Somerset Herald.

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THURSDAY.....April 19, 1899.

Somerset borough school term of [illegible] yesterday.

[illegible] was first discovered in [illegible], and was taken to England in [illegible] of the sixteenth century, [illegible] it has been acclimated in near[illegible] of the world.

[illegible] Eliks love Dr. Wood's Nor[illegible] Syrup. Pleasant to take; per[illegible]; positive cure for coughs, [illegible] bronchitis, asthma.

[illegible] the Mexican war the cork leg and [illegible] from General Santa Anna [illegible] in the war museum of Springfield, Ill. It is now proposed to send [illegible] back to the family of the General.

[illegible] are killed, the strawberry crop [illegible], and there is but little prospect [illegible]. If anything should happen [illegible] we will begin to hear [illegible] about the black man's burden.

[illegible] for all spring crops, ready [illegible] and shipment, prices down [illegible] Acid Bone. 14 per [illegible] for a ton Dissolved Bone. 14 per [illegible] Available Acid to $25 for Potato [illegible]. Have Muriate Potash and [illegible] Plaster.

A. C. DAVIS, Somerset, Pa.

[illegible] season opened on the 15th [illegible] and will close July 15. Persons [illegible] fishing for trout at other times are [illegible] a fine of $10 and costs for each [illegible]. The amended game law [illegible] constables, who know of violations [illegible] game laws and do not arrest the [illegible] parties to the crime.

[illegible] the assessors returns it is learned [illegible] during the past year there were [illegible] births and 377 deaths in Bedford [illegible], making an increase of 486 in the [illegible]. Only three districts out of [illegible], Bedford, Schellsburg and [illegible] boroughs, had fewer births [illegible] deaths. Broad Top heads the list [illegible] a census of ninety-five births.

[illegible] bee carries his market basket [illegible] his hind legs. Any one examining [illegible] of the bee through a microscope will observe that on the hind legs [illegible] creature there is a fringe of stiff [illegible] on the surface, the hairs approaching [illegible] each other at the tips, so as to form a [illegible] of cups. This is the bee's basket, and [illegible] after a successful journey, he will [illegible] enough pollen to last him two or [illegible] days.

[illegible] James B. Sipe & Co., Allegheny, [illegible] to introduce "Sipe's Japan [illegible] and to demonstrate practically its [illegible] they ever linseed oil for all kinds [illegible] painting, will send free of charge [illegible] enough to paint an ordinary building [illegible] the two first addresses received [illegible] property owners in reply to this.

[illegible] exchange aptly remarks: Cards of [illegible] to neighbors and friends for [illegible] received on occasions of death [illegible] bereavement, printed in a public [illegible] paper, are in very bad form. There [illegible] necessity for them. We are not [illegible] in a barbaric community. We [illegible] among civilized people where [illegible] neighbors and friends gladly and [illegible] under all the kindness they [illegible] of bereavement. They don't [illegible] a word of public thanks and it's [illegible] to make one.

[illegible] Senate has signed the resolution [illegible] authorizing thirteen members of the [illegible] Senate and House to represent the [illegible] State, without any expense to the [illegible] State, at the unveiling of the Grant Monument in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia, [illegible] 17. He has also authorized the [illegible] of a commission to confer [illegible] similar committees from other States [illegible] a view to amending the Federal [illegible] so as to bring about the election [illegible] President and Vice President and United [illegible] Senators by a direct vote of the [illegible].

[illegible] Little Colds." Thousands of lives [illegible] every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds, cures [illegible] colds too, down to the very verge of [illegible].

[illegible] United States Senator H. A. W. [illegible], of Colorado, died at the age of 68 [illegible] of appendicitis, last Wednesday [illegible] at the Windsor hotel in Denver. [illegible] was serving as postmaster of [illegible] having been appointed by President McKinley. He was at one time a [illegible] millionaire, but lost his immense [illegible] through speculation. He was a [illegible] of Orleans county, Vermont, and [illegible] a political and mining pioneer of [illegible], having come here in 1859. He [illegible] only one month as United States [illegible] for an unexpired term, in 1883.

[illegible] the hotel of H. A. Luther, at Nicksburg, the Ebensburg Mountaineer [illegible] there are two spouts, the water [illegible] of which runs into the Black[illegible] and the other in Chest Creek—western and eastern streams, respectively. [illegible] Luther farm, in Carroll township, [illegible] stand and cast a stone into [illegible] waters of three different streams, [illegible] flow into the Chest Creek, Black[illegible] and Susquehanna. As is well [illegible], a ship placed in the spring on the [illegible] side of the railroad at Wintersville, [illegible] Ebensburg, will find its way to the [illegible], while another floated in the [illegible] on the south side will travel to the [illegible] of Mexico.

[illegible] a bill under consideration in [illegible] Legislature of interest to barbers. [illegible] the proposed law it will be necessary [illegible] subject the shaving brush to a [illegible] bath every time it is used, while [illegible] used upon a customer must be [illegible] into an antiseptic solution before [illegible] applied to another man's face. Individual cups must be used, as no two [illegible] are to be shaved with lather from [illegible] cup, while fresh soap must be [illegible] with each customer. A fresh towel [illegible] must be provided for each person [illegible]. Combs, brushes and other implements must be steamed and thoroughly [illegible]. In order to secure the enforcement of this law three inspectors [illegible] be appointed and it will be their [illegible] to inspect shops in their districts just as is [illegible] by the factory inspectors.

[illegible] town council of Greensburg last [illegible] passed a resolution directing the [illegible] officers of that place to rigidly enforce [illegible] act of 1895, which provides that [illegible] tramp, suspicious person or persons [illegible] visible means of support, wandering abroad, shall be arrested by any [illegible] or police officer, and shall be [illegible] before a justice of the peace or [illegible] committing officer, and upon being [illegible], said committing officer shall [illegible] him to labor upon the public [illegible], for a term not less than 30 days [illegible] not more than six months. After ten [illegible] the term of sentence can be shortened [illegible] amount of good behavior, or upon [illegible] furnishment of a bond that the vagrant will not become a charge upon the [illegible] county within one year. The [illegible] provides that any officer refusing to make the arrest of a hobo on [illegible], shall be fined $10, which fine shall [illegible] pay into the poor fund of the county.

"The Story of the Captains" in the May [illegible] will mark the climax of that [illegible] Spanish War series, giving, [illegible] pages, an account by every American [illegible] officer but one of the part [illegible] by his ship in the famous fight off [illegible], that resulted in the annihilation [illegible] Cervera's fleet. Captain Evans describes the doings of the "Iowa," Captain [illegible] of the "Indiana," Captain (now Rear-Admiral) Philip of the "Texas," [illegible] Clark of the "Brooklyn," Captain [illegible] of the "New York," and Lieutenant-Commander Wainwright of the "Gloucester," while Captain Clark of the "Oregon" unfolds Lieutenant Eberle's story of the "Oregon," and contributes a criticism of the Spanish admiral's strategy. The text of this novel group of first-hand accounts of one of the most remarkable naval battles ever fought is profusely illustrated with portraits, drawings and photographs, the latter from snapshots made from each one of the ships during the progress of the fight.

Mrs. Mary Belle Johnston, of Pittsburg, is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Kimmel, on Main Cross Street.

Misses Nannie Pritts and Clara Rhoads spent Saturday and Sunday in Rockwood, where they were the guests of Miss Nora Walter.

Contractor Shank has completed the new United Evangelical Church, and it will be open for regular services on next Sunday.

The Directors of the Poor advertise elsewhere in this issue for sealed proposals for the erection of an addition to the Somerset County Hospital.

Capt. Wm. M. Schrock is performing the duties of clerk to the County Commissioners during the temporary absence of Clerk Emert, who is a candidate for Prothonotary.

"Lew" Vannear, formerly associated with his father in the management of the Hotel Vannear, but now engaged in the lumber business in Jenner township, was in town yesterday.

The many friends throughout the county of Mr. William Flick, the venerable hotel-keeper at New Centreville, will be pained to learn that he is seriously sick from heart disease.

Dr. U. M. Beachley, notice of whose serious sickness was made in these columns several weeks ago, has been hovering between life and death since last week. The watchers at his bedside have abandoned all hope for his recovery.

Miss Anna C. Patton, one of the most popular of the local public school teachers, will open a select school in the Academy building, on Monday, May 1st. Pupils from rooms five, six and seven will be admitted. Term six weeks.

A force of workmen were employed Monday repairing the old cast-iron fence enclosing the Court House square. The custodians of the public grounds would earn the thanks of the general public by having the unsightly fence removed and sold for scrap.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kooser, who were married last Wednesday in St. Louis, arrived here Saturday evening and are guests at the residence of the former's brother, F. J. Kooser, Esq. A reception in honor of the bride and groom was given by Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Kooser Monday night.

A recent act passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Stone is of general interest to tax collectors. It enables tax collectors in cities, boroughs and townships to proceed and collect taxes for which they have become personally responsible after the warrants issued have expired.

Mr. Robert F. Whitmer, of Philadelphia, representing the Bethel Coal Company, whose mines are at Holsopple, went to Davidsville a few days ago and purchased extensive coal lands from the Kaufman estate and others for the use of the Company. The price paid has not been made public.

A dispatch from Ligonier published in Pittsburg Sunday papers says: W. H. Ruppel, an attorney of Somerset, was here yesterday looking for a site to locate the extensive saw mills, which will be built in connection with the new railroad out to the Laurel Hill timber lands. Ligonier will make an effort to have the mills locate here.

While felling trees near Andrew Wineman's saw mill, at Youngwood, Westmoreland county, last Wednesday, A. C. Miller had his right arm broken in two places above the elbow, his leg broken in three places between the knee and hip joint, his collar bone broken, and otherwise bruised by being caught by a falling tree. Some of the broken bones protruded through the man's clothing. Mr. Miller is a native of Jefferson township, this county. He has been in the employ of Andrew Wineman during the past six years. He is unmarried and about thirty-four years of age.

The Somerset County Telephone Company has mapped out several extensions for the coming summer, the most notable being a proposed extension of its wires from Listie to Windber, where connection will be made with the Johnstown Telephone Company, which when made will give local patrons means of communication with Johnstown and adjacent towns. The line will pass through Friedens, Stoyestown, Hooversville and Benson, and a wire will probably be strung from Stoyestown to Jenners. Extensions of the Company's lines in the south of the county are also being considered and it is altogether likely that Markleton, Ursina and Confluence will be included in the circuit before fall.

A wedding of more than ordinary local interest will be solemnized at half-past one o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 27th, when Miss Edna Elizabeth Baer will become the bride of Doctor Robert Gilbert Furst. Miss Baer is the youngest of four daughters of Judge and Mrs. William J. Baer, and is one of the most intellectual and accomplished, as well as one of the prettiest young ladies, in Somerset society. The groom is a practicing physician in Lock Haven, Pa., and is wellknown here, having frequently visited at the residence of Dr. J. W. Carothers, whose wife is Mr. Furst's eldest sister. The wedding is to be a home affair, for which invitations were issued Monday.

Attorney Richard B. Scandrett yesterday received a letter from Lieut. Col. Jas. Barnett, of the Tenth Pennsylvania volunteers, now in the Philippines, requesting Mr. Scandrett to purchase a long barreled and long-range carbine for his own use in fighting. Col. Barnett stated in his letter that he found his sword of about as much use as a tin ornament against the Mauser bullets of the enemy, and that he was anxious to be equipped so that he could do more practical fighting than swing a sword. Mr. Scandrett will forward the gun at once, so that the fighting officer can have some use of it before hostilities are ended. It will be so arranged that Col. Barnett can strap it to his back when not in action. Col. Barnett stated that the boys of the regiment were in good health and did not want to come home until all fighting was ended. —Pittsburg Times.

Esquire Daniel W. Will, of New Centreville, was the victim of an accident on last Wednesday which, it is feared, will prove fatal. Mr. Will and his nephew, Ernest Miller, on that day were employed conveying a lot of furniture and household goods from the railroad station at Rockwood to New Centreville for Mr. John H. Benford, who has removed from Johnstown to that village. When descending a hill two miles east of New Centreville Mr. Will requested his nephew to ease up on the brake, when the heavily-loaded wagon pushed forward with a sudden start onto the horses' heels, throwing him under one of the front wheels. Young Miller tugged hard on the brake and brought the wagon to a stand still, and then, exerting his full strength, succeeded in lifting the wheel, which was holding Mr. Will firmly to the ground, high enough for the unfortunate man to drag his body from under it. Mr. Will was unable to walk, and had to be lifted onto the wagon, when he was taken to his home, and Dr. W. H. Gardner, of Rockwood, was sent for. Dr. Gardner found that his left kidney had been ruptured, and that he had suffered other serious internal injuries. On Friday Dr. J. W. Carothers, of Somerset, was called in consultation with the attending physician. The physicians say that while the chances are largely against Mr. Will's recovering, owing to his enfeebled condition, resulting from a gunshot wound received in the civil war, the injuries he sustained last week should not necessarily prove fatal.

The news of Mr. Will's injury has evoked the liveliest interest in the south of the county, were he has long been looked upon as a leading citizen, and where his counsel and advice have been eagerly sought by a host of friends. He is fifty-eight years of age, and served a term as County Superintendent.

SICK MAN'S LONG JOURNEY.

Carried Eighteen Miles Over Mountains on Stretcher.

To suffer 37 years from the effects of an injury is something few men are called upon to endure, but to be carried on a stretcher over 18 miles of country roads in the hopes of finding relief is indeed a novel experience, says the Johnstown Democrat of Monday, but that is exactly what Henry Gonder of Jenners, Somerset county, went through Friday, when 13 of his neighbors conveyed him from his home to the Memorial hospital in this city.

Gonder is 49 years of age. When he was a lad of 11 years he injured his left leg in a friendly tussle with companions. "White swelling" developed later, and finally the bones of the leg became diseased. For a long time he has been practically helpless. He finally decided to come to the Memorial hospital for treatment, but on account of his injury he knew he could not stand the jolting incident to his being conveyed here in any kind of a vehicle. His neighbors came to his aid and a stretcher was improvised.

Sixteen men were in the party that brought him to the city, all working in shifts of six. Two wagons accompanied the party, and the 16 men extra were conveyed in these by turns. The party left the residence of Frederick Gonder, father of Henry, Friday morning at 9:40 o'clock, and arrived at the hospital at 1:20 p. m., carrying the man the entire distance over the mountainous roads which, at this season of the year, are in bad condition.

The men who carried Gonder were W. F. Gonder, Newton and Ed Gonder, Reuben Shaffer, John Hoffman, Harvey Spigel, James Thomas, Ed Shaffer, Ed. Mowery, Oliver Peterson, Irvin Biesecker, Jesse Cover, Harry Bell, Mr. Miller, Mr. Herring and a young man whose name could not be learned.

Mr. Gonder stood the trip remarkably well. To-morrow Dr. A. N. Wakefield will amputate the diseased leg at the hip, and it is believed that an early recovery will follow.

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 1/4 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.

Recent Deaths.

John Thomas, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home near Draketown, Lower Turkeyfoot township, on April 10th. The funeral services and interment took place at the Jersey Church, on the 13th, being conducted by Rev. James R. Brown, chaplain of Post No. 261, G. A. R., assisted by Rev. Vanaman, who, also, is a war veteran.

Deceased had been a member of the Baptist Church for more than 50 years and lead a consistent christian life. He was a quiet, unassuming citizen who did his duty and bore his misfortunes uncomplainingly, having been a sufferer from injuries received in the battle of Chickamauga, while on detail delivering ammunition on the firing line. Like many other worthy soldiers he was unable to prove his claim under the old law, and was deprived of a pension until recently when he was allowed a small amount under the law of 1890. His voucher due April 4th came just prior to his death, but death was so swift that he did not endorse it, although he had a pen in his hand ready to do so.

Comrade Thomas was one of four brothers who served in the Union army. One brother sleeps in the National Cemetery at Arlington (General Lee's old home), his death resulting from injuries received in the battle of Ball's Bluff. They were sons of Rev. John Thomas, who preached for the Turkeyfoot Church in 1833 and 1834, and who rode on horseback from this region to Richmond, Va., to fill his appointments there. The minutes of the Jersey Church, Nov. 6, 1833, after describing the meeting held that day and stating that "quite a number of visiting brethren were present from Sandy Creek and George's Creek," conclude as follows: "We have reason to believe that the Lord was in our midst; the meeting was closed in solemn prayer by our much esteemed brother John Thomas," who was pastor at that time.

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Mary Susan, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Yoder, died at the home of her parents in Somerset township, Saturday morning, aged three years. Mr. Yoder is a tenant on ex-Sheriff Hoover's farm.

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Kate, wife of Amos Harshberger, died at her home in Davidsville, at 11 o'clock Friday night. Death resulted from a complication of diseases. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sem Kauffman, of Conemaugh township, and was about thirty-five years of age. She is survived by her parents and the following brothers and sisters: Bennet, of Millin, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Bloom, who resides in the west; Mrs. Henry Rash, Isaac, Noah and Daniel Kaufman, of Conemaugh township.

Council Proceedings.

At the regular meeting of town council Thursday evening bills for police service, water engineer's service, electric light service, printing and several minor items were approved.

The street commissioner presented a bill for a sidewalk in front of the old Reformed Church property on Patriot street, amounting to some $30 which was approved. Council ordered that a lien be entered against this property, which it appears the local Reformed congregation has abandoned. A portion of the ground was formerly used as a cemetery, but in recent years a number of the bodies buried there have been removed to other burial grounds.

The contract of James S. Haring, sanitary engineer, was read and referred to the borough solicitor for his approval.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the secretary to give the required notice to the holders of all borough water bonds to present them for payment on or before June 30th, at which time council propose to refund the water bonds, now bearing 5 per cent. interest and State tax at a lower rate of interest.

The usual annual appropriation of $120 was voted the Board of Health.

A resolution was adopted restricting the Street Commissioner from performing work on the public highways or streets until authorized to do so by the council.

The Value of Taxpayers' Associations.

The refusal of the Carbon County Commissioners to publish the County Auditors' report, says the Philadelphia Inquirer, has so excited the indignation of certain taxpayers that there is talk of forming an association to watch the public accounts.

Such an association should be formed in every county in the State. In Schuylkill, where there has been one for some years, excellent results have been obtained under the intelligent and careful leadership of Mr. William Sheaffer. The mere knowledge that competent men are watching them makes public officials more careful, as indeed it does all men in responsible positions. While there may be nothing wrong in Carbon it would injure no one to have men who understand the keeping of accounts go all over county reports for errors. Meantime, why did the Carbon County Commissioners refuse to print the Auditors' report? Was it for economic reasons?

It is reported that the Pennsylvania Railroad company has sold the grounds and buildings of the Mountain House, at Cresson, to the United States government, which, it is said, proposes to establish there a home for disabled soldiers of the Spanish-American war.

Jurors for May Term.

The following named gentlemen have been drawn to serve as jurors at the regular term of court, commencing on Monday, May 22, 1899:

GRAND JURORS.

Addison—Calvin Livengood.
Berlin Borough—Wm. Spencer, Walter Sorber.
Brothersvalley—Nevin Altfather, Joseph Hanger.
Conemaugh—Levi M. Thomas.
Confluence Borough—Hiram France.
Elk Lick—Samuel Ringler, Mahlon Whistler.
Greenville—Francis Lint.
Jenner—A. E. Fritz.
Lower Turkeyfoot—John Firestone, Joseph Tannehill.
Meyersdale Borough—J. J. Stotler, John N. Cover.
Milford—Appleton Will.
Quemahoning—W. J. Blancet.
Salisbury Borough—P. S. Hay.
Somerset—C. J. Miller.
Southampton—James Boyer.
Summit—S. U. Saylor.
Shade—Joseph Oldham.
Upper Turkeyfoot—W. F. Wiltrout.
Ursina Borough—William Alcott.

PETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

Addison—Andrew Matthews, John F. Wilkens.
Allegheny—Henry J. Baer, James Glessner, Amos Ware,
Berlin Borough—Dennis Hay.
Black—Jonathan Hauger.
Brothersvalley—James P. Brant, Samuel Stuck, Hiram J. Rhodamier.
Conemaugh—L. W. Livingstone, John M. Eash, Charles Yeoman.
Confluence Borough—L. L. Mountain.
Elk Lick—Boaz Trent, Phineas Compton, William Wagner.
Fairhope—W. J. Doremer, John W. Hulson, Urias Poorbaugh.
Jenner—Jacob Hoffman, Joseph Saylor, M. L. Weighley.
Jefferson—Alvin Armstrong, J. W. Barkley.
Lincoln—S. P. Baker.
Lower Turkeyfoot—Christopher King.
Meyersdale Borough—William H. Hay, John C. Hochstetler.
Milford—James Barron, Walter Flick.
Paint—Ed. A. Heuneberger, William Penrod.
Rockwood Borough—Zach Snyder.
Shade—A. J. Mock, Joseph Miller.
Summit—Samuel Ferril, John W. Breskey, Austin Miller, John C. Engle.
Somerset Borough—John Pugh, Albert Huston, S. S. Miller.
Somerset—Harvey J. Fritz.
Stonycreek—Alex Shaulis, E. S. Trent.
Upper Turkeyfoot—Jacob Phillippi.

PETIT JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

Addison—Urias Ringer, John Rirgler.
Allegheny—Jacob Speicher.
Berlin Borough—H. F. Lease, Robert C. Heffley, John C. Engle.
Conemaugh—Levi L. Yoder,
Elk Lick—John Rodamer, L. A. Peck.
Greenville—Fred Durr.
Hooversville Borough—John Shaffer.
Jefferson—Harvey Shaulis, Jonathan Friedline.
Jenner—Jesse Christ, John W. Hoffman, Newton Gonder.
Lincoln—J. H. Jacobs, M. J. Shaulis.
Middlecreek—William Sanner.
Meyersdale Borough—Noah Caton, Henry H. Stahl.
New Baltimore Borough—A. P. Rifle.
Northampton—Jacob Emerick, W. H. Bittner.
Paint—J. A. Weaver.
Quemahoning—Peter Blough, Joseph Maurer, Simon Shenck.
Rockwood Borough—Solomon Snyder.
Somerset—Grant Heiple.
Somerfield Borough—T. J. Jacobs.
Stoyestown Borough—Edward Smith, Cornelius Bender.
Southampton—Simon Lepley.
Summit—H. M. Schrock, N. J. Kretchman, Jacob Lohr.
Stonycreek—E. E. Spangler.
Upper Turkeyfoot—Jerry Cramer.

Future of the Bicycle.

It is agreed by all bicycle manufacturers that the 1899 models represent the perfect wheel. Improvement seems to be impossible. Precisely the same thing is true of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It represents the limits of science in overcoming disease, and it is impossible to make a better medicine for the stomach, liver, kidneys and blood. A few doses of the Bitters will start weak, nervous and bloodless people on the road to strength. A regular course of treatment will bring back the pink to the cheeks and sparkle to the eye. Sleep will come naturally, and it will be refreshing and healthful. Dyspepsia, indigestion and constipation will be completely banished, and the blessings of true health bestowed. Never take a substitute for this perfect remedy.

Shanksville Normal.

The Normal School at Shanksville will open May 1, 1899. The fourth and fifth grades are only included. Tuition for the fourth grade is four dollars. Tuition for the fifth grade is five dollars. Boarding can be secured at low rates. For further particulars address

PROF. A. O. BARCLAY,
Bakersville, Pa.

High School Commencement.

The annual commencement of the Somerset High School was held in the Opera House last evening attended by an overflowing crowd of relatives and friends of the graduating class.

Long before the hour set for the exercises the seats in the auditorium and in the gallery were crowded with a happy throng whose eager anticipation was characteristic of occasions when youthful performers are about to make their maiden bow to the public. When the curtain rose there was an outburst of applause at the pretty spectacle presented. The twelve members of the graduating class, the young ladies robed in spotless white, and the boys in severe black, with their class motto, "From the Beach We See the Ocean," in large letters of violets swinging over them, were arranged in a semicircle on the stage, while the teachers and members of the Board of School Directors occupied seats in the rear.

Following are the names of the graduating class: Bertha Cook, Elizabeth Ogle, Leora Berkey, Lulu Shultz, Georgia Sufall, Bertha Rhoads, Hilda Gastiger, Bruce Cobaugh, Luther Furst, Parker Saylor, Clarence Dubstadt, Henry Coffroth.

The Somerset Concert Orchestra played several selections while the audience was assembling and an overture after the curtain went up.

The program as carried out was as follows: Invocation, Rev. Peter Vogel; "Labor the Lot of All," Bertha Cook; "Class roll," Bertha Rhoads; "History," Luther Furst; "Influence of Curiosity," Henry Coffroth; "Optimist," Clarence Dubstadt; vocal solo, "The Land Where the Thistles Grow," Georgia Sufall; "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," Parker Saylor; Recitation, "The Octoroon," Lulu Shultz; "Night Brings Out the Stars," Elizabeth Ogle; "Prophecy," Leora Berkey; "Blessings and Desire for Liberty," Bruce Cobaugh.

The diplomas were presented to the graduates by Jonas M. Cook, President of the School Board. Rev. Hiram King pronounced the benediction.

Formerly Resided at Shanksville.

Rev. J. A. Dunlap for a short time last week converted a stairway at his home into a gymnasium and took a single lesson in tumbling exercise. At the foot of the stairs there is a door leading into the kitchen. In some way when about halfway down in making a descent of the flight the reverend gentleman's feet became entangled with the steps and he fell, pitching head first toward the bottom. His pate struck the door, which was closed, bursting it open and providing a clear course for the acrobat to complete the act. The final landing was on the floor below on the broad of his back. The fall hurt Mr. Dunlap's back and side considerably, but he was able to ride his cane to lodge a week and is about town to-day.—Johnstown Herald.

The Excuse For It.

New York Tribune.

Men and women who pose as christian philanthropists need to remember that it is not christian to tell a falsehood nor to suppress essential truths. It is rather hard to credit with much virtue persons who talk in print about the "wanton and inexcusable slaughter of Filipinos who are fighting for their rights." If Americans professing superior integrity and intelligence can utter such stuff, Aguinaldo in his darkness can not be blamed for even the most glaring untruths. No fact can be better established than this, that his force deliberately began the fighting by an attack on the American forces, which had for months been scrupulously held from any aggressive movement. Nor is there any fact in the whole history of the Philippines more clearly established than that the insurrectionary organization of Tagals about Manila was detested by the inhabitants of the populous and cultivating Visayan islands, and was without support of the inhabitants in other Philippine islands, or even in the southern part of Luzon. It was a mere attempt of a small minority of one race to usurp despotic power over all the rest of the inhabitants, and this some persons professing christian philanthropy call "fighting for their rights."

The American course throughout this difficulty has been one forced upon the Government. Spain having chosen war, Admiral Dewey was ordered to defend the Pacific coast of this country by destroying the Spanish fleet in the Pacific. He was forced to go somewhere because excluded from Hong Kong and other neutral ports, and without any base of supplies nearer than San Francisco. He found the Spanish fleet at Manila, destroyed it, and was then forced to hold the port as his base, and to remain there because he could not have retired to any neutral port for supplies. Holding the port, he cut off the Spanish general in command from communication with other islands of the group, and held them all at his mercy, but could not afford that protection to life and property in Manila which international law required from the United States until a sufficient army was sent to effect a landing. Then the United States took possession of Manila, established order there, and held the place awaiting the completion of a treaty of peace.

Up to this point there was nothing which the United States could have done less or other than it did, unless it had recognized the small Tagal minority as entitled to usurp despotic power over the rest of the millions inhabiting the Philippine islands. That would have been a crime of the most shameless sort. This nation was bound to give Manila protection and order, and therefore to exclude the insurgents who wanted to loot the place. But it took no aggressive step against them, and did not even drive them away from the immediate vicinity of Manila, as merely in self-defense it had a right to do, but awaited the completion of the treaty. Then Aguinaldo, encouraged by the little Americans in the Senate and elsewhere, and informed by his agent at Washington that the treaty would be ratified unless he began hostilities, made his deliberate attack upon the American forces, and tried to force his way into Manila.

Responsibility for the Philippine islands was not desired by the United States. The President shrank from it, and never hesitated to say so, until it became clear that no other course was possible without sacrifice of honor or shirking of duty. It would have been infamous to turn the islands back to Spain, and more infamous still to leave them to be trampled under foot in the fierce fighting of other foreign powers for possession of them which must have begun the instant the United States had withdrawn its claim as conqueror. Indeed, were foreign interference out of the question, it would have been shameless to leave the hostile tribes of inhabitants to fight it out among themselves and wreck the industries of the island. The responsibility had fallen upon the United States, and it could not be honorably met except by suppressing resistance to United States authority and by the establishment of peace and orderly government. That is the work in which the American army is engaged, and it is difficult to conceive of a thing more disgraceful than the accusation by American citizens professedly christian and philanthropic that the Government is engaged in a wanton and inexcusable slaughter of men who are fighting for their rights.

Judge Craig Biddle.

Judge Craig Biddle, who is presiding at the trial of Ex-Senator Quay, is a son of the distinguished Nicholas Biddle, of United States Bank notoriety, charges against whom were not dissimilar to those now made against the distinguished man on whom his son is sitting in judgment. Here is what "Penn" in the Philadelphia Bulletin says:

The presence of Judge Biddle on the bench is also interesting. Judge Biddle can look back to the day when his own father, after the final downfall of the Bank of the United States, stood before the Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia in a position not altogether unlike that of the distinguished Pennsylvanian in his court to-day. Nicholas Biddle, as the head of that bank, had been one of the most powerful men in the politics and finance of the Nation. There has been no charge brought against the People's Bank which at some time or another in the history of the Bank of the United States was not directed against that institution, and there has been no charge against M. S. Quay as a public man or in his relations to Pennsylvania finance which was not brought against Nicholas Biddle. He was finally arrested and arraigned as one of a conspiracy to cheat and defraud the creditors of the bank and with having speculated illicitly in certain transactions in cotton. He succeeded in escaping a criminal prosecution after much public clamor, and died, I think, within a year or two afterward. Craig Biddle was at that time studying law. With all the outcry against the elder Biddle, there was also much sympathy for him as a victim of events, a bad system, and a political crusade, together with great esteem for his eminent accomplishments and public services. Judge Biddle has been on the bench for nearly a quarter of a century, and the straightforward processes of his intellect and his breadth of view have given him esteemed rank among the conservative Judges of strong sense and manly probity. His ringing deliverance from the bench last autumn against rascals who practice political bribery and tempt the poor man in office was characteristic of his bent of mind.

GRANT AND DEWEY DAYS.

Two Splendid Souvenir Numbers to be Issued by the Philadelphia "Sunday Press."

The best authors and artists have been hard at work preparing two magnificent souvenir numbers of the Philadelphia "Sunday Press," which will be published on April 23 and 30. The former will be a Grant Day souvenir and the latter a Dewey Day edition. The articles and illustrations in both will be appropriate to the occasion and most of the matter has been secured from special sources and has never before been published, either in a newspaper or magazine. Superb color pages will add to the artistic beauty of the both editions. The front page of the Grant number shows the splendid monument which will be dedicated by President McKinley in Philadelphia, and the front page of the Dewey number is a reproduction of a magnificent painting of Dewey on the Olympia, showing him as he looks to-day. Be sure to get both these editions, which will be the handsomest ever issued by a newspaper.

Gen. Fred D. Grant has been ordered from Porto Rico to the Philippines. It is possible that General Wheeler will also be ordered to the Philippines.

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RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	$ 220,941 52
Overdrafts, secured & unsecured	65 45
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	25,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	840 00
Banking-house, furniture, & fixt's	11,000 00
Mortgages owned	575 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	1,887 82
Due from State Banks & bankers	2,620 20
Due from approved reserve agents	17,878 26
Checks and other cash items	3,428 22
Notes of other National Banks	385 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	86 88
Specie	$ 21,961 00
Legal-tender notes	13,805 00 35,766 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	1,025 00
Total	$ 319,464 75

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in		$ 50,000 00
Surplus fund		27,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses & taxes paid		4,879 17
National Bank notes outstanding		20,750 00
Due to other National Banks		988 11
Dividends unpaid		140 00
Individual deposits subject to check	$170,021 32	
Dem'd certific's of deposit	5,328 12	205,861 14
Total		$ 319,464 75

State of Pennsylvania, County of Somerset, ss:

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

HARVEY M. BERKELEY, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1899.

WM. H. WELFLEY, Notary Public.

CORRECT—ATTEST:
JAMES L. PUGH,
VALENTINE HAY,
GEORGE R. SCULL,
Directors.

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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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.

The Directors of the Poor and of the House of Employment of Somerset County, will receive sealed bids for the erection of a two-story Brick Hospital Building on the farm at the County Home up until Monday, May 1, 1899, at 9 o'clock A. M. Bids must be for the entire structure and completion of the building. Plans and specifications for same, adopted by the Board and appro