e Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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nd free Cooking Exhibition at ll's Store and Range Store next

ing in front of an empty stove in ldin at Gallitzin, Cambria county, el Sanford was found frozen dead Wednesday.

e sale of the Wessel property has continued until one o'clock Saturfternoon, when it will again be d at the court house.

o late to cure a cold after consumpas fastened its deadly grip on the Take Dr. Wood's Norway Pine p while yet there is time.

therine Tressler, a soldiers' widow, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. r Long, in Somerset township, on day, February 7th, aged 77 years.

obel Alex. Hawkins, of the Tenth sylvania regiment at Manila, writes he will stay by his regiment and not n to take his seat in the State Senate.

hat's the secret of happy, vigorous th? Simply keeping the bowels, the ach, the liver and kidneys strong tive. Burdock Blood Bitters does

e total number of claims filed in Navy Department to date on acnt of the Maine disaster, under the March 30, 1898, is 325, amounting 21,342.

ne Smith, died Saturday, near Marburg, W. Va., at the reputed age of He had been a user of tobacco all fe, and for many years had never d to take his morning drink.

o are invited to witness a Cooking ition at our store during the week 26th, 27th and March 4th. H.A coffee biscuit served every day during that

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me of the Indians of the United es are among the richest farmers in world. The annual income of the e tribe, which consists of only 1729 ons, including children, is $142,014, or 24 for each man, woman and child.

nstown newspapers continue to re the departure of "Mrs. Doctor nk," the arrival of "Mrs. Captain ks," and the illness of "Mrs. Water missioner Wave." When will they ntinue this absurd way of referring adies?

cretary of the Navy Long has issued rder forbidding any malt or other alolic liquor to be sold or issued to enled men, either on board ship or within limits of navy yards, naval stations rine barracks, except in the Medl Department.

e Prohibition Era, containing names tense signers, with temperance matof interest has been published. Perdesiring copies can obtain them by ying to the "Prohibition Era, Meyvale, Pa." The price is 3 copies for 10 ts; 10 copies for 25 cents.

bill has been introduced in the as Legislature which would, if ed, make that State a rival of Oklaa and other places of similar facilin the divorce business. The measure vides that a residence of three ths in the State shall give a person d standing to bring a divorce suit.

telligent farmers and stockmen will reciate the opportunity offered by the n another column of the two famous ses, Thornbrough and Rillington Abt. The introduction of one or both of se v luable thoroughbreds into this nity would raise the standard of our ck. H. B. Jenkins is known to many a recent suit brought in Louisville to ver a Kentucky coon dog occupied attention for an entire day of a Judge, e attorneys, the plaintiff and defendant, e jury, (which included two Baptist nisters) and a room full of witnesses. ring the hearing of the case the dog t under a table in the custody of the eriff.

Superintendent J. M. Berkey, of the nstown Public Schools, has been med as one of the speakers at the Nal Convention of School Superintendto be held at Columbus, O., from the 21st to the 23d of this month. His ject will be "The Course of Study for ldren Who Cannot Complete High hool Work."

The Free Press, of the Canadian proce of Manitoba, speaking of the school k children are required to do out of ol, says: "An adult is able to stand finitely more brain work than a boy girl, and yet how few business or fessional men can endure, without fering neurotically, the evil practice carrying their work home after busless hours."

The Haderman-Thropp slander case, ich was scheduled to come up for al at Bedford on Monday, has been n postponed, and the opinion is quite ely expressed that it will never come trial. The jurors toiled into Bedford m all parts of the county on Monday ough the blizzard, only to be disarged, the few cases on the calendar ing been continued or settled. All applications for liquor licenses were anted.

A bill was introduced into the Legisla e on Wednesday by Captain Skinner, Fulton county, former Pension Agent Pittsburg, providing for the payent of a service pension to all honorar discharged officers, soldiers, sailors marines, who volunteered for at least e months in the Federal army and y, between April 14, 1861, and May 1, , who were at the time of enlistment dents of this State, provided the apant is not an inmate of any soldiers' me nor a United States pensioner. The e of pension as proposed in the bill is nthly rate of one cent a day for each nth served in the Rebellion, and the pen n is to cease when Congress pensions ilies of veterans.

Timber cut for purposes where durany is a consideration is worth from ty to four times as much if cut between ay 15th and August 15th, as the same uld be cut in January to April. If a ee is not after the starch, which enters to chemical composition, has chang to sugar, say in March, the worms be very fond of this sweet, become deout in to the wood; but if cut in July, the completion of the spring growth re is no sugar in the sap or wood, and y seek more savory food. Another son is because if cut when the sap is n in sugar the fermentative process ges the sugar into an acid, which is the very first stage of decay, and if decay ins early initiated is it any wonder posts and ties do not last as they uld if cut when these conditions could possibly exist?

Major-Gen. Francis V. Greene has tten for The Century Magazine the st authoritative account of the militaryoperations at Manila yet offered to the blic. In the March number he will ribe the voyage of the second expedion, which he commanded; the landing and intrenching of the troops on the shore; and the interesting features of situation while Admiral Dewey and the military officers were waiting for Honored Merritt and the monitors. This ber includes a statement of the plans Admiral Dewey and General Anderson meet the crisis which would have been precipitated if Admiral Camara's fleet had reached the Philippines. A second icle, to appear in the April Century, ribes the means by which the insurgents were removed from the American ps, and the thrilling events of the assault and surrender, including a stop put the determined efforts of the insurts to enter the city. General Green's part in the operations was conspicuous and varied, and he describes his experiences with the skill of a military expert accustomed to write for the general public.

The banks will be closed to-day.

P. A. Schell left Sunday for Washington to be gone ten days.

Michael Hutzell, of Sand Patch has been granted a pension of $8 per month.

The Directors of the Poor will hold their regular monthly meeting on March 3 1.

Miss Ella Ferner is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Rishel, in Greensburg.

Yesterday's election passed off quietly, a large vote being polled in this borough and township.

Attorney H. S. Endsley, of Johnstown, was attending to legal business at the court house yesterday.

Mrs. Larne M. Hicks last week disposed of her Main street residence to Mrs. John J. Spangler, possession to be given on April 1st.

Mr. H. B. Kooser, of Salt Lake City, arrived in town last Friday and will remain for a few days at the family residence on Patriot street.

Jacob Moon, who was injured by a fall of coal in the Listie Mines one day last week, was taken to the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, for treatment.

Mr. W. H. Stoddard is in the East this week consulting with architects and inspecting some of the public and private buildings at the National Capital.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster B. Parker left yesterday morning for Baltimore, where the former will purchase a stock of merchandise for the firm of Parker & Phillips.

Washington's birthday will be observed by the public school children this afternoon at the Academy building, when a specially prepared program will be given.

President Simon Krebs, of the Listie Mining Company, returned home Saturday evening, after spending two weeks at his former home in Danville and other eastern cities.

Mr. James Firl, of Summit Mills, and Miss Louisa Shafer, of near Rockwood, were united in marriage at the Brethren parsonage in Meyersdale, on Sunday evening, by Rev. John H. Knepper.

A new apportionment of the State into legislative districts has been introduced by representative Wilson, of Jefferson county. Should it become a law Somerset county would have only one representative.

A local teachers' institute will be held in the Somerset Public School building on Saturday, February 25th. The names of a number of our best-known teachers are on the program for performances.

D. P. McAlister, who recently purchased the William Keister farm near Listie, will take possession of the same on the 16th of March. Mr. Keister and family will remove to North Dakota this spring.

The Sunday School evening meetings to be held on Saturday and Sunday next will begin at half past seven instead of seven o'clock. The other meetings will be held at the hours previously announced.

N. N. Cupp, who for the past several years has been making his home in Johnstown, has been on the sick list for some time, and last week returned to the home of his mother in Somerset township, to recuperate.

L. C. Colborn, Esq., will go to Harrisburg to-morrow for the purpose of attending a meeting of the executive committee of the State League of Republican Clubs. Mr. Colborn will represent the Lincoln Club of this place.

Mrs. Catherine J. Endsley will leave for Washington to morrow morning, and next week will become a member of a small party of guests invited by the President's wife to accompany her on a Southern trip. The party will travel in a private car to Tampa, Florida.

Hon. Sam Mier, of Salisbury, is spending a few days with Somerset relatives. He says the Extract Works are running day and night but are still unable to meet the demand for their dyes. Shipments are made to all parts of the world, much of the product going to Russia.

Owners of maple sugar groves and camps are getting everything in readiness to begin operations as soon as the sap begins to flow. Thousands of one gallon tin cans have been received at the railroad station and delivered to farmers who make a specialty of boiling maple syrup for the city market.

Word comes from Washington that Congressman Hicks has secured the allowance of a pension for Catherine Divelly, of Berlin, of $12 per month from April, 1897, and about $400 arrearages due her husband at the time of his death; also a pension for Nancy A. Beachy, of Somerset, of $8 per month from July last.

L. D. H. Tayman, of Lavansville, and James Jones, of Somerset, have been drawn to serve as jurors at the next session of the U. S. District Court, which meets at Scranton, in April. The former will serve on the grand jury and the latter on the petit jury.

"Bernie" Benford, who recently enlisted in the regular army and was assigned to the 12th Infantry Regiment, sailed from New York for Manila, on Thursday last. In a letter addressed to relatives just before sailing he says that he is well-pleased with regular army life, and has been advanced to the position of 3d sergeant.

A petition addressed to the Legislature praying that a law be enacted establishing salaries for several of the county offices was numerously signed by citizens of Somerset and Somerset township yesterday. The petition asks that salaries be fixed as follows: Prothonotary, $1500; Register and Recorder, $1500; Treasurer, $1200; County Commissioner, $500.

Emma Jane Shaffer, a young Jenner township miss, was taken to the Morganza Reform School Saturday afternoon by a Johnstown officer. She is charged by her father, Henry Shaffer, with incorrigibility, and it is hoped that a term in the reformatory will be instrumental in reclaiming her. Mr. Sheffer wept bitterly when he made the information against his child.

D. B. Zimmerman last week sold his Quemahoning township farm to Walter Holtzer, who a few weeks ago sold his farm in Somerset township to Nelson Gerhart, of Upper Turkeyfoot township. The Zimmerman farm is one of the best in the county, and has been owned by the Zimmerman family for more than a century, having passed from father to son for at least four generations.

Our representatives at Harrisburg seem to be so bent on licking Quay that they have not yet found time to draft any bills in behalf of their constituents. Being reformers they should introduce legislation reforming the method of conducting public business in certain county offices. If they do not already have it, they can secure all the information necessary right here at home by consulting the commissioners' annual report of the receipts and expenditures for several years past.

Peter Meyers has manifested no concern about his approaching trial for the killing of John Lenhart and Michael Carney. The two cases, charging him with murder in the first degree, are on the court calendar for trial next week, and the attorneys on both sides are preparing to go ahead, as it is not believed another continuance will be granted. During his incarceration Meyers has been a model prisoner in all respects, devoting most of his time to reading the Bible. He has consistently refused to discuss the merits of his case, even declining to talk about the double homicide with his old father, who called at the jail a short time ago. "I'll tell my story and all I have to say in court, and not until then," said the prisoner, when his father urged him to talk. Meyers' health is holding up as well as could be expected, but recently he has complained that his "blood is out of order." His trial will be watched with great interest.

JOHNSTOWN'S WILD SCHEME.

Board of Trade Wants a New County Carved Out of Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Westmoreland

We sympathize with the members of the Johnstown Board of Trade who have entered upon the task of erecting a new county to be carved out of parts of Cambria, Indiana, Somerset and Westmoreland, with Johnstown as the county seat, but until it has advanced some better reason for it than any we have yet seen we are inclined to believe that its efforts are misdirected.

It is certainly inconvenient for Johnstown attorneys and a few others to transact legal business and attend the different sessions of court at Ebensburg, but it appears to us that they must find residence in Johnstown more advantageous than at the county seat of Cambria county, otherwise they would have removed to Ebensburg long ago.

Parties to suits in court, witnesses and jurors are put to more or less inconvenience and expense by being compelled to attend court, but so far as the last two classes are concerned it is a duty they owe to the Commonwealth from which there is no escape. It matters little to them where the sessions of court are held, but the business men of Johnstown hope to profit by having that city made the seat of Justice for a new county by the increased trade it will bring to them from people who are at present compelled to journey to Ebensburg, Indiana, Somerset and Greensburg, when summoned by the courts. This is all right when viewed by the people of Johnstown in the light of a business proposition, but in the light it is doubtless viewed by the thousands of taxpayers whom it is proposed to affect, it is all wrong. The taxpayers of the four counties concerned are all suffering under a heavy load of county taxation, and the proposed new county would not relieve them of a farthing, but would necessarily make heavier for a long period of years the burden they now bear, without affording a majority of those it is proposed to affect any advantage or recompense whatever. The present excellent and constantly improving means of communication between all of the towns and even remote villages in the four counties has decreased the hardships heretofore complained of by taxpayers residing at long distances from the county seats, and it has come to pass since the introduction of telephone communication that only one citizen of Somerset county out of every ten who heretofore were compelled to journey to Somerset for the purpose of consulting with his attorney or the county officials does so to day.

It is unfortunate that old father Johns gave the city of Johnstown a plot of ground to be utilized for a court house, as his desire like the hopes of the Board of Trade of that enterprising city is never likely to be realized, at least not until the population of the territory embraced in the four counties it is proposed to cut up, makes it necessary.

Somerset as a Business Centre.

Traveling salesman, who perhaps have the amplest opportunities for judging, all declare that Somerset is the best business town for its size in Western Pennsylvania; that our merchants buy in larger quantities than they do elsewhere and that they are more punctual in making payments, a majority of them anticipating their bills, thereby securing the benefit of the usual discount for cash. Confirmatory evidence that the business of Somerset is annually increasing and is considered valuable is given by the hotel registers, which show that not less than fifty traveling salesmen visit our town every week. The number of traveling men registered at the Hotel Vannear alone since January 1st averages seven a day, and it frequently happens that all apartments at that popular hostelrie not occupied by permanent guests are taken by "knights of the grip." On the other hand local merchants agree that the volume of business transacted by them has shown a gratifying increase from year to year, that cash sales have become more general, only a small per centage of the daily sales being made on credit, and that the prospects for increase and expansion in the various lines of trade were never more flattering than at present. Every store room is occupied and several new business houses will be erected this spring. Considering the splendid business reputation of Somerset it is somewhat singular that in the history of the town, extending back over a century, there has never been a Jew or a merchant of Jewish extraction who could induce the people of this community to trade with him, although a number of them, men of fine business ability and with ample means have made the attempt, only to close their shop doors and silently depart after a trial of from six months to a year. The stores of Somerset have been the pride of the community for many years and it is confidently believed that their superiors do not exist outside of the larger cities. Somerset's business houses are not only commodious and stocked with choice goods, but they are so attractively kept that the attention of strangers is unconsciously directed to them as models of their several kinds.

The Force of Example.

The spectacle of a country editor, moved by humane impulses, shoveling snow from the sidewalk in front of his residence seems to be a novel one in this community at least. During the half-hour we were engaged last Friday evening at lifting the feathery(?) flakes that had been tramped under the feet of a stream of pedestrians traveling to and from the railroad station we received a word of sympathy or encouragement from every man, woman and child who chanced to pass within hailing distance. "I never saw you work before in my life," shouted a loud-voiced fellow who went spinning down the street in a sled drawn by a spirited pair of horses. We looked up to see who it was when a voice at our shoulder commanded, "Keep that shovel moving," in a stern tone. We continued to bend over our task when a sympathetic neighbor stopped long enough to say; "I was poor once myself." We smiled, but not a smile of envy, at his self-complaisant observation, and stopped to blow our breath on the blisters that were burning on our ungloved palms, when a lovely teamster called out: "I'd let the fellow who put that snow there take it away again, if I were you." We felt like acting on his suggestion, but one half of the pavement had been "cleaned" before he came with his wise advice and we could not bear the thought of having our neighbors, all of whom were watching our labors from the front windows of their homes, think that we are lazy, even though we were twelve hours late in following the example they, or their hired man, had set us.

The Best to be Had.

Co-operative Mutual Fire Insurance Company Berlin, Pa., insures town and farm property, dwellings and contents, merchandise, barns and contents. Get insurance at cost. The Insurance Commissioner in his last report says: "The reports of the department for years show that the honestly managed mutual companies afford the best class of protection at the least possible cost." Patronize home enterprise; keep at least part of the money at home which otherwise is sent away.

Write for information.

W. H. RUPPEL, President.
Jac. J. Zorn, Secretary, Berlin, Pa.

A Wonderful Success.

The Buffalo National Acetylene Gas Company of Buffalo, N. Y., are placing on the market on 30 days' trial, a machine for the manufacture of Acetylene Gas which is bound to take the place of all other illuminants. This machine is the latest improved, and is recommended by all standard insurance companies. We light churches, stores, factories, residences and country homes; also put in plants for lighting towns.

We want good representatives.

Recent Deaths.

Charlotte Emert, a soldier's widow who was well known throughout Brothersvalley, Stonycreek and Somerset townships, died on Thursday last at the home of John Fritz, near Edie. She was about 72 years of age.

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Jeremiah Wright, a prominent citizen of Addison, is dead, aged 75 years. He was returning from his store to his residence on Thursday, 9th inst., and when a few yards from the door fell to the ground. Life was extinct when those who rushed to his assistance reached him. He is survived by his wife and five children.

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Reinhart Reich, who died Saturday evening, aged 58 years, was the pioneer merchant of Meyersdale. He located in that place twenty-eight years ago, and engaged in the manufacture of furniture and coffins. He was a popular and respected citizen and served as councilman and school director. His wife and four or five children survive him.

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Mrs. Cora V. Miller, wife if Israel Miller, and daughter of the late W. H. Barron, of Middlecreek twp. was born Jan. 19, 1869, and died February 16, 1899, leaving her husband and a son of three years. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Feb. 19, conducted by Elders Silas Hoover and Peter Vogel, in the German Baptist church of Middlecreek, a concourse of between 600 and 700 people being present.

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Rev. Samuel Lowry, born in Berlin, this county, on November 15, 1813, died at his late home in Fossilville, Bedford county, on Friday, February 10th, aged 85 years, 2 months and 25 days. He was the father of twenty children, ten of whom survive him. He is also survived by forty five grandchildren and a large number of great-grand-children. His funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. W. A. Jackson from the text: 2 Timothy, 4:6-8, selected by deceased.

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William H. Menser, aged about 45 years, died Sunday night at his home, three miles south of town, on the Berlin road. He was taken sick Thursday afternoon, while working at Fox Bros' saw mill, where he was employed as sawyer, near Sipesville. Friday morning he passed through this place and as soon as he reached home sommoned medical aid, but nothing could be done to arrest the progress of the disease, spinal meningitis. Deceased was an excellent citizen and was well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and two children.

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Frank Countryman died Friday night after a lingering illness at his home on Gravel Hill, this borough. He was born 68 years ago on the old Countryman farm near Lavansville, being a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Countryman. With the exception of Mrs. John L. Deitz, of Lavansville, who survives him, he was the last of a family of seven children, five brothers and two sisters. Deceased was a carpenter by trade and he followed that occupation from early manhood. He was married to Mary Lichty, who survives him, their only child, a daughter, having died six or seven years ago. Mr. Countryman was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, a good neighbor and an excellent citizen. His death will be regretted by all who knew him. The funeral took place Monday afternoon, interment being made in the Lutheran cemetery.

Murder Suspect Under Arrest.

William P. Parker is the assumed name given by a prisoner confined in the borough lockup since Saturday, who is being held until the authorities of Stanton, Ill., can be communicated with. Parker was taken into custody Saturday night by Policeman Davis on the strength of the strong resemblance he bears to a photograph and description of an alleged murderer who fled from Illinois last August, and for whose arrest a reward of $2,000 has been offered by the authorities of Stanton. H. P. Wall, a prominent banker of that place was murdered on August 12th last, since when officers have been on the trail of one Otto Matthews, who is charged with the crime. Parker and two companions were given lodging in the lockup Friday night, when their conversation aroused the suspicion of officer Davis. His suspicions were confirmed next morning when he received a photograph and description of the alleged Stanton murderer. Saturday evening he telephoned to the County Home and learning that three tramps had been accommodated with lodging at that institution he drove out and arrested Parker. The prisoner is 24 years of age and intelligent. He takes his arrest coolly, but admits that he was in the States of Illinois and Wisconsin last fall. He refuses to talk about his arrest. At the request of the Stanton police department officer Davis had a photograph taken of the suspect and forwarded it to them Monday morning.

Farmers' Institute at Husband.

The Farmers' Institute held at Husband, Thursday evening was largely attended and the discussion on various topics relating to husbandry were ably handled by practical tillers of the soil. In addition to the discussions, several papers, notably one read by H. J. Hoffman on the "Selection of Seeds," were well received. Mr. Hoffman's paper was carefully prepared and contained many valuable suggestions, the result of observation and experience. Peter Hefley gave an instructive talk on the care of farm animals, and offered advice as to strains to be raised if the object is to command the best prices. He was listened to attentively throughout. "The relation of the public schools to the farm," was the subject of an interesting paper read by J. C. Gnagy, which was followed by a lively discussion, participated in by a number of school teachers. The consensus of opinion appeared to be in favor of rural high schools. The institute was the best and decidedly the most profitable of any so far held at Husband.

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Coldest Days in Somerset.

Having been frequently asked about the coldest days during the last 25 or 30 years, I have compiled the following. There were many other days as cold.

During the month of January, 1870, there were two days on which the mercury dropped to 8 degrees below zero; February 10, 1871, it scored 15 degrees below; January 21, 1872, 12 below. During 1873 the mercury touched zero several days, but not below. February, 1874, the lowest point was 4 below zero; February 16, 1875, 10 below. In 1876 we had no zero weather. In 1877, January 16, was 8 below; December 31, 1880, cooled us off at 20 degrees below zero. On February 2, 3, 5, and 7, 1881, a cold wave struck at 19, 14, 19, and 15 degrees below zero. February 11, 1885, the mercury scored 18 degrees below; January, 13, 1886, 15, and February 5, of same year, 13 below; January 15, 1887, was a cooling off at 18 below; March 7, 1890, 10, and February 6, 1891, 12 below zero; January 18, 1893, we had another cooling off at 19 below; February 17, 1894, 6, and December 26, of same year, 13 below; on the 3, 8 9, and 15 of February 1895, the mercury played cool at 14, 16, and 10 degrees below zero; March 17 and 24, 1896, gave 6 below; January 25 and 26, 1897, 19 below; February 2, 1898, 8 below, winding up with 23 and 24 degrees below zero on February 16, and 17, 1899.

WM. M. SCHROCK.

Drink Grain-O

after you have concluded that you ought not to drink coffee. It is not a medicine but doctors order it, because it is healthful, invigorating and appetizing. It is made from pure grains and has that rich seal brown color and tastes like the finest grades of coffee and costs about ¼ as much. Children like it and thrive on it because it is a genuine food drink containing nothing but nourishment. Ask your grocer for Grain-O, the new food drink. 15 and 25c.

LETTER FROM "SOLDIER JOE."

Incidents of the Voyage From Honolulu to Manila, and Observations Concerning Life in the Philippines.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS.

MANILA, P. I., January 2, 1898.

After nearly six months of tiresome delays and disappointments the "rookies" (as we are called here) for the gallant Tenth arrived at this place on November 23th. To some it was a great disappointment that we were not taken home, but I would never have been satisfied, after getting as far as Honolulu, had we been sent back to America. I was never happier in my life than when we landed in Manila. The voyage was long and tedious, but all felt repaid for it—not in coin, but experience—about the only thing a soldier receives.

We were fourteen days on the water, having made a record-breaking voyage, arriving in Manila bay on November 23th, but we did not land until December 2d, because quarters were not ready for us, and the doctors wanted to scratch our arms again to keep smallpox away. We lost one day somewhere in the Pacific—that is, we went to bed Monday night and when we got up next morning it was Wednesday; but on the return trip we will have two Mondays, or whatever day it happens to be when we reach the 180th meridian. When about five or six days out from Manila we experienced the roughest weather I ever hope to see on the ocean. For four days and nights we hardly knew whether the ship was going ahead, into the air, or straight down to the bottom. The waves were mountain-high, and many of them washed clear over the ship, soaking all who happened to be on deck. Again, the ship would roll from one side to the other until the masts almost touched the crests of the waves. This delayed us some, otherwise we would have eaten our Thanksgiving dinner in Manila bay. As for our mess, we had turkey and other delicacies you would think could not be had at sea. I acted as storekeeper of the ship, and the steward gave me everything I wanted for our mess, in addition to a nice stateroom and a good bed, something I had not enjoyed since we left Somerset.

We passed the Ladrone Islands and there saw an active volcano, the grandest sight I have ever seen. It stands out in the water all alone, not a thing in sight but this mountain of lava with smoke issuing from its mouth incessantly. We were within two miles of it, which gave us a splendid view, and an opportunity to take some fairly good snap shots.

The Arizona was hardly in Manila bay until Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett came to see us, and informed me that a job awaited me at headquarters. I did not ask what it was, but a few days later was detailed as one of the regimental clerks. I would greatly prefer being with my company, but the Colonel's orders have to be obeyed. The officers all treat me kindly, but it would be more like soldiering, now that we are at the seat of trouble, to be with the boys, and I shan't shed any brine if the Colonel sees fit to dispense with my services.

The happiest hour was when we landed, and had an opportunity to greet old friends. Of course, a majority of the regiment are strangers to me, but I found quite a number with whom I was pretty well acquainted, but never dreamed of finding here. Howard Cromwell is looking finer and healthier than I ever saw him. We used to address one another as "Comrade" at home; now it is a reality, but he has seen more of army life than I. The old fellows all treat us first-rate, and we are as happy and congenial as if we had all started from America together.

I would like to tell you something about the city and its people, but the subject is almost too filthy. The Filipinos are about as low and degraded as they can be, and the rest of the population is made up of Chinese, who are so much worse than the Filipinos that the latter won't have anything to do with them. Entire families live in one room together with their hogs, dogs, cows and ponies—that is, if they happen to have a hut—if not, they lie down under other folks' porches. Everybody and everything appears to be half-starved. Dozens of children, some not over two years old, hang around our quarters at meal-time and beg for anything they can get. They are like a lot of hungry wolves watching for some one to throw them a bite. The city is without sewers or sanitary regulations, filth of all kinds is emptied into the streets, and you can imagine what that means in a city of several hundred thousand filthy Filipinos and Chinese. The Somerset board of health would have had fits long ago had they been here. When the question of introducing sanitary methods has been decided there will be a grand cleaning-up; and when this has been done, Manila will be a great city. Many business men from America and other countries are already here, and there is bound to be a change, no matter whether we keep the islands or not. There are certainly lots of openings here for men with money, and the first here will have their fortunes made in a few years.

The natives are pretty hard workers, but it takes all they make to keep up the priesthood and their fancy churches. The priests have full control of everything, and they simply take all the poor devils get hold of. I do not think it would be a sin to turn Admiral Dewey's guns on them and drive them off the island.

This morning I ran up against a case of smallpox right here in headquarters. I went down stairs for a glass of water, when I passed one of our fellows stretched on a cot with his face all covered with eruptions. I asked him if he did not have smallpox, and he said "Nit." I hurried out of his presence, and shortly after the doctors were at him and a guard was placed over him; everything in sight was burned.

A great many stories have been written home in regard to the alarming amount of sickness amongst the troops. I have been here for a month and have failed to observe anything half as bad as the stories I've read, but I can't understand why there is not more sickness on account of the filth, but everybody seems to be growing fat on it.

Howard Cromwell is a fine-looking soldier, and popular with the boys; Ernest Koontz was sick when we got here, but is well and doing duty again; "Doc" Lowe, who formerly practiced at Berlin, is second hospital steward—a nice position; Park ("Lord") Litten asks to be remembered to George Benford and the boys. Cromwell, John Kesler and myself are the only representatives of Somerset county, except James Riffle, of New Baltimore, the "mascot" we brought along. He is a good boy, enjoys good health, and is a hustler. I presume he will have more money than any other member of the regiment when we get home.

There will likely be a lively "scrap" when orders are issued for the insurgents to lay down their arms. They have a strong force just outside of the city, and many people think they will never give up without a struggle; but if it comes to a pinch, Dewey's fleet is close at hand, and, with the troops we have here, there can be no doubt about the outcome of the battle. Many of the troops are itching for a fight, and there is no telling how soon some crank will let go at one of the insurgents, and thereby start the ball rolling. A short time ago our detail for outpost duty was only nine men, but somebody got scared, and it was raised to fifty; it is now eighteen. I hope to be with my company in case there should be a fight.

You probably know more about our home coming than we do. It is impossible to learn much news from the States here. A few items are cabled every day, but they are of little importance. Personally I don't care when we get home, as I want to see all I can, since it is not likely that I will make another visit to this part of the world, unless it should be to visit Japan.

JOE.

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COMEDY AMONG THIEVES.

Two Berwind-White Employes Bound Hand and Foot.

From the Johnstown Democrat.

Frank Benson and Newton Moore, employes of the Berwind-White stores at Windber, awoke suddenly at 1 o'clock Saturday morning to find themselves tied hand and foot in their beds, with four revolvers staring them in the face. Three tall men and a short one held the glittering guns, and the intruders, wearing masks, also wore a business-like air that was not to be mistaken.

"We want you to go with us to the office and open the safe," said one of the tall men to Mr. Benson, as the latter started from his slumber.

"But how can I," protested that gentleman, wriggling and twisting in his bonds, "seeing that I'm tied?"

"Well, we'll untie you all right if you'll come with us and open the safe."

"But the safe is already open and there's nothing in it," Mr. Benson replied. "There is something wrong with the combination and the safe is therefore left unlocked."

"Well, where do they keep the money then?" asked the tall man with the gun.

"That I don't know," said Mr. Benson.

One of the window shades was up and a tall man in a mask reached up to pull it down. He succeeded better than he intended, jerking the shade clear off the roller.

"That's a pretty bad job for a burglar," Mr. Benson remarked to the tall man in the mask.

"That's a fact," admitted the tall man, laughing. "It was awkward." The room was lighted and what was going on in it might have plainly been seen from the street had there been any one looking.

However, the intruders were not disturbed and after they became assured that neither Mr. Benson nor Mr. Moore would lend them any assistance, two of the party started off in a quest for booty while the other two remained in the room on guard.

It turned out afterward that the burglars went away practically empty-handed. There was no money either in the safe or in the cash drawer, but the latter was broken open and ransacked. In a few minutes the intruders left and then Mr. Moore and Mr. Benson began a struggle to free themselves, succeeding after a time, whereupon they ran across to the company office, arousing Manager H. D. Edelblute, who was told what had happened. Benson and Moore borrowed a couple of revolvers, their own weapons having been taken by the burglars, and they rushed back across the street, hoping to trap the men in the building.

As they entered the store, carrying a lantern, sure enough they saw two of the intruders and Benson instantly opened fire, shooting four or five times at the men as they rushed to a window and jumped out. But unfortunately Mr. Benson's aim was hurried and he missed his target, the men making good their escape with whole skins.

It is believed that these men were professional burglars, and that they had timed their visit to the company store with reference to the large sum of money that was supposed to be on hand there for the pay Saturday. It is known that $25,000 was to be distributed Saturday afternoon by the Berwind-White company to its miners and other employes, and the thieves evidently thought this big sum had been taken out Friday evening from Johnstown. As a matter of fact it went by train Saturday morning.

General Manager Edelblute pays a high tribute to the nerve of the Messrs. Benson and Moore. He says they were as cool as the traditional cucumber, and that if the suggestion of Mr. Benson had been carried out when he came across the street to arouse the office men, the whole gang might have been bagged. But Mr. Edelblute himself thought that the men had already made good their escape and so deemed it idle to go in search of them. It was found that the visitors carried away nothing except the revolvers. They took no goods, and this fact confirms the suspicion that the men were there for the $25,000 which was supposed to be in the safe. No effort to apprehend the burglars has been made.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of James Lawson, late of Somerset borough, 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, March 18, 1899, at the late residence of dec'd, in Somerset borough, Pa.

EDWARD HOOVER, Administrator.
Geo. R. Scull, Attorney.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Daniel Faidley, late of Lincoln township, dec'd.

Having been appointed auditor by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, to distribute the fund the hands of Simon Faidley, administrator of said Daniel Faidley, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, and to ascertain and fix the amount of the widow's dower, notice is hereby given that I will sit for said purpose at the law office of Koontz & Ogle, in the borough of Somerset, Pa., on Saturday, February 25, 1899, at 10 o'clock A. M., when and where all persons interested can attend.

J. G. OGLE, Auditor.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of William C. Griffith, dec'd.

The undersigned auditor, duly appointed by the Orphans' Court, to distribute the fund in the hands of James L. Pugh, Esq., executor of the estate of William C. Griffith, late of Jenner township, dec'd, to and among those legally entitled thereto, hereby gives notice that he will attend to the duties of his appointment, on Friday, March 17, 1899, at the office of Hay & Hay, in Somerset borough, Pa., when and where all parties interested may attend.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Edward Glessner, late of Stonycreek township, 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 payment on Thursday, March 30, 1899, at the house of dec'd.

ALBERT E. GLESSNER, Executor of Edward Glessner, dec'd.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Shaffer, late of Jefferson 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 Tuesday, March 14, 1899, at the office of H. L. Baer, Somerset.

CYRUS C. SHAFFER, Administrator of John Shaffer, dec'd.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Rebecca Coleman, late of Brothersvalley twp. 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, on Friday, March 17, 1899, at the house of the executor.

WILLIAM HAUGER, Executor of Rebecca Coleman, dec'd.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John J. Witt, late of Shade 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 payment.

LEVI KOONTZ, Executor of the last will and testament of John J. Witt, dec'd.

Colborn & Colborn, attorneys for Executor.

LEGAL NOTICE.

To Perry Long, of Tama county, Iowa;