The Somerset Herald.

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Wm. Livsey, who disappeared in 1891, while cashier of the State treasury, is living quietly in Chicago.

Itching piles? Never mind if physicians have failed to cure you. Try Doan's Ointment. No failure there. 50 cents, at any drug store.

This is one way to season sausage—there are others: To fifty pounds of meat add three fourths of a pound of salt, one-fourth pound of black pepper, one-half ounce of cayenne pepper and one ounce of sage.

At a meeting of the Red Cross Society, of Mt. Pleasant, a net earning of $200 was announced from the carnival. An envelope addressed to the widow of Jesse Ness, of Company E, by Admiral Dewey, was sold for $10.

Prof. John Hamilton, of State College, has announced his candidacy for Secretary of Agriculture in Governor Stone's cabinet. Prof. Hamilton is now assistant to Edge. During the campaign he rendered great service to Col. Stone. Edge has held the position for twenty years.

Jay Gould's youngest son, Frank, came of age ten days ago, and received his fortune of $10,000,000. He is said to be a typical Gould, which means that he resembles his father, is a regular, every day worker in the New York offices of the Missouri Pacific railway, and will not squander his fortune.

The disease which has broken out among the cattle in Franklin county, and which has killed so many, has been discovered to be the dreaded anthrax. The Agricultural Department at Harrisburg has been communicated with, and Secretary Edge wires that a State veterinary surgeon will be sent at once, and that every effort will be made to stamp out the disease.

While Colonel Roosevelt was blockaded on a train between New York and Boston during the recent snow storm he dictated to a stenographer in three hours an article for one of the magazines about the Santiago campaign, for which he is to receive $1,000. Some one, who does not take into account the time spent by the Colonel in Cuba, figures that this is making money at the rate of more than $5.55 per minute.

Boys, if you take the trouble to work out the following problem, it will show exactly what people think you are: Place the year of your birth on a piece of paper, add your age at your last birthday (not this year), multiply the result by 1,000 and substract 982,423. Substitute for figures, letters of the alphabet, a for 1 b for 2, c for 3, etc., and read the result very carefully.

A minister in a nearby town who frequently expressed surprise at typographical errors in newspapers recently had printed a program for religious services in his church. When the program was ready for the press he stipulated that in order that there might be no errors in it, the proof be submitted to him. It was done and corrected according to his marking. After the job was up a friend called his attention to the following line in the closing hymn: "Jesus resigns and Heaven rejoices." The preacher nearly fainted, but he doesn't critise the newspapers half as much as he used to.

Some one has discovered that music has an effect on the growth of the hair, and that while certain music prevents the hair from falling, other kinds have a disastrous effect. Composers lose their hair like ordinary people, but composers who perform their own work, it is asserted, always have luxurious locks. Wind instruments, especially the cornet and trombone, are fatal to heavy heads of hair; the violincello and harp keep the hair pretty well, but the flute cannot be depended upon. It has not yet been decided what particular key is best for the prevention of baldness.

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The State newspapers are discussing the depredations of "tramps," and Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster county, a few days ago advised farmers to get up a posse comitatus to suppress the great and growing nuisance. In a State like Pennsylvania, where ample provisions have been made for the support of those who are unable to subsist without charity, there is no excuse for the gangs that exist in vagrancy. The Legislature will be expected this winter to take definite action to put an end to the "tramp" evil. If the prisoners in the jails and others who wish to be vagabonds would be required to work upon the highways of the State, the long-desired good roads would eventually become an accomplished fact.

Blasted be the iconclast who will teach a little child that there is no Santa Claus. The man or woman, says the Harrisburg Telegraph, who teaches such heresy never had a child—never was happy when young, and their youth was always dark, gloomy and forbidding. Why, what more beautiful picture is there in this world than the face of a little child listening to the story of "Old Santa Claus" coming over the roofs of the houses and down the chimneys with his pack of toys and things for the good children? Says the iconoclast: "You must not tell such stories to children, for when they grow up and learn differently, they are apt to regard their parents as liars, and the rude awakening almost breaks their hearts." Rats! Let the little ones have all the enjoyment they can in life. Don't make old men and old women of them before they are are out of short clothes.

A special news dispatch sent out from Chambersburg, Franklin county, on Wednesday says: "After a trial lasting two days two interesting cases were concluded here by a verdict of the jury. Charles Shatzer, of Altoona, was hunting rabbits last month in Hamilton township, this county, and got on the farm of H. B. Crider, who killed two of Shatzer's valuable hunting dogs. In the hot argument which ensued Shatzer's gun went off just when it happened to be pointed at Crider, although Crider says Shatzer deliberately fired at him and tried to kill him. The farmer got a bullet through his arm and one through his thumb. The cases brought against each man were tried together, but the farmer made such a bad mix of his case and was so ugly on the stand that he was found guilty of killing the hunter's dog, while the hunter got off free for shooting the farmer. The farmer may have to go to jail, and at least will have to pay all the heavy costs in the case."

The new bankruptcy laws framed by Congress and which have recently gone into effect, while they possess many features of undisputed merit, do not redound to the benefit of county sheriffs. The reason for this is that a large proportion of the business of the sheriff's office resulting through insolvent debtors promises to be transacted under the new bankruptcy laws through the United States district courts. As a natural result the fees of the sheriff will be sacrificed. The voluntary law took effect August 1, 1898, and since that time 56 petitions of voluntary bankruptcy have been filed with the United States clerk for the Western district of Pennsylvania. Since the involuntary bankruptcy law became effective on November 2, there have been filed in accordance with the law 17 petitions in the same district, which would seem to indicate a total of 73 executions lost to the sheriffs of Western Pennsylvania, as most of the cases would, it is thought, in the course of events, have fallen under the lash of the sheriff.

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BENFORD'S.

Mrs. Mary Saylor, aged seventy-one years, died at her home near Meyersdale, on November 28th.

Mr. D. B. Zimmerman returned on Saturday from his Dakota ranch, where he had been during the past three months.

'Squire "Ben" Fleck, the Quemahoning merchant, was renewing his acquaintance with his numerous Somerset friends on Monday.

Divine services will be held in the Glade Reformed Church, in Stonycreek township next Lord's day at 10 a. m., and at Shanksville at 2 p. m.

Mr. Norman F. Walter, of Garrett, and Miss Alice E. Clark, of Meyersdale, were married on Sunday, December 4th, Rev. M. L. Young, of Meyersdale, officiating.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unsalled for at the post office: Mrs. I. N. Green, Zach. Holt, Jno. Pierce, Nora Pyle, Mrs. Emma Pile, Maud Roby, Mrs. John Shultz.

Mr. George H. Love, of the Union Provision Company, left Monday morning for Washington, D. C., where he will remain for several days. He will visit Philadelphia before returning home.

Mr. Allan Weyant, of Bakersville, and Miss Jennie Heckler, of New Centreville, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage, in Lavansville, on Thursday, afternoon, December 8th, Rev. C. F. Gephart officiating.

The sum of $53 remaining unexpended in the hands of the committee appointed to receive and entertain the members of Company I upon their return from Lexington, Ky., has, by unanimous consent of the committee, been turned into the treasury of the Children's Aid Society.

The newly erected United Evangelical Church in Somerset, Pa., will be dedicated on the Lord's day, Dec. 18, 1898, at 10:30 a. m. Bishop W. M. Stanford, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., will officiate. The ministers and people of Somerset and community are cordially invited to be present.

Daniel S. Miller has received a letter from his son Marling, who was unable to leave Honolulu with Company C recruits because of typhoid fever. The letter is dated Honolulu Nov. 15, and he says he left the hospital on Nov. 12. He lost 24 pounds while sick. He says he is greatly stuck on the place. There are about 75 soldiers still left at Honolulu, 15 of them Pennsylvanians.

Local icemen are taking advantage of the recent cold snap and excellent sledding to fill their ice houses for the ensuing summer. Ice has frozen to a thickness of 12 inches on the stream south of town, and it is claimed that the first freeze supplies the best ice. However this may be the ice being harvested this week is of excellent quality, clear and solid.

At a recent meeting of town council a resolution authorizing three additional street lights was passed, and we are informed the Electric Light Company will have them in position at an early day. The lights will be placed as follows: At the intersection of North street and the Stoystown road; on Main street, at the alley crossing at H. C. Beerits' and Dr. H. S. Kimmel's residences, and at the alley crossing at the residences of Peter Fink and J. S. Pile, on South street.

Mary, relict of the late George Barclay, died at the home of her son, Wesley, in Jefferson township, on Friday night, aged about seventy-four years. Interment was made at Lavansville on Sunday, when religious services were conducted by Rev. C. F. Gebhart. Deceased was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church since girlhood and was loved and esteemed by all who knew her. She is survived by two sons, Wesley and Jonathan, and by one daughter, Mrs. Miller.

What would be considered a modest "nest egg" for a fortune by a majority of the citizens of this county was given by Edward J. Berwind and wife in exchange for $1,780 worth of revenue stamps, which were placed on a deed conveying tracts of about 10,000 acres of coal lands in Paint and Shade townships to the Wilmore Coal Company, and which is now being recorded by Register and Recorder Cover. The deed covers thirty-eight closely written pages. The consideration for the transfer is given as one dollar. Another deed from the same parties contains $250 worth of revenue stamps. Most of the stamps are of $100 and $50 denominations.

Mr. John Fox, the senior partner of the well-known firm of Fox Bros., lumbermen and charcoal manufacturers, is one of the most ingenious and patient gentlemen among the HERALD'S acquaintances; at least we have been forced to this conclusion after inspecting a piece of his handiwork. During the cold weather last week Mr. Fox devoted a few hours to wood-carving with the result that he produced a wooden chain, twelve feet long, patterned after the old log chain, with hook and ring at either end. The chain was carved out of a plank twelve feet long and six inches wide, the links being two by six inches, and is so symmetrical throughout as to elicit expressions of admiration from all who see it. Mr. Fox had only a handsaw and a penknife for tools.

After communicating with the members of the local bar Judge Longenecker decided that in view of the reported epidemic of small pox at Bedford it would be imprudent for him to preside at this week's term of criminal court, and he therefore requested Judge L. D. Doty, of Westmoreland county, to occupy his place on the bench. Judge Doty arrived here on the 10:02 train Monday morning and went immediately to the court house and convened court. Judge Longenecker says that the newspaper reports concerning the epidemic of small-pox at Bedford are grossly exaggerated; that there are only two or three cases of a mild form in the town, and as many more outside of the borough; but on account of the alarm created throughout the State by the newspaper reports and the general fear on the part of the public that the disease might become spread, he would respect the desire of the Somerset attorneys and remain away.

John H. Zimmerman, notice of whose critical illness, caused by a stroke of paralysis, was made in a recent issue of this paper, died last Wednesday morning at his home in the village of Listie, aged 68 years, 3 months and 9 days. Deceased was born in Quemahoning township, where he followed the occupation of farming up until about ten years ago, when he removed to Listie to engage in the milling business, under the firm name of Winters, Dietz & Zimmerman. When he was first stricken with paralysis two years ago he retired from business. Deceased was one of the leading citizens of the county and was widely known as a man of sterling integrity and sound business judgment. He was an active and consistent member of the Reformed Church. He leaves a widow and one son, John Zimmerman, of Altoona, and one daughter, the wife of County Treasurer Winters. The funeral took place on Friday, when religious services were conducted at Friedens by Revs. Wetzel and King. Interment was made at Stoystown.

At a meeting of the Pioneer Fire Company, held on December 7th, the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

President, Mahlon Schrock; Vice President, Geo. Brant; Recording Sec'y, J. W. Fresse; Financial Sec'y, H. S. Kifer; Treasurer, N. E. Knepper; Trustees, N. E. Knepper, J. W. Fresse, P. M. Linton; Foreman, R. F. Davis; 1st Assistant Foreman, W. H. Stoddard; 2nd Assistant Foreman, Wm. Traup; Pipemen, Wm. Gilbert Jr., Bayman Stoddard, Chambers Huston, and Edward Shaffer; Linemen, Fred Holbrook, S. B. Huston, L. T. Krebs and W. Saylor; Axemen, Romanus Trent and W. W. Shaver; Plugmen, C. E. Pile and Joseph Picking; Policemen, Albert Holbrook, Geo. Davis, Chas. Weimer and Ed Barnett.

BEDFORD'S EPIDEMIC.

Officer of State Board of Health Reports Many Cases of Small-pox.

CITIZENS DENY THE STATEMENT.

Bedford is greatly stirred up by the statements that have been given out that the whole town was afflicted with small-pox and that the residents were quarantined and barricaded. The 200 cases reported have dwindled down to seven, two in the borough and five outside within a radius of ten miles. These seven cases are conceded to be small-pox in a very mild form, though no alarm has been felt by the citizens, the patients being entirely under control and not permitted to mingle with other members of the family.

At a town meeting Friday afternoon a committee was appointed composed of the town council, board of health and three prominent citizens, with John M. Reynolds as chairman, and the following resolution was adopted:

"The people of this town have been greatly startled by unfounded reports concerning the prevalence here of small-pox. No greater wrong to any community can be imagined than that purpetrated in this instance, and deep indignation prevails among the people, who collected in an informal meeting this afternoon and severely denounced the statements perporting to come from Dr. Atkinson. There are two cases in this town and seven outside, five families in all being afflicted, and these being entirely under care and control. Dr. Atkinson did not see more than the five families stated, and to say that 150 patients were under his eyes is entirely false.

"There is not the least alarm or apprehension felt among the people, and they are simply dazed at the publicity given to these falsehoods. That some cases of a peculiar skin affection have existed in different parts of the county may be admitted, but they are not small-pox, and the town has not been guarded or quarantined as was published."

Dr. Atkinson, when seen Friday evening at his home in Philadelphia, discussed freely the epidemic of small-pox at Bedford. "There are," he said, "over 100 cases of small-pox in all stages in this pretty little town. I was sent to visit this region at the request of Dr. Lee, of the Board of Health, and to submit to him a report as to existing conditions. During my practice I have had a great deal to do with small-pox, both in an official and a professional capacity, so this is not the first time I have been sent to report on an epidemic. All day Wednesday, that night and the greater part of to-day I have been in that town not only visiting cases, but in consultation with local physicians and members of the Board of Health. To say the least, a most remarkable state of affairs exists. Patients in all stages of the disease are there, and being in constant communication with those who are in sound health. There has been no attempt to quarantine the sick, and, as a result, the disease is spreading rapidly throughout the country.

"For instance, I saw a boy with well-defined marks on his arm, who said that he was going to work regularly and expected to go out of the house as usual tomorrow. Then again, a man in a dangerous condition left the town for his home in Virginia, where he will doubtless spread the disease.

"Before a meeting of the local Board of Health I recommended in the strongest way that the proper precautions be taken at once to prevent a general spread of the disease. Another remarkable feature of the case is that there are so few people who have ever been vaccinated. The doctors there pronounced this evident small-pox 'chicken-pox' and contagious skin disease, and did not make any attempt to vaccinate. Even among those not vaccinated the disease has manifested itself only in a mild form. However, I believe that the doctors will now take hold of the disease, and they will be backed up by the Board of Health, which passed at my instance an ordinance instituting the most rigid quarantine."

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the state board of health, who returned to-night from a visit to the town of Bedford, where he went to investigate the reports of smallpox, discovered that there are a number of cases of the disease in the town and vicinity, but that it is of a light form, and that with strict care and the observance of proper precautions, may be controlled, and further spreading prevented. Soon after his return he sent the following telegram to Surgeon General Walter Wyman of the United States Marine hospital at Washington:

"Smallpox status in Bedford and suburbs, within one and one half miles, Dec. 11, 20 cases, of which 12 are within the borough limits and eight outside. Houses infected, 10, of which seven are within the borough limits and three outside. Of the above cases eight variola, of which two are within the borough limits, and six outside, and 12 varioloid, of which 10 are withing the limits, and two outside. Also in Bedford county, within eight miles of the borough, five cases of variola in two houses. Authorities active. All precautions taken."

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A Friendly Call Upon Every One in Town.

The Somerset Sunday School Association, with the co-operation of the Sunday Schools themselves, has undertaken to have a friendly call made upon every family in town during the week between Christmas and New Year's, and a corps of over seventy visitors has volunteered for this work.

The purpose of this call is to invite every one, adult as well as child, to become a member of one of the Sunday Schools in town during the coming year. Special efforts will be made by all the schools to make the new series of lessons that commence on January 1st, attractive and helpful to the older people as well as the children, and provision will be made for those who are unable to attend the schools to study the lesson at home.

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.

What do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called GRAIN-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their system. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about ¼ as much. All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

Criminal Court.

The regular term of criminal court convened at 10 o'clock Monday morning, with Judge L. D. Doty, of Westmoreland county, presiding in the absence of Judge Longenecker. All of the twenty-four members of the grand jury answered to their names when called by the clerk. Amos W. Knepper, of Somerset, was appointed foreman.

With the exception of the case against Meyers, indicted for murder, the calendar was made up of cases of little public importance. Judge Doty disposed of not less than sixteen cases on Monday, and elicited complimentary remarks from various members of the bar, who admired his dexterity in disposing of the business brought before him. In fact, His Honor kept the District-Attorney and Grand Jury on the jump to keep up with the lively movement of the Court.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. James Cooper, charged with receiving stolen goods, the Court directed that a verdict of "not guilty" be entered.

A verdict of "not guilty" but defendant to pay costs of prosecution was agreed to in the case of Carl Dupont and George Zecfoss, charged with larceny. A similar verdict was agreed upon in the suit against Albert Leider, charged with a similar offense.

I. H. Good enter a plea of "guilty" to a charge of F. & B. and was given the usual sentence. L. M. Emerick, same charge, received the same dose.

"Ben" Eddy, charged with a half dozen different criminal offenses, entered a general plea of "guilty," and was sentenced to the Huntingdon Reformatory.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Michael Friedline, charged with F. & B., the defendant undertook to set up an alibi, but the jury, evidently impressed by the strong likeness existing between Friedline and his alleged son, returned a verdict of "guilty." The usual sentence was imposed.

Ida Peterman, charged with A. & B., on information of John Hahn, entered a plea of "guilty," and was sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and the costs of prosecution.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Milton Sheets, charged with false pretense on information of C. C. Shafer, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty," and divided the cost, two thirds being placed upon the prosecutor and one third on the defendant. Sheets was employed as a toby roller in Shafer's cigar factory and the prosecutor alleged that he put false bottoms in the boxes, thereby receiving more wages than he was entitled to.

When Constable John W. Stanton and his assistant named Deitz, of Hooversville, went to the home of Mrs. Ida Peterman at an early hour on the morning of November 11th last for the purpose of placing her under arrest, they "stirred up the wrong animal." According to the evidence given by Stanton and his witnesses they would have fared better in a battle against a regiment of Spaniards than in that morning's struggle with a furious woman and her family of children, aided and abetted by a snarling dog. According to the prosecutor, who charged the defendant with resisting an officer, Mrs. Peterman assailed him with a poker and after he had succeeded in placing handcuffs around her wrists she called upon her son to shoot the officer. The son picked up one of three guns in the Peterman kitchen and was about to comply with his mother's request when he was brought to terms by Deitz who pushed a pistol in his face. Two or three of the Peterman girls it appeared from the evidence were quite handy with the poker and sticks of wood, with which they assaulted the officers of the law; while the dog, in response to repeated urging from his mistress, snapped and snarled at the officers' heels. Mrs. Peterman declared when called to the stand that Stanton had entered her domicile without knocking and that when she demanded to know the nature of his business he struck her on the arm with a poker and with sufficient force to break one of the bones.

The civil list set for trial next week was continued and the Court directed Sheriff Hartzell to notify the jurors summoned not to appear.

Doctor Lee, of the State Board of Health, advised against Judge Longenecker's coming here on account of the prevalence of smallpox in Bedford, and the members of the bar therefore asked that the list be continued.

The Meyers murder case will come up this morning.

Somerset Ladies go Shopping With the President's Wife.

Never did Landlord Leland and Chef Daniel Lace, of the Windsor Hotel, have a harder week than the one now past, says the Sunday New York World. For three days Mrs. McKinley, wife of the President, was their guest, and for three days their ingenuity was taxed in providing something new for each meal, particularly for the three luncheons, to which Mrs. McKinley invited her friends.

Would you like to know who were asked to sit at the table with the first lady in the land last Thursday, and what they had to eat? Here you are:

The guests were Miss Catharine Endsley, sister of Mrs. Abner McKinley; Mrs. Abner McKinley and her daughter, Miss Mabel; Mrs. Steven Rand, wife of Paymaster Rand, U. S. N.; Mrs. M. A. Stafford and Mrs. William L. Strong, wife of former Mayor Strong.

"You must have something new," said Mr. Leland, and Chef Lace promised he would. He succeeded so well that Mrs. McKinley asked the Chef's name and sent him a money present. Why not? Didn't the chef invent two new dishes for the occasion—clam broth with whipped cream, and carnation ice cream? Here is the menu:

Clam broth with whipped cream.
Terrapin a la Maryland.
Broiled chicken on toast. Bermuda potatoes.
Lemon sherbert.
Philadel squab on toast. Hothouse tomatoes.
Celery mayonnaise.
Carnation ice cream.
Cheese. Wafers. Fruit. Cake. Coffee. Tea.

The menu was printed on Robin's-egg blue cream-laid paper with a gold monogram at the top. At each plate, also, was a big bouquet of wild violets—almost priceless at this season of the year.

The clam broth was the first surprise. It was served in egg-shell cups of fragile porcelain delicately bordered with red and gold. On top of each cup of the delicious broth floated an inch and a half of whipped cream. It was so good Mrs. McKinley wasn't ashamed to call for another cup.

The luncheon progressed charmingly till the desert. Then there was the other surprise—the carnation ice cream. This eclipsed the clam broth. Delicately flavored ice cream, tinted shell pink and crimped on the edges like a carnation, it seemed to have been moulded in the form of the perfect flower.

These luscious blossoms were fixed with the catix of the real flower surrounding the stem and set off with real carnation leaves. They looked for all the world like delicate pinks and seemed to be, till the women tried their spoons.

Mrs. McKinley never once went shopping, though she expended several thousand dollars. Some of it went for three dinner dresses for herself; the remainder went for Christmas presents for the President and her friends. What his present is she wouldn't tell a soul. For her friends she bought beautiful cut glass pitchers, solid silver candelabra, silver vases, a dozen small pieces of silver, three cut glass bowls, a score of buckles, hat pins, match boxes, two jeweled pins and several sets of forks and spoons.

She ordered, besides, several dozen miniature likenes es of the President, which she has promised to her child friends. These purchased were sent by express to Washington Saturday.

Have you seen our assortment of twenty-five flavors in choclates for your sweetest girl for Christmas? Place your order at once.

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Implicates Four Other People.

Even at this late day there are people living in this county, says the Greensburg Tribune, who do not believe that Simon Miller, the defaulting Westmoreland county treasurer, who in 1876 had $2,900 of the county funds stolen, was responsible for the robbery. Circumstances, however, were against him, and he was convicted and sentenced to the Western Penitentiary for a crime that may have been perpetrated by others.

The Tribune is in possession of a very voluminous letter purporting to have been written by a man named Geo. H. Miller, of Rockwood, Pa., in which the writer claims that a man named ——, who was at the time employed by ——, a well known citizen of Greensburg, assisted by four other well-known citizens of the county, whose names are also mentioned, got away with the cash while Treasurer Miller was temporarily absent from the office. The letter also alleges that the burglar lives at Moundsville, W. Va., and is a desperado of the worst kind. He further alleges that he had many aliases and married a Greensburg girl with whom he left the country shortly after the burglarizing of the safe in the treasurer's office at Greensburg.

The writer also states that this fellow, while in Chicago, told him all about the affair in Westmoreland county, and now, to get even with the guilty party, he writes this letter to set the hounds of the law on his track.

What is Needed for Xmas.

Holly and mistletoe to decorate your parlor and dining room and oysters, mince meat and ice cream for your dinner, all of which you can purchase at the White Palace Restaurant. Place your order early and receive the very best goods. All goods delivered if requested. Cook & Beerits block.

J. W. PISEL,
Proprietor.

Christmas on Sunday.

This year we will have a Sunday Christmas—Christmas and Sunday rolled into one, as it were, and which will not occur again until 1904. It may be interesting for those who are fond of abstruse calculations wherein the dominical letter bears a prominent part to be reminded that the occurrence of Christmas on Sunday takes place four times in every twenty-eight years, after the expiration of every five, six, eleven, and twenty-two years respectively. Take, for instance, the year 1859 as a starting point. In that year Christmas came upon Sunday. In the succeeding twenty-eight years during which Christmas came upon Sunday we had them in 1864, 1870, 1881 and 1887. In 1892 we had another after a five years' wait, and now another comes after a lapse of six years, and from this year on, owing to 1900 not being an actual leap-year, though divisible by the figure 4, to 1910, Christmas (and, of course, New Year also,) will fall on Sunday regularly every six years—that is, in 1904 and again in 1910. We recommend the calculation as an interesting centre table amusement.

The musings into which a computation of this kind entraps one are at once slightly poetic and eminently practical. Imagination prances airily about, and propounds that unanswerable conundrum, "Where shall we be at the conclusion of the next skip?"

Holidays sometimes give a great deal of trouble to people who have notes to pay. For instance, this year the banks will take their holiday on 24 Christmas, and a note falling due on the 26th will have to be paid two days beforehand, and the same anticipation of payment must be made as to notes due January 2. And this inconvenience will be repeated next winter, when Christmas and New Year's day fall upon Monday.

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.

Farm for Rent.

I will rent my farm, situate in Allegheny township, near Glen Savage, from April 1, 1899.

MRS. CHARLES HUFFART.

Notice to Jurors.

The second week of December term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Common Pleas having been postponed by order of the Court, notice is hereby given to all jurors summoned to appear at Somerset, on Monday, December 19, 1898, that they need not attend.

M. H. HARTZELL,
Sheriff.

Somerset, Pa.
Dec. 13, 1898.

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Important Notice for Xmas and New Year.

I will sell to Merchants, Festivals and parties the very best and largest oysters the market affords at the very lowest Baltimore prices. Call or write for prices and place your order early at White Palace Restaurant, Cook & Beerits Block, Somerset, Pa.

J. W. PISEL,
Proprietor.

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, 504 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.

To Educate Boots.

J. H. Gardner, of Stoyestown, Pa., makes this suggestion to the Pittsburg "Times:"

"I have read with much interest the reports in your valuable paper of young "Boots" McDermott having been at Manilla. I would suggest that a Pennsylvania boy with the "snap," courage and patriotism shown in this young hero be recognized, that the good people of Pittsburg and of the western part of the State contribute enough money to give him an education in one of the best colleges in the State or United States. I think that would be the proper way in which to show our appreciation of his service in the late war, and one for which he in after life would bless the day he started for the Phillippines. Let somebody start the ball a rolling and act as a committee of finance in the case. If this meets approval my contribution will follow later."

Bryan Will Resign.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 11.—Gen. Keifer, who is in command of the remaining troops of the seventh army corps since Gen. Lee's departure for Cuba, confirmed the rumor of Col. W. J. Bryan's resignation of his command. Both Gen. Lee and Gen. Kiefer endeavored to induce Col. Bryan to go to Cuba, but were unsuccessful. Bryan said he would issue a statement through the newspapers.

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Made from pure cream of tartar.
Safeguards the food against alum.
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Sheriff's Right to Burn House.

Thirty months after the famous Woodward tragedy, a Centre county jury last Friday assessed the damages, the Elinger house, which the Sheriff burned as a last resort to capture the outlaw, at $805. The owner, Emma C. Goodman, sought to recover over $2,000.

Although the jury assessed the damages, the Court ruled that the liability for the same was entirely a question of law, on which an opinion will be given in the future. The developments in the case seem to indicate that the owner may have to stand the loss herself, as the county was declared not to be liable.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased God who createth, upholdeth and ruleth the destinies of nations and people, to remove from among us, by death, our esteemed and beloved brother, John Wilkins, whose membership with Hiawatha Lodge No. 444, I. O. O. F., at this place, extends for a period of forty-three years, having been initiated into the order Nov. 29th, 1853, accounting it worthy of his support and deeming its teachings for the bettering of humanity. THEREFORE, be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Wilkins the lodge has lost a faithful and true brother; the community a worthy and exemplary citizen.

Resolved, That we therefore bow in humble submission to the will of the Divine Master who doeth all things well.

Resolved, That we extend to the family of the deceased brother our consolation in their sorrow and bereavement.

Resolved, That the lodge be draped in mourning and the brothers wear the usual badge for thirty days.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the lodge and published in the county papers, and a copy presented to the family of our deceased brother.

COMMITTEE.

Addison, Pa.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank,

AT SOMERSET, in the State of Pennsylvania, at the close of business, Dec. 1, 1898.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	$ 207,846 84
Overdrafts, secured & unsecured	195 12
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	800 00
Banking-house, furniture, & fixt'es	7,708 82
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	243 81
Due from State Banks & bankers	2,111 69
Due from approved reserve agents	14,756 07
Checks and other cash items	5,535 17
Notes of other National Banks	810 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	125 43
Specie $ 17,053 50	
Legal-tender notes 11,125 00	28,178 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	1,125 00
Total	$ 291,374 45

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund		14,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses & taxes paid		5,477 86
National Bank notes outstanding		20,750 00
Due to other National Banks		20 10
Due to State Banks and Bankers		48 45
Dividends unpaid		15 00
Individual deposits subject to check	$146,523 09	
Demand certificates of deposit	14,909 05	161,432 14
Total		$ 291,374 45

State of Pennsylvania, County of Somerset, ss:

I, Harvey M. Berkley, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARVEY M. BERKLEY,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, 1898.

CHARLES W. WALKER,
Notary Public.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
FRED. W. BIESECKER,
JOHN R. SCOTT,
JAMES L. PUGH,
Directors.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Somerset, Pa., for the election of directors for the year A. D. 1899, will be held in the directors' room, in the First National Bank building, Somerset, Pa., on Tuesday, Jan. 10, 1899, between the hours of 10 and 3 P. M.

H. M. BERKLEY,
Cashier.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Bowers, late of Hooversville borough, 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 knowing themselves indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims or demands against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement on Thursday, December 22, 1898, at the late residence of said estate in Hooversville borough, Somerset county, Pa.

SADIE B. BOWERS,
Administratrix of John W. Bowers, dec'd.

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, Jan. 21, A. D., 1899, at the late residence of said deceased.

WILLIAM WINTERS,
Administrator.

Fred. W. Biesecker,
Attorney.

Jos. Horne & Co.

SUGGESTIONS.

There are a great many men and a great many women, when Christmas times draw near, get their ideas all jumbled 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.

We'd like to help you all we can, but in this store where there are so many thousands of Christmas novelties it is rather a hard matter. Our Catalogue will help you amazingly. It has all sorts of good articles for presents. We mail it free. Here is something in

FURS

that may interest you. And there is nothing that we know of that a lady appreciates more than a fur piece—a Collarette, Scarf or Muff. We have Collarettes from $3.50 to $250.00; Cluster Scarfs from $3.50 to $125.00; Muffs from $2.00 to $65.00.

Fine Hudson Bay Sable Cluster Scarfs with handsome tails—$20
Canadian Sable Cluster Scarfs—beautiful dark colors— $35.00
Fine Stone Marten Cluster Scarfs, - - - $18.00
Genuine Marten Scarfs with tail, - - - $5.00
Electric Seal Scarfs with tails, $1.50
French Seal Electric Muffs—$2.00, $2.50, $3.50

Our line of fur muffs take in Astrakhan, Persian, Sealskin, Mink, Stone Marten, Hudson Bay Sable, Etc.

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I have taken especial pains to secure a line of goods that will bring joy and gladness to the hearts of loved ones during the Christmas season.

For Mother....

A Dress Pattern in Silk, Wool or Mohair, Wraps, Single, Double and Breakfast Shawls, Skirt Patterns, Headwear of all kinds, Silk, Cashmere and Kid Gloves and Mittens, made up Underwear, Table Damask, Napkins, Towels, etc.

For Sister or Daughter

In addition to the articles above, I have Jackets, Fur Collarettes, Victorines, Silk Scarfs, Mull Ties, Plain and Fancy New Style Umbrellas, Art Work in Silk and Linen, Fancy Cushions, an immense assortment of new style Handkerchiefs, Woolen and Cotton Hose, Jewelry, Novelties in Necklaces, Lock Bracelets, Pin Sets and Rings.

For Children...