The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY ..... December 28, 1898

A happy New Year and many of them.

Manufactories of good resolutions are working overtime in order to have the stock ready.

Open doors, open schoolhouses, and open Bibles are some of the things this century proposes to put in its new possessions.

The business of the week before Christmas was big, in spite of unfavorable weather. The shoppers did their work well, and the merchants are content.

It's the little colds that grow into big ones; the big colds that end in consumption and death. Watch the little colds. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

The Indiana Normal School of Pennsylvania will begin the Winter term Monday, January 2, 1899. The attendance at this great school continues to increase.

The Christmas services held in the Lavansville Lutheran Church was a pleasing affair. The neat decorations, well arranged and splendid music were appreciated by the large audience.

Uhl's grand Clearance Sale, which is a shopping feature at this season of the year, promises to eclipse all former records both in quality of goods and slaughter of prices. See advertisement for a few of the bargains.

A local teachers' institute will be held in the Cross Roads School House, near Meyersdale, on January 14th. Teachers from Addison, Lower Turkeyfoot, Southampton, and Upper Turkeyfoot, will participate in an interesting program.

"Keep dry, warm and clean" is a wise physician's advice to those who would avoid the grip, and other diseases of a similar character. Those who observe this advice will stand a good chance of avoiding this most disagreeable disorder.

The Comrades of R. P. Cummins Post, G. A. R., at a recent meeting, decided to forego the pleasure of a banquet on New Year's day—which for a number of years past has been the chief social feature of the Post—and instead will hold a veterans' picnic next June.

Patrick Haggerty, probably the oldest man in New York State, has just died at Potsdam, in his 109th year. He had a clear memory, read newspapers without the aid of glasses and was an inveterate smoker from early childhood, when he commenced the use of tobacco on the advice of physicians.

The regular meeting of the Somerset Sunday School Association will be held at seven o'clock Thursday evening, December 29th, in the Reformed Church. Rev. Hoover will give an exposition on the Gospel of St. John, from which the lessons for the first half of 1899 will be taken. All interested are cordially invited to be present.

The candidates for places on the next county ticket are in evidence. As nearly all the Court House offices are to be filled again next year the probability is that the applicants will be numerous. Each of course has some good reason for asking the place but the true reason after all is that they want it for what remuneration there is in it.

The Christmas service held in the Lavansville Lutheran Church was a successful and pleasant social affair. The decorations were elaborate and will remain for some time. The program was well rendered and was highly appreciated by the large audience. A notable feature was the singing, which called forth expressions of praise from all who heard it.

The only way to re organize the School Board so as to make it a true educational force will be to leave politics entirely out of the question. As long as politics remains its hold, so long will the real educational interests of the community be a minor consideration in the management of the schools. The children should be taken care of, and the parties left to take care of themselves.

The Isla De Luzon and the Isla De Cuba, two of the vessels sunk by Dewey at Cavite, and subsequently raised by Naval Constructor Capps, have safely made the voyage from Manila to Hong Kong under their own steam. They are to be docked and thoroughly repaired at Hong Kong and because of their peculiar fitness for the service will be kept among the Philippine islands for some time to come.

David Randolph, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Cable, died at his home in Hooversville, on Thursday, December 15, 1898, at 12 o'clock. Deceased was born in Fox, Bedford County, February 12, 1870, and removed to Hooversville seven years ago. In October, 1893, he united in marriage with Agnes Cook, of Mock, and the union was blessed with three sons, two of whom—Sanford and Clarence—survive their father. Mr. Cable is also survived by his wife, his parents, and four brothers and four sisters.

About 3 o'clock Friday morning, 16th inst. fire was discovered in an outbuilding at the home of Mr. Samuel Fleegle, in Quemahoning Township, about a mile north of Stoystown, and before the flames were gotten under control the building and several other small structures were destroyed. The Fleegle residence was also slightly damaged. The dwelling is insured, but there was no insurance on the destroyed buildings, which contained the farming tools, machinery, etc. The loss will reach several hundred dollars.

Considerable alarm is felt among the farmers of Centre county over the ravages of a disease among the cattle, which is proving fatal and is believed to be the dreaded anthrax. During the past few days eight head of blooded stock have died. The herds so far afflicted are those of Leonard Rhone, John Spicker, Alfred Grove, Howard Dust and Andrew Rote. The State veterinary department was applied to and Veterinary Surgeon John Rider made a hasty investigation. His findings were sent to Dr. Leonard Pearson, the State veterinarian. Dr. Pearson is not positive as yet that the disease is anthrax.

Deputy-Policemen E. K. Strickler, of Scottdale, came over to Connellsville on Tuesday morning to look for E. E. Poortaugh, of Bowman Station, Somerset County. Poortaugh is wanted very badly in Scottdale. Ten charges of larceny are charged against him there. On Monday the Scottdale officials got word that he would likely be in Connellsville. He got off a Baltimore & Ohio train and came up to the Southwest Station to board the 11 o'clock train for Uniontown. He was arrested there by Deputy Strickler and Constable Barthold Rattler, of Connellsville. He was lodged in the lock-up and was taken to Scottdale on the 3:13 train.—Connellsville News.

The ashes of Columbus were transferred from the Cathedral at Havana to the Conde de Venadito last week. Captain General Castellano, General Arolas, Senor Govin, of the colonial cabinet, Marquis d'Estaban, the Mayor of Havana, and a large company of notables attended upon the removal. The steel casket containing the remains of the discoverer of America was examined by Senor Govin, in the presence of the Captain General and other high Spanish officials, and found to be intact. It was then borne to the Cathedral steps by the canons, amid the tolling of bells, and placed on a gun carriage heavily draped with flags and decorated with floral garlands.

A solemn procession then moved to the Machina, where the casket was taken in a launch between lines of twenty-five men-of-war boats to the cruiser. A fifteen gun salute was fired. At an interval of a quarter of an hour all day a single gun boomed the honors paid the admiral.

A squadron, composed of the Conde de Alfonso XII and Infanta Isabel, has sailed for Cadiz.

A. J. Hileman has accepted a position as book keeper in James B. Holderbaum's large hardware establishment.

A. J. Colborn, Jr., of Scranton, is spending the holidays at the home of his father on Main street.

David Pile, son of the late David Pile, of this place, is visiting at the home of his brother Isaiah, on Union street.

Miss Clara Krebs, who had been visiting at her former home, Danville, Pa., and in Philadelphia, returned home last week.

Miss Marian Walker, a student at the Wheaton Seminary, at Norton, Mass., is spending the holidays at the home of her mother, on South street.

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Pile, of Altoona, are spending a few days at the home of the former's mother, Mrs. George W. Pile, on Green Lane.

Dr. Clay H. Weimer, son of Prof. H. G. Weimer, of Cumberland, formerly of this county, has been appointed First Assistant Surgeon of the State Hospital at Fountain Springs, Pa.

Mr. Harvey J. Fritz and Miss Laura Grace Rayman, both of near Pugh post office, were united in marriage on December 22d, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, Rev. J. J. Welch officiating.

Lieutenant Charles E. Tayman, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Tayman, of Lavansville, has been, by a recent order of the War Department, assigned to the position of Depot Quartermaster at Knoxville, Tenn.

While the Bedford papers say that doubts are entertained as to whether or not the disease epidemic there is genuine smallpox or not, a patient from that town was admitted to a Pittsburg hospital, on Sunday, who is reported to be suffering from the genuine article.

Dr. C. J. Hemminger, who abandoned his practice here at the outbreak of the war and enlisted in the naval service as a surgeon, returned last week and is visiting at the home of his parents near Lavansville. He will probably resume the practice of his profession in Somerset.

Phillip Gilbert, Somerset's oldest citizen, will to-morrow celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of his birth. The venerable gentleman is enjoying vigorous mental and physical health, and on Monday walked from his home in the west ward to the public square and back again to his home.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Franks died at 2 o'clock Saturday morning at the residence of her widowed daughter—Mrs. A. R. Dunham—on Patriot street. The cause of her death was old age, she having attained her 90th year. The remains were shipped Sunday morning to deceased's former home in Bedford county for interment.

Mrs. Joseph McClintock, of Confluence, was run down and instantly killed by a passenger train on the B. & O. while in the act of crossing the railroad track in front of her home, on Wednesday, 21st inst. She was forty years of age, and leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters. Mrs. McClintock was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie, of Fort Hill, and was esteemed by all who knew her.

A serenading party Saturday night in Stonycreek township resulted disastrously to a young man named William Feig, in whose hands a shotgun exploded, lacerating his left hand frightfully. The physician who dressed the wounds says that it may deprive the young man of the use of his hand permanently. The gun broke into three pieces. The serenade was tendered to Mr. Harvey J. Fritz and bride.

Miss Mary Kooser, of New York, Miss Carrie Rhoads, of Hooversville, Mr. and Mrs. Barnet Picking, of Johnstown, Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. Scull, of Pittsburg, Park Y. Kimmell, of Pittsburg, Charles O. Scull, of Baltimore, George Vought, of Pittsburg, F. G. Parker, of Johnstown, Ross Scott, of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham, of McKeesport, S. F. and W. W. Picking, of Chicago, Doctors Will S. Kimmell and Hermanus Baer, of Philadelphia, John A. Colborn, of Washington D. C., Miss Louise Colborn of Bethany, West Va., spent Christmas with Somerset relatives and friends.

Philip Beck died on Saturday, 24th inst., at his late residence in Jefferson township, aged sixty-one years and six days. Death was caused by apoplexy. The father of deceased came from Germany in 1833 and settled on a farm near the late home of his son, Philip Beck was a good neighbor, a kind father and a christian gentlemen. He had been a member of the Lutheran Church for forty-one years. He is survived by his wife and three sons. Interment was made in the Lavansville Lutheran Cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. Gebhart, assisted by Rev. King.

Dr. Walter F. Fundenberg, of Amber street, has issued cards for the marriage of his sister, Miss Maude Fundenberg, to Dr. John Freeman Humphrey, on Wednesday evening, January 4, at 7 o'clock. Only intimate friends have been asked for the ceremony. The bride will be attended by a niece, Miss Leech, as maid of honor, and by another niece, Xinina Fundenberg. Dr. George B. Fundenberg's daughter, as flower girl. A small son of Dr. W. H. Fundenberg will serve as page. After a wedding trip in the south, the newly-wedded pair will go to Saratoga Springs to live. Miss Fundenberg is a niece of Dr. W. F. Fundenberg, the dentist.—Pittsburg Leader.

The bride is well known in Somerset.

A splendid photograph of a magnificent cat was a Christmas present received by Mr. S. F. Picking, of Chicago, who spent the day at the family residence in this place, which he prizes highly and called forth expressions of admiration from all who viewed it. The feline was a pet on board the Spanish battleship "Cristobal Colon" and was captured by the crew of the Oregon after the engagement off Santiago. The cat was afterwards presented to Mr. Lloyd Clark, a brother of the Captain of the "Oregon," who resides at St. Joseph, Michigan. A short time ago Mr. Clark loaned "Cristobal Colon"—the name given the cat—to a cat show in Chicago, where he contracted a fatal cold.

Mr. Norman E. Berkey, who has been employed as a teacher in the borough schools for several years past, and Miss Florence B. Custer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Custer, will be married at noon to-day at the home of the bride's parents, in Stoyestown. Rev. Flick, of the Stoyestown Lutheran Church, will officiate. A limited number of the friends of the bride and groom will witness the interesting event. After a short wedding tour the happy young couple will come to Somerset, when they will go to housekeeping in the Zufall residence on Main street. The bride is one of Stoyestown's most prominent and talented young ladies, and will receive a warm welcome from her numerous Somerset friends The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Berkey and is an affable and popular young man.

In response to a call from the owners of the Merchant Coal Company mines, in Elk Lick township, who entertain fears that their property may be injured or destroyed by reason of the strike, inaugurated some two weeks ago, when mining machines were placed in the mines, Sheriff Hartzell has sworn in a number of deputies, who have since been guarding the Company's property To the credit of the striking miners it should be said that there have been no cases of disorder, and that men who were brought from West Virginia to take their places, refused to go to work when they learned the reasons for the strike. We hope that the differences between the miners and employers will be speedily and amicably settled. The coal operators in this county are just closing the most successful year they have ever experienced, and the indications are that 1899 will eclipse all former records in local coal trade.

Slashed With a Knife at a Cake-Walk.

William Bracken, a well-known young railroader, of Rockwood, was admitted to the Mercy Hospital, Pittsburg, Sunday, where he is reported to be hovering between life and death, the result of an encounter with a fellow workman named Charles Koontz, who slashed him with a pocket-knife, one cut extending from the back of his neck to the point of his chin, severing his left cheek in twain.

The facts leading up to the affray as correctly as they can be gathered are as follows: Koontz and Bracken had both been drinking Saturday afternoon and in the evening they attended a "cake walk," held in a hall over Just's furniture store, in Rockwood, where they entered for the prize. The two men were in line and nearly together when the bell rang. Bracken was awarded the cake, but his claim to it was disputed by Koontz. One word brought on another and finally it was decided to settle the bicker on the street. As soon as they reached the street Bracken struck Koontz a powerful blow, knocking him down, Koontz struggled to his feet and drawing a pocket knife made a vicious attack on Bracken, stabbing him two or three times, the most dangerous wound being the one referred to above. The wounded man was raised to his feet by the crowd who witnessed the encounter, and who were not aware that he had been cut until they saw the blood spurting from the deep gash in his cheek. He was taken to the office of a physician where his wounds were stitched, and the following day he was removed to the hospital upon the advice of the attending physician. Koontz was promptly arrested and held in $2,500 bail pending the result of his victim's injuries.

Bracken and Koontz have both been employed on the Somerset & Cambria branch, and are well known along the line of that road. Koontz is married. Bracken is about twenty years old.

Cutting Affray at Listie.

George DomDera and George Stutzman are being pursued by officers of the law, who have warrants for their arrest for committing a murderous assault upon Thomas Oliver in his shanty at Listie, last Tuesday night. DomDera and Stutzman, it appears had visited Somerset during the day and when they returned home they took a gallon of whisky with them. A drunken orgie followed in their shanty. About midnight they visited the shanty of Oliver who is well advanced in years, and commenced to kick up a racket, when Oliver requested them to keep quiet, they declared that they would not and one of them struck Oliver a blow in the face, knocking him down, while the other proceeded to stab him with a sharp instrument, supposed to have been a pocket-knife. Oliver says that all he can remember of the subsequent proceedings is that he heard Stutzman say "You have killed the old man." "I'll see whether he's dead," exclaimed DomDera, who thereupon stabbed him in the forehead, severing a blood vessel. Oliver was rendered unconscious and remained in that condition until daylight when he recovered from the stupor. He was weak from the loss of blood, which flowed from twenty wounds, but he managed to call for assistance and later was brought to Somerset, where he swore out warrants for the arrest of his assailants. Oliver was in town yesterday carrying his right arm in a sling, while his face and neck were nearly covered with court plaster. All of the parties are miners.

Aged Farmer Killed.

An accident occurred near New Baltimore, on Wednesday in which James Callahan, Sr., was killed. Mr. Callahan had driven to New Baltimore in a sleigh, and was returning to his home some miles away. The road, immediately after leaving town, leads up an ascent for about a mile, and while moving up the narrow road slowly, a runaway team with a sled loaded with wood dashed around a curve and crashed into his sleigh. The vehicle was split into fragments and Mr. Callahan was thrown to one side of the road with much force.

Mr. Callahan was struck on the head, and when the frightened driver of the team came running down the hill he found life nearly extinct. He hastened for help, but the old man was dead when assistance arrived.

The team which caused the disaster had been left standing by the driver while he entered a house, and had walked off on the homeward journey. When the top of the hill was reached the weight of their load urged them to faster and still faster speed, which meant annihilation to anything they met in the descent.

Work of Spies During the War.

Official reports of all commanding officers of the navy during the war have been compiled and published by the navy department. In the record of the naval war board an unknown hero is brought to light in the person of Ensign H. H. Ward, who at the beginning of the war volunteered for secret service duty. Within a week after the declaration of war Ensign Ward disguised himself and went into the heart of the enemy's country, making his headquarters at Cadiz, the principal Spanish naval station, and informing the navy department here of the strength of the Spanish naval vessels and their movements. Then he went to the West Indies and reported everything that was going on there of importance to the American navy. Next he went in disguise to Porto Rico, where he was arrested as a spy. By adroitness he secured his release, and escaping to San Juan, cabled the navy department a full account of the state of the defenses there and the preparations making for the reception of the Spanish squadron under Cervera.

While Ward was in Porto Rico, Ensign Buck, another attache of the navigation bureau, was on the shores of the Mediterranean in disguise watching every movement of the squadron of Admiral Camara, which started for the Philippines, but turned back.

Admiral Dewey was told long before the declaration of war, on February 25, 10 days after the destruction of the Maine: "In the event of war with Spain your duty will be to see that the Spanish squadron does not leave the Asiatic coast, and then offensive operations in the Philippines." Admiral Howell, then in the Mediterranean with his squadron, was told to wait in neutral waters for orders, and the ships in the South Atlantic were instructed to move northward, so as not to excite suspicion.

On August 20 Admiral Dewey sent a dispatch to Washington that ended thus: "I trust it may not be necessary to order me to Washington. Should regret very much to leave here while matters remain in present critical condition." Apparently the first suggestion of the organization of the flying squadron which was to divert Admiral Camara's squadron from its voyage to Manila came from Dewey, for in a dispatch of June 27 he says:

"In my judgment, if the coast of Spain was threatened the squadron of the enemy will have to return." And that was exactly what happened.

Letters exchanged between Secretary Long and Rear Admiral Sampson show that before the outbreak of the war Sampson had worked out a complete plan for the immediate reduction of Havana with his own squadron unsupported, and was only prevented from carrying out that plan by orders from the department, which wished to protect the big warships.

Republican Primary.

Notice is hereby given that a Republican Primary Election will be held at the election house in Somerset township, on Saturday, January 21, for the purpose of nominating township officers.

Candidates can leave their announcement fees with the undersigned or at the office of the Somerset HERALD.

J. C. DEITZ,
Committeeman.

A HEXAREI BOOK.

Curious Contents of One of the Black Art Publications Common in Eastern Pennsylvania.

A writer at Lancaster has been given a look at a "hexarei" book, one of the "spook" or black art publications so common in some sections of Eastern Pennsylvania. The title page reads:

The
Long Lost Friend
containing
mysterious and invaluable
arts and remedies
for
man as well as animals,
with many proofs of their
virtue and efficiency in
healing diseases, etc.
By John George Hohmann.

Lancaster, Pa.
Printed for the purchaser.

On the opposite side of the page containing the foregoing announcement, the last line of which seems to indicate that the book was not designed for general circulation, but had a select and favored clientele, I find the following striking assurance:

"Whoever carries this book with him is safe from enemies, visible or invisible, and whoever has this book with him can not die * * * nor be drowned in any water, nor burn up in any fire; nor can any unjust sentence be passed upon him. So help me."

In the preface which introduces "The Long Lost Friend," the author informs his reader that an introduction of this sort is necessary "in order to meet the erroneous views some men entertain in regard to works of this character. The majority," he adds, "undoubtedly approve the publication and sale of such books, yet some are always found who will persist in denouncing them as something wrong. This latter class," says Hohmann, "I can not help but pity for being so far led astray; and I earnestly pray every one who might find it in his power to bring them from off their way of error."

Here follows a vigorous apology by the author for the publication of his mystical work, which is of professedly religious tone, together with the most positive asseverations that he is personally aware of the sovereign and infallible virtue of the "arts and remedies" which he presents for the amelioration of afflicted believers, vehemently asserting that he "could take an oath at any time upon the fact of having successfully applied many of the prescriptions contained herein."

The book comprises 128 pages, including the index, which itself occupies 10 of the pages. They are of small dimensions—five inches by three—so that the volume may be readily carried in the pocket, and it was evident that the well-thumbed copy which came into my possession had been so carried. Within these rude, uncouth covers are contained no less than 200 separate and distinct "arts and remedies," along with household recipes, medical prescriptions, charms, talismans, divinations, and every phase of sorcery or defense against sorcery that the most imaginative mind could conceive or fanciful invention impose upon childish credulity. These arts, remedies, prescriptions, charms and the like cover a most extraordinary range of subjects, from such practical examples as the mending of broken glass, the constituents of a good eye-water or liniment, and proper methods of forming a plaster, to the hidden mystery of words to be spoken while making divinatory wands, the prevention of witches from enchanting cattle, invincibility against bad men and evil spirits, remedies against calumniation and slander, the spellbinding of thieves, incendiaries and assassins, and similar occult and supernatural potencies. A very large proportion of the arts and remedies refer to agricultural and domestic themes, the care of live stock and the safe-guarding of health, while there are others of purely abstact mysticism and medieval sorcery. And a singular aspect of this marvelous combination is that paragraphs reading apparently sensible and rational alternate with others of the most grotesque and fantastic character. As already said, a religious tone pervades these pages, with but few exceptions, and there are numerous scriptural quotations, some in Latin, and others in the quaint English of the beginning of the century, which, to the followers of Hohmann's creed, doubtless fortify his utterances to an appreciable degree.

Here are a few examples of the more mystical portions of this peculiar publication, which will serve to illustrate the length to which avowal of and faith in witchcraft and the supernatural extends in this latter day of modern civilization and refined enlightenment:

"A good remedy against calumniation or slander—If you are calumniated or slandered to your very skin, to your very flesh, to your very bones, cast it back upon the false tongues. Take off your shirt and turn it wrong side out, and then run your two thumbs along your body, close under the ribs, starting at the pit of the heart down to the thighs."

"A remedy for epilepsy, provided the subject had never fallen into the fire or water—Write reversedly or backwards upon a piece of paper 'It is all over!' This is to be written but once upon the paper, then put into a scarlet red cloth, and then wrap it in a piece of unbleached linen and hang it around the neck on the first Friday of the new moon. The thread with which it is tied must also be unbleached."

"Remedy for the whooping cough—Thrust the child having the whooping cough three times through a black berry bush without speaking or saying anything. The bush, however, must be grown fast at the two ends, and the child must be thrust through three times, that is to say, from the same side it was thrust through in the first place.

"Remedy to destroy bots or worms in horses—You must mention the name of the horse and say: 'If you have any worms I will catch you by the forehead. If they be white, brown or red they shall and must now all be dead.' You must shake the head of the horse three times, and pass your hand over his back three times to and fro.

There are a hundred or more admonitions contained in the pages of the book. Here you may find remedies for hysterics, precautions against injuries, assurances how to walk and step securely in all cases, passages which tell how mortal enemies may be made devoted friends by simple conjurations; for the banishment of fears; to cause malefactors to stand still in their tracks; to remove wens during the crescent moon; for gaining a worthy suit at law; benedictions to prevent fire, and methods to extinguish fire without water; charms and talismans against mishaps and dangers in the house and against evil influences of every sort. What does not this remarkable work contain?

All or nearly all the passages are religious in tone; most of them are illuminated by churchly emblems. But here is one that stands out in startling contrast with the rest:

"To win every game engaged in—Tie the heart of a bat with a red silken string to the right arm, and you will win every game at cards you play."

No scriptural comment or religious emblem is attached to this last injunction. These are examples of the Hohmann philosophy as it was expounded in the year of our Lord, 1819, at Rosenthal, near Reading, Pa.

Horses Wanted.

Elwood Webster, the well-known horse dealer, will be in Somerset on Friday December 30, and will remain about ten days to buy horses from four to ten years old. Parties having such horses for sale should bring them to Somerset, or communicate with the undersigned at Somerset.

S. D. SHOEMAKER.

Local merchants report the holiday trade the best for a number of years past.

Presidential Oratory.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

The best speaking in this Southern presidential tour no doubt has been at Montgomery, where the Southern Confederacy began its brief life. President McKinley showed singular readiness when he retorted on Governor Johnston's saying that Alabama has nothing to take back from 1861, by the clever observation, "We having nothing to take back for having kept you in the Union. We are glad you stayed in." Bravo for McKinley! And again, when he thanked "Mother Hobson," and praising General Wheeler, spared a word for his daughter's services at Santiago and Montauk, the President evinced a beautiful tact, and at the same time expressed the sense of the whole American people.

Another gem of oratory was General Lawton's—with a bit of natural spirit in behalf of the army; amid great applause, he said: "I am not an orator; I am a soldier; I was not a hero; I am a regular; I am one of the 16,000 regulars sent to Cuba. On behalf of that part of the army I commanded, I thank you, people of Alabama." And nothing could have been at once more felicitous and more just than Secretary Long's observation that besides Wheeler and Hobson there was another Alabamian who had done great service toward the success of the war—his predecessor in the navy department, Hilary Herbert, of Montgomery. Altogether, the Montgomery day was a cluster of diamonds.

Wanted.

Regular employment guaranteed for a short-hand and type-writer, who will be expected to do additional clerical work. Write, stating age, experience and terms.

Address, "M," Somerset, Pa.

Farm for Rent.

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

MRS. CHARLES HUPPART.

Wanted!

Fifty tons of rye, wheat or oats straw delivered at Somerset warehouse at once. Call on me at my office above First National Bank.

W. A. SHIBERT.

Hotel Changed Hands.

The traveling public is hereby informed that the well-known Walter House has changed hands and the proprietor is prepared to entertain all guests in a courteous and first class manner whenever called on. Patronage respectfully solicited.

JACOB N. WALTER,
New Centreville, Pa.

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.

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

Somerset Buggy Co.

Got in a little late, but are here with the Finest line of Sleighs on the market. Gear—Best Selected Second-growth Stock—Roomy Seats, Spring Backs, Removable Trimmings, Up to date in Style, Workmanship and Finish. Every One a Positive Bargain.

A. C. DAVIS,
Somerset, Pa.

Two Squares South of Diamond.

"Under The Laurels."

The five act drama, "Under the Laurels," will be produced at the Opera House, on Friday evening, December 30th, by exclusively home talent, for the benefit of the Somerset public schools. The drama is skilfully written and abounds with humorous situations. Between the acts the audience will be entertained by specialities and music by the Somerset Concert Orchestra. Tickets will be placed on sale at Neff & Casebeer's on Tuesday, 27th inst. Admission, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

FROM FOOT TO KNEE

Ohio Woman Suffered Great Agony From a Terrible Sore—Her Story of the Case, and Her Cure.

"For many years I was afflicted with a milk leg, and a few years ago it broke out in a sore and spread from my foot to my knee. I suffered great agony. It would burn and itch all the time and discharge a great deal. My health was good with the exception of this sore. I tried a great many kinds of salve, but some would irritate the sore so that I could hardly stand the pain. I could not go near the fire without suffering intensely. Someone sent me papers containing testimonials of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I told my husband I would like to try this medicine. He got me a bottle and I found it helped me. I kept on taking it until my limb was completely healed. I cannot praise Hood's Sarsaparilla enough for the great benefit it has been to me. It cleanses the blood of all impurities and leaves it rich and pure." MRS. ANNA E. EAKER, Whittlesey, Ohio.

You can buy Hood's Sarsaparilla of all druggists. Be sure to get only Hood's.

Hood's Pills are the favorite family cathartic. Price 25c.

EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Mary Seese, late of Paint township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters testamentary 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 to either of the executors.

VALENTINE SEESE,
DAVID SEESE.
Executors.

Dec. 28, '98.

Jos. Horne & Co.

Established 1846.

Our Semi-Centennial.

Immediately after the first day of the New Year it is our custom to make prices on desirable and dependable merchandise that lose sight of all cost.

We shall begin the coming new year with the greatest price reductions ever known in the history of Pittsburg store keeping—we shall do it because 1899 is the half century mark of our existence as the leading retail store of Pittsburg.

This is but a preliminary announcement, and we can only give you a few price facts. Next week we shall enter more into detail. We simply ask your attention this week to some reductions in high class

DRESS GOODS.

Twenty styles of French Novelties imported direct through the Pittsburg Custom House, and landed here in September and October, excellent values at $1.00, $3.50, $3.75, $4.00 and $4.50 a yard, all to be sold quickly, beginning January 2d, at

$2.00 a Yard.

Fifty styles of Silk and Wool high class imported Novelty Dress Goods, formerly selling at $2.00, $2.25, $2.50 and $3.00 a yard, to be sold after January 2d, at

$1.25 a Yard.

Fifty styles of English and French Mixed Tailorings and Homespuns and Cheviots, formerly sold at $1.50, $1.75, $2.00 and $2.50 a yard, after January 2d, at

$1.00 a Yard.

These are broken lines, some full lines of colorings, others of broken assortments. Our mail order department will take care of you. Send in your orders.

PITTSBURG, PA

ROYAL Baking Powder

Made from pure cream of tartar.

Safeguards the food against alum.

Alum baking powders are the greatest menacers to health of the present day.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

North Dakota Weather.

MERRICOURT, N. D.,
December 12, 1898.

EDITOR HERALD:—

We are having a nice, clear winter so far, with only a little snow—not nearly enough to make sleighing—nearly all the time bright, clear sunshine during the so-called blizzard in the Northwest, and no one suffered particularly; but when the storm reached the East we heard of casualties and deaths galore. The poor blizzard stricken East has our sympathy.

A North Dakota farmer dropped dead while haying last week. His death, of course is to be regretted, but it is something of a "card" for North Dakota that her farmers were haying on the days when Iowa, Kansas and the other Southern States were afflicted with the worst snow storms in years. Yet such is the case. Come to North Dakota and live easy, comfortable and happy.

Farmers have had no occasion to feed as yet. Stock pastures on the prairie, and is doing very well. Lots of horses have not been in the barn this winter, and the indications are that they will not need to be.

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Program

For the Teachers' Joint Institute to be held at Hooversville, Pa., February 10 and 11, 1899:

Address of Welcome—Irwin M. Hoover. "The Mind"—W. L. Powell. "Home Improvement"—L. A. Beabes and O. W. Hamer. "Morals"—Charles Brubaker. "The Relation of the School to the Church"—Reverend Wachter. "Inherited Memory"—D. L. Manges. "Geography"—Sem Kaufman. "Home Preparation"—R. M. Rininger. "Numbers in Fourth Grade"—R. O. Miller. "Regulation and Distribution of Supplies"—N. W. Hoffman and Ira Boyts. "Socialism"—George S. Lohr and George Kimmel. "Philosophy of History"—B. L. Horner. Topical Talk—F. G. Fryburg. "Wherein We Lack"—D. E. Heckman. "Length of School Term"—J. C. Begley. "Pedagogical Creed of Child Study"—S. D. Yoder. "What Should be the Individual Idea of the Teacher"—M. L. Reiman. "Public Sentiment"—Albert Lambert. Topical Talks—County Superintendent Prits, M. D. Reel and J. C. Speicher. "Teachers' Ways"—S. G. Shetler. "The Basis of Promotion"—O. W. Williamson. "Current Events, and How to Teach Them"—R. W. Horner and W. A. Berkey. "Personal Influence of the Teacher"—Wm. Stahl and U. S. Manges. "Hygiene of the Schoolroom"—E. Y. Cable, Orin Lambert. Recitations—Minnie Barnhart, Rebecca Lambert and Marian Speicher. Papers—Alice Shaffer and Mollie Bowman. "Evidence of a Teacher's Success"—C. L. Spencer and W. R. Gahagen. Solo—Carrie C. Rhoads. "The Lymphatic Circulation"—Dr. I. C. Barlotte. "How to Make Physiology Interesting"—Elmer M. Boyts. "The Teacher's Aim"—D. W. Williamson. Five Minute Talks—M. L. Wilt, H. R. Wagner and Charles C. Ringler. Solo—Thomas Noel. Topical Talk—V. R. Saylor. Music—Harkness Brothers. The program will be interspersed with songs, queries and recitations. On account of the lengthy program, fifteen minutes will be the alloted time to each speaker. There will be four sessions. Institute will convene on Friday evening at 7 o'clock. We extend a cordial invitation to all.

B. F. LAMBERT,
CARRIE C. RHOADS,
Committee.

A GRAND CLIMAX SALE

From now until February 1st we propose to offer the most remarkable values in Dry Goods, Notions, etc., that have ever been heard of.

Our entire stock of Dress Goods, Silks, Velvets, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Bed Spreads, Blankets, Comforts, Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Capes, Lace Curtains, Portiers, Rugs and Table Covers, will be cleared out regardless of cost.

We will offer great inducements in Domestics.

Shirting Calicoes at 3c.	
25 yds best Calico for	$1 00
20 " 30-inch Black Sateen, for	1 00
20 " Omar Cashmere for	1 00
20 " Dress Gingham for	1 00
20 " 36 inch Percale for	1 00
22 " Appleton A. 4/4 B Muslin,	1 00
25 " Pacolet 4 4 Brown Muslin,	1 00
22 " Hanover 40 inch B Muslin,	1 00
25 " 4 4 Gilt Edge Bleached "	1 00
25 " Fleeced Outing for	1 00
25 " Shirting for	1 00

Shirtings of all kinds at 5, 6 and 7 cts.

All the leading makes of bleached Muslin, such as Fruit of the Loom, Masonville, Tonsdale, Hill, Androscoggin, at 6 cents.

Canton Flannels, Tickings, Cretones, Flannels, Bleached and Unbleached Sheetings at way down prices.

Our stock of Umbrellas, Kid Gloves, Ribbons, Corsets, Laces, Hamburg Edgings, Ladies' and Children's Underwear, Stockings and Handkerchiefs at reduced prices.

Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods of all kinds at cost prices.

Low Prices for

Merchandise COUNTS.

We are going to offer exceptionally great values which we will easily prove to all who come to share in this value giving feast at

THE NEW STORE OF

PARKER & PHILLIPS.

Uhl's Clearance sale!

All are cordially invited to attend my fifteenth annual Clearance sale and participate in the distribution of good goods at greatly reduced prices.

Before making purchases it is always good policy to look around and find out where you can be best suited in qualities, styles and prices, therefore you are invited to come and examine and satisfy yourselves whether it is best to buy from me. I quote

Good fine yard wide unbl'd muslin,	3c
" " " Sheeting	4c
Appleton A. " " "	5c
10 4 Unbleached Sheeting,	12½ to 15c
Good yard wide bl'd Muslin	4½ to 5c
Fruit of the Loom 4 4,	6c

Also made up sheets and pillow cases.

Blue, red and dark fancy Calico,	4c
Yard-wide Percale,	7c
Shirting,	5 to 6c
Lancaster Ginghams,	5c
Wool Carpet Chain, while it lasts,	30c
3 ply Cotton Carpet Chain, "	12½c

Light and dark Flannelettes, 4½c up

In Dress Goods

I offer superb qualities in plain and Novelty Goods at greatly reduced prices.

In Black Dress Goods

We show a splendid line in plain and fancy weaves suitable for young and old. Don't fail to see them before making your purchases.

I have a large assortment of Satin Duchess, Plain Silks, Fancy Silks, &c., suitable for dresses, waists and dress trimmings to be closed out cheap.

Great bargains in Bed Spreads, Skirts, Ladies' Muslin Underwear, etc. All-wool Country Factory Blankets go cheap.

COTTON BLANKETS
40c, 50c and $1.00.

There are still some good things in Fur Collarettes and Scarfs on hand that will be sold at bargain prices.

I am closing out Ladies' and Children's Wraps at a sacrifice. This is a good opportunity to get a Cape or a Jacket at a price that will not seriously deplete your pocket book.

We ask you to Examine, Inspect Closely and Deliberately before making your purchases. I believe you will agree that I am selling the best goods at the lowest prices.

Mrs. A. E. Uhl

Public Sale of HORSES, at Somerset, Pa., Friday, Dec. 30, 1898.

Will sell at public sale at C. C. Schrock & Son's Stables, Somerset, Pa., Dec. 30, one car load of Well-bred Horses shipped from

INDIANA.

These horses consist of extra well-bred drivers, fancy saddlers and a few fine mated carriage teams. Also a few heavy draft horses. These horses will be sold and guaranteed as represented. All lovers and fanciers of fine horses should not fail to come and see them. Horses can be seen and inspected day before sale. Also

SHORT HORN BULLS.

Five head of Registered Short Horn Bulls—one-year-olds. These bulls are well-bred and from very desirable families of the Short Horn Breeding. Parties wishing to buy Bulls should not fail to see them.

Sale to