Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

January 17, 1900.

...of Republican County Committee.

...ing are the members of the Re... County Committee, elected at ...primary, 1899.

...Bitzberger, Addison.
...Steicher, Allegheny.
...Bitz, Berlin Borough.
...Spangler, Benson Borough.
...Bitz, Brothersvalley.
...Stutzer, Black.
...Lehman, Conemaugh.
...Black, Confluence Borough.
...Cessna, Conemaugh Borough.
...Berkey, Elk Lick No. 1.
...Corbane, Elk Lick No. 2.
...Portbaugh, Fair Hope.
...Yutzy, Greenville.
...Miller, Hooversville Borough.
...Hay, Jenner.
...Wertz, Jenner.
...Smith, Larimer.
...Stutzman, Lower Turkeyfoot.
...Ritz, Lincoln.
...Rowe, Meyersdale Borough.
...Saylor, Middlecreek.
...Beam, Milford.
...Kelley, New Baltimore Boro.
...Portbaugh, Northampton.
...Stutz, New Centreville Borough.
...Witmaker, Ogle.
...Pencil, Paint No. 1.
...Shafer, Paint No. 2.
...Barnhart, Quemahoning No. 1.
...Meyers, Quemahoning No. 2.
...F. King, Rockwood Borough.
...Cluon, Salisbury Borough.
...Roberger, Shade.
...K. Keller, Somerset Borough.
...L. Winters, Somerset.
...Bubley, Somerfield Borough.
...Lionell, Southampton.
...Walker, Stonycreek.
...W. Spangler, Stoystown Boro.
...R. Witt, Summit.
...Zull, Upper Turkeyfoot.
...d, Ursina Borough.
...Long, Vellersburg Borough.

...is epidemic in the neighbor... Meyersville.

...Allen of Nebraska introduced ...the Senate granting a pension of ...month to every soldier and sailor ...served in the civil war for three ...or more.

...of the late E. J. Lehmann, the ...founder of the department-store sys... in Pittsburg, was filed for probate ...Saturday. He left an estate ...the instrument at $6,676,000.

...that the little ones suffer from ...the most torturing skin diseases. ...for it. Doan's Ointment cures. ...from the most delicate skin. At ...drug stores, 50 cents.

...the yearly income of Senator W. A. ...of Montana, is said to be $30,000 a ...over $10,000,000 per year. That is ...than the income of any other ...in the world with the possible ex... of Cecil Rhodes, the South African dia... king.

...A. Spangler, who conducted a law ...collection agency in Altoona, was ...admitted in the Blair county court ...after acting as a lawyer when he ...had been duly admitted to the bar ...a member of the profession. He was ...bill and costs.

...The auditors of Cambria county ap... of the action of the Commissioners ...reduce the percentage of the Coun... Treasurer's commission from five per ...to two and one-half on all money ...which, as well as on that paid out. This ...one-half received by former ...officers.

...W. H. Cassler and two daughters—...Bessie and Kate—Mr. and Mrs. H. ...Cassler, Mr. A. E. Cassler and daugh... and Messrs. G. W. and Paul C. Cass... of Hollsopple, left Thursday for Co... Tyrone county, to attend the funeral ...the late of J. H. Crouse, a daughter ...of Mrs. W. H. Cassler, who died ...o'clock Tuesday morning. Mrs. ...was a sister of Mrs. Crouse, has been ...there for several weeks.

...The Babcock Lumber company last ...purchased 2,000 acres of land form... owned by the Cambria Lumber ...pany. This land lies along Clear ...Creek and is very rich in the finest ...timber. In addition to this purchase, ...the Babcock company has bought 2,500 ...acres of land belonging to the Parker, ...Stewart and Parker estate. This estate ...purchased in by Congressman Horace ...Porter of Coudersport, Potter county.

...A. Lambert, of Rachel, N. C., writes: ...I can truthfully endorse FOLEY'S KIDNEY ...PILLS. It does what you claim it will ...and there is nothing equal to it, and I ...thank you for the good it has done me."

...A special meeting of the Somerset ...Borough Council will be held at 8 o'clock ...Monday evening, and the Somerset HERALD ...believes it is altogether likely an alleged ...syndicate of Pittsburg capitalists will be ...here, a franchise of certain streets of ...Somerset being for the purpose of constructing ...and operating an electric street railway ...system. The HERALD evidently does ...not favor the plan which has heretofore ...prevailed in that place, as well as in ...others, of giving something for ...nothing, enriching individuals who dis... of their privileges for snug sums of ...money.—Johnstown Tribune, Thursday.

...The large barn of the United Collieries ...company, at Langdondale, Bedford county, ...with all its contents, the indi... property of General-Manager ...Bentlemore, succumbed to the ...fiend of an incendiary Tuesday. Because ...of the general strike now on among the ...miners in that section, the fire is attribut... to revenge. Five mules and one horse ...were burned to death and eight mules ...narrowly escaped being burned. The loss on har... hay and grain is large. Mr Denith ...estimates his loss at $3,500, with no ...insurance. The loss on the building ag... upon $1,000 is fully insured.

...LOST.—On Monday, between the public ...square and Union street public school ...building, one Ladies' belt and gold buck... The finder will be suitably rewarded ...by leaving the same at this office.

...The last Legislature passed an act au... the printing and distribution of ...three thousand copies of the proceed... of the dedications of the Pennsylva... monuments on the battlefields of ...Chickamauga, Waubatchie, Orchard ...Knob, Lookout Mountain and Missionary ...Ridge, which took place in November, ...1899. It was at first decided to include in ...these pages of the work, in addition to ...the rosters, etc., a list of all the old soldiers ...who had attended the ceremonies. This ...has been changed and it is now proposed ...to publish a full list of the Pennsylvania ...veterans who participated in those ...sacred ceremonies.

...Chapped hands, cracked lips and rough... of the skin cured quickly by BANNER SALVE, most healing ointment in the world. All Druggists.

...The residents of Wellsboro are talking ...about an unusual romance. On Christ... Day Mrs. Mary E. Lindsay, a widow, ...and Clarence Woolever, a flagman em... on the New York Central Rail... were married by Dr. E. C. Dodge, ...of the Methodist church. The marriage ...was kept secret until after the first of the ...year, when a friend discovered the license ...in the court house. The surprising feat... of the marriage was the fact that Mrs. ...Lindsay was Woolever's mother-in-law. ...Woolever had been married to the daugh... of Mrs. Lindsay some years ago, and ...the couple apparently lived happily ...together for a time. They separated, ...however, and were divorced. Mrs. Lind... ...consented her daughter and openly ...sympathized with Woolever, who, she ...claimed, had been badly treated by her ...daughter.

...SAVE doctors' bills by giving FOLEY'S ...HONEY and TAR to infants and Child... ...it is safe to prevent pneumonia or ...lung troubles. It contains no opiates ...or other harmful drugs, which are fatal to so many thous... of BABIES. All Druggists.

Attorneys Abner McKinley of New York, and H. S. Endsley, of Johnstown, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. P. A. Schell.

Edward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Herring, died at the home of his parents near Lavansville at 4 a. m. Sunday morning. He was 18 years of age.

S. R. Shumaker, has been elected President of the new First National Bank at Windber. For some years he was in Huntingdon, Pa., where he proved successful in banking life.

A score or more of Grand Army veterans from Berlin arrived in town Saturday morning in a large sled drawn by four horses. They put up at the Somerset House, where they spent the afternoon and evening.

Mahlon W. Keim, of Johnstown, who holds options on a large portion of the coal land included in the coal deal recently effected with a Baltimore syndicate, is in town and expects to begin paying off the farmers who own the land this week.

Active steps are being taken to incorporate Windber as a borough. The Berwind-White Coal Company are favorable to the project, and it is likely that the borough of Windber will be an accomplished fact in a month or two. Meyersdale will then abandon its claim to being the "Metropolis."

Jasper Augustine's large frame barn at Addison was totally destroyed by fire Saturday night a week ago. A valuable Jersey cow and all of the outbuildings were destroyed. Adjoining Mr. Augustine's barn was a large frame stable belonging to Mr. Charles Risheberger, and the flames communicated with and devoured it.

Fred Weise, a lumberman employed at the Curry saw mills in Paint township, was fatally crushed last Tuesday. Weise was in the act of climbing on a moving freight car, when his foot slipped and he was drawn between the car and platform to his death. The unfortunate man was a resident of Lock Haven, Pa., to which place the body was shipped for burial.

Mr. Edmund F. Custer, of Pleasant Hill, and Miss Victoria A. Matthews, were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, near Friedens, Wednesday, January 10th, by Rev. J. J. Welch, of the Friedens Lutheran church. The ceremony was witnessed by the families of the bride and groom and a number of invited guests. A wedding feast followed the ceremony.

Mr. Jacob Zimmerman, aged seventy-two years, is lying critically ill at his residence in Stoyestown. He has been troubled for some time with heart failure and is under the care of a Stoyestown physician. He usually keeps his medicine at the window near his bed and during the night, without annoying the members of the family, he reaches out for it. Several nights ago, while in the act of taking what he thought was the medicine, he made a mistake and took a drink of ammonia. He has since been in a precarious condition, and the attending physician has little hope of his recovery. Mr. Zimmerman is an old soldier and is a member of Ferner Post, Grand Army of the Republic, at Stoyestown.

People living on South street were startled last Friday evening when they saw a runaway horse hitched to a sled, in which two mites of children were sitting, dash past at breakneck speed. When the runaway veered and started down a narrow alley the people held their breath and anxiously waited for the shrieks of pain they felt must come from the children when the horse and sled came in contact with a wagon a few rods ahead. The horse ran full speed against the wagon and was thrown against and through a fence. When he regained his feet he was free from the sled the shafts having snapped off. The children, daughters of John G. Emert and Grant Mangus, were uninjured.

A quiet wedding of interest to Somerset people took place in Philadelphia, Wednesday last, when Miss Iola M. Reid was married to Lloyd G. McCrum. The bride is a daughter of Ross B. Reid, of Uniontown, and a granddaughter of J. J. Scheil, of Somerset. The death of her mother in April made it necessary to plan a very quiet marriage. The bride, her father and younger sister, Miss Pauline, went to Philadelphia where they were met by the groom. The wedding took place at the parsonage of Rev. Huges O. Gibbins, corner Pine and Fourth streets. The bride has many friends in Somerset. The groom is Secretary and Manager of the Acme Radiator Company, of Uniontown, and is one of the most promising young men of that place.

Judge Reppert, of Fayette county last week overruled the motions for new trials in the cases of Thomas M. Hayes and William Simms, convicted of murder, and sentenced the prisoners to be hanged. Hayes shot William Lowden on the morning of July 5th, near Dunbar. The shooting was the result of a night's carousal at Lowden's house, when a slight altercation arose between Lowden and Hayes. Hayes went home, got his gun, and returning to Lowden's residence, shot him. Simms is a colored man who murdered his wife in Dunbar, July 17th. Simms and his wife quarreled and Mrs. Simms went home to her mother. Simms followed her and shot her to death as soon as he found her. He fled and was captured in Virginia. Hayes and Simms were tried and convicted at September court.

It is probable that the citizens of this town will be afforded the benefits of a steam heating plant. The projectors are the stockholders of the Somerset Electric Light, Heat and Power Company. Recent discoveries, it is claimed, make it possible to utilize the exhaust steam from boilers for heating purposes, and the Electric Light Company is now investigating the matter carefully with a view to installing a plant here. It is announced that Mr. J. B. Winters has signified his willingness to enter into a contract with the Electric Light Company to furnish heat for the Hotel Vannear and it is likely that this will be done. If the expectations of the promoters are realized in this instance steps will shortly afterwards be taken to supply heat for business houses and private residences. The plant of the Electric Light Company will have to be greatly enlarged and fitted with additional appliances. Streets and alleys will have to be piped and the outlay of money will run up high into the thousands. It is proposed, however, to furnish heat at such a low cost that nearly every family in town can be induced to patronize the company. There is little doubt that a heating plant will prove a success if established here.

Julia Ann Heffley, one of the most aged ladies of the county, died Monday morning at her late residence in Berlin. Had she lived until the 9th day of the coming month she would have attained the age of 90 years. Mrs. Heffley was a daughter of Henry Poorbaugh and was born in Allegheny township. She was married when a young woman to George Heffley, who expired 10 years ago. She enjoyed remarkably good health throughout her long life and her mental faculties were fully preserved until the last. On Friday she was seized with sickness and soon manifested such alarming symptoms that the members of the family were summoned to her bedside. Hon dea h was calm and peaceful.

She is survived by two sons, Peter Heffley, of Somerset township, and Henry Heffley, of Somerset, and by five daughters, Mrs. John H. Uhl, of Somerset, Mrs. Judson Harzell, of Addison, Mrs. W. A. Garman, of Berlin, Mrs. John Megahan, of Wilkensburg, and Miss Emma, at home. She is also survived by two brothers, Joseph Poorbaugh, of Berlin, and Daniel Poorbaugh, of the State of Indiana, and by one sister, Mrs. Joseph Long, of Iowa.

Mrs. Heffley was a life-long member of the Lutheran Church. The funeral will take place to morrow at Berlin.

"PETE" MEYERS' LAST HOPE.

Application of Condemned Murderer for a Commutation of Sentence Will be Argued Before Board of Pardons To-day.

ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR THE EXECUTION NEXT WEDNESDAY.

The Board of Pardons at a meeting to be held to-day in Harrisburg, will consider the application of Samuel Peter Meyers, twice convicted of murder of the first degree, for a commutation of sentence of death to life imprisonment.

Attorneys A. C. Holbert and F. J Kooser are in Harrisburg and will present Meyers' case to the Pardon Board. They will argue that the condemned man was irresponsible at the time the double homicide was committed and therefore should not be executed. Petitions, said to have been numerously signed by citizens of the county, asking that a commutation of sentence be granted will also be laid before the Pardon Board.

Governor Stone issued warrants directing the Sheriff to execute Meyers on Thursday, January 11th, but subsequently respited the condemned man for two weeks in order that his attorneys might appear before the Board of Pardons.

Meanwhile Sheriff Saylor has made all necessary arrangements for carrying the sentence of the law into effect, and unless the Pardon Board grants the application prayed for, Meyers will expiate the murder of Michael Carney and John Lenhart soon after noon on next Wednesday.

Sheriff Saylor visited Pittsburg last week for the purpose of securing a rope for the execution. Ropp, the famous maker of hangmen's nooses, died in that city a year or two ago and the Sheriff was obliged to hunt up another manufacturer and engage him to weave the rope. The rope has been completed and will be placed in the Sheriff's hands before the close of the week. The Sheriff has also completed a list of twelve men who will be officially invited to be present at the execution.

The condemned man has not abandoned hope and still believes that the Pardon Board will commute his sentence. He talks freely about his case and declares that he is innocent of willful and premeditated murder, claiming that he was unconscious of all that occurred on the afternoon he shot and killed Carney and Lenhart. Meyers looks well and is apparently enjoying excellent health.

In case his application for commutation of sentence is refused Meyers will be closely guarded night and day until the hour for his execution arrives.

Jurors for February Court.

The following named gentlemen have been drawn to serve as jurors at the regular term of court, which meets February 26th:

GRAND JURORS.

Smith Fred R., Somerset.
Hoffman F. J., Somerset Bor.
Endsley J. W., Somerfield.
Moore George B., Middlecreek.
Sala W. J., Conemaugh.
Glotfelty Samuel, Elk Lick.
Smith A. L., Allegheny.
Heckler W H., Somerset.
Burkhart A. E., Allegheny.
Tidenburg John, Northampton.
Hay Simon F., Brothersvalley.
Weimer Jacob P., Milford.
Holliday Urias, Addison.
Phillips L. M., Somerset Bor.
Stutzman Chas. H. Stonycreek.
Baker John B., Southampton.
Custer Adam, Quemahoning.
Shunk Jonathan, Jenner.
Zerfoss Cyrus, Somerset.
Rubright George, Summit.
Stein Geo. P., Meyersdale.
Collins F. B., Berlin.

PETIT JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

Mock Edward, Ogle.
Spangler E. E., Stonycreek.
Stutzman Simon, Somerset.
Pfiffer John C., Southampton.
Mickey Daniel, Casselman.
Shaffer Adam B., Jenner.
Hay H. H., Lincoln.
Beal Calvin, Salisbury.
Lephart Moses, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Whitaker Amos, Ogle.
King William B., Middlecreek.
Saylor Howard, Meyersdale.
Baumgardner J. L., Ogle.
Gardner Lincoln, Jefferson.
Levan John, Jefferson.
Lehman Daniel S., Benson.
Boyer E. E., Brothersvalley.
Altmiller, J. F., Black.
Bridigum Albert S., Milford.
Walter Gillian H., Rockwood.
King Lewis M., Middlecreek.
Cover Daniel, Brothersvalley.
Hyatt Allen, Lower Turkeyfoot.
Miller P. T., Berlin.
Weifley Mort, Salisbury.
Palmer W. J., Addison.
Baker J. E., Greenville.
Donges George, Meyersdale.
Rayman Edward G., Stonycreek.
Grady H. H., Stonycreek.
Hay Ben G., Brothersvalley.
Speicher Charles, Allegheny.
Thompson George, Somerset.
Bowman Samuel A., Berlin.
Lenhart Charles, Jefferson.
Hay H. D., Elk Lick.
Horner Wm. J., Jenner.
Dickey George M., Jefferson.
Peck J. W., Summit.
Borkholder Cornelius, Summit.
Craver M. E., Somerset Bor.
Pile Irwin, Somerset Bor.
Walter W. H., Meyersdale.
Caton W. F., Allegheny.
Blough Isaiah J., Quemahoning.
Kimmell George, Stoyestown.
Mostoller N. E., Stonycreek.
Walker Joseph, Stonycreek.

PETIT JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

Brougher W. H., Somerset.
Livingstone A. L., Hooversville.
Rhoads J. P., Somerset.
Long Norman, New Baltimore.
Miller D. G., Milford.
Weller William, Berlin.
Heffley Henry, Somerset.
Poorbaugh Mathias, Northampton.
Barron Abram, Milford.
Shoemaker J. E., Northampton.
Glessner Mahlon, Conemaugh.
Younkin Elias A., Meyersdale.
King Richard, Upper Turkeyfoot.
Libarger A. H., Summit.
Sturtz, Lloyd, Wellersburg.
Kimmell Isaac, Jenner.
Emerick Solomon, Southampton.
Shoemaker S. D., Somerset Bor.
Shaulis Nelson, Lincoln.
Rauch Rufus, Jennertown.
Zimmerman George W., Shade.
Pile Lyman, Middlecreek.
Baker George W., Jefferson.
Dawson Frank L., Jenner.
Kretchman Samuel A., Summit.
Glotfelty J. M., Addison.
Baker Abram M., Lincoln.
Berkey Noah, Paint.
Bowman D. J., Berlin.
Henry J. C., Middlecreek.
Saylor John B., Meyersdale.
Stahl George, Conemaugh.
Lint Noah, Greenville.
Shaulis Ed. H., Lincoln.
Hershberger Henry D., Conemaugh.
Countryman H. L., Brothersvalley.
Holbrook Fred, Somerset Bor.
Wagner D. W., Stonycreek.
Sanner Charles, Black.
Yoder Levi, Conemaugh.
Critchfield Calvin, Milford.
McClintock Stephen, Addison.
Burkholder Urias, Summit.
Stifford J. H., Somerset Bor.

Chicken and Waffle Supper for 25 Cents.

The ladies of the Lutheran Mite Society will give a chicken and waffle supper at the Hotel Vannear from 5 o'clock until 9 o'clock Friday evening, January 19th. Everybody invited.

GIRL COMES TO GRIEF.

Charged With Robbing the Family With Whom She Lived.

Victoria Humbertson, a pretty girl of twenty summers, left a home of peace and quietness in Somerset county and came to the city for a life of turmoil and excitement of a metropolitan existence, says the Pittsburg Commercial-Gazette of Saturday last. That was in last September. Last night the girl occupied a cell in Central station with a charge of larceny hanging over her. Her father, a respected business man of Somerfield, will be in the city this morning. It is not probable the prosecution will be pushed against her. Her father will make an effort to take her back to the home with which she had become discontented, and the police and those who are alleged to have been the victims of her crime have hopes she will learn a lesson from her arrest and hereafter lead a better life.

Miss Humbertson was arrested by Detective William Elmore in a Penn avenue restaurant yesterday morning. A few hours before her trunk had been searched in the home of Thomas Rees, 226 North Negley avenue, East End, by Detective George Miller. In it were found silks, laces, insertion, jewelry, photographs and many other household articles. According to the stories of the police she must have stolen indiscriminately, and the nature of the articles missed by the family leads to the belief that she is a victim of kleptomania.

Her father keeps a store in Somerfield, and at home she enjoyed all of the comforts of life. The atmosphere of the country, however, was too quiet for her. She longed for the bustle of the city, and finally announced her intention of leaving home. Her determination was met with opposition by her parents, but Victoria was obdurate, and one morning last September the train bore her away from the scenes of her girlhood.

A week after her arrival in this city she went to live with the family of Thomas Rees, the steamboat builder. The family liked her. She was quiet about the house and gave every evidence of refinement. She seemed strangely out of place as a domestic, and this fact was frequently commented on. Sometime after her arrival at the Rees home little articles began to disappear. One day it would be several yards from a piece of silk which had arrived from the store; the next it would be portions of lace, then insertion, and finally photographs of friends, articles which had no intrinsic value going along with the rest. Members of the family sent to New York for feather tips for their hats. They were not in the house long until half had vanished. At first the girl was not even suspected, but the thefts became so numerous that suspicions were finally aroused and the bureau of detectives notified.

A week ago Victoria left the Rees home and went to work in a restaurant on Penn avenue. She did not take her trunk with her, but left it in her old room. Detective George Miller went to the house yesterday and went through the trunk. In it he found two silk skirts, a shirt waist, several crash towels, two pieces of linen, a piece of netting, black silk, wine colored and white silk, two aprons, some embroidery, lace insertion, a black enameled watch, a gold neck chain, a pair of nose glasses, an umbrella and three feather tips.

Detective Miller, knowing where the girl was working, had an information lodged against her before Magistrate Robert McGonigle, charging her with larceny. Word was sent to detective headquarters, and Detective Elmore went to the restaurant and placed her under arrest. At the police station she cried bitterly over her trouble, said she wished she was dead, and added that she would commit suicide rather than have the disgrace fall on her family. Her father was notified and will arrive in the city to-day. After the hearing, which, it is said, will not be severe, her father will return with her to her old home in Somerset county.

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.

Manse Baughman on the Weather.

Manse Baughman, the well-known Summit township meteorologist paid a visit to this office Thursday when he made the following predictions of the weather the people may expect during the coming year: From the 12th to 14th of January we will have four or five inches of "kissel" snow—rain and sleet—which will be followed on the 17th with six or seven inches of fine sledding snow. The next new moon will be ushered in amidst intense cold. There will be a thunder storm about the 15th of March extending from the south Atlantic to the North Pole, when no devil can live on the sea. Farmers and others should have their barns and dwellings insured before that time. Between the 20th and 23d of March great black clouds enveloping the earth in inky darkness will appear. The clouds will disappear after two days and a half, and will extend from Atlantic City to Kansas City. Four earthquakes will visit this country during September and October. There will be dry weather during sugar season, with an average crop. Good crops will be harvested all over the world during the year, but low prices will prevail. During the last week of March railroads, street railroads and other routes of transportation will be forced to close down on account of ice. The freeze will be the greatest and hardest ever known.

The stars will fall next November and before then people will do well to have their lives insured, as some persons will surely be hit. Thunder storms will be frequent throughout the season, but there will be a scarcity of lightning, excepting "jerked lightning." Mr. Baughman desires that his predictions be spread broadcast throughout the world. His post-office address is Garrett, Somerset county, Pa., and he will be pleased to reply to all correspondents enclosing return postage. Mr. Baughman is forty-five years of age and claims that he has been making weather predictions with unvarying success since he was seventeen years old. He speaks lightly of the weather predictions made by Rev. Irl Hicks, which he says are made for the middle west and without reference to the eastern states. In conclusion he declared that if Hicks can beat the prognostications he made he will retire and bag his head until after next ground hog day.

Diaries for 1900.

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A MODEST (?) REQUEST.

W. A. Scott, of Pittsburg, asks for a Permanent Franchise of Somerset Streets.

"SNAKE" INTRODUCED IN COUNCIL.

Town council met in special session at 8 o'clock Thursday night for the purpose of considering the application of an alleged Pittsburg syndicate (referred to in last week's HERALD) for a franchise of certain streets to be utilized for street railway purposes. A motion to postpone action for two weeks, or until Thursday evening, January 25th, prevailed, thus giving the citizens an opportunity to make their desires known in this matter.

When council was called to order Mr. Chas. H. Fisher, representing the Somerset Electric Light, Heat & Power Company, was granted privilege to read a communication from the board of directors of that concern, in which they formally withdrew the application filed by their company several years ago asking for a street railway franchise covering all of the streets of the borough. After reading the letter from the Electric Light, Heat & Power Company the speaker presented an ordinance from the same corporation, asking for a franchise of the streets and alleys for the purpose of installing a steam heating system, and also an application from the Somerset County Traction Company, a corporation now being organized, asking for a franchise of the streets for street railway purposes. Mr. Fisher was unable at the time to give any information in regard to the latter corporation, but he asked that time be granted him and his associates to formulate their plans, promising that they would be prepared to make their plans known at a future meeting of council.

Councilman J. G. Ogle, Esq., who is one of the attorneys of the Somerset Hotel Company (proprietors of the Highland Inn), a corporation doing business in Somerset township, of which Mr. W. A. Scott, of Pittsburg, is president, then called upon the Secretary to read the following proposed ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE granting the right to W. A. Scott, Jr. Esq., of Pittsburg, Penn'a, and his associates, to construct and operate a line of electric passenger street railway in the borough of Somerset.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted and ordained that the right to build and operate an electric passenger standard guage street railway in the borough of Somerset, be and is hereby granted to W. A. Scott, Jr. Esq., of Pittsburg, Pa., and his associates to be hereafter incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania as the Somerset Traction Company. The said railway to commence at the station of the Somerset & Cambria Railroad Company on Patriot street and extend thence westward to South Main Cross street, thence by South Main Cross street to the public square, thence by West Main street west to the borough line, said railway to follow the centre of said streets, and to be operated exclusively as a passenger railway.

SEC. 2. The said railway shall be constructed on an improved modern plan, with solid foundation and roadbed, and one foot of street on either side as well as between rails, to be paved and kept in repair by the said Somerset Traction Company and its successors, with vitrified paving brick or Belgian block. The railway to be constructed on a grade to be approved by the borough engineer, and all poles necessary for the construction and operation of said street railway to be placed under the direction and supervision of the Town Council.

SEC. 3. That the said street railway shall be constructed and in operation not later than the 15th day of July, 1900, provided, the sewer-pipes contracted for by the borough shall have been laid on said streets by the 15th day of May, 1900, otherwise the said railway to be completed and in operation within sixty days after the completion of the sewer line on said streets; and shall be operated every day in the year, except Sunday, from six o'clock A. M. until twelve o'clock P. M. from the first day of May until the first day of October, and during the remainder of the year from seven o'clock A. M. to eleven o'clock P. M.; a car to pass over entire length of line each way at least every fifteen minutes during said hours; all cars to be well lighted and heated.

SEC. 4. Single fares shall not exceed five (5) cents for one trip, but six tickets, when purchased at one time, shall be sold for twenty five (25) cents; and a book of fifty (50) tickets, good for use during the term of the public schools, shall be sold for one dollar ($1.00), for the exclusive use of children attending the public schools.

SEC. 5. In the event of said Traction Company or its successors ceasing to operate said street railway for a period of thirty days, except for unavoidable accident, this franchise, together with the rails, tracks, poles, wires and cars of said Traction Company shall be forfeited by said Traction Company, or its successors, and shall become and be the property of the borough of Somerset.

SEC. 6. After the expiration of twenty-five (25) years the borough of Somerset shall have the option of acquiring the plant of said Somerset Traction Company or its successors, at a price to be ascertained by a board of three competent and disinterested appraisers, to be selected one man by the Burgess and Town Council, one man by the said Traction Company, and these two so selected shall select a third man, and the board so constituted, after being duly sworn, shall make its appraisement and award, which shall be final and conclusive between the parties.

SEC. 7. The said W. A. Scott, Jr., and his associates, members of said Somerset Traction Company, shall file with the borough treasurer an approved bond in the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000), conditioned to protect the borough of Somerset from any damage that may be suffered by it in consequence of any injury that may be had or done to the water pipes that parallel or that may be crossed by said railway, by reason of the construction and operation of said railway; also a bond in the sum of seven thousand dollars ($7,000), conditioned to protect the borough of Somerset from any damage that may be suffered by it by reason of any accident that may occur to any person within the borough of Somerset from any cause relating to said railway during the time of its construction.

A running debate of a few minutes followed the reading of the proposed ordinance, when a motion was made to postpone action until a future day. In support of the motion to postpone, Councilman Scull said that he had never seen or heard the proposed ordinance read until that evening, and urged that action be delayed until the people, whose rights and property it was proposed to convey to others, could be fully informed of what their public servants were asked to do.

Mr. Ogle stated that the ordinance had been exhibited to all members of council except Scull, who had announced at a former meeting that he would oppose it; the inference being that he (Ogle) proposed rushing the measure through before those who are opposed to it could offer any objection.

Councilman J. A. Lambert, who was elected at a recent meeting to fill a vacancy that has existed for nearly a year, caused by the removal of former councilman Harry S. Keifer to Johnstown, said that he was unable to see how the alleged syndicate represented by Mr. Scott would be inconvenienced by delay and expressed himself in favor of the motion. Councilmen Ruppel and Love expressed similar views.

Mr. Ogle urged that immediate action be taken, declaring that council should avail themselves of the opportunity to provide the citizens of Somerset with a street railway that would be of permanent value to the entire people as a municipality and for which they would not be called upon to expend a penny. He insisted that it was contrary to practice to make public matters of the kind under discussion, and claimed that if the proposed ordinance be exposed to the scrutiny of the people (whose vested rights it is proposed to convey to an alleged syndicate), all sorts of irrelevant objections would follow, and the boon the alleged syndicate proposed bestowing upon the public might be defeated.

Mr. Ogle's vote was the only one cast against the motion to postpone.

The propriety of Mr. Ogle's appearing as an advocate of Mr. Scott's application was hinted at, but that gentleman indignantly denied that he appeared in the interests of any individual and declared that he spoke only as the representative of the people of Somerset.

The Somerset Hotel Company, with which Mr. Scott is identified, has, with two years' experience, amply demonstrated that it is not a profitable enterprise, and, if current newspaper and street reports are to be credited, the managers of that enterprise are anxious to dispose of it to advantage. A Pittsburg paper of last week says that negotiations are in progress looking toward the transfer of the Highland Inn to the National Government, to be utilized as a soldiers' home, while another report has it that the Highland Inn has been offered to the State of Pennsylvania, to be utilized for public purposes.

The people of Somerset will have just cause to hail the day when either the Nation or State of Pennsylvania acquires property in this vicinity for the purpose of utilizing it for a soldiers' home or a State institution, but is there any good reason why they should convey the privilege of utilizing their public highways to an individual or corporation who desires to be relieved of an unprofitable investment? Are the streets of Somerset to be given gratuitously to A, B and C in order that they may be included in the sale of a property in which the municipality has no interest in the world?

As said last week, if the right to utilize the streets of Somerset for street railway purposes is of value to strangers, it is certainly of some value to the owners—the people—and should not be voted away at the solicitation of an unknown promoter, whose obvious object is to hawk the property and rights of others in the money centres, to his own or corporate advantage and to the future disadvantage of the owners thereof.

The sixth clause of the ordinance introduced in the personal or corporate interests of Mr. Scott is altogether too ingenious to escape attention. It provides that after the expiration of twenty-five (25) years the borough of Somerset shall have the option of acquiring the plant of the traction company.

Existing laws do not contemplate or provide for municipalities acquiring or operating street railways and it is not probable that that function will be given them in the future; and in case it should be, would it be expedient for the present residents of Somerset to enter into such an agreement for an unborn generation?

Fifteen years ago the person or syndicate who would have asked for a franchise of the public highways of the towns of Greensburg, Uniontown, Connellsville, Latrobe or Johnstown, for the purpose of constructing street railways thereon, would have been looked upon as a dreamer, but the dreams of a generation ago have materialized and every one of the towns mentioned has advanced both in population and material wealth until they are among the leading interior cities of the Commonwealth. Their success, advancement and achievments are about to be duplicated here, and instead of profiting by their experience, as an intelligent people should, are the citizens of Somerset content to permit their servants in council to vote away gratuitously valuable public property and privileges that may in the near future be of inestimable value, at the behest of an unknown syndicate, who may be seeking to rid a local corporation of a great burden.

Consumption Threatened.

C. Unger, 212 Maple St., Champaign Ill., writes: "I was troubled with a hacking cough for a year and I thought I had the consumption. I tried a great many remedies and was under the care of physicians for several months. I used one bottle of FOLEY'S HONEY and TAR and it cured me, and I have not been troubled since. All Druggists.

Somerset Borough Republican Primary.

Notice is hereby given to the Republican voters of Somerset Borough that a primary election for the purpose of nominating a ticket to be voted at the coming February election will be held at the court house, on Saturday, January 27th, between the hours of one and seven o'clock p. m. Candidates can leave their names and the office for which they desire to be voted for, with the usual announcement fee, at the office of the Somerset HERALD, or with the undersigned.

DANIEL E. KELLER,
Committeeman.

Republican Primary.

A primary election for the purpose of nominating township officers for Somerset township, will be held at the court house, on Saturday, January 20th, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 6 o'clock p. m. Candidates will please leave their names, the office for which they desire to be candidates and the usual announcement fee at the office of the Somerset HERALD, on or before 12 o'clock noon, Friday, January 19th.

JAMES L. WINTERS,
Committeeman.

Jefferson Township Republican Primary.

Notice is hereby given to the Republican voters of Jefferson township, that a Republican primary election will be held at the schoolhouse in the village of Bakersville for the purpose of nominating township candidates to be voted for at the coming February election, between the hours of one and five o'clock p. m., on Saturday, January 20, 1900.

JOHN SCHLAG,
Committeeman.

Horses Wanted.

Elwood Webster, the well-known horse dealer, will be at Somerset about the 16th of January, and will remain about ten days to buy a car load or two of horses, from 4 to 10 years old. Parties having such horses for sale should bring them to Somerset or communicate with the undersigned at Somerset.

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