

# THE SOMERSET COUNTY STAR

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## B. & O. R. R. SCHEDULE.

Until further notice passenger trains will arrive at Meyersdale as follows:

EAST BOUND.	
No. 34, Daily	12:48 P. M.
No. 46, Daily	5:09 P. M.
No. 6, Daily	11:22 A. M.
No. 14, Daily	10:58 A. M.

  

WEST BOUND.	
No. 9, Daily	8:08 A. M.
No. 47, Daily	10:40 A. M.
No. 11, Daily	5:23 P. M.

## Salisbury Hack Line.

SCHRAMM BROS., Proprietors. SCHEDULE:—Hack No. 1 leaves Salisbury at 8 A. M., arriving at Meyersdale at 10 A. M. Returning leaves Meyersdale at 1 P. M., arriving at Salisbury at 3 P. M. HACK No. 2 leaves Salisbury at 1 P. M., arriving at Meyersdale at 3 P. M. Returning leaves Meyersdale at 6 P. M., arriving at Salisbury at 8 P. M.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

### W. L. Brant gets the Garrett P. O.

The Georges Creek coal region shipped 5,803,480 tons of coal in the year 1897.

One of Jacob Blough's horses died last Sunday.

John Davis, of Frostburg, Md., has been recommended for postmaster of that city.

John W. Robertson, a coal miner, has been appointed postmaster for Lonaconing, Md.

James Albright, a well-known merchant of Ursina, died last week, aged about 68 years.

For postmaster at Rockwood, J. C. F. Miller has been recommended by Congressman Hicks.

John Johnston, a colored man, has been appointed postmaster at New Haven, Fayette county, Pa.

Geo. S. Scully, of Frostburg, was in town on business, this week. He reports business in Frostburg very lively.

Chas. H. Fisher, of Somerset, last week sold \$100 worth of valentines. Who says the valentine craze is dying out?

Dr. Bruce Lichty and wife, of Rockwood, arrived in Salisbury a day or two ago, the guests of David Lichty and family.

A full account of the blowing up of the Maine, the U. S. battleship in Havana harbor, will be found on our inside pages.

W. H. Miller, of New Centerville, will in the near future take charge of the Hoffman house, a hotel in Somerset situated near the depot.

Our friend S. A. Kimmel is working for the Pennsylvania, Maryland and West Virginia Telephone Co. He is at present located at Somerset.

What in the world will happen next? Berlin, at its last election, elected republicans to the following offices: Burgess, Town Council and High Constable.

The reason some people give pennies to church collections is because there is no smaller coin; it is the government's fault, they would give less if they could.

There is quite a difference on our streets since the Town Council put John Fresh on the police force. That there is less rowdiness is very much in evidence.

That is a large grain of comfort our Chestnut Spring correspondent offers to Elk Lick township's defeated candidates. "Blackstone" tells the truth, however.

C. T. Hay's magnificent new opera house is almost completed. It will be initiated by home talent, in a play or entertainment, particulars of which we will give later.

If you are a patriotic citizen of Pennsylvania and want to see political corruption wiped out in our state, be sure to read the article in this issue headed, "Where Did He Get It?"

Samuel J. Lichty had the misfortune to fall from a load of hay, a few days ago, and badly hurting himself. He is improving, however, and will soon be able to attend to his routine business.

The new furniture store of Johnson & McCollough is nearly ready for business.

ness. The room will be filled with the choicest and best goods. Lookout for the new firm's "ad," which will appear about next week.

Noah Speicher, who for the past few years worked on farms in this vicinity, started for Iowa, on Monday, where he will make his future home. Noah has many friends here whose best wishes go with him.

The Mutual Telephone Company, of Tub, Pa., has asked for permission to erect poles and wire through Salisbury and Meyersdale boroughs. We are informed that this company is making preparations to do business on a large scale.

Wm. and Frank Billmeyer, of Womelsdorf, W. Va., are at present circulating among their numerous Salisbury friends. THE STAR is informed that these gentlemen will soon be operating a saw mill about 40 miles below Cumberland.

Orlo Knepper, a son of Oliver Knepper, of Somerset, is an ensign in the United States Navy and was on board of the ill-fated Maine until about two weeks before the Maine sailed for Havana harbor, when he was transferred to another vessel.

There are going to be some lively times in the Bedford county political field. Any candidate who imagines he has a dead cinch on things, is very badly fooled. Just wait until it gets a little warmer and then the fur will begin to fly.—Hyndman Bulletin.

The Berlin sheet is now turning its attention to the distribution of seeds, which is a more laudable enterprise than foully slandering the County Commissioners. The Berlin paper is getting to be a very seedy sheet, anyway, and the seed business suits it.

An exchange says five hundred men in Sandwich, this state, have been converted during the recent revivals, and the first thing most of them did was to go around town making arrangements to pay their debts. This is the kind of religion that people will believe in.

Mr. P. T. Miller has purchased the residence and marble works property of R. H. Koontz, consideration private. Mr. Koontz will move the marble stock on hand to Greensburg and Mr. Miller will convert the shop into a store room and engage in the merchandise business.—Berlin Record.

The Somerset Herald evidently wants to know where some people get their military titles. Yes, for instance there is Colonel Edward Scull. Where did he get his title? Will the Herald please tell us all it knows about Mr. Scull's war record? Go ahead, "Timmie," it won't take you long.

Last Thursday there was a death in Somerset caused by diphtheria. The victim was Lottie Houpt, a young daughter of Mrs. Hulda Houpt. Much sympathy is felt for the stricken family. It is but a few years since the husband and father was instantly killed by a boiler explosion in Granger's planing mill.

At the third annual meeting of the State Association of School Directors, held in Harrisburg, the Rev. E. S. Hassler, of Elk Lick, was appointed a member of the executive committee for the ensuing year. A resolution was adopted urging the passing of a law compensating directors for their attendance upon the conventions electing county superintendents.

Upon a basis of agreement in which the terms are to be a non-exclusive franchise to run for twenty years, the council and promoters are getting together on electric lights. In another week negotiations may be completed. Then it will be for the citizens to say whether they will give enough private encouragement to warrant the promoters in making the investment.—Berlin Record.

George Collins, who resided at Boynton a few years ago and was well known here, met with a sudden and violent death, near Petersburg, last week. He was employed at a saw mill owned by E. R. Hays, and was killed by being struck on the head by a piece of a wheel that burst while running at a high rate of speed. The deceased was aged about 35 years and leaves a wife and six children.

We have often wondered why so many people throughout Somerset county sign liquor license petitions. In spite of the publication of the names in the Prohibition Era, the lists seem to be longer every year. A citizen of Salisbury explains it in this way: "People are so fond of seeing their names in print that they will sign anything to have their names published in a newspaper." There may be something in this.

In order to increase combustion in a boiler furnace, a device has been recently provided for use in the ash pit door, whereby a quantity of mixed steam and air is fed under the grate bar. The flue which is fixed into the pit door for the passage of air, is made funnel shape, and in one side is located a steam jet nozzle, while in the flue, behind the nozzle, is a mixer consisting of three windwheels turned by means of the jet of steam; these wheels draw in the air and mix it with the steam prior to passing to the fire.

Last week's issue of THE STAR seems to have struck a popular chord, as calls for extra copies have been pouring in

from all parts of the county. Many of these calls are accompanied by remittances for subscription and also contain words of cheer and many fine compliments. The people of Somerset county were never before so thoroughly aroused against arbitrary machine politics as they are now. "Turn on the light, we have been fooled and belied long enough," is the expression that comes to us from all over the county.

One of our defeated candidates, and one by the way who has always called himself a "stalwart," has threatened never to vote another Republican ticket, because he was defeated by members of his own party. Come, come, old man, Republicanism must be made of sterner stuff. We have had the same thing done unto us more than once, but we will remain in the party, just the same. The reason you were defeated is because a whole lot of your "stalwart" brethren voted just as you have voted many times yourself—a split ticket.

The record for long distance talking at Somerset was broken on Monday evening, when Mr. W. D. Lichty at Iowa City, Iowa, called two or three of his Somerset friends to the phone in the Bell Company's office and chatted with them for a few minutes. The distance is probably in the neighborhood of 1,000 miles, yet the voice of Mr. Lichty came from Iowa City to Somerset with as much clearness and ease as though he were only three feet away. Judging from the number of minutes used, the little diversion cost Mr. Lichty about \$12.—Standard.

It is rumored in railroad circles that as soon as the double track on the Pittsburg division of the B. & O. railroad is completed, which it is said will be early in the spring, the Berlin train is to run through to Salisbury, several times a day, thus giving the Salisbury branch passenger service that will make connections with passenger trains on the main line. It is also said that as soon as the Penmar Coal Company is ready for coal shipments, there will be three coal trains plying on the Salisbury road, two during the day and one at night. It is more than likely that a depot will be built about half way between here and Grantsville, Md., where the Penmar Company will build a town. If this information proves to be correct, it will be a great convenience for the people of Salisbury and Grantsville, and there is no doubt that there will be a paying passenger traffic on the S. R. R.

**Last Chance to Save 25 Cents.** Some of our subscribers who have taken THE STAR from the time of its first issue have not yet paid their subscription. To all such we hereby give notice that the 30 days in which they can save 25 cents on the subscription price will expire on Feb. 27th. After that date the full price, \$1.50, will be charged. Take advantage of the few days of grace and save the quarter, for that amount will buy three loaves of bread. This is worth looking after.

**Railroad Extension to Begin at Once.** The contract for the extension of the Salisbury railroad has been let to Stewart & Keenan, of Westminster, Md. Mr. Keenan will be here this week and work will begin at once. The extension of the road will be about 3½ or 4 miles long and will tap the coal owned by the Penmar Coal Company, whose mines are now being opened about half way between Salisbury and Grantsville, Md., where a town is to be built. The Penmar Company is now receiving bids for the erection of a large number of houses, which will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The new company will operate a large store in the new town.

**"The Star" at Friedens.** D. L. Saylor, the jolly, fat merchant at Friedens, who used to be engaged in business in Salisbury, sends us greetings as follows: "DEAR FRIEND:—Enclosed find money order for \$1.25, for one year's subscription to your paper. Am glad that THE STAR has again made its appearance and hope that it may meet with abundant success. Your sample copies in this section take all right. You will have quite a number of subscribers from Friedens, as it is on the right side of the 'fence' for the republicans here. I hear quite a good deal of comment on your paper. They say you strike right from the shoulder and that is what they want. Yours truly, D. L. SAYLOR."

**A Correction.** It is an actual shame—the way the county worked poor old Gabe Good last year. He was actually compelled to put in \$1103.88 worth of toil at the court house. With Kimmel it wasn't so bad. He was only forced to labor \$1022.88 worth, and Kretzman—he just had a picnic. Only \$1019.83 worth of service was required of him.—Berlin Record.

This conveys a wrong impression. The County Commissioners did not present bills to the above amount. Their bills were as follows: Kimmel, \$993.50; Good, \$1,036; Kretzman, \$652.—Somerset Democrat.

To prove that the Democrat is right and that the Record is wrong, we refer the public to the Commissioners' annual statement published in this issue.

## Things We Noticed and Heard of in Somerset.

While in Somerset, last week, we noticed that Kooser & Kooser are having a great many clients.

That J. W. Fisel and D. W. Saylor are each doing an immense restaurant business.

That the Somerset County National Bank has the most modern bank equipments to be seen in seventeen counties, and that the men in charge of this bank are very popular and obliging.

That F. O. Livengood is always glad to shake hands and converse with old friends.

That C. W. Brenneisen is one of the most entertaining talkers of the Lime Kilo Club.

That H. F. Barron and B. K. Pullin manage affairs in the Prothonotary's office in a manner creditable to themselves and to the county.

That Koontz & Ogle do an immense law business and that everybody seems to be anxious to see Mr. Koontz be a candidate for the legislature.

That the County Commissioners' office is still in existence in spite of the unjust attacks made upon it by the "Barker's Lintment" gang, and that the best people in Somerset have great faith in the Commissioners.

That County Supt. Prittis is one of the most popular and respected men in Somerset.

That R. E. Meyers has a host of warm friends and admirers.

That P. L. Casebeer's jewelry and optical goods store seems to be headquarters for all goods in that line.

That Amos Knepper is a genial, pleasant man and has a host of friends.

That Chas. H. Fisher's store is thronged with customers at all times.

That J. A. Berkey is doing a big law business.

That Alex. Casebeer is a wide-awake health officer.

That Sheriff Hartzell is as genial and pleasant as ever.

That Knepper & Good are selling a great deal of clothing and other goods.

That C. C. Schrock runs a very fine grocery and does a nice business.

That Fresse & Kooser do an immense mercantile business.

That "Squire Ed Werner is still 'squire 'nit."

That Geo. H. Tayman does the largest hotel business in Somerset county.

That W. H. Welsley is as full of good ideas as ever.

That John G. Emert, the Commissioners' clerk, is popular and obliging.

That the Somerset schools have a high standing and are in a flourishing condition, much of which is due to the excellent teachers employed.

That Cook & Beerits, the grocery kings, know how to do business and please their customers.

That W. F. Shaffer, the marble man, turns out work that is a credit to himself, the town, county, state and nation.

That Hon. A. H. Coffroth is an entertaining talker and one of the leaders of the Somerset bar.

That Judge D. J. Horner is a prime favorite and a jolly fellow.

But space will not permit us to tell of all the things we noticed. We will therefore conclude with a few things we heard of.

## RODDY BOYS UNMOVED.

### Take the News of Their Sentence Coolly—Attorney Ruppel says They are Innocent.

Johnstown Democrat. Lawyer W. H. Ruppel of Somerset, a member of the firm of Coffroth & Ruppel and counsel for John and James Roddy, the convicted murderers, is in the city on legal business. He will be one of the lawyers who will present to the board of pardons the application of the Roddy boys for a commutation of the death sentence.

Lawyer Ruppel says that when the Roddys were informed that Gov. Hastings had set the date of their execution they appeared perfectly reserved and again declared that if they are hanged, two innocent men will be the sufferers. "There is a general desire on the part of Johnstowners who are in doubt," said a reporter for the Democrat, "that in the event that the men are hanged, they should make a confession. Do you believe they will?" Mr. Ruppel was asked.

"If John and James Roddy ever confess to the Berkey outrage," stated Mr. Ruppel, "they will have changed their front considerably. They as stoutly as ever maintain that they are innocent of the crime."

Have you any reason to believe that they would keep the facts from you in the event of their guilt?"

"Emphatically I do not," was the reply. "I have every reason to believe that they are not the men who committed the outrage."

"Will the board of pardons be your last step in behalf of the men?"

"Yes, I believe it will," was the reply. Mr. Ruppel's statements in regard to the manner in which the Roddys received the news that the date of their execution had been set by Gov. Hastings might be construed to mean that they are indifferent as to their fate. This is not the case. John and James Roddy are confident that they will not hang. There are many Johnstowners who will be greatly surprised if the men make a confession on the scaffold, because they are convinced of their innocence.

**"Seeking Permission."** Messrs. Bowman and Rhoads admit, in a "card," that there are several errors in the Auditors' report, which they have certified as true and correct, but hold that they are only clerical errors.

In other words these gentlemen, after deliberately using one month's time at the expense of the county, audited nearly \$20,000.00 out of the county's treasury, certified that the audit was correct, and went home elated over their splendid piece of work.

But the County Commissioners did not approve of that sort of auditing and asked the Court to require these auditors to audit that nearly \$20,000.00 back into the county treasury.

Now these auditors come up smiling, and "seek permission" to correct these errors.

The truth is that Auditor Bowman was gunning for the Commissioners and spent too much time in loading his blunderbuss. A little "clerical error" of \$20,000.00 against the county was a small matter in comparison with a good shot at the Commissioners. He shot, but O, heavens, how that blunderbuss did kick! and how quick!—Somerset Standard.

That the same company will present a bill when the next legislature is in session, which provides that County Auditors may marry as many wives as they may need to fill offices. This is to be known as the Bowman bill.

That a defunct oil company is to be reorganized, just as soon as it can be ascertained what the treasurer did with several thousands of dollars that have never been accounted for. We may give full particulars of this venture later on, as evidence that is rich, rare and racy is being developed daily.

**The "Standard" Complimented.** The Scullpaper spends the greater part of a column this week in trying to make a point against the Standard, but instead of accomplishing that purpose it unconsciously pays the Standard a high compliment.

The Standard aims to publish only the truth, and when we find an error, even in a piece of plate-matter, we cut it out. Last week we found an error in a piece of plate, and the Scullpaper devotes much space in telling its readers that we "saved it out."

Thanks for the compliment, but we cannot so compliment the old dust-kicker. If it had "saved out" some of the errors in the plate it used last week from the Quay "literary bureau," we might have an opportunity to return the compliment, but it didn't. Yet since we think of it, would the bosslets dare to use the saw on Boss Quay's plate matter? Hardly.—Somerset Standard.

**Trying to Mislead.** EDITOR SOMERSET STANDARD. SIR:—A writer in the Somerset Herald says I deny in positive terms that I ever signed the Commissioners' report and that I ever authorized any person to sign it for me. That statement is intended by the Herald to be misleading. While I did not sign the report or remarks, I fully approve of their publication over my name. GABRIEL GOOD.

**COMMISSIONERS' APPEAL.** They Take Action to Recover for the County nearly \$20,000.00.

The following is taken from the record in the Prothonotary's office: Report of the County Auditors of Somerset county, Pa., dated 4th February, 1898, and filed same day, showing that on settlement of the accounts of William Winters, treasurer of said county, with said county, there is due to the said Wm. Winters, Esq., county treasurer, from the said county a balance of nine thousand and forty-seven and 50-100 dollars (\$9,047.50) and on settlements of the accounts of Geo. F. Kimmel, Gabriel Good and L. A. Kretzman, county commissioners of said county, with the said county, there is due to the said county from the said commissioners balances as follows, to-wit: \$67.39½ each, and on settlement

of the accounts of H. F. Barnett and S. U. Shober, ex-county commissioners of said county, with said county, there is due to said county from said H. F. Barnett and S. U. Shober \$150 each.

Ninth February, 1898, appeal by county commissioners filed as follows: And now, February 9, 1898, the county of Somerset, by its commissioners, Geo. F. Kimmel, Gabriel Good and L. A. Kretzman, appeals from said report to the Court of Common Pleas of said county as to the following items: 1.—On page 3 of said report the said county treasurer is only charged with \$1,038.84 of State taxes, when in fact he received \$1,988.64. 2.—On page 5 of said report the grand total of taxes received by the treasurer is stated to be \$58,177.25 whereas it should be \$59,127.07. 3.—On page 7 of said report it is stated "Balance due Wm. Winters, Esq., Co. treas., \$9,047.56" whereas in fact the balance is \$9,997.37, and is due from Wm. Winters, treasurer, to the county of Somerset.

And the said Geo. F. Kimmel, Gabriel Good, and L. A. Kretzman, county commissioners, being duly affirmed according to law, say that this appeal is not taken for the purpose of delay, but because they firmly believe that injustice has been done the county of Somerset by said report.

**Lutheran Services.** Communion at Greenville church, Sunday, Feb. 27th, at 10 a. m. Preparatory services, Saturday, at 2 p. m. Services at Salisbury, Sunday, at 2:30 p. m. Sunday school at 1 p. m. Rev. E. S. JOHNSTON, Pastor.

**She Hit Back.** A Cambridge Springs woman whose husband has advertised her for "leaving his bed and board," etc., comes back at him after this fashion: "Whereas, my worthy husband has advertised me, I desire to say in reply that he does not need to worry about my running in debt. I never have and don't intend to do so. I have carried on his business many days and weeks when he was laid up with a sore leg. I have earned as much of the property as he has; also furnished him money before we were married to go into business with."—Lanesville Herald.

**BUSINESS MENTION, WANTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, LEGAL AND SPECIAL NOTICES.** **Salisbury Normal.** The Salisbury Normal School will open April 11th and close with the county examination. Special attention will be given to those preparing for teaching and for college. We can accommodate all grades. For particulars apply to V. R. SAYLOR, Principal, Elk Lick, Pa.

**Where to Eat When in Somerset.** Go to Saylor's Restaurant, Knepper's Block, for your meals, where you can get the best eating for the least money. Oysters, Beef-steak, Ham and Eggs, Bread, Butter, Coffee, Pies, Cakes, Cheese, Crackers, etc. We also have cigars and tobacco. You can get a good lunch here for only 10 cents and a superb meal for 25. DANIEL W. SAYLOR.

**Wall Paper.** Just received a line of Wall Paper at five cents and upwards. P. S. HAY.

**FOR SALE!**—Several gross Brahm Patent Pens. These pens are a new invention and an excellent thing. By their use blotting is an impossibility and one penful of ink will write an ordinary letter. They save ink, save time and avoid blots. They last twice as long as other pens. We have them in stubs and all other styles. Will close them out at 15 cents per dozen. Regular price is 25 cents per dozen. Try them and you will use no other. Lawyers, ministers and clerks buy them by the gross. You can get them at THE STAR office.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**—Estate of George Barron, late of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd. Letters of administration on the above estate having been issued by the proper authority to the undersigned as administrator, notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and all parties having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated for settlement on the 28th day of March next, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the office of J. A. Berkey, Esq., in the borough of Somerset. SAMUEL H. BARRON, Administrator.

**FOR SALE!**—A good second-hand Monarch Bicycle with the most modern equipments, geared to 66½ inches, weight 25 pounds, practically as good as new. Nothing broken nor worn about it. Will be sold for less than half of wholesale cost. No better machine in Somerset county at any price. Handsome, swift, easy-running and thence of all high grades. Be quick if you want a bargain, as this offer will be open for a limited time only. Also a good Bicycle Lamp and Bell for sale cheap. Inquire at STAR office.

**FOUND SPECTACLES!**—Owner can get same at STAR office by proving property and paying for advertisement.