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N. Schrock has been appointed post-
r at Coldbarts.

ne horses living in Virginia supplies
ny for the President's table in
ington. His hens must be of the
gest variety.

ck Kintz of Latrobe is in jail at
ensburg for shooting at his wife, from
m he had separated. He demanded
marriage certificate.

. King will preach at Lavansville
Sunday morning and at Somerset
evening. Services will begin at
same hour at both places.

Little Giddy." Thousands of lives
ved every year. Dr. Wood's Nor-
Pine Syrup cures little colds, cures
colds by, down to the very verge of
umption.

. A. E. Bauman has secured a lease
the basement room under the First
onal Bank building, which she will
e as a salesroom for her bakery on
after next Saturday.

High School commencement exer-
s will be held in the Opera House,
Friday evening, April 18th. Music will
furnished by the Somerset Concert
Band. Tickets will be on sale Mon-
morning 17th inst., at Neff & Case-
's. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

Backward spring weather and storms
may be expected from the 18th to 22d.
Frost blocks would not be surprising,
cooler weather will follow this
storm. Reactionary storms will occur
the 25th and 26th. The month will
end in a storm period comes in, which
will culminate on the first days of May.

A special observer pronounces the
month of March just closed as being very
ordinary in the matter of weather for
this month. It continued cold enough
throughout to prevent fruit and early
vegetation from advancing prematurely
to be then being killed by late frosts. As
a result, a good crop of early vegetables
and fruit is expected.

All of the spring novelties in shirt
waists, skirts, and dress fabrics, etc., are
to be seen at Mrs. A. E. Uhl's. Owing
to her prolonged sickness Mrs. Uh
was unable to purchase her usual stock
in the accustomed time, but her customers
may be assured on this account as she has
selected the choicest of the late styles.
See her advertisement in another column
and answer you.

Bidders on Main Cross street Sat-
urday afternoon were attracted to the
Commercial Hotel stable where a savage
bull dog was making a desperate attack
on a young cow. The stable door
was locked and some time elapsed before
the proprietor of the hotel reached the
spot and beat the dog off. The brute
had thrown the cow down and had his
teeth fastened on her throat in a death
clinch. Nine bullets fired from a revolver
ended the career of the dog.

Already applicants are coming to the
front for the position of Census Enumer-
ator, notwithstanding the fact that no
order has yet been appointed for
the Congressional District, nor have the
requirements and qualifications of Enum-
erators been made known. Advices are
that it will require more than average
pull to secure an appointment as En-
umerator and that competitive examina-
tions will be held.

Some six weeks ago Lewis Dennis of
Philipsburg, Centre county, killed his
father Tuesday. The father—Samuel
Dennis—had been subject to epilepsy.
The son heard his mother call for help.
Entering her room he found his father
to be apparently gone insane and was
attempting to kill his wife. The son could not in-
duce his father to desist and was forced
to knock him with a chair. Mrs. Dennis
died from the shock.

Wednesday two men working at the
mansion of the cellar of the Barnett
building, in Bedford, became involved
in a discussion, and it is alleged that
Isaac Little struck John Marr on the
neck, cutting a gash as long as the blade
of a knife with which was used as a weapon,
Marr was taken home and is in a serious
condition. In the afternoon Justice
Reed took his deposition and there is
a report that the wound may prove fatal.
Little is under arrest.

Tuberculosis is now here when all citi-
zens should look well to the sanitary con-
dition of their premises. All refuse left
from the winter should be disposed
of in the cellars, yards, etc., thoroughly
cleaned and disinfected. Lime should
be freely scattered about the premises
and disease breeding germs killed be-
fore hot weather arrives, and thus
prevent an epidemic from breaking out
in Somerset, which now enjoys the repu-
tation of being one of the healthiest
towns in the state.

A dispatch from New York says: "A
large tract of coal, timber, and farming
land was sold at auction last Tuesday by
Samuel H. Muller & Son, at executor's
sale in the New York real-estate sales-
room, No. 111, Broadway. It comprises
about six thousand acres in Somerset
county, Pa., about two and a half miles
from the West Salisbury Station, on the
Salisbury Branch of the Baltimore &
Ohio Railroad. The land is underlaid
with bituminous coal, fire clay, iron ore,
and limestone, and is covered with val-
uable timber of various kinds. It was
purchased down to J. B. Coburn for $400,-
000."

The Superior court of this state has
handed down an opinion affirming
the action of the lower court in the case
of the borough of Lansdowne vs. the
Lansdowne Light Company of the same place
which decision the right of the borough
to collect $1 for each pole set within
the limits of the borough is affirmed. The
right of a borough to assess tax upon the
poles of an incorporation set within its
limits has been a disputed question, but
the decision settles the law in this re-
spect and boroughs made homely by the
unsightly poles in its streets and alley
may be recompensed by the laying of a
tax upon such poles.

There is in the State Treasury of Mon-
tana a fund of $30,000 in $1,000 bills, to
which neither the State nor anyone else
is entitled. This money is known as the
"Indian fund" and was turned over to a
committee appointed by the legislature
to investigate alleged bribery in the
senatorial contest which resulted in the
election of W. A. Clark. The money was
given to a State Senator who was after-
wards unseated on a contest by his Re-
publican opponent. The investigating
committee did not report until after Clark
was seated and the report was smothered.
The matter was then laid before the grand
jury which reported that it heard no evi-
dence, after examining forty witnesses,
on which any accused man could be con-
victed and returned no indictments.
Senator Clark claims that the money was
provided by his enemies in furtherance
of a conspiracy to defeat him by creating
a scandal.

The editor of the Eldorado (Kan.)
Times recently stepped on himself and
broke an ankle. Immediately, as he re-
lates in his paper, people commenced to
call on him to comfort him in his affliction.
About the first cheerful thing said
to nearly everybody was: "Well, you
may think you are suffering now, but
you will smell the bone commences to
knit." One sympathizing citizen who
had had two broken wrists, declared as
he looked upon the offerings of the edi-
tor that he could still feel those bones
aching clear to the shoulder. Another
knew a man who "had an ankle
broke just like yours, but he couldn't
walk off, and eventually it killed him."
"All these things," says the editor, "were
very kind as manifesting the sincerest sym-
pathy, but by the time the sympathizer
had got through the editor was reduced
to desperation, and for days and days
he looked anxiously forward to the time
when that painful knitting would com-
mence.

Mrs. Joseph R. Patton, of Pittsburg, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Uhl, on Main street.

Charles Ross, a member of the firm of Ross Bros., operating a planing mill at Shanksville, died on Tuesday, April 5th, aged 57 years.

Monday, April 3d, was the 80th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Philip Hay, one of the best known residents of Brothersvalley township. The occasion was celebrated by the family of the venerable gentleman, all of whom met at the old home.

Presiding Elder Theodore Bach, of the United Evangelical Church, who was stricken with paralysis several months ago at his home in Hyndman, Bedford county, is in Pittsburg for the purpose of consulting a specialist. Elder Bach is somewhat improved, but he is by no means a well man yet.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kooser, accompanied by their two daughters Misses Mary and Nellie, and by their son Captain F. O. Kooser, and Mr. Park Kooser and Misses Rebecca and Emma Kooser, formed a family party which left Monday for St. Louis, where they will be present at the marriage of Mr. H. B. Kooser, of Salt Lake City, and Miss Clara Warner, which will take place to-day in that city.

Engineer James. S. Haring arrived here last Thursday and immediately entered upon the work of making a survey of our streets preparatory to drawing plans and specifications for a system of public sewers. Mr. Haring estimates that from six to eight weeks will be required to do this work, and at the expiration of that time it is hoped matters will be in shape to advertise for bids for the construction of the system.

Director Jacob W. Peck and Attorney L. C. Colborn, of the Poor Board, visited Philadelphia last week for the purpose of consulting with the State Board of Lunacy in regard to erecting an addition to the County Hospital. The plans and specifications drawn by Architect Stoddard were approved, after a few minor changes suggested by the Board of Lunacy, had been made. Arrangements were made for taking care of all the county's chronic insane at home immediately after the new building has been finished.

A jury of six men who sat at the office of John R. Scott, Esq., one day last week to inquire into the mental condition of Joel Miller, Jr., of Greenville township, who, it is alleged is incapable of looking after his estate, was a remarkable gathering in at least one respect, the combined age of the jury aggregating 432 years, or an average of 72 years each. The gentlemen composing the jury were Major John M. Holderbaum, Alexander Benford, Josiah H. Pisel, Samuel P. Snyder, William B. Coffroth and Jacob Fleck.

While returning from a visit Monday to a patient at Sand Patch the team of Dr. Bruce Lichty, of Meyersdale, became ungovernable and so badly damaged the buggy that it could not be used. The Doctor and his driver, Charles Scott, walked to Sand Patch, where they boarded a train. Upon their arrival at Meyersdale Scott fell between the cars, which had not come to a standstill, and the wheels tore his left arm off close to the shoulder joint, and bruised him so severely about the head and chest that his recovery is doubtful.

The Bellefonte "Watchman" alleges that the Commissioners of Centre county report daily at their office merely for the purpose of drawing $10 50 per diem, whereas the actual public duties they discharge could easily be performed in two days of each week, and presents figures to show that one-fourth of the county's gross income is expended in handling the funds. A similar state of affairs exists in this county, and judging from the number of days put in by our Commissioners last year it will surprise no one if the "sham reformers" make an effort to have the calendar extended.

The old Coleman residence, about halfway between Somerset and Berlin, on the plank road, was burned to the ground between two and three o'clock last Wednesday afternoon. The property was recently vacated by D. P. McAllister and family and was being repaired by the owner—Frank Weimer, of Somerset—who had expected to move into it Thursday or Friday. Mr. Weimer, accompanied by his sister and several other ladies, drove out to the place Wednesday morning, and at that time there was no fire in the house. A watchman slept in the house every night since the McAllister family moved out. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, who did his work so carefully that no clue was left. The property was insured for $1,200, about one half its value. Mr. Weimer recently sold his Somerset residence to Sheriff Hartzell.

Austin Friedline's planing mill at Meyersdale was entirely destroyed by fire between the hours of two and three o'clock Saturday morning. The fire companies responded promptly to the alarm, but before they could make hose connections, the flames had gotten beyond hope of control, and the streams of water thrown upon the burning building went up in steam. The Friedline mill is said to have been the most complete mill in the county, having been equipped with modern machinery. The machinery alone is reported to have cost between $7,000 and $8,000, while the building and stock were valued at from $3,000 to $4,000 additional. Owing to the high rate exacted by insurance associations for risks of this character, Mr Friedline carried only $2,500 insurance on the property destroyed. The reflection of the flames in the sky was seen by a number of residents of Somerset.

George B. Keim, a former principal of the Somerset schools, but now engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Elkins, West Va., was here last week. Mr. Keim tells us that West Virginia now has a law which compels fire insurance companies to pay the full amount of their policies when the property insured is destroyed. This will cause insurance companies and their agents to be more careful in placing policies and will be a guarantee to the insured that he will get his money without a legal contest, if a loss occurs. Insurance "adjusters" have a better opportunity to get at the true value of property before a risk is taken than they have after the property is destroyed. If only the proper amount of insurance were carried upon property there would be fewer incendiary fires. Such a law is a protection not only to the insurance companies but to honest property holders. Pennsylvania should have a similar law.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley arrived in town Saturday evening. The former returned to New York yesterday and the latter will remain here for a week or ten days with her parents—Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Endsley. Mrs. McKinley is still suffering from the shock she sustained two weeks ago when the Windsor Hotel—in which the McKinleys had lived for a number of years—was destroyed by fire. The horrible sights she was forced to witness after being rescued from the burning building are indescribable and can never be effaced from her memory. Mrs. McKinley was compelled to see ladies with whom she was on terms of intimate friendship leap from six-story windows to the sidewalk and death, while others were being carried to places of safety by firemen. Fully two hours passed before she learned that her daughter Miss Mabel, had been rescued from the burning building and was safe. The McKinleys lost their entire wardrobes, the trunks belonging to them that were recovered contained garments that had been cast aside. In addition to losing their wardrobes they lost a great deal of valuable jewelry, the furniture in their apartments, bric-a-brac, etc. Mr. McKinley did not carry a penny of insurance on their personal property. Among the valuables found by the workmen employed at cleaning up the ruins of the hotel fire on last Wednesday was a box containing a few valuable jewels belonging to Mrs. McKinley which were restored to her uninjured.

Song for Charity.

The Children's Aid Society is under obligations to an entire stranger for a handsome contribution to the funds of that deserving charity, and the music loving people of Somerset are indebted to the same gracious lady for an evening's delightful entertainment. Mme. Vesta Dodge Hartzell, as she is known on the concert stage, is making a short visit at the home of her brother-in-law, Sheriff M. H. Hartzell, and when she learned that Somerset ladies are interested in a Society that is doing a great work in providing homes for orphaned and indigent children she kindly volunteered to appear at a concert which was given at the Opera House last evening, for their benefit. The occasions on which the people of this town have had an opportunity to hear vocalists having established reputations have been extremely rare, and it is quite certain that they never before had the pleasure of listening to a singer of Mme. Hartzell's acknowledged capability. Her audience was simply delighted. After studying under the best American instructors Mme. Hartzell went abroad where she continued her studies under European masters, since when she has appeared on the concert stage in nearly all of the large American cities. In addition to possessing a voice of wonderful flexibility Mme. Hartzell has a strikingly handsome presence, which coupled with her refined and charming manners, combine to make her an altogether fascinating woman. Her husband, Mr George Hartzell, will be remembered by many of our readers who knew him a number of years ago when he was a resident of this place.

Demand for Horses.

There has not been such good demand for horses known for years as prevails this spring. Prices are advancing rapidly for first class coach, driving and riding horses, while the general increase in business has caused a strong market for heavy draught horses. The farmers throughout the central west had to a large extent given up the raising of horses because of the low prices prevailing since 1893. The supply of good horses is not equal to the present demand. Statistics gathered by reliable horsemen indicate that the farmers throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have only a few horses to sell. They have made little effort to raise more than enough animals for their own use for the reason that they have not been able during the last five years to realize enough on their animals to pay for the trouble of breeding them. Horses are now selling from 40 to 50 per cent. higher than they were three years ago. It is said that there is a shortage of 80,000 horses in Ohio alone, and that there are not enough in that State to supply the demand, without figuring on the market outside of State boundaries.

Prices are not going to drop soon when it is considered that it takes four or five years to bring a horse to a marketable age. Everything points to higher prices, and owners of desirable animals need not fear but that they will be able to get good prices.

Seven Months School Term.

Governor Stone has signed the bill extending the minimum public school term in Pennsylvania to seven months, one month longer than at present. The new law goes into effect after the close of the school year, which ends the first Monday of the coming June.

School directors and controllers, beginning with the next term, will be required to keep the schools under their charge in operation at least seven months in each year, except in such districts where the maximum amount of the tax allowed by the law to be levied for school purposes, together with the amount of State appropriation to which the said districts are entitled, shall be found insufficient to keep the schools open a greater length of time than six months.

The bill was introduced by Representative Todd, of Lawrence, chairman of the House Committee on Education. Efforts to make the minimum term seven months have been made in every Legislature for the last 25 years.

Census Districts for 1900.

Director Merriam, of the Census Bureau at Washington, has divided the United States into three hundred districts for convenience in taking the census of 1900. Pennsylvania constitutes nineteen of these, and there will be a Supervisor for each district. That means that there will be nineteen pretty good jobs in this State to be given out some time within the next year, to say nothing about multitudes of smaller ones which are not bad.

Somerset county will form part of the Thirteenth District, the other counties included in it being Clearfield and Cambria. In 1890 the three had a population of 173,257. Other districts in this section of the State are: Twelfth—Blair, Bedford, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata, and Mifflin Counties; population 243,482. Sixteenth—Armstrong, Westmoreland, and Indiana counties; population, 201,-7[illegible]

Lady Maccabees.

The Maccabees will hold an open meeting to night in the court house, at which a number of prominent officers of that order will be present. Addresses will be delivered by Mrs. Lillian M. Hollister, Supreme Commander L. O. T. M. of the World; Miss Bina West, Supreme Record Keeper of the World, and Hon. N. S. Boynton, Supreme Commander of the World. A carefully arranged musical program will also be given.

LILLIAN M. HOLLISTER.

Mrs. Hollister and Miss West will organize a Hive of Lady Maccabees in Somerset.

A Course of Lectures on the Bible.

At the request of the Sunday School Association the pastors of the several churches in town have kindly consented to give on alternate Thursday evenings, beginning April 13th, a series of lectures on the Bible for the benefit of the teachers and Bible classes of the Sunday Schools and all others who desire to know more about this Book.

The course will be opened by Rev. Hiram King on Thursday evening next, in the Reformed church—Subject, "The Bible as the Word of God."

Dewey Day Proclaimed.

Governor Stone on Wednesday issued a proclamation designating Monday, May 1, as Dewey day, in accordance with the concurrent resolution introduced by Representative McWhinney, of Allegheny.

The proclamation recites that May 1 will be "the first anniversary of the victory of the American squadron commanded by Admiral George Dewey, in which the Spanish fleet was sunk in Manila harbor, one of the greatest achievements in naval warfare the world has ever known." He recommends its proper observance.

Fertilizers for all spring crops, ready for delivery and shipment, prices down to $13 and $1450 per ton. Available Dissolved Bone to $25 per ton. Potash fertilizer, Muriate Potash and Plaster.

A. C. DAVIS, Somerset, Pa.

NO SMALLPOX IN HOOVERSVILLE.

Cases That Were Reported Proved to be Mild.

A Hooversville correspondent writes as follows in the Johnstown Democrat, Monday: The people of Hooversville are about over their smallpox scare. It was rumored in Stoystown that there are 30 cases of the dread disease in our town. This is untrue and we would be pleased to know from what source they get their information. There were two families affected with some skin disease when the health officers investigated. But at this writing there is but one family afflicted. Peter Boyer, who, it was claimed by the health officers, was in a serious condition, is getting along very nicely and expects to get out next week. Samuel Gindlesperger's family is well. Mr. Gindlesperger went to the woods this morning to haul logs. Dr. I. C. Barlott did not diagnose the cases as smallpox, as was stated by some previous writer. He called the disease a pustular contagious disease.

The majority of the citizens do not believe there is a single case of smallpox in town. If the above named persons had smallpox there would be very few families in our town that would not have it, as quite a number of persons went to see both families while they were sick. It was reported in several papers that Peter Boyer's case was a serious one, but they failed to mention that he was able to wait on himself the whole time he was sick. Since all of our sick are able to be out again and there are no new cases added to the sick list, we feel confident that there has not been one case of smallpox in our town, although some of our prominent doctors diagnosed several cases as smallpox. The symptoms are the same, while the blossoms are not. The disease, what ever it may be, is very mild and only in case of exposure does it become more severe.

DR. BARLOTT'S STATEMENT.

Dr. I. C. Barlott, of Hooversville, writes to the Democrat as follows: "We are about over our smallpox. We will open our churches and Sunday schools. We think it is not necessary for the postmaster of Stanton's Mills to have the mail route changed from Hooversville to Holsopple. He will not get the smallpox."

Something for Nothing.

To get something for nothing is contrary to the laws of nature and mankind; if you want a Range, that is a good baker and a perfect roaster, try the Cinderella; it is sold at a fair price, and will give you good service. It lightens labor and lessens care. Sold by

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM, Somerset, Pa.

Jenners Jottings.

It has been so long since anything has appeared in the county press from this village, formerly known as Jenner X Roads, situated in the centre of a great Republican stronghold, that I have concluded to contribute a few items to the paper that has a larger circulation in this district than all of the other county papers combined.

Jenners as it is now known on the postal map has two of the best general stores in the county. The establishment conducted by Jacob Hoffman & Sons was founded 65 years ago by the late Edmund Kiernan, who was succeeded by Register and Recorder James M. Cover. During its long career this store has occupied an enviable position and the Messrs. Hoffman declare that it shall lose none of its prestige while it continues under their management.

J. A. Risinger is the proprietor of the second large mercantile establishment, which was founded by himself and a partner, J. J. Mishler, who retired from business several years ago. Risinger is a hustler and dispenses justice in connection with merchandise.

Our two large furniture stores would be a credit to towns many times the size of Jenners. The Somerset street store was established 50 years ago by Henry Hoffman and is now conducted by Isaac Friedline. Graham Hoffman, a son of Henry, conducts the other establishment, and it is up to date.

Jenners supports three blacksmith shops, where the ring of the hammer and anvil can be heard at all hours of the day, a splendid evidence that the proprietors are kept busy and are good mechanics, who can make any and everything in their line.

Two planing mills furnish finished lumber and building materials for the people of this vicinity and adjoining districts.

A thoroughly equipped Elgin butter factory churns the farmer's cream into gilt edged table butter and furnishes a home market for the dairy.

Two steam chopping mills have been erected since the holidays and both are doing a prosperous business.

Robert Shanlis, the jeweler and watchmaker, keeps the family clocks and watches in repair and has been instrumental in preserving the peace in numerous households, where the head of the establishment has learned to rely on his chronometer instead of the antiquated dinner bell.

Because four physicians are located here is no reason why Jenners should be looked upon as being an unhealthy town; the fact is just the reverse. The healers of bodily ils seek healthy locations the same as other people. The neighboring town of Jennertown would be an earthly paradise in case the people of that community would exchange several of the four gentlemen who minister to the spiritual welfare of the people for others who would look after their bodily ailments.

We have one shoemaker shop, established more than sixty years ago by William Gilbert, and now conducted under the name of Gilbert & Son. The senior member of the firm enjoys a reputation for good work that has continued for half a century.

Chambers Kautz has conducted a saddler establishment here for the past 40 years and has no idea of removing to a more populous centre, as his business continues to be good.

Jenners' two undertakers are both excellent mechanics and never fail to give satisfaction. It is said that neither of them has ever heard a complaint from their many customers.

Our hotel, one of the oldest and best-conducted in the county, is now under the management of Michael Sipe, a genial boniface, who numbers his friends by the hundreds.

A tin shop is an innovation dating back about a year, but judging from the trade already established it is to become a permanent fixture.

Madam Rumor says that Jenners will be connected up with the other towns of the county by 'phone this summer.

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Bright Women

Who are anxious to accomplish the best results, for the least money, should examine the Cinderella Range before they buy; it is a good baker and a perfect roaster, and every new feature of practical worth is embodied into its construction. It has pleased thousands of housewives, and will please you. Sold by

JAS. B. HOLDERBAUM, Somerset, Pa.

Storeroom and Residence for Rent.

I will rent my storeroom and residence on Main Cross street. Immediate possession given.

L. W. BREHM.

Somerset Buggy Company, Somerset Pa.

Have for sale and exchange, Buggies, Road and Farm Wagons, Harness, etc. Buggies are up to date in Style, Trimming, Painting and Finish. Sold at Bottom prices.

The manufactures of our Farm Wagon, claim for it Larger Hub, only perfect Wagon Skein in use, and lightest draft in the market. Call and see us. Truly yours.

A. C. DAVIS, Manager.

2 Squares South of Diamond.

SMALLPOX AT WINDBER.

Twenty-Six Cases Reported at the Big Coal Town in Paint Township.

STEPS TAKEN TO STAMP OUT THE DISEASE.

Reports of a startling character come from Windber relating to the epidemic of smallpox at that place. Careful investigation by Johnstown and Windber physicians has disclosed 26 cases of smallpox and at least six cases in the Cambria county town of Scalp Level. One death from smallpox occurred Monday night. The Windber public schools have been closed, although the term would have come to an end in nine days.

Jacob W. Peck and Maunsses Shoemaker visited Windber Monday afternoon and held a consultation with Berwind-White officials, citizens and physicians. Director Adam S. Miller was unable to attend the meeting on account of sickness.

It was finally decided that General Manager Cunningham, of the Berwind-White Company, should appoint necessary deputies to guard the infected houses, purchase needed supplies, and use every means in his discretion to stamp out the disease, the Poor Directors agreeing to defray the expense of only such patients as are in indigent circumstances and after they have obtained warrants from the county authorities. Mr. Cunningham will have a new posthouse erected, to be much larger than the one built several weeks ago. It will have quarters for 20 patients with rooms set apart for housekeepers and nurses.

One report from the infected district says that no trains will be run over the Scalp Level branch of the Pennsylvania railroad until the disease has been gotten under control and that a rigid quarantine will be established by the people of the surrounding country.

A correspondent writing from Felix says that the report sent out from there stating that a man named Seese and nine children were afflicted with a skin disease, suspected of being smallpox, was unfounded, since Mr. Seese has only three children.

Now that smallpox has made its appearance in Somerset county it devolves upon the Board of Health to take immediate steps to prevent the disease from reaching this place.

"GO TELL AUNT NANCY."

Five Gray Geese Belonging to a Farmer Shot by Local Sportsmen.

The long and uninterrupted friendship existing between a Somerset township farmer and a well-known mechanic of this place is said to have been the only obstacle in the way of an interesting suit at law, which would have involved at least two other well-known gentlemen, and would have compelled the court to pass upon the right of sportsmen to slaughter domestic fowls when under the impression that they are shooting legitimate game, as well as to interpret other obscure features of the game laws of Pennsylvania.

The conditions last Saturday morning were such as to tempt indifferent shots, to say nothing of those who qualified as marksmen in Uncle Sam's volunteer army, to visit the creek circling the east end of town, which was swollen beyond its banks by recent showers, in search of wild ducks and wild geese. The crack of numerous old muskets and shot guns told them that the highly prized web-footed fowls were a-wing and traveling towards their summer home in the north, and, therefore, it is not surprising that two of the gentlemen above referred to were seen in the gray mist of early morning stealthily picking their steps along the sinuous stream. A mile north of town they descried four objects gracefully gliding through the water, obscured now and then by clumps of bushes that grow along the banks. A whispered word of caution from the one in advance and the hunters dropped on their knees and in this position moved slowly and silently upon the unsuspecting fowls. Suddenly a third hunter appeared, partly concealed behind the brush ahead, and by his side was seen a fine big goose. It was a question now of who could fire first to kill the four geese in the stream and the Somerset sportsmen banged away simultaneously with their double-barreled shot guns, with the result that the geese dropped their heads and floated lifelessly with the current. It required only a few minutes to recover the game and pass a string between their bills, and shortly afterwards the Somerset sportsmen were retracing their steps each carrying a brace of geese over his left shoulder.

And maybe they were not proud of their success, if for no other reason than the fact that wild geese rarely visit the streams of this region and stories of their having been shot hereabouts are confined to a select few fishermen. The sportsmen came marching into town with an unmistakable air that spoke louder than any words they might have uttered and triumphantly deposited their trophies on the scales in Zeigler & Parson's meat-market. After it was ascertained that the four geese weighed 38 pounds they were suspended on hooks in front of the shop, where they attracted the attention of all who passed by. Many of those who inspected the fowls gravely shook their heads, and one old farmer was heard remark "that is the kind of game, these wild turkey hunters shoot in my barnyard."

Shortly after 10 a. m. our Somerset township farmer friend drove around the First National Bank corner. The geese came in his line of vision. Promptly he drew rein and dismounting from his wagon made straight for the butcher-shop, where he demanded to know "Who killed my geese?" He identified each one of the four by peculiar patches of brown feathers marking their backs and crests, and then turning to one of the fowls pointed out where he had cut its left wing in order to better identify it, "But where is the old gander?" he continued in an angry tone, "I've fed him for full fifteen years and he knows my voice and comes when I call."

The aged farmer's rage was mollified when he learned that his favorite gander had been shot by a neighbor and that the other fowls had suffered a similar fate at the hands of two local hunters, one of whom is a fast friend, and that all had been killed under the mistaken notion that they were wild geese. The hunters paid a round sum for the fowls, and would cheerfully pay treble that amount if they could escape from the laugh the boys have on them.

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FIGHTING THE FILIPINOS.

"Soldier Joe" Writes, Describing Stirring Scenes in and Around Manila.

MANILA, P. I. Feb. 24, 1899.

It was General Sherman who observed "War is hell," and the statement is as true now as when the grizzled old warrior uttered it, especially when war is being waged in a hot climate like this. Here we have to deal with people who are only half civilized, treacherous, and, it is scarcely necessary to add, devoid of all knowledge or respect for the laws of modern warfare, not even showing respect for a flag of truce which they hang in front of their "shacks" and shoot from behind it. This is not only the case in Manila, but out on the firing line as well, and this fact has made the present war more cruel than it otherwise would be, because it has rendered imperative the burning of hundreds of native huts and driving the occupants into the world to fight against starvation, and probably causing the death of many innocent people. Buildings are burned every day after it has been ascertained that they gave shelter to insurgent spies, and in return the insurgent sympathisers have burned buildings in the heart of the city in attempts to drive the American forces out. Fires have broken out in the vicinity of headquarters several times, and only night before last we had everything packed up ready to move, but after an all-night fight the fire was conquered just before the flames reached our building. There is great danger on account of the narrow streets and the inflammable character of the buildings, together with an inefficient fire department.

The natives are so treacherous that desperate means have to be resorted to, and many unpleasant duties fall to the lot of the troops. Every person must be off the streets at 7 o'clock in the evening or take his chances of being killed. Strict orders have been issued to kill every insurgent seen on top of a building or acting in a suspicious manner after dark, and it is needless to add that when an insurgent makes a "crooked" move he is not given time to say "Jack Robinson." The soldiers who are policing the city have as hard work as, if not more trying than their comrades on the firing line, as the insurgent sympathisers resort to all kinds of means to smuggle arms through the lines. Yesterday 500 prisoners were taken in the city and 100 insurgents were killed. Houses are searched every day with plenty of success for arms and ammunition, many of them being regular arsenals, with knives predominating among the weapons. And so it goes every day—murder, killing natives, and fires—until one gets weary. We can hold our lines extending twenty miles against all of the Filipinos on the island.

Up to this time the volunteers have been in the front of the fighting and all talk of their wanting to come home is "bosh." The praise the Tenth has received from the commanding General shows that we have been doing our share, and are ready to do still more. I believe that not less than 10,000 insurgents have been killed, wounded and taken prisoner since the trouble with them began, but it is altogether probable that three times that number will suffer a similar fate before peace is restored.

JOE.

Mrs A E UHL

FIRST of all I wish to return my sincere thanks to my friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness tendered during my illness, lasting over ten weeks. Having got back to the store again I will be glad to welcome you all, and with the help of efficient assistants will be able to serve all my friends promptly.

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Mrs. A. E Uhl.

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E. E. PRITTS, County Superintendent of Somerset County.

April 11, '99, 3t.

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