

The Somerset County Star.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Lou Brown is quite sick.
Advertising inspires confidence.
Billmeyer & Balliet lost a good horse
last week.

The small boy is glad that the schools
are closed.

What can account for the long silence
of our Boynton correspondent?

The fish liar will soon be ready for
his. Likewise, the snake liar.

So! Hershberger, the genial postmaster
of Savage, was in our city today.

The mother of Hon. Wm. H. Koontz
died on Tuesday last, aged 83 years.

Squire E. B. Fuller, of Grantsville, has
sold out and will move to Corinth, W.
Va.

There is still a bonanza here for a
furniture dealer, a clothier and a drug-
gist.

S. C. Hartley & Co., of Meyersdale,
great our readers this week with a large
ad.

Edward Hetrick orders THE STAR sent
to his address at Bitinger, Garrett coun-
ty, Md.

L. Morrell, of Meyersdale, will have a
big "ad" in THE STAR next week. Look
out for it.

Mr. F. J. Anspach, of Philadelphia, is
in town this week looking after his busi-
ness here.

A large number of Salisbury people at-
tended the opera in Meyersdale, Tues-
day night.

The flowers that bloom in the spring
trial will soon have something to do
with the cause.

Berlin is talking of erecting a barrel
factory to be run in connection with the
pulver works.

F. W. Hicks and W. A. Shoemaker, of
Meyersdale, were the guests of Lloyd
Beachy, last Sunday.

We didn't know that there was a notary
public in Salisbury, until this week
See L. C. Boyer's card.

Dickey and Livengood will give Salis-
bury the best Normal school it ever had.
They are able instructors.

Prof. Dickey, the Principal of our
schools, has gone to Rockwood, where
he will remain a few weeks.

W. E. McCurdy has gone out of the
drug business in Meyersdale and will
move his stock to Burgettstown.

Our Somerset correspondent this week
has a few things to say that the County
Commissioners should not fail to read.

John L. Johnson and Mrs. Lydia
Spiker were made man and wife, March
13th, in Grantsville, by Rev. J. M. Evans.

John M. Smith talks of removing to
Salisbury, says the Meyersdale Register.
That's right, John, move to a live town.

Salisbury Normal school will begin
April 18th. All those desiring to attend
a first-class school should come to Salis-
bury.

Horsemen are delighted with the bills
THE STAR office turns out. They all
say they are the best to be had in the
county.

Mrs. Dr. Lichty is on the sick list.
She had been very poorly during the
week, but is convalescing, we are in-
formed.

It is said that Geo. Douglas will erect
a new opera house in Meyersdale. The
Lord knows that town needs a good op-
era house.

He—"How chilly it is tonight. I could
hug a stove. I feel so cold." She—"Is
that so? Why, I'm so warm I feel just
like a stove."

Some people in this town have curious
names. For instance, there is Billmeyer,
the lumberman, and Bill Mier, the son
of a gun—smith.

W. F. Garlitz greets our readers with
an "ad" this week. Mr. Garlitz is a very
trustworthy man and deserves the liberal
patronage he enjoys.

C. T. Hay and N. Brandler have had
the windows of their business places
handsomely lettered, by a journeyman
knight of the brush.

The Salisbury Normal school, which
will begin April 18th, conducted by Profs.
Dickey and Livengood, promises to be
one of the best in the county.

The Salisbury band has reorganized
and will soon occupy its old place—the
best band in the county. The other
bands won't be "in it" very long.

Wm. A. Ohley, a former Salisbury boy,
is the highest salaried state official of
West Virginia. He is State Treasurer
and gets a salary of \$8,000 a year.

Samuel Musser, who has been working
for Ethel Livengood for some time, re-
turns to his home in Garrett county, Md.,
today, where he will sell fertilizer.

April 1st will come on Friday, this
year, which greatly annoys the supersti-
tious people who will have to move on
that day. "A Friday fit, a short wit."

New Germany items received too late
for publication this week. All corre-
spondence for publication must be re-
ceived no later than Tuesday evening.

Beachy Bros. have the finest store
room in the county. Their opera hall

will also be a dandy. Beachy Bros. do
serve a great deal of credit for their en-
terprise.

D. R. Sheppard has remodeled the in-
terior of his barber shop. "Davy" will
put in two handsome barber chairs of the
latest pattern some time next month.—
Commercial.

In this issue THE STAR gives its readers
the full text of the Baker ballot law, al-
so shows a sample ballot. THE STAR is
the first paper in the county to do this.
We lead; others follow.

R. B. Sheppard went to Cumberland
last week to visit friends. His nephew,
David Sheppard, Jr., of Meyersdale, con-
ducted his barber shop in a very able
manner during R. B.'s absence.

The city dads in other boroughs are
publishing financial statements of their
respective boroughs in their local news-
papers. Will Salisbury's city dads do
likewise? They certainly ought to.

If you have chapped hands, face, or
rough or red skin, from any cause, use
Stewart's Almond Cream. It will please
you and bring quick relief. Only 10 and
25 cents a bottle. Sold by J. L. Barchus.

Adam Enos and family, of Hyndman,
are all down with typhoid fever, with
the exception of Mrs. Enos, says the
Register. Adam Enos is a son of our
townsman, David Enos, and we regret to
hear such news.

Thomas Rees recently returned from
Washington, D. C., where he had been
on business. He says his namesake, Tom
Reed, is one of the biggest men both in
stature and mental calibre that can be
found in Washington.

It is said that at present rate of ship-
ment all the merchantable lumber in Som-
erset county will be exhausted in ten
years. One firm alone has for some time
been shipping at the rate of \$10,000 worth
per month.—Democrat.

"Rumor has it that one of our capital-
ists has gone away to organize an im-
provement company to build a hotel and
100 residences in Berlin and add 500 to
the population of the burg before apples
are ripe."—Berlin Record.

Salisbury has the best orchestra in the
county, but the Meyersdale Register has
it that the orchestra of that place has
been asked to furnish the music at the
opening of Beachy's opera house. Looks
as though something is wrong.

Homer Boyd, an Iowa gentleman, who
visited friends in these parts all winter,
called at our sanctum the other day and
ordered THE STAR sent to his address at
Liscomb, Iowa. Mr. Boyd will depart
for his western home in a week or two.

Herman Rausch and family will sell
their household effects on Monday,
March 28th, and on April 18th they will
emigrate to Spokane, Wash. George
Mull will accompany them and if he
likes the country will move his family
there also.

We believe that if Lou Smith would
give Mans Bauman and Pit Schwefel-
brenner a rest, that the public would fall
on his neck and weep for joy. Lou, why
not talk about the Pochontas railway
and the Greenville school house burners,
just to relieve the monotony?

Owing to a defective flue, Noah New-
man's house took fire last Sunday eve-
ning, but it was discovered and the
flames extinguished before much damage
was done. People should frequently
examine their flues, especially in towns
like this, where there are no water works.

In the matter of conceit Meyersdale
has undisputed claim to being the Me-
tropolis of the county. But when it
comes to money and business, Somerset
and Salisbury are far ahead of her,
Meyers Mills is a good village, but she
can't come up to the cities of Somerset
and Salisbury.

A certain Scotch editor recently de-
parted so far from the customs of his
contemporaries as to substitute the lead-
ings "Hatch," "Match," and "Despatch"
over those departments in his paper
which his contemporaries assorted under
the heads of "Births," "Marriages" and
"Deaths."—Ex.

The editor and associate editor of this
paper acknowledge the receipt of a very
courteous invitation to attend the annual
commencement exercises of the Baltimore
College of Dental Surgery, which took
place on Monday evening. We notice
among the names of graduates I. M. Rit-
ter, of Meyersdale.

Great is Garrett county, Md. John D.
Yoder, of that county, informs THE STAR
that he has ten ewes that have, all togeth-
er, nineteen lambs, one of them being the
mother of three. He says the lambs are
all living and doing well. Now, who
has ten ten sheep that can beat that re-
cord, is what THE STAR would like to
know.

A writer in the Somerset Herald this
week clearly shows up that Meyersdale
cannot justly lay claim to being the me-
tropolis of the county. While Meyers-
dale has about 100 more people than
Somerset, the returns of the assessors
and mercantile appraiser show Som-
erset to be far in the lead as a business
center. Meyersdale not making a good
second.

On every horse will be found, on the
inside of each foreleg, a dry, gray wart
about the size of a silver dollar, appar-
ently of no possible use. When the
weary overtaxed animal sweating at
every pore and covered with foam, can
reach down and rub with his wet nose
this always dry, hard substance, he is
instantly refreshed with an odor like ge-
ranium.—Ex.

District Attorney Colborn was in town
last week looking up political matters.
Of course he wants a second term as Dis-
trict Attorney, which is no more than
natural. Well, the longest pole knocks
the persimmon, they say, and as Mr. C.
is pretty long, as well as being a capable
man for the office, he will doubtless
stand as good a chance to get there as
anybody else.

Geo. W. Shaw, who has lived 24 years
on the Stone House farm, east of Grants-
ville, came to THE STAR office last week
to have bills printed for a public sale,
which will take place Tuesday, March
29th. Mr. Shaw has purchased Samuel
Baker's farm, two miles west of Grants-
ville, and will move thereon. We also
printed bills for Mr. Baker's sale, which
will take place Thursday, March 31st.

A close observer of such things puts it
this way: "When you pass a farm and
see a large barn and a small house, you
may know that the man is a miser; when
you see a fine house and a dilapidated
barn, you may understand that the wom-
an has things her own way; and when
there is a new house and a good barn,
you may take it for granted that the man
and woman are equal, and work togeth-
er in harmony."

"If you have ten dollars to spend,"
said Barnum, "spend one for the article
and the other nine in advertising it."
The old man knew a thing or two when
it came to advertising. Barnum said to
me some years ago: "I can out-talk any
body on earth but the printer. The man
who can stick type and talk next morn-
ing to thousands of people while talking
to one is the only man I'm afraid of. I
want him for my friend."

If your eye falls on this paragraph,
and you are not already a subscriber of
THE STAR, call and subscribe at once.
The full text of the Baker ballot law,
which appears in this issue, is alone
worth the price of the paper. Every vot-
er should have a copy of the new law
and post himself thoroughly on the new
system of voting. Otherwise, he stands
a chance of losing his vote. We have
lots of extra copies on hand to sell at 5
cents each.

It is reported that not less than one
thousand people attended J. M. Hay's
sale, in Elk Lick township, last Wednes-
day. At least that number of packages
of "lunch" were given away to those who
were present. Each package was neatly
tied and contained one sandwich, a piece
of cold beef, and an apple. Coffee was
served to all in tin cups. This was a
novel, and proved to be a very satisfac-
tory way of feeding the crowd.—Som-
erset Herald.

This Somerset Democrat vouches for
this toothache remedy: Procure a nick-
le's worth of hydrate of chloral; place it
in a small vial and pour as much water
over it as will dissolve it and no more.
Then, if there is any cavity, saturate a
small wad of cotton and place it in the
tooth. If it touches the gums or lips it
will take the skin off. As a rule the cure
is instantaneous. Keep the bottle well
corked and label it, Hydrate of chloral
in large doses is dangerous.

There is one habit some people in this
town have that they should get out of,
and that is their discouraging talk to
persons about to establish a new business
of any kind in our town. That kind of talk
always injures a town and should not be
indulged in by anyone. Always encour-
age those who desire to add new busi-
ness enterprises to our community, as that is
the way to build up the town and make
it prosperous. If you must croak and
growl, do so when you are all alone.

Elk Lick makes another radical ad-
vance. Mr. D. M. Fike, who is a mem-
ber of the board of supervisors, informs
us they have purchased a stone crusher
and mean to begin the macadamizing of
their county roads. This is an important
step and one we at least urge Summit to
pattern after. Good roads cost money
to be sure, but they also add to the value
of real estate more than they take out of
the purse, besides saving immeasurably
in wear and tear of vehicles and horses.
—Commercial.

B. F. Johns, a former citizen of Salis-
bury, but who now resides in Chambers-
burg, writes to his brother R. S., of this
city, that he considers THE STAR a very
spicy paper and he also thinks Salisbury
should have a new name. He suggests
Port Sherman, in honor of General Sher-
man. Mr. Johns is a prominent G. A. R.
man, being Commander of his local post,
also Post Inspector for Franklin and
Fulton counties. The editor would be
pleased to have Mr. Johns write an occa-
sional letter for THE STAR.

In speaking of the proposed what-will-
it-be, the Meyersdale Commercial, this
week says: "The cable system is too ex-
pensive; the trolley system will not serve
us in winter; the storage system is yet
untried." Well, well, Lou, that's too bad.
We can hardly wait until the great road
is built; it takes you too long to furnish
the motor power. Compressed air may
do, and you can doubtless furnish the
air, but can you compress it cheap
enough? Now don't try too hard, for you
are liable to explode. What's the matter
with horse cars?

Duke McFaden, the 12-year-old son
of the Brethren minister at Berlin, failed
to return home at bed time, Wednesday
evening, and his parents concluding that
he had gone to spend the night with one
of his playmates, retired. When the lad
failed to appear next morning they insti-
tuted a search for him, and late in the
afternoon found him lying in the hay-

now, perishing with cold and hunger.
His limbs were stiff and another hour in
the mow would have resulted in his death.
He said he had been in the mow since
bedtime the night before, but offered no
excuse for cutting such a strange caper.
—Somerset Herald.

Pants are made for men, and not men
for pants. Woman was made for man,
not for pants. When a man pants for a
woman and a woman pants for a man,
they are a pair of pants. Such pants do
not last long. Pants are like molasses,
they are thinner in hot weather and thick-
er in cold. The man in the moon changes
his pants during an eclipse. Don't go to
the pantry for pants, you may be mistak-
en. Men are often miss taken in pants.
Such mistakes make breeches of promise.
There has been much discussion as to
whether pants is singular or plural.
Seems to us when men wear pants they
are plural, and when they don't wear any
it's singular. Men get on a tear in their
pants, and it's all right; but when the
pants get on a tear, it's all wrong.

The Oil Well.

A bran new cable has been received at
the oil well and the drillers will resume
operations today. The work will be
pushed to completion as rapidly as possi-
ble and it is expected that a gusher will
be a sure thing. The persons who took
more stock in the venture deserve a great
deal of credit for their enterprise and it
is to be hoped that their investment will
prove valuable to them.

A startling Rumor.

A report from Stonycreek township
says that people of that section are great-
ly agitated over developments that have
recently been made which go to show
that a cold-blooded murder was com-
mitted in the mountains east of Shanks-
ville, some six years ago. It is further
said that the matter will be thoroughly
investigated by the local authorities, and
if the rumors in circulation can be sub-
stantiated the parties suspected of the
crime will be speedily brought to justice.

During the years of 1885-86 a German
peddler visited the eastern townships of
this county every few weeks for the pur-
pose of supplying farmers with buttons,
thread, handkerchiefs, cheap jewelry, etc.
His visits were so frequent that he soon
became well known to the people, and
when he suddenly ceased to visit their
inquiries were at once sent abroad to
learn of his whereabouts. He was tracked
to the "mountain distillery" one bleak
winter day, where he put up for the night,
setting out to peddle his wares after break-
fast the following morning. Here all
trace of the peddler was lost, and nothing
has ever since been seen or heard of him.

About the time the peddler disappeared
a well-known resident of Stonycreek,
of unsavory reputation, left for the west,
and a year following a neighbor of his
began to peddle thread, buttons, lace,
cheap jewelry, etc., among the people
of that section.

No suspicion was attached to the ac-
tions of these two men at the time, but a
story now told by a young girl of the
neighborhood in which they lived has
revealed many suspicious circumstances
which add to its credibility.

The story told by the girl in effect is
that on the morning the old German ped-
dler left the distillery on the mountain
he had not proceeded more than two or
three miles when he was attacked by two
men, one of whom shot him, while his
companion cut his throat. They re-
lieved him of his pack, after which they
dragged his body some distance into the
woods and buried it. The tragedy was
witnessed by the girl, who is responsible
for the story. She was only ten years
old at the time, and owing to threats
that the men made against her life, she
was always afraid to reveal what she had
seen until a few weeks ago.

According to our informant, the girl's
story has created a profound sensation,
and is fully credited by those with whom
he talked, and it is expected that it will
be fully verified in the course of a few
days when an effort will be made to ex-
hume the bones of the murdered victim.—
Somerset Herald.

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try and Cattle Food, etc., always on hand. Corn and Oats
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