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Modern, up-to-date accommodations at moderate rates. A square each way from the two principal railroad stations and in the center of the shopping and theatre district. American Plan, \$2.00 to \$3.50 per day. European Plan, \$1.00 to \$2.50 per day.

Special attention given to the preservation of the natural teeth. Artificial sets inserted in the best possible manner.

Don't let beer get the best of you.

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Monastery

brewed at Latrobe, Pa., and recognized by chemists and judges of a good article as a pure, wholesome, beverage.

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Sold at the West Salisbury Hotel, West Salisbury, Pa.

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Big Value For Cash.

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President Judge—Francis J. Kooser. Member of Congress—A. F. Kooper, Uniontown, Pa.

State Senator—William C. Miller, Bedford, Pa.

Members of the Assembly—J. W. Endsley, Somerset; L. C. Lambert, Sheriff—William C. Begley.

Prothonotary—Chas. C. Shafer. Register—Chas. F. Cook. Recorder—John R. Boose.

Clerk of Courts—Milton H. Fike. Treasurer—Peter Hoffman.

District Attorney—R. E. Meyers. Coroner—Dr. S. J. H. Louthier.

Commissioners—Josiah Specht, Kautner; Chas. F. Zimmerman, Stovestown; Robert Augustine, Somerset. Solicitor—Berkey & Shaver.

Jury Commissioners—C. R. McMillan, Listonburg; W. J. R. Hay, Lavansville.

Directors of the Poor—Chauncey F. Dickey; Aaron F. Swank, Davidsville; William Brant, Somerset. R. F. D. No. 5. Attorney for Directors, H. F. Yost; Clerk, C. L. Shaver.

County Auditors—W. H. H. Baker, Rockwood; J. S. Miller, Friedens; Geo. Steinbaugh, Stovestown.

Superintendent of Schools—D. W. Seibert.

County Surveyor—A. E. Rayman.

Chairmen Political Organizations—N. B. McGriff, Republican; Alex. B. Grof, Democratic; R. M. Walker, Berlin, Prohibition.

The new court house at Somerset is now completed, and it is truly a credit to Somerset county. The mossbacks and political grafters who kicked against its erection for political effect, kicked in vain. This is an age of progress, and the new court house is such an one that the county needed and is well able to pay for. The next term of court will be held in the new court house, but whether "Squire Edwie" Werner's court house anaconda will be provided a den in it remains to be seen.

The deficit in the postal department of the government for the year just closed amounts to \$10,500,000. And yet there is a large army of good men in this country who advocate government ownership of all public utilities, and these same men point to the postal service as an argument in favor of their hobby, says the Somerset Democrat.

There is much for reflection in this, and the editor of this paper is firmly of the opinion that if the U. S. postal business could be turned over to a big private corporation, that we would have a far better and more economically managed postoffice system than that which we now have. The hundreds of thousands of tons of medicine circulars and almanacs, as well as the numerous cheap and rotten story papers published solely for the revenue derived from fraudulent advertisements, ought to be charged a rate high enough to keep them out of the mails. That would soon eliminate an army of postal employees and wipe out the deficit.

Besides, it would protect the poor and the ignorant against the wiles of fraudulent advertisers who reach them through cheap, trashy story papers which are sent out to all persons whose names can be obtained, no matter whether they are subscribers to that class of papers or not. Much of the expense of our postal system is due to carrying and handling hundreds of thousands of tons of trash at a ridiculously low rate of postage—trash which should not be admitted to the mails at any price.

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LICKED AGAIN.

The Koontz Petition Quashed by the Court.

General Koontz has again met a reversal in his ill-advised effort to secure the certificate of nomination to the State Senate from the Thirty-sixth district, which was given to Dr. Wm. C. Miller, of Bedford, who received a plurality of forty votes in the district at the November election. Characterizing the Koontz petition for the appointment of a commissioner to take testimony as being "defective, irregular and not according to the Act of Assembly," Judge J. M. Woods, of Bedford, sustained the motion to quash the petition and dismissed the case. General Koontz can carry his fight to the Senate committee on elections, when that body meets in January, but since the courts of Bedford and Somerset counties have refused to investigate the allegations made by Koontz and his petitioners, it does not take a prophet to foresee what the result of his effort before that body would be.

It will be remembered that General Koontz filed a protest before the Computation Court of Somerset county against counting to vote of one ward of Windber, where a registry had not been made, and where the voters had to establish their right to vote by affidavit, and that Judge Kooser swept aside the protest in an elaborate opinion and counted the vote; that a certificate of election was given to Dr. Miller by the return judges of the three counties of the district; that Koontz then petitioned Judge Woods, of Bedford, to appoint a commissioner with full power to compel the attendance of any officer of the election complained of, and of any other person capable of testifying concerning the same; that a hearing was set for the 18th of December, at Bedford, when a motion to quash the Koontz petition was made on the ground that it was fatally defective in failing to set forth information required by the Act of Assembly, says the Somerset Standard, and but little more remains to be said.

Koontz is down and out for good, and he ought to be down and out for good. He was fairly and honestly beaten, and it didn't take a strong man to do it, either. It comes with poor grace for Mr. Koontz to try to disfranchise voters and thereby break into the Senate, and we are glad to note that his ill-advised methods are doomed to fail, as they ought to.

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FAREWELL OLD YEAR.

The old year will soon have passed into history. We part with it as with an old friend. To some it has brought much joy—to others sorrow. Yet we are reluctant to say farewell. Like a palsied man it totters as it nears the end of life's journey and goes forward towards that vast vault wherein doth lie the forms of dead dynasties and sheeted centuries swept by the remorseless hand of time to that great graveyard at the entrance of which rises the imaginary tombstone upon which is inscribed the words: THE PAST. There is a sublime solemnity in the slowly moving, yet never varying, tide of years. Man has marked its course into hours, days, weeks, months, years and centuries, yet it rushes on, on, on, and still on, utterly unmindful of the puny marks raised to measure the tide that never tires. Dynasties have rose, flourished and decayed; cities have sprung from fertile plains and then sank beneath the desert's drifting sands; continents have reared their lofty brows above the ocean's trackless waste, only to return to the coral caverns from whence they rose; races have risen to the noon of splendor and become lost in the depths of night, but Time, patient, plodding, tireless Time, sweeps on with the same regularity as when it first issued forth, from the hollow of God's hand, to the chant of the morning stars that proclaimed Creation's dawn. And yet time is but the image of eternity, the shadow of a shoreless sea, the type of a duration for which all the pages past and all the aeons to come would not make or constitute the first faint flush of the first streak of the dawn of its second morning. "Eternity! thou pleasing, dreadful thought!" That never ending reign succeeding the crash of matter and the wreck of the worlds, suns and systems! Intelligence has achieved triumphs. It has read the stars of heaven and can foretell to a second when the great, fiery sun will be hidden in partial or total eclipse; it can read the history of the creation on the rocks of nature and unfold the secrets hidden by God in the bowels of the earth; but when it attempts to grasp the significance of eternity, it stands abashed and dumb-founded at its inability to comprehend an infinite plan.

LONG TENNESSEE FIGHT.

For twenty years, W. L. Rawls, of Bells, Tenn., fought nasal catarrh. He writes: "The swelling and soreness inside my nose was fearful, till I began applying Bucklen's Arnica Salve to the sore surface; this caused the soreness and swelling to disappear, never to return." Best salve in existence. 25c. at E. H. Miller's drug store. 1-1

PRESIDENT AT PANAMA.

How He was Sized Up There by a Somerset County Man.

J. R. Heckman, of Jenner township, this county, recently received an interesting letter from a friend in the Canal zone, giving the following short, but very interesting account of how he sized up President Roosevelt during his recent visit to the great canal.

"Teddy" was here and saw more in three days than the Commission has seen in two weeks. He did not go any place they wanted to take him; he just went where he darned pleased. He never ate a meal at their banquets. He would sneak off and eat at some of the Government boarding houses, where they least expected him. He actually went through mud up to his knees, with his white suit on while the rain fell in bucketfuls.

"Oh, he fooled them. He told them that he did not want to see the places that were all right; it was the places that were not right that he wanted to see. There was not one in the bunch that could keep up with him. He went into 'nigger' quarters and sat down and talked with the 'niggers' and asked them all kinds of questions. Also he went into the white quarters. I heard he told officials how things had to be from this on. Some of them went to arguing the case, and said that such could not be done. He simply said that if they had no remedy he had one.

"I heard he got mad at one place, and just raised Cain; talked out in the street so everybody could see him. You should have seen him galloping down some of these muddy streets, the mud flying high over his head. He showed them how to get around."

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