holiday news could be printed than that.

IT IS claimed that the Administration is able to appoint but one out of every eighty who apply for office. For further particulars concerning the seventy-nine who are disappointed, says the Washington Post, see next year's Congressional election returns.

THE present strength of the United States navy is officially stated at 180 vessels of all kinds, including 9 first-class battleships, 2 second-class battleships, 2 armored cruisers, 6 double-turreted monitors, 13 single-turreted monitors, 13 unprotected cruisers, and 10 gunboats. It is gratifying to learn that the number of steel torpedo-boats has been increased to twenty-two.

A FRENCH physician has, apparently, proved to a certainty that the contagious period in whooping cough comes previous to the appearance of the "whoop." Now the questions arise: How are children to be guarded against the contagion, and of what use is it to quarantine them against going to school after the "whoop" has made it evident that they have the disease? These are questions which puzzle the boards of health.

JOSIAH QUINCY is again Mayor of Boston by a good majority, which only carries out the rule that whenever we elect a Republican President, in the year following Boston elects a Democratic Mayor. The rule has never been known to fail. There is nothing significant in the election of Josiah Quincy. He is an honest man, and makes a good Mayor. The only thing laid up against him is that he refused to shake hands with John L. Sullivan.

THE Republican State Convention has been called to meet at Harrisburg on Thursday, June 2, '98. While the date fixed is a little earlier than usual, there is no reason why it should not give general satisfaction. There is an abundance of time for preparation, and June is usually the most pleasant month of the year. While it is freely predicted that this will be a red-hot year in Pennsylvania politics, it may turn out to be a mistaken notion.

POSTMASTER GENERAL GARY has decided to order a special issue of stamps commemorative of the holding of the trans-Mississippi Exposition at Omaha the coming year. This is done at the request of persons prominent in the management of the Exposition. They will be of the denominations of one cent, two cent, five cent, ten cent and one dollar. Suggestions for designs for the new issue will be received at the postoffice department from any person who desires to submit them.

ACCORDING to some newspapers the negroes of the South are very corrupt, and their acceptance of money for their votes is a menace to popular government in that region. What about the Australian ballot? That system of voting is in vogue at the present time in almost all of the States, and probably will be in operation in all of them by 1900. There is a good corrective of corruption here. Nobody will give a negro or a white man a cent for his vote in any community which has the secret ballot, because nobody except the voter knows how he votes, or can find out unless the voter tells. These stories about bribery, bulldozing and general corruption and oppression were exploited in 1896 by Popocrats from Bryan and Altgeld downward, but the country, of course, laughed at them, as it will laugh now at the tales that great sums of money are spent in the South to buy up negroes on election day.

BIG PHILADELPHIA BANK FAILURE.

Wm. M. Singerly, Prominent in Political and Financial Circles, President of the Concern.

A sensation was created throughout the country last Thursday by the announcement of the suspension of the Chestnut Street National Bank of Philadelphia, regarded as one of the strongest financial institutions in the city. The suspension carried with it the closing of the Chestnut Street Trust and Saving Fund company, doing business under the State banking laws. William M. Singerly, publisher of the Philadelphia "Record," is President of both companies, and the same men with one exception, act as officers and directors.

The first information the public received was in the form of a notice posted on the door of the building occupied jointly by the two concerns, signed by National Bank Examiner William M. Hardt, to the effect that the Chestnut Street bank had closed its doors pending an investigation of its affairs. No statement of assests and liabilities to date is available, but it is stated that the deposits of the Chestnut Street bank amounted to $1,700,000 and of the Trust company $1,300,000.

President Singerly gave out a brief statement in which he said: "We are working to secure the indebtedness of the two banks so that they can go into voluntary liquidation, and thus avoid a receivership." Deputy Comptroller of the Treasury G. M. Coffin, who was sent here from Washington by Comptroller Eckels, said: "The matter of putting the Chestnut Street bank in voluntary liquidation has been taken up by Philadelphia men of great financial ability. Their first step will be to ascertain the value of the assets of the bank. They must first be satisfied that they have a value sufficient to warrant them in assuming the indebtedness. These gentlemen are in consultation tonight, and the belief is strong that they will provide the funds necessary for a voluntary liquidation of the two banks.

The Record published the following editorial Friday morning:

"The Record is compelled to make a painful personal announcement this morning. Owing to the financial embarrassment of William M. Singerly, president of the Record Publishing company, the Chestnut Street National bank and the Chestnut Street Trust and Savings Fund company were obliged to suspend business Friday. The weight which proved too heavy for Mr. Singerly to carry was his large investment in the Singerly pulp and paper mills, at Elkton, Md. The extreme shrinkage in the price of paper and the resulting depreciation in the value of this property, was the primary cause of his embarrassment, and of the suspension of the bank and trust company with which he has been so closely identified. An extraordinary effort was made before the announcement of the suspension Friday to tide over the difficulty, and Mr. Singerly's friends rallied to his assistance with rare generosity and fidelity; but it was found impracticable to turn the assets at his disposal into a shape to meet immediate requirement. A complete statement of the condition of the Chestnut Street National bank will soon be available. It is probable that such arrangements will be perfected as will enable the bank to liquidate its obligations without the necessity or delay of a receivership. In the 'Record' property Mr. Singerly has a valuable asset. The earnings of this journal for the past year in excess of all expenditures have been $310,000. With such a moneymaker to fall back upon, and with a grim determination to pay every dollar he owes, he hopes to redeem his credit and satisfy his creditors."

Secretary Herbert's Daughter Suicides.

Washington social circles were shocked Wednesday by news of the suicide of Miss Lelia Herbert, daughter of the ex-secretary of the navy. She jumped from the third story window of her father's residence, and sustained injuries which almost immediately caused death.

Miss Herbert at the time of the occurrence was suffering from acute melancholia. It developed several weeks ago as the final result of injuries received by being thrown from her horse in Virginia last September.

The melancholia was not insanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the same time there was profound depression and, as is always the case in this type of disease, there was great danger that suicidal tendencies would develop. For this reason nurses were provided to maintain the closest watchfulness.

Early Wednesday morning the nurse on duty noticed a small spot of blood on the bed covering and she inquired what it meant, but the invalid endeavored to pass it by lightly. On making an investigation, however, the nurse found that the under bed clothes were saturated with blood and that Miss Herbert had severed the artery of her wrist with a pair of scissors. Feeling that the emergency was great, the nurse hastened to the door and called an alarm.

In this moguentary withdrawal from the bedside Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from the window.

MAN AND WIFE MURDERED.

Milton And Rebecca Neal Found With Heads Almost Blown Off.

BLAIRSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—The most shocking double murder in the history of Indiana county was committed yesterday near Jacksonville, 11 miles west of Blairsville. John Milton Neal, a prosperous farmer, and Rebecca Neal, his wife, both aged 59 years, were shot down in the sitting room of their home, the head of the woman having been entirely blown off. There is no clue to the fiends who committed the crime, and it is believed their only purpose was robbery. Only about $30 is missing.

A Physician's Personal Experience With Discharge from the Ears.

While discussing the subject of specialties in medicine, and the growing confidence in Specialists, Dr. A. B. Travis, Bellevue, Pa., a graduate of the Cleveland Medical College, related a personal experience. He said: "When I was ten years old I had scarlet fever. As usual—very common—I had a purulent discharge from one ear. This continued without relief. I expected, when I came to attend Medical Lectures, to obtain relief through some of the professors. After consulting with several, and a course of treatment by the Professor of Surgery, I was told a permanent cure was impossible. In 1880, thirty-five years after the beginning, I consulted Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue Pittsburgh, and, to my delight, in four months he had me cured. I have never had a particle of the trouble since. Now you can see why I believe in specialties in medicine, and never hesitate to recommend such specialists as Dr. Sadler."

Gypsy Queen Eloped.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 23.—A large camp of gypsies about a mile above Moorefield, W. Va., was thrown into consternation yesterday by the elopement of the queen, a handsome young woman, with Bert McCall, a horse trader from Virginia. When the elopement was discovered, the whole encampment turned out, but the night was very dark and as the elopers had a good start, they were not overtaken. The woman has a husband in New York, whom she deserted, and McCall is a married man, his wife living on his farm in Virginia. The woman took her baby along.

THE HOMELIEST MAN IN SOMERSET,

As well as the handsomest, and others are invited to call on any druggist and get FREE a trial bottle of Kemp's Balsam for the Throat and Lungs, a remedy that is guaranteed to cure and relieve all Chronic and Acute Coughs, Asthma, Bronchitis and Consumption. Price 25c. and 50c.

Riddled With Bullets.

Steven Spellen, of DuBois, Pa., who Wednesday night murdered Michael Raher, was captured Thursday morning after keeping a posse of officers at bay all night. He fought until the last and did not desert his house until a threat was made to burn him out. Even then he made a dash for liberty and sought safety in a deep water shaft, from which place he was dislodged by turning steam and hot water upon him. Forced to vacate the shaft, Spellen faced the officers and returned shot for shot until he fell riddled with buckshot and bullets.

Raher lived next door to Spellen. Wednesday he called on Nora Spellen, a sister of the murderer. The two men had no harsh words before the shooting, but there was a grudge between them on account of some trouble they had about five months ago. While Raher and the girl were sitting in the front room together, her brother Steven stepped in with the gun in his hand and fired at Raher at close range, killing him instantly. The girl ran out of the house, leaving there her brother and her father, who was in an upper room sick, and the dead body of her lover. Spellen then dragged Raher's body out of the house feet first. He returned to the house and barred the doors. Miss Spellen ran to the house of another brother, Joseph Spellen, who gave the alarm and notified the police of what had occurred.

A messenger was sent for men enough to thoroughly guard the house. Fourteen men were finally stationed about, and at dawn Chief Blair broke open the door and entered, taking several deputies along. Spellen had retreated to the second story and when Blair demanded that he surrender he began shooting at him. He fired three shots without effect, and the officers warned him if he made further resistance they would set fire to the house and burn him out. The desperate man fired another shot at his pursuers on the stairs, and then made a dash for liberty, leaping through a rear window and running over the roof of an adjacent apartment. He shot at about everybody in sight as he made his way out, and the fire was returned. Spellen broke away in the direction of the shaft of the city water works, about 150 yards distant. He reached the shaft and disappeared after firing a parting shot. Several of the officers followed and went down as far as the first landing.

Spellen answered their calls to surrender with challenges. An effort was made to steam him out by attaching hose to the boiler in the power house, and as one of the parties began peering about to learn what effect the steam had on the situation Spellen sent a bullet whistling past his head. This created just enough surprise to allow him to escape to the surface again. He ran north from the shaft with Chief Blair close to his heels, others following in the chase. As the fleeing assassin found he was losing in the race he wheeled and fired at Blair, who was within two yards of him. The ball but slightly wounded the officer's shoulder. Then Blair fired and those behind him did likewise. Spellen continued to shoot, firing rapidly and scattering the crowd, slightly wounding two persons, Erastus Buterbaugh was hit in the right wrist and A. L. Mott in the foot. The engagement was much more disastrous to Spellen. He fell a few steps farther on with his skin literally peppered with buckshot, and balls from revolvers. He was taken to Glegal's undertaking rooms in the custody of the officers and turned over to the attention of two physicians. To-night the chances are against him.

Spellen is a railroad fireman, about 26 years old and of a surly disposition.

TRY GRAIN-O! TRY GRAIN-O!

Ask your Grocer to-day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

More About Changes in the Civil Service Rules.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President McKinley will, according to trustworthy though unofficial information, shortly meet the objections that exist, in and out of Congress, against present conditions in the civil service, by issuing an executive order making material modifications in the blanket extensions of the civil service rules made by Mr. Cleveland during his last year in office. While the opposition on the part of republicans in Congress doubtless was a factor in this matter, it is well known that the president has had it in mind ever since his election. It will be remembered that he said in his annual message. "There are places now in the classified service which ought to be exempt and others not classified, may properly be included. I shall not hesitate to exempt cases which I think have been improperly included in the classified service." Just when this order will be issued or the full extent of the modification has not been fully determined, but it will not be surprising should the order be issued before the reassembling of Congress, on Jan. 5.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

"Mystic Cure" for Rheumatism and Neuralgia radically cures in 1 to 3 days. Its action upon the system is remarkable and mysterious. It removes at once the cause and the disease immediately disappears. The first dose greatly benefits; 75 cents. Sold at Benford's Drug Store, Somerset, Pa.

Whisky in His Lungs.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 26.—William Henry, living in the mountains ten miles east of here, had a singular Christmas experience. He came here last Friday, and among the things he purchased for Christmas was a jug of whisky. He was pretty well intoxicated when he started home, and an occasional sip at the jug as he walked along added to his condition. At last he was so drunk that he fell among some bushes along a mountain path and was unable to rise.

The night was cold, and he turned the jug to his mouth for a good drink. This was the last that Henry knew. He fell asleep with the jug at his mouth and the whisky running down his throat, strangling him almost to death. He was found by a searching party yesterday and taken home. The doctor found that some whisky had gone into Henry's windpipe. Henry coughs by the hour and his spree may end fatally.

A New Year's Gift Heralded.

The measureless popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters has been the growth of more than a third of a century As in the past, the coming new year will be ushered in by the appearance of a fresh Almanac, clearly setting forth the nature, uses and operation of this medicine of world wide fame. It is well worth perusal. Absolute accuracy in the astronomical calculations and calendar will, as before, be valuable characteristics, while the reading matter will include statistics, humor and general information, accompanied by admirably executed illustrations. The Almanac is issued from the publishing department of The Hostetter Company at Pittsburgh, and will be printed on their presses in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish. All druggist and country dealers furnish it without cost.

Killed His Step-Daughter.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 21.—James A. Griner, proprietor of the Pullman Hotel, at Duryea, shot and killed his step-daughter, Caroline Shefer, at noon to-day. They had quarreled over money matters. Griner gave himself up at once and was brought to the Wilkesbarre jail. The murderer is an ex-member of the Legislature, representing Wilkesbarre in the House of Representatives in 1895.

Leiter Turning a Trick On Oats.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Friday, which will witness the close of the great Leiter deal in wheat on the Board of Trade, bids fair to prove a memorable day in the trade. No great excitement is expected in the wheat pit, but in oats a squeeze of shorts may occur.

"The wheat deal of my son has brought to the farmers of the United States ten or fifteen cents more for their wheat than if he had not gone into it," L. Z. Leiter said today in talking of the great battle between Joe Leiter on the one side and the elevator companies on the other.

"My son has been the benefactor of the agricultural industries of the country to that extent. The seller is now dictating the price of his product, not the purchaser. Chicago makes the market price of wheat, not Liverpool. And the local influences which have been so long for constantly lower prices, have ceased to control Chicago markets."

The first purchases of wheat by Joseph Leiter were made in July last, at sixty-four cents. The price for real wheat, such as the farmers sell, has been between ninety-nine cents and one dollar for several days. This makes a total advance since July of twenty-five cents. Leiter, Sr., gives to the ordinary course of the markets credit for between twenty and twenty-five cents of the rise. The remainder he attributes to the substantial support given to prices by Leiter, Jr., during the last six months. It is believed that Mr. Lister has been turning a trick on the trade in oats, while everybody was watching wheat. For weeks the oats pit has been practically deserted.

Last week there was a disagreeable surprise to the men who had sold 6,000,000 bushels of oats for December delivery when they learned that no oats were being delivered. Then they awoke to the fact that in all the Chicago elevators oats measured but 950,000 bushels of the contract grades.

It was Wednesday when the discovery was made. The price of December oats was then 20¾. On Friday the market closed at 22¾. A cent advance in oats is as good as four or five cents in wheat. It is too late to rush in a supply to meet the calls which will be made for the grain at the close of business on Friday. Those who have not delivered the grain according to contract will be called upon to settle at the closing prices. The situation has all the elements of a squeeze.

A Stalwart American Newspaper.

The Americanism of the New York Tribune, which is broad enough to desire the welfare and labor for the advancement of every American citizen, whether born in the new world or not, is one of the marked characteristics of that Newspaper. Its dignity, ability and patriotic devotion to what is American has won for The Tribune the respect of men of all parties; and to the honor of the paper be it said, that no man is any less useful and influential in his own town or county, because he reads The New York Tribune. On the contrary, it may safely be said that the family which takes it is sure to produce patriotic and public-spirited men and women. The Weekly Tribune is made up of a selection of the latest news, best editorials, and most useful general articles of The Daily Tribune, to which are added a page or two for women and the household, another page for farmers, and one for mechanics. It is a sound, clean, excellent newspaper, and we commend to the attention of our readers its Prospectus in another column.

Charles C. Davis, Justice of the Peace and prominent merchant of near Chillicothe, Ohio, is dead as a result of peppermint poisoning. Davis resides in a local option township, and not being able to procure whisky he drank peppermint. This is the third death from peppermint which has occurred in the township since the local option law went into effect.

VALUABLE HINTS.

Which Suggested Themselves to the Writer while Conversing with the Employe of an Undertaker.

It is astonishing that men live when we read of the history of their disorders. It is more astonishing that they die when we read of "cure-alls." Yet death neither spares a Napoleon who supplied subjects by wholesale, nor physicians who help the work along by retail; not even the grave-digger, who has spent a lifetime in covering up the good as well as the bad deeds of his neighbors—he at last is consigned to his bed of clay, and is covered by his own shovel, to be succeeded by a younger member who awaits the same doom. As our representative interviewed Mr. A. E. Sturgen, of corner of Jefferson and Connecticut streets, Rochester, near Beaver, Pa., with Mr. Jos. Reno, in the undertaking business, the above thoughts suggested themselves to him from the opening sentences of that interview. "I believe," said Mr. Sturgen, "that quite a percentage of the people would not be carried to the graveyard if they had known of Doan's Kidney Pills. Just what brought on my ailment, I do not know, but I have suffered for the past two years, on and off, with a heavy, aching and bearing down pain through the small of my back. The secretions became irregular, high-colored, and deposited a reddish sediment. I was also bothered a good deal with headaches and vertigo. I could not rest well at night, and found it difficult to get into a comfortable position, and I rose unrefreshed in the morning. I was advised to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and procured them at a drug store. I used them, and found almost immediate relief. I have used several boxes, and I am now as well as I ever was."

Doan's Kidney Pills, for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Jos. Horne & Co.

ClearanceSales

On Monday, the 27th day of December, we clear up the odds and ends of the Holiday Goods remaining, after the busiest three weeks we have ever known. The selling will be universal throughout the store. The intent is to make a quick and thorough clearance and original cost will cut no figure, whatever.

On Monday, the 3d day of January, our

JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE

begins in all departments and continues through the month. In accordance with our usual custom, we shall give values during this sale in our well known, unequaled Qualities which will make it worth your while to travel a hundred miles to obtain.

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J. P. MOORS, Lisbon Falls, Maine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier.

Hood's Pills cure all liver ills. 25 cents.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of James M. Ankeny dec'd.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the proper authority to pass upon exceptions to the account of Administrator and distribute the funds in the hands of the Administrator to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Thursday, January 27, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., at his office in Somerset, Pa., when and where all parties interested may attend.

GEO. R. SCULL,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re Assigned estate of Isaac L. Yoder.

The undersigned auditor, appointed by the proper authority to distribute the funds in the hands of the Assignee, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will sit in his office in Somerset, Pa., for the purpose of attending to the duties of said appointment, on Friday, January 28, 1898, at one o'clock p. m., when and where all parties interested may attend.

J. C. LOWRY,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

At an Orphans' Court, held at Somerset, Pa., on the 20th day of Dec., 1897, the undersigned Auditor was duly appointed to make a distribution of the funds in the hands of Malinda Brinham, Administratrix of Millard F. Brinham to and among those legally entitled thereto, he hereby give notice that he will attend to the duties of the above appointment, on Tuesday, the 25th day of January, 1898, at his office in the Borough of Somerset, Pa.

JOHN R. SCOTT,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re-estate of John Shaffer, dec'd. } In the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the proper authority, to ascertain advancements, pass upon exceptions to the account of administrators, and make a distribution of the funds in the hands of the administrators to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will sit at his office in Somerset borough, Pa., on Thursday, January 20, 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the discharge of his duties as auditor, when and where persons interested can attend if they see proper.

C. W. WALKER,
Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of John Lenhart, deceased.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the proper authority, to distribute the fund in the hands of the administrator to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment, on Thursday, January 13, 1898, at 1 o'clock p. m., at his office in Somerset, Pa., when and where all parties interested may attend.

GEO. R. SCULL,
Auditor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Altfather, late of Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority on the above estate, notice is hereby given to all parties having claims against said estate to present them properly authenticated for settlement, and all parties owing said estate will make immediate payment of the amount at the house of Jefferson Altfather, Stonycreek township, on Friday, Jan. 28, 1898.

JOSEPH ALTFATHER,
JEFFERSON ALTFATHER,
Administrators.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Aaron Boucher, late of Milford 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. Notice is further given that I will meet all parties to make settlement, on Friday, February 4, 1898, at the Flick House in New Centreville borough.

M. H. BOUCHER,
Adm'r for Aaron Boucher.

Colborn & Colborn,
Att'ys for Adm'r.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Noah Meyers, use of Jacob Lenhart, vs. W. W. Davis and Ross F. Davis. } Fi. Fa., No. 102, May term, 1895.

The undersigned auditor duly appointed by the Court of Common Pleas in and for said county of Somerset, to make a distribution of the fund in the hands of M. H. Hartzell, high sheriff of Somerset county, Pa., to those legally entitled thereto, arrising on the above stated Fi. Fa., hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Thursday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1898, at his office in Somerset, when and where all persons interested may attend.

H. L. BAER,
Auditor.

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—OF—

Valuable Real Estate

The undersigned administrator and trustee of Michael Sipe, late of Jenner township Somerset county, Pa., will expose to public sale, on

Saturday, January 8, 1898,

At One o'clock, P. M.

at the homestead of dec'd in Jenner township, the following described real estate, viz:

A certain tract of land situate in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Henry Rauch, Borough of Jennertown, Adam Shaffer and Edward P. Sipe, containing 110 acres more or less, having thereon erected a good two-story plank

Dwelling : House,

large bank barn, and all other necessary out buildings, good orchard of young apple and other fruit trees; underlaid with limestone and coal; the larger part of the land is clear and under a good state of cultivation; balance well timbered, being the homestead of the deceased.

Terms!

One-third, after payment of debts and expenses, to remain a lien on the real estate, the interest to be annually paid to Magdalena Sipe, widow of the dec'd, during her natural life time, and at her death the principal sum to be paid to the heirs ann legal representatives of Michael Sipe, dec'd; one-third of the balance on confirmation of sale, and the remaining two-thirds in two equal, annual payments without interest. Ten per cent. of the entire purchase money to be paid on day of sale.

Possession given April 1, 1898.

EDWARD P. SIPE,
Administrator and Trustee.

F. W. Biesecker, Attorney.

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 us directed, we will expose to public sale at the residence of W. S. Weller, in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., on

Tuesday, January 18, 1898,

At 1 o'clock P. M.

the following described real estate of Samuel J. Weller, dec'd:

All the following real estate situate in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., being a certain farm or tract of land, adjoining lands of Wm. S. Weller, Abraham Weller, Sarah Brown, Harrison Cohn, Moses Friedline, Sarah Sellers, William Kuhs and others, containing eighty acres more or less, being the balance of the tract of land conveyed by Peter Lint and wife, by deed dated the 11th of April, 1863, recorded in deed record of Somerset county, Vol. 36, page 486, etc., with a

two-story house,

bank barn and out-buildings, about 60 acres cleared and in a fair state of cultivation, balance timber land. Also an orchard of fruit trees on the farm. Said farm is near public road, in a good community, close to school house and churches, about 2½ miles from Somerset, near Husband post office and store. Also sugar camp on the premises.

Terms:

One-third cash, one-third in one year and one-third in two years; ten per cent. to be paid or secured to be paid, on day of sale.

Any persons who desire to look at the farm before the sale will call on the undersigned, who live on adjoining farms, or Mr. Sellers, who lives on the farm, who will show the property.

ABRAHAM WELLER,
WILLIAM S. WELLER,
Admr's and Trustees.

J. H. Uhl, Att'y.
Dec. 29, '97.

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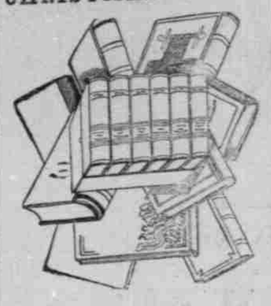

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ELECTION NOTICE.

The members of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company of Somerset County, Pa., will meet in the public school building in Berlin, on Tuesday, Dec 28th, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, at which time, also, an amendment to the By-laws will be considered, regarding distance between steam engines and buildings insured.

Election opens at one o'clock p. m. Business meeting at 9 o'clock a. m.

E. J. WALKER,
Secretary.

H. P. Hay,
President.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Catharine Glotfelty, late of Green ville township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been issued by the proper authority to the undersigned as executors of the above estate, notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all parties having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement on or before Friday Dec. 24, 1897, at the residence of either Simon J. Glotfelty, in Greenville township, or Henry W. Saylor, in Summit township.

SIMON J. GLOTFELTY,
HENRY W. SAYLOR,
Executors.

J. C. Lowry,
Attorney.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of David Pile, late of Somerset Borough, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration cum testamento annexo 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 for settlement, duly authenticated, on Saturday Jan. 8, 1898, at the law office of John R. Scott, Somerset, Pa.

ISAIAH PILE,
Administrator Cum Testamento Annexo.

John R. Scott,
Attorney.

Stockholders' Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank, of Somerset, Pa., for the election of directors for the year A. D. 1898, will be held in the directors' room, in the First National Bank building, Somerset Pa., on the 24 Tuesday of January, 1898, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M.

H. M. BERKLEY,
Cashier.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

First National Bank,

AT SOMERSET, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, Dec. 15, 1897.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts		$ 192,799 74
Overdrafts, secured & unsecured		108 39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		15,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds		1,000 00
Banking-house, furniture, & fixt's		8,708 82
Due from State Banks & bankers		8,257 79
Due from approved reserve agents		16,507 37
Checks and other cash items		1,442 00
Notes of other National Banks		5,260 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents		129 08
Specie	$18,811 00	
Legal-tender notes	$ 9,507 00	28,318 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)		565 00
Total		$ 272,416 10

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund		20,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses & taxes paid		6,146 42
National Bank notes outstanding		11,700 00
Due to other National Banks		1,186 73
Dividends unpaid		15 00
Individual deposits subject to check	$183,091 06	
Dem'd certific's of deposit	24,276 89	175,367 95
Total		$ 272,416 10

State of Pennsylvania, County of Somerset, ss:

I, Harvey M. Berkley, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARVEY M. BERKLEY,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of December, 1897.

CHARLES W. WALKER,
Notary Public.

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