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The criminal calendar for next week's session of court contains a list of cases.
Mr. Richard Hart, of Shicksville, has been severely ill for the past two days with fever.
Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, much interesting matter has been laid over for next week.
A dance at the Somerset House Monday evening was largely attended by the young society people of town.
Henry Miller, of near Bakerville, is erecting a dwelling on a thirty-acre tract taken from the old Miller homestead.
Mrs. William Mall, an aged and respected resident of Jefferson township, is slowly recovering from a severe sickness.
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hochstetler, of Millville, Ill., who have been visiting with Somerset county relatives for the past few weeks, left for their home last evening.
Mr. and Mrs. William Dixon, who formerly lived near Berlin, and who are now at the old Peter Shantz farm, in Jefferson township, where Mr. Dixon recently purchased.
Washington's birthday was unmarked in Somerset save by a signal from H. P. Cummings, G. A. R., who visited the public schools, where a specially prepared program was rendered.
Eugene Orlo Knipper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Knipper, of this place, was on duty on the ill-fated battleship Maine on the morning prior to her destruction to the Asiatic squadron last summer.
Jere S. Miller, near Husband, has lately improved his barn by erecting a large extension in the form of a shed, an improvement highly recommended by agriculturists in the eastern part of the State.
Mr. R. H. Koontz will remove his Berlin Marble Works to Greensburg, where he has been engaged in business for the past several years. He disposed of his Berlin residence to Mr. Peter Miller of that place.
The Mutual Telephone Company, of Elk Lick township, is seeking a franchise to enter Meyersdale, and it is announced that the same company expect to extend their line to Somerset and other towns in the county.
Hon. Sam Miller, it is rumored will remove from Salisbury to this place. Hon. Sam is a native of the county and has numerous friends over this way will be glad to have him take up his residence among them.
The village of Bakerville, is preparing to build a fine new barn, close to the pike, on the old "Brugh Homestead," and if there is no slip-up in his plans the old brick dwelling will be replaced by a new one in the near future.
There will be no preaching services in the Methodist Church next Sunday, either morning or evening, as the pastor, Rev. Cameron, will be absent from home on that day. On Sunday evening, March 6th, at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Cameron will preach a sermon on the subject "Dancing."
Rehearsals have been in progress all week for the production of "All the Comforts of Home," which will be given at the Opera House Friday night for the benefit of the Children's Aid Society, by the Somerset county opera company. Tickets are on sale at all the stores. Every person who can do so should attend.
Mr. George S. Mallen, who has a number of friends in Somerset and hundreds of them in the south of the county, has resigned the position of station agent for the P. R. R. at Haysman, after a connection of twenty-one years. Mr. Mallen has had health for several months and hopes to be benefited by a change of location.
A correspondence writing from Conferences says it is reported that the paper mill at present operating at the village of Haysman, Pa., is to be sold to the Messrs. Gillespie, of the village of Haysman, Pa. The mill is one of the best in the county, and the managers of the mill will look upon Conference as a good place to locate.
Rev. D. Stewart Hoover, the new minister of the Lutheran Church, arrived at this place on Sunday morning, and on Sunday morning preached to a large congregation. In the afternoon he conducted services in the Caseler Lutheran Church. The item published a week or two ago in regard to Rev. Hoover's marriage, was taken place. It is reported that he has not yet taken place, but is scheduled to improve as soon as a few badly needed improvements have been made at the Lutheran parsonage.
Lottie, the thirteen year old daughter of Mrs. Samuel Hooper, died at her home in this place on Saturday morning, February 20th, at 10 o'clock, after a illness of only 36 hours and her death was a great shock to her mother and her many school friends. It appears that the young girl contracted a cold on Tuesday afternoon and the same night was stricken with the malignant disease. The school board dismissed a score or more of children, who had visited at the Hooper home, from attendance upon school for a period of one week. The Board of Health had the house fumigated.
The Johnstown Tribune has declared in favor of the formation of a new county, with Johnstown as the county seat, and says that the time is at hand to commence operations looking towards the consummation of this project.
The Board of Health in this county is proposed to be organized, but we presume the taxpayers of Conemaugh, Paint, Ogle, Jenner and Shady will enter a vigorous protest when the time comes for them to be heard. It is very growing town in Westmoreland county seat, and Westmoreland county will be carved into six or seven sections.
Chas. H. Fisher has acquired the one-third interest of Cyrus Schrock in the Somerset Opera House, and it is announced that he and his associates are planning to enlarge and improve the structure. Somerset stands badly in need of a larger and more commodious public hall and what we have at present is a shabby and dilapidated building, and it is earnestly hoped that the gentlemen who are now engaged in this project will provide such a place, not only for the accommodation of the amusement-loving public but for the accommodation of the patrons of Teachers' and Farmers' Institutes and other large gatherings which are held in town at periods during the year.
The house of R. F. Keefer, near Pharon Station, was destroyed by fire on Thursday, February 10th. The children had been bed, which the fire in the stove and the children were very weak, but by almost superhuman effort got the children out. While assisting Keefer, who had just returned from work, in saving furniture, William Higgins was struck by the falling of a beam, which was probably his fault. The Keeferes are left penniless and destitute.
Mrs. Sarah Bell died at the home of her son, in Jenner Twp., at 7 o'clock on Thursday morning, February 17th, at the advanced age of 93 years, 3 months and nine days. She had enjoyed remarkably good health up to the week before last, when she had been paralyzed. She is survived by four children, viz: William, Isaiah, Mrs. Peter Siple, and Mrs. D. J. Hoover. Her husband passed away some years ago. The funeral took place on Saturday afternoon at 10 o'clock in the Baptist Church officiated by the pastor.
Deceased was one of the best and truest of the north of the county and was highly esteemed for her many virtues and high Christian character.

THE DAY FIXED.
Tuesday, April 28th, for the Execution of the Roddy Boys.
DEPRIVANTS MAINTAIN THEIR INFAMOUS POSITION.
The daily papers of last Wednesday contained the statement that Governor Hastings had designated Tuesday, April 28th, for the execution of James and John Roddy, convicted in the county jail under sentence of death should pay the extreme penalty of the law.
Sheriff Harzell has not been officially advised of the Governor's action and the death warrant has not yet been received at his office.
It seems to be settled, however, that unless the Board of Pardons interposes or the Chief Executive of the State is prevailed upon to grant a stay of execution, the condemned brothers will be executed on that day.
Counsel for the condemned men have not yet been named, but it is believed that they will be appointed by the Board of Pardons to ask for a recommendation for Executive clemency in behalf of their clients, but they are basely at work securing affidavits from residents of Maryland and Johnson, whom it is claimed can throw some additional light on the whereabouts of the prisoners on the night when it is alleged they robbed and murdered David Barker. Counsel are hopeful, but not confident, that they can collect such a mass of evidence as will warrant the Board of Pardons in taking favorable action, or at least in recommending a stay of execution. It is believed that such a mass of evidence as will warrant the Board of Pardons in taking favorable action, or at least in recommending a stay of execution, is being gathered up by the Board of Pardons in taking favorable action, or at least in recommending a stay of execution.
We all know that he put in a good many days down at his farm, and a few days in telling us how to vote, but I don't suppose he charged the county \$20.00 per day for his services. How do you think he would like to see his \$20.00 per day for his services? We think the Commissioners ought to put a stop to this kind of thing. How do you think he would like to see his \$20.00 per day for his services? We think the Commissioners ought to put a stop to this kind of thing.
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Death of Leonard Bitter.
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He had been selling for about a year, but was only confined to his room for the last two weeks. The immediate cause of his death was dropsy, but the loss of his heart and contents by fire on Christmas day, helped to shorten his days. Mr. Bitter was born near Berlin, Somerset county, on October 1, 1827. On February 13, 1851, he was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Rensch, also near Berlin, Somerset county, with whom he lived until his death. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a man of upright character and high moral principles. He was a man of upright character and high moral principles. He was a man of upright character and high moral principles.
Where Has the Money Gone?
A great portion of it has been expended in the erection of county bridges. In fact the retiring board of County Commissioners devoted a large portion of the county funds for constructing county bridges that they contracted for a number of short time before severing their official relations with the county, and at a time when the treasury was empty.
Henry Whedon Jeller, only child of Rev. and Mrs. Jeller, pastor of the M. E. Church, in Haysman, died of cholera infantum, February 11, 1898, aged one year, three months and two days. He was a sweet child, and was dearly loved by his father and mother. He was a sweet child, and was dearly loved by his father and mother. He was a sweet child, and was dearly loved by his father and mother.

ROW DID HE EARN IT!
A Millers Township Farmer Wants to Know How His Farm has Done Since the \$655.50 He Drew From the County Last Year.
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In looking over the auditor's report of the receipts and expenditures of Somerset county for last year I notice that Commissioner Good drew \$655.50, Kreibman \$502.00, and Kimmel \$554.50, besides what they drew for their expenses.
Commissioner Kimmel and I lived in the same township and followed the same avocation—farming—for many years, and I must say that George was a good neighbor and a hard worker. When he was a candidate for Commissioner two years ago he argued with me and others that if we would vote for him we would be voting for our own interests; that having once been Commissioner, he would be able to handle the county a great deal of money and reduce our taxes. We believed him and voted for him and he was elected. Our taxes have not been reduced; the millage is the same as former years, but our valuation has been increased, which, of course, increases our taxes.
Now, which I don't think George is entirely responsible for, but which he ought to explain why it is, I know I have worked just as hard, and much harder, on my farm than he has in the Commissioners' office for the last year and I don't think I have made any more money. I would like to know and many of my neighbors would like to know just what work George did each of the 273 days he put in last year as Commissioner for which he drew from the county \$3.50 per day.
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Advertisement for Fisher's Book Store, featuring a variety of books and stationery. The store is located at 111 North Second Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The advertisement lists various titles and prices, including books on history, science, and fiction. The store also offers a wide selection of stationery, including pens, ink, and paper. The advertisement is written in a classic, formal style typical of the late 19th century.