The Somerset Herald.

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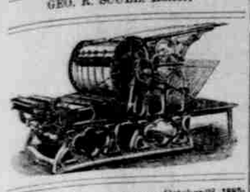

WEDNESDAY.....October 29, 1885.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

Following are the names of the Republican County Committee for the ensuing year:

Addison—J. H. Bird.
Allegheny—Amos Ware.
Berlin—G. W. Buckman.
Brothersvalley—S. W. Fritz.
Conemaugh—John Stahl.
Confluence—W. R. Mountain.
Elklick—A. Hoover.
Greenville—Fred Durr.
Jefferson—A. F. Berkey.
Jennertown—J. A. Kaylor.
Jenner Twp.—John Ankeny.
Larimer—A. O. Beal.
Lower Turkeyfoot—H. H. Rush.
Middlecreek—J. R. McMillen.
Meyersdale—F. A. Domer.
Milford No. 1—W. H. H. Baker.
Milford No. 2—Henry Barkman.
New Centreville—LeRoy Scott.
New Baltimore—B. F. Smith.
Northampton—S. P. Poorbaugh.
Paint—Joseph J. Seese.
Quemahoning—C. H. Dickey.
Salisbury Borough—O. W. Boyer.
Shade—Levi Koontz.
Somerset Borough—John N. Snyder.
Somerset No. 1—Irwin G. Custer.
Somerset No. 2—N. W. Brendle.
Southampton—Eli Martz.
Stonycreek—H. B. Baltzer.
Stoystown Borough—M. M. Brubaker.
Summit—W. H. Landis.
Upper Turkeyfoot—J. A. Shultz.
Usina—Wm. Shaw.
Wellersburg—John G. Heiner.
Rockwood Borough—R. H. Dull.

L. C. COLBORN, Secretary. J. R. SCOTT, Chairman.

Election next Tuesday.

Children's Underwear at Becher's.

The raccon hunters having some success

Quay will be elected in less than two weeks.

Wolfley is at all times prepared to take a good Photograph.

Tin-Types and Gems taken in the best style at Wolfley's Photograph Gallery.

W. H. Wood is selling the very best and all kinds of Jewely, Watches and Silverware at cost.

A company has been organized at Huntingdon with a capital of $20,000 for the purpose of operating a large shoe factory.

There being no whipping-post punishment in this State, a Cambria county justice sent a wife-beater to jail for one year.

Being a practical jeweler, I am prepared to do all kinds of repairing promptly and cheaply. W. H. Wood.

It is estimated that there were over 12,000 marriages in Pennsylvania during the week previous to the taking effect of the new marriage law.

Don't fail to call at E. McDowell's Jewelry Store and see his immense Stock of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry, and his prices will surprise you.

Fill up your coal bin; fix the disjointed stove pipe; hunt your overcoat; make your sauerkraut; thresh your buckwheat, and behave yourself.

A school month is twenty days. The State Superintendent rules that school boards contracting for twenty-two days will forfeit their share of the State appropriation.

Persons desiring to have a good Cabinet Photograph taken, will do well to have the work done at Wolfley's Photograph Gallery in the Mammoth Block, Somerset, Pa.

This is the first and last opportunity ever offered in Somerset to buy a good time-keeper at cost. None but the best makes kept on hand. W. H. Wood, No. 2, Baer's Block.

The largest assortment and best quality of Yarns can be found at Mrs. M. E. Schrock's Somerset Pa. Send in your orders early for Yarns and our celebrated home made wool Hoods.

Just received, New and Fresh. A very large and beautiful stock of Chromos, Pictures and Picture Flames. Largest stock and most elegant styles in the County, at Fisher's Book Store.

The election takes place on the 3d of November next, and it is the duty of every Republican to work hard from now until that time for the success of the Republican ticket. Get out every vote.

In view of the fact that small-pox is developing itself in many parts of the country perhaps it would be well for persons to get vaccinated. "An ounce of prevention," you know, "is worth a pound of cure."

BRICK, BRICK, BRICK! As good as the best and cheaper than the rest. Four hundred thousand on had. Yard opposite the Planing Mill. HOLBROOK BROS & PARSON, Somerset, Pa.

Mrs. M. E. Shrock, intending to discontinue the sale of Gentlemen's furnishing goods, will commence to close out the entire line of that department on the 15th. The assortment in Shirts Half-hose, Gloves, &c, is full. Call early.

All the School Books used in Somerset township will be found at Wolfley's Book store. Sheldon's Readers for sale and exchange. Also Copy Books, Writing Books, Tablets, Slates, Pencils, Paper, Ink, School bags. Teachers will find a full supply of School Reward cards at fair prices.

BARGAINS IN JEWELRY.—Having bought at Sheriff's Sale a large lot of Jewelry, consisting of Lace pins, Earrings, Bracelets, Chains, Charms, Cuff buttons, Watches and Clocks, I am determined to sell them below first cost. Don't fail to come early, as the goods are going fast. E. McDOWELL.

A number of kind-hearted ladies in Morgantown, having a charitable feeling toward all those who might be in need on account of the hard times, collected a fund and started out to find the poor. But after searching every nook and corner, not a solitary person was found who thought himself in need of charity.

NEW REGIONS FOR THE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS.—Sheldon's readers have been introduced into the Somerset Township Schools. Parents, teachers and pupils are hereby informed that I have them on my shelves for sale and exchange. Bring in your old readers to Fisher's Book Store and get them exchanged for new ones.

CHAS. H FISHER.

MEAT MARKET.—Main Street.—We have just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat Market in which all meats can be kept cool and clean. Mutton, Beef, Pork, &c., kept constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties buying meat can have it kept in the Refrigerator until wanted.

ROSS DAVIS & Co.

In Waynesburg the first marriage license was issued to William Scott and Mary Hunt. As soon as they got the license, witnesses were called in, when the man said: "We acknowledge ourselves husband and wife." This acknowledgment is all the law requires and saved the fee of either preacher or alderman. It was the shortest marriage ceremony in the history of the county.

You can get at Boyd's Drug Store;

Insect Powder,	Sticky Fly Paper,
Pow'd Hellebore,	Paris Green,
Mixed Paints,	Tube Colors,
Paint Brushes,	Shoe Brushes,
Croquet Sets,	Base Balls,
Bass Rods,	Bass Hooks,
Eye Glasses,	Spectacles,
Flip Cigars,	Soda Water,
Good Goods,	Low Prices.

Look out for Roorbachs.

Election Tuesday November 3rd.

And now the boys call C. N. Boyd "old weather."

Mr. J. G. Harvey smiled on his five hundred Somerset friends last week.

Elder Peter Vogel is holding protracted meetings at different points in Ohio.

Saturday will be "All Hallow E'en." Turn your cabbage or the boys will take it in for you.

The Commissioners are busy this week, delivering the election blanks at the different polling places.

H. S. Endsley, Esq., has been confined to his room for the past week by an attack of bilious fever. He is rapidly convalescing.

Mr. H. L. Gardner, an old Jefferson township boy, but at present located at Big Run, Jefferson County, Pa., is visiting his friends near Bakersville.

Mrs. Harrison Turney, of Addison, has been the guest of Commissioner's Clerk Hileman for several days past. This is her first visit to Somerset.

Says the Connellsville *Courier*: Rev. J. W. Love, of Greensburg, who was elected pastor of the Reformed Church, of Berlin, has declined the call.

Anthony Sager's New Baltimore beer will be on tap at the different hotels in this town hereafter. It is said to be a first-class article in every respect, pure and unadulterated.

Gen. Coffroth, who has been in Harrisburg looking after what are known as the Connellsville hospital cases, reports that the cases were continued until January term.

There will be plenty of last day stories circulated about John C. Barron. Farmers don't believe such stories against one of your number without giving him a chance to reply.

F. J. Kooser and wife are visiting Mrs. Kooser's brother, Lieut. Alex Ogle, of the United States Army, at Columbus, Ohio. They will probably extend their trip as far as Topeka, Kansas.

In their usual style the kickers will flood the county with last day cards. Voters should refuse to believe stories circulated at such a late day that it gives no opportunity to contradict them.

The sale of the personal property of Val. J. Miller, deceased, takes place at his late residence in Quemahoning township, on Thursday, the 29th. It promises to be one of the largest sales held in the county for sometime.

The Quarterly meeting of the Methodist Church of Somerset will be held on next Sunday. Presiding Elder Miller will be present and preach on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Preaching on Sunday evening.

The town council of Berlin have purchased a hook and ladder truck, and several long and light ladders. A building in which to store the apparatus will be built on the west end of Main street. A move in the right direction.

Mr. F. Husband, formerly of this township, but who has been following his avocation of a teacher in the west for several years has returned to this county, and we are informed will engage in the mercantile business at New Centreville.

David Hepburn, an old man, accidentally killed himself at Scottdale, on Wednesday. He was putting his revolver in his coat pocket, when it fell to the pavement and was discharged, lodging a bullet in his side, with the result above stated.

The railroad brakemen in this State are organizing under the Grand Lodge of the "Brotherhood of Brakemen of the United States and Canada." This movement is in line with the general effort of laboring men to band together for mutual protection.

Mr. H. G. Cunningham requests us to say that the report that he has discontinued the purchase of hides, is utterly false and calculated to do his business an injury. He is buying all the good hides offered, and paying the highest market price for the same.

The short days and long evenings are upon us. There is nothing that will help you put in the long evenings better and do your family more good than a copy of the HERALD every week, and now is a very good time of the year to commence taking it regularly.

Miss Zannie and Miss Dodie Heffley, of Berlin, Somerset county are visiting at the residence of Mrs. George Wehn, on Main street. The young ladies are on their return home from New York City, where they were visiting relatives and friends.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

We have communications from Jenner, Conemaugh and Milford Townships, supporting the candidacy of John C. Barron and denouncing the course of the Meyersdale *Commercial*, which we are compelled to omit owing to the late hour at which they were received.

A company has been formed at Uniontown for the purpose of putting down a test well for natural gas. The drills and engine were delivered last week and drilling will commence at once. The site of the well is on the Denth farm, about two and a half miles west of Uniontown.

It is said that the Salvation army are to establish a barracks in Meyersdale. If this be so we wish to direct their attention to the alarming and deplorable condition of the *Commercial*. Even its general cussedness might be washed away if the "army" gives it early and persevering attention.

The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed last week: Elklick, Silas A. Wagner; Sand Patch, Mary Lynch; Casselman, John Wetzell; Kingwood, Jacob B. Gerhard; Stantons, Fred. Donges; Hooversville, George Hoover; Glade, Lafayette Vought; Listonburg, Jesse Liston.

Fayette county needs a necktie sociable. When the fool law that permits men to be challenged from a jury because they are intelligent enough to read the county papers is repealed, they may have fewer ignoramuses in the box over there, and who so sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed.

The member of the Hammersly Opera Company that sang "Bob Up Serenely," and got off what he intended for a smart local hit at the expense of one of the engineers of the South Penn, tried his little game on Col. Salter, of Lebanon, last week. The Colonel thought the young man a little too fresh and caned him.

About one o'clock Wednesday night the old steam mill building on Main street, owned by J. M. Holderbaum, but at present occupied by Mr. S. G. Marsh's bottling works, was discovered to be on fire. The flames were subdued with great difficulty. Loss fully covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

For about ten years there has been a division in the Seventh-day Baptist Church near New Enterprise, Bedford county, one portion of the church following the lead of Elder Christian King, and the other the lead of Elder David C. Long. A few weeks ago the two branches came together, and on last Saturday night held their first love-feast in unity.

Mr Oliver Ross, of Brothersvalley township, met with quite a severe accident while driving along the road at the Allegheny tunnel, last week. His team frightened and started to run. In attempting to make the turn at Downey postoffice the buggy was upset, and Mr. Ross thrown through the window into Floto's store. The horses ran into a wire fence and were very badly cut.

IN another column will be found the advertisement of J. H. Pisel offering his residence for sale. Read it.

George B. Baer, editor of the Cloverdale, (Cal.) *Reville*, has purchased the *Sentinel*, of the same place, and will combine the two papers.

PIANO FOR SALE.—A nearly new Upright Piano, Cabinet Grand. Price, $200 cash. For further particulars APPLY AT THIS OFFICE.

Every candidate on the Republican county ticket is entitled to the full party vote. Men who love the principles of that party will not this year give aid and comfort to the enemy.

Mrs. M. E. Schrock has just received a large and elegant assortment of Millinery goods, Notions &c.; the goods are all new and consist of the latest novelties in trimmings and newest shapes in Hats, Bonnets, &c.

PRIVATE SALE.—My barn having been burnt, I am compelled to sell my live stock, consisting of horses, cows and young cattle. Purchasers can see this stock at my farm, three miles north of Berlin, on Bedford turnpike. ISRAEL SCHROCK.

While Rev. J. F. Shearer was absent at a conference meeting of his church, at Davidsville, last Thursday, no less than three couples came to his residence to be united in the bonds of matrimony. The reverend gentleman regrets his absence exceedingly.

"Uncle James," said a city lady who was spending a few days in the country, "is that chicken by the gate a Brahmin?" "No," replied Uncle James, "he's a Leghorn." "Why, certainly, to be sure!" said the young lady. "How stupid of me! I can see the horns on his ankles."

We have just received the Premium List of *The Philadelphia Weekly Press*, and it is certainly the finest piece of work it has ever been our good fortune to see. How *The Press* can offer such inducements is a mystery. We advise all our readers to send for a copy and examine it. Among their premiums they offer "The World's Cyclopedia" and *The Weekly Press* one year for $1.75.

D. O. Smith went up the creek the other day with his gun, and seeing a hawk soaring away with something in its beak, he yelled at it and it let drop its dinner. The hawk soon flew within reach of his gun and he shot it. He then went to see what it had dropped and found it to be a young chicken about six weeks old. He took it home and it is living, and is none the worse for its adventure.—*Bedford Republican.*

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Clerk Shafer within the last week:

George R. Scull to Carrie T. Baer, both of Somerset Borough.

Joseph C. Hoffman of Jenner X Roads to Maggie Baldwin, of Friedens.

Calvin Hay, of Brothersvalley Twp., to Ida M. Ringler, of Stonycreek Township.

Samuel T. Berkey, of Johnstown, to Hattie Horner, of Quemahoning Twp.

After the adjournment of their regular stated meeting on Tuesday evening last, a large number of the Masonic fraternity met at J. H. Pisel's where a handsome repast was served. The supper was complimentary to Rev. Poffinberger of Berlin and Division Engineer J. Imbrie Miller, members of the fraternity who are about to leave the county. It was a merry party but the members of it consider the speeches Masonic secrets that are not to be divulged to curious reporters.

Mr. Geo. R. Scull, loca leditor of the HERALD, and Miss Carrie T. the beautiful and accomplished daughter of H. L. Baer, Esq., were married on Wednesday, October 21st, at half past ten o'clock, in the Reformed Church at this place. The church was filled with the immediate friends and relatives. Mr. Will Dewart, of Sunbury, Col. J. M. Reid, of Connellsville, District Attorney F. W. Biesecker and R. S. Scull acted as ushers. Immediately after the ceremony the young couple left for Washington and New York.

H. L. Baer, Esq., who was appointed Commissioner by the Court to take testimony in the Salisbury School Board matter, was at Salisbury on Thursday last holding court. The trouble grows out of a failure of the board to elect a principal for the borough schools: three of the directors voting for Howard Keim and three for Levi Lichliter being unable to agree the matter was brought into Court on a petition to dismiss part of the board. The commissioner, it is understood, will recommend the removal of the entire board and the appointment by the Court of a new board.

Mr. McLaughlin, a Wilksbarre saloon-keeper, who has attended all the Murphy meetings, thinks Mr. Murphy "has got hold of the right end of the stick on the temperance question." Impressed with the great reformer's remarks on the subject of "treating," he has initiated the rule in his cafe that "no treating will be allowed," and means to enforce it strictly. Many temperance advocates are of the same opinion as Messrs. Murphy and McLaughlin. Certain it is, without going into any debate on the subject that when the American practice of "treating" is broken up much good will be done for the temperance cause.

THE TURNCOAT'S LAMENT.

In Meyersdale town the *Commercial* man lay,
Crying "Barron, John Baron, John Barron!"
And he saddened the whole of the October day
With his "Barron, John Barron, John Barron!"
Oh, his cursing was tall and his face it was long,
He had suddenly found all his reckonings wrong,
And this was about the amount of his song,
"Oh, Barron, John Barron, John Barron!"

He lay on the hillside the whole morning long,
Moaning "Barron, John Barron, John Barron!"
For the boom of John Barron was boomed along
By Republican votes full two thousand strong.
He had laughed at the boom as he saw it roll on,
And had boasted of Philson's boodle and braun;
But to-day all his vocalization is gone
Into "Barron, John Barron, John Barron!"

The latest wrinkle in the way of a foolfishery is the birth insurance game. The complaint comes from Reading, Pa., where the gentlemanly agent has been passing around representing that he was making up birth insurance classes of 100 each. One dollar entrance fee was charged to each wife, and when an infant was born to any member of the class the sum of 25 cents was to be assessed and collected of each member and paid to the mother of the infant, which would amount to $125. Public opinion and the police took the matter up, and the birth agent fled before his plans matured. He will hereafter give that section a wide berth.

The study of Physiology and Hygiene continues to form the leading educational topic throughout the State. Local and personal objections here and there step in to break the even enor of the teacher's way, and many, doubtless, will be the cases referred to the department at Harrisburg for adjustment before the present term closes. Already the department has debided that pupils who refuse to procure the necessary text-books on the subjects may for such refusal be suspended from the school until they comply with the demands of the law. The latest question bearing on this subject that has been submitted to the department is: "Can boards of directors legally authorize teachers in their employ to excute pupils in the public schools from receiving instruction in physiology and hygiene when so requested by the parents of the children?" To this question State Superintendent Higbee answers that "The act relating to the study of these branches is strictly a compulsory law. Its terms are specific and mandatory. The directors have no authority under the law governing their official action to excuse any pupil from receiving instruction in physiology and hygiene; but, on the contrary, they are required to have it taught to all the children in their schools, as the act expressly provides."

All goods warranted as represented and sold at cost at W. H. Wood's closing out sale

WANTED, WANTED! Plumbago, Transient, Up a Tree, and every other person in Somerset county to know that the largest, finest best selected and cheapest stock of Buggy-whips, wagon-whips, whip lashes and rawhides ever exhibited in the town or county can be found at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, No. 3, Baer's Block, Somerset, Pa.

CATARACT BLINDNESS CURABLE.—BEFORE EXTREME COLD WEATHER THE BEST TIME THIS YEAR.—Those who are blind from cataract and contemplate having an operation before spring, should send for Dr. Sadler's pamphlet on Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, with references free, or call at his office, 804 Penn avenue, before submitting to an operation. *No more perfect sight* after cataract, *has ever been obtained by any surgeon in any age or country than by Dr. Sadler.* The perfect arrangement of his home for the cure and comfort of all such cases, lends materially to his success. The case of Mr. Chas. Hudson of Jamestown, Pa., who had been blind for years, and under full pension of the Government for total blindness, restored so he can read the finest print, illustrates the wonderful success of the Doctors treatment of the Eye.

A telegram from Washington on Wednesday last announced the death of William A. Ogle, Esq., from congestion of the lungs. For a number of months his health had been failing, but none thought the harvest was so soon to be garnered. In early life Mr. Ogle learned the printing business, but left the case to read law with W. H. Postlethwaite, Esq. He was admitted to the bar on attaining his majority. He never made any serious effort to secure a practice, but soon returned to printing. He was probably one of the best compositors in the United States, and had worked on nearly all the best papers in the country. With one of the most remarkable memories with which man was ever gifted, and with keen sensibilities that never failed to respond to all that was pathetic or humorous, he was a versatile writer whose pen was left to rust for want of inclination to use. His death will be regretted by a large circle of acquaintances, to whom his many excellent qualities of heart and mind had endeared him.

SOUTHAMPTON ECHO.

EDITOR HERALD.—In looking over the Meyersdale *Commercial* of a late issue, I notice its editor claims to have arous-aroused the pwhole county to the necessity of defeating John C. Barron, the Republican candidate for poor director. Well, so far his malicious tirade against Mr. Barron has taken no effect with us in little, old rock-bespattered Southampton. Maybe we be too tough, too stiff, too orthodox in our religion and politics here to be amenable to any new measure introduced by some folks who are suspicious characters? And perhaps we read that party-wrecking journal, the HERALD, to, devoutly, and it may be that the names of mugwump, independent, kicker, &c.; are all six and a half dozen to us. Let consequences be what they will, we can't help it, we shall sustain the whole Republican ticket, without any Philson in it. The few kickers Southampton displayed in a former campaign, blossomed out from the manure distributed by the *Commercial* free gratis, they have since wilted, and would as soon hang as to have it known that they once kicked. SOX.

STONYCREEK ITEMS.

Applebutter, potatoes, cabbage, buckwheat, chestnuts, etc., plenty.

Mr. Ben. Zerfoss had his leg broken on Tuesday of last week while attempting to fasten a bull. Dr. Meyers of Shanksville was called in and reduced the fracture, and the injured man is now doing as well as could be expected.

I see the Meyersdale *Commercial* is supporting Samuel Philson for Poor House Director. Its Editor says Barron is not honest. How does he know; He says Barron is considerably in debt. That is something he has nothing to do with. Suppose he is; that does not make him a dishonest man. Many an honest, just, and upright man has debts. He also says Barron is not the Republican candidate; if Barron is not I am pretty d—d sure Philson is not. He says again that Barron was a life long Democrat; he was a candidate at the Republican primary in 1882 and was within a few votes of getting the nomination. He must have been the choice of a good many republicans. What has Samuel Philson ever done for the poor of this county that particularly qualifies him to take charge of their interests. Certainly he has been well paid for all favors he ever done them. I will not vote for Philson, and I hope there is no Republican in our township that will; if there is he ought to be drummed out. SCRIBBLER.

THE TRIENNIAL ASSESSMENT.

"We are very busy just now getting out the proper election blanks and papers," said County Commissioner's Clerk Hileman on Saturday, "but expect to finish up next week, when we will be able to devote our time to the triennial assessment. We have received the new records in which are to be kept the judgments and mortgages certified to us by the Prothonotary and Recorder, but we have not yet received the blank returns which each taxable is required to fill up. It is hard to tell what to do with all these blanks after they shall be returned, as they will soon fill all the vault room at the disposal of the Commissioners. The blanks will be distributed as soon as received, so that the Assessors may not be delayed in their work. The new tax law was passed at the late session of the legislature, and bears date of June 30, 1885. It makes it the duty of the taxpayer to return his taxable property of a personal nature, instead of requiring the assessor to hunt it up, as heretofore. The assessor is empowered to swear the person making the return to its truthfulness. It is expected that the new plan will develop thousands of dollars worth of property that never paid taxes before.

WHAT IS TAXABLE.

The act makes taxable for state purposes at the rate of three mills on the dollar, all money owing by solvent debtors, whether by promissory note or penal or single bill, bond or judgment: also all articles of agreement and accounts bearing interest, owned or possessed by any person or persons whatever except notes or bills for work or labor done, and all money loaned or invested in any other state, and all other moneyed capital in the hands of individual citizens of the state, all shares of stock in any bank or saving institution or company, safe deposit, guarantee, surety and real estate title insurance, or trust company now or hereafter incorporated by or in pursuance of any law of the commonwealth or the United States. In case any of these concerns decide to collect annually from the shareholders a tax of sixtenths of one per cent. upon the par value of all the shares of the corporation, and pay the same into the state treasury on or before the first day of March in each year, the shares and so much of the capital and profits of each as shall not be invested in real estate shall be exempt from all other taxation.

HOW WILL YOU SWEAR?

As in the old act upon the subject, all household furniture, vehicles, watches and other personal property are taxable. Under the new law there is no escaping from proper taxation. Formerly the statements were not made under oath. Now the assessor is required to furnish a blank to each taxpayer who must fill it out and make return within ten days after, with an affidavit attached, made and subscribed before the assessor, that the return is true and correct to the best of his or her belief. There is a special provision for the benefit of those who might be disinclined to give the assessor the information he desires. Upon the refusal or failure of any taxable person to make a return as requested, it will be the duty of the assessor to make a return for the person estimating the amount from the best information at his command, to which estimated return the county commissioners will add 50 per cent., and the aggregate amount shall be the basis of taxation. The assessors will administer the oaths and affirmations required by the act to all taxable persons without charge.

At the State Convention of Directors of the Poor held in Philadelphia, last week the two leading questions discussed were the care of dependent children and the disposition of tramps. On the former subject it was recommended that the law be so amended as to forbid magistrates committing children to the almshouses under any circumstances. In regard to tramps, it was resolved that the convention recommend to almshouses and boards of directors of the poor the discontinuance of relief to the professional tramp. Only by this method can he be got rid of. Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and other cities have discontinued giving relief in any manner to the chronic vagrant and also refuse to provide him transportation. The next meeting of the Directors will be held at Scranton.

MEYERSDALE, PA., OCT. 28, 1885.

EDITOR HERALD:—Beyond a doubt the old, reliable Republicans have a desire of knowing how the Barron-Philson controversy is humming in the ears of the faithful. To gratify the readers of the HERALD I will elucidate. The abuse of our candidate for Poor House Director, Barron, and the villification of our Chairman, Scott, it has reverted back on Smith, the woman. Ten or twelve days ago the woman, or old girl had four or five followers to his one to-day, and all on account of his overdoing the imaginary issue. Again, to the credit of the people, they see now, and have seen in the past, that this would-be reformer Smith's infamous trash, is done for no other motive than for his own personal aggrandizement, and few will be so extremely foolish as to scorch their hands and fingers on the pretended Smith Beacon light. The light is fast getting dim, and few will risk to trim it. The oil is about consumed, and no money to buy any, unless "Johnny" Scott willhave compassion on him. On November 3d the old Republicans will vote with this idea. Let Smith fight his own little battle. We are free men; we cannot be turned in to making asses of ourselves to encourage him in his nefarious jobs, which are only too well known by those who know him best and longest. Within a few days the writer has personally seen many Republicans who are loud in their denunciation of the course of Smith.

A number of personal admirers of Mr. S. Philson who had intended supporting him will now positively vote and work for Barron. These are positive facts, not buncomb. The writer also is aware of a few pretended Republicans who have offered Smith their support, but they have no force as we do not bite on dead bait.

Come out to thepolls, Comeand do not become weary of well-doing. Victory will be ours, with Quay, Barron and Custer.

Yours in truth,
NIMROD.

STOYESTOWN, OCT. 24, 1885.

EDITOR HERALD:—It seems that the Meyersdale *Commercial* has at least one Republican kicker or "mixed-breed" at this place, who would try to make the people believe that there are many Republicans here who will bolt the county ticket, and vote for Philson. Here is a little gall we extract from the kicker's letter:

"The Republicans, to a man, almost, in this section, say they will not support him (Barron) but will vote and work for Philson, and they give their reasons for this course."

Now, any sane person knows that the Republicans here are to a man for Barron, and that this enthusiastic "mixed-breed" must have surely asked Democrats as to how they would vote, or he wouldn't have gotten the result that he did. I have asked quite a number of Republicans as to their voting for Philson, and I failed to find one man who was willing to give his support to Philson. Some said, "I can't vote for a Democrat." Others said, "I will not split my ticket." And still others said, "If Lou Smith did not like Mr. Barron's candidacy, why did he not take a good Republican, and not flop right into the Democratic party for a candidate?" The same enthusiast says that Barron is the ring candidate and if elected, he will manage the poor house to the tune of $15,000 a year. Well, what miserable sophistry! Does one man of a board constitute a quorum? Will one man run the business of the Poor House? Would the immaculate Philson run the county if elected? The stupid sophist would answer, yes! In the next place he says that Barron is not the Republican nominee any more than is Philson. Would he have us believe that Philson, who has been a lifelong Democrat, and who was nominated by the Democratic convention, is a Republican? I wonder where he learned his logic? Did he grapple some of Lou Smith's sophisticated reasoning? Surely no oneelse would lead him into such utter oblivion and stupidity. He further says that Barron, on account of his business qualities, is wholly unfit for the position that he is seeking, and that Philson is one of the brightest men of the county, with a large business experience, etc. Well, I am acquainted with Mr. Barron, and I know that he has voted and supported the Republican ticket ever since the second election of Lincoln. He is as good a Republican as any man in the party, and an upright, honest, true Republican at that. He has not dallied with one side or another in the political world, but he has always been true to the party with which he has affiliated himself, our immaculate sophist to the contrary notwithstanding.

Mr Barron's financial affairs have nothing to do with his candidacy, for we have had many county officers who were bankrupt, but who made some of the very best officials for the county. True, Mr. Barron was very much embarrassed by his creditors during the last financial crisis. So was many a good, upright, industrious man. He labored hard and industriously, and by careful management he was able to resume control of his property, and he is now on a fair fincal basis. Can our sophist show so clear a financial record?

And now, as to Philson; What claims has he on Republican votes? Did he ever support a Republican neighbor? Did he ever help a fallen neighbor from the financial gutter? Only when he could grease his own pockets. Mr. Philson is a financial "barber," a man who has made his money from the necessities of others, a man who has no claim whatever on the "Frosty Sons of Thunder."

Shall we, then, as Republicans, rush to the support of such a man? No, never, *never!* I sincerely trust that no other Republican will let himself be lead away into such stupidity as was the immaculate sophist who signs himself "A Republican," but that all will turn out and vote the whole Republican tickt.

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BROTHERSVALLEY ITEMS.

Wonder if Louther the Smith thinks he can fool a half dozen republicans to vote the democratic ticket.

John S. Meyers raised and stored away about fifteen hundred bushels of winter apples, and boiled a very large amount of applebutter.

Let not a single republican in Brothersvalley be caught voting the Lou Smith Democratic ticket.

David Blough made nearly two thousand barrels of cider this fall and the cider season is not near over yet. The highest number of barrels made in one day was fifty-one.

Not one good republican in the township that will vote the Lou Smith Democratic ticket.

Last Friday evening the Sandy Hollow literary society was reorganized for the winter term. This is an old and well-established institution. Let all the young folks, and older ones too, who have a literary turn of mind, living within a reasonable distance attend. The society meets every Friday evening.

Louther, the Smith, has tickeled some of the democrats of Berlin and Brothersvalley to such an extent by his flopping that they take his paper until the election is over. They all pat him on the back and say Louther is the man to save us this time. But wait till after the election and you will hear these same chaps heap upon his head curses loud and long.

The largest pumpkins so far heard of were raised in Brothersvalley. I am no braggadocio, but will report only what was reported to me. There were no pumpkins weighed because we farmers have no steelyards that will weigh more than 250 pounds, but one reports that it was as much as two men could do to roll one on the wagon, and another says that they had to cut some to pieces with a large cross-cut saw before they could be lifted on the wagon; another says he had to use maul and wedges to split some like one splits rails before they could be gotten on a wagon. Now if any other township raised larger pumpkins I should like to hear from it.

The Editor of the Meyersdale *Commercial* thinks he is carrying the republican party of Somerset county in his coat pocket and can vote it for a democrat just as easy as not, if he sees proper. But Oh! how disappointed this editor will be when election comes around. He can influence but one vote and that will be L. A. Smith's.

Berlin is to have a paper too in the near future. I understand that Mr. Frank Chorpening will move to Berlin about the 1st of November and start the paper at once. It is to be a political paper and I presume democratic. It is to be hoped that the people of Berlin will give the paper the support it should have from a town the size of Berlin, then the paper will be a success.

NOW & THEN.

CONFLUENCE ITEMS.

Mr. James L. Mitchell, of this place, narrowly escaped with his life a few nights ago. Having been detained on the Fayette county side of the Youghiogheny river until a late hour, he attempted to cross the temporary foot bridge in the dark, and fell into the swift waters of the river. The fall having partly stunned him, he came very nigh drowning. His cries for help could not be answered, owing to the lateness of the hour, and the long distance to any house. Why is there no bridge over this river?

Bob Scott, the colored man who is accused of killing the Hungarian at the Chicago and Connelisville Coke Works, passed through here twice, first on his way to Cumberland, Md., on foot, and second on his way from Cumberland to Uniontown jail, by rail, expenses paid. He was arrested at Cumberland. Fayette county still keeps a little ahead in homicides.

Peanuts are being raised with success in this and Fayette counties. Mr. H. H. Rush has raised as fine specimens as can be found anywhere, and Mr. M. Burnworth, of Fayette county, also has a fine lot of them. We love enterprise, and who knows but that peanut raising in this part of the county may not become a profitable business. Give us more peanuts.

The residence of Mr. Andrew McNear, just across the Youghiogheny, was destroyed by fire on the 22d inst. About 3 o'clock in the afternoon the children discovered fire in the roof, and Mr. McNear and his wife being out in the field they gave the alarm, but before help arrived the flames had spread beyond the hope of saving the building. About two-thirds of the furniture was saved. No insurance. Loss not estimated.

The politics of the Meyersdale *Commercial* are of a mixed and spurious quality, and if its editor was to eliminate from its columns all that is Democratic and spurious and publish nothing but genuine, straight-out Republicanism, he could print it all on one side of a postal card and have plenty of space left to publish the names of the contributors to the prosecution fund. Yet this is called a Republican paper. Of course, mongrel sheets are allowed to claim that which they least possess. The deception would not be complete without such an arrangement. Republicans, beware! The Meyersdale *Commercial* not only advocates, but urges with all the power it possesses, which fortunately is not much, you to vote for Sam Philson, of Berlin, a stright-out, stiff-necked, died-in-the-wool Democrat, who probably never voted for a Republican in his life, against John C. Barron, of Somerset township, a true Republican, an honest, intelligent, hard-working farmer, for the office of Poor House Director. Mr. Barron is a laboring man, and would make a good officer, while Philson is an opulent banker. You know how much they love the people. But Lou. Smith calls this Republicanism! Did you ever hear of such a thing before? His Republicanism must be of the kangaroo kind, that trots in front and paces behind.

Confluence, Oct. 24, 1885. X.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED.—Why should we buy our Clothing, Hats, Caps and Gents Furnishing Goods at Becher's Clothing Hall? is a question that is being asked every day. But the answer is easily and plainly told. The first reason is, that it is the only place in Somerset, where you can find an exclusive stock of clothing and Gent's Furnishing goods.

Secondly, There is not any article pertaining to a first class Clothing establishment that can not be found at Becher's Clothing Hall.

Thirdly, You will find the largest and handsomest Stock of Suits and Overcoats for Men's, Youths' Boys' and Children's wear, that has ever been seen in Somerset.

Fourthly, Becher is an experienced Clothier, and he does not sell you old stock for new. When he has an article in his store that does not sell as readily as it should he reduces the price to such a low figure that a customer cannot help but buy.

Fifthly, Becher pays cash for his goods, and thereby saves a heavy discount, which he proposes to give to his customers.

Sixthly, All goods are guaranteed as represented or money refunded.

The public is respectfully invited to call and examine his mammoth stock before purchasing elsewhere, and they can readily solve the mystery.

B. BECHER, JR.,
Leading Clothier and Hatter,
Somerset, Pa.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.—The following letters, remaining in the Post office at Somerset Pa., will be sent to the Dead Letter office if not called for before Nov. 7, 1885:

Ankeny, C. H.	Lutz, W. F.
Ankeny, H. (2)	Miller, Minerva
Bailey, Elie Oiler.	Moore, Luke.
Brown Geo. (2)	Maloney, Thomas.
Barron, Edw.	Morris, Mrs. Peter
Bond, Rev. Frank	Miller, Thomas.
Broeman, F. J.	McGirr, T. H.
Cristner, Mary	McBrede, A. J.
Donovon, Jerry	Milers, John
Dougher, Patrick	Stuck, Miss E.
Davis, James.	Saylor, Cyrus
Edwards, Jennie	Snyder, Wm. Z.
Flowers, Sue (2)	Saebly, H. S.
Geisler, Lorenzo	Stutzman, Elmer
Gray, George E.	Stutzman, Annie E.
Griff, M. C.	Wiltrout, Mary
Giesy, James Q.	Whitesell, Mrs. Julia
Hecker, Mrs. Mary	Wood, Mrs. M.
Heckerman, Mrs. W.	Wheeler, J. C. (2)
Horner, Miss Kate	
Hoffman, Jos. H.	
Lutton, C.	

POSTALS.

Balmer, Chas.	Geiger, John
Bowers, A. G.	Shaw, Wm.
Forester, John L.	

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.,
Somerset, Pa., October 24, 1885.

MARRIED

HAY—RINGLER.—On Thursday, October 22, 1885, at the Somerset House, Somerset, Pa., by Rev. D. K. Lavan, Mr. Calvin Hay, of Berlin, and Miss Ida M. Ringler, of Stonycreek, this county.

BERKEY—HORNER.—At the residence of the officiating minister, in Somerset, Pa., on Thursday, October 22, 1885, by Rev. D. K. Lavan, Mr. Samuel T. Berkey of Johnstown, Pa., and Miss Hattie Horner, of Quemahoning, Somerset County, Pa.

HOFFMAN—BALETINE.—On Thursday, October 22, 1885, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Joseph C. Hoffman, of Jenner X Roads, to Miss Maggie Baletine, of Stonycreek township, Somerset county, Pa.

DIED.

SIPE.—At his residence in Somerset Twp. on Thursday, the 22d day of October, 1885, Michpel Sipe, Sr., in his 81st year.

Father Sipe was one of the representative men of our age and day, a man of wonderful pluck and powers of endurance. Thrown on his own resources in early life without any of this world's goods to begin life with, but he had what was better, good judgment, with discretion, that enabled him by his own exertion, labor and diligence to acquire a competency. Having lived a score of years over the time allotted to man, he passed away to the spirit world as the light of a lamp expires when the oil that feeds it is exhaus