The Somerset Herald.

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Shepherd & Kuykendall's Red Letter Sale is still in progress.

The Standard Oil Company have a large gang of men at Warsondale, adding another loop to their line to facilitate "logging" the oil over the hills. A number of Conklenoe men are employed and all laborers who work for this company are paid good wages.

The committee of the Westmoreland Fair association has approved the plans for the new court house, but Judges Doty and McContnell must decide finally, and it is said they will disapprove the plans unless the exact cost is specified. The estimated cost is $200,000 for granite, and $50,000 for stone. The Grange societies are still objecting.

Don't let the little ones suffer from eczema, or other torturing skin diseases. No need for it. Doan's Ointment cures. Can't harm the most delicate skin. At any drug store, 50 cents.

The forthcoming report of the state dairy and food commissioner will contain the decision of the attorney general with respect to the various pure food laws. He says the sale of oleomargarine has been reduced 20,000 pounds during the last year. The manufacture of so much poor butter, he adds, is largely responsible for the sale of oleomargarine.

Judge C. A. Mayer, of Clinton county, was taken suddenly ill while sitting on the Kobisch murder trial, last Saturday, and was compelled to adjourn court. The examination of witnesses had just been completed, so that the jury was taken to a hotel and kept in charge of tip-staves until Wednesday, when the judge was able to hear the argument and convened court in the parlors of his own house, he being too weak to go to the court house.

Professor Nordenskjold, the Arctic explorer, has informed the Swedish Academy of Science that the Foreign office has received intelligence that several persons worthy of credence saw Professor Andree's balloon, early in August, in British Columbia several miles north of Quesnelle Lake, in the district of Cariboo. The professor regards the news as being of sufficient importance to call for closer investigation.

"Cure the cough and save the life." Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures coughs and colds, down to the verge of consumption.

A German of a statistical turn of mind has ciphered that if the enormous army establishments of Continental Europe were to be drawn up in a continuous process, with guns, ammunition and baggage wagons, the column would be twenty-four thousand miles in length, sufficient to circle the globe, and if kept constantly on the move, marching day and night, it would take nearly one year at a given point, where a spectator stood, for the vast pageant to pass in review.

The Pennsylvania state association of school directors will hold their annual convention in Harrisburg Wednesday, February 9. This association is composed of representatives from the boards of education of Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Allegheny cities, and organized county associations of school directors in cities and boroughs having separate teachers' institutes, with the state, county, city, borough and township superintendents and principals of normal schools as advisory members. This meeting promises to be largely attended.

Only two more weeks remaining to secure bargains at Shepherd & Kuykendall's Red Letter Sale.

Mr. A. G. Black after a successful career of 40 years in the mercantile business, is about to retire and will be succeeded by his sons, who have been reared up in the business. Mr. Black began his mercantile career in Somerset in 1858, and in the spring of 1871 opened up his general store in Confluence. The year following the B. & O. Railroad was completed to Baltimore, and on the first passenger train that made the trip through here he went to Baltimore to purchase goods. Drummers at that time were not known to the trade and about twice a year constituted the buying of dry goods, boots and shoes, etc.—Confluence Press.

Here are a few things to remember: The year 1898 began and will end on Saturday. Lincoln's birthday will fall on Saturday and Washington's birthday on Tuesday; Decoration and Fourth of July on Monday and Christmas on Sunday. Labor Day will be September 5th. Thanksgiving should be November 24th. First Sunday in Lent, February 27th; Palm Sunday, April 3d; Easter Sunday, April 10th. The Hebrew year 5659 will begin at sunset of Friday, September 9th. On July 5th the one hundred and twenty-third year of Independence will begin. The four seasons begin on these days in 1898: Spring, March 20th; summer, June 21st; autumn, September 23d; winter, December 21st.

There was a new face in horse-heaven Sunday morning when "John," the faithful steed of Mr. Elias Cunningham, was admitted to that abode. "John" was thirty-seven years old, having been foaled in 1861. Five years later he became the property of Mr. Cunningham, in whose possession he remained until the day of his death. For the past five or six years "John" was incapacitated, by reason of old age, from doing any work, but he occupied the best stall in the barn and was as carefully groomed and as well fed as any of his younger and more vigorous companions. Saturday he appeared to be enjoying his usual good health, death coming while he slept that night. "John" was a chestnut bay in color, and a trifle smaller than the ordinary horse, but he was a hard worker and of gentle disposition. Monday morning his remains were carefully interred.

"It is the simple truth that Arthur Henry Hallam was a spirit so exceptional that everything with which he was brought into relation during his shortened passage through this world came to be, through this contact, glorified by a touch of the ideal." Such is the characterization which Mr. Gladstone gives to the subject of Tennyson's "In Memoriam," in the fine article he has written for the New Year's number of The Youth's Companion. The article is illustrated by a striking portrait of Mr. Gladstone, photographed expressly for The Companion, and a beautiful copy of the Chantry bust of Hallam. The other contents of this number are rich in variety and interest, and include an interesting view of Mr. Gladstone at eighty-eight, by William E. Bliss, a capital newspaper story, and other fiction and miscellany of the best kind.

Henry F. Wills, of New Baltimore, who for the past ten months has been employed as a hostler and second porter at Hotel Elliott, Greensburg, attempted suicide at that place Tuesday night by the laudanum route. He retired about 11 o'clock that night and before getting into bed swallowed two ounces of the poison. He was found in a precarious condition early yesterday morning by the hotel clerk and was speedily removed to the Westmoreland Hospital, where everything possible was done to save his life, and last evening his chances of recovery were reported as favorable. The cause of Wills' rash act is not exactly known, but it is thought a love affair is at the bottom of it. He had been receiving letters addressed in a feminine hand and about two weeks ago the missives suddenly ceased; he then had his fortune told and since his return around the hotel have been queer, looking very despondent and evidently brooding over some trouble. He was a sober, industrious young man and attended strictly to his duties, the hotel people say, and everybody about the place liked him.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Alderney two-year-old cow; just had first calf. Apply to Mrs. J. F. Davis, Somerset, Pa.

Mrs. Fred. W. Biesecker is visiting with Steubenville, O., relatives.

Mr. William H. Sipe has been appointed postmaster at Sipesville, vice Peter Sipe, resigned.

Mrs. Lawrence M. Phillips, of Allegheny, Pa., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robt. S. Scull.

Mrs. Frank, of Jenners, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Gustin, of this place.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Wm. Bailey, Jno. A. H. Rile, W. D. Steele.

Ex-Postmaster Keller, who has been confined to his home by sickness for a week past, is reported as being greatly improved.

Rev. William Houpt, of the United Evangelical church, who conducted a successful revival in Dale borough, Cambria county, has returned.

Rev. Hiram King will conduct religious services in the Lavansville Reformed Church on Sunday morning at 10 a. m., and in the Somerset church at 7 p. m.

Mr. Ivan Linton, one of the proprietors of the Democrat, who went to Denver, Col., several months ago for the benefit of his health, is reported as improving.

Editor Edward H. Bailey, of the Johnstown Democrat, spent last Saturday in town, visiting among his Democratic friends. Before returning home he paid a pleasant social call at this office.

Mr. Fred Good, of Somerset township, formerly clerk in the store of Knepper & Good, is at present a letter carrier in Pittsburg, he having won the appointment in a competitive examination under the civil service law.

Mr. Jacob Blocker and Miss Clara Grof, two of Meyersdale's popular young people, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, on Sunday evening last, Rev. A. E. Truxel, of the Reformed Church, officiating. The bride is a daughter of the late Senator Fred Grof.

Edward H. Bailey, of the Johnstown Democrat, has preferred a charge of forgery against Herman Zimmerman, of Stoystown, who was arrested at that place last Friday, and entered bail in the sum of $500 for his appearance at court. Mr. Bailey alleges that the defendant issued a receipt for $4.75 for subscription to the Democrat, which he had no authority to do.

The Somerset county friends of Mr. George B. Baer, of Cloverdale, California, will be pleased to learn that he has received the appointment of postmaster at that place, his name having been sent to the Senate for confirmation one day last week. Mr. Baer is the eldest son of H. L. Baer, Esq., the well-known Somerset lawyer, but, unlike his father, he has always been an ardent Republican; and, since he became a resident of California, some twelve years ago, has been prominently identified with politics.

Jacob Miller and Wilson Brant, of Allegheny township, were lodged in jail yesterday morning, to await trial on a charge of larceny preferred by Daniel Snyder and Joseph Cober, two weil known farmers of Brothersvalley township. The defendants are accused of having stolen a lot of maple molasses from the prosecutors in March, 1896, which they took to their homes and reduced to sugar. The sugar was easily and readily disposed of for cash. It is said that the prosecutors bided their time until they got strong evidence against the defendants before they swore out warrants for their arrest. Miller has only one arm.

The friends of ex-County Superintendent J. M. Berkey will be gratified to learn that his ambition to excel in his chosen field is unabated since he became superintendent of the Johnstown city schools, and that he is still earnestly working to improve the common school system of the State, in which field he has long since become widely known. With the consent of the Johnstown school authorities he will shortly visit the leading schools of this and other States for the purpose of inquiring into their methods of operation, the best of which will be introduced into the new high school to be opened in that city next Fall.

The Washington, D. C., Star recently asserted that H. C. Worthington, formerly representative in Congress from Nevada, and Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts, "are the only survivors of the distinguished men who acted as pall-bearers at the Lincoln funeral. That was April 18, 1865." The esteemed Star is in error. General A. H. Coffroth, of Somerset, was one of the six members of the lower house of Congress designated to act as pall-bearers at the Lincoln funeral. The General will be quite surprised to learn that he is dead, inasmuch as he is still in vigorous health, and expects to live for many years to come.

Mrs. Samuel Philson, wife of the venerable Berlin banker, died at her home in that place at 7:30 o'clock last Thursday evening, aged 80 years, 8 months and 4 days. Mrs. Philson had been in ill health for several years past, and her death was not unexpected by the members of her family. She is survived by her husband and by the following named children: Mrs. W. E. Fisher, of Shamokin, Pa., Samuel B. Philson, who has had charge of the Citizens' Bank, at Meyersdale, since its organization, Robert and H. B., who are identified with the banking house at Berlin, Mrs. Belle Krissinger, and Miss Ella, also of Berlin. Mrs. Philson was a woman of superior literary attainments and was devoted to her household duties. For more than fifty years she had been an earnest church worker, having been a member of the Lutheran church, and was always active in charitable work. Her venerable husband and the members of his family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends in their bereavement.

Mr. J. L. Baumgardner, who conducts a general store at Felix, Ogle twp. was in town yesterday. He says that evidences of activity in the north of the county are not wanting and that all ablebodied men who seek employment can secure it at fair wages. The Babcock Lumber Company, who recently purchased immense tracts of timber lands in Shade, Paint and Ogle townships, have a large force of men at work in the woods cutting timber and in their mills. Their principal mill will be erected seven miles east of Scalp Level and the work of extending the Pennsylvania branch from Scalp to that point is already under way. The railroad will be a standard gauge and will be built with a view to permanency, which leads many persons to believe that ultimately it will be extended into the coal fields of Stonycreek and Brothersvalley townships, and possibly into the Elk Lick region. The Babcock people have enough timber to keep them busy in the neighborhood of Felix for a period of six or seven years.

Annie Stewart, a young woman of unsavory reputation, at present an inmate of the Cambria county jail, claims that she can establish the innocence of the Roddy boys, under sentence of death for the murder of David Berkey. The woman alleges that she carried meals to the real culprits for several days after the Berkey robbery. Counsel for the condemned men have received a number of communications from criminals imprisoned in various parts of the country, who claim that they can prove the innocence of the Roddy boys and establish the guilt of the real murderers. Counsel for the Roddys have been carefully sifting the contents of the letters referred to and if they become satisfied that there is anything trustworthy in the information they have received it will be properly presented to the pardon board. It is well to remember, however, that a murderer has rarely been executed in the United States, that there has not been one or more persons who claimed that innocent blood was to be shed and that they could establish the innocence of the condemned parties.

MITCHELL CASE AFFIRMED.

Sentence Imposed by the Court Will be Enforced.

SUPERIOR COURT OPINION FINAL.

Interest was revived last evening in the case of Dr. W. F. Mitchell, of Addison, who was found guilty on a charge of malpractice at February term of court, 1897, and sentenced at June sessions the same year to undergo a term of ten months solitary confinement in the county jail, by the receipt of a dispatch from Scranton announcing that the Superior Court had affirmed the decision of the trial court.

Dr. Mitchell, who for a period of thirty-three years has been one of the best known and most successful practitioners in the county, was convicted of having performed a criminal operation upon Sadie E. Beal, a beautiful young girl, whose parents reside at Sand Patch. The trial created widespread interest throughout Western Pennsylvania on account of the sensational features it brought to light.

On the night of December 31, 1896, Miss Beal was admitted to the Allegheny General Hospital, where she lingered in great agony for five or six days when death came to her relief. A few minutes before final dissolution took place she confessed to the attending physicians that she had been operated upon by an aged physician at a hotel in Somerset. The persons at the bedside were unable to catch the name of the physician, which she uttered in a faint whisper.

A week later Dr. W. F. Mitchell appeared before District Attorney Colborn and made a voluntary statement (published at the time in the HERALD) of his connection with the case. His arrest, trial and conviction followed.

Counsel for defendant filed a motion for a new trial which was refused by Judge Longenecker, and an appeal was taken to the Superior Court, with the result stated.

The Superior Court opinion was by Judge Orlady.

School Girls Buy Cigarettes.

The cigarette habit has grown to such an extent among the pupils of the Homestead public schools that Superintendent John C. Kendall proposes to resort to radical means to suppress it. The habit is not confined to the boys. Recently the male pupils there persuaded some of the girls to buy cigarettes instead of candy, and but for the timely discovery of their inclination to yield, cigarette smoking would doubtless have become general among the pupils regardless of sex.

In view of the gravity of the situation Superintendent Kendall has decided to enforce the law relating to cigarette dealers, which makes them liable to a fine of $500 for selling cigarettes to boys under sixteen years of age.

G. A. R. Benefit.

Col. John H. Grover, the well-known Veteran entertainer, will occupy the Opera House here on Thursday evening, January 20th, in his grand War Entertainment for the benefit of R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, G. A. R. Col. Grover has exhibited the original Brady War Scenes for thirteen consecutive years, and has the permission of the U. S. Government to use them in his various Post benefits. Speaking of his recent visit to Johnstown, the Daily Tribune of that city says: At the matinee every inch of the hall was occupied. So many tickets have been sold that it is necessary to hold four separate entertainments during Colonel Grover's two days' visit. Last night he created a most favorable impression and to-night will close the brief season. This afternoon a special school exhibition was given. The Colonel comes to exhibit for the benefit of Post 631, and, as elsewhere, he will leave a snug sum of money for the memorial fund of that Post. He is a good entertainer, and has made a great hit.

The prices of admission will be but 10 and 20c.; with reserved chairs, to be had at Neff & Casebeer's, at 5 cents extra.

Worthy of His Sires.

Dennis Eichnor, who formerly resided in Greenville township, and is a brother of druggist George Eichnor, of Meyersdale, is a prominent candidate for the office of United States District Attorney for the State of Utah. Mr. Eichnor has been a practicing attorney at Salt Lake City for a number of years and he is indorsed by the leading Republicans of his State, and by prominent Republicans throughout the country. There are four fellows gunning for the job to which Mr. Eichnor aspires, and their chances are thus disposed of by a political writer in a recent issue of a Salt Lake paper:

"C. O. Whittemore, Pennel Cherrington, Lindsay Rogers and Dennis C. Eichnor are the candidates for this place. Whittemore stands no more show, according to statements made, than a snowball would of retaining its rotundity in Lucifer's summer garden. He is out of it entirely before the race begins—left at the pole, as it were.

"Lindsay Rogers isn't a bit better off. He is a national committeeman, to be sure, but that ends it. He has a show of influence behind, but there are more men with hammers out knocking him than one can count on the ends of one's fingers, and all that jarring counts.

"Pennel Cherrington has a host behind him in the person of his father, Judge Cherrington, a lifelong friend of the President. Judge Cherrington is working hard in the interests of his son and may make a showing.

"But don't let any one delude you with the idea that Dennis C. Eichnor isn't coming down the stretch like a whirlwind. That young man has been doing some work. He isn't the slow old person the balance of these ordinary candidates take him to be. Dennis came from Pennsylvania, where head cheese, ponhaus, souse, apple butter, cider, apple "sass" and other brain foods are staple articles of diet. His gray matter is well developed, and while the balance of them have been hiring brass bands to play under their windows at night, D. C. has been pegging along with a persistency worthy of the Pennsylvania Dutch grandsires to whom he points with pride."

The Law in Regard to Electing Supervisors Not Changed.

From a number of communications received at this office it is apparent that there is an impression abroad in some of the districts of the county that road supervisors to be elected at the coming election will be elected under the Act of Assembly passed last winter. This is wrong, as appears from section 21 of the Act, which reads as follows:

"SECTION 21.—The provision of this Act shall not go into effect until the sum of one million dollars has been appropriated by Act of Assembly, or shall have been received in the State Treasury from taxes for road purposes, the same to be distributed under directions of the Department of Agriculture among the several townships of the State in proportion to the number of miles of public roads in each township. Provided, No township shall receive more of the aforesaid State money than is raised therein by local taxation, including work and money tax, and that the money so appropriated shall be expended in making and maintaining public roads."

As there was no appropriation of a million of dollars, nor was there received in the State Treasury from taxes for road purposes, such amount, the law remains as heretofore.

The unprecedented rush at Uhl's Clearance Sale has induced the management of that popular establishment to continue the annual Cash Clearance Sale until after the Farmers' Institute, which meets here on February 7th. An idea of some of the bargains remaining can be had by consulting Uhl's advertisement in another column.

BIG BLAZE AT SOMERFIELD.

The General Store of W. A. Frey and the Residence of A. C. Frey Destroyed by Fire.

Shortly after midnight Saturday the inhabitants of Somerfield were aroused by the cry of "Fire!" Flames were soon discovered in the store room of W. A. Frey and in a few minutes the entire building was burning like a tinder box. The fire was beyond control before help arrived and attention was directed to saving the adjoining buildings.

A desperate effort was made to save the dwelling of A. C. Frey, which stood next to the store. Men climbed upon the roof and fought the fire with heroic courage, but without avail. Notwithstanding a stream of water was kept constantly flowing over the roof the intense heat caused the roof to burst into a seething mass of flames, and in an incredibly short time the house was reduced to ashes.

On the opposite side of the street stands the old Endsley Hotel property, one of the largest houses in the village. The flames communicated with the hotel building several times but were soon extinguished and held in check, so that the damage done was light.

Next to the residence of A. C. Frey stands the home of John Close. Here the firemen took a stand and made a heroic and successful effort to keep the flames from destroying it. It was only by the hardest kind of work of men and women that the building was finally saved from destruction.

The store building was a frame structure 18x70 feet. Very few goods were saved. Mr. Frey places his loss at $3,500, with no insurance. The A. C. Frey dwelling was a two-story frame valued at $2,500, on which there was $1,500 insurance. Most of Mr. Frey's household goods were saved.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

The men, women and children who battled with the flames for three hours deserve great praise for the work done by them.

THE BAKER ESTATE.

Philadelphia Paper Declares There Isn't Any for the Claimants.

The Philadelphia Record on Monday morning thus disposes of all claims of Baker heirs:

"If the Jacob Baker estate of this city, which alleged western heirs of sanguine disposition have magnified to the splendid value of $300,000,000, is to be taken as a fair specimen of the great properties in and around Philadelphia for which claimants are constantly turning up, generally in the far West, somebody is making a pretty penny by the deliberate deception of the innocent persons who figure as heirs in these fairy stories. In the Baker case these heirs have started up all over the country to claim a share of the riches which they have been led to believe belong to them by right of descent.

"The fact is that there never was a Baker estate of any extraordinary value. Jacob Baker, it is true, had large holdings of land in this city, including almost the whole of the block bounded by Fifth, Sixth, Market and Arch streets, and a tract where Moyamensing prison now stands. When he died, however, some time before 1790, his property was not highly appraised, for in those times land could be had in any part of the city at very low figures. He left neither wife nor children, so there were no direct descendants, as some of the 'promoters' would make the gullible believe. All that he owned legally passed into the hands of his brothers, Henry and Samuel, and there are papers existing to show that the estate was properly settled.

"About forty true heirs are at present the beneficiaries of Jacob Baker's accumulations, and not one of them can be called wealthy. All are the descendants of Samuel Baker, one of the brothers, as the line of Henry died out after one generation. The only one of the living heirs who is a Baker is another Samuel, an old man, who lives at Lambertville, N. J. The majority bear the name of Betts and reside in Philadelphia and in the neighborhood of Taylorsville, Bucks county. Among them they still hold title to some of old Jacob's original land, but not one has any considerable portion. It is said that there never was a Baker of the revolutionary stock, even including Jacob and his brothers, who was worth as much as $90,000.

"If the land which Jacob Baker possessed had been held intact it would form an immensely valuable estate. But such is not the case. What the heirs now own in scattering pieces is collectively not more than a remnant. The first Samuel, towards the end of his life, retired from the wool business, in which the brothers had made their money, and traded his downtown lots, 37 acres in extent, for a 100-acre farm near Taylorsville, where he established his country seat. This farm belongs to an heir who wishes he could trade it back again."

COL. E. K. MEYERS DEAD.

Death Was Caused by Being Thrown From His Buggy.

Colonel Edwin Koontz Meyers, eldest son of Hon. and Mrs. B. F. Meyers, of Harrisburg, was found dead about 6:15 o'clock Friday morning, in his barnyard in the suburbs of that city. The news of his untimely death was received here later in the day and was the cause of profound sorrow to his numerous relatives and friends. Thursday evening Colonel Meyers dined with his parents and about 9 o'clock started to drive to his home, a distance of some three miles. At 6 o'clock the next morning when his hired man went to the barn to feed his stock he saw Mr. Meyers' team standing in the barnyard and thought that he had fallen asleep on his way home. He proceeded to awaken him, when he discovered that he was dead. His head was resting on the front axle of the vehicle beneath the spring. There was an abrasion of the skin on the left temple, and the skin on his breast had been scared by the steel tire of the wheel as the horses walked to his home. Physicians who were summoned said that Mr. Meyers had evidently been attacked by vertigo and had fallen from his seat and that death may have been caused by the blow on his temple.

It was fully a quarter of a mile from "River Rest," Mr. Meyers' home, that his wallet and some papers were found, so that he had evidently fallen from his seat at that point.

Edwin K. Meyers was thirty-nine years of age. He learned the printing trade in the office of the Bedford Gazette, when his father was editor of that paper, and was afterwards associated with his father in the publication of the Harrisburg Patriot. For eight years he was State Printer, and was prominently identified with a number of other enterprises. He was an earnest advocate of athletics and was well known throughout the State as a base ball manager and on account of his "string" of thoroughbred horses. He was identified with the State Guard at the time of the Homestead riots, and was also prominent in a number of secret orders. Mr. Meyers was possessed of brilliant business qualifications, but he will longest be remembered on account of his generous impulses and many acts of charity. His death will be lamented wherever he was known, and nowhere more sincerely than by his many Somerset friends.

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.

COFFROTH FOR GOVERNOR.

The Ex-Congressman Placed in Nomination by the Unterrified Democracy of Somerset County.

THE GENERAL WILLING TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION ON A 16 TO 1 PLATFORM.

On Saturday, the very day on which the daily press of the country was pointing to the fact that but two of the distinguished men who had served as pall bearers at the funeral of Abraham Lincoln, Messrs. Dawes and Worthington, remain on earth, the representatives of the Somerset County Democrats assembled in the office of the Democrat, and placed in nomination the third survivor of that famous body, General Alexander Hamilton Coffroth, for the conspicuous office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

County Commissioner L. A. Kretchman offered the following:

Believing that the Democrats of Western Pennsylvania are entitled to the gubernatorial nomination this year, and realizing that the nominee should be a man of strict integrity, of great business capacity, of exceptional executive ability and unswerving Democracy, we, the representatives of the Democracy of Somerset county, in annual convention assembled, do most strongly urge the nomination of Hon. Alexander H. Coffroth, Somerset's distinguished citizen, for Governor.

In him are embodied all the qualities essential to a successful, faithful and trustworthy executive. He has been successful in business life, is learned in the law, and has served his constituents and his country faithfully and well in the House of Congress.

As the only nominee for Elector-at-Large in 1896 who remained on the ticket, and fought aggressively for the success of William J. Bryan, his Democracy can not be questioned; as the faithful champion of the veteran soldiers during his several terms in Congress, he not only did much to secure legislation to alleviate their condition in the hospitals and fields of battle, but also was one of the ablest advocates for liberal pension laws for deserving veterans, their widows and orphans.

The endorsement of General Coffroth for the office of Governor is said to have been a great surprise to that astute politician, who, it is known, has a knife up his sleeve for several of the other eminent State leaders, but he modestly concealed his blushes when informed of the County Committee's action, and consented to appear before that body, where he delivered a characteristic speech. He was glad, he said, that he had always remained faithful to his party, no matter whether it declared for high tariff in its State platforms and for free trade in its National platforms, for a single gold standard at Allentown or for the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 without the consent of any other nation at Chicago; that he had remained its steadfast friend throughout all of its checkered career, even when it compelled its members to go to bed with one set of principles and get up with another; that he was in favor of the money of the constitution, not the money of Jackson or Jefferson or any other old medium of exchange, but the money the Chicago platform demands, be they fifty-cent dollars or golden eagles.

Seriously, the General thanked the members of the County Committee for the honor they had conferred upon him, and proclaimed his unaltering devotion to the Chicago platform. Subsequently he said that it was flattering to have the vote of confidence the resolution endorsing him implied, but he was unwilling to say whether or not he will make a contest for the nomination for Governor in the coming State convention.

Gen. Coffroth has three times been elected to the lower house of the Congress of the United States, and during his service in that high office was one of the most conspicuous and able representatives of his party. For more than a quarter of a century he has been looked upon as one of the leaders of his party in Pennsylvania and has had much to do with holding it together against fearful odds. He was the only one of the electors-at-large, in 1896, who remained on the ticket and gave loyal support to William J. Bryan.

The State Democracy is split into factions with no possible hope of the breech healing before the battle next November, and it is not believed that General Coffroth will be willing to lead his party to certain defeat. Should he make the nomination, he will be as strong a candidate as his party can present.

The Committee gave Gen. Coffroth power to appoint the delegates from this county to the State Convention.

R. M. Linton was re-elected Chairman for the fifth consecutive term.

Legislature Enacts a Wise Law.

The members of the last Pennsylvania legislature enacted a wise law for which they have not been given the proper credit, because it is not generally known. An act of July 9, 1897, gives to school boards everywhere in the state the right to purchase and pay for out of the school funds an American flag, a flagstaff and all the necessary appliances. This patriotic action by the legislature will probably be responded to generally.

A New County Budding.

A Dispatch from Greensburg says: Westmoreland county may lose a slice of territory for the erection of a new county, to consist, in addition, of parts of Cambria, Indiana and Somerset, with the county seat at Johnstown. It is reported that prominent Cambria county politicians of both parties are interested in the scheme and have a bill ready for presentation in the legislature. Somerset county, it is said, will not object to the scheme, but Indiana is expected to protest, while Westmoreland will be a heavy loser of territory.

Scullton Items.

H. F. and A. J. Henry have leased Daniel Bowman's coal bank, which they will operate during the winter.

Daniel Bowman has removed from the summit of the Laurel Hill to this place.

F. K. Bungard has taken a contract to haul lumber to the Barronvale mill at $3.00 per 1000 feet.

E. C. Henry has secured the agency for Pennsylvania for a well-known wall paper factory.

Chas. F. Rayman, who, with his young wife, moved to Connellsville last fall, where he is employed in the Tin Plate Mill, is here on a visit.

J. W. Henry and R. C. King recently purchased two full blooded fox hounds.

G. B. King, a short time since, killed a wild cat measuring 4 feet from tip to tip.

On Friday night Chas. R. Henry and bride were tendered a serenade at the home of the groom's parents.

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EMINENT INSTRUCTORS

Who Will Appear Before the Farmers' Institute.

COMPLETE PROGRAM.—TOPICS UPON WHICH THEY WILL SPEAK.

EDITOR HERALD:—

The Board of Institute Managers of Somerset county desire through your paper to inform the public that all arrangements are now complete for the Farmers' Institute to be held in the court house at Somerset during the second week of February, beginning on the 7th, at 1:30 o'clock, p. m., and closing at 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, the 11th. The method pursued in the conduct of the coming institute will be, to some extent at least, a departure from the methods heretofore adhered to. Instead of the exercises consisting of addresses and papers having little or no relation to each other, the institute will be made to partake more of the nature of an agricultural school, and the aim will be to give a systematic course of instruction along several lines of special importance to farmers. With this aim in view, the best talent within reach has been secured, and your Board of Managers is able to announce by far the largest list of instructors that will be announced in any county in the State.

Dr. J. T. Rothrock, State Forestry Commissioner, will occupy one period every day in giving instruction upon the subject of "The Reproduction and Sustenance of Plants."

Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian, will take up the subject of "Veterinary Science in its Relation to the Farm," and occupy a period each day in giving instruction along this line.

Prof. J. A. Fries, of State College, will give instruction on "How Plants Grow," and kindred topics.

Dr. H. P. Armsby, of the State Experiment Station, will give instruction upon "The Computation of Rations for Farm Animals," occupying one period each day.

The Secretary of Agriculture, Thos. J. Edge, will give instruction along the line of "Commercial Fertilizers."

Prof. John Hamilton will discuss the question of "Good Roads," and give instruction in "Farm Economy."

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, will talk of "The Farmer's Relation to the Public Schools."

The following named gentlemen from the State Dairy and Food Commission will be present and discuss the following topics:

Levi Wells—"What Pure Food and Dairy Laws Have Accomplished."

J. H. Shoemaker—"Pure Food and Oleomargarine Laws."

C. B. Cochran—"Food Adulteration."

Geo. G. Huchison—"Enforcing Pure Food Laws."

Dr. John W. Harshberger, of the lecture force of the University of Pennsylvania, will discuss "The Battle of Plants on the Farm."

The instruction by these gentlemen from abroad will be given during the day sessions and, as already stated, will be arranged in daily lessons or periods running through the entire five days, so that to get the full benefit of the discussion that any one subject receives, it will be important to be in attendance every day. Every person attending should provide himself with tablet or note book and pencil.

The evening sessions will be devoted to our home talent, and the program will be as follows:

MONDAY EVENING.

"Commercial Fertilizers"—C. B. Moore.

"The Farmer's Small-Fruit Garden"—O. P. Shaver.

"Farmers' Homes"—Miss Maggie Miller.

TUESDAY EVENING.

"Soils and Their Treatment"—Martin A. Miller.

"Chemicals and Clover"—J. D. Baker.

"Conversation in the Rural Home"—Miss Vida Miller.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

"Interest in the Farm"—M. S. Dickey.

"The Farmer's Orchard"—O. P. Shaver.

"Farmers' Homes"—Miss Abbie Weigle.

THURSDAY EVENING.

"Practical Bee-Keeping"—M. D. Reel.

"Hygiene on the Farm"—John B. Critchfield.

"Influence of a Well-Kept Home"—Helen Schaff.

No opportunity equal to this has ever been enjoyed by the farmers of Somerset county for receiving practical and scientific instruction relating directly to their calling. The instruction that will be given upon scientific methods of feeding stock alone will be to those who come prepared to take notes worth many times the cost of their trip to the county seat.

The direction that will be given as to methods of treatment for sick animals and conditions by which disease among live stock may be prevented will be invaluable, and no one who can arrange to be present can afford to miss it.

N. B. CRITCHFIELD,
J. R. BOOSE,
H. J. HOFFMAN.

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.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Edward Mishler, Conemaugh Twp.
Lizzie Stahl, Conemaugh Twp.

Elmer D. Gnagy, Summit Twp.
Bertie Smith, Meyersdale Bor.

Jacob C. Bloucher, Meyersdale Bor.
Clara E. Grof, Meyersdale Bor.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Lydia M. Davis, late of Somerset borough, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate have 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, Feb. 26, 1898, at the office of the undersigned in Somerset borough.

OLIVER KNEPPER,
Administrator.

ASSESSORS' RETURNS.

A tabular statement of the property taxable for County and State purposes, as returned by the several assessors of Somerset county, for the year, 1898:—

DISTRICTS.	COUNTY.	STATE.
Addison	$345,865	$ 115,347
Allegheny	146,928	16,799
Benson Borough	33,575