e Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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Baman's bread and you will eat

ooke ovens in the Fayette region ly all in full blast, and the pres- production surpasses the boom of

es have been stealing pigs and near Arnoldsville, Adams county, the farmers are trying to hunt them

Miller, the well known Stoyes- stock dealer, shipped a car load of and cows to the eastern markets nday.

thousand demons gnawing away d's vitals couldn't be much worse the torures of itching piles. Yet a cure. Doan's Ointment never

Berge, ex collector of taxes at sville, who plead guilty to the zlement of public funds, due as he d to bad bookkeeping, has been sed to two years in the peniten-

. M. A. Bauman has secured the ices of a first-class professional baker ow started a delivery wagon on daily ds about town. Parties desiring baked bread, cakes, pies, etc., ll find it to their interest.

ports show that ninety-seven mur- have been committed in Northum- nd county in the last fifteen years. this amount of crime only five per- have been brought to trial, and only convicted of murder in the first de- and this one is petitioning for a new

e second largest mortgage ever en- d for record in the Fayette county house was filed last week with Reg- and Recorder Frank H. Rosboro. is from the Fidelity Title and Trust ing the Pittsburg Brewing Co., s for $130,000. The revenue tax on is assessed to $1,200.

dispatch from Canton says: James ker, nephew of President McKinley, home from Washington Saturday. ile in the National capital he took an ination for the naval service and received a commission as Assistant master in the United States Navy. expects a job soon and is waiting an signment from Uncle Sam.

Miss Edna Howard left on Thursday Confluence, Pa., where she has ac- d a position in the store of A. G. ck Sn's & Co., as head trimmer in ilinery department. Miss Howard st recently returned home from the ern part of the state, where she was ployed in a large millinery store, get- the fine points of the profession.—mmer News-Standard.

Representative Taylor, of Ohio, has mmended the appointment of A. H. Cline as postmaster at Calla, Mahon- county, to take effect July 1st. This ce was recently advanced to the Pres-ial class and pays $1,200 per annum. ere is not even a hamlet where this office is located and practically the ole revenue is derived from a florist

Bauman's cakes and pies are the best. ered at your home.

Mr. Frank Wilsick, of Oliver, Fayette nty, used kerosene in kindling a fire Monday, and, as a result, she and her o little children were fatally burned. erwise poured the oil in the stove she e boiling a babe in her arms, and other child was standing near. Sud- ly there was an explosion and the me shot out and enveloped them all. ir clothing was burnt off and their dies were horribly charred. They are expected to recover.

The climax to a state of unrest that has ted among the merchants and people Greensburg for two months because of e depredations of a gang of robbers was reached at 2 o'clock Sunday morn- g, when the alleged leader of the cut- was left dead with a handful of buckshot in his heart. Jacob Funk, a storekeeper in a part of the town known as Bunker Hill, fired the shot. The body of the dead ow lies at Perry's undertaking oms, and although 3,000 people from veral neighboring towns viewed the remains, he has not yet been positively identified.

Squire McWilliams, of Mt. Pleasant, Wednesday rendered a decision that wife of interest to school boards of the ate. The son of Harry Fassold had been absent from school for four weeks, and the school board of Mt. Pleasant township brought suit against him ac- cording to the provisions of the compul- ry school law. The defendant was fined $1 and costs, which amounted in all to $18. The court, however, recom- mended that the board remit the fine.

Tom stands in the County Comm's- ioners' office at Greensburg a sedate, old-fashioned clock, that is of peculiar interest. The ancient timepiece is eight feet tall, has a handsome rosewood box frame and a dial that indicates the vari- ous phases of the moon, while the bell strikes the hours. It was made by William Patrick, at historic Yorktown, Va., in the year 1825, and was the property of Noble Dr. John Morrison, of Greens- burg, and was bequeathed by him to the County Commissioners' office. It has stood in the office of those officials since its birth, which occurred in 1869, and is a familiar object to all persons.

A case tried in the Cambria county courts last week, was that of the Com- monwealth vs. Mable Heikel, a teacher in the Hastings schools, John Sheehan, prosecutor. The teacher was charged with assault and battery in punishing a pupil, son of the prosecutor. It was shown that the boy had been disobedient. Marks on the boy from the punishment, a doctor testified, were because of his peculiar nature and would not have in- jured another child. The court, in its charge, held that a teacher could not be convicted of assault and battery, except on evidence that would convict a parent of the same offense. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and divided the cost between the prosecutor and the county.

In approving the Dewey Day resolu- tion passed by the legislature Governor Stone says: "If I had any right to pre- sume that the passage of this resolution would be regarded as a precedent of designating as legal holidays other anni- versaries of important military and naval action, I should not hesitate to interpose my objection. I do not think it wise to increase the number of our legal holi- days, and while I honor Admiral Dewey for his great victory in Manila harbor, I question whether the setting apart of that battle as a legal holiday is the proper way to show it. But as this reso- lution makes only May 1st, 1899, a legal holiday, and does not apply to any subse- quent anniversaries, and as it passes both branches of the Legislature with seem- ing unanimity, I have reluctantly given it my approval."

Counterfeit dollars, bearing dates of 1876, 1886, and 1888, have made their ap- pearance in a number of towns in Penn- sylvania. They have such a good ring that bank officials who sent some of the dollars to the National Treasury for ex- amination think the coins contain more silver than the genuine money. None of the banks will receive dollars bearing the above dates until the matter is inves- tigated by Secret Service agents. A poorly-executed counterfeit quarter is in circulation in and around Altoona. It is not at all hard to detect. It is about the size of a quarter, but bears no stamp on its face and has no milling on its edge. It is simply a smooth, round piece of metal, so near the size and shape of a quarter that it passes for such. This new piece, which is evidently of German ori- gin, is a trifle thinner than the genuine quarter.

Mr. Harry Gardner, of Johnstown, and Miss Sue B. Robinson, of Salisbury, were married last Tuesday at Cumberland.

Mrs. Frank C. Ball, of Frostburg, Md., spent last week at the home of her father—Hon. A. J. Colborn—on Main street.

Miss Maud Scott, after spending ten days vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Scott, at Ursina, left Monday evening for West Chester, where she is a student at the State Normal.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Forney, of Berlin, have been engaged as Superintendent and Matron respectively of the County Hospital, and will enter upon their duties on April 1st. No better selections could have been made.

Comptroller Traceweil, of the Treasury, has decided to continue the payment to fourth-class postmasters of the amount allowed under the old law for the can- cellation of stamps on newspapers and periodicals.

C. P. Holderbaum, of Somerset, George W. Collins, of Meyersdale, and N. B. Critchfield, of Jenner township, have been drawn to serve as jurors at the May term of the United States District Court, which meets in Pittsburg.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. John, who are students at Vassar Col- lege, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., are spending their Easter vacation at the home of their parents in Johnstown. The John family recently removed from Meyersdale to Johnstown.

Somerset county coal lands continue to attract the attention of capitalists. A number of them or their agents are active- ly at work securing leases in Quemahoning and Jenner townships in the north and in Brothersvalley and Black town- ships in the south of the county.

The many friends throughout the county of Mrs. A. E. Uhl will be pleased to learn that she has so far recovered from her recent serious sickness as to be able to visit her store for an hour or two each day. Mrs. Uhl was confined to her home for a period of seven or eight weeks.

The Lafayette Glee and Manolin Clubs will appear at the Opera House Saturday night. The Lafayette boys have been well-received wherever they have ap- peared this season and the press notices they have been given are most flattering. They should be greeted by a large audi- ence Saturday night.

A resolution was adopted by the legis- lature Monday presenting to Lieutenant-Colonel James E. Barnett, the desk and chair used by him when he was serving as Deputy-Secretary of the Common- wealth. Colonel Barnett is with his regi- ment, "The Fighting Tenth," in the Phil- ippines.

Passion week is being observed in the Reformed Church this week; services every evening at the usual hour. Pre- paratory services will be held Friday evening, and communion services Easter Sunday morning. Reverend King will conduct religious services in the Lavans- ville Reformed Church at 2 p. m. Sunday.

The members of town council have been in communication with a number of engineers in regard to devising a sew- er system for Somerset, and it is altogeth- er probable that a contract for the engin- eering work will be let at the next meet- ing of council. Engineers who have looked over the ground all agree that the money voted for this purpose will be am- ple to sewer five miles of our streets.

The Democratic county committee met at the court house Saturday afternoon. Chas F. Uhl, Jr., was elected County Chairman, and Gen. A. H. Coffroth and County Commissioner L. A. Kretchman were elected delegates to the State Conven- tion. Saturday, July 1st was fixed upon as the time for holding the primary election. A number of Democrats have already announced their candidacy for the office of County Commissioner.

Misses Myra Love and Mary Beerits and Mr. Russel Love, of Somerset; Grace Kimmel and Nellie and Leah Garman, of Berlin; Elizabeth Stein, of Rockwood; Messrs. E. Frank Shaulis, of Lavansville; Louis G. Shaffer, of Hooversville; D. W. Miller, of Lambertsville, and Andrew Loraditch, of Pocahontas, Somerset Coun- ty, stopped off in the city yesterday on their way from the Indiana State Normal School to their homes to remain until after Easter.—Johnstown Tribune of 25th inst.

The engagement to be followed by a wedding on April 12th of Mr. H. B. Kooser, General Agent for the Missouri Pacific Railroad at Salt Lake City, and Miss Clara A. Warner, a daughter of Vice President Warner of the Missouri Pacific system, is announced. The cere- mony will take place at the home of the bride's parents in St. Louis, and will be performed by Rev. A. E. Truxal, of Mey- ersdale, who is a brother-in-law of the prospective groom. Mr. Kooser's Some- rset relatives will attend the wedding.

It was a scurvy trick on the part of General Aguinaldo Koontz to place In- surgent Kendall on the firing line when it came to fighting for the rights of their constituents. General Aguinaldo Koontz is respected in some quarters as a consti- tutional lawyer, but it may be that Rep- resentative Kendall did not consult him before introducing the bill to salary cer- tain county officers. However the origi- nators of the movement to secure the re- form asked for solicited the co-operation of General Aguinaldo Koontz and they will know where to place the responsi- bility for its failure.

The County Commissioners of Wyoming County were placed on trial before Judge Archibald, in the Luzerne county court, Monday, for the alleged extrava- gant expenditure of public moneys in connection with the building of a sol- diers' monument and county bridges. The case comes before the Court in the form of an appeal of the Commissioners from the action of the County Auditors. As every citizen of Wyoming county is directly interested in the outcome of the case it could not be tried there, and was carried to the court of Luzerne county. The taxpayers of Somerset county are in- terested in somewhat similar cases.

Miss Mabel K. Bristow, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Bristow, sailed from New York for Ponce, Porto Rico, last Wednesday, on the government transport "McPherson." Miss Bristow has been employed by the government to teach English in the public schools of Ponce. She will receive a salary of $50 per month, and hopes to make as much more giving private lessons to Spanish residents who are anxious to acquire a knowledge of the English language. She secured the position tendered to Miss Ella Vogel, the latter having declined to give up her place in the McKeesport schools, where she has met with great success. Miss Bristow is well known in Somerset, her father having been a recent pastor of the local Presbyterian congregation.

"The best maple sugar and molasses that comes to this market," said a prod- uce dealer to a Pittsburg Post reporter last week, "comes from Somerset county. It may be the pure stuff when it leaves the farmers' hands, but by the time it reaches the joints on Pie alley it has somehow acquired the taugy taste of New Orleans molasses or melted brown sugar. I was up in Somerset county last year and saw the farmers making sugar. Hav- ing tapped the trees they place a logchain around them, draw it up tightly with a crowbar and squeeze the sap out. The farmer said the operation was a little hard on the trees, but it was the only method by which the sap could be col- lected thoroughly. The trees are deeply scarred by the chain, the heavy links having been forced through the bark into the wood in many instances. The pro- duction of sugar and syrup will be large this season because of the cold winter, a cold winter always being followed by a good sugar-making season. If a man can only afford pure Somerset county maple syrup and hot cakes for breakfast every day in the year, the loss of a nom-ination for Council or School Director won't drive him to drink and the Keeley Institute."

HERE WE HAVE IT AT LAST.

"Reform" Measures Introduced By "Reformer" Koontz.

The friends of Representative Koontz and "reform," who have been so anxious- ly waiting during the three months that the present Legislature has been in ses- sion for their champion to inaugurate his crusade of "reform," will learn with gen- uine pleasure that the initial movement took place Wednesday, when "Reformer" Koontz, rising solemnly in place pres- ented, "by request," the following "re- form" measures:

General Koontz, of Somerset, introdu- ced by request bills supplementary to the act of July 20, 1887, to provide that distillers shall pay 25 cents a barrel on every barrel of liquor distilled by them, the barrel to be estimated at 31½ proof gallons, and that all new distillers shall pay for the first year 25 cents a bar- rel that would be produced in case the distillery were run to its full capacity for the entire year; to enable distillers to procure license to sell their own product in quantities not less than one-half gallon directly from the State Treasurer without the necessity of applying to the courts of Quarter Sessions of the county in which the distillery is located.

Only a small matter, it is true, but now that the "reform" movement has been happily started by Representative Koontz more measures of the same character, all in the interest of "reform," can be ex- pected to follow one another in rapid succession. How gratifying it must be to the "reform" element among our Prohi- bition friends who so cordially supported "Reformer" Koontz when a candidate, to have him submit a bill, possibly one of their pet measures, which if enacted into law would virtually make distillers retailers and allow them to retail their product without the trouble and expense of applying to the court of quarter ses- sions for a license so to do. Surely these bills were introduced in the interest of "temperance reform."

Then, again, there was that other "re- form" bill, which our people have been clamoring for, salarying county offi- cials, which was introduced by "Reform- er" Koontz's colleague, "Reformer" Ken- dall. True it is that this bill was with- held until it was sufficiently late to preclude the possibility of its becoming a law and was only introduced in a mild effort to "gold brick" the friends of "re- form." With but three weeks remain- ing of the present legislative session the record as made up by Somerset's "re- form" representatives reads:

One bill to salary county officials, "gold brick," introduced by "Reformer" Kendall.

One bill to practically give distillers authority to retail their product, and without procuring a license from the court, introduced by "Reformer" Koontz.

The millennium of reform has not ex- actly arrived but the day is dawning.

AN EASTER SOUVENIR.

A Delightful Treat for All in Next Sunday's Press.

An Eastertide treat will be given every- body who gets next Sunday's Philadel- phia Press (April 2). From the splendid colored title page to the last page of humor the magazine will be brimful of features which will attract old and young. There will be special treats in fiction. George R. Simms, one of the most noted writers of to-day; Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro sketch writer, and Fergus Hume, with his "Lady from Nowhere," will contribute. Easter sentiment will per- vade the whole, with Easter bells and Easter belles and Easter odes and Easter customs. Karl will give his best, Frank G. Carpenter will tell of his travels, Annie Rittenhouse will have two bright pages for women, and there will be prizes for the quickly clever. Be sure to get the Easter Press next Sunday.

Clean Up Your Premises.

Spring is here and in order to guard against an epidemic of sickness during the warm weather our citizens should look well to the sanitary condition of their premises. All refuse left over from winter should be promptly disposed of. Cellars and premises should be thor- oughly cleansed and lime and other dis- infectants plentifully used. A little work now may save a great amount of trouble and expense in the future. In this as in all other cases, an ounce of prevention is worth more than a pound of cure. Begin at once to clean up your property and you will be repaid a hundred fold for the little time and labor spent. Remember that cleanliness is next to godliness.

Pennsylvania Legal Holidays.

The new legal holiday to be known as Dewey Day, which falls on May 1st, has brought to mind the large and increasing number of holidays on the calendar. The observance of Dewey Day, however, grows out of the natural admiration for the deeds of a great sea dog, and must in that regard be respected. Still, on the other hand, it will be seen that we have already more holidays than are kept by the public, and of such number as to in- terfere with business, for the banks alone are the only institutions which observe days set apart. In a measure people for- get what holidays we have, so many are they, especially in the month of Februa- ry. At the present time the State rec- ognizes the following legal holidays:

Fifty-two Saturday afternoons, which equal twenty six whole days.
New Year's Day.
Election day in February.
Lincoln's Birthday.
Washington's Birthday.
Good Friday.
Decoration Day.
Fourth of July.
Labor Day.
Election Day in November.
Thanksgiving Day.
Christmas.

Add to these holidays fifty-two Sun- days and we have a total of eighty-nine days, leaving but 276 of the 365 days of the year which the law recognizes as legal business days. Somerset County Com- missioners do not recognize holidays, but have many picnic days.

Bedford's New Postmaster.

In commenting upon the appointment of the new postmaster in that town the Bedford Inquirer among other things says:

"Bedford, for the first time in its history, has an imported postmaster, appointed at the request of our new Congressman. [It might have said appointed at the re- quest of an imported Congressman.] Ye ancient borough had four good, capable candidates of her own, Judge Wright, Albert Nycum, J. C. Roberts and John Lutz, but no one of them had served Mr. Thropp with sufficient devotion to meet his approval.

Even the thirty-four year's faithful ser- vice of the senior editor of the Inquirer, in advocating Republican principles, were as nothing in the scales against the out- sider who had worked directly for Mr. Thropp's personal benefit.

The Inquirer says the appointee is not a resident, a voter or even a taxpayer in Bedford borough. His appointment to any one of the postoffices in Bedford township, where he lives, would have been perfectly proper, but it was a fla- grant disregard of all the proprieties, and long-established custom, to ignore the claims of the resident taxpayers and vot- ers of the town and bring an outsider to take charge of its one postoffice. No previous Congressman has ever sugges- ted such a thing and it is to be regretted that our new one should begin his career in that way.'"

Wanted.

Four girls to learn dressmaking.
J. H. SIFFORD & Co.

WANTED.—Girl to do general house- work in family of two. Apply to
MRS. HARRIET KIMMEL,
Somerset, Pa.

Somerset Normal School

Will open April 24 and continue in ses- sion 9 weeks. It is the aim to give all in attendance the best things within reach. Teachers:—D. W. Seibert, W. J. Woy.

HIS INJURY PROVED FATAL.

Little Miner Whose Sack was Broken February Fifteenth.

The death of Jacob Moon at Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, on Friday last was the end of a remarkable struggle between the man's vital forces, aided by the very best surgical skill, on the one side, and the grim destroyer on the other. Jacob Moon was taken to the hospital from Listie, February 15, with his back broken. He was employed in the Listie mines, and a sudden fall of coal gave him a hurt which would have instantly snuffed out the light of life for most men. But Moon seems to have had a remarkable constitu- tion. He lived to be removed to Memo- rial Hospital, where examination demon- strated at once that his case was absol- utely hopeless. Despite this unfavora- ble diagnosis, Moon lived thirty-seven days after reaching the hospital. But the end came last Friday. Moon was about forty years of age. He leaves a wife and two or three children.

The East's New Religious Figure.

The policy of The Ladies' Home Jour- nal, in its religious department, seems to be always to engage the pen of the man most immediately prominent in the eyes of the religious world. Thus it has had the services of Mr. Beecher, Doctor Tal- mage, Doctor Parkhurst, Ian Maclaren, and now it will have those of Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, the new pastor of Plym- outh Church, in Brooklyn. Doctor Hillis has given the Journal a series of articles upon which he had been working for over a year previous to his Eastern call, and the first of these articles will be publish- ed in the next issue of the magazine. The series is all connected in thought, and presents the general subject of "The Se- crets of a Happy Life."

Act Providing Payment for School Direct- ors for Attending Triennial Convention.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That here- after school directors of this Common- wealth who shall attend the triennial con- vention of directors for the purpose of electing a county superintendent, as pro- vided by act of May 8, 1854, shall receive one dollar each, and, in addition, the sum of three cents for every mile necessary to be traveled in going to and returning from the place where the election shall be held, the amount to be paid by the school treasurers of the respective dis- tricts on the proper vouchers, and the ac- count to be audited as other expenses.

Section 2. And be it further enacted, that it shall be deemed a misdemeanor for any candidate for the office of county superintendent to pay or cause to be paid, directly or indirectly, any part of the ex- penses of any director who shall attend the triennial convention, and on convic- tion thereof such candidate shall be fined a sum not less than fifty nor more than three hundred dollars, at the discretion of the court.

Approved—The 18th day of March, A. D. 1899. WILLIAM A. STONE.

Recent Deaths.

Jacob Smith, aged about 65 years, died at his late residence in Lincoln township, Monday morning, from dropsy. He leaves a widow and a large family.

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Sophia, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Landman died Monday morning at the family residence on North Street. The remains were taken to Pittsburg for interment.

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Mrs. Henry Koontz died at her home in Somerset township at an early hour Monday morning. She was about eighty years of age. She is survived by her veteran husband, and a number of child- ren by a former marriage with Henry Benford.

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Peter Berkey died at the home of his son-in law, Wesley Griffith, at Glessner, Jenner township, last Thursday night, after a protracted illness from paralysis. He was eighty-five years of age. He is survived by one son, Jeremiah, and by one daughter, Mrs. Griffith, both of Jen- ner township.

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Major Oliver M. Irvine, civil engineer and veteran railroad man, died on Fri- day, at Hollidaysburg, aged 66 years. He commanded a battalion of the Seve- nty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteers in the civil war. He served with Andrew Carnegie and Thomas A. Scott on the old Portage Railroad a half century ago.

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Daniel Shaffer, an aged resident of Jefferson township, was found dead in bed Sunday morning at the home of his son-in-law, Elder Robert T. Hull. Mr. Shaffer partook of a hearty meal Satur- day evening and retired at the usual hour without complaining of feeling sick. He was about 75 years of age. He had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Hull for several years. His wife, two sons, Noah, of Edie, and Ephraim, of Jefferson township, and three daughters, Mrs. Hull, and Mrs. Wilson Barron, of Jeffer- son township, and Catherine, who resides in Ohio, survive him. Deceased was widely known as "Dr. Shaffer," on ac- count of his alleged knowledge of the healing arts.

Easy to Manage.

The Cinderella Range is easy to man- age, many other ranges are not. The con- struction of the Cinderella admits of plen- ty of air under the grate, which prevents it from burning out, and every provision is made for cleanliness. Examine it be- fore you buy. Sold by
JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Maccabees Convention.

The convention of Maccabbees, which meets in our town on the 12th of April, promises to be quite an occasion for the members of that order.

Hon. N. S. Boynton, Supreme Com- mander of the Knights of Maccabees of the World, will be present. J. H. Lawry, Great Commander of Pennsylvania, Great Commander McDowell, of New York, and Great Commander Parker, of Ohio, will also be here. W. E. Blaney, Great Rec- ord Keeper of Pennsylvania, will also be present.

The Maccabees is the oldest and strong- est Fraternal Insurance Society in the country. Its provisions are better than those of most other orders. They lately paid $5,000 to the beneficiaries of one of its deceased members in our town.

The open meeting to be held in the court house on the evening of the 12th of April will be a rare treat. Addresses will be made on the objects, purposes and benefits of the order by N. S. Boynton, W. E. Blaney and A. C. McDowell.

The proceedings will be interspersed with music from the Somerset Orchestra and the Somerset Quartet Club; Profes- sor Hetzell has also kindly consented to favor us with a solo or two.

It will be an evening of rare entertain- ment.

The public is invited to be present. Ad- mission free.

Miss Jennie Ellsworth, of Ohio, and Miss Binnie M West, of Detroit, Mich., will also be here, and will endeavor to in- stitute a Hive of Lady Maccabees in the town. X.

Free Delivery for Somerset.

On and after March 24th, I will run a delivery wagon every day except Sun- day, and supply my customers at their homes with Pisel's home-made bread, yeast, pies, cakes, ice cream, oysters, &c. Give your order to the agent on the wagon or leave it at the White Palace Restaurant in the Cook & Beerits block.

Her Secret.

The secret of the success of the Cinder- ella Stoves and Ranges, is the superiority of the material and workmanship that enters into their construction; they are clean by habit, have no dirt pockets, and are sold guaranteed to be good bakers and perfect roasters. Sold by
JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

DIED FOR HER LOVE.

Somerset County Woman Commits Suicide in an Allegheny Resort.

WANTED HER LOVER TO DIE WITH HER.

Because she loved a man and was not sure that her affections were reciprocated Minnie Fleck, a handsome brunette, shot herself in the house of Nellie Stevenson, at 21 Sandusky street, Allegheny. The police were for a time under the impress- ion that she had been murdered and ar- rested four persons who were in the place at the time. The unfortunate suicide left a letter in which she uses the name of the man for whom she says she died.

The Fleck woman has been an inmate of the Stevenson house for about six months. She came to Allegheny about a year ago. She was married and leaves two children, who are at present living with her parents on a farm near Stoyes- town, Pa. Her father is Jeremiah Wilt, a well-to-do farmer.

On Saturday night Minnie Fleck ap- peared to be in good spirits. Her repu- ted lover, Joseph Walton, called to see her in the evening and the two had a serious conversation.

STORY TOLD BY WALTON.

Walton told a newspaper report- er that Minnie asked him to go to her room. Said he: "She said to me, 'We will go to my room and blow out the gas.' She had been talking of killing herself all evening, and I supposed she was only trying to frighten me. When she asked me to die with her I left her and went downstairs. Once she came into the room where I was and took a pencil out of my vest pocket. Then she went back to her room, where she was probably en- gaged writing a letter. Early in the morning she again came downstairs and said good-bye to me and her other friends. About 5 o'clock we heard the report of a pistol in the hallway on the second floor. Blood was trickling down the side of her head. In her right hand she clutched a revolver."

Police were attracted by the report of the pistol, and when it was learned that the woman was dying No. 2 patrol wagon was sent for and the woman was taken to the Allegheny General hospital. She died before the wagon reached there.

The body was removed to the Pittsburg morgue. In the meanwhile the other in- mates of the house were arrested, pend- ing the arrival and investigation by the coroner. They gave the names of Helen Scott, Theodore Baldinger, William J. Young and Joseph Walton. Deputy Coro- ner George Kosslow made an investiga- tion in the afternoon and caused the re- lease of the prisoners, there being noth- ing to indicate that they had anything to do with the woman's death.

THE LETTER SHE LEFT.

The letter found among the woman's possessions was evidently written hur- riedly. In the need of proper writing material she wrote her death message on two plain envelopes. The note is ad- dressed to "Nellie," proprietress of the house. It says:

"Nellie—Please send my body to my father and let my mother know that I have done this and Mr. Joe Walton is the reason of all. Yet I love him and no oth- er, and hope that God will forgive me and all my friends; and papa, I ask you to take good care of my little boy and make him a good home, as my little girl also. Good-bye. As I do this act I hope all will forgive me. All have sympathized with me, as I have suffered as much as I can, and this man is the cause of all this. I loved him and no other but him, and he won't have no rest no more." The letter was without signature.

After their release from the Allegheny lockup, Walton and his companions visi- ted the morgue to view the body. Wal- ton told Deputy Coroner George Kossler that Minnie had frequently threatened to end her life. She was separated from her husband and seemed to abhor the life she was leading. Her one desire always was that when she passed away he would go with her. She became angry on Satur- day night when he refused to commit su- icide with her.

Walton says he has not known her very long, and that they were good friends. He said he was led to believe that she cared a great deal for him.

The children of the deceased are about 7 and 8 years of age. An inquest was held Monday morning. The body will probably be shipped to the home of the woman's father near Stoyestown.

The woman was married in Stoyes- town about twelve years ago to Edward Bisbin, who later served a term in the penitentiary for making counterfeit money. The couple were divorced about six years ago, Bisbin later marrying another Stoyestown woman, while his wife went to Johnstown and started on her downward career. She was married a year or so ago to a man named Fleck, who is now located in Philadel- phia.

Mrs. Wilt, mother of Mrs. Fleck, left her home near Stoyestown two or three years ago, with three of her daughters, for Minneapolis, Minn., where they have since resided. James Wilt, Mrs. Fleck's only brother, lives in McKeesport.

Jeremiah Wilt is about fifty-five years of age, and appears to have had his share of trouble within the past decade. The last time Mrs. Fleck visited her father was in August last.

Constables' Fees and Tramps.

Acting under the new law, a Delaware county Constable turned in last month a bill for $40 for his participation in the ar- rest of tramps, and the Media Ledger looks with apprehension upon the possi- bilities of the law itself. "If this is kept up all over the county in the same pro- portion," it declares, "it will take but a short time to bankrupt it."

It may be that the county might not be bankrupted quite as quickly as the Ledg- er fears, but it is certain that the people would not long stand the systematic "working" of the law upon such a plane. The new law is not a bad law, and no honest Constable will abuse it, but, like all other laws regulating fees, those com- ing within its scope will have to be watched and rebuked when they resort to its abuse.

The whole difficulty, after all, arises from the evil known as the fee system, which ought to be torn up root and branch. Public officials of all grades should be paid a just salary for such work as they perform, and have the temptation to stretch any law removed.—Philadel- phia Inquirer.

Easter Cards and Novelties

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After Many Years.

From the Philadelphia Press.

Judge Brubaker, of Lancaster, recent- ly rendered a decision which shows that the statute of limitations is to be given a wider application.

Away back in 1868 John A. Gambe se- cured from the Lancaster county court a decree of divorce from his wife, Mary, on the ground of her adultery. There was no dispute about the adultery, the wo- man herself having made affidavit to the fact in a judicial proceeding which she took against the reputed father of her bastard child. John Gambe died shortly after he had been freed from this unhal- lowed union.

More than thirty years after the grant- ing of this divorce, and many years after John Gambe's death, his one-time wife concluded that she would like to be John Gambe's widow rather than his divorcee. Gambe had been a union soldier in the civil war and was honorably discharged at Camp Cadwalader, in this city, on or before July 15, 1865. The purpose of having this divorce annulled after so many years, as stated by the counsel for Mrs. Gambe, was to enable her to apply to the United States government for a pension as widow of the dead soldier.

In order to have the court entertain the motion to vacate the divorce granted thirty years before John Gambe, known by all the parties to be dead, was notified by advertisement that the application to vacate the decree would be heard on Oc- tober 22, 1898, at 4 o'clock a. m., in the Lancaster county court. This notice was printed in the Lancaster Examiner in three separate issues, but no affidavit was made to the fact that the Lancaster Examiner circulates in John Gambe's present place of residence. The court's attention was not called to the omission, however, and Judge Brubaker annulled the divorce and thereby revived Mrs. Gambe's rights in her dead husband on the ground that the original divorce pro- ceedings were void because they were brought in Lancaster county, where the woman was living in adultery, instead of in Dauphin county, where the aggrieved husband had his home, and where if properly advised, he would have brought his suit.

Mrs. Gambe, therefore becomes a sol- dier's widow and will receive a pension unless the pension office can find legal ground for denying such an unworthy claim.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The Secret Service has unearthed an- other band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average per- son would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are al- ways selected by counterfeiters for imita- tion, notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which has many imita- tors but no equals for indigestion, dys- pepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The Bitters sets things right in the stomach, and when the stom- ach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it. In this manner the Bitters get at the seat of strength and vi- tality, and restore vigor to the weak and debilitated. Beware of counterfeits when buying.

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Be ready for it by going to FISHER'S BOOK STORE for Receipt Books, Judg- ment Notes, Legal Blanks of all kinds, such as Deeds, Mortgages, Leases, etc., etc. You will find here also a large stock of Blank Books. Blank Books for Merchants, Mechanics, Miners, Millers, Farmers, Road Supervisors' Tax Dupli- cates and in fact for any purpose required.
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OUR STORE will be full of good things for the occasion. A large and complete line of Fresh Green Vegetables will arrive SAT- URDAY MORNING. Come early to avoid the rush.

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WANTED:—To correspond with owners of large bodies of timber lands, two hundred acres or more. Give cash prices, es- timates, locations and full particulars. Ad- dress, box 681, Connellsville, Pa.

$5 00 PER DAY can be made by Agents (male or female), selling souvenir glassware, with gold band and engraved with photographs of Bat- tleship Maine, Admiral Dewey, etc., etc. Sam- ple tumbler by mail, 20c. One dozen tum- blers, assorted, $1.00. Water Sets, $1.50. Write for particulars. Pittsburg Stained Glass Works, established 1854, 109 Market street, Pittsburg, Pa.

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Orphans' Court Sale

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate

The undersigned trustee, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, Pa., to sell the real estate of Lewis Whisker, late of Napier township, Bedford county, post parti- tion, will expose at public sale all of the real estate of decedent, viz:

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, '99,
at 1 o'clock P. M.,

in Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., about a mile from Central City, she will offer a farm containing 309 acres, 143 perches, ad- joining lands of Josiah Lowery's heirs, Geo. D. Maines, C. W. Lambert and others, about 100 acres cleared; the balance well timbered with cherry, birch, hemlock and white pine; large sugar grove of 1000 trees and camp with large sugar pan, kettles and keeler; good or- chard; two-story frame house, double log barn, spring house, with never failing spring, granary and other outbuildings. This tract is all underlaid with coal of best quality, iron ore and lim stone.

At same time and place she will offer a tim- ber tract in Shade township, containing 132 acres, 154 perches adjoining tract above, and lands of Josiah Lowery's heirs, W. H. Ruppel, J. Custer, Wm. Custer and others. This tract is also underlaid with coal.

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, '99,
At 10 o'clock A. M.,

at Helixville, Napier township, Bedford coun- ty, Pa., she will offer a farm containing 99 acres, 132 perches, adjoining lands of John Wonder, Adam Miller, Oliver Ferguson and Adam Rose, and having thereon erected a two-story log house, frame barn and out- buildings.

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 21, '99,
At 2 o'clock P M.,

at the mansion of decedent, in Napier town- ship, she will offer the mansion farm, con- taining 175¾ acres, adjoining lands of Charles L. Colvin, Patrick Hughes and F. P. Hughes' heirs, George W. Colvin and W. F. Hertz, and having thereon erected a large two-story brick house, frame bank barn and necessary outbuildings.

Terms:

One third of purchase money, after pay- ment of expenses, shall remain in properties as widow's dower. Ten per cent. of entire bid must be paid, or secured on day of sale; remainder of one-third (after deducting dow- er) at confirmation of sale; one-third in one year and one-third in two years thereafter with interest on deferred payments from con- firmation of sale.
MARY WHISKER,
Frank E. Colvin, Attorney. Trustee.

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