The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY, January 12, 1898.

Mercer county's tax levy for 1898 has been placed at 31 mills.

The orange and lemon crops of southern California have suffered severely from recent frosts.

Over $2,400 in cash has been found in the drawers of a bureau owned by John Arnold, a wealthy brewer, who died at Hamilton, on Monday.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather for the past week a good business is reported by Messrs. Shepherd & Kuykendall.

The farmers of Washington county have allowed $1,000 damages during the year 1897 for depredations made on their sheep by dogs.

The Irish Folks Love Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Pleasant to take; perfect in its action; positive cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma.

Many buyers are now availing themselves of the very low prices offered by Shepherd & Kuykendall during their Big Letter Sale.

An early train on the Pittsburg & Lake Erie is known as the "bridal special," as it usually carries from one to six Pennsylvania eloping couples to Youngstown, Ohio.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the post office: Ira Alexander, Fred Ankeny, S. E. M. Shaffer, W. J. Trent, Nick Mrs. Catherine Varnadoe.

Persons troubled with scratching should remember that sleep is impossible during the day or sleep during the night. Itching piles—horrible to endure—instant relief. Never fails. Doan's Ointment cures. Never gives up. At any drug store, 50 cents.

There will be six eclipses during the year—three of the sun and three of the moon. This is the first time in 200 years that there will be three eclipses of the sun in the year, an occurrence which will not be repeated for another 200 years.

The Dispatch contains more telegraphic and local news every morning than all other Pittsburg newspapers combined, of course, it also has the Associated Press reports, only 1c per week from your newsdealer.

Pension Commissioner Evans has issued an order, the purport of which is said to be an increase of pensions for invalids now on the rolls. Applications for the increase will be considered within twelve months from the date of the order, but not after that time, whether acted on or rejected. The object is to expedite the disposition of pension cases now pending.

Those who are suffering from the grippe and from la grippe should not delay in getting relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup is the best remedy for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma, hoarseness and all throat and lung troubles. Sold by druggists. Get a genuine. Everything at the Wile Palace is as good and clean as can be. It is patronized by the ladies of Somerset.

The publishing department has issued an order closing the mails to all newspapers offering advertisements offering chances in any disguised lottery scheme, such as guessing letter words, guessing, etc. These schemes have been shown up almost as fast as the genius of business, but so long as they could advertise they found victims.

Considerable money is beginning to circulate freely in this section, as well as in other parts. Fayette county seems to have more than its share of spurious dollars, dimes and quarters. Now comes a report from Washington, D. C., to the effect that counterfeit gold pieces are among their appearances, as well as $100 silver certificates, and that most of it is coming from Pennsylvania.

The Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania will begin the Winter Term Tuesday December 28, 1897.

All bonds and bonders were approved at last by the State Examiners.

The attendance has been the largest in a single evening, the school has ever had in the Fall. The Model School is larger than ever before. The Senior class is the largest the school has ever had.

Some people wonder why there are so many suicides in the world. Stephen Cook, who died at the advanced age of one hundred and eighteen years, at New Castle, Del., on Sunday, January 2d, answers the question. Mr. Smith was the father of seven wives and the father-in-law of a million. He grandfather of one hundred and eight children, and the great-grandfather of sixty-five children. He also was in a fight eighty-eight years.

Harper's Magazine for February will contain the last of the notable papers by the late George de Maurier on "Social Pictorial Satire," in which the writer will show the predecessors of caricaturists, John Leech and Charles Keene, as well as his own position as illustrator. Other articles of special interest will be on "Projects for the Isthmian Canal," by the Hon. Patrick Ford, and on the "Medical Development of Chicago," by George H. Upton.

The postmaster and other residents of the town of Jamestown, Northumberland county, have made affidavit that an inhabitant named James Homink was tapped to that place from the Miners' Hospital at Ashland in an ice box before he was dead. The man had been to the hospital for treatment, the authorities there thought him dead, and sent the body home. The affidavit, however, declared the story that opened the box found Homink alive, his body was shivering, and they could feel the moisture of his breath on their hands. He did not recover consciousness, but they believe he lived five minutes after the ice was opened.

Energy, ability and talent are happily combined in Hood's Sarsaparilla Coupon Circular for 1898. The lovely child's head is an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in mosaic, the handsome gold in blue with clear lights, and the elements by means of which many valuable books and other articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable Calendar we have ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's Pictorial Child's Book, a handsome, useful volume of 56 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 4 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Hon. John H. Landis, of Millersville, has been borrowing himself in sugar-beet experiments in Lancaster county the past year. A number of purchased beets were sent to different sections of the county, and when they were matured Mr. Landis received samples of the various lots to Professor Kennedy for analysis. The result is a most satisfactory one, showing that the Lancaster county beets are rich—some of them have a higher average of sugar than those grown in the famous Salt River Valley, California, and converted into sugar by the large Spreckels refinery at that place. The average per centage of sugar found in the beets grown by experimenters in Lancaster county was 16.61, and particular beets 18.84 per cent.

The previously awarded decree of Judge Archbald regarding the annexation of Morrellville brought to the city of Johnstown has landed down last week. As a result, annexation is positively, an overwhelming majority. The thriving borough, which now composes three new wards of the city, is strongly of this political complexion. The sentiment for annexation seems to have been divided, those favoring lower taxes being overcome by the liberal pace being opened by the new regime. The decision of Judge Archbald, however, will meet with the approval of the majority of the citizens of Greater Johnstown. The annexation was inaugurated in the Johnstown Board of Trade six months ago.

Mr. J. M. Schendel, of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., spent last week with Somerset friends.

David Judson McClintock and Sallie E. Conn, of Fort Hill, were married at Cumberland on Monday.

At an election of the stockholders of the First National Bank, held last evening, all of the old officers were re-elected.

J. B. Winters and Albert Stein have leased the Commercial Hotel and the latter will have charge of it during the former's absence in Alaska.

A pension of $12 per month has been granted to Leah Keefer, of Shanksville. A similar sum was recently granted to Mrs. Daniel Trent, of Somerset.

The many friends of H. L. Baer, Esq., will be sorry to learn that for ten days past he has been confined to his home suffering from an abscess in his head.

Communion services will be held in the Friedens Lutheran Church, on Sunday, 16th inst., at 10:30 a. m., when the regular pastor, Rev. J. Welch, will officiate.

As an indication that the horse market is improving it is noted that Solomon D. Shoemaker last week shipped two car loads of horses to the eastern part of the state.

The HERALD is indebted to Mr. L. Fosdick, general agent of the Equitable Life Insurance Association, for one of the most beautiful art calendars we have seen this year.

Grant Kendall, who is the present Mayor of Fairmont, West Va., is a candidate for State Senate on the Republican ticket. Mr. Kendall was a former principal of the Somerset public schools.

Mr. H. E. Shaffer has been appointed postmaster at Husband. Mr. Shaffer is a son of Adam B. Shaffer, of Jenner township, and has conducted a store at Husband for several years.

Mr. Jacob Miller, of Somerset township, and Miss Winnie James, of Cambria county, were united in marriage on Tuesday, January 4th, by Justice of the Peace Noah Casebeer, at his office in this borough.

Elder John N. Davis, one of the leading and most popular citizens of Elk Lick township, was a county seat visitor yesterday. Elder Davis is always so occupied by business when he comes over this way that he has little time to devote to making social calls.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Endsley have closed their residence and gone to the Hotel Vannear, where they will remain for a month before going to Johnstown to pay a visit at the home of their son H. S. Endsley, Esq., Miss Ella Endsley will leave to-morrow for Washington, D. C., where she will spend a month or six weeks at the home of her uncle, Mr. William Johnson.

Cambria county may be in a higher state of physical development than Somerset, but, thank the Lord! Somerset county women are not compelled to break stone on the public highway. A Somerset county gentleman who recently had occasion to drive from Johnstown to Scalp Level was horrified, when a short distance from the former place, he came upon an aged woman and a man breaking stone on the public road.

A burning candle in the show window of Jas. B. Holderbaum's hardware store has attracted much attention during the past ten days. The candle is four inches in diameter by fifty inches long. For several weeks prior to Christmas every person interested was invited to guess how long it would burn. At nine o'clock Christmas morning it was ignited and since then has burned for 176 hours. More than one-half of the candle remains to be burned.

At a meeting of the directors of the Farmers' Union Association and Fire Insurance Company, held last Tuesday in Berlin, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. P. Hay; Vice President, Lewis Berkley; Secretary, E. J. Walker; Treasurer; Alex. Coleman. The reports of the retiring officers showed that the Company is in a prosperous condition, numbering over 2,000 policy holders, who have secured safe insurance at from $2 to $3 per $1,000 per annum.

At a late meeting of the Meyersdale town council a communication was read from S. D. Livengood in which the local authorities were notified that the writer holds an exclusive franchise of the streets and alleys of that place for the purpose of erecting electric light poles thereon, and that he proposes to hold the borough to the contract entered into in 1891. Notwithstanding this warning the members of council "took the bull by the horns" and awarded a contract to John S. Graves for furnishing electric lights for the use of the borough at $50 per 2000-candle power arc light.

Notwithstanding the adverse decision of the Supreme Court the Roddy boys are still hopeful that something will yet transpire in their favor and that they will escape death on the gallows. Both brothers are as cheerful as they have been at any time during their long imprisonment. The Roddy boys have been among the best behaved prisoners ever confined in the county jail, and are well liked by the prison officials. Sheriff Hartzell has already had a number of applications for admission to the double execution in case it takes place.

The Bellefonte Watchman has the following to say concerning a young gentleman who was a popular resident of Somerset during the days of construction on the South Penn Railroad: "Thos. A. Shoemaker, contractor of this place, has secured a large slice of the improvement work that the Pennsylvania railroad company will do on the main line between Altoona and Pittsburg. He has the contract for widening and building the road for an additional track through the Gallitzin tunnel. With such a veteran contractor as Mr. Thomas Collins to advise there can be no doubt of his successful completion of the heavy work."

Hon. J. H. Longenecker is just entering upon his seventh year as president judge of the sixteenth judicial district. It would be sufficient to say that he has given universal satisfaction, but he deserves more than a passing notice. Of the hundreds of cases which he has decided from which no appeals were taken we have heard little, but during the past week the supreme court has affirmed his decision in three very important cases from Somerset county. The cases were Commonwealth vs. Roddy et al., Philson, cashier, vs. New York Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Olinger vs. Shultz and Magnet.—Bedford Gazette.

About two years ago a neatly dressed and glib-tongued stranger appeared in this place and represented himself as agent for the Smith Premier Typewriter Company. Before leaving town he disposed of a machine to Cashier Berkley of the First National Bank. The machine was brand new and Mr. Berkley made use of it from that time until last Saturday, when the Pittsburg agent of the Smith Premier Company appeared at the bank and claimed that the machine was the property of the Company, alleging that it had been stolen from their Chicago agency. Not desiring to retain possession of stolen property Mr. Berkley turned the machine over to the company's representative.

James Martheny, aged 31 years, was instantly killed by a fall of slate in the Stoller Mines, near Salisbury, Monday morning. Marthony went to work about three o'clock in the morning and had not got fairly started when a mass of slate weighing several tons fell upon him, crushing out his life. Deceased was one of the most popular men in the Salisbury region. He is survived by his wife and three children. Some twelve years ago Marthony was convicted of assaulting a man at Rockwood with a car coupling pin and sentenced to the penitentiary for a long term. It was afterwards fully established that he had acted in self-defense and he was pardoned. Marthony was a native of Fayette county, but for the past twelve or fifteen years he was a resident of Salisbury.

PARTIAL ROLL OF U. S. PENSIONERS.

Two Somerset County Veterans Who Receive in Excess of $45 a Month.

The New York Sun on Friday began the publication of the pension roll of the United States. The first installment consists of those who receive in excess of $45 a month, of whom there are 3,568, forty being special grants by Congress and the balance being allowed under the general law. The two highest are $5,000 a year, or $416 66⅔ a month, which is received by Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Garfield.

The three classes above $45 per month are $50, $72, and $100 per month, and the extent of disability necessary in each case is as follows:

The rate of $100 per month is granted by the general law for the loss of both hands the result of causes due to the military or naval service of the United States.

The rate of $72 per month is granted by the general law for the loss of both feet, the loss of both eyes, and also for total and permanent disability requiring the regular aid and attendance of another person, the result of causes due to the military or naval service of the United States.

The rate of $50 per month is granted by the general law for total disability for the performance of manual labor requiring frequent and periodical (but not regular) aid and attendance, as the result of causes due to the military or naval service of the United States.

The distribution of the pensions according to rate is shown by the following table:

2 pensions at $5,000 a year	$	10,000
1 pension at 2,500 a year		2,500
3 pensions at 2,000 a year		6,000
45 pensions at 1,200 a year		54,000
1 pension at 999 a year		999
1 pension at 924 a year		924
9 pensions at 900 a year		8,100
1 pension at 876 a year		876
2,349 pensions at 864 a year		2,170,416
1 pension at 792 a year		792
1 pension at 762 a year		762
11 pensions at 720 a year		7,920
1 pension at 684 a year		684
1 pension at 660 a year		660
1 pension at 636 a year		636
2 pensions at 630 a year		1,260
961 pensions at 600 a year		578,400
2 pensions at 588 a year		1,176
1 pension at 576 a year		576
1 pension at 540 a year		540
Total		$2,853,312

The names of two Somerset county veterans, John D. Michael, of Fort Hill, and Joseph Showman, of Bakersville, appear upon the roll as receiving their money at the Pittsburg Agency. The former receives $864, and the latter $600 per year.

Recent Deaths.

Albert Pugh, son of L. H. and Linnie Miller, aged 1 year, 9 months and 4 days, died on January 5th. Interment was made in the cemetery at Bills, Rev. J. J. Welch, conducting the services.

John D. Scully, for nearly fifty years cashier of the First National Bank, Pittsburg, died at his home at Marion station, on the B. & O., at 9 o'clock Sunday night. Mr. Scully and his family were well known in this place.

Mrs. Elizabeth Simpkins, aged 80 years, died at her residence in Salisbury yesterday morning. She was married in 1849 to Jacob Wellley, to whom were born four children, three sons and one daughter. William H. Wellley, of this place is the only surviving member of the family. After the death of her husband deceased was married to a Mr. Simpkins. Three children resulted from the second marriage, two of whom survive and are residents of Salisbury.

Mrs. Joanna Boucher, widow of John Boucher, of Milford township, died on January 2d, aged 85 years and 25 days. Her funeral sermon was preached in the Lutheran church, at New Centreville, of which she had been an active member for more than a half century, and her remains were laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection of the just. Rev. A. B. Miller, pastor of the church, officiated at the funeral.

John Scull Blaine died at six o'clock Monday evening in his apartments at the Hotel Anderson, in the city of Pittsburg. He was seventy-eight years of age and his death resulted from pneumonia, contracted while nursing his half sister, Mary Scull Ward, who died at the same hostelry, on Thursday evening last. Miss Ward's death was also caused by pneumonia. Mr. Blaine and his sister were occasional visitors at the home of their relative, Hon. Edward Scull, in this place.

Death of Curtis Rugg.

Curtis Rugg, son of Samuel and Sally Rugg, was born in Somerset county, Pa., March 17, 1815, died Dec. 31, 1897, aged 82 years, 9 months and 14 days.

He migrated to Rehoboth, Perry county, Ohio, Dec. 31, 1833, where he finished learning the blacksmith trade, which business he followed for over 55 years. He was married to Miss Rebecca Cavinee, Dec. 15, 1839. To this union was born eleven children, four of whom have preceded him to the spirit world, together with their mother, who died Jan. 29, 1886. Four sons and 3 daughters, 19 grand children, 5 great grand children and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Grawl, who resides near Ursina, Pa., are left to mourn their loss.

Father Rugg was one of the pioneers of Perry county, sober and industrious, possessing virtues worthy to be emulated by his sorrowing neighbors and friends throughout the county. He was sick three years prior to his death, nineteen months of which he kept his bed, being entirely helpless. He bore his sufferings with patience and fortitude until the summons came from the Master.

Funeral services were held at the residence of the deceased, Sunday, January 2d, at 10 o'clock a. m., conducted by Rev. S. C. Tussing. The I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member for 27 years, attended the funeral.

Fire Company Election.

At a meeting of the members of the East End Fire Company held Monday evening, in the Court House, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chief—Irvin W. Saylor.
Assistant Chief—John F. Snyder.
President—A. H. Ferner.
Vice President—Daniel W. Rhoads.
Secretary—Joseph Levy.
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Webster Good.
Plugmen—W. H. Connelly, Milton E. Craver, George S. Harrison.
Hose Directors—Albert Huston, Harvey Laus, Frank Bennett.
Pipe Directors—F. K. Sanner, W. H. Saylor, Maurice Shoemaker.
Sergeants-at-Arms — Frank Fleegle, Milton C. File, Robert E. Pugh.
Axemen—Calvin Schrock, Ed Friedline, Robert Hoffman.

A Simple Announcement

of interest to prospective purchasers of furniture. Our new '98 line is the line of lines with no competitive comparisons. The only light thing about the line is the prices. This season another offering of correct, trustworthy furniture is shown, and at prices always below competitive quotations. Again the crowds will come and the Furniture will go. No wide-awake purchaser can afford to buy without first seeing our line.

C. H. COFFROTH.

Spring Election.

February 15 will be the day for the election of township and borough officers. Blanks have been forwarded to the members of the Republican committee in each township and borough in the county with instruction how to prepare nomination certificates and to make returns to the county commissioners of same. Nominations should be made in every election district in the county and certificates of nomination should be forwarded to the commissioners' office not later than the 23th of January. The law requires that nomination certificates shall be filed in the commissioners' office at least 18 days before the election.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Will be Held in the Court House During the Second Week in February.

The Annual Farmers' Institute will be held in Somerset during the week beginning Monday, February 7th, and continuing until the following Friday evening. It is promised that the largest and ablest corps of instructors ever attending a single institute in the State will be present. No progressive farmer in the county can afford to miss any of the sessions. The Institute will be conducted on the University Extension plan. Program will appear next week.

The Mercantile Tax.

Auditor General Mylin has issued a circular letter to county commissioners in relation to the duties of the mercantile appraiser. He insists that appraisers shall personally visit all stores or other places of business liable to mercantile tax, and says that no license is to be assessed where the annual amount of sales is less than $1,000. If dealers in liquors sell other goods than liquors, then they must pay a license for the sale of such goods. In all counties the appraiser must furnish the county treasurer a certified list of dealers, with their classifications.

In accordance with a recent decision of the supreme court, dealers in live stock are exempt, and they must not be assessed. Butchers who sell the meat of animals they have slaughtered are also exempt, but those butchers who purchase cattle already killed and sell the dressed meat, are liable to the payment of license. All foreign or resident dealers or firms who have a shop for the sale of meat apart from the slaughter-house must be taxed.

Under an opinion of the attorney general appraisers are instructed to assess all owners of restaurants, eating houses, etc., not selling liquors. Provision has been made by the department for returning this class of licenses.

A Wonderful Record.

Mr. Leonard Fosdick, General Agent here of The Equitable Life Assurance Society, is just in receipt of a letter from Manager Woods, of the Western Pennsylvania Agency, giving the wonderful record made by it during the year that has just closed, which ought to be especially gratifying to people in this vicinity. It undoubtedly shows not only the unbounded confidence which the business men in Western Pennsylvania have in Equitable insurance, but the general wealth and prosperity of this part of the country as well. The cash business written by the Agency during 1897 aggregated $7,070,928, an increase of $1,827,438 over the preceding year. 88 applications from 44 different agents, aggregating $717,500.00 were received on the last day of the year.

The Western Pennsylvania Agency of the Equitable ranks as one of the largest Life Agencies in the world, and has upon its books probably a larger percentage of heavily assured men than any other agency. Owing to the tremendous increase in business during 1897, it has been compelled to enlarge its main offices at Pittsburg, and from now on will occupy the entire seventh floor of the great Tradesmen's Building, Pittsburg. The offices now include 24 rooms and cover 4,500 feet of floor space; yet, large as they are, they are none too large for the wonderful volume of business done.

Manager Edward A. Woods, who is at the head of this Agency, announces several new policies which are just being put on the market, and which have in them some new and attractive features in life assurance.

Mr. Fosdick, who looks after the agents in 36 western counties of this state, closed December with 20 policies for $62,000 in seven counties, including Somerset.

A New Building For Our Insane.

As matters now stand a new fire proof building for our insane is rapidly becoming an imperative necessity. Such a building should contain at least forty, or forty-five rooms, and with all needed appliances for the comfort, care and training of the inmates, would cost not less than $12,000. The present building for the insane contains but sixteen rooms and is practically fire proof. There are now fifteen inmates under the care of the keepers in this building. Besides these, thirty or more of the county's insane are at Dixmont, Wernersville or other institutions in the state for treatment and care. The cost to the county for these thirty unfortunates is slightly over $3,000 annually. This is a heavy drain upon our tax payers, one that should be stopped at the earliest practicable moment. The cost of such a building alone is in the way, together with the huge county debt piled upon us by the Combine mismanagement of the six years of the County Commissioners, ending January 1, 1897. The State pays for the care and maintenance of each of these $1,50 per week and it goes without saying that they would be better and more cheaply maintained at home than elsewhere. In this way it can readily be seen the building would pay for itself in five years or less. There is the most pressing necessity for such action, but the condition of our finances, for the reason above given, is such that the proposition, advantageous as it undoubtedly is, should be carefully considered. We make mere mention of it, in order that our people may consider it, and will again refer to it after the publication of the finances of the county, now in the hands of the Auditors.—Meyersdale Commercial.

A Real Newspaper.

Perhaps the most commendable feature of the progressive newspaper of to-day, outside of its ability to collect and gather the news of the world, is its independence and courage to speak out boldly on all questions effecting the public weal. Such a paper, it is needless to add, is the Pittsburg Daily Dispatch, whose position as the leading daily paper of Western Pennsylvania is undisputed. The Dispatch is not the mouthpiece of a "Boss" or a political clique, and has no enemies to punish or favors to ask, unless it be its willingness to accept and act upon suggestions which tend to improve local, State and National political affairs. But casting its editorial utterances aside, the Dispatch is a real newspaper, having its own exclusive wires to all of the leading capitals of the world, and an able corps of news gatherers who present the news of the world usually in advance of its local contemporaries. Another feature of the Dispatch, much admired by all of its regular readers, is the way in which it classifies its news, market reports, &c., so that the reader knows exactly where to look for what he is seeking. For years past the Dispatch has paid special attention to securing the developement of Pittsburg and the contiguous territory, and no Pittsburg paper has done as much in this direction.

The Sunday Dispatch during the year promises to eclipse all former efforts in the way of preserving its reputation as one of the best Sunday papers in the country. Among other features will be weekly letters from Frank G. Carpenter, who has engaged to travel 25,000 miles through South America, that vast semi-civilized continent, concerning whose people and institutions so little is known.

United Evangelical Association Announcements.

Rev. D. L. Yoder, of the United Evangelical Church, makes the following announcements:

Quarterly Conference on January 15th, at 2 p. m.

Preaching services at Husband on Saturday evening, January 15th, and on Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m., to be followed by communion.

Preaching services at Somerset at 2:30 p. m., Sunday.

Preaching services at Pleasant Hill, Sunday evening, to be followed by communion.

Rev. A. J. Burket, of Champion, Fayette county, will conduct these services.

The $1.25 men's all wool underwear sells at 98c during the Red Letter Sale at Shepherd & Kuykendall's.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

Revelations of the Marriage License Record for 1897.

The marriage license record for 1897 furnishes some interesting statistics which are herewith given for the benefit of our young lady and gentlemen readers, and which may not be devoid of interest to some older persons who are still vulnerable to Cupid's shaft.

During the year 1897 marriage licenses were issued to 313 couples. Out of this number 17 were granted to widowers who married women who had not before been married; 5 were granted to widows who married men not before married; 15 were granted to couples where both parties had been married before; 41 brides were older than the grooms, and 32 brides and grooms were the same age.

Conspicuous divergence in the relative ages of the men and women to whom licenses were issued are as follows:

AGES OF GROOMS AND BRIDES SHOWING DIVERGENCE IN AGES.

MALE.	FEMALE.
24	15
29	17
63	40
45	18
30	27
46	46
73	45
68	68
36	19
17	17
49	53
31	44

AGES OF ALL PARTIES MARRIED.

AGES OF FEMALES.	AGES OF MALES.
3 at 15 years	2 at 17 years.
6 " 16 "	2 " 18 "
18 " 17 "	13 " 19 "
31 " 18 "	12 " 20 "
30 " 19 "	25 " 21 "
27 " 20 "	37 " 22 "
29 " 21 "	32 " 23 "
40 " 22 "	31 " 24 "
36 " 23 "	23 " 25 "
21 " 24 "	22 " 26 "
17 " 25 "	21 " 27 "
12 " 26 "	13 " 28 "
7 " 27 "	20 " 29 "
5 " 28 "	8 " 30 "
6 " 29 "	4 " 31 "
2 " 30 "	7 " 32 "
3 " 31 "	5 " 33 "
3 " 32 "	4 " 34 "
1 " 35 "	2 " 35 "
1 " 36 "	3 " 36 "
2 " 37 "	1 " 37 "
1 " 38 "	3 " 38 "
1 " 40 "	3 " 39 "
1 " 41 "	3 " 40 "
1 " 44 "	1 " 43 "
2 " 45 "	2 " 44 "
4 " 46 "	2 " 45 "
1 " 53 "	2 " 46 "
1 " 58 "	1 " 47 "
1 " 68 "	2 " 58 "
	1 " 59 "
	1 " 62 "
	1 " 65 "
	1 " 67 "
	1 " 68 "
	2 " 73 "

OCCUPATION OF MALES.

Gentleman,	1	Cigar Maker,	3
Farmer,	100	Firemen,	4
Currier,	1	Stockman,	1
Contractor,	2	Cooper,	1
Operator,	2	Sawyer,	6
Brakeman,	3	Merchant,	9
Butter Maker,	1	Physician,	2
Lumberman,	1	Mill Worker,	1
Minister,	2	Electrician,	1
Huckster,	1	Spinner,	1
Steam Driller,	2	Baker,	1
Miller,	1	Ax-man,	1
Laborer,	85	Printer,	1
Teacher,	7	Carpenter,	10
Plasterer,	2	Stone Mason,	2
Actor,	1	Clerk,	9
Miner,	20	Engineer,	3
Tinner,	4	Carriage Buil'r,	2
Butcher,	1	Blacksmith,	1
Barber,	1	Dairyman,	1
R. R. Workman,	5	Attorney,	2
Painter,	3	Teamster,	3
Dealer,	2		

OCCUPATION OF FEMALES.

Domestic,	60	Lady,	1
Seamstress,	21	Actress,	1
Tailoress,	6	Housekeeper,	36
Sales Lady,	3	Not given,	185

RESIDENCE OF THE HAPPY COUPLES.

	MALES.	FEMALES.
Addison,	8	13
Allegheny,	5	5
Berlin borough,	8	9
Black	7	5
Brothersvalley,	15	15
Casselman borough,	2	0
Conemaugh	11	12
Confluence borough,	5	5
Elk Lick,	14	13
Fairhope,	3	3
Greenville,	7	6
Hooversville borough,	1	1
Jefferson,	12	9
Jenner,	13	15
Larimer,	5	6
Lincoln,	5	4
Lower Turkeyfoot	7	5
Meyersdale borough,	15	22
Middlecreek,	4	7
Milford,	10	3
New Baltimore Boro.,	0	1
New Centreville Boro.,	1	3
Northampton,	6	7
Ogle,	2	1
Paint,	5	4
Quemahoning,	8	7
Rockwood borough,	5	8
Salisbury borough,	4	4
Shade,	8	10
Somerfield borough,	1	1
Somerset borough,	13	23
Somerset,	20	19
Stonycreek,	7	12
Stoystown borough,	2	5
Summit,	18	19
Upper Turkeyfoot,	4	7
Ursina borough,	1	3
Outside of County,	51	23

OUTSIDE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Maryland	11	5
Virginia,	1	1
Iowa,	2	0
Ohio,	1	1
District of Columbia,	1	0
Indiana,	1	0
South Dakota,	1	0

THE BIRTH RECORD.

Births registered for 1897, - - 1375.
Males, 689; Females, 686.

DEATH RECORD.

Deaths under 5 years,	183
" from 5 to 10 years,	12
" " 10 " 20 "	35
" " 20 " 30 "	44
" " 30 " 40 "	35
" " 40 " 50 "	32
" " 50 " 60 "	42
" " 60 " 70 "	77
" " 70 " 80 "	67
" " 80 " 90 "	35
Over 90 years,	1
Deaths registered for 1897, - -	563
Males, 285; Females, 278.	
Mortgages and deeds recorded, - -	1097
Letters testamentary and of administration granted, - - - - -	96

Of Interest to Constables And Taxpayers.

At an argument court held in Bedford last week by agreement of counsel the following facts were submitted to his Honor, Judge Longenecker, for determination:

David Earnest, in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Frye, as constable of Bedford borough, served a subpœna upon two witnesses and claims for said service the sum of one dollar, fifty cents for each service. The act of assembly of 1868 allowed a fee of fifteen cents, but the act of 1891 provides fifty cents for serving a subpœna.

The plaintiff, David Earnest, was paid the sum of fifty cents by the commissioners of Bedford county; he demands one dollar. If the court is of opinion that the act of 1893 allows a constable fifty cents for each service of a subpœna, then judgment is to be rendered in favor of plaintiff for fifty cents, and if the court is of opinion that a constable is only entitled to a fee of fifty cents for a subpœna regardless of the number of names on the subpœna, then judgment shall be rendered against the plaintiff. The case is an important one and the court's decision is looked for with interest.

A King Named as Co-Respondent.

The Duke of Lita has become a French citizen, and has instituted proceedings for a divorce from the Duchess of Lita, naming King Humbert, of Italy, as co-respondent. King Humbert's relations with the Duchess of Lita, have long been gossip of European Courts, and the infatuation was begun before Humbert married beautiful Queen Marguerite. Victor Emmanuel, King Humbert's father, tried in vain to get his son to abandon the Duchess. The Duchess, in 1870, was the cause of much jealousy on the part of Empress Eugenia. Of late she has lived in Rome, devoting herself to works of charity. With the proceeds of the sale of her jewels she recently founded a hospital for crippled children. The hospital was named after King Humbert.

The teachers of Lincoln township will hold a joint institute on February 5th, at Sipesville.

Judge J. A. Carpenter, of Madison, Wis., has decided that both parents must consent to a child's adoption.

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REPUBLICAN PRIMARIES.

Somerset Borough Primary.

Notice is hereby given to the Republican voters of the borough of Somerset, that a primary election will be held at the court house, on Saturday, January 22d, between the hours of one and seven o'clock p. m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various borough offices to be filled at the February election. Candidates desiring to announce their names will please call upon me on or before Friday, Jan. 21st, at 7 p. m. No announcements will be received after that hour.

M. E. CRAVER,
Committeeman.

Somerset Township Primary.

The Republican primary to nominate candidates for township offices will be held at the court house, in Somerset, Pa., on Saturday, January 22d. Persons desiring to announce their names will please call upon me, or let their names at the office of the Somerset HERALD, on or before Friday, January 21.

W. F. COUNTRYMAN,
Committeeman.

Stonycreek Township Primary.

Notice is hereby given that a Republican primary election will be held at Shanksville on Saturday, January 22d, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various township offices. Persons desiring to announce as candidates are requested to call upon me before Wednesday, January 19, if they wish to have their names printed on the primary tickets.

S. B. YODER,
Committeeman.

Kick for Their Booze.

The County Home physician, Dr. H. S. Kimmel, has to contend with numerous peculiar cases, since most of the inmates are afflicted with disease, or have arrived at an age when they are no longer able to perform manual labor. Perhaps the physician's greatest annoyance comes from those inmates who are addicted to the liquor or morphine habit, when nothing satisfies their craving except the stimulant that has brought them to the position where they are dependent upon the charity of the county. As a matter of course Dr. Kimmel declines to prescribe alcoholic stimulants or morphine and as a result he is the subject of much abuse at the hands of those who seek either or both, and in many cases is subjected to slanderous reports circulated by inmates who are permitted to leave the home. Only last week a confirmed victim of alcoholism was circulating about town spreading reports of the character indicated. It is needless to add that no one believed him, but the poor directors should take pains to see that this nuisance is abated.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been granted to the following named parties since January 1:

Jacob Show, Addison Twp.
Annie Burow, Addison Twp.
Jacob Miller, Somerset Twp.
Winnie James, Cambria Co., Pa.
A. W. Hoover, Somerset Bor.
Annie Kline, Somerset Twp.
Urias Burkholder, Summit Twp.
Annie Shoemaker, Elklick Twp.
Franklin Thomas, Lincoln Twp.
Effa Walker, Lincoln Twp.
William W. Kribbs, Forest Co., Pa.
Elizabeth A. Thompson, Ursina Bor.

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EDWARD A. WOODS, Manager,
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L. FOSDICK, General Agent,
Somerset.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of Josiah Alwine, dec'd.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the proper authority to distribute the fund in hands of the executor, J. G. Mishler, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment on Thursday February 3, 1898, at his office in Somerset, Pa., when and where all parties interested may attend.

FRED. W. BIESECKER,
Auditor.

Mrs. A. E. UHL'S

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Cash Clearance Sale!

During the continuance of this sale I will offer only first-class goods at prices lower than ever offered in Somerset. This sale is to make room for my Spring Stock, and the benefit of low prices is to be given to my many patrons.

I quote prices on some of the many standard goods which will give those who are careful buyers of desirable goods only, some idea of the sweeping nature of this