The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....December 7, 1898

Monday December 26th, will be observed as a legal holiday and our store will be closed on that day.

SIFFORD & KUYKENDALL.

The estimated value of school property in Somerset county is $390,450; Cambria, $65,450; Indiana, $216,200; Westmoreland, $9,020,922.

Divine service will be held in the Reformed Church at Somerset at 10:00 a. m., next Sunday, and in the Lavansville Church at 2 p. m.

Buy your Christmas candy at

BENFORD'S.

Local merchants are displaying holiday goods in bewildering profusion. Some of the window displays are decidedly artistic and attract unusual attention.

Bedford is included in State Superintendent Schaeffer's list of six counties of Pennsylvania which pay their Public School teachers less salary than the average cost of keeping a pauper.

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

Mrs. Mary McClure, of Pike township, Clearfield county, last week received a dependent mother's pension on her son—Samuel T. McClure—who was killed in the Civil War. Pension begins July 2, 1863, which gives her about $4,000 back pay.

This month two eclipses will take place, a partial solar eclipse on the 12th, not visible in our latitude, and a total lunar eclipse on the 27th, visible here. The moon will rise very nearly at 6 o'clock p. m., eclipsed, the eclipse lasting about an hour and a half.

Mrs. James G. Blaine and her daughter, Mrs. Truxton Beal, have asked President McKinley for reinstatement in the service of Capt. James G. Blaine, who was mustered out because of unsoldierly conduct. It is not probable that the President will grant the request.

A breeder of sheep who has lost some of his animals from the dogs of his neighborhood believes that instead of putting bells on the sheep, every dog should have a bell or be destroyed. It is an idea worthy of consideration by those interested in protecting sheep from dogs.

A mysterious disease has broken out among the cattle in Franklin county, from the effects of which they die in a few minutes. They are apparently well, when they are seized with frothing at the mouth and fall over. An examination by a veterinary revealed nothing wrong with the organs except the liver.

Local merchants have been notified that in the near future a change will take place in the shipping of sugar throughout the country. The hogshead and barrel filled with loose sugar is to be supplanted by a barrel containing five pound cotton packages, packed sixty each. Each barrel will include paper bags for the convenience of retail trade.

A well-known farmer of Dauphin county has established a weather bureau and predicts a severe winter, basing his views upon the manner in which the muskrats are building their nests. Professor De Vos, who forecasts weather by natural instinct and the tone of the saw in his slab mill, has scheduled twenty-one cold days for December, including five snow storms and one day of zero weather, the 26th.

A vicious bull was tossing and goring Jacob Meesinger, a farm hand, in a barnyard in Union township, Luzerne county, and had him completely helpless, when Miss Sallie Mummy, the village school teacher, happened to pass. She ran to the stable, got a pitchfork and bravely fought off the enraged animal, which by the time she gave it battle, had Mensinger flat on the ground.

Naval Constructor Hobson recently refused an offer of $50,000 from a lecture bureau for a number of lectures. Mr. Hobson said: "Before the sinking of the Merrimac my lectures would have been worth probably not more than 60 cents; the sinking of the Merrimac seems to have made them worth $50,000. I did not feel that I had a right to use the performance of my duty for financial betterment."

The widow of Jesse Ross, of Mt. Pleasant, who was killed while in service with the Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment in the battle of Malate on July 31st, has received a very kind letter from Admiral Dewey, in which he referred to the bravery of the woman's husband. Touching reference is made to the child born after the father went to war, which was named for Dewey and is also dead.

Rev. Dr. Henry Zeigler, at one time a Professor in Susquehanna University, a Lutheran institution of learning, died at his home in Selinsgrove on Saturday last, at 9 o'clock in the morning. The deceased was about eighty-three years of age and was one of the leaders in the ranks of the followers of Luther in this State. He was a profound scholar, an able preacher, and the author of quite a number of volumes devoted to the Lutheran Church and its history.

Lieut. W. P. Hay, U. S. A., in charge of the arrangements of the subsistence, while on furlough, and during the muster out of all the Pennsylvania troops, has completed his report. The expense of feeding the Fifth Pennsylvania, 1,284 men, during their furlough and muster out, was $14,085; the Eighteenth, 827 men, $7,867.50; Battery B, 160 men, $263.50; Battery C, 165 men, $825; City troop, 80 men, $200; Governor's troop, 94 men $470; Sheridan troop, 95 men, $237.50.

Michael Murphy, a rock contractor at Mine No. 22 of the Berwind-White Coal Company, at Windber, had his left hand blown off about 10 o'clock Wednesday morning by a half stick of dynamite. He was thawing over a stove some dynamite which he intended taking into the mine, when a spark struck a piece of the explosive stuff which he was about to pick up from a chair and the explosion occurred. Murphy was taken to the office of Dr. John Haws, in Windber, who amputated the hand about an inch above the wrist.

State Forestry Commissioner J. P. Rothrock has resumed his efforts in behalf of the preservation of the timber lands of Pennsylvania, this being the season of the year when forests are most in danger of destruction by fire. He has addressed communications to the county commissioners of the lumber producing counties of the state, advising the appointment of forest wardens in each township, whose duty it shall be to have all fires which may break out in the timber lands extinguished as soon as possible, and to prosecute all persons who wilfully start such conflagrations. Under the act of legislature these wardens shall receive compensation for such time as they are in actual service.

A jury has awarded Miss Margaret S. Cluster, a public school teacher of Glenolden, Pa., $385 against the Prospect Park school board for alleged violation of contract. The board elected Miss Cluster as one of the teachers and notified her of the appointment and she sent a letter in reply accepting it. After this they heard of her applying at Lansdon and elsewhere for a position, and fearing she was going to leave them, they revoked her appointment. Miss Cluster brought suit for the salary she would have received for the term for which she was elected, and the jury awarded her the full amount of her claim. Miss Cluster was regularly elected as a teacher and could not be removed without a cause, of which there are only four—incompetency, negligence, cruelty and immorality, and Miss Cluster coming under none of these, she could not be dismissed.

Mr. T. Jefferson Picking, of Terra Alta, West Va., paid a visit to his Somerset friends last week.

Mr. Freeman Hoffman last week purchased the pretty cottage residence recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Granger, on South Main street.

Mr. Urias B. Suder and Miss Eva A. Fritz, both of Brothersvalley township, were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 30th, Rev. M. L. Young officiating.

An original pension of $6.00 per month has been granted Noah Scott, of Ursina, and William Kline, of Jennertown, will hereafter receive $10 instead of $8.00 per month pension.

Editor R. M. Linton, of the Democrat, whose critical illness, was announced last week, is resting comfortably at his rooms in the Hotel Vannear and is now believed to be out of all danger.

Robert Showalter, Mey ersdale, conductor on the B. & O. Railroad for the past twelve years, was killed near Cumberland on Friday. He was thirty-six years old and leaves a family.

Mr. W. A. Seibert has leased a suite of offices in the First National Bak building, from which he will conduct his business transactions. Mr. Seibert is an extensive dealer in lumber, hay, and other native products.

Farmers are taking advantage of the sledding to haul lumber, hay, and other marketable stuff to the railroad station. All of the country roads that have been opened are crowded with teams. Some of the roads are so badly drifted that it will be impossible to haul over them until after the drifts have been removed.

The Somerset county friends of Mr. Ernest N. Kinkead, of Johnstown, will be pleased to learn of his approaching marriage to Miss Lizzie Thoburn of that city. The wedding will take place next Wednesday evening. Mr. Kinkead is wellknown in baseball circles, he having played with the Somerset team on numerous occasions.

Robert Engle, between eighteen and nineteen years of age, was crushed to death by a fall of slate and coal in the Rowe Mines, near Meyersdale, on Friday afternoon. Engle was undermining when the heavy mass fell upon him, crushing out his life instantly. The remains were brought to Somerset Saturday evening and taken from here to the home of the dead boy's parents, near Jones' Mills.

Mr. Rus' Zufall, the popular young painter, and Miss Barbara, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Schrock will be united in marriage at 7 o'clock this evening. The ceremony will take place at the apartments fitted up by the groom, in the Brant residence, on Main street, for the reception of his bride, and it will be performed by Rev. Lavan, of the Evangelical Church.

Our venerable friends who have been sighing "for old time winter weather" are doubtless content since the raging snow storm of Sunday and Monday blockaded country roads in all directions and cut them off from communication with the outside world. The storm was one of the worst seen here for several years, snow falling in sheets and driven by a strong north west wind for a period of forty-eight hours.

A Johnstown wedding of local interest was that of Mr Frederick Solverson and Miss Therey Irene Shaffer, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Shaffer—in that city on last Thursday evening. The attendants were Mr. Sanford Koontz and Miss Minnie Blough. Among the guests present were Mr. Jacob Shaffer and the Misses Adella and Florence Shaffer, of Hooversville, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Helsel, and Messrs. Justus Helsel and Martin Carr, of Holsopple.

The people of this town had a surfeit of high class entertainments last week, but we voice the sentiment of a majority of those who attended all when we award the greatest measure of praise to the Cecilia Musical Club, of Boston, who occupied the Opera House stage, Friday evening. It was not a case of keeping the best wine for the last bumper, since the Cecilia Club appeared under the management of C. D. Casebeer. All of the six members of the Club are artists of exceptional merit, and while their solo numbers on the flute, violin, 'cello, and cornet were gems, their concert numbers were equally brilliant and skilfully rendered. Mr. Walter L. Eccles proved the most refined and entertaining impersonator and humorist seen here in a long time.

Second Lieutenant F. W. Hoblitzell of Co. I, Fifth Penna. Regiment, forwarded his accounts to the War Department on Friday, where they were rigidly overhauled and found correct to the penny. Sunday morning's mail brought him Uncle Sam's check for the amount due him; the incident (Frank's army career) is closed. No, not closed, for it will ever form one of the brightest chapters in his life, though he live as old as Mathusala. His early business training stood him in good stead when he began serving Uncle Sam.—Meyersdale Commercial.

Peter Meyers will be placed on trial next week in the criminal court to answer an indictment charging him with the willful murder of Michael Carney and John Lenhart, on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 20th last, both of whom were residents of the village of Garrett. Readers of this paper are familiar with the events leading up to the brutal double tragedy, when two inoffensive men were shot down without a word of warning by a blood-thirsty murderer, and of the exciting scenes enacted before his capture. Ever since he has been confined in jail Meyers has been quiet and well-behaved, and is apparently penitent of his awful crime. He has never expressed a hope that he might escape death on the gallows, but on the other hand has been busily preparing himself for the other world. A few days since when a visitor to the jail sought to encourage him by saying that he soon would be set free Meyers quietly observed: "I can't see how that it is possible; you know I killed two men." The prisoner's attorneys are prepared to go on with the case when it is called for trial on next Wednesday. It is not known what defense they will make, but it is more than likely they will endeavor to secure an acquittal on the ground that Meyers was insane at the time the double murder was committed.

The introduction of hot water heat at the court house two winters ago was a public improvement that won commendation not alone from the official occupants of that building, but from all having business to transact at the court house. In addition to rendering the building more comfortable during the winter months it reduced the chances of its going up in flames by reason of the many stoves, utilized in the various offices and the rooms devoted to the use of the court, that formerly acted as a constant menace. But the uniform heat generated by the hot water boiler has caused a wonderful shrinkage among the timbers of the venerable temple of justice, in some places drawing the floors at least an inch from the walls, and causing the flooring to warp and twist. Notwithstanding the alarm created last week, when the court room was overcrowded by institute spectators, there is not a particle of danger of the second floor giving way, as it is supported by brick partitions at intervals of every few yards. Some people have seized upon the alarm occasioned among county officials last week, when the ceiling above them cracked, as a sufficient reason why the county should erect a new court house at an early day. The present court house does not conform with modern ideas of what a public building should be, but we are mistaken in our judgment if a large majority of the taxpayers of the county do not think it good enough to occupy during the coming ten years. A sum of money large enough to erect a building of corresponding character has been spent on repairs to the court house during the past ten years, a majority of which were altogether useless and uncalled for.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Forty-Second Annual Meeting of Public Instructors.

UNABATED INTEREST MANIFESTED

The Forty-Second annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute concluded its labors at eleven o'clock Friday morning, when teachers, directors, and friends of education who had spent a pleasant and profitable week in the county seat returned to their homes. The Institute throughout was one of the best ever held in the county, and while the attendance on the part of the general public was perhaps not as large as on several former occasions, the court room in which the sessions were held proved entirely inadequate to accommodate all who sought admission. In fact the seats and aisles were occupied by eager spectators so long in advance of the convening of the sessions on Wednesday and Thursday that a number of teachers were unable to gain access to the room, and, as a consequence, more or less complaint was heard among them reflecting on the greed of the general public who, it seems, entertained the idea that the Institute was called for their edification as well as for the instruction of the young men and women engaged in teaching. It is a matter of sincere regret that Somerset has not a hall of sufficient seating capacity to accommodate all who desire to be present at meetings designed for the public welfare, but last week furnished another striking illustration that Somerset is deficient in this respect, and it will likely devolve upon the County Superintendent in the future to regulate admission to Teachers' Institute by card.

The Commonwealth has provided for the assembly of teachers of the various counties in annual Institute, and it is almost compulsory that they attend; and such being the case, it would seem only proper that the Institute be devoted exclusively to their benefit and instruction. On the other hand it may well be argued that the benefit to be derived from attending the Institute is of such recognized importance, the character of the instruction is of such inestimable value to all interested in educational work, and the opportunity of listening to instructors of national reputation and worth is such a rare one that the general public is entitled to some consideration.

Superintendent Pritts is confronted with the above cold facts, and we believe no one appreciates the difficulty of providing a week's profitable entertainment for the teachers more than does he; but those who have criticised him would do well to remember that he has been guided by a desire to provide a program designed to help and aid teachers in their school work, and is not responsible for the fact that a large element of the general public avail themselves of the opportunity to participate in the feast prepared for the teachers.

The startling evidence, manifested by ominous reports of cracking timbers and settling walls, that the floor of the court room was struggling under its burden of human weight, Wednesday and Thursday, did not have a deterring effect on the pushing people who elbowed their way to the doors of the overcrowded room, nor did it cause the occupants of the room to fear that they were in danger of being precipitated into the cellar of the building, although it did create a panic among the occupants of the county offices below, who ran from the building believing that it was about to topple down on their heads. The consternation of the officials is not to be wondered at when the cracks and openings in the ceilings of their offices are examined.

The Institute instructors, notably Doctor Schaeffer, Doctor Waller and Doctor Miller, were among the ablest ever presented to the teachers of this county. Doctor Schaeffer delivered only one address, referred to in last week's HERALD. Doctor Waller spoke at each session, and every one of his talks was chock-full of practical and valuable information. In his address on memorizing the Doctor touched a popular chord when he advised teachers to cultivate this faculty in their pupils, no matter whether or not they comprehended the object to be attained. He declared that the child whose mind had been trained to repeat the multiplication table before it could count correctly had already learned a valuable lesson, and one that would stand it in good stead throughout life. He pronounced as failure the method introduced in many schools eight or ten years ago, whose object was to discountenance the practice of memorizing. Doctor Waller is a forceful speaker, with a pleasant delivery and a genial presence. He was very popular with his audience.

Doctor Miller's addresses were of a historical character, and were given for the purpose of encouraging teachers to depart from the beaten paths of the ordinary text books, and to follow along the lines of actual authenticated facts, especially in connection with the commercial expansion of the United States. His remarks in reference to the purchase of Alaska by the United States, particularly those portions relating to that period of the Civil War when Russia manifested her friendliness toward the North, and to the parts played by our representatives at the courts of St. Petersburg and Paris during those tumultuous times, were intensely interesting. The same can be said of his talks on "The Great Canals of the World, and "Blennerhasset and His Island Home."

Prof. J. D. Meese, of the California State Normal, was accorded a warm welcome by the Institute, a majority of the members of which feel a special interest in him for the reason that he is a native of Somerset county and was formerly a teacher in the local schools. His several talks on "English in Our Common Schools" were excellent in both matter and form. The habituated teacher could not resist the temptation to compare Professor Meese's public efforts of eight or nine years ago, when he struggled against stage fright to give utterance to the thoughts that surged through his brain, with the polished and fluent addresses he is capable of delivering to day. The truth is that Prof. Meese has made more rapid strides in his profession, particularly in institute work, than any instructor we can now recall engaged in a similar avocation.

Prof. E. D. Steward, of Waynesburg, is a pleasant speaker and a genial gentleman, with a penchant to interject personal experiences into his Institute work. His Institute addresses would prove more entertaining and instructive were they devoted to matters pertaining to the schoolroom.

City Superintendent J. M. Berkey of the Johnstown public schools, was an interested spectator Thursday, and delivered one of his usual happy addresses at the afternoon session.

The evening entertainments were all of high order and gave splendid satisfaction. Perhaps the best lecture of the course was given by Dr. William Hawley Smith, on "We, the People," while the "Apostle of Sunshine," Dr. A. A. Willits, provoked the greatest amount of laughter and aroused his audience to the highest point of enthusiasm. The Sextette, composed of six singing Smiths, left a most pleasing impression upon all who heard them Wednesday night. Their vocalization was a revelation of what can be accomplished in the way of creating harmony with that unrivaled instrument—the human voice.

An innovation in the work of the Institute was devoting every period to foreign instructors, whereas heretofore, the first hour of each session was given up entirely to discussions, reading papers on school work, etc., to teachers employed in the county.

From every point of view the Forty-Second Annual Teachers' Institute was one of the most successful ever held in the county, and reflects great credit upon County Superintendent Pritts.

Chocolates and Bon Bons in beautiful packages at BENFORD'S DRUG STORE.

ANDREW MULL'S REMAINS FOUND.

Hunters Tracking Rabbits Find His Gun and Then the Body.

Andrew Mull disappeared on August 23th, the last having been seen of him was when he left Suder's store at Deal, where he had purchased a vial of golden tincture, which he used for the alleviation of pain at the heart. For a while, says the Meyersdale Commercial, little notice was taken of his absence as he was a great hunter and was frequently away from home for days at a time. But finally the neighborhood aroused to the fact that the old veteran was missing and that most likely he was dead. The people wanted to know definitely and to that purpose organized large bodies which scoured the country but to no avail. The mystery remained unsolved. A rabbit snow that fell over Sunday was the means of solving it. Henry Schlegel and Christ Mankameyer Monday morning started on the trail of the "bunnies." They had gone scarcely forty yards from one of Schlegel's fields into the timber, which is open up to where the underbrush began to thicken when one shouted "there is a gun leaning against a tree." The other replied, standing on a hillock, "I think that is Moll's and his body must be near around here." He was standing on the snow covered body at the time.

Word was at once sent out and people gathered to the spot where the old man met death just ninety days before, all alone, no one but he and death in the solemn forest. 'Squire Johnson organized an inquest, whose verdict was in accordance with the facts as given above. When the snow was shoveled aside the body was resting in the easy posture of one that sleeps; half of the tincture had been taken, the day was hot and his pain had ceased. Carefully placing his gun against the tree he lay down to rest. His left arm thrown over his face as if to shield it from a stray ray of the sun, the right arm resting on his breast. As he calmly slept, the Great Commander's order for his "muster out" was issued, the angel of Death met him there alone in the forest, in the midst of summer's radiant beauty and no one but the solemnly whispering trees as witnesses that he performed his duty well.

The body was brought to town Tuesday and prepared for burial by Rutter & Will. The remains were then sent to Coal Run, to the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. A. Winters. Interment was made yesterday in St. Paul's Reformed cemetery, Rev. E. S. Hassler, officiating. Peace to his ashes. He died, as thousands of his comrades died, alone, and yet within the care of God. His spirit is at peace.

BOOKS! BOOKS!! BOOKS!!!

HOLIDAY BOOKS! CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

The beautiful, elegant and extensive stock of Holiday Goods now displayed at

...FISHER'S BOOK STORE...

surpasses anything ever before attempted at this establishment. Albums, toilet cases, work boxes, manicure sets, smokers' sets, ink stands, purses, fountain pens, collar and cuff boxes, necktie, fan, handkerchief and jewel boxes, fine mirrors, fine photo frames, toy books, Bibles, toys, box papers, Christmas tree ornaments and candles, masks, novelties, bric-a-brac, and a great variety of many sorts of goods suitable for Christmas and New Year gifts. Cheaper than ever this sea on.

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The Scheme Developing.

The Philadelphia Ledger says: A thorough understanding is said to have been arrived at by the Democratic and anti-Quay leaders as to the preliminary program to be followed in the Legislature by their followers. Ever since the day after election conferences have been held on the subject of wresting the control of the Legislature out of the hands of Senator Quay and defeating him for re-election. At first it was said that the Democratic members-elect could not be depended upon to act as a unit, because of the suspicion that some of them were not averse to the re-election of Senator Quay, and would do all they could to prevent a fusion of his opponents. Yesterday, however, it was stated that Democratic leaders of both factions would answer for their friends in the Legislature to unite with the anti-Quayites for the organization of the House, and if their efforts in this respect were successful they would turn their attention to the defeat of Sena or Quay.

The plan for organizing the House consists of selecting as Speaker an anti-Quay Republican, who shall be selected by the Democrats, the latter to participate in the distribution of the clerkships and employes. If this plan is carried out, it is understood that the Democrats will favor General Koontz, of Somerset, for Speaker.

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.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company Will Issue Clerical Orders for 1899.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the issue of clerical orders will be continued for the year 1899 on the same lines as in effect at present.

Application blanks may be obtained of ticket agents, and same should reach the General Office by December 20, so that orders may be mailed December 31 to clergymen entitled to receive them. Orders will be issued only on individual application of clergymen when made on blanks furnished by the Company and certified to by one of its agents.

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.

For Sale.

P. Heffley offers for sale one yearling Jersey 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.

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

Recent Deaths.

The Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette on Monday published an obituary of Major Howard Morton, who died on Sunday at his home in that city. It states that he was born in Somerset on January 2, 1842, but early in his youth removed to Pittsburg, where he lived all his life. He served in the Union army.

Minnie Stern, aged 27 years, died on Friday morning last at the home of her brother—W. D. Stern—just south of town. The young woman had gone to the home of her brother for the purpose of nursing several members of his family who were suffering from typhoid fever, when she contracted the disease. Miss Stern was a young woman of excellent character and was esteemed by all of her acquaintances.

George Kring died at his late home, three miles west of Somerset on Friday night last, aged about sixty years. Death resulted from paralysis from which he had suffered for a period of two years, when he was first stricken. He suffered a second stroke a few days before his death. Deceased was a prominent farmer and was well liked by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and five children. Interment was made at Lavansville on Sunday.

Hugh Auman, a one armed veteran of the Civil War, passed to his final rest on Friday, at the home of his son Joseph—with whom he had made his home since the death of his wife about two years ago—three miles west of this place. Death resulted from a stroke of paralysis sustained ten days before, which affected his right side and throat and rendered it almost impossible for him to take any nourishment. Mr. Auman enjoyed a wide acquaintance throughout the county, and was esteemed by all who knew him. He is survived by five sons, viz: Joseph, Samuel, Peter, Benjamin and George. Interment was made Monday morning at Husband. A squad of G. A. R. comrades from Somerset who started to attend the funeral were compelled to retrace their steps, after proceeding for a mile, by a raging snow storm.

Mrs. Alexander Hunter, wife of one of the most venerable and valued citizens of Somerset township, passed from earth at an early hour Friday morning at her late home near Listie. She was aged seventy-four years. She had been confined to her bed for only two weeks, although she had been in delicate health for a number of years preceding her death. She had endeared herself to all in the neighborhood in which she lived by her many unselfish deeds of kindness. She was laid to rest on Saturday in the old Trent Cemetery near her home. Mrs. Hunter was a member of the Disciple Church and was constant in her attendance at the house of worship until failing health compelled her to remain at home. She is survived by her husband and by four daughters, viz: Mrs. Abraham Berkey, Mrs. Cyrus Shaver, Mrs. Chauncey Dickey, and Mrs. John C. Miller, all of Somerset township, and by one son—who lives in Kansas.

William Fritz, aged 80 years and 24 days, died at his late residence in Brothersvalley township, on Thursday, December 1st. Interment was made on Saturday in the Fritz Church Cemetery, the services being conducted by the pastor of the Church, Rev. M. L. Young. Deceased was not only one of the best-known but one of the best farmers in the county. A man of excellent judgment, fine business qualifications and unquestioned integrity. He was a son of William Fritz, Sr., and a grandson of pioneer Christian Fritz. On December 11, 1837, he was married to Miss Eliza, daughter of Mr. George Weller, and a sister of the late Hon. John Weller. Deceased was confirmed a member of the Lutheran Church in his early youth and continued a faithful member of that denomination throughout his long life. He leaves a widow, nine children, twenty-eight grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

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.

The Companion's First Subscriber.

The Youth's Companion is probably the only periodical in the world seventy-two years of age, whose first subscriber is still living and still a constant reader of the paper. The subscriber who enjoys this unique distinction is Mrs. Hannah M. Parsons of Brooklyn, New York, now in her 85th year. She was the little sister of a friend of Nathaniel Willis, father of N. P. Willis, the poet, and founder of The Youth's Companion. When Mr. Willis had resolved upon publishing a newspaper for young people, his friend had him put down his sister's name as the first subscriber. The Companion's first issue was dated April 16, 1827, and for more than 70 years this first subscriber has continued to read and enjoy it. The volume for 1899 will be the best The Companion has ever published. The most popular of living writers will give the best work of their best hours to the entertainment of the hundreds of thousands of households in which the Youth's Companion is every week a welcome guest. New subscribers will receive all the remaining issues of 1898 free from the time of subscription, and the beautiful Companion Calendar for 1899—the most beautiful one ever given to Companion readers—in addition to The Companion for 52 weeks, a full year, to January 1900.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION,
211 Columbus Avenue. Boston Mass.

Another School Scandal.

The developments before Judge Herring in Carbon county afford the people of the state another opportunity to see how the state appropriations for public schools are diverted from their original object.

Four members of the Banks township board of directors have been ousted from office for accepting pay for attendance at the county institute when, it appears, the law does not contemplate their attendance at such assemblages and assuredly does not grant them the right to vote pay to themselves for that attendance. A fifth member was only fined and sentenced to pay the costs of the suit, his term having expired.

The last year has been specially prolific in the matter of school board scandals in Pennsylvania, and the guilt of the Carbon county officials presumably having been established, the sentence of the court might justly have been more severe. It is somewhat of a satisfaction, however, to know that they did not altogether escape, as such an ending of the case would only have encouraged other directors to put the public moneys to illegal use—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Many People Cannot Drink

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BENFORD'S PHARMACY.

Miller-Walter.

Mr. Henry Miller and Miss Myrtle E. Walter, both of Milford Station, were united in marriage on November 26th. The wedding took place at the Lutheran parsonage in New Centreville, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. A. B. Miller.

SOMERSET'S SEWER CONTRACT.

Council Will Not Fall Into the Same Error as Their Brethren at Ebensburg.

This week's edition of the Ebensburg Freeman says the Council of that borough has put its foot in it by letting a contract for the construction of a sewer, now in progress and almost completed, without complying with the requirements of the law for such cases.

The Freeman claims that the Council proceeded to give out the contract to a Mr. O'Rourke, of Altoona, by a mere resolution, without the passage of an ordinance, and without taking other steps required by Act of Assembly, and that consequently the borough cannot be held responsible for the payment of the contractor. Some money has been advanced to him out of the treasury and our contemporary wonders whether this could not be recovered, since it was illegally paid out, and the Councilmen made individually to pay the bill, since they entered upon the contract more as individuals than as representatives of the people.

It is stated that after the contract had been proceeded with for some time the Council met and passed the ordinance which they should have enacted before the work was begun, but the Freeman thinks an ex-post-facto act will not cover the case under the circumstances.—Johnstown Tribune.

Sale Postponed.

The sale of the Schell land near "town bridge" has been postponed to Friday, Dec. 9th, at one o'clock. The piece contains about 6 acres of farming and pasture land.

The "Accident" That Caused War.

The astonishing disclosure is made by the official Red Book of the Spanish government, which contains the documents and letters that passed between the United States and Spain just before the outbreak of the war, that the Spanish secretary of state, on February 8 of this year, sent a note to the powers, stating that the ostentatious concentration of the American naval forces in Cuban waters, and the persistence with which the Maine and the Montgomery continued to remain in such close proximity to Cuba, was causing excitement, and the Spanish secretary expressed the fear that "by some accident a conflict might be precipitated." Just one week later the explosion of the Maine occurred, and the 'accident' which the Spanish secretary of State alluded to brought about a state of war. The statement of the Spanish secretary, in reference to the possibility of an accident precipitating a conflict, may have been simply a coincidence, but it is certainly remarkable that the explosion on the Maine occurred so soon after it was made. The mystery of the Maine has never been fully investigated. Probably the real truth will be disclosed in due time. —Leslie's Weekly.

Important Dates.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Monday, November 28, has become another determinative date in the history of the war. It marks a victory of diplomacy that is likely to become a central fact in the history of the closing years of the nineteenth century. In the present war it ranks with the other famous dates which were all more or less fraught with tremendous significance, February 15 leading off with the destruction of the Maine. Then, with war on foot, April 22, Dewey's victory on May 1, Cervera's arrival at Santiago on May 19, the destruction of his fleet on July 3, the fall of Santiago on July 17, and the proclamation of the protocol on August 12, the dates that will ever inspire the American, begin to pile up their wonderful record of achievements on land and sea, and in the anteroom of diplomacy. Just nine months have passed, not a year, and yet the making of history has been so rapid that those who have not kept up with the movement naturally are bewildered, and for want of something better to do are crying out that it is all a mistake. They would forget the dates and clean off the slate, as if February 15—November 28 did not exist. But that is the whole story. They do. Hence the joy of Americans and the outcries of the expatriated.

Hastings and Stone.

Governor Hastings is getting ready to hand over the reins of the state government to Colonel Stone on January 17. He has advertised his horses for sale and is having his private papers and effects packed to be shipped to Bellefonte. He will be busy until the eve of inauguration, cleaning up the unfinished business in his office in order that Colonel Stone may start in with a clean calendar. The governor is devoting much of his spare time to the preparation of his valedictory message to the next legislature.

Governor-elect Stone and his family will remain in Washington until after the holidays, when they will go to Harrisburg and take up their residence at a hotel or private house until after the inauguration. They will then take up their residence for four years in the executive mansion. "I met Colonel Stone on Pennsylvania avenue the other day," says a correspondent of the North American. "He was looking in the best condition, as they say in sporting parlance, and said he never felt better in his life. Unless he changes his mind, Governor Stone will not announce his Cabinet until after he is inaugurated. He says he has plenty of good timber to select from, and it is his intention to take the best men in the party as his advisers. Like all large bodies, Governor Stone moves slowly and cautiously, in all matters, and if he does not secure an able Cabinet it will not be his fault."

Jos. Horne & Co.

SUGGESTIONS.

There are a great many men and a great many women, when Christmas times draw near, get their ideas all jambled when it comes to selecting a present. They may have something picked out that they think is just right and find that the party for whom it is intended is already possessed of the article. And thus it goes. Really this thing of selecting gifts is rather a hard task.

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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 on or before Saturday, the 31st day of Dec. 1898, at the late residence of dec'd in Brothersvalley township.

DANIEL SCHROCK,
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