The Somerset Herald.

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THURSDAY.....November 30, 1898.

Sifford & Kuykendall have just received a handsome line of New Jackets and Collarettes, which may be seen at their store.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that W. H. H. Baker, of Rockwood, offers his store and stock of merchandise for sale.

Sam Neidlebeiser, of Middlecreek township, was lodged in jail at Uniontown last week, where he is wanted to answer a charge of disturbing a religious meeting at Jones' Mills.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Fisher Henry, Reed Emma, Shearer Mrs Nancy, Jellers John, Watkins Wm., (foreign) Harnion Bella.

Daniel Africa, who is 87 years old felt the spirit of old times come over him last Saturday. Shouldering his gun he went to the woods and before evening returned with a large wild turkey.—Huntingdon Journal.

The county commissioners of Blair county have given notice that they will no longer pay bounties for the scalps of foxes, minks, etc., the law passed by the '97 legislature to that effect having been declared unconstitutional.

The public school children entered upon ten days' vacation on Thursday, or until Monday following the adjournment of the Teachers' Institute, and they are making the best of it enjoying the excellent skating on the stream south of town.

The Somerset Sunday School Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on Saturday evening, December 3d, at 7 o'clock, in the United Brethren church. All persons interested in Sunday School work are cordially invited to attend.

An exchange says it takes a rich man to give a check, a pretty girl to draw attention, a horse to draw a cart, a porous plaster to draw the skin, a toper to draw a cork, a free lunch to draw a crowd and an advertisement in your home paper to draw trade.

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

On account of numerous burglaries the women of Parkersburg, W. Va., all go armed with revolvers, and the shooting galleries and hardware dealers are coining money. Pistol pockets are devised by cunning modistes in gowns and take the place of the time honored bustle. Singling will not be quite as safe hereafter unless the women shoot themselves or their spouses instead of the thieves.

James Dillon and his bride, see Miss Grace Direly, of Berlin, Pa., were given a reception from 8 to 10 last evening at the Sand Hill avenue home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Dillon. The list of royally entertained guests, who numbered almost one hundred, was made up largely of Mt. Pleasant people, although Scottdale and surrounding country were well represented.—Mt. Pleasant Journal.

The vote of the soldiers of the Tenth regiment at Manila will not be counted, nor will it figure in the result when delivered to the various counties in Western Pennsylvania, because the vote cannot be delivered within the time specified by law, the third succeeding Friday from election day. The framer of the law did not contemplate elections in the Philippines, and as a result there is no beneficiary of the Manila election.

Russell Colvin of Bedford died a few days ago at Phoenix, Arizona, where he had gone a month or two since in the hope of benefiting his health. Mr. Colvin, who was about twenty-seven years of age, was one of the most promising members of the Bedford bar and was highly esteemed. His illness was of about a year's duration and was the result of a bicycle ride from Bedford to his home at Schellsburg.

A Bedford correspondent writes: "The records of such an ancient county as Bedford, if kept intact, necessarily contain some interesting relics. In the Recorder's office is to be found the first deed book of Bedford County, containing entries dated 1770. One interesting deed gives the transfer of the land on which Allegheny City now stands, and is signed by three Indian Chiefs, the former owners. Their signatures are in the form of symbols. Gen. Arthur St. Clair was then Prothonotary and Recorder of Deeds."

The December issue of Harper's Round Table will be a Christmas double number, with a special Illuminated cover from a design by Maxwell Parrish. It will contain sixty-four pages of reading matter, instead of forty-eight pages as usual, and the leading holiday story, "A Revolutionary Santa Claus," by Percival Bisdale, will be illustrated in colors from drawings by Edward Penfield. As supplements will be given two full page colored plates, suitable for framing, of war subjects, from paintings by F. C. Yohn.

Doubtless the banner voting precinct in Pennsylvania in the matter of stalwart Republicanism is Benson borough, Somerset county. There were 32 votes cast, and Col. Stone received every one of them. Not a vote was cast for Jenks or Swallow, nor for a single candidate on the Democratic or Prohibition county ticket. These 32 votes were cast for the straight Republican state and county ticket, the only cut being on congress where four voters cut Thropp but did not vote for his opponent. In this year of unexampled cutting the vote of Benson borough, Somerset county, is a curiosity.—Uniontown News Standard.

Among the interesting literary features announced for early publication in Harper's Bazar are "Preferences," a short serial of extraordinary charm, by Caroline Leslie Field; "Nate," a Thanksgiving story of New England seventy years ago, by Kate Upson Clark, illustrated by Clifford Carleton; and "An Alien at Home," a story showing how foreign residence, if prolonged, unfits one for our rushing life, by Annie E. P. Searing.

The usual fashion features will be given with, if possible, added brilliancy to suit the opening season, and the department of Music will treat of the reopening of the opera season.

The beneficial effects of stone crushers are beginning to be seen on the roads in many of the townships throughout Center county. In a number of townships, says the Bellefonte Watchman, the main roads now are equal in condition to what our pikes were a few years ago, and in some of them even better. Of course there are many roads that have not been touched yet, and it will be years before all of them can be improved to the extent that some have already been, but the general result of the liberal use of the crusher has shown it to be of such material advantage that it will be but a few years until every district will have its crusher, and every locality roads that will prove a pleasure to drive over.

To run a newspaper without occasionally publishing an item that is untrue or giving offense, remarks an exchange, is like running a railroad without having accidents and smashups; it can't be done. Pushed with work continually, the editor must rely on second or third parties for information in regard to events that transpire. Frequently statements are received from reliable people which are subsequently discovered to be without foundation. If, therefore, kind reader, you find yourself aggrieved by some statement in the home paper, keep this fact in your mind. Don't fly off the handle but go to the editor for correction, and take our word for it, nine cases out of ten, if your cause is a just one, you will be received and correction made with pleasure.

Among the recent happy events in Brothersvalley township was the marriage of Mr. Wilson Gumbert and Miss Lillie Hauger, both well-known and popular young people of that district.

Mr. Jonathan Z. Miller and Miss Lillie E. Landis, both of Stonycreek township, were united in marriage on Thursday, 24th inst., at the Reformed parsonage in this place, Rev. Hiram King officiating.

Mr. Irvin Schrock and Miss Nettie Landis, both of Meyersdale, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on Wednesday evening, November 23d, Rev. John H. Knepper officiating.

Ira Beseley, the blind merchant at Beachdale, was the victim of a painful and distressing accident a few days ago, when he came in contact with a protruding shelf in his store room, bursting his left eye ball.

The Somerset county friends of Mr. H. C. White, of Chambersburg, will be pleased to learn that Congressman Mahon, of the Thirteenth District, has nominated Mr. White's only son—A. J. White, Jr.,—for a cadetship at the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Martin Luther Tauber, son of the late Conrad Tauber, of Cumberland, Md., and for many years postmaster and proprietor of a woolen mill at Gladdens, this county, died Friday and was buried Sunday, at Spartanburg, Pa., where he moved several months ago. He was 50 years of age and was well known all over the county.

The remains of Andrew Mull, who disappeared from his home in Larimer township August 29, were found Monday. A party of young men found a gun standing against a tree about two miles from Wittenberg. After a search of but a few minutes the remains were found under an embankment of snow. Mr. Mull was aged about 65 years.

John H. Zimmerman, one of the best known citizens of Somerset township, suffered a second stroke of paralysis at his home near Listie at an early hour Sunday evening, and has since been in a comatose condition. Mr. Zimmerman was first stricken with paralysis about a year ago, but had apparently recovered and was enjoying good health. He is close to seventy years of age.

Chester M. Knepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Knepper, of this place was last week promoted from Lieutenant (junior grade) to Lieutenant in the United States Navy. Lieutenant Knepper was recently assigned to the school ship St. Marys, from which he was detached shortly after the outbreak of the war and placed in command of the torpedo boat McKee, now out of commission.

A. E. VanValkenburg, John Wanamaker's political agent, who is reported to be traveling up and down the State for the purpose of arranging a deal between the Wanacrats and Democrats looking towards a fusion organization of the House and a division of the legislative appointments, spent several hours here on Monday of last week in consultation with Assembly-elect Koontz. Mr. Koontz left for the East on Thursday.

Mrs. Margaret Conrad passed to her final reward last Tuesday evening at her late residence on Main street, aged 77 years. Death resulted from paralysis. She is survived by one son, Albert, and by two daughters, Misses Fina and Annie. Her husband, Rev. William Conrad, a minister of the Reformed Church, died some thirty years ago. Mrs. Conrad was a daughter of the late Solomon Baer, and was a sister of Judge William Baer, H. L. Baer and Miss Fina Baer, of Somerset, George F. Baer, of Reading and Mrs. John H. Benford, of Ursina. She was a lady of many christian virtues and enjoyed the love and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Harry S. Keifer, who has been connected with Fisher's book store for so long a period that the general public had come to look upon him as a permanent fixture in that popular establishment, surprised his friends ten days ago when he announced that he had tendered his resignation, to take effect on December 31st, when he will accept a position to travel for Love & Sunshine, the well-known Johnstown wholesale grocers. Mr. Keifer is a bright, alert and thoroughly capable young man, which, in addition to his recognized business tact and training, should make him a valuable acquisition to the soliciting staff of his new employers. Mr. Fisher will experience no little difficulty in supplying the vacancy caused by Mr. Keifer's resignation.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morrison, near Bakersville, was the scene of a pretty wedding last Wednesday, when their daughter—Miss Edith—and Rev. Samuel Stouffer, of Masontown, Fayette county, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by Rev. C. F. Gebhart, of Lavansville, who used the impressive ceremony of the Lutheran Church. The attendants were Miss Grace Morrison, sister of the bride, and Rev. Gonoway, of Uniontown. A large company of invited guests witnessed the exchange of vows that made the happy couple husband and wife. A wedding supper, a bounteous feast of the best things to be had at this season, followed. The bride was the recipient of many valuable presents. Mr. and Mrs. Stouffer left on Thursday for Masontown.

The Somerset County Court, Judges Horner and Black on the bench, met in special session Friday morning for the purpose of counting the soldier vote. Only one vote was received, that of "Soldier Joe" Levy, who cast his ballot for the straight Democratic State and County ticket, while in camp at Honolulu. In a letter written on board the transport Arizona, just before sailing from Honolulu for Manila, "Soldier Joe" says that he has secured his old place of clerk to the quartermaster, and is sure to have good grub and plenty of it en route to the Philippines. Marling Miller was left at Honolulu suffering from a mild attack of typhoid fever and will probably sail for Manila on the next transport. The Arizona arrived at Manila on Friday last with the recruits for the Tenth Regiment on board.

A copy of a newspaper 100 years old is a rarity in this section of the country, where the first printing press was set up less than 75 years ago, but such a valuable relic was shown to us yesterday by Mr. Frank Enos, of Garrett, this county. The publication is a copy of the Ulster County, N. Y. Gazette, and was issued on January 4, 1800. All of the column rules are inverted in recognition of the profound sorrow occasioned throughout the country by the death of General George Washington, who expired two weeks before, on December 14, 1799. Nearly all of the sixteen columns are given up to an account of the death and funeral obsequies of the Father of his Country. Among the advertisements is one offering for sale a saw mill in the town of Rochester. The same party offers to sell "A stout, healthy, active negro wench."

Editor R. M. Linton, of the Democrat, was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs at a late hour Friday night, at his apartments in the Hotel Vannear, and since then there have been frequent recurrences of the trouble. Sunday afternoon his condition was so critical that his mother and other members of his family were summoned from their home in Johnstown to his bedside. Monday morning there was a slight change for the better but his physician and friends still entertain grave apprehensions as to the outcome of his struggle with the dread disease. Editor Linton was orderly sergeant of Company I, Fifth Pennsylvania, and contracted a heavy cold while in camp at Lexington, Ky., that has hung tenaciously to him ever since his return home. For periods of several days at a stretch he has been unable to exercise his vocal chords, while his cough developed by the deep-seated cold was not only annoying but painful as well. The HERALD earnestly hopes for his speedy and complete recovery.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Forty-Second Annual Meeting of Public Instructors.

GREAT INTEREST MANIFESTED.

The 42d annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute convened in the Court House at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Every seat in the large court room was occupied when County Superintendent E. E. Pritts rapped for order and asked the assembly to unite in singing the first stanza of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," which was followed by scriptural reading and prayer by Rev. Hoover, of the Lutheran Church.

Conspicuous in the audience was the oldest teacher in point of service in the county—Miss Maggie Knepper, of Berlin—who occupied the same front row seat that she has graced during many former institutes.

The audience was largely composed of young men, although there was a liberal representation of school marms, attired in new fall wraps and "fetching" headgear, and looking like anything but the austere and impatient creatures they are wont to be pictured in the mind of the boy who plays "hookey."

The "chrysanthemum" style of wearing the masculine top covering, in vogue at the higher institutions of learning throughout the country, has been cultivated to a considerable extent by the young men engaged in teaching in Somerset county, as was evidenced by the shocks of red, black and yellow hair to be seen throughout the court room. As the weather indications forbid arranging for a foot ball game during the sessions of institute, it is probable that the local barbers will have an opportunity to exercise their skill between now and final adjournment.

All in all the teachers of Somerset county are as handsome a body of young ladies and gentlemen as can be found in Pennsylvania, and their presence in Somerset is a source of great pleasure to the entire population of this town.

Before introducing Prof. C. M. Packer, of Binghamton, New York, who will have charge of the music during the week, Superintendent Pritts announced that the program for the institute had been prepared with great care, that the instructors present are among the best to be secured, and that it devolved upon each individual teacher to assist in carrying out the program and to be benefited thereby.

Prof. Parker is a gentleman of commanding presence, with a voice that penetrates to the furthest recesses of the room, but his voice is so sweetly modulated and under such perfect control, that it is a delightful treat to hear him sing his own compositions, notwithstanding the fact that the one given at Monday afternoon session is familiar to every school boy and girl in the county. The Professor's audience appeared to be mightily pleased with him on first acquaintance, and it is more than probable that he will be a great favorite with it before the close of the week.

When State Superintendent Schaeffer was seen elbowing his way to the speaker's stand he was greeted by a tumult of applause, showing the warm feeling entertained for him by the teachers of the county. The State Superintendent is an "imperialist." In opening his address he said: "Since last I had the privilege of looking into the faces of a Somerset County Teachers' Institute we have passed through a successful war, and I want to say this afternoon that in the future we will have to teach geography entirely different from heretofore." Continuing he said: "It used to be that when the Fourth of July came around the sound of cannon fired in recognition of and jubilation over our annual anniversary died out on the shores of Alaska, but under the new order of affairs the Fourth of July will be saluted at sunrise in the Philippine islands and the report of booming cannon will be carried over until the next day, when it will reach Cuba, Porto Rico and the United States." He referred to the decay of the Latin nations, and said that the victory of America over Spain was simply history repeating itself, and hinted that the day is not far distant when the Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic races will dominate the globe. He gave, among other reasons why he believes this will ultimately prove true, the fact that the Latin nations have taxed their subjects to the farthest limit, while the more highly civilized nations have taxed their subjects only for the purpose of carrying on economical forms of government and educating the masses. The Doctor paid a tribute to Pennsylvania's Legislators for appropriating nearly one-half of the total revenue of the State for public school purposes, and urged the teachers to inculcate lessons of patriotism into their pupils and to teach them that it is their highest duty to pay their just share of taxation for the maintenance of their Government and the schools. "There are only two political parties," he declared, "the 'ins' and the 'outs.' The 'ins' profess to believe that unless they are continued in charge of the affairs of government it will go to ruin, while the 'outs' insist that unless they are placed in control the country will go to ruin. On the Fourth of July the 'ins' and the 'outs' proclaim from the same stump that we have the best and greatest Government on earth. So the truth must be somewhere between. I belong to the 'ins' at present. So long as the purity of our judiciary and the ballot are unassailed our form of government is safe against all foes, and it is therefore of the most urgent necessity that teachers should teach the boys who will steer the Ship of State through the twentieth century that their highest privilege is to cast their ballots and vote their convictions."

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT.

The evening entertainment was opened with a duet by Misses Grace Musselman and Annie Walker. The singing of these young ladies proved a gratifying surprise to many in the audience who realized for the first time that Somerset has native musical talent that does not suffer when compared with the high-priced vocalists brought here at former institutes.

The lecturer, Jehu DeWitt Miller, who was billed to speak on "The Uses of Ugliness," asked Superintendent Pritts' permission to substitute his lecture on "Uncle Sam Sufficient Unto Himself." It was unfortunate that Mr. Miller did not have the pleasure of hearing Doctor Schaeffer's address in the afternoon, since he simply "thrashed over old straw." In fact, it appeared to many in the audience that either the speaker or the State Superintendent was guilty of plagiarism, as the thoughts expressed by both were identical and in a number of instances were clothed in practically the same words, while both used the same illustrations. Doctor Schaeffer did not refer to the mooted alliance between Great Britain and the United States, while Mr. Miller gave a number of excellent reasons why Uncle Sam should steer clear of the British lion. It so happened, however, that a majority of the audience had not heard Doctor Schaeffer's address, and they were therefore greatly pleased with Mr. Miller's lecture, which was a very able discussion of an absorbing public question.

Two hundred and thirteen out of a total of two hundred and twenty teachers employed in the county answered roll call Tuesday morning. Superintendent Pritts believes that the full number will be present to day.

The crowd in attendance, while perhaps not as large as last year, is entirely too big to be entertained in a room the size of the court room. An hour before the time set for meeting yesterday afternoon every seat and every available inch of standing room was occupied, while hundreds were unable to gain admission to the room. It is probable that the attendance to day will be the largest in the history of Somerset County Teachers' Institutes.

NOW WATCH HIM SMASH IT.

Assemblyman-elect Koontz Announces His Intention of Smashing the Machine.

From Tuesday's Philadelphia Press we take the following:

Indications are not lacking that there will shortly be a concerted movement among the opponents of Senator Quay looking to his defeat for re election. The most recent evidence of this character was furnished by the presence in the city yesterday of General Koontz, the veteran Somerset county statesman, who was elected a member of the Legislature at the last election and who has been prominently mentioned as the man likely to be selected by the anti Quayites as their candidate for Speaker of the House. There has been no formal agreement among the anti-machine members of the Legislature on General Koontz as their leader, and the question is not likely to be decided for a few days, but the veteran Republican is looked upon with much favor for the place.

General Koontz, while here yesterday, conferred with a number of friends. When seen by a reporter, he said: "I have not discussed the question of going into a caucus, and have been misquoted on that point. I have been fighting the machine for twenty-five years. I entered the present contest not for the satisfaction of personal ambition, but at the instance of the friends of good government.

"I am going to stand by my friends. The people I represent expect me to do a good share of the work necessary to smash the machine, and I am not going to be deterred in my duty by any machine tricks."

It is Commodore Picking Now.

Among other appointments made by the President last week we notice the appointment of Captain Henry F. Picking to be a Commodore, the highest rank, we believe, ever attained by a native of this county, in either the naval or military service of the United States. Commodore Picking is a son of the late William H. Picking, of this place. He was appointed to the Naval Academy in 1859 by the late Colonel John R. Edie, then a member of Congress from the Somerset district. He was graduated three years later in order that the government might avail itself of the services of the cadets in the war of the rebellion. Among his class-mates were Rear-Admiral Sampson and Captain "Jack" Phillip, while Rear-Admiral Dewey was a member of the class ahead. The friendship formed at the Academy between the four officers named has continued until this day. Commodore Picking is in command of the receiving ship Wabash, at Boston, but will likely be transferred shortly to some other position.

Mrs. Francis M. Kimmell Dead.

Word was received here last week of the death of Mrs. Phoebe Jane Kimmell, who was well-known to many of our older readers, a number of whom had the pleasure of renewing their acquaintance with her last summer, when she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kooser. She was a sister of Mrs. Harriet Ogle, of this place, and of Ross Forward, Esq., of Cincinnati. The following notice of her death is taken from the Chambersburg Valley Spirit:

Mrs. Phoebe Jane Kimmell, widow of the late Judge Francis M. Kimmell, died at her home on East Market street at 11:30 o'clock, a. m., on Wednesday, the 23d day of November, 1898, in her 76th year. The following children survive her: Dr. Jane K. Garver, Harrisburg; Mrs. James Neill, Wheeling, West Va.; Mrs. H. J. Plough and Mrs. Linn Harbaugh, this place. A daughter, Rebeckah, wife of Samuel J. Sullivan, of Chicago, died in 1890, and a son in infancy many years ago.

Mrs. Kimmell was born in Somerset, Pa., March 23, 1823. She was a daughter of Hon. Chauncey Forward, one of several talented brothers who attained distinction as lawyers and statesmen in the early history of Pennsylvania. Her early life was passed in Somerset where in 1844 she was married to Francis M. Kimmell, then a young lawyer, soon afterwards elected president judge of the 16th judicial district of Pennsylvania. In her youth Mrs. Kimmell became a member of the Disciple Church at Somerset. Later, during her residence of almost forty years in Chambersburg, she was a communicant of Trinity Episcopal Church and took a deep interest in the welfare and charitable work of the parish. Her charity to the poor was unassuming but constant and was doubly exercised because of her personal interest in all those to whom her help was extended.

Her life was a quiet one and she lived it in unselfish and unremitting labor for those she loved. To all who came into her home she was a delightful companion and with the life of young people she was in perfect sympathy. Always fond of reading, she possessed a mind well stored with what is best in literature and to all who knew her she revealed a charming personality. She was ever patient in sickness, always calm and courageous in time of trouble. From a singularly pure and righteous life, crowded with good deeds to others, she has entered into rest.

No sick bed in this community has called forth more tender inquiries; no death in a long time will cause more universal sorrow.

Splendid Entertainment by Home Talent.

The HERALD congratulates the ladies and gentlemen who took part in the entertainment given at the Opera House, Thursday night for the benefit of the United Evangelical church. It was decidedly the best entertainment throughout, by exclusively home talent, ever given in this town. Each number on the long program was a performance of artistic merit, such as is rarely heard in towns the size of Somerset.

A stranger in the large audience, who enjoys a reputation in the city of Harrisburg, where he resides, for culture and a critical knowledge of both vocal and instrumental music, declared that it was the finest amateur entertainment he had ever attended, regardless of the fact that the opportunities of the performers have necessarily been of a decidedly limited character. In his opinion the music played by the Concert Orchestra was of a superior quality and splendidly rendered.

Perhaps the most notable performance, at all events the one that secured the greatest amount of applause, was the duet, "My Gal's a High Born Lady," by the Misses Hattie and Ethel Holderbaum, young daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Holderbaum. In addition to their excellent imitation of the plantation negro, they were gowned in a fashion that reflected great credit upon their dress maker, which we suspect in this case was their mother.

Others who took part in the entertainment were Mrs. Mae Biesecker, Mrs. J. C. Lowry, Mrs. George J. Platt, Misses Bertha Shaffer, Maud and Pearl Gustin, Ruth Ferner, Daisey Vogel, Floy Knepper, Mary Roberts, Helen Fisher, and Messrs. James Hartzell, C. F. Uhl, Jr., C. W. Walker and W. H. Ruppel.

The accompanists were Misses Elsie Snyder, Lulu Shaffer and Stella Burgess.

Something for the New Year.

The world-renowned success of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, and their continued popularity for near half a century as a stomachic, is scarcely more wonderful than the welcome that greets Hostetter's Almanac. This medical treatise is published by the Hostetter Company, Pittsburgh, Pa., under their own immediate supervision, employing sixty hands in that department. The issue of same for 1899 will be over eleven millions, printed in nine languages. Refer to a copy of it for valuable and interesting reading concerning health, and numerous testimonials as to the efficacy of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The Almanac for 1899 can be obtained, free of cost, from druggists and general country dealers in all parts of the country.

Bill Pritts Feels Hurt.

The following appears as a special telegram in Sunday's issue of the Pittsburg Post:

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Nov. 26.—Old Bill Pritts, the famous moonshiner, has been seen this week at his home at Indian Head, in the mountains of this county. A visitor to his home brings back word that "Bill" is only a lonely, dismal remnant of a man, and declares that he has been driven to decrepitude and old age by ruthless and truthless gossip. Pritts is seldom seen. He lives a secluded and isolated life and never comes to town. Last election day he left his farm for the first time in years, and when he went to town to vote in company with several of the Pritts boys, the people were amazed. It was the first time he had voted for 13 years. He avoids seeing and meeting people, and if he happens to be out in a field when a stranger comes by he gets into the house where he feels secure in the presence of his wife. This woman has always protected him and twice drove off alleged officers who came to arrest him.

Pritts is now only about 5 1-2 feet high, his hair is as white as snow, and his beard, which is also white, is long and heavy. When accused of running a still, he became angry. He declares that although he owned 150 acres of ground, he did not raise one blade of rye. He has no still, and does not know of any being run in the mountains. He also denied that he had anything to do with the famous Hostetler murder. He said:

"People think every Pritts has horns. That's because they don't know. Every once in a while a peddler comes along here and stops over night. He don't get robbed and murdered. Not long ago one gave my woman $1,900 to keep, and she kept it for three days, and he got it all back, just as he give it to her. We are not thieves."

"Joe" Pritts, a cousin, lives close by. He stated that no Pritts had ever gotten into trouble except one, and that was Henry, who killed a man named Weiner, in Somerset county, and was hanged for it 30 years ago. In speaking of the feuds in the mountain, "Joe" said that they were all a fake, and that there had never been a feud between the Pritts and Miller factions and the Hostetlers.

"Bill" said he had been keeping posted on the war, but he did not think he could fight much, and would only get shot for his trouble. He did not fight during the civil war, and did not want to begin now. He is the father of seven sons, Harvey, the youngest, being the only one at home. Every Pritts in the mountains owns his own farm and is prosperous. Harvey, who is only 15 years old, does most of the farm work, and is a stout, healthy looking fellow.

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.

Rev. Ira Kimmel Resigns His Charge.

Word was received here on Friday that Rev. Ira Kimmel, son of Mrs. Harriet Kimmel, had resigned the pastorate of the Fourth Avenue Christian Church, of Roanoke, Va. He was compelled to take this step by reason of bad health, he having suffered last summer from a severe attack of typhoid-malarial fever. The Times of Roanoke says: "Mr. Kimmel came to Roanoke several years ago and immediately took a prominent place among the pastors of the city. He has been an earnest, active advocate of reform in various branches of the city government and one of the strongest workers for prohibition, as the representative of which he recently ran for Congress. He thinks of locating in the far west, probably in the State of Washington." Mr. Kimmel's resignation takes effect January 1st, when he will come to Somerset for a short visit to his mother before going west.

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.

Diaries for 1899.

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

FISHER'S BOOK STORE.

For Christmas.

A great variety of odd and handsome pieces of imported China and Delft ware; Bisque and Cameo oddities; Fancy glass baskets and fruit dishes; Glass, China and Teplitz Vases, Jardanieres, Cracker Jars, Dinner Sets, Bedroom Sets, and many other useful and ornamental articles suitable for Christmas presents. Call and examine the above goods and prices whether you buy or not.

E. B. COFFROTH.

For Sale.

P. Hoffley offers for sale one yearling solid color bull with perfect markings and choicest strain. Berkshire brood sows, weighing from 150 to 400 pounds, at 5 cents per pound live weight. Bronze turkeys from stock weighing 70 pounds per pair, at $4 00.

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

Try Grain-O! Try Grain-O!

Ask your Grocer to day to show you a package of GRAIN-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has that rich seal brown of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. ¼ the price of coffee. 15c. and 25 cts. per package. Sold by all grocers.

Hurrying the Capitol.

Auditor General Levi G. McCauley and his colleagues of the building commission are hurrying the work upon the new capitol at Harrisburg, so that it may be ready for the opening of the Legislature. The building is now under roof, and large forces of mechanics are finishing up the interior. The outside walls of the new capitol are of rough brick and rather unsightly, and so they will remain until the Legislature makes another appropriation for the facing of the same with white marble.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl

DURING the months of November and December I will offer special low prices in all kinds of plain and fancy Dress Goods, Novelties, Silks, Satin, Duchess and Fancy Silks suitable for Dresses, Trimmings and Waists.

My stock of Ladies' Wraps, including Jackets and Capes of the latest cuts (October and November styles) are offered at extraordinary prices:

Ladies' Cloth Capes from	$1.25	up
" Plush " "	2.50	"
" Jackets "	3.00	"
Misses Jackets "	1.75	"
Children's Coats "	1,25	"

These values and qualities can not be duplicated elsewhere in the county. We ask comparison.

A Choice Line of

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Always on Hand.

Blankets & Skirts.

Cotton Blankets, 40, 50, 75c, $1.00 per pr.
Mixed Wool and Cotton Blankets, 75c to $1.50 per pair.
All Wool Country Blankets from $3.50 to $4.50 per pair.
Heavy Woolen Flannel Skirts, 75c to $1.00 each.
Cotton Flannelette Skirts, 25c each.

GREAT BARGAINS
....IN....
Lace Curtains

A full selection of Fleeced and Woolen

UNDERWEAR,

ranging from 2 pieces for 25c to the finest grades of Australian Goods, including Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Union Suits.

CALICO WRAPPERS,
From 75c Each Upwards.

Fleece Lined
FLANNELETTE WRAPPERS,
From $1.00 each Upwards.

Ladies' and Children's Gloves in Pique, Kid, Wool and Silk, also a full line of Mitts and Mittens.

The latest style of Millinery Goods, combined with the best quality and workmanship, at the lowest prices to be found in the county.

UHL'S.

the New Store of

PARKER & PHILLIPS.

The time to Tell You about the New Goods is here. Every department of the store is bright with the new Fall and Winter purchases. Everything purchased bears the stamp of newness. It pays to buy dependable goods at reasonable prices.

Jackets and Capes ONE of the most important features of our Fall and Winter business is Garment Selling. Buyers will do well to look through our Stock before purchasing, and see the new Nobby Styles, the very cream of the Choicest Styles that the Eastern Market shows.

Colored Dress Goods FIRST in your thought is the new garment. First in our thought has been to equip this important stock with the new desirable goods.

New Fall Black Goods Black garments are staple, they seem to grow in variety, beauty and popularity with each season. We invite you to view what the great weavers have been doing.

The Fall Silk Fashions continue to make Silk as among her favorites. Prices put Silks within the reach of everybody. We have all the new nobby things in Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Ribbons, Corsets, Laces, Stamped Linens, Dress Linings, &c.

Good Blankets at 50, 75c, and $1 a pair.
Comforts.
Ladies' Wool Skirts at 70 and 90c.
Ladies' and Children's Underwear from 6c up to 25c.
Ginghams and Calicoes at 4 and 5c.
Towelings at 3, 4 and 5c.
Shirtings of all kinds at 4, 5, 6 and 7c.
Canton Flannels at 5, 6 and 7c.
Table and Floor Oil Cloths at 12½ & 22c.
A new line of Trunks, Satchels and Telescopes.
A new line of 50c Umbrellas.
Lace Curtains, Portiers, Rugs, Table Covers in new designs.
Gents' Furnishing goods in Neckwear, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Underwear, Suspenders, Stockings, Gloves, & Umbrellas.
Ladies' guaranteed Kid Gloves at 75c.

Don't Forget the

Dress Making

DEPARTMENT,

under the supervision of Miss Amoss, of Baltimore City, who will be glad to give any information in regard to having a neat and stylish dress.

Parker & Phillips.

...Oh!..

Look Here!

OH! What Beautiful
Christmas Tree Novelties and

Oh!

How Low In Price,

Are expressions the hundreds of Ladies and Children make who have already inspected and made their purchases from the largest and best selected line of Novelties ever shown on this market. Purchase Early and Avoid the RUSH.

Tons of Assorted
CANDIES, NUTS, FRUITS, FIGS, DATES, ETC.,
will be thrown open at our HEADQUARTERS STORE in the next few days at the lowest prices ever on record.

Our Line of Holiday Goods

will surpass anything ever shown on this market. Our care in Buying and Selecting our stocks this season has been done with greater care than former years We have used our Experience of Twenty-six Years and expect to make this the Banner Christmas Season of the business career.

SCHOOL TEACHERS,
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES,
COUNTRY MERCHANTS,

Should not fail to call and inspect our line before purchasing their Xmas Treats. Our large stock to select from draws the people to our store, and when they get here they never fail leaving their orders with us. WHY? Because our PRICES are the lowest and our goods the BEST and PUREST they can find anywhere.

CALL AND SEE US.

We buy our entire line of Xmas Candies, etc., from the Leading Manufacturers of this country and are able to offer them in quantities at the Lowest City Jobbers' Prices.

GIVE US A CALL.

Keep your eye on this space for further ads during the Holiday Season. Prompt attention given Correspondence or Mail Orders. Use Local or Bell Telephones, our expense for anything you desire to know or have from our Headquarters Store.

Cook & Beerits,

Somerset County Headquarters For

Staple and Fancy Groceries,

FLOUR, GRAIN AND FEED.

Jos. Horne & Co.

.....A SPECIAL.....

HOLIDAY SILK SALE.

WE have begun a sale of Fancy Silks here that will over-reach anything ever attempted in this store's record of forty-nine years, or any other store's record of a greater or less period. The reductions are generous and are made especially for holiday buyers. You can ask us for samples of these silks and we will send them, but it would be better for you to send your order at once.

6000 yards of $1.00, $1.25, $1.35 and $1.50 a yard Fancy Silks, comprising handsome and extra qualities of

Brocade Silks on Gros Grain, Gros de Londre,
Taffeta and Duchesse Grounds, 20, 21 and 22 inches,
Satin Damas Plaids, 21 inches,
Plain and Jacquard Bayaderes, 20 and 21 inches,
Broche Stripe Gros de Londre, 22 inches,
Canele Bordered Taffeta, 21 inches,
Polka Dot Stripe Taffeta, 21 inches,
Satin Bar Taffeta Plaid, 21 inches,
Canele Stripe Bayadere Taffeta, 21 inches,
Broche Check Taffeta, 22 inches.

All Marked to **85c** a Yard.

These silks are of unusual quality and must not be confounded with the kind that are generally offered in reduction sales. They are of the best selections of this season's manufacture.

PITTSBURG, PA.

GOLD MINING STOCK — For a Limited Time Offered on Very Advantageous Terms—Payments in Installments—Your Money Back Any Time.

THE MAMEVA MINING & MILLING COMPANY, with General Office at Room 1003, Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa., offers for a limited time the fully guaranteed non assessable stock of that concern on terms so advantageous that any man or woman with money to invest will surely be interested.

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