The Somerset Herald.

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Twelve Piece Chamber sets are cheaper at Snyder's Art Store than anywhere else. Call and price them.

Caleb Longenecker, Esq., a son of Judge J. H. Longenecker, of Bedford, has been appointed an instructor in the law department of the Western University, at Pittsburg.

Do the little colds that grow into big colds, the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

The Governor received to day 40 applications for commissions from men who desire to command organizations in case of war. They ranged all the way from colonel to captain, and, astonishing to say, one man residing near Philadelphia asked that his services as a private might be accepted in order that he could march in the ranks and carry a gun. In all of the many hundreds of offers of services to the Governor, this is the only man who wanted to be a private.

Parties desiring to purchase fine new carriages, buggies, surreys and wagons, will do well to consult the advertisement of E. L. Simpson, who deals exclusively in vehicles.

A new line Picture frame Moulding just received at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

The Blair county court granted 77 liquor licenses, refused six applications, and held over one case. The landlords were admonished not to sell beer in schooners, to stop the free lunch system and to close their establishments every night at 11 o'clock. Bellwood, the fourth largest town in the county, was allowed no license.

Never in the history of the world has wall paper been so cheap. Don't let any one beat you on the border. You get the right price at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Mrs. A. E. Pisel will offer at public sale on Saturday, April 9th, her entire stock of Groceries, Confectionery, Cigars, Canned Goods, Glass Ware, Counters, Shelving, Store Fixtures, and other goods too numerous to mention. Sale will commence at 1 p. m.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of the skin of any sort, instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment, at any drug store.

Anglers are preparing for the opening of the trout season on April 15th. From that date until July 15th, the speckled beauties will have a hard time dodging flies and bait. On account of the mild winter, says the Connellsville News, the streams are in first-class condition, they have not been frozen over, and the fish have had plenty of food during the cold spell. The same old streams in Laurel mountains will be hunted by local fishermen at the beginning of the season. After the first rush, however, the creeks back in the mountains of Somerset county will be most visited.

Some things we can not understand but this is why is Wall Paper so cheap? You can not get it for nothing, but you can get a big lot of it for a little money at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

It is rumored in that vicinity that a handsome summer hotel or club house will be erected at the famous Big Springs, in Bengal township. The location at the base of the Laurel Hill mountains will insure pure air, rugged scenery and good hunting, while the streams of that vicinity are noted for trout. As the report goes the hotel or club house will be erected during the coming summer. The projectors are Pittsburg men of means who are anxious for an attractive and secluded mountain retreat and hunting and fishing ground. Solomon Crise, who has accommodated visitors to the Big Springs with boarding during the past three years, has disposed of his effects there and removed to Laurelville.—Greensburg Democrat.

Every farmer in Somerset county should have a pleasure carriage, surrey, or buggy for his family. E. L. Simpson has the largest line of vehicles of the kind ever brought to the county, and he has them sold at prices beyond competition.

Judge J. F. W. White, of Allegheny county, handed down an important decision regarding the liability of assigned notes for indorsements made by the assignor. Some days ago, Julius Voetter had made a voluntary assignment. At the time of said assignment he was indorser on three notes aggregating $19,200, held by the Second National bank. The auditor appointed to distribute the assets among the creditors allowed the bank to share in the distribution, although other creditors objected to the allowance on the ground that Voetter's liability as indorser was not fixed at the time of the assignment, because the notes had not matured. Judge White said that the question has never been passed upon by the supreme court and there is nothing in the law deciding what debts can be proven before the assignment. He concluded his opinion thus: "If indorsers can release their estates from liability for indorsement by making assignment before the maturity of the notes it will lead to fraud and greatly depreciate the value of mercantile paper. The objections to the auditor's report are dismissed."

Do you want to see the new shape Dinner Sets in queensware? Snyder's Art Store just receive them. They are pretty and cheap.

The responsibility of the legal profession for the prevalence of perjury is very great. There are some lawyers who create evidence to aid their own cases. These constitute the most dangerous class of professional criminals, and we may hope their tribe is very small. But there are many who will wink at and silently encourage perjury when it is on their side. Yet these men would scorn to receive stolen goods. They quietly swallow the camel, but would be insulted if you offered them the gnat. This is because moral sentiment is more clearly defined with respect to receiving stolen goods than with respect to profiting from perjury.—Case and Comment.

Sometime during the week, "Tucker" Paul will vacate the rooms in the First National Bank building, in which he has conducted successfully for a number of years a Confectionery and Bakery. His patrons will learn with pleasure that his son, J. Willis, will sell the celebrated Ginger Beer, Ginger Bread, Yeast, Pies, Cakes, etc., at the White Palace Restaurant, Cook & Beerits Block, during the summer.

Governor Black, of New York, last Friday signed the good roads bill, which puts the state engineer in control of road improvement and provides that better highways shall be constructed at the joint expense of the state, the counties and the property owners, the state to pay 50 per cent., the county 32 per cent., and the benefitting property owners 18 per cent. The initiative lies with the latter, and the county is bound to order the improvement on petition of a majority of the property owners.

Why not buy your Wall Paper at home? If you have a roll left, we will take it back; if you need an extra roll, you can always get it. There are hundreds of patterns to select from at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt has requested the State authorities to have the naval militia recruited up to the full complement of men, and Adjutant General Stewart has ordered the commanders of the battalions in Philadelphia and Pittsburg to at once fill their ranks. Governor Hastings does not think it will be necessary to call an extra session of the Legislature to place the National Guard on a war footing.

Miss Leah Krebs is enjoying the sea breezes at Atlantic City.

Edward Hochstetler, of West Newton, is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Hochstetler.

Mrs. C. P. Hancock and son, of Danville, Pa., are visiting at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Krets.

Mrs. Amanda Blough, of Paint township, has returned home from Cincinnati, whither she went for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

Ex-Commissioner Henry F. Barnett has purchased the grocery and feed store of Cyrus Schrock, and will take possession of the same on May 1st.

Communion services will be held in the Friedens Lutheran Church on Sunday morning. Preparatory services will be held on Good Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Ella Endsley, who has been the guest of her sister—Mrs. Abner McKinley—at the Windsor Hotel, New York, since early in January, returned home last week.

Our venerable neighbor Berlin will be equipped with an electric light plant in the course of a few weeks, arrangements to that end having been satisfactorily completed last week.

Mr. I. M. Phillips, who will become the junior partner of the firm of Parker & Phillips, arrived in town Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will make their home at the Hotel Vannear.

George Dubstadt, of Somerset township, has purchased a lot of ground from Noah Stahl on North Main Cross Street, and it is said he will erect a dwelling house on it this spring.

Mr. C. W. Mosholder, a former employe of this office, now engaged in business in Johnstown, where he has established a prosperous collection agency, spent several days last week with Somerset friends.

Farmers and truck gardeners who decided that winter was over when the mild weather of last week was upon us were much surprised yesterday morning to find the ground covered with six inches of snow.

Miss Elizabeth Stine, of Rockwood, Messrs. George H. and Samuel Hammer, of Connor and John Shaffer, of Mishler have returned to the Indiana State Normal, after spending the usual spring vacation at home.

David Gardner, one of the best known citizens of Jefferson township, while engaged at pruning fruit trees in his orchard on Friday last, accidently fell from the branches of an apple tree and broke his right shoulder blade.

Harry Cupp, of Somerset township, met with a serious and painful accident while cutting straw last Friday morning. One of his hands was caught in the cutter and a finger was torn off, while the other portion of his hand was torn into shreds.

An effort will be made to have Henry W. Shaffer, who was committed to jail last week on a criminal charge, declared a lunatic, a number of his former neighbors in Jenner township having expressed a willingness to testify that in their opinion he is not mentally responsible.

The directors of the First National Bank on Saturday closed a contract with a representative of the Robert A. Mitchell Furniture Company, of Cincinnati, O., for entire new furnishings for their banking-house, which will be made and placed in position some time before June 1st.

Johnstown papers report a shooting scrap at Scalp Level last Tuesday night, in which a miner named James Shannon was shot through the palm of his right hand, which he had thrown over his heart in order to protect that vital spot from the deadly lead, by a negro named Jim White. White has not been apprehended.

George Countryman, of Jefferson township, has disposed of his one-half interest in the farm on which he has been living for several years to his brother Edward. Mr. Countryman contemplates taking a western trip some time during the coming summer, when, if he strikes a farming section better than Somerset county, he will probably locate there.

Congressman Hicks on Thursday recommended the appointment of the following named postmasters in this county: John H. Coleman, at Coleman; L. T. Gardner, at Stanton's Mills; Emily J. Meyers, at Wellersburg; C. C. Tissue, at Dumas; and Henry Gumbert, at Pine Hill. He also recommended the establishment of new postoffices at Windber and Friedline.

E. B. Black of Confluence, owns a Spanish dollar that was coined in 1768, during the reign of King Charles. The letters and date are as perfect as if the coin had been made in recent years. This dollar has passed through three generations of the Black family and was once owned by Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, attorney general during Buchanan's administration, who gave it to his cousin, A. G Black, father of the present owner.

Friday witnessed the usual large first of April crowd in this place, that day having for many years past been set aside by the local public as the day when all interest and payments on real estate transactions should be settled. A large number of real estate sales is reported, and money was "easy" on approved security. Both national banks did a large volume of business, and closed their vaults at the close of the day with as much cash on hand as when they opened them in the morning.

Town Council has entered into a contract for a large supply of broken stone, which will be utilized in repairing the various streets during the coming summer. They have also contracted for an additional arc light to be placed at the intersection of Main and West streets, otherwise known as the Somerset House corner. A resolution to establish grade lines, which was the initial step toward securing permanent street improvements, was voted down. In view of this action it is not probable that Somerset will be provided with paved streets under the present administration.

I. C. Colborn, Esq., went to Johnstown last night for the purpose of being present to-day when depositions will be taken in that city in behalf of the Roddy boys' application for pardon or commutation of sentence. Morrellville relatives of the condemned brothers visited them in the county jail yesterday. They claim that more than 4,000 citizens of Johnstown and vicinity have signed a petition to be laid before the Board of Pardons in behalf of the murderers, and that among the signatures will be found the names of all Johnstown physicians and ministers of the gospel.

Ray, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Countryman, of Lavansville, is suffering from a broken leg, resulting from his coming in contact with the business end of a buck sheep last Friday afternoon. The lad was visiting at the home of his uncle, George Countryman, in Jefferson township, and during the afternoon left the house and started across the fields to where his uncle was engaged at plowing. A flock of sheep were grazing in one of the fields through which the path ran and when young Countryman got half way across he was attacked by the buck. At the first assault the lad skilfully stepped out of the buck's way, only to receive a punch in the buck's rear, which sent him sprawling to the ground. In this position he elevated his heels in order to protect himself when the buck made a vicious plunge breaking the lad's right leg off sharp between the ankle and knee. Mr. Countryman witnessed the unequal contest and at the beginning of hostilities hastened to his nephew's relief, but arrived upon the scene too late to prevent the injury mentioned. Mr. Countryman carried the wounded boy to his home and sent for Dr. Lontheer, who reduced the fracture.

RODDYS HEADED OFF.

Their Believed Well Laid Plans to Break Jail Cleverly Frustrated by Sheriff Hartzell.

WILL APPEAL FOR PARDON.

As the day approaches for the execution of the Roddy boys sensational rumors of a startling character have been set afloat in different parts of the county.

The latest one was sprung Monday morning when it was announced that Sheriff Hartzell had cleverly frustrated the plans of the murderers to escape from the county jail in which they have been confined for a period of twenty-one months. The news rapidly spread throughout town and in the course of a half-hour was the sole topic of conversation, overshadowing for the time being talk about war with Spain.

Sheriff Hartzell says that he accidentally learned Sunday morning while waiting at the station for the arrival of the train from Johnstown that the Roddy boys had all of their plans laid to escape and were only waiting for a favorable opportunity to carry them into effect. As soon as he returned to the jail he visited the corridor of the prison in which the Roddys were confined to learn that his information was correct.

Investigation revealed that two or three of the iron bars in the grating protecting the north-west window opening from the upper corridor of the jail had been neatly sawed through and the openings made by the saw had been cleverly concealed with black putty. It would only have required a minute or two at an opportune time to have forced the grating apart and made escape from the jail an easy matter. Without informing the condemned men of the discovery he had made the Sheriff conducted them to cells on the opposite side of the jail, the same in which the Nicely brothers were confined just prior to their execution. Thorough investigation afterwards made failed to disclose any filings beneath where the rods had been sawed or any saws or other instruments with which the rods could have been cut. Sheriff Hartzell was loth to believe and does not believe that the Roddy boys were preparing to escape, but as a precautionary step he decided to separate them and to keep a close guard upon them from now on until the day set for the double execution arrives.

The Roddy boys have been notably tractable throughout their confinement and have won the good will and sympathy of Sheriff Hartzell and the other prison officials with whom they have been brought in contact, none of whom are willing to believe, even in face of the suspicious circumstances mentioned, that they had planned to escape.

When the Roddys were spoken to in regard to the sawed grating they admitted frankly that they had known all about it for a year or more and claimed that the bars had been cut, at the instance of persons engaged in hunting up evidence against them, by a prisoner named Keiser. They say that they told their attorneys about it at the time, and declare that the thought of escaping from jail never entered their minds; that they rely upon favorable consideration of their case by the Pardon Board, and in case the Pardon Board refuse to grant them a pardon or commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment, they will walk boldly upon the trap and die entirely innocent of the murder of David Berkey.

The attorneys of the condemned brothers admit that their clients more than a year ago informed them of the grating having been cut on one of the jail windows, but that they did not deem it advisable to make the matter public under the circumstances, as they hoped to secure evidence through the prisoner Keiser that would go to establish the fact that testimony had been manufactured against the Roddy boys. The attorneys declare their positive belief in the innocence of their clients and have always claimed that they would not attempt escape if the doors of the prison were opened for them and they were urged to flee.

Another rumor as absurd as it is senseless is to the effect that Sheriff Hartzell believes the Roddy boys innocent and will resign his high office rather than carry out the penalty of the law. Denial of this nonsensical report is unnecessary where that officer is known. Repugnant as the duty imposed upon him may be, Sheriff Hartzell is not the man to flinch from duty and he will carry out the sentence of the law, if called upon to do so, with the dignity and sense of responsibility that have characterized his private and official life.

Counsel for the Roddys are hard at work securing signers to a petition addressed to the Pardon Board praying for a pardon or commutation of sentence to life imprisonment for their clients. They argue that the Roddys are innocent of the murder of David Berkey and profess to believe that the guilty parties are at large and may yet be detected and arrested. In support of their statements they quote a number of facts that have recently come into their possession tending to show the innocence of the Roddys.

District Attorney Colborn received a letter a few days ago that had been posted in Altoona, in which the anonymous and blasphemous writer declares that he was one of the murderers of David Berkey and swears eternal vengeance upon those who have been instrumental in convicting the Roddy boys of the crime. The communication referred to is one of the vilest letters ever penned, too obscene to even read.

Attorneys for the commonwealth will resist with all their power the application of the Roddys for pardon or even for commutation of sentence, all of them being entirely satisfied that they are the guilty parties and that the law should be permitted to take its course.

Pardon for Dr. Mitchell.

Acting upon the recommendation of the State Board of Pardons, Governor Hastings has granted a full and unconditional pardon to Dr. William F. Mitchell, of Addison, who was convicted in the criminal court of this county of performing a criminal operation resulting in the death of Sadie E. Beal, of Sand Patch. The accused physician has hundreds of friends who refuse to believe him guilty, and his attorneys were untiring in their efforts in his behalf. It was generally anticipated that the pardon board would make a favorable report and the dispatch announcing that it had done so occasioned no surprise.

New Opera.

Mr. H. W. Walker, who opened an Ice Cream Parlor and Milk Depot on April 1st, in the house lately vacated by the late John H. Weimer's family on West Main street is now prepared to furnish Ice Cream in any quantity wholesale and retail. Fresh Milk, Cream, Butter, Eggs, etc.; also, a fine line of Choice Confectionery.

Mr. Walker, who personally oversees the work on his farms will see that all his products will be first class.

The business will be conducted by Mr. N. Beighley and his sister, Miss Amanda Beighley, who will cheerfully wait on customers. Give them a call.

The State Campaign.

Dr. S. C. Swallow, the Prohibition leader, has been notified by Herbert Welsh, the chairman of the committee to notify him that he has been nominated as an independent candidate for governor, and make a formal request that he stand. Dr. Swallow says that he is not prepared to say what he will do. There is no doubt though, that he will say yes, and that the fight will be on.

State Chairman Elkin, of the Republican state committee, has engaged headquarters for the committee during the state convention at the Lochiel hotel, where nearly all of the candidates will have their headquarters. Mr. Elkin says that Quay will control the convention, and that Quay's friends will be taken care of.

Management of the County Home Commended by Venerable Samuel Philson.

The following letter from the pen of Samuel Philson, the well-known Berlin banker, whose interest in the economical and wise management of the County Poor Farm is known to all the taxables of the county, will be read with interest. It is proper to add that Mr. Philson's letter was not written for publication, but inasmuch as its contents are meant for the people of the county, Mr. Peck has kindly given it to them through the columns of the HERALD.

MR. J. W. PECK,

Dear Sir:—You being the only poorhouse director with whom I am personally acquainted, I beg leave to congratulate you and through you the entire board for the able manner in which, according to your full and elaborate report, you have conducted the affairs of the county home during the year 1897. The comprehensive showing of the prosperous manner in which the farming operations have been successfully performed proves most conclusively that your honorable board have the credit for the county's poor being amply provided for, and that the unfortunate inmates have every comfort possible furnished. By your systematic management and the selection of a steward who works with and co-operates to supply the wants and comforts of the unfortunates, clearly sets forth that duty, and not salary-grabbing, is the object of your honorable board. By a systematic method of bookkeeping you can and do exhibit a full and satisfactory monthly statement of your efforts to faithfully discharge your duties as directors.

The productiveness of the farming operations reminds me of an incident that occurred in the committee of nine who were appointed to make a selection of a farm for the county home, of which Samuel Miller, of Somerset, ex-Sheriff Imhoff, of Somerset, Benjamin Kimmel, of Stonycreek, Joseph Miller, of Quemahoning, and Judge Chorpenning, of Somerset, from whom the farm was bought, which was considered by many as an unwise selection. Soon after the selection was made I happened to meet Major Kimmel and Major Imhoff at court, when they were discussing the poor choice they had made, Imhoff contending that it was the proper place, and Kimmel opposing it, when Major Kimmel called me to witness that he would bind himself to cradle all the wheat they could raise upon that farm in one day. The steward's report shows clearly what can be done by judicious farming, which ought to be an incentive to our farmers to exert themselves to cultivate their farms systematically. The statement of the assessors for 1897, showing the productiveness of Somerset county farms, the total production being nearly two hundred and fifty thousand bushels of wheat, besides large quantities of corn, hay, oats potatoes, and all other items largely produced, gives our farmers the assurance that Somerset county ere long will become the productive garden-spot of the great commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Your humble octogenarian servant,

SAMUEL PHILSON.

Berlin, Pa., March 18, 1898.

Somerset Normal School

Will open May 16, 1898, and continue in session about 9 weeks. Accommodations for all grades. Special advantages for the study of higher branches. Teachers:

D. W. SHIBERT,
N. E. BERKEY,
O. J. KREGER.

Recent Deaths.

Elizabeth, wife of Henry Custer, died at her home near Mostoller Station, on Tuesday, March 29th, aged 77 years, 4 months and 23 days. Deceased was a consistent member of the Friedens Lutheran Church for a period of 61 years. Interment was made at Friedens, Rev. J. J. Welch, assisted by Rev. Burgess, of the Somerset U. B. Church, officiating.

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Jonas Ankeny, aged 66 years, died at his home in Jenner township, on Wednesday evening last. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

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"Tommy" Williams, as the rotund and jolly West Salisbury landlord was known to a host of friends throughout the county, is no more. He died at his home in that place, on Wednesday morning, after a protracted illness that unbalanced his mental faculties. Death came as a happy release from suffering. Thomas S. Williams was a native of Wales, he having been born in that country seventy-one years ago. At an early age he emigrated to America, when he took up his residence in Eastern Pennsylvania, where he remained for a number of years before removing to Salisbury, when he at once became actively identified with the coal business, he having been the first man to ship Elk Lick coal to the markets of the East. He prospered as a coal merchant, but later abandoned that business to engage in hotelkeeping, in which business he also met with marked success. His memory will be cherished by all who learned to know him.

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Harry Grove, who had been employed as bartender at the Hotel Vannear for a year past, died very unexpectedly at his apartment in that hostelry at 10:40 o'clock Monday morning. Deceased was suddenly taken sick Thursday night and failed rapidly until death came. He was a native of Bedford county, and came here from Johnstown. He was about 30 years of age and was generally well liked. The funeral took place at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Deceased was a member of the Vigilant Fire Company of Johnstown, and the members of the local Fire Companies escorted the body to the grave.

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John R. Jordan, father of J. H. Jordan, the well known Bedford, attorney and the eldest brother of Captain William Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant, died Thursday morning at his home in Bedford of paralysis. Deceased was eighty years of age. Mrs. Webster B. Parker, a niece of Mr. Jordan's attended the funeral, which took place on Saturday.

Something About the Present Owner of the Noah Roberts Farm.

Pittsburg is to lose its oldest artist, who still wields the brushes in a downtown studio. That means loss him in the sense that he will no longer put his beautiful fancies on canvas in a workshop in the city. But Hetzel is not going to stop work if he is 72 years old; no, indeed: he's just as busy as he ever was, says the Pittsburg Post.

Hetzel began his artistic career by becoming an apprentice to a house and sign painter. In this capacity he served about four years, and during the latter part of that time nearly all the business signs in the city were painted by Hetzel.

The next step he took toward fame was to go into business with a fresco painter. He spent about six months painting in the old Western penitentiary.

Some time after that he spent two years of study in Dusseldorf, Prussia, which was one of the greatest of the European art centres.

Nearly all Hetzel's summers have been spent in country rovings. The first landscape he ever painted was "Brady's Leap" on Slippery Rock creek. Brady was a celebrated Indian fighter, and that was a place where he saved his scalp by outjumping the savages who were chasing him. Scalp Level, has been a favorite resort with the artist.

Hetzel's studio for the future will be on his farm near Somerset, Pa., where the family will take up their residence after a few weeks. There his brushes will be just as constant companions as they have been during the long years he has spent in the city.

Everybody wants a Slop Jar with a handle. Easy to handle. You can get them at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

OBJECTIONS STAND.

Accused Commissioners Make No Defense Against Auditors' Charges.

CONTEMPT FOR THE PUBLIC.

Two full months have passed since the auditors filed their annual report of the receipts and expenditures of the county. The report in some respects was the most notable ever presented for the consideration of the taxpayers.

In it were embodied strictures reflecting upon the official conduct and management of those sworn honestly and economically to conduct public affairs that few guiltless officials would permit to go unanswered for so long a time.

The auditors found that county funds have been carelessly, if not illegally, withdrawn from the treasury; they found that county orders have been issued from two or three sources; that orders bearing interest have been issued, which they believe was done without warrant of law, and to the prejudice of the taxpayers; that the minute-book kept by the commissioners is a farce, inasmuch as it fails to set forth the public work performed by the officers in that office; that officials were paid for services rendered the county before the same were furnished; that orders were issued upon presentation of unitemized bills; that contracts have been secretly let to the prejudice of the people; that rebates were unlawfully granted on taxes legally assessed; that public furniture was disposed of for which no return was made to the county; that the records were juggled in order to deceive the auditors and taxpayers; that unnecessary furniture was provided for public offices at an extravagant price, and that money received for the county by the commissioners was not turned into the county treasury.

The above are serious reflections to cast upon the official integrity of gentlemen who were elevated to office upon the deceitful cry of "reform," but they must be accepted by the taxpayers of the county as indisputable facts, so long as they remain unanswered and unchallenged.

If the allegations of the sworn officials charged with auditing the accounts of the county are false and untrue, the commissioners, whom the public hold responsible for the abuses complained of, are not as jealous of their honor and integrity as are most men under similar circumstances, for up to this hour they have not entered a single denial of the charges preferred.

The manner in which certain officials have met the issue forced upon them has been highly discreditable, and unworthy of men charged with the conduct of public affairs. A grossly libelous and unauthorized attack on the personal character of their accusers was published, and after it recoiled upon the heads of the malicious authors, efforts have been made to cloud the issue by published reflections upon the character of disinterested parties, but up to this hour not a single one of the charges brought by the auditors in their official capacity has been authoritatively denied.

Why this long silence upon the part of those who have been elevated to office upon the plea that they were "reformers," and, having previously served as county commissioners, were better prepared to secure economical management of public affairs than others? Are the allegations made by the auditors all true, and are the accused officials afraid to have the lid lifted for fear that it will expose them to the public in their proper light?

Public officials, wrongfully accused of mismanagement and other offenses against public policy, as a rule are not so slow in setting themselves straight before the people who have honored them with their votes.

The issue forced by the auditors can not be clouded from the eyes of the public by the famous plea of Messrs. Shober and Kimmell that under their administration in the commissioners' office taxation was "systematically reduced," whereas every taxpayer in the county knows from personal experience that local taxation has advanced or remained stationary on depreciating real estate, and they also know that county expenditures reached their highest ebb during the hard times of 1896.

The HERALD has pointed out the road to be followed by the taxpayers, especially by those who have recently allied themselves with the State organization known as the "Taxpayers' Union," in order to bring about a reform in this important public office, and to convince the residents of the county that their protestations of honest and economical administration of public affairs is sincere, and not a blind to accomplish selfish purposes. Will the "Unionists" follow it, or will they exert their best efforts to cover up the sins of their political partners and leave the county treasury open to be pillaged by those who have basely deceived the people?

Of Interest to Housekeepers.

Ladies who value good cooking should examine the Cinderella Range. It bakes light bread and roasts meat deliciously. Sold by

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Another Decision Against Alien Tax Law.

Another decision has been given against the alien tax law, this time by the Blair county court, which holds that the act is in conflict with the provision of the constitution requiring equal taxation and that it puts a premium on idleness and taxes the industrious of a class.

The objections which the courts have made to the alien tax law were raised during its introduction in the legislature, but were thought to be sufficiently answered by its supporters. The purpose of the act is sound, but it is necessary, of course, that any restrictions upon the employment of alien labor shall be clearly within the limits secured by the constitution, and if the supreme court take the same view of this act that has been taken by the courts of several of the counties, the legislature will have to try some other plan.—Philadelphia Times.

A MECHANIC'S VIEWS.

On the Most Important Local Question We Have at Present to Discuss.

Opinions expressed publicly through this newspaper by people in the commoner walks of life who live in some distant State lack the interest which is attached to opinions held by residents of the Western part of Pennsylvania. The former have always a suspicious halo about them which is absent in the latter. To put it plainly, the reader would sooner believe the statement of a man living in Greensburg, Pa., than the statement of a resident of Woonsocket, R. I., and when the Greensburg citizen courts inquiry, the experience which follows can certainly be depended upon. Mr. Amos Eisaman, painter, whose office and shop is at 331 W. Otterman street, lives on Brushton avenue, Greensburg, Pa. Write him if you are in doubt about his statement, and ask him if it is not true. Mr. Eisaman says: "I can thank Doan's Kidney Pills for the good health I am now enjoying. I never felt better than I have since I took the pills last winter, 1896. My kidneys have been weak and have troubled me more or less ever since I was a boy, but the last few years very severely. The pains through my loins were often so severe that I could not get around to my business, and to do any work necessitating stooping or lifting was entirely out of the question. The secretions were irregular, frequent and distressing, and on standing deposited a heavy sediment. I had doctored a great deal, but without getting any satisfactory results. When I saw Doan's Kidney Pills recommended so highly, I thought I would try them, and I got a box at a drug store. I felt so much better after the first box that I continued the treatment for a time, until I was thoroughly cured. I now have no more trouble, and I am glad to recommend a remedy which has proven itself so true to the claims made for it. My son also used Doan's Kidney Pills, and had equally good results."

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

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A Monument and Obituaries.

The work of overhauling the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius, completing the work on her guns, and fitting her up for active service, is now almost finished, and she probably will be ordered to leave Washington Navy Yard within the next two days. Her officers do not know as yet where she will be ordered, but it is thought she will go first to Norfolk and then proceed to southern waters. The men are busily employed at present in giving her a coat of paint, preparatory to painting her a dark green. The officers say that it is almost impossible to discover a vessel at night when painted with this color, even by means of a search light. The Vesuvius has not as yet taken aboard the many tons of dynamite that she carried in her magazines; this will be the last thing that will be loaded.

One of the officers, discussing the possibility of hostilities, said:

"There is one satisfaction about being aboard a ship like this in case we are struck right. There will no Board of Inquiry, and no trouble about divers, etc. The only thing to do will be to erect a monument to our memory and attend to our obituary notices, for there will not be a piece of the boat left big enough for a souvenir. A boat of this style either does fearful damage to her enemies or goes under in short order herself. Modern war will, in my opinion, be quick work, anyhow, and we represent the very quickest type of death-dealing vessel afloat."

Fisher's Book Store.

Easter Thoughts

of Easter Books or Stationery should be directed towards our offerings. Everything has been selected with a regard to our customers pleasure and benefit. Therefore quality is good, and each article new, up-to-date and stylish. Prices have been adjusted with an eye to quick sales which means reasonable profit for us and economy for you.

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CHAS. H. FISHER.

Assignee's Sale

OF

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of court to me directed, the undersigned assignee of John Egner, of Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., will expose to public sale, on

Thursday, April 28, 1898,

AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M.,

on the premises, the following described real estate, to-wit:

No. 1. All that certain lot containing twenty and eight-tenths perches, situate in Hillsboro, Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., having thereon erected a one and one-half story plank store building, also a building containing a steam power saw mill, corn crusher and chopper, etc.

No. 2. All that certain lot of ground situate in the village of Hillsboro, Somerset county, Pa., containing one acre more or less, having thereon erected a two-story plank dwelling house, and all other necessary outbuildings.

Portable Saw Mill.

At the same time and place a good portable steam saw mill will be offered for sale.

Terms:

One third cash on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed, one-third in six months and one-third in one year with interest. Ten per cent. of purchase money cash on day of sale. Deferred payments to be secured by judgment bond on the premises.

ISAIAH HOLSOPPLE, Assignee.

F. W. Biesecker, Attorney.

Public Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to the undersigned directed, there will be exposed to sale by public outcry, on

Saturday, April 30, 1898.

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

on the premises in the borough of Confluence, Pa., the following described real estate, late the property of J. W. Brown, dec'd, viz:

No. 1. Two certain lots of ground situate in the borough of Confluence Somerset county, Pa., fronting each on Bugbart street 21 feet on the west extending eastward to an alley 121 feet, bounded on the north by lots of John Stanton, and on the south by lots of A. T. Groff, and known on the plan of said borough as lots Nos. 14and 15, having thereon erected a two-story frame

Dwelling : House,

and other out-buildings and being the late homestead of dec'd.

No. 2. Two other certain lots of ground situate as aforesaid and numbered on the plan of said borough as lots Nos. 7 and 8, fronting east on William street 24 feet each, and extending back 121 feet each to an alley on the west, bounded on the north by lots of Nathan Distins and on the south by Christian church property.

Terms:

No. 1. ⅓ on confirmation of sale, ⅓ in one year and ⅓ in two years thereafter, with interest, subject, however, to the widow's dower after the payment of all debts and expenses in the estate.

No. 2. Cash on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed.

G. G. GROFF,
Adm'r and Trustee of J. W. Brown, dec'd.

John R. Scott, attorney,
Somerset, Pa.

Hambletonian Stallion.

ALHAMBRA, bay stallion, son of Middleton 152, he by Rysdyke Hambletonian 10, will stand for service beginning April 1, and continuing during the summer, at $15 to insure a mare with foal. Here is an opportunity to breed to a standard bred and producer of high speed, having some 20 or more on the 2:30 list, and one as low as 2:13, has never been beaten in the show ring and as a getter of speed has no equal in the county.

BERKSHIRE BROOD SOWS, due to farrow soon, at $10 and upwards, according to size. Also, pigs of either sex, 3 months old, at $8 to $5 each.

COTSWOLD LAMBS by imported stock, weighing 150 lbs, at $10 each for delivery in October. Orders booked now.

BRONZE TURKEYS for sale in the fall from stock weighing from 40 to 50 pounds at $4 per pair. Eggs, 15 for $3.

P. HEFFLEY,
Somerset, Pa.

Easter Greeting.

We greet Easter with a very choice line of Ladies' Pattern Hats and Tailor Made Suits, which will be displayed at our store on Thursday Friday and Saturday of this week. Everybody cordially invited to attend. A bunch of Violets will be presented to all persons visiting our Millinery Department on Saturday, April 6th.

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Two-Horse Farm Wagons, (4-inch tire.)		60.00
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Luke Hay and Mary S. Hay to Philip Hay and Hiram P. Hay. } In the Court of Common Pleas in and for Somerset county, Pa. No. 103, Dec. Term, 1896. (Voluntary Assignment.)

At a Court of Common Pleas held at Somerset, Pa., March 11, 1898, on motion of John R. Scott, Esq., the undersigned was duly appointed auditor to distribute the fund in the hands of the assignees as per their account filed and confirmed, now due, and the payments coming due, to and among those legally entitled thereto. Notice is hereby given to all parties interested that I will attend to the duties of the above appointment at my office in Somerset borough, Pa., on Saturday, April 9, 1898, when and where those interested can attend if they see proper.

GEO. R. SCULL, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

In re estate of Peter F. Shaulis, late of Jefferson township, dec'd.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the proper authority, to distribute the fund in the hands of H. E. Shaulis and Philip H. Walker, administrators, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment, on Saturday, April 16, 1898, at one o'clock p. m., when and where all parties interested may attend.

CHARLES F. UHL, Jr., Auditor.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of J. D. Miller & Sons has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. J. W. Miller retiring. J. D. Miller and J. M. Miller will continue to do business under the firm name of J. D. Miller & Son. All debts due the old firm and all accounts against them will be settled by the new firm.

J. D. MILLER,
J. W. MILLER.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Eli Ogline, late of Lincoln township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement, on Friday, April 29, 1898 at the residence of dec'