Somerset Herald.

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January 3, 1900.

...of New Year.

...suspended for the remainder of ... yesterday morning.

...Tom's Cabin" held forth at the ...House Monday afternoon and ...large and appreciative audi-

...President Cleveland has been ...his home at Princeton, N. J., ...a month with rheumatism, and ...ill.

...school fund of Texas, ...numbers 28,000,000 acres of ...the fourth of these are ...purposes at 4c an acre. ...has finally adopted ..." as the official spelling of ...the island, and hereafter all ...will adhere to that

...used at President McKin-...the White House is obtain-...lying in Franklin Square ...supplied several houses in ...but which, since the intro-...modern systems, is now ...White House table alone.

...the Altoona attorney, who was ...with seduction, and who left ...avoid arrest, voluntarily re-...gave himself up to the officers ...bail bond should be taken.

...are under sentence of death ...than at any prior period ..., and the probability is that ...the banner year of execu-...nineteenth century. So far ...have in their possession ...the conviction of four-...the date for whose exe-...required to name.

...York man, whose identity has ...been made known, is causing a ...to be laced over the grave of ...Evergreen cemetery. It ...feet high and three feet wide. ...granite, with rough rock face ...will be carved on it two ...and an anchor. On a ...will be this inscription: "Sir, ...report that the ship has been ...and is sinking." It will be fin-...February.

...Curtis, of Brooklyn, New ...entered suit against Frank H. ...of Lipmier, for $100,000 damages ...of promise to marry. She ...met him in Brooklyn, one ...visited him in Pittsburg, stop-...the Victoria hotel, and also visit-...Lipmier. She maintains that ...promised to marry her and that she ...love letters filled with the most ...and endearing expressions ...

...was created at Blairsville, ...by the arrest, by United States ...secret detectives, of Samuel S. ...restaurant keeper, and Mamie ...who has been staying at Bennett's ...The parties are charged with ...It is presumed that the ...were made on information of some ...obtained from J. B. McCauley, of ...City, Indiana county, who was ...in Pittsburg on a similar ...two weeks ago.

...the fate of Mrs. Bost to be stran-...with a noose about her neck as she ...upright beside the bed of her ...husband, at Star Junction, Fay-...county, under most peculiar circum-...Coroner Taylor and his jury ...investigating the grewsome ...without the slightest success in ...either the exact method or ...of the tragedy. Mrs. Bost was ...death sitting in an armchair ...fire in the bedroom where her ...was sleeping, sometime after ...Monday a week.

...Oklahoma enjoys the unique distinc-...being the only state or territory ...the Rocky Mountains which pro-...more wheat in 1899 than in 1898. ...government statistician at Washing-...gives Oklahoma credit for 1,218,000 ...sown with winter wheat and a crop ...bushels. Only twelve of the ...states of the Union raised more ...than Oklahoma did this year. The ...other grain states which produced ...Oklahoma are Missouri, Illinois, ...Kentucky, Tennessee, Mary-...and Texas.

...Somerset and Meyersdale Minis-...associations will hold their first ...convention for 1900 Monday, ...in the parlors of the Rock-...House, Rockwood. Rev. Dr. Shel-...book, "In His Steps, or What ...Jesus Do," will be reviewed in ...papers by Rev. D. H. Leader and ...A. L. Truxal. Rev. H. N. Cameron ...a paper on "The Incarnation." ...members are urged to be present at ...meeting, which promises to be as ...as preceding ones. Visiting ...will be cordially welcomed.

...young man recently succeeded ...in swindling women in a number of West-...county towns out of considera-...money. He was selling table-cloths ...and giving a dozen napkins to ...as a premium. The table-cloth, ...he had only one with him, had ...appearance of being worth $5, to say ...of the value of the napkins, which ...were of a finer quality, and the sale ...becoming phenomenal. He collect-...cash in advance, and now every ...door-bell rings these galleless ...of Westmoreland think they ...going to get their table-cloths and ...

...Bells Record says: Our esteem-...fellow townsman and neighbor, Mr. ...P. Rutaker, has just secured a ...from the United States Govern-...for an invention in Split Pulleys ...improvements which will be ...years with the right to make, ...and sell the same. Noting the de-...taking in articles of that character ...the market, some time ago he set ...in an effort to reduce or over-...cheapen the cost of manu-...and produce an article altogether ...; and this is the result of ...efforts. We join heartily with his ...in wishing him speedy financial ...in this matter.

...During the coming year it will be well ...merchants to have a care over the ...cheap purchase in the grocery line. ...the dispenser of this district has a-...[illegible] not although in the past only ...of vinegar, molasses and a few ...goods have been examined, in the ...long year candy, canned goods, cured ...meats, bottled goods, cheese and an in-...large variety of other articles will have ...and the test. The merchant cannot ...expected to be aware of adulteration, but ...is not likely to occur if good goods ...purchased from reliable wholesale ...houses. The prosecutions are always en-...against the retailer, or whoever the ...may be owned by when the test is ...made.

...McSweeny, a well-known citi-...of Washington township, Indiana ...county, met with a horrible death a few ...ago. He had driven a team of young ...from his home to Plumville, ...they became a little the worse for ...wear. On the way home his horses ran ...and he was thrown out of the bug-...his feet catching in the front axle. ...manner he was dragged over the ...and until his life was virtually ...knocked out, and when the team reached ...barn door and ran into the wagon shed he ...dead only a few times, then expired. ...McSweeny was a Civil War veteran ...and is survived by his second wife and ...children.

Benjamin Enos has been named for postmaster at Jenners, vice Daniel Sipe, removed to North Dakota.

Mrs. E. W. Uphouse and son—Master Russell—of Aberdeen, N. C., are visiting with relatives at Trent postoffice.

Mr. John A. Stahl and Miss Cora L. Shaver, both of Kantner, were united in marriage Christmas day, at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. J. Welch.

Mr. Edwin F. Stahl, of Somerset, and Miss Sadie E. Hauger, of Milford township, were united in marriage at Rockwood, on December 17th, by Rev. J. T. Balliet.

Mr. D. S. Good and Miss Clara Barron, both of near Friedens, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage in that place, Sunday, December 28th, by Rev. J. J. Welch.

Mr. Abraham A. Lambert, of Lambertsville, and Miss Hattie Beaner, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride, Fyan, Bedford county, on December 24th, by Rev. A. W. Maxwell.

Mr. John T. Long, of Middlecreek township, and Miss Edith Shelly, of Upper Turkeyfoot township, were united in marriage at the residence of Mr. John T. Long, in Middlecreek township, on Tuesday, December 23d, Rev. A. B. Miller officiating.

The members of Somerset Lodge, No. 358, Free and Accepted Masons, held their annual banquet at the Hotel Vannear, last Wednesday evening. Visiting members were present from Meyersdale, Confluence, Rockwood and other points in the county. Many of the members were accompanied by their wives.

Rev. John H. Zinn, formerly pastor of the New Centreville pastorate, has accepted a unanimous call to the St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Akron, Ohio. Rev. Zinn's many friends throughout this county will be pleased to learn of his success, which comes in the way of promotion, since Akron is one of the growing cities of the Buckeye State.

Mr. John Beerits, son of Grocer H. C. Beerits, has been elected to fill the vacancy of Assistant Principal of the Borrough Public Schools caused by the resignation of Mr. Charles Shultz. The new Assistant Principal is a graduate of Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, and is thoroughly equipped for the duties he will be called upon to perform.

The many friends of Charles S. Kifer, who has been critically ill with diphtheria for several weeks past, will be pleased to learn that he has shown marked signs of improvement and his ultimate recovery is now confidently expected. Dr. Wakefield, of Johnstown, was last week called in consultation with the attending physician, Dr. P. F. Shaffer, when it was decided as a last resort to administer anti-toxine.

Congressman Thropp secured as a Christmas gift for his son, Earlston, the carved oak and leather chair that was used by Admiral Dewey when he was awaiting the approach of the procession on Pennsylvania avenue the night of October 2, and also by him on the platform in front of the capitol during the magnificent demonstration in his favor when presented with the $10,000 sword voted by Congress.

Governor Stone has officially notified the Sheriff that the day set for the execution of Samuel Peter Meyers, twice convicted of murder of the first degree, has been changed from January 11th until Wednesday, January 24th. Meanwhile Meyers' attorneys will endeavor to have the Pardon Board commute the sentence of death to life imprisonment, and Sheriff Saylor will make all necessary arrangements for carrying the sentence of the law into effect.

The snow that fell the night before Christmas still covers the ground, affording excellent sleighing, which farmers have been making good use of. The mercury dropped to a few points above zero early Thursday evening and marked four degrees below Friday morning, since when it has hovered around the zero mark. Ice to a thickness of from eight to ten inches has frozen on the pond south of town, and icemen are actively harvesting a supply for next summer.

William Grine, a miner employed by the Pine Hill Coal Company, operated by Messrs. Knepper, Good & Zimmerman, near Berlin, was killed by a fall of slate while driving a heading in the mines Saturday evening. A mass of slate weighing perhaps a ton fell upon him, causing instant death. He leaves a wife and two small children. Grine's parents live on Gen. A. H. Coffroth's farm, five miles east of town. He was a splendid young man and deservedly popular.

Colonel James E. Barnett, State Treasurer elect, Charles W. Ettls, Secretary of the Republican State Committee, and James S. Hitchman, a prominent Mt. Pleasant banker, formed a party who spent the holidays at the Markleton Sanatorium, the home of Colonel Barnett's father and sister. The gentlemen named visited Somerset last Friday, when they were entertained at dinner at the Hotel Vannear. Colonel Barnett, who has been suffering from malaria ever since his return from the Philippines, is slowly recovering. He will not assume the duties of his office until the first Monday of May.

The Republicans of this county are usually on time when it comes to filling any one of the county offices, but it seems they acted precipitately last fall when they elected Capt. Wm. M. Schrock to the office of County Surveyor. Prothonotary Barron last week received word from the Executive Department at Harrisburg that a commission would not be issued to Captain Schrock as County Surveyor, owing to the fact that no vacancy existed at the time of his election. County Surveyors are elected triennially for a period of three years, and one should be elected at the coming November election.

Only a few changes were made in the official staff of the County Home, at the annual meeting held Monday morning. The new member of the board, William J. Giessner, of Stonycreek township, who took the oath of office a week or two ago, was present and received a warm welcome from the hold-over Directors. Manasses Shumaker was elected president of the board; E. E. Pugh was elected Treasurer, and Rev. C. F. Gebhart, the well known Lutheran minister of Lavansville, was elected Chaplain. All other former officials and employes were re elected.

A letter from S. T. Yoder directs us to forward his paper to Washington, Kansas, withe he removed from Haddam January 1st, to enter upon his duties as County Clerk, to which position he was elected by the Republican party at the last November election. He is a son of the venerable Benedict Yoder, of Stonycreek township, and a brother of Postmaster S. S. Yoder, of Pugh. Mr. Yoder was postmaster at Haddam, while two of his brothers are postmasters at Amish and Sharon Centre, respectively in that State. Four postmasters in one family under the McKinley administration speak well for the stalwart Republicanism of the Yoders. Mr. Yoder says "Billy Bryan, Free Silver and the howling Pop Party are things of the past in Kansas."

Mr. Charles R. Sechler, who was the Republican Committeeman from Milford township last year, was last week named for the position of Mercantile Appraiser by a majority of the retiring board of County Commissioners. He is well qualified for the place, which by the way is one of more value than formerly, by reason of an Act of Assembly passed last winter enlarging the duties and increasing the compensation of Mercantile Appraisers. It is alleged that Commissioner Kretchman had been promised the privilege of appointing the Mercantile Appraiser for 1900, and that he is considerably disgruntled, not on account of any personal objection to the appointee, but because he thinks he was unfairly dealt with. Now that Mr. Kretchman has retired to the quiet of his Summit township farm he will have time to reflect upon the uncertainty of the plum crop.

TWO BIG DEALS.

Hotel Vannear Passes from C. S. Vannear to Jacob B. Winters.

ANOTHER HOTEL FOR SOMERSET.

The largest real estate transaction, involving $34,000, in the recent history of this town was made last week, when title to the Hotel Vannear property passed from Charles S. Vannear and wife to Jacob Winters. The Hotel Vannear was opened to the public five years ago and for three years was personally conducted by the proprietor, during which time it established a reputation as the best county seat hotel in Western Pennsylvania. Two years ago the ill health of Mrs. Vannear caused the proprietor to lease the valuable property, which he did to Messrs. J. B. Winters and W. H. Kantner, who jointly conducted it for a few months, when Mr. Kantner disposed of his interest to his partner. Since then Mr. Winters has been the sole lessee, and he has maintained not only the reputation of the house, but has made many improvements which have been fully appreciated by the public. The hotel business of this place has experienced a pronounced impetus since coal development has been actively under way and every indication points to its becoming still better. Should present indications prove correct Mr. Winters will, in all probability, be compelled to build an annex in order to properly take care of the traveling public.

As a hotel man, Mr. Winters has few, if any, superiors. In addition to natural adaptability, he is a gentleman of fine personal address, suave manners, and is ever solicitous for the comfort of his patrons. He has surrounded himself with a corps of capable assistants, while his wife gives her entire attention to managing the culinary and housekeeping departments. During the year just closed the Hotel Vannear has done the largest business in its history.

When Mr. Charles S. Vannear came to Somerset ten years ago he purchased from Mr. Elias Cunningham what was known as "the old Black property," it having been the residence of Judge Jeremiah S. Black, when that late distinguished jurist and statesman was a citizen of Somerset. Mr. Vannear immediately converted the property into a public house, which became known as the "Park Hotel." The property was destroyed by fire six years ago, when Mr. Vannear set to work to build the magnificent house which bears his name, and which will stand a monument to his enterprise and foresight. As soon as the "Park Hotel" became firmly established as a public house, Mr. Vannear, discerning the future possibilities of the hotel business in Somerset, acquired title to the site of the south-west corner of the public square, which had been utilized for hotel purposes since the town of Somerset was founded. Elaborate plans and specifications for a hotel were prepared by a Pittsburg architect and after a few changes had been made and new features substituted the work of construction was commenced. When the walls of the massive building were erected, doubting Thomases predicted that the enterprise would soon prove a disastrous failure and spoke prophetically of "Vannear's folly." Mr. Vannear and certain gentlemen who had confidence in his ability to accomplish what to croakers seemed an insurmountable object quietly persevered and to-day there is not a citizen of the town or county who does not point with pride to the Hotel Vanner and speak in glowing terms of the builder's courage and achievement.

Immediately after the papers conveying the Hotel Vannear from Mr. and Mrs. Vannear to Jacob B. Winters had been signed, Mr. Vannear purchased the valuable property owned by Mrs. Kate B. Coffroth on the north-east corner of the public square, for $10,000 cash, and announced his intention of converting it into a public house at the earliest practicable day. Title to the Coffroth property will pass to Mr. Vannear on February 1st, and the people of the county can prepare to see another splendid hotel at the county seat.

Mr. Vannear's plans for the new house have not been entirely formulated, but it is likely that the vacant space between the Coffroth building and Snyder's drug store will soon be occupied by a handsome addition to the former structure.

Big Coal Deal Consummated

It is now reported that all doubts have been dispelled regarding the transfer of the large body of coal lands, some 60,000 to 80,000 acres, in Lincoln, Quemahoning, Shade and Stonycreek townships, from the parties holding the options to a syndicate of Baltimore capitalists. The parties chiefly interested in the transaction were here on Friday, when, it is said, the report of Mr. John Fulton, the eminent engineer and mineralogist, on whose statement the sale is conditioned, was highly satisfactory. Mr. Fulton and a corps of engineers have recently gone over the immense tract and have tested the quality of the coal, which it is said the former has endorsed unqualifiedly as being of a superior quality for steam producing and other purposes. In this connection the following dispatch from Baltimore relating to the scramble for possession of the Western Maryland Railroad is interesting: "The New York syndicate representing the Vanderbilt interests, which wants the Western Maryland road for the tidewater outlet of a new trunk line from the West, and the soft coal fields, Friday declined to appear at a public auction as a bidder for the road. The syndicate has informed the city officials that it has named its price, for the road, $4,485,000 for the ninety miles of track constituting the main line, and does not want to be put in competition with "straw" bidders. After the main line of the road is sold the several branches extending through the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania, to Cherry Run, on the Baltimore and Ohio, will have to be sold separately. The syndicate further states that as it is intended to spend $5,000,000 in double tracking and straightening the main line over the mountains it cannot increase its offer.

Millinery Store For Sale.

Having decided to go out of business, I offer my entire stock of Millinery goods, Jewelry and Notions for sale.

MRS. K. B. COFFROTH,
Somerset, Pa.

The Olympia Stock Company.

The theater-goers of our city certainly have a treat in store next week. Manager Casebeer has secured that splendid organization, the Olympia Stock Co., for a week's engagement, beginning Monday, January 8th. This company is, without doubt, one of the strongest and largest on the road. The plays are all new. Special scenery is carried for each and every performance. Twenty-one great specialties are introduced. All kinds of dancing. See the great opening play, The Power of Gold, Monday night. See the great ship explosion; the mine scene; the leap for life from the light-house. Ladies admitted for 15 cents opening night. Seats on sale at usual time and place. Prices all week, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

No Doctor, No Insurance.

WEBSTER CITY, Ia. Dec. 29.—A new point in insurance is involved in the case of the death of George W. Goodrich, who carried a $2000 policy in the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

Three days before his death his physician was dismissed and Christian Science treatment substituted.

The order refuses to settle unless a physician's proof of death is submitted or the body is disinterred and a post-mortem examination held. The physician refuses to certify.

A fund of $3,000,000 will be required to carry on the work of the Moody institutions, of which Will R. Moody, the dead evangelist's son, becomes the responsible head. An appeal for this sum will be made.

NEW OFFICIALS

Took Charge of the County Offices Monday Morning for Three Years' Term.

J. R. BOOSE COMMISSIONERS' CLERK.

There was unusual activity in and around the court house Monday. All of the retiring officials were on hand at an early hour for the purpose of greeting their successors and turning over the keys of the offices. All were prepared for the change and the formal transfer occupied but little time.

M. D. Reel, who succeeded H. F. Barron in the Prothonotary's office, was kept busy throughout the day receiving his many friends who called for the purpose of extending congratulations. Mr. Reel has secured the services of Captain W. H. Sanner, former Prothonotary, to assist him for a few weeks, or until he becomes familiar with the duties of his office.

Over in the Recorder's office, Register and Recorder John S. Shafer wore an expansive smile, indicative of the satisfaction he felt upon entering upon his official duties. He made several unsuccessful efforts at work, being interrupted so frequently by visitors that he was compelled to devote the day to the school of friends who called upon him. Mr. Shafer has selected his brother, Chas. C. Shafer, for his assistant. The latter served a term as Register and Recorder and is an efficient and capable gentleman. The Shafer brothers will make a strong team and every indication points to their having plenty to do during the coming three years.

In the Treasurer's office were County Treasurer Peter Dumbauld and Mr. B. K. Pullin, whom he has engaged as clerk, keeping a close eye on the funds turned over to their keeping by former Treasurer Winters. Messrs. Dumbauld and Pullin will radiate sunshine throughout the gloomy corridors of the temple of justice and will discharge their duties diligently.

The County Commissioners effected an organization Monday evening, when the two Republican members of the board, Messrs. Koontz and Moser, agreed upon the following slate: President of the Board, W. N. Moser; Clerk, John R. Boose, of Milford township; Attorney and County Solicitor, John R. Scott, Esq.; Jail Physician, Dr. H. S. Kimmell; Janitor of the court house, C. A. Kimmell.

As soon as the Commissioners had completed their organization, Mr. Boose took the oath of office and promptly made a minute of the proceedings in the official record. Mr. Boose is a prominent farmer and a former successful schoolteacher. He has a wide acquaintance throughout the county and his many friends will be gratified to learn of his success. He has every qualification fitting him for the responsible position. His salary was fixed at $750 per year.

It will be gratifying to the Republicans of the county to learn that Messrs. Koontz and Moser united in effecting an organization, as it is an evidence that they will discharge the duties of their official positions in accord with the sentiments of the majority political party. The HERALD looks to them to institute a number of badly-needed reforms in the Commissioners' office.

Sheriff Saylor was up with the lark, as has been his lifelong custom, and at an early hour was at the county jail, prepared to relieve Sheriff Hartzell, who gathered up a few personal traps and after a private interview bade his successor "good bye and good luck," before retiring to his private residence on the south side. Sheriff Saylor and family were kept busy arranging their household effects, but at noon they entertained venerable George Cobaugh, of Somerset township, at dinner. The Sheriff has retained George M. Baker as his office deputy, and A. J. Postlethwaite, who will assist him in doing outside official work. The addition to the Sheriff's family was quite large, there being some fourteen or fifteen prisoners in the jail.

The County Auditors—Messrs. Sayler, Schmucker and Lichtliter—met at the court house Monday afternoon, but failed to effect an organization. They expected to select a clerk and a legal adviser yesterday afternoon and to promptly enter upon their duties of auditing the fiscal accounts of the county for the past year.

Millinery Below Cost.

Having decided to go out of business, I will close out my entire stock of Millinery, Jewelry and Notions at prices below cost. A rare opportunity.

MRS. K. B. COFFROTH,
Somerset, Pa.

Coal Sales Beat all Records.

A Harrisburg dispatch says: More purchases of coal lands have been made in Southwestern Pennsylvania during the last three months than during the same length of time in the history of the Commonwealth. The purchases have been largely in Greene county and extend eastward into Fayette, Westmoreland, Somerset and Indiana counties. The records of the Internal Affairs Department show that there have never been so many certified copies made of original warrants, surveys and patents as during the period mentioned.

The force of the office is employed very largely in this direction, and there is scarcely a mail which does not bring orders for certified copies of records. In purchases made by corporations or syndicates it is customary to see that the briefs of titles are made complete back to and including the conveyance from the Commonwealth, which embraces the original application, the warrant, the survey made in pursuance thereof, and the patent issued on return of survey.

In many cases it has been found that the title has not been completed from the Commonwealth, and in many instances the present owners of the land, before they can sell, are required by the purchasers to complete the title by paying up the arrearages and securing the patent, which is the last link in the chain of the Commonwealth. It appears from the correspondence between the department and the attorneys having in charge the briefing of titles, that hundreds of thousands of acres of lands, especially coal lands, are changing hands during the present period of business activity.

WANTED!

To buy two second-hand Saw Mills, 20 to 30 H. P. Must be in good condition. Address Box 681, Connellsville, Pa., giving full particulars, make of mill, engine and cash price.

Take Notice!

All costs due me as Sheriff of Somerset county have been placed in the hands of Deputy-Sheriff George M. Baker for collection. Parties concerned will please call upon Mr. Baker and settle.

M. H. HARTZELL.

The Press Almanac.

The Philadelphia Press Almanac for 1900 is now ready for distribution. To those acquainted with previous volumes it is only necessary to say that it embodies improvements suggested by the past, together with much entirely new and exclusive material. For those not familiar with the work there is awaiting a great treat. It is a volume of over five hundred pages filled with information which makes it related to the world's doings as an encyclopedia is related to all knowledge; it contains maps and diagrams, charts and tables, by the aid of which the Boer war, the political situation nationally, the diplomatic relations with other countries, the industrial and agricultural questions before the country for solution, in brief, all current affairs can be understood in all completeness and clearness. For sale by all newsdealers or sent by mail, postage prepaid, on receipt of 25 cents.

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Examinations for Lawyers.

The Committee on Education of the State Bar Association held a meeting in Pittsburg on Friday and announced that it has in preparation a bill to be presented to the next Legislature which will provide for a Board of State Examiners, to be appointed by the Supreme Court. The idea is to make the examinations for admission to the bar uniform throughout Pennsylvania. At present almost every county has different rules.

The Executive Committee also held a meeting in the Smoky City on the same day at which it was decided that the personal history of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from Colonial days be prepared by the Association. It is hoped the State will bear the expense of printing it. After the biographies of the Supreme Court Justices are written the Judges and prominent members of the county bars during the earlier days will be taken up.

The Executive Committee also selected Cambridge Springs as the place for the annual meeting of the State Bar Association. The dates are June 26th, 27th, and 28th. The orator was chosen, but his name will not be made public until it is certain that he will accept the invitation.

The Latest X Ray Invention

Is the Endoscope, which is for the purpose of examining the interior of the stomach. It is claimed, that with this instrument, the treatment of stomach troubles will be revolutionized, as it locates the cause of disease. With due respect to science, however, would state that the causes of stomach troubles have been known for the past fifty years, and likewise their cure, which is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a medicine that has many imitators, but no equals. It cures dyspepsia, indigestion, biliousness, constipation, nervousness, insomnia. It also prevents malaria, fever and ague, and keeps the bowels regular. When not feeling right, take a dose. It is the standard medicine of the American people. Look for Private Revenue Stamp over neck of bottle.

Miners Are Dissatisfied.

A Cumberland dispatch dated December 28 says: Delegates from the United Mine Workers of America, representing the different mines in the district union, recently formed out of the George's Creek and Meyersdale regions, have been in session here all day. Their object was to confer with the operators relative to an increase, but in this they were disappointed, and instead of meeting the miners, the operators posted notices at the different mines in this region, notifying the miners that an increase, presumably ten per cent., would be made April 1, also in the Meyersdale region. Several delegates stated that the operators had made a serious mistake in failing to confer with them.

There is a Class of People

Who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit 15 cts. and 25 cts. per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

"Week of Prayer" services will be held in the Lutheran church, Lavansville, beginning Wednesday evening, January 10th. The Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, January 14th, at 10 a. m.

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Orphans' Court Sale
OF
Valuable Real Estate

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court to me directed, I will expose to public sale on

SATURDAY, JAN. 20, 1900,
at 1 o'clock P. M.,

on the premises in Shanksville, the following real estate, late the property of John Lutz, deceased:

A certain house and lot of ground situate in Shanksville, Stonycreek township, on the road leading from Shanksville to Buckstown, in said county of Somerset, adjoining Henry Grady and Samuel Statler, now in the occupancy of Charles Ross, containing one acre more or less, with a dwelling house thereon erected.

Terms:

Cash, unless it may be advisable to change them on day of sale. 10 per cent. to be paid on day of sale.

JACOB ROSS,
Executor of John Lutz, dec'd.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PARDON.

To all whom it may concern:—

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Board of Pardons, at Harrisburg, Pa., on the third Wednesday, 17th day of January, A. D. 1900, for commutation of the sentence of Samuel Peter Meyers, heretofore convicted of murder in the first degree, in the courts of Somerset county, from the penalty of death to that of imprisonment for life

A. C. HOLBERT,
KOOSER & KOOSER,
Attys' for Defendant.

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Comrades of R. P. Cummins Post Enjoy Their Annual Feast.

POST'S REMARKABLE RECORD.

The members of R. P. Cummins Post, No. 210, G. A. R., gave their annual banquet Thursday, at the Somerset House, which was attended by about sixty old soldiers, many of them accompanied by their wives and daughters, and by representatives of the press.

Prior to the banquet the members of the Post met in their post-room, where routine business occupied their attention for several hours. The report of Quartermaster J. M. Cook showed that on January 1, 1899, there were 103 members in good standing, and that only one death—that of Past Commander Oliver Knepper—had occurred during the year. It is doubted whether any other organization of Civil-War veterans in the country can show such a remarkable record of the longevity of its members. Thirty-five years ago hostilities between the North and South ceased with the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at Appomattox. The youngest of the Boys in Blue was then eighteen years of age, while the average age of the Union Soldier was thirty years.

Many of the veterans present bore unmistakable signs of physical decrepitude, while others, notably "Uncle Jake" Hinebaugh, of Rockwood, whose hair and beard have been whitened by the frosts of eighty-six winters, seemed to be in the prime of vigorous manhood. "Uncle Jake," as he is affectionately called, not only by his old comrades in arms, but by all who know him, was the centre of an interesting group, and his cheery laugh and cordial welcome encouraged youngsters like Comrade Isaac Jones to hope to attain to his old age.

The banqueting-room was thrown open at 1:45 p. m., and the charge that immediately followed eclipsed "Billy" Hochstetler's famous sortie at Saylor's creek, where he boldly dashed to the head of the cavalry forces and called, "Brave boys, will you follow me?" to his halting comrades. History records the battle of Saylor's creek as one of the most famous of Sheridan's many brilliant charges, even if it does fail to note the fact that Hochstetler's comrades promptly responded to the challenge thrown down, and that Comrade "Billy" led a body of troopers to victory.

The tables, groaning with delicacies and substantials of the most tempting variety, reflecting unmeasured credit on Mine Host Tayman's accomplished chef, were soon relieved of their burden, but not until after Past Commander Rev. F. P. Saylor had returned thanks to the Great Captain, and appealed to Him to spare the lives of the old soldiers until all are ripe for the sickle.

The courses, consisting of oyster soup, roast turkey and cranberry sauce, roast beef, saurkraut and speck, baked beans (which tickled the veterans in a way that must have caused the army bean, whose praises have been sung in prose and poesy, to feel that he is a back number,) pumpkin and mince pie, ice cream and cake—but why continue, when there was a plenty and to spare. If any corroboration is required of this last statement the reader is referred to comrades Ephriam Minor, Judge Dickey and "Jeff" Will.

Comrade C. J. Harrison, at the request of retiring Commander A. H. Huston, acted as toastmaster. Dr. Mountain, of Confluence, was the first speaker. He prefaced his remarks by stating that he might as well try to convince his comrades that he had a sure cure for rheumatism as to make them believe that he could make an after-dinner address. Continuing, he said that the mortuary statistics gathered in the New England States have demonstrated the fact that women live to a greater age than men, and, such being the case, the old soldiers would be first to pass to the "other side," where they would greet their wives. Here some one suggested that the reason why the wives of old soldiers attain a greater age than their husbands is owing to the fact that they can not secure pensions until after they have been widowed, and another observed that old soldiers are invariably partial to young wives. The doctor concluded by paying a high tribute to the ladies.

Comrade King, when called upon, finished a story which, he declared, Dr. Mountain was too modest to repeat before such a large company.

Judge Dickey expressed the pleasure he had experienced in meeting with so many of his former comrades in arms, and comrade Isaac Jones recounted a boyhood feat of his when he "remained under water for a full half hour." In fairness to Comrade Jones it is necessary to state that his well-known temperance proclivities were as unmistakably pronounced in his younger days as in his now maturer years.

Comrade F. P. Saylor read a report, giving the standing of all the Grand Army Posts in the county, from which it appeared that all are in a flourishing condition.

The banquet was unanimously voted the best and most successful R. P. Cummins Post has given since the custom of holding annual meetings during the holiday season was instituted some ten years ago.

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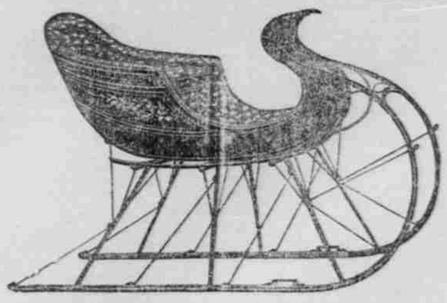
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