The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY ..... November 23, 1898

A young lady recently sent 25 cents to a Chicago advertiser for a recipe to whiten and keep the hands soft, and received this reply: "Soak them well three times a day regularly in dishwater while your mother rests."

March, ex-president of the Keystone Bank of Philadelphia, who recently surrendered to his bondsman after several years of hiding from the law, it is believed will not stand a trial, but plead guilty. The minimum sentence is five, maximum ten years.

The disposition of he soldiers' vote at Manila is causing much anxiety in a few of the counties in Pennsylvania. In Westmoreland the vote will not change the result, but in Fayette the situation is different. There are two companies from that county in Manila and the ballots from the foreign land may elect one or more candidates.

The week preceding Thanksgiving was marked by the jingle of old copper cents and the rattle of dice in many quarters about town. Staid citizens, who would not be suspected of hustling or taking chances with small ivory cubes, were to be seen sneaking towards home under the cover of night with suspicious looking packages concealed under their overcoats.

The Maria Teresa, the Spanish cruiser raised under the direction of Lt. Hobson, abandoned by the crew that was bringing her to an American port, is said to be a worthless wreck off Cat Island whither she drifted after being abandoned. It is rather peculiar that this Spanish vessel should seek her last resting place on the first land of the New World reached by a Spanish vessel upwards of 400 years ago.

Ray, little son of Frank McCarthy of Uniontown, had his eyes burned out Saturday by the explosion of a small tank of heat composition used by Bell telephone linemen. The boy, with others, was watching the men at work when the explosion occurred, throwing the burning material into his face and all over his clothes. A great quantity entered his eyes, almost burning the balls out of their sockets.

The story is told that the Rev. Stanley D. Krebs, Prohibition candidate for the legislature in Reading, had the written pledges of 4,500 to support him, but his total vote was only 1,333. The candidate is amazed to have it revealed to him that there are 3,167 liars in Reading alone, and instead of wasting his time hereafter running for office he is likely to devote himself pretty energetically to preaching the gospel of truth and honesty.—Washington Observer.

The steamer Wolcott, from Copper River, Alaska, brings word to Seattle, Wash., of the drowning of a young woman named Crossop and a man named Tankersen in Controller Bay, October 5th. They were rowing from the mouth of the Chilkat River to Kayak Island and their boat capsized. The body of the woman was recovered. On it was found $114,000. She formerly lived in Minneapolis. With her sister she ran a dance hall in Controller Bay.

An agricultural exchange says that a good plan for storing chestnuts for winter is to place a small quantity of salt in the bags with the nuts. They will then become soft and sweet, and any worms which happen to be among them will be driven out. The bags will become covered with sweat caused by the salt, but this will not impair the quality of the nuts in the slightest degree. This plan is followed by many persons and is considered one of the best.

President McKinley has been invited to take part in the Masonic ceremonies at Mt. Vernon, December 14, to mark the centennial of the death of George Washington. The exercises will consist, as nearly as possible, of a duplication or reproduction of the funeral ceremonies of December 18, 1799. The lodge in which Washington was made a Mason and the Washington-Alexandria lodge, of which he was the first master, will take prominent parts in the ceremonies. Masons from all parts are expected to be present.

William Speicher, of Stoyestown, was arrested in Ligonier Tuesday evening on complaint of liveryman Thorton Menser, of Davidsville, from whom he had hired a rig Monday, saying he wanted to use it for a couple of hours. The rig not being returned and the liveryman learning that Speicher was headed for Ligonier the man's arrest was ordered by telephone. Mr. Speicher took the matter very coolly and did not express any surprise at being taken in tow by an officer, and, after spending the night in the Ligonier lock-up, was taken back to Davidsville in the stolen rig, with a new driver.

Following the custom of former years the manager of the Somerset Opera House—Mr. Charles D. Casebeer—has secured an attraction—The Cecilia Musical Club, of Boston—for that place of entertainment for Friday evening of institute week. This is one of the most prominent musical organizations in the country and wherever it has appeared during the three years of its existence it has received flattering notices from the press. Each performer is a specialist as well as an artist of recognized ability and the program rendered will be of exceptional interest. Reserved seats can be secured at Neff & Casebeer's.

A remarkable story comes from Irwin, says the Greensburg Tribune. Miss Mari Epley, aged fifteen years, became demented Wednesday morning and pulled a two-horse carriage from Parr's wagon works up Main street to the Opera House. The young lady resides about one mile out of Irwin and is employed as a domestic at the home of Mrs. George Ward in Irwin. She frequently visits her home at night and comes in to the Ward home the next morning. Wednesday her actions were unusually queer. When coming past the Parr wagon works she suddenly became deranged and took hold of a carriage standing there and started toward Main street with it. The mud was several inches deep on account of some improvements being made on the thoroughfare. This did not seem to worry the girl, who displayed wonderful strength and dragged the heavy vehicle to the Opera House, where she stopped to rest. The people were attracted by her queer actions, and upon inquiry learned that she was temporarily insane. She told the people her horse had run away and she was compelled to bring the buggy home. Friends took her in charge and she will be cared for in some institution for the feeble minded. People who saw her handling the heavy carriage say the strength displayed was marvelous.

On an occasional door or store front in the town of Adjuntas, in Puerto Rico, appears the single black print of a human hand. If the native be questioned, writes John Hamilton Thacher, in Harper's Weekly, he responds with a sidelong glance and finger on his lip.

"El mano negro," he whispers. One learns that the dreaded token on the door, the black hand, is the precursor of a masked band coming by night to leave a record of its visit written with torch and machete. He hears of a woman and child hacked with knives and left for dead on the Lares road; of a plantation owner, aged and infirm, beaten and tortured, his ears cut off, and finally, in the presence of his son, hung from a rafter in his house. He sees traces of pillage and arson. Some of these crimes are a part of the outlawry that must needs attend the close of a war. In most cases, however, what he sees is merely a rude balancing of accounts. The items on one side have been accumulating for some four centuries, and it is not surprising that the lower class of Puerto Ricans should wish to make a few additional entries before the United States closes the ledger permanently.

Miss Jessie Ruth Sheridan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Sheridan, of Johnstown, is the guest of Miss Floss Knepper.

The Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., will meet at Meyersdale, on Wednesday, 30th inst., when it is expected that all of the grand officers will be present.

Hon. B. F. Meyers and wife, of Harrisburg, arrived in town Monday morning and are guests at the home of the latter's brother, W. H. Koontz, Esq.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the Somerset postoffice: Z. A. Holl, M. F. Hoovermill, Maggie J. Lane, Mr. Twonney.

Rev. Hiram King will conduct religious services in the Lavansville Reformed church at 10:30 o'clock next Sunday morning, and in the Somerset church at 7 o'clock in the evening.

Mr. John G. Sanner, a former well-known resident of this place, now superintendent of the Lindsey-McCutcheon Iron Works, Pittburg, is spending a few days with Somerset relatives.

Mr. Harvey Heinbaugh, of Ursina borough, was the Congressional return judge from this county. The return judges from the four counties comprising the 29th district met at Hollidaysburg.

Mr. Leban B. Armstrong, of Midland, Va., and Miss Minnie Miller, of Audison township, were united in marriage on November 8th, in Somerset. Rev. John H. Knepper, of Meyersdale, was the officiating clergyman.

Under the new schedule which went into effect Sunday on the Somerset & Cambria branch the afternoon southbound train arrives at Somerset at 3:12 instead of 3:47 as heretofore. All other trains arrive and depart as formerly.

The usual union Thanksgiving services will be held in the Lutheran church at 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning. Rev. Lavan, of the United Evangelical church, will preach the sermon. A collection for the benefit of the deserving poor of Somerset will be lifted.

Rebecca, wife of W. H. Coughenour, died suddenly on Tuesday, November 8th, at her home near Accident, Md. She was a former resident of this county, and was in the thirty-fifth year of her age. Rev. H. H. Flick, formerly of Lavansville, officiated at the funeral.

The public school teachers of the county, 320 strong, will be with us next week. They are a handsome body of young ladies and gentlemen engaged in a noble work. We wish them a pleasant and profitable visit, and in behalf of the residents of Somerset extend them a cordial welcome to the county seat.

Prothonotary and Mrs. H. F. Barron have removed their household effects to the residence of J. A. Berkey, where they have taken rooms for the winter. They will board at the Hotel Vannear. Mr. "Bert." Pullin and family have taken possession of the Patriot street cottage vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Barron.

Henry Smith, aged 85 years, 4 months and 25 days, died on Monday, November 14th at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fiege, near Conner postoffice, Jenner township. Deceased had been blind for a number of years. At his request his six grandsons acted as pall bearers. Interment was made in the Calvary Reformed Church cemetery.

Marling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Miller, of this place, is one of the sick among the recruits now at Honolulu for the Tenth Pennsylvania. He is suffering from typhoid fever. His parents have not heard from him since his sickness, the news having come through a letter published in one of the Pittsburg papers. Since then a number of the sick recruits have been sent back to San Francisco and Mr. Miller hopes that his son is one of them.

The sad intelligence of the death of Virginia, the six year-old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Nowlin, of McKeesport, was received here Monday afternoon. While her parents were at breakfast the child got out of bed and went to the bath room. Her clothes caught fire from a small gas stove and in a moment she was enveloped in flames. She screamed, and her mother rushed up stairs to find the little one making futile efforts to extinguish the flames. Dr. Newlin succeeded in putting out the fire with his hands, only after some portions of the child's body were burned almost to a crisp.

Ex-Associate Judge J. R. McMillen, of Middlecreek township, is spending a few days at the home of his nephew, Dr. S. J. McMillen, on Patriot street. The Judge was a member of the bench at a time when many men who are now voters were unborn, but he bears his advanced age with remarkable ease and might readily be mistaken for a man of sixty rather than one who has passed the allotted three score years and ten and is on the homestretch of four score years. He has retired from the active duties of life and finds peace and contentment in his quiet rural home, where he enjoys the love and esteem of his neighbors.

Mrs. Joseph Horner, aged fifty-nine years, died at an early hour Sunday morning at her late home, two miles north of this place. She had been an invalid for several years, and her death was not unexpected. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Reformed Church cemetery at Lavansville. Rev. Hiram King conducted the funeral services. Deceased was a daughter of the late Jonathan Rhoads, of Lincoln township, and was esteemed and respected by all who knew her. She was a faithful member of the Reformed Church. She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter.

Few people who are intimately acquainted with John O. Kimmel, Esq., will realize until they read these lines that he is past eighty-four years of age, he having celebrated his eighty-fourth anniversary on Sunday, 20th inst., when he received the congratulations of his numerous friends. Mr. Kimmel is still in active practice of the law, with a mind as bright and clear as at any time during his long and busy life, and with a body unimpaired. It is given to few men to enjoy such remarkable mental and bodily vigor as our esteemed fellow townsman, upon whose shoulders advancing age rests so lightly as to escape observation, even by those who are brought in daily contact with him. An extended notice of Mr. Kimmel's long and active life appeared in a recent issue of the HERALD. We voice the sentiments of all his fellow citizens when we express the hope that he may be spared for many years.

G. C. Kelley, a traveling salesman for a wholesale drug firm of Greenville, Tenn., was committed to the county jail Monday morning to await trial on charges of false pretense and embezzlement preferred against him by Liveryman Countryman, of Meyersdale. It is alleged that the defendant procured a team from Countryman and gave a worthless check when he settled for the hire; it is also alleged that he appropriated a sum of money belonging to a traveling companion, who is also a salesman. One week ago Kelley came to Somerset when he hired a team at Schrock's livery stable for the purpose of making a week's drive to outlying towns. He promised to notify Mr. Schrock in case he drove beyond the limits of the county, but failed to do so, and on Friday Schrock learned that his team had been seen in Westmoreland county. He immediately started in pursuit, accompanied by Constable Gilbert, who was armed with the warrants referred to above. Kelley was traced to Greensburg and thence to Latrobe, where Schrock ascertained that his team was at a livery stable in Blairsville. He telephoned to the Blairsville liveryman to retain possession of the team and to have Kelley placed under arrest, both of which were done. Kelley claims that he had no idea of running away with the horses and buggy and that he is perfectly responsible. He further claims that his employers will supply him with funds to get him out of his difficulty. In case this is done it is probable that the prosecutions against him will be dropped.

Farmers' Institutes.

The attention of our farmers is called to the list of institutes to be held in this county this winter by the State Department of Agriculture, assisted by the local board of institute managers for the county. These meetings are in the interest of all our farmers, and are open to all. The expense of conducting them is borne by the State. The discussions are upon farm topics for the benefit of farmers. Arrange your business so as to attend and take part in the exercises. All classes of citizens are welcome, and interesting programs have been prepared.

The county committee is: N. B. Critchfield, Critchfield, Pa., J. R. Boose, Rockwood, Pa., and H. J. Hoffman, Husband, Pa., any of whom will be glad to give information to any one who will make the request.

The State speakers who will be present are: S. B. Heiges, of York county, Pa., R. S. Seeds, of Huntingdon county, Pa., Dr. Leonard Pearson, of the University of Pennsylvania, State Pomologist, and Dr. William Frear, of State College, Pa.

The places and dates at which the institutes will be held are as follows: Ursina, December 13, 14, 15; Hooversville, December 15, 16, 17. All farmers within reach should attend these meetings.

A Birthday Party.

No more pleasant incident has for years come to the citizens living along the border line of Jenner and Quemahoning townships than occurred on Wednesday, the 16th inst. The occasion was the seventy-third anniversary of the birth of David Bowman, one of the highly-esteemed citizens of the community. Within a few days Mr. Bowman's intention to leave the farm and go to town has been made known to his old neighbors, and they all seemed to vie with each other in their attempts to make his last birthday in his old home the most pleasant of his whole life. About eleven o'clock a. m., as Mr. Bowman and his good wife were busily engaged gathering together articles to be sold at the public vendue that is advertised for a week later, they were surprised to see several of their neighbors drop in, arrayed in their "Sunday-go-to-meeting fix-ups." In a few minutes others arrived, and inside a quarter of an hour from the time of the arrival of the first, every foot of space in front of the dwelling was taken up by some kind of vehicle, and baskets without number were being unloaded and transferred to the kitchen. Mr and Mrs. Bowman were very soon given to understand that they were to act the part of guests, and to be entertained, rather than to be burdened with the duty of entertaining others. By twelve o'clock the large table, arranged to extend from one to the other of the spacious dining-room, was loaded with the choicest fruits of the land, the bill of fare embracing almost everything that the earth, air or sea is capable of producing to meet the wants of man. While at the table the writer took occasion to note the presence of the following named persons: Rev. Wetzell and wife, Jonas Maurer and wife Aaron Blough and wife, Thomas Gallagher and wife, Cornelius Alexander and wife, Mathias Alexander and wife, Lavan Bowman and wife, N. B. Critchfield and wife, Noah Bowman, wife and family, Ed. Daniels, wife and family, Alexander Maurer, wife and family, Samuel Bates, Mrs. Irvin Cunningham, Mrs. William Maurer, Mrs. Harry Pile, Mrs. Orten D. Barnet, and Miss Madie Critchfield. Whether any escaped without being counted is not certainly known.

After dinner a few hours were spent in very pleasant social intercourse, the conversation taking quite a wide range, embracing the subjects of religion, morals, civil government, politics and education. At four o'clock Rev. Wetzell, the pastor of the family, called the company together, and after reading in a most impressive manner the ninetieth Psalm, he engaged in fervent prayer that the same hand that led our friend and neighbor from childhood up through the years of his most active manhood to the point attained beyond the "three-score years and ten" might lead all who were present safely through the journey of life, and at the last conduct them into those "green pastures" and beside those "still waters" where there is an eternal spring for the children of God. COM.

School Teachers' and School Directors' Headquarters.

Every season for 19 years past it has been customary for the school teachers and directors to make their Headquarters during

INSTITUTE WEEK AT
...FISHER'S BOOK STORE...

For nineteen years I have endeavored to make my store a pleasant place of resort for school teachers and directors at all times, especially during Institute Week. That I have fully succeeded goes without saying. Call around during Institute week and if you are looking for any one you'll likely find them at Fisher's Book Store, as it is the one great popular resort. I make it my special business during Institute week to look out for the comfort and pleasure of teachers and directors. Drop in and make your self at home.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Senatorial Official Returns.

J. F. Biddle, Esq., of Bedford, J. P. Sechler, of Somerset county, and E. B. Mellott, of Fulton county, return judges of the Thirty-sixth Senatorial District, met at the court house in Bedford last Thursday and computed the vote of the district, which is as follows:

	Weller (Rep.)	Hoover (Dem.)	Brubaker (Pro.)
Bedford county	4,300	3,120	100
Somerset county	4,195	1,718	264
Fulton county	887	1,116	42
Totals	9,382	5,954	406

Weller's plurality, 3,428.

A Case Crossed Eyes Operated Upon in a Boy of Six Years.

Parents of children with crossed eyes are generally of the opinion that an operation in cases of young children is dangerous and by delaying the latter, spoil a most important part of the operation, namely, the chances of recovering the sight in the inflicted eye or eyes. A crossed eye is excluded from the act of seeing and invariably becomes weaker.

Drs. Sigmann and Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., have operated on crossed eyes in children under six years, and the happy result of Master George Aul, a six-year-old boy of No. 115 7th street, whose eyes were recently straightened by Dr. Sigmann, is a new testimonial of the great success of these well-known specialists. People living in the country should take advantage of the cheap excursion rates for the Pittsburgh Exposition to consult these eminent surgeons in all ailments of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

400 Pretty Homes and Gardens.

How general the use of photography is coming to be adopted by the modern magazine as a means of illustration is shown in the announcement of The Ladies Home Journal that it is about to publish six new, distinct series of articles which will include not less than 400 photographs. The idea of the magazine is to present one hundred of the prettiest country homes in America, to encourage artistic architecture; one hundred of the prettiest gardens, to encourage taste in floriculture; seventy churches decorated for festal occasions of all kinds, such as weddings, Christmas and Easter services, etc; some forty of the prettiest girls' rooms in this country; twenty-five floral porches and vine-clad houses; and the story of the native wild flowers in America, told in seventy-five photographs. Over 8000 photographers, in every part of the country, were employed by the magazine to get these pictures, and several thousands of dollars were paid in prize awards for the best photographs. The choice was made out of over 10,000 photographs received by the magazine.

Pisel's White Palace Restaurant has been treated to a fresh coat of paint, which renders it more attractive than ever.

Berwind-White Strike.

About half of the 500 strikers at shaft 31 of the Berwind-White company, at Windber, returned to work Wednesday. According to the Johnstown Tribune, "the trouble centers, it seems, not on the question of allowing the men a checkweighman, which the law gives them, but on the person who shall fill that position. The man who has been acting as checkweighman is objectionable to the company, who claim that he utilizes every excuse to foment trouble between the men and the operators, and, besides, has made dishonest propositions to the weighmaster as to the handling of coal. They therefore refused to allow him on the tipple, at the same time telling the miners they could secure the services of any one else whom they chose, so long as he would refrain from meddling in the company's affairs and was not dishonest.

"Some of the men, who are strong friends of the checkweighman and believed he is all right, refused to go to work unless he is reinstated. The company refused to take this step and many of the men would not go to work Monday morning. Some of them returned Wednesday and more yesterday, making about half the full force, as noted above. Others, who are yet out, are expected to return, while some of those who have been leaders in the refusal to get another checkweighman are being discharged. Quite a number have been turned off, and it was stated at the office of the company Thursday that about 200 miners can find employment there at once."

An Elegant Church Wedding.

At noon, Thursday, November 10th, the Brethren church of Salisbury, Pa., was the scene of a most brilliant and beautiful affair. Before the chancel, in the quaint old church, which was hidden under a profusion of laurel and Chrysanthemums, while strains of music issued from the organ, presided over by Professor Edward Walker, of Pittsburg, Mr. Harvey Beachley Keim, son of Mr. John J. Keim, and Miss Lucie Gould Beachy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Beachy, all of Elk Lick, Pa., were united in marriage by the Rev. Dr. John Crawford Mackey, according to the service of the Church of England.

After the ceremony at the church a host of invited guests drove to Beachy Grove, the home of the bride's parents, where a bountiful dinner was served.

The happy bride was the recipient of a number of magnificent gifts. The happy couple drove to Meyersdale in the afternoon, accompanied by many of their young friends to see them off on their bridal tour. We regret that we have not the names of those who travelled far to be present at the wedding of their friends.

Thus are more closely united two of the old families of Elk Lick, that for a century have been a power in the social, moral, political and business affairs of that section. The Beachy's and the Keim's enjoy a most favorable reputation all over the county, that begins before the present county of Somerset was sliced off from Mother Bedford's generous allowance, and during the century's progress they have been prominent in all the measures taken for the progress and welfare of our people, a work that generation after generation of the families has taken up and carried out with credit to themselves and honor to our people.—Meyersdale Commercial.

Lucky Jim Dillon.

Mr. James Dillon, junior member of the Main street clothing firm of Rumbaugh & Dillon, and Miss Grace Diveley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Park Dively, of Berlin, Somerset county, were married on Thursday at 2 o'clock, in the Reformed church of that place which was filled with people of whom nearly all were relatives and friends of the bride who is one of Berlin's most popular daughters.

The ceremony was performed by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Kramer. The bridesmaid was Miss Mary Krissinger of Berlin, while the groom's attendant was his old chum, Dr. Milton Sutton Kuhn, the West Main street druggist.

Young Mr. and Mrs. Dillon left during the afternoon over the Baltimore & Ohio road on a short western trip that will end here early next week. On behalf of their host of Mount Pleasant friends—for young Mr. Dillon frequently visited here—The Journal extends happiest congratulations. They will be given a reception Thursday evening next at the Sand Hill avenue home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dillon.—Mt. Pleasant Journal.

Literary Note from The Century Company.

In the first instalment of his story of the "Merrimac" in the December Century, which is to be an usually attractive number, Lieut. Hobson says no claim to having originated the idea of blocking the channel at Santiago. The sinking of the collier had been ordered by Admiral Sampson, but the commanding officer off Santiago had not executed the manouver when the flag-ship arrived, and the working out of the plan, as well as its execution, was intrusted to Lieut. Hobson. The preliminary steps are detailed in this number of the magazine, and in later issues the story of the sinking of the ship and the capture and imprisonment of her crew will be given at first hand. This is the only account of his exploit that Mr. Hobson has written for publication.

Capt. Sigsbee spoils a good story, but replaces it with another equally good, in denying, as he will in the December Century, that his orderly entered the cabin of the "Maine" immediately after the explosion, made a formal salute, and reported the destruction of the ship. Had he done so, he would not have been seen for the explosion extinguished all lights, and left the cabin as black as a pocket. As a matter of fact, the orderly ran into his commanding officer in a dark passage leading forward through the superstructure, and reported that the ship had been blown up and was sinking. Capt. Sigsbee's story of the destruction of the ship will lose nothing, it is understood, from the simplicity of his style, the incident being too terrible to need reinforcement from rhetoric.

Inflamed and Granulated Eyelids.

Is there anything more disfiguring to a face or more disagreeable than inflamed or granulated eyelids? These result from a multitude of causes, and respond quickly to proper treatment. Such treatment may be had at the hands of Dr. A. Sigmann, 804 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, formerly of Vienna, Austria, who has enjoyed the advantage of years of study and practice in the greatest hospital of the world, situated in that city, and is prepared to give any cases relating to his specialties—Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat—the most thorough scientific treatment possible. During his short stay in this city he has already secured a long list of patients to whom he can refer any person desiring to gain information regarding his skill and success.

The announcement of the contents of Harper's Magazine for December shows a large number of short stories written by well-known writers and illustrated by prominent artists. The opening one, "Old Captain," by Myles Hemenway, is illustrated by Howard Pyle with eleven drawings, including the frontispiece in color. Among the others are "An Esmeralda of Rocky Canyon," by Bret Harte, illustrated by Peter Newell; "The Second Wooing of Salina Sue," by Ruth McEnery Stuart, illustrated by A. B. Frost; "The White Heron," by Fiona Macleod, illustrated by Albert E. Sterner; "How Santa Claus Was Saved," by Mary T. van Denburgh, illustrated by W. T. Smedley; and "The Unexpectedness of Mr. Horace Shields," by Margaret Deland, illustrated by Howard Pyle.

Diaries for 1899.

Diaries for 1899, all prices, sizes and shapes, now in stock, Wholesale and Retail, at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE.

Dewey Refuses $5,000.

Admiral Dewey, the greatest naval hero of the war, commands to-day the highest price in the literary market. He has thus far refused all bidders. The editor of McClure's Magazine cabled him recently an offer of $5,000 for one short article on the Philippines. Admiral Dewey's response by cable was:

"Thanks, but I am too busy."

Lieutenant Hobson, the Merrimac hero, received offers of $5,000 each from two magazines for an article describing his exploit at Santiago. Lieutenant Hobson, though a modest hero and a sincere, straightforward officer, put himself in the hands of a lawyer, who managed to obtain $6,000 for the article, which Lieutenant Hobson is soon to write. The Century got it.

These prices put the naval hero above the literary genius, although twice within one year Rudyard Kipling has been offered by a newspaper $1,000 for 1,000 words and has declined it. The regular price paid for the long stories of this extraordinary young man is now $150 a thousand words and for his short stories from $2,000 to $3,000 each.

Conan Doyle received only $250 for the first of the series of Sherlock Holme's adventures. Several American publishers are ready to pay him $2,000 an article for anything else as good. The prices of first class authors are getting higher every year.

Kipling has been paid 50 cents a word for a poem, and Elizabeth Stuart 1 helps $3 per line for poetry.—New York World.

The Companion's Definite Programme.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION in its announcement for the volume of 1899 promises that it shall be the best one ever published, and THE COMPANION always gives more than it promises. More than 200 distinguished contributors are already engaged. Among them are Hon. John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, who has written for the New Year's Number an article on our torpedo-boat service, entitled "The Little Demons of War;" Edward Everett Hale, Bret Harte, Henry M. Stanley, Right Hon. James Bryce, John Burroughs, William D. Howells, Andrew Lang, Edmund Gosse, Alfred Austin, the English poet laureate, Hon. Carl Schurz, Thomas Nelson Page, William Black, Sarah Orne Jewett, Octave Thanet and Poultney Bigelow. This is but a selection from the definite programme which the COMPANION has prepared for its readers in 1899—a programme so rich and varied as to attract young and old with equal charm. All subscribers to the 1899 volume will not only receive the paper for the 52 weeks of the new year to January, 1900, but will also receive as a gift the remaining issues of 1898 from the time of subscription, and the exquisite COMPANION Calendar for 1899—the finest one ever given to COMPANION readers, and one of the finest ever produced. A handsome illustrated announcement and sample copies will be sent free to any one addressing

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
211 Columbus Avenue. BOSTON, MASS.

Thanksgiving.

I have made arrangements with the leading Oyster House of Baltimore for my Oysters this season, which I assure you will be the largest and best Oysters that will come to our city. I have also our celebrated Mincemeat and Ice Cream for sale. Don't fail to come and buy and leave your orders for Thanksgiving at the "White Palace Restaurant," Basement of Cook & Beerits Block.

Almanacs for 1899.

Hagerstown and Lancaster Almanacs at Wholesale and Retail, German and English, at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE

Hicks Wants Big Damages.

Congressman Hicks has brought suit for libel against Doctor Swallow and seeks to recover $50,000 for injury sustained by reason of the publication of an article in the Commonwealth in which serious charges were made affecting Mr. Hicks' professional integrity.

Women in Trousers Voted.

Preminent West Virginia republicans say that since John T. McGraw, the democratic congressional nominee, second district, who on the face of the returns is defeated by 687 plurality, is crying fraud, it is likely that steps will be taken to have the vote of Randolph county which gave McGraw 600 plurality, thrown out entirely. It is alleged that at Beverly alone nearly 100 more votes were cast than there are citizens in the district.

Nearly everybody was allowed to vote, it is claimed, because of the bitter contest between Elkins and Beverly over the re-location of the county seat. It is alleged that several women dressed in men's clothes voted, and McGraw generally got the benefit. At Elkins a similar state of affairs is said to have existed. Elkins won the fight.

Rheumatism Cured in a Day.

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

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, and Levari Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa., to me directed, there will be exposed to sale at the Court House, in Somerset borough, on

Wednesday, Dec. 14, '98
At one o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Jonathan Frantz, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz:

No. 1. All of two certain lots of ground situate on Olden street, in Confluence borough, Somerset county, Pa., known and numbered on the general plan of said town as lots 6 and 7 in Block 4, each lot fronting 21 feet on Olden street and extending eastward 121 feet to an alley, and bounded by an alley on the north and lot of A. J. Burgess on the south, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house and stable, being the same lots conveyed to Wm. H. Kurtz by Wm. H. Koontz, Master and Receiver of the Confluence Association by deed dated Nov. 13, 1888, and by deed of Wm. H. Kurtz and wife, dated 24th February 1894, to Jonathan Frantz, recorded in Deed Record for Somerset county, Vol. 82, page 557, etc.

No. 2. Four certain lots of ground situate in Confluence borough, Somerset county, Pa., fronting on Oden street on the east, adjoining lots of James B. Reed on the south, an alley on the west and lots of Newton Tissue on the north, each lot measuring 24 feet front by 121 feet back, known as lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10, in block 2, on the plan of the town, having a two-story frame dwelling house erected on Nos. 9 and 10, and a two-story frame hotel, known as the "Riverside House," on 7 and 8, also ice house and other outbuildings, being a part of the lots of ground deeded to Newton Tissue by Koontz and Meyers, attorneys in fact for the Confluence Town Company, dated 18th March, 1876, and by the said Newton Tissue to Jonathan Frantz by deed dated 8th June, 1871, recorded in Deed Record for Somerset county, Vol. 46, page 16, etc.

No. 3. A certain piece or parcel or lot of ground situate as aforesaid, lying along and bounded by Casselman river on the west, on the east by an alley, south by a private alley and on the north by lot now or formerly owned by John Stanton, and having thereon erected a one and a half-story barn.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Jonathan Frantz, at the suit of use of Sullivan Johnson, A. M. Ross and Robert E. Ross, executors of M. A. Ross, dec'd.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Josiah Bowers and Nancy Bowers, his wife, of, in and to a certain tract of land situate in Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa., containing six acres more or less, all cleared, having a dwelling house and stable thereon erected, adjoining lands of Henry Geo e, Jonathan Spangler, Samuel Spangler and others, being the same tract of land which Alexander Rayman, of Johnstown, Cambria county, Pa., and Eliza, his wife, by deed dated 16th Nov., 1886, conveyed to the said Josiah Bowers, who by his deed dated 22d Dec., 1886, conveyed the same to his wife, Nancy Bowers.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Josiah Bowers and Nancy Bowers, his wife, at the suit of Josiah Specht.

—Terms:—

NOTICE—All persons purchasing at the above sale will please take notice that 10 per cent. of the purchase money must be paid when property is knocked down; otherwise it will again be exposed to sale at the risk of the first purchaser. The residue of the purchase money must be paid on or before the day of confirmation, viz: Thursday, Dec. 15, 1898. No deed will be acknowledged until the purchase money is paid in full.

M. H. HARTZELL,
Sheriff's Office, Sheriff.
Nov. 23, 1898.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an agreement and consent of the heirs of Henry Smith, late of Shade township, dec'd, I will offer for sale at public outcry on the premises of said decedent, on

Saturday, December 17, 1898,
at 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate, viz:

A tract of land situate in Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Joseph Lambert, heirs of Frank Martin, dec'd, L. D. Sine, and heirs of Tobias Grove, dec'd, containing 100 acres more or less, of which there are about 60 acres cleared, balance in good timber, having a two-story frame dwelling house, log bank barn, weatherboarded, and other outbuildings thereon erected.

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Terms:

One-third of purchase money to remain a lien, the interest of which is to be paid annually to Hannah Smith, widow of Henry Smith, during her life time, and at her death the principle to be paid to the heirs and legal representatives of Henry Smith, dec'd, and of the balance:

One-third cash on delivery of deed, and the other two-thirds in two equal annual payments. Deferred payments to be secured by judgment bonds on the premises.

Ten per cent. of purchase money to be paid when property is knocked down.

HENRY H. SMITH,
Trustee.

ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of David Schrock, late of Brothersvalley 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 Saturday, the 31st day of Dec. 1898, at the late residence of dec'd in Brothersvalley township.

DANIEL SCHROCK,
JOHN J. SCHROCK,
Administrators.

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