Somerset Herald.

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...will be held in the Re... on Sunday evening.

...that son of Mr. and ...Kooncker, of Friedens, ...ill.

...cracked lips and rough ...cured quickly by BAN... healing ointment in ...druggists.

...daughter of Ross A... ...ing died at the home of ...Friedens, January 20. ...months and 29 days.

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...number of Appletons' ...Monthly Prof. John ...of Harvard University, ...sounded warning against ...Bibles in Science which ...numerous and disastrous ...years. The Keeley motor, ...force, energy from noth... ...of the absurd prop... ...have recently been used to ...the unwarned upon.

...Bethel, N.C., writes: ...FOLEY'S KIDNEY ...tells what you claim it will ...is nothing equal to it, and I ...for the good it has done me."

...Belfrin, whose recent ...Klondike was ...commented for its scientific ...and its readableness, con... ...of two articles, giving ...second visit to this inter... ...wonderfully rich country, to ...number of Appletons' ...Monthly. A number of ...illustrations accompany the ...

...is the adoption of child... ...handed down by Judge ...of Wayne county, in a case ...Delaware court. He decided ...the child had been legally ...had not the power to ...a decree of indenture. The ...relation of parent and child ex... ...notwithstanding the adopti... ...The changed name of the ...means, but there is nothing ...the child inheriting from its ...from the child.

...bills by giving FOLEY'S ...Tar to infants and Child... ...prevent pneumonia or ...lead to so many thous... ...DEATHS. All Druggists.

...Keller saw mill just com... ...probably the largest in the ...operations last week. The ...will be 160,000 feet. The ...located in the mountains ...The company has about ...logs, gathered by an army ...logged on the ridge. The ...mill will now proceed to ...a spur of new railway across ...in Somerset, shortening ...here to Pittsburg by about ...

...of Indiana county recently ...county Commissioners to ...bonds to redeem those now ...have been on sale for a day ...the cash for the securities is ...Commissioners' clerk ...county could get $100,000 ...if desired. The present ...per cent. net. Applica... ...bonds have been received ...points outside the county, ...from Ohio and New York. ...county is A 1.

...Dr. M. R. Brightbill, ...Bedford county, was about to ...which had been tied to a ...reckless boys. When ...about to cut the strap, the ...through the large joint ...thumb. The hand and ...badly swollen and for a time ...was feared. Mr. Brightbill ...guest of his parents in Bed... ...He is still under med... ...and will not be able to ...for at least a week or ten ...

...Monday, between the public ...Union street public school ...ladies' belt and gold buck... ...will be suitably rewarded ...the same at this office.

...curious facts about our ...century can begin on ...Feb. 29 or Saturday. The ...are used every twenty ...always begins on the ...of the week as January, April ...September as December. Feb... ...and November begin on ...May, June and August ...on different days from each ...every other month in the year. ...last days of the year are ...same. These rules do not ap... ...year, when comparison is ...seven days before and after ...

...been introduced in Congress ...of interest to the officers and ...the "Fighting Tenth" regiment. ...if it becomes a law, will en... ...of them by $200 or $300. It ...substance that each officer ...of the volunteers who re... ...the Philippines after the ex... ...their term of enlistment shall ...same travel pay and allow... ...miles to the United States as ...officers and soldiers of the ...army at the expiration of their ...

Judge Baer left Sunday evening for the East. He will visit Lancaster, Reading and Philadelphia before returning home.

Mrs. Russel Uhl, of Wilksbarre, Pa., spent several days last week at the residence of her husband's parents—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Uhl—in this place.

Retail liquor dealers are busily circulating their license petitions prior to filing on Saturday, February 3d, the last day for filing in order to be presented at the next term of court. It is said there will be a large lot of new applications filed this year.

Will Swank, one of the best-known young men about town, left last week for Uniontown, where he has accepted a position in the large jewelry establishment of S. M. Bailey & Co. He formerly clerked in the jewelry store of his father, Jacob D. Swank, on Main street, where he did all the engraving.

Mrs. A. W. Knepper, who went to Indianapolis some time ago for professional treatment, is still very sick in that city. The expert physicians who have charge of her case say that she is suffering from malarial poison and express the opinion that she contracted the disease from the fumes arising from the filthy water-tables on Main street.

Miss Elizabeth Mostoller, who had been living at Mrs. Samuel Fox's, in Somerset township, for two years past, and Mr. Howard Racey, an employe of Fox Bros., were united in marriage at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, 16th inst., at the residence of Mrs. Fox. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Welch, of Friedens.

Dr. W. B. Protero, of Johnstown, assistant state veterinary surgeon, recently visited the farm of Irvin P. Dull, near Forwardstown, Jenner township, for the purpose of examining a herd of cattle. Some time ago one of Mr. Dull's cattle died of tuberculosis, and this led the State authorities to make an investigation. The doctor found two cattle suffering from the disease and they were killed, the State paying Mr. Dull their value.

The Pittsburg Dispatch of Monday says that a great trunk line extending from Erie to Johnstown, and uniting the Great Lakes with the Chesapeake by a new route, is one of the important projects outlined for development in Pennsylvania this year. The road would form a new line between the lakes and tidewater and would open a new route for the transportation of grain, ore and coal. At Johnstown it would connect with the B. & O.

Messrs. P. L. Casebeer and B. F. Jones will leave this week on a Southern trip. Their first stop will be at Washington, from whence they will proceed to Charleston, Savannah and St. Augustine, stopping for a few days in each of the cities mentioned. After leaving St. Augustine they will go to Tampa, where they will take a boat for Havana. They propose visiting all of the principal cities of Cuba as well as of Porto Rico, and it is probable they will visit South America before returning home via Galveston.

Misses Annie and Fina Conrad will open a millinery and fancy store on April 1st in the room now occupied by Herr Bros., the Main street jewelers. Miss Annie Conrad is well and favorably known to the people of this community, she having filled the position of head saleslady in the store of Parker & Parker, and later in the mercantile establishment of J. H. Sifford & Co. Her many friends will wish her unbounded success in her new enterprise.

The Somerset township Republican primary held Saturday resulted in the nomination of the following ticket: Judge of Election, Aaron Helple; Inspector, James Specht; School Directors, Jefferson Will and Israel Berkley; Tax Collector, Joseph Auman; Supervisors, E. S. Kimmell, H. M. Shaulis, Frank C. Rhoads, Irwin G. Custer; Treasurer, Charles W. Coleman; Auditor, John C. Miller; Clerk, Ross Pugh. The ticket is composed of Stalwart Republicans, with possibly one exception.

The Altoona police Saturday received word to look out for two girls, Nellie and Cora Dively, aged 14 and 16 years, respectively, who had run away from their home at Stoystown, about two or three weeks ago. The police made a search Saturday and located Nellie at the Allegheny House, where she was working. Cora was found on Tenth avenue. They were taken in charge and their people notified. They were taken home by their sister Sunday morning and they are now happy at the family fireside.

Mrs. Zachariah Lambert, of Lambertsville, died suddenly Sunday at the home of Johnson Lambert, of the same place, of apoplexy. She was stricken while attending services in the Lambertsville Lutheran church Sunday morning. She was carried to the home of Johnson Lambert, and an hour and a half later was dead. Dr. Krisinger, of Shanksville, and Dr. Baker, of Stoystown, were summoned at once, but did not arrive until after she expired. Deceased was about forty-eight years of age, and is survived by her husband and two sons, Henry, aged about twenty-three, and John, aged fifteen.

Irvin Walker, of Jenner township, was lodged in jail Sunday morning, to be held on a charge of receiving stolen property. It is alleged that Walker and several other parties stole a young heifer, which they slaughtered and ate some time ago, from L. W. Vannear. One report says that the wife of one of the parties accused gave the story away. She was very greatly surprised when her husband arrived home one night with four quarters of beef and naturally wanted to know how he came to buy so much at one time. Recently the woman and her husband quarreled, with the result that the informations mentioned were made before a Justice of the Peace.

A law designating a central point for the execution of all murderers sentenced to death in this State would, we believe, meet with the hearty approbation of the people of Somerset county. The execution of Meyers was the fifth to take place in the county jail since it was erected ten years ago, and while all were conducted as quietly as possible, the effect on the community has been more or less demoralizing. The morbid curiosity of hundreds of people to see a condemned criminal was well illustrated in the case of Meyers. A large portion of those who sought permission and were denied the privilege of seeing Meyers by Sheriff Saylor were women.

The Somerset HERALD has seen a light on the franchise question and with wisdom challenges the proposition now pending in the borough council to give away the streets of that charming summer resort to a private corporation which is seeking a grant. The HERALD offers the suggestion that if the streets are worth something to a private corporation they must be worth at least as much to the people themselves and it most wisely cautions the municipality against making the proposed gift. Let Somerset begin right and then it will not be hard to keep right. It is not easy to get right when once a wrong beginning has been made.—Johnstown Democrat.

One of the last official acts of the retiring board of County Commissioners was the letting of two bridge contracts, one of which will be erected across the Casselman river almost in front of Commissioner Moser's door. This was not the only piece of pressing (?) public business the retiring Commissioners sought to relieve their successors of performing, and it is referred to only as instance of their solicitude that the interests of the county should be properly protected, as the new Commissioners might not have been able to contract for bridges in mid winter to be erected the coming spring; anyway, they simply followed the example of their immediate predecessors, who had the material for a bridge delivered in mid-winter, just before the expiration of their term of office. In the interests of the public it is hoped that the present Commissioners will give ample notice of the letting of all bridge contracts.

# "Pete" Meyers Hanged.

## Murder of Michael Karney and John Lenhart Avenged by the Law.

## SCENES AT THE EXECUTION.

### Meyers Said He Was Content to Die on the Trap if it Was God's Will That He Should Do So.--Appeal to the Pardon Board Failed

Samuel Peter Meyers was hanged in the county jail at 12:58 o'clock this afternoon. He walked boldly onto the death trap and stood erect while Sheriff Saylor adjusted the noose around his neck. Rev. Collins read a passage from the scriptures and offered a brief prayer.

The prisoner said he hoped to meet all present in heaven. The Sheriff then pulled the black cap down over his head and said, "Good-bye, Peter." "Good-bye," came the response in a firm tone, when the Sheriff pulled the lever and Meyers dropped to his death. The murder of Michael Karney and John Lenhart was avenged.

Meyers did not struggle and at the expiration of fourteen and one-half minutes he was pronounced dead. His neck was broken.

At 11:30 o'clock dinner was served in the main corridor of the jail. Owing to the contracted space it was necessary to place the table over the death trap. Those who sat down were Sheriff Saylor, Rev. Collins, Guard Knepper and the prisoner. Rev. Collins asked a blessing in which he referred feelingly to Meyers' last meal. The prisoner did not show a trace of nervousness. He was neatly dressed, and wore a new necktie that had been given to him only a few minutes before. A red flower adorned the left lapel of his coat. Meyers ate heartily and apparently relished every bite that passed his lips. The dinner consisted of roast chicken, salad, vegetables, cake and coffee, and ice cream. The prisoner continued to eat after the others had finished and looking at the Sheriff said, with a smile, "Sheriff you must have had a light breakfast. I am enjoying everything."

After the repast was finished the prisoner was conducted to cell No 1, on the west corridor, accompanied by Rev. Collins, Veteran Isaac Jones assisted Sheriff Saylor to adjust the noose in the ring over the trap and at 12:30 the Sheriff read the death warrant to the condemned man. Meyers said that was an unnecessary proceeding, but he gazed intently on the big official document and listened attentively while the Sheriff read. Several Newspaper representatives and jail attaches then visited the cell and bade the condemned man good-bye. He asked the newspaper men to return his thanks to Sheriff Saylor for the kindness he had shown him, and said his thoughts were not fixed on temporal things.

At 10 o'clock the prisoner requested the Sheriff to spring the trap, the instrument of death upon which he was to stand two hours later. He was immediately taken to the main corridor and when the bars holding the trap were released and the steel platform instantly dropped into its proper place, he said "That's all right Sheriff; we'll not have any troubis, but will make a good job of it."

At eight o'clock last night Rev. F. B. Collins, Meyers' spiritual adviser, and Alex Markle, of Meyersdale, were admitted to the corridor in which Meyers was confined. They remained with the condemned man for two hours and before leaving Rev. Collins gave him communion.

After the clergyman and Markle left, Mrs. Karney and Mrs. Lenhart, widows of the men murdered by Meyers, were admitted to the corridor and were warmly greeted by the prisoner. Meyers had sent for them to visit him and both ladies said they could not deny his last request. Meyers told them that he was anxious to ask their forgiveness and to assure them that he bore them no ill will. The ladies told him they bore no resentment towards him, and felt that it was their christian duty to comply with his request to visit him. The interview lasted for perhaps fifteen minutes and was very affecting.

The prisoner retired at 11:30 o'clock and by midnight was sound asleep. He rested quietly all night, not disturbing the death-watch in any way. At 6:30 o'clock he awoke and bidding the guard good morning, dressed himself in the suit he had worn ever since his confinement, which he changed before going onto the trap for a neat black cutaway coat and dark trousers. As soon as his toilet was completed he asked guard Bittner for a cigar, and upon being given one, said: "This is the last smoke I will ever take."

When guard Knepper relieved Bittner at 7:30 o'clock Meyers greeted him pleasantly, and then said, "This is my last day on earth, but I am fully prepared to go. I have forgiven all my enemies." When breakfast was served he ate heartily.

Rev. Collins was admitted to the jail at 8 o'clock and remained with Meyers until the last.

The arrangements made for Meyers' funeral were changed yesterday, when his relatives purchased a lot in the Meyersdale Union Cemetery and had a grave dug. The interment will take place tomorrow morning. The prisoner had expressed a wish to be laid by the side of his mother and arrangements have been made to transfer her remains from the Meyers private burying-ground to the Union Cemetery.

Meyers was anxious that his picture should not appear in the newspapers and persistently refused to pose for a photographer. Yesterday afternoon he told Sheriff Saylor that he would like to have his photograph taken in order that it might be given to the various members of his family after he was gone. In compliance with his request the Sheriff had a photographer visit the prison at 9 o'clock last night, when the condemned man was brought down to the Sheriff's private office and a flash-light photograph was taken of his features. "Pete" had prepared for the sitting, having paid particular attention to his toilet. He wore a freshly laundered colored shirt and a standing collar and tie. His hair was combed down smoothly over his high forehead, and he held an illustrated copy of a book entitled "Christ and His Disciples," in his hand. The photographer promised before leaving to show Meyers a proof of the picture this morning, and expressed the opinion that it would be a fairly good one.

After the photograph was taken Meyers asked the privilege of a private interview with the Sheriff. He said that he had thought of making a statement up on the trap, but upon reflection concluded not to do so. "There is one thing I want to say, Sheriff," he continued, "and that is that I have a great deal of love for you, and appreciate all you have done for me. You can depend upon it that I will bear up all right when the time comes tomorrow, but I want to say that I would love to stay with you, at least for a while longer; but if I have to die I am prepared to do so."

Meyers was very anxious that his body should not be turned over to the State authorities for anatomical purposes, and was equally solicitous that his remains should not be interred at the poorhouse. Some members of the family objected to his remains being interred in the old Meyers burying-ground in Summit township, and out of respect for their wishes it was decided that his body should be turned over to his brother Charles, who has made all necessary arrangements for having it buried on a tract of land owned by him, several miles back of Meyersdale.

A Meyersdale undertaker was present, and as soon as the body was cut down placed it in a casket, and shortly afterwards left with it for the home of Charles Meyers. The funeral will take place today.

In conversation with the death-watch Meyers said he was ready to die on the gallows if it was God's will that he should be removed in that way, but declared that he would not go on the death-trap unless all of the Commonwealth's witnesses who had testified against him were present. He insisted that Karney had no right to go on his property, and apparently felt no remorse that he had killed him. He claimed that he was unconscious of killing Lenhart. He clung to the belief that he had simply protected his rights on the day of the double tragedy to the last.

Meyers arose at an early hour yesterday. He had slept soundly throughout the entire night, and appeared to have been greatly refreshed. He ate a hearty breakfast, and about nine o'clock received a call from Rev. Cameron, of the Methodist Church, who remained with him for some time. After the minister retired he asked the death-watch to read to him from the Bible, which was done. Throughout the days of his long confinement the condemned man appeared to draw much consolation from the Holy Scriptures, which formed the greater part of his reading. Meyers impressed those about him as being morbidly religious. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and during his incarceration was visited at intervals by his former pastor, Rev. Collins, of Meyersdale.

After dinner he spent several hours at the open window of the jail corridor, gazing in an abstracted manner at the sun, which was shining effulgently in the heavens. Hundreds of people passing through the jail-yard were attracted by the figure of the wretched felon, who was looking for perhaps the last time on the glorious orb of day.

Attorneys Holbert and Kooser appeared before the Pardon Board last Wednesday, when they presented the application of Meyers for a commutation of sentence to life-imprisonment. They were given a patient hearing, and were permitted to go into the details of the case. The lawyers argued that their client was a degenerate and not possessed of sufficiently strong mentality to make him a fit subject for execution. It was pointed out that he had suffered from epilepsy from early childhood and had been the object of a brutal attack by his father, when the latter struck him on the head with a poker. Much stress was laid on the fact that Meyers in his ignorance believed he was the rightful owner of the property, the dispute about which resulted in the killing of Karney and Lenhart, and that his father was powerless to dispossess him of the house. The Pardon Board did not announce their decision until Thursday morning, when Attorney Holbert was notified by telegraph that Meyers' application was refused. Attorney Holbert immediately communicated the news to Meyers, who expressed no surprise, saying that he expected nothing else.

Thursday night the death-watch was placed on Meyers, and from then until the hour of execution arrived he was carefully guarded by Cyrus Knepper and Andrew Bittner, one of whom remained in the cell with the condemned man day and night.

As soon as it was definitely known that the Pardon Board would not interfere in Meyers' behalf, the condemned man was removed from the male corridor of the jail, where he had been confined for over a year, to the female corridor, over the Sheriff's office. Meyers requested that he be given paper, pen and ink, as he wished to put the finishing touches to a history of his life from a period two weeks before the murder of Karney and Lenhart up to the day of his death. Meyers put in a great deal of time during the past two or three months in preparing the manuscript of his alleged history.

A sorrowful scene was witnessed in the jail Saturday when Meyers' two brothers, Charles and Dennis, and two or three cousins, called for the purpose of saying good-by. After asking his relatives to deliver a number of last messages for him, "Pete" removed his watch and chain and presented the watch to Charles and the chain to Dennis. He took a $5-note from his pocket and wrote his name on the face of it before handing it to Charles with a request that he deliver it to his youngest brother. He then produced several pieces of fractional silver coin, which he requested his relatives to present to various members of the family, who sent word that they would be unable to visit him.

HISTORY OF THE CRIME.

Samuel Peter Meyers was a member of one of the oldest families in Somerset County. He was born Aug 30, 1873, and was one of eleven children of Mr. and Mrs. Christian C. Meyers. He followed the occupation of mining coal in Summit township. His parents did not live happily together, and in their disputes "Pete" generally sided with his mother, and after he had grown to manhood he treated his father with extreme cruelty. "Pete" put a portion of his meagre earnings into a property, a house and lot, in the village of Garrett, and his mother, before her death in May, 1898, signed a deed conveying the property to him. Christian C. Meyers, the father, did not sign the deed and consequently claimed a life estate in the property, which "Pete" refused to recognize. Father and son appealed to attorneys for advice, and both were advised that the father could not be dispossessed of the property during his natural life.

"Pete" declined to accept the advice of his attorney, and when he learned that his father was about to occupy the property and install a woman of questionable character as housekeeper, he removed a door and the window-sash, placing them in a stable on the rear of the lot.

On September 20, 1898, old man Meyers came to Somerset for legal advice, and after being informed that he had the right to possess himself of the property, he returned to Garrett the same afternoon and engaged Michael Karney and Rudolph Baker to assist him in replacing the door and window-sash. The three men met at the village railroad station, where they were seen in conversation by "Pete," and when they went to the Meyers property he followed and demanded to know what they were doing there. Karney told him that their object was to replace the door and windows, to which "Pete" replied that they had no business there, and that when he returned he would show them that they had no right to be there. He then proceeded to the store of Merchant W. A. Merrill, where he secured the loan of a double-barreled shot-gun and some cartridges, alleging that he wanted to go to the river-bank and shoot a ground-hog. He immediately returned to the house, and on being intercepted by a child, said that he was "going to shoot a gray-headed ground hog."

When "Pete" reached the property Karney and old man Meyers were carrying the window sash from the stable to the house. The latter testified that he heard "Pete" cry "Lookout!" and the next moment the report of a gun. He looked around and saw "Pete" pointing the smoking gun in his face. Baker, who was in the house, heard the report of a gun, and looked out of the window in time to see Karney throw up his hands, and heard him exclaim, "My God, I'm shot!" before he fell to the ground mortally wounded. The murderer pointed the gun at Baker and exclaimed, "You are the next s— of a b—!" Baker jumped out of the window and fled.

The report of the gun alarmed the residents of the village, but before they had time to reach the scene of the tragedy Meyers had left. He was seen entering his boarding-house—George Judy's

Karney was shot in the back, his spine being literally torn to pieces. He lingered in great agony until ten o'clock.

Constable Nelson Lenhart, of Summit township, deputized his brother John to go with him to Judy's for the purpose of placing Meyers under arrest. The murderer was not in the Judy residence, but in an unoccupied house adjoining. John Lenhart had proceeded about half-way up the stairs when Meyers appeared at the top, gun in hand, and, without a word of warning, fired, blowing off the top of Lenhart's head. Lenhart fell backward into the arms of his brother, who was following. Nelson Lenhart escaped from the house and informed the villagers of the second tragedy.

A guard was placed around the house and Sheriff Hartzell was telephoned to hasten to the scene. The Sheriff, accompanied by a posse, left Somerset about six o'clock, reaching Garrett two hours later. He found the people of the town in a wild state of terror and excitement. Hundreds of angry men, armed with guns and revolvers, surrounded the Judy property. Bonfires had been started in order that the murderer might not make his escape in the darkness.

Sheriff Hartzell called upon the murderer to surrender, promising him the protection of the law against the threats of the mob, who were howling for his blood, but he got no reponse from the homicide. About ten o'clock the dead body of Lenhart was recovered, and a short time thereafter the Sheriff, Constable Fred Dupont, of Rockwood, and others, determined to take Meyers, dead or alive, and, with that object in view, entered the house. A thorough search of the premises was made. Then the Sheriff's posse went to the adjoining house, and, after searching the various rooms, visited the cellar, where the murderer was found crouching behind a barrel, gun in hand.

Dupont grabbed him by the throat and raised him to his feet. Sheriff Hartzell placed manacles on his wrists, and, surrounded by a posse of armed deputies, Meyers was taken from the building.

Outside, the frenzied crowd, composed of friends and acquaintances of the murdered men, were crying for Meyers' blood, and when he appeared in the doorway a rush was made to take him from the officers, while shouts of "Lynch him!" filled the air.

The officers commanded, begged and threatened the mob to preserve the peace, but before they had proceeded a rod from the house a man in the crowd shoved a weapon between them and fired at the prisoner. Fortunately his aim was bad, the bullet cutting only a slight gash in the prisoner's forehead. The posse guarding the prisoner were compelled to fight every foot of the way from Judy's to the hotel, where Meyers was placed in the hotel cellar, under guard.

The prisoner fell to the ground when he was shot, and feigned unconsciousness for several hours. He was carried to the hotel, and when a physician stitched the wound in his head he did not move a muscle, but when the glare of an oil lamp was flashed in his eyes, he sat upright.

Meanwhile the crowd assembled around the hotel, and threats that Meyers would not be permitted to leave town alive were heard on every side. Sheriff Hartzell visited the railroad station and, learning from the telegraph operator that a west-bound freight train had just left Sand Patch and would be due at Garrett in less than half an hour, arranged to have the train stop at the siding east of the village. Returning to the hotel, he placed a strange hat and coat on the prisoner, and in this disguise conducted him to the siding, where he was placed on the freight train and brought to jail. The crowd about the hotel did not learn that the Sheriff had worked a successful ruse on them and taken Meyers away until several hours afterward.

Meyers was placed on trial for the murder of Karney at the following May term of court. The trial occupied four days. The defense set up a plea of insanity. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder of the first degree, bringing their verdict into court Sunday morning, May 27th. When court again convened Monday morning Meyers was placed on trial for the murder of John Lenhart. Wednesday evening following the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder of the first degree. Counsel for defendant immediately filed motions for new trials.

Meyers' application for a new trial was argued at September term, when it was refused by the Court, and the defendant was sentenced to death on each charge.

The case of Meyers is said to be unique in the criminal annals of Pennsylvania, if not of the United States. So far as is known he is the only defendant who was twice convicted of capital crime, who was twice sentenced to death, and for whose execution a Governor was called upon to issue two death-warrants.

Governor Stone respited the condemned man for two weeks in order that his attorneys might appear before the Board of Pardons and ask that the sentence be commuted to life-imprisonment. Argument to that effect was heard by the Board of Pardons last Wednesday, and Thursday morning announcement was made that Meyers would have to expiate the murder of Karney and Lenhart on the day set by the Governor.

### John Jacob Schell.

John Jacob Schell, one of the best-known and for many years one of the leading men of this county, died at his late residence on East street at 2 o'clock Sunday morning. He had been in ill health for a long time and the announcement of his death was anticipated. The funeral took place at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Wise. He delivered a fitting eulogy in the presence of a large number of friends of the deceased who congregated for the purpose of paying a tribute to the memory of a distinguished citizen and christian gentleman.

John Jacob Schell was born October 20, 1820, in Schellsburg, Bedford county, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schell, both long since deceased. His parents removed to Somerset when he was still a young man, where his father engaged in business, having erected a large brick building on the site at present occupied by the Hotel Vannear. In this building John Jacob Schell conducted a general store for a number of years, or until he was elected in 1851 to the office of Prothonotary. Upon retiring from that office he engaged in the banking business under the firm name of Schell & Reed, at Bedford, and became identified with the banking house of M. A. Sanner & Company, of this place. Both enterprises turned out disastrously and Mr. Schell suffered heavy financial reverses. He was one of the first citizens of the county to realize the ultimate development of our mineral and timber resources and invested largely in then unproductive lands. Had he been able to weather the various financial panics following the civil war he would have been possessed of a great fortune before his death, or had he been in a position to retain control of his timber and coal interests until recent years he would doubtless have become wealthy.

Mr. Schell united with the Disciple Church at the age of 12 years, and was one of the early pioneers of that religious denomination. He was a pillar of strength to the local congregation and contributed liberally of his time and money to the establishment of churches throughout the county and elsewhere. He was married to Rose Ankeny, a member of one of Somerset's oldest and most widely-known families, and their home was ever the scene of genuine and unostentatious hospitality. His wife died four years ago.

He is survived by one son, Paul A. Schell, the well-known merchant of this place, and by four daughters—Mrs. Ida Wilson, of Moline, Ill.; Mrs. Ella Clark, wife of a prominent Pittsburg physician; Mrs. James Lewis, of St. Louis, Mo., and Miss Edith, who lived with her father.

He is also survived by the following brothers: Henry F., of Somerset; William, of Washington, D. C.; Charles, of Beatrice, Neb., and Young, who resides in Missouri.

### Note-Book Pencilings.

Landlord G. H. Walter, of the Haines House, Rockwood, has been confined to his room for a week past, suffering from heart trouble.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed at the postoffice: Calbert William, Colnir F. E., Culbertson Mrs. Ellen, Heffley C. Miller James J., Miller Mrs. Agnes, Nair W. P., Thomas Ross.

The latest coal deal to be talked about concerns the purchase of a large body of mineral rights in the neighborhood of Casselman by a syndicate composed of Baltimore capitalists. Options on the tract mentioned were secured some time ago by Meyersdale parties.

While town council is in the business of voting away street franchises what's the matter with their presenting W. A. Scott, Jr., Esq., with the privilege of erecting a turntable for his trolly cars on the public square? A turntable around the hay-scales would seem to be about the proper caper in these days of "fake" enterprises.

The firm of Cupp, Coder & Co., has dissolved partnership, Mr. Nelson N. Cupp, the head of the firm, returning this morning to the office of Love, Sunshine & Co., where he was employed before going into business for himself, and Mr. N. Coder continuing in charge of the firm. Mr. Cupp is a native of Bills, and Mr. Coder of Ursina, Somerset county.—Johnstown Tribune.

Argument court will convene tomorrow morning, having been postponed for twenty-four hours at the request of members of the bar until after the execution of Meyers, as it was thought that a large crowd would congregate in and around the court house, prompted by the hope of having their morbid curiosity satisfied by that gruesome tragedy. The most important business before the court will be the application of Milton Sheets, convicted of murder of the first degree, for a new trial. In case the application is denied by the court, it is probable that sentence of death will be imposed upon the defendant. Sheets' accomplice, Harry Weller, who was allowed by the court to enter a plea of murder of the second degree, will likely receive his sentence before the court rises.

### 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.

### Grain-O! Grain-O!

Remember that name when you want a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it. Grain-O is made of pure grain, it aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and the children as well as the adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Ask your grocer for Grain-O.

The Bedford county Auditors have filed with their report a resolution to the effect that hereafter no bills presented to either the Commissioners or the Directors of the Poor will be allowed by them unless the bills are itemized and proved by some person judicially qualified to administer oaths.

### 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.

S. D. SHOEMAKER.

### 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.

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100 pieces Dark Calico at 4½c yd.
50 pieces Dark Dress Plaids at 4c yd.
Shirting at 4, 5 and 6c yd.
100 pieces of Lancaster Gingham at 5c yd.
50 pieces of good Gingham at 4½c yd.
Outing Flannels in good dark styles at 4½c yd.
Canton Flannels at 5, 6 and 7c yd.
Ticking at 6, 8, 10 and 12½c yd.
Bleached and Unbleached Muslins at 5, 6 and 7c yd.
Hill, Fruit and Lonsdale Muslin at 8c yd.
45 inch wide Pillow Case Muslin at 9c yd.
Ten quarter wide Sheetings at 14c.
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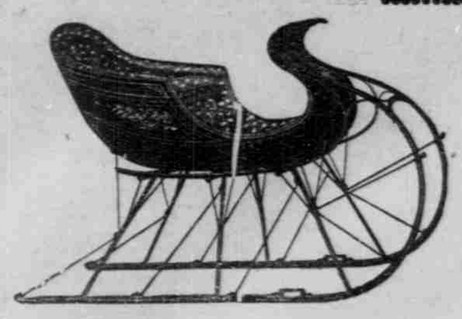

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