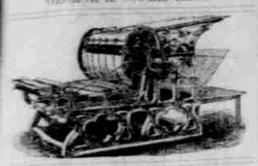
The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.



WEDNESDAY..... June 23, 1886.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION.

The Republican voters of the County are requested to assemble at their respective voting places on

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 1886,

For the purpose of placing in nomination

One person for Congress.
One person for State Senate.
Two persons for Assembly.
One person for District Attorney.
Two persons for Associate Judge.
One person for Poor House Director.
Two persons for Delegates to the State Convention, to meet in the City of Harrisburg on Wednesday, June 30, 1886.

The Republicans of the New District—Allegheny No. 2—will meet at Fairhope, and hold their primary.

As it is important that a full expression of the sentiment of the Republicans of the County be obtained in this important matter we would therefore most earnestly urge a full turn out.

W. H. SANNER,
Acting Chairman.

Ice men are happy.

Cherry market is booming.

Pure drugs at C. N. Boyd's.

Buy lemon powder of C. N. Boyd.

Sarsaparilla in these goods at Mrs. Tittle's.

Pure lemon powder at C. N. Boyd's.

Buy your drugs of C. N. Boyd, and be happy.

Try "Black Wing" insect powder, sold by C. N. Boyd.

The best cigar for the cigars in town, at C. N. Boyd's.

White coats are now be worn. They are nice if your girl doesn't use hair oil.

Choice Berkshire Pigs of either sex, for stock purposes, for sale by Peter Hoffley. Price $5.00

FOR SALE.—One new violin, one second-hand violin and one guitar. Inquire of C. N. Boyd.

If you want any cheap ophthalmic glass books, or new goods of any kind, go to Fisher's Book Store.

Assembling to a New York Medical journal one-half of the adult men in America living in our cities are bald-headed.

Wall paper is selling for less than the usual price now, at J. R. Snyder & Co's. Have a nice assortment. Call and see us.

For a safe investment, insure in the U. B. of Lebanon. E. Cover, Agent,
Stoystown, Pa.

The place to buy Sunday-school tickets, reward cards, Testaments, small and large Bibles, and Gospel Hymns is at Fisher's Book Store.

We have reduced our prices on muslins, ginghams, lockings, shirtings, etc. Always best, now cheaper.

J. R. SNYDER & Co.

FOR SALE.—Some choice Alderney cows and heifers. Also, a few Holstein calves. Prices low. Address H. H. Flick,
P. O.—Larimorville. Mayfield Farm.

We are closing out our dress goods at reduced rates. Come and get a good dress cheap before they are all gone, at

J. R. SNYDER & Co's.

MEYERSDALE NORMAL.—The Meyersdale Normal School will open on Monday, July 26th. For further particulars, address

D. C. EICHMAN, Principal.

The finest line of glass and queensware in town, and remember we keep nothing but the English Queensware. It never cracks.

J. R. SNYDER & Co.

Somebody says the largest city that has been built upon the earth, and in its commercial relations and wealth no city of any country can be compared with it. It is today one of the world's wonders.

WANTED.—Two thousand cords of Hemlock Bark, at the new Steam Tannery, at Hyndman. Apply to

G. B. WHITE,
Hyndman, Bedford County Pa.

This is the time of the year we commence to give the biggest kind of bargains in clothing. Don't miss this chance of getting a cheap suit. Remember, when you say it is all wool it is all wool, and you can bet on it.

J. R. SNYDER & Co.

We still have a nice line of carpet, not as many as we had, but they are well assorted, and we can give you almost any kind you want. Are cutting the prices some now. They were cheap before, are cheaper now. A good time to buy a carpet or rug.

J. R. SNYDER & Co.

FOR SALE.—Three second-hand one-horse spring wagons,
One second-hand two-horse wagon, with pole and singletree.
One second-hand buckboard, with springs.
Terms to suit the purchaser. Inquire at my Hardware store.

JAMES B. HOLDERBAUM.

MEYERSDALE NORMAL INSTITUTE.—Term opens July 27, 1886. Excellent facilities for teachers, and other advanced students. Write for new catalogue to

J. H. MEESE,
Principal.

MEAT MARKET.—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.

ROSE DAVIS & Co.

LIME, PLASTER, CEMENT.—Car load in Stock and for quote as follows:

Best White Lime ₱ barrel	$1.25
Akron Cement ₱ barrel	1.75
Portland Cement ₱ barrel	4.00
Calcined Plaster ₱ barrel	2.50

Somerset, Pa., June 16, 1886. Respectfully, COOK & BERKEY.

TOBACCO AND CIGARS.

To Dealers we quote as follows by the box:

Lorillard's "Climax"	44c
" "Army and Navy"	42c
" "Splendid"	39c
" "Canary"	35c
" "Tip Top"	31c
" "Maryole"	30c
Venables' "Vimos"	33c
Good Tobies, ₱ 100	90c
Good Cigars, ₱ 100	$1.50

Cash orders only (less 2 per cent.) Solicited.

Respectfully,
COOK & BERKEY.

Somerset, Pa., June 16, 1886.

Michael Baer of Berlin, and Joseph Shaffer of Somerset, have been appointed sole Agents for the Excelsior Slate Paint Company. This famous paint is used for painting roofs of all kinds, and is the only one that gives perfect satisfaction. A number of painters are selling an imitation paint in different parts of the county. No person without a certificate from the company can handle the Excelsior Slate Paint. Ask all agents to see their certificates before purchasing. Messrs. Baer and Shaffer expect to visit all parts of the county and will give all an opportunity to have their roofs covered with this excellent paint. We refer, with permission, to Judge Samuel Snyder and W. S. Mowry, Friedens, Henry Long and David Heiple, Somerset, and to a host of others for whom they have done work. They painted Mr. Bender's barn last summer, and his house this. They gave the jail stable a dressing, as well as a number of other buildings in this borough, which they would like persons to examine and see for themselves.

Copious showers.

Miss Maime Baer is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. G. Ogle at Latrobe.

Mr. John Marston, of Philadelphia, is visiting friends in Somerset.

Miss Marion Platt, arrived home Tuesday evening from the Beaver Female College.

Mr. R. G. Colborn, of Jos. Horne & Co., Pittsburgh, is visiting friends in Somerset.

The ladies of the Methodist Church will give a parlor concert in the near future.

The mosquito is democratic in his ways. He never asks an introduction to a stranger.

Mrs. Ollie Heston, of Philadelphia, daughter of W. B. Coffroth, Esq., arrived in Somerset Friday.

County Superintendent Prof. J. C. Weller examined Prof. Holbert's normal classes, on Thursday last.

It isn't every town where the chief of police will shave newspaper men, and that, too, to the "Queen's taste."

Landlord Higginbotham and merchant Welsh Parker spent several days of last week fishing in the Yough.

Governor Pattison has fixed Thursday, August 12th, as the day for the execution of Michael Metz, the Fayette county murderer.

The bugs were a long time in finding out that onions were good, for the onion crop is now endangered by the untimely discovery.

Dr. Court, of Salisbury, called at the HERALD office Monday evening. The doctor is a very pleasant gentleman, and a very still Democrat.

The Harrisburg (Pa.) *Patriot* celebrated its twenty-ninth anniversary Saturday with a sixteen-page paper and a fine lot of advertising.

Mr. George T. Swank, of the Johnstown *Tribune*, was in Somerset for a few hours between trains on Thursday last, and called at the HERALD office.

Rev. Whitaker, of Frostburg, Md., will preach in the Presbyterian church Sabbath, June 27th, at 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. All are invited. Come.

June, with its roses, its sweet girl graduates, and its weddings, is half gone, and several old bachelors have not been brought into the matrimonial ark.

The B. & O. will run another of their select excursions to Fortress Monroe and Norfolk, on July 6th. It is a delightful trip and at very reasonable rates.

Mrs. Cyrus Elder, daughter and son, of Johnstown, have been in Somerset for several days, the guests of Mrs. Postlethwaite. Mr. Elder spent Sunday with his family.

If the different road supervisors, when they come to Somerset will pay a visit to Mr. Jacob Zengler's premises, below town, they will see something to their advantage in the way of draining roads.

Excursion rates will be given from all stations to those wishing to attend Col. Cardwell's lecture in the Opera House, Friday evening. The Rockwood train will be held until after the lecture.

Messrs. James Weimer and Ed. McDowell spent several days of last week fishing in the Casselman, and brought a string of fine black bass home with them. The longest one measured fourteen inches.

We learn that our venerable fellow citizen Joseph B. Critchfield, is lying very ill at his residence in Middlecreek township. His son Prothonotary Critchfield, with his family are in attendance at his sick bed.

Quite a stir was caused in the diamond Sunday afternoon just as the different Sunday schools adjourned, by a kicking horse, driven by a young couple from the country, on their way to campmeeting.

Messrs. Sicker and Kreger, of Coleman's station, astonished the natives of that locality one day last week, by killing a thirty pound porcupine, a rare but not unknown species of animal in this region.

Since the organization of the Pennsylvania Railroad Relief Department about $20,000 have been paid out in death benefits, and about $8,000 in sick benefits. The membership numbers some twelve thousand.

Prof. A. C. Holbert is contributing a series of historical articles to the Uniontown *Republican-Standard*. They relate principally to the early days of the settlement about Addison, and are "mighty interestin' readin'."

There were exactly two hundred people got off the morning train from Johnstown Sunday morning. Most of them attended campmeeting during the day. There were sixty continued on the excursion to Ohio Pyle.

Down in Harrisburg, the other day, one of the lieutenants of the salvation Army was dismissed, for cause, when he went to another part of the city and opened opposition meetings, and now he calls his crowd the "salvation Navy."

Miss Marian Freese, daughter of Wm. B. Freese, Esq., who has been at the Hagerstown Female Seminary, the past year, is home for the summer vacation accompanied by a school friend, Miss Nimmie Weigley, of Schaefferstown, Lebanon county, Pa.

A Brooklyn judge recently refused to grant naturalization papers to an anarchist on the ground that "a person holding such views cannot properly take the oath required of an intended citizen. And he was right. Such men have no conception of the duties of an American citizen.

John E. Dubois, the nephew and heir of the great lumberman, although probably the wealthiest man of his age in the State, is described as an "unassuming and thorough good fellow." He is pitcher for the Dubois base ball club, and a great favorite with the young men of the town.

Advertisers should bear in mind that the HERALD has one of the best and solidest reading constituencies of any paper in Somerset County. It goes into the thrifty homes of this and adjoining counties and its readers are to be found among the most intelligent of our population. These facts should be duly considered.

Down in Delaware the courts have settled the question as to the liability for damages done to animals by a barbed wire fence. A colt got out of a field on the road where it got tangled in a barbed wire fence built along the highway, and the animal was so badly torn that it had to be killed. The owner of the colt sued the owner of the fence for damages and got them.

It is claimed that lamp chimneys and tumblers may be kept from cracking as a result of heat, by placing them in a vessel of cold water, adding a little cooking salt and allowing the mixture to boil well over a fire and then cool slowly. It is simply a process of annealing, and the slower the cooling the more effectual will be the operation. Try it. It will cost you nothing.

Louis Shafer and Ed Wolf escaped from the Bedford jail on Wednesday night of last week by digging a hole through the wall of the jail yard. Shafer was in on sentence for shooting at some parties from Harrison township. Wolf was in jail awaiting trial for stealing three dollars out of Mr. Lowry's pocket at Hyndman. It is said he is also wanted in Maryland for various offences.

Blair county is entitled to the credit of having the meanest man within her borders. A few nights ago he exploded a dynamite cartridge in the carp pond of Mr. Robert Lindsay, located a short distance north of Hollidaysburg, killing large numbers of the fish. We can think of no more mean and contemptible act, and the fellow who did it is base enough to murder if he could commit the crime without detection.

The committee on Permanent Certificates will meet at Meyersdale July 20, 1886, for the purpose of examining applicants. All who intend to apply are requested to send in their applications not later than July 1st, stating in what higher branches they desire to be examined.

J. M. BERKEY,
Chairman of Com.

THANKS.—The Sons of Veterans of Capt. James Hinchman Camp, No. 47, wish to thank those of our citizens who assisted in uniforming the S. of V. Drum Corps, and hope our friends may never regret their liberality. We also sincerely thank Mr. Rush S. McMillen for six first-class drum heads presented to our camp. Coming from a citizen of another town, this favor is especially appreciated.

In conversation with a prominent planter of the Fourth District, we learn of a new and novel way to kill crows. The gentleman's plan is to catch one of the birds, tie it to your body and walk through the field with your gun cocked and finger on the trigger. The cries of the bird will cause others of its tribe to flock around you, and they can then be easily shot. This method of exterminating these pests is not patented, and those who are so disposed are at liberty to try it.

Have you any cabinet photographs you want nicely framed? Have you any school groups you want to get framed? Have you any marriage certificates you wish to get framed? Have you any college diplomas, or certificates of any kind that you ought to frame? Have you the Lord's prayer that you wish to put in a frame? Have you any pictures of any kind or nature, or anything at all that you ought to have framed? Do you want any frames at all, or any mouldings, cards, pictures, or knobs, or do you want to buy any pictures? If so, the place to be supplied is at Fisher's Book Store, headquarters for frames and pictures.

Edmund Cummins has again been landed in the County prison. This time for entering the drug store of Geo. W. Benford & Son. Some time during Friday night the rear door of the store room was forced open and admittance gained. A dozen or more pen-knives and a half dozen razors were taken and a full barrel of whiskey allowed to run away. The "Squire" evidently partook bountifully of the "spearits" both first and last, as he only got several squares away from the store when he succumbed to the "jamalayer," where he was found in the early morning with the stolen articles in his pockets.

Monday morning two valuable horses belonging to John Mulholland, of Bedford were precipitated over the side of a mountain almost a perpendicular distance of 400 feet and were instantly killed. In their descent they were entirely stripped of their harness and terribly mangled. The team was engaged in hauling logs to the top of the mountain and was fastened to a large log, and when it reached the skidway at the top of the mountain, the log to which the team was hitched with several other logs on the skidway, broke loose and started down the mountain, dragging the team with them, and all went into the river below.

The closing exercises of the Somerset *Normal* and Preparatory School will be held on Thursday and Friday evenings, June 24th and 25th, as follows:

Thursday Evening.—Literary contest between the Delphian and Ionian Societies.

Friday Evening.—Lecture, by Col. R. H. Conwell, of Philadelphia; subject, "Heroism of a Private Life." Tickets for sale at Paul L. Cuscaden's.

The Baltic and Ohio "ballroad gives special rates at 2 cents per mile to persons wishing to attend the lecture. The train will be held for all coming from points east and west of Rockwood, so they may return home the same night.

Mr. Ed. Grove, clerk at the Somerset House had quite a serious accident in returning to town from the camp grounds, Sunday night. It was quite dark, and the road was crowded with teams, horsemen and pedestrians. Mr. Grove, who was driving a spirited horse, unfortunately ran into a horseman coming from the opposite direction, and his horse becoming unmanageable ran away, upsetting the buggy and throwing out the occupants. Mr. Grove escaped without injury, but the young lady accompanying him was picked up unconscious. She was fully restored in a few minutes, and was found to be unhurt. The buggy was a complete wreck.

Judge Ingham, of Fayette County, has decided that the Commonwealth has no right to a share of the proceeds of the oil speculations of the late Captain Nutt, cashier of the State Treasury, because no properly authenticated claim for it was ever made on behalf of the State. The amount to be distributed is about $30,000, of which $9,000 oil profits, already paid to the State by the administrators, is, by this decree, to be refunded by the administrators for redistribution. The Court however, makes the suggestion that the claim of the Commonwealth, if presented to the auditor and properly proven, should be allowed to share with the claims of other creditors in the general distribution.

OFFICE OF S. P. POORBAUGH,
GLESSNER, Pa.,
June 16, 1886.

To all whom it may Concern:

I am told that some parties are circulating the report that my candidacy for Delegate to the Republican State Convention has been made at the instance of S. U. Trent, Esq., of Somerset, and that I would substitute him if elected. I desire to say in the strongest terms that this is wholly and absolutely false. Mr. Trent, neither himself, or any one else has approached me on this subject, and would have been indignantly spurned had he or any one else so presumed. I wish to represent the people at that Convention, and if elected will attend in person and act for the best interests of the Republicans of Somerset County. In conclusion, I ask my friends and voters to give me their support.

Yours, Etc.,
S. P. POORBAUGH.

WHAT OUR NEIGHBORS SAY.

The Somerset HERALD has reached its sixtieth birthday, and sends along with the vigor of a youngster. It is a stiff Republican paper in a stiff Republican county, and makes a fine and prosperous appearance in its new types.—*Philadelphia Record.*

On Wednesday the Somerset HERALD entered upon its sixtieth year, and celebrated the occasion by putting on a new dress of type. The HERALD is a good newspaper and deserves the generous support which has long been given to it by the public.—*Bedford Gazette.*

The Somerset HERALD made its appearance this week in the promised new dress, the occasion also being the sixtieth anniversary of its existence. "Just twenty years ago, when the paper yet bore the heading HERALD AND WATCHMAN, we did upon it our first type-setting, and its progress since that time has been so marked that we are reminded of the transition of the little village to the great city. May its prosperity increase and multiply until it becomes a veritable metropolis in the world of journalism.—*Berlin Record.*

The Somerset HERALD this week signalized its sixtieth birthday, and the thirty-fifth since it came under the management of Col. Ed. Scull, by adorning itself in an entire new suit. The HERALD is a first-class weekly newspaper, and we believe its superior is not published in the State in a town the size of Somerset. It is large, well printed, and well edited locally and editorially, and, above all, thoroughly Republican from its head to its heels. Away back in old Whig days it was a power against the Democratic party, and its venerable editor's opinions were always quoted as orthodox Whig until the dissolution of that noble old party, and since that time his opinions and writings have at all times been no less orthodox Republican. It has the good wishes of the entire editorial fraternity and its patrons—especially those who have been with it for many years—for its continued prosperity.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

There was a hearing in Pittsburg on Saturday before the Commissioner in the equity proceedings of Mrs. Frank E. Hill, of Greensburg, against her husband to recover possession of property which she alleges she was forced to sign over at the time she eloped with J. T. Marchand and was brought back from the South by Frank Hill and Roger O'Mara, Chief of Detectives of Pittsburg. Hill testified that he had offered a reward of $200 for the apprehension of the eloping couple, and that in company with O'Mara, he found them at Pensacola, Florida, where Mrs. Hill admitted her guilt and offered to accompany her husband home. Subsequently she offered him $9,000 as the price of her liberty, and Hill consented. When the party arrived at Pittsburg Mrs. Hill sold $11,000 worth of bank stock, and the terms of settlement were changed at her request. She gave Hill her Greensburg property and the balance in cash. Hill claims her wife acted of her own volition. The wife's attorneys claim that Hill admitted that the elopers were brought back without legal authority, and that the settlement was wholly in consideration of an immunity from prosecution for adultery.

BARN RAISING.—Mr. Sam Forney, one of the most successful farmers in Brothersvalley township, raised a barn on his beautiful farm Tuesday, that when completed will be one of the largest and handsomest in the county. Fully one hundred and twenty-five of the friends and neighbors of Mr. Forney assembled at an early hour in the morning and went to work with a hip and hurrah, and by evening they had every stick of timber in the immense structure in position. The Baldwin band was in attendance, and discoursed some of their choicest music during the day. The mason work for the building was done by Mr. Benjamin Stull, while Mr. Frank Forney is the architect and builder. Both of these gentlemen are skilled workmen, of large experience. The dinner that was served was a corker. The large tables were loaded with everything good to eat one could think of, and it was a caution to see how the victuals disappeared before the large crowd of hungry workmen. Mr. Forney's farm is one of the most beautiful ones in Brothersvalley township, a township noted for its many rich and beautiful farms, and generous and prosperous farmers.

GRAND ARMY ENCAMPMENT AND REUNION AT GETTYSBURG.—The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania, will encamp on the battlefield of Gettysburg July 2d, and remain until the 7th. On the 2d and 3d of July the reunion of the Third Army Corps will be held on the same historic field. The encampment of the Grand Army will be largely attended, and the reunion will bring together veterans from every State in the Union. On the 2d, interesting ceremonies incident to the dedication of monuments will be held, and on every day during the week something of interest to every old soldier will occur. Never since the memorable days of the battle has there assembled on this famous spot so notable and imposing a collection of veterans as will gather there during this week, and no better opportunity for visiting the battle ground in the company of those who were engaged in the great fight will ever be offered.

For the benefit of those who desire to be present the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Gettysburg from all stations on its lines east of Pittsburgh and Erie, on June 30th, July 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, good to return until the 8th, inclusive, at one fare for the round trip.

A BARN RAISING.

Mr. Editor:—Allow me, through your paper, to say a few words concerning the raising of a barn, which took place on the farm of P. J. Shanlis, about one mile southwest of Edie, on Tuesday, June 10th. A large crowd was in attendance to assist in raising the barn, which is a large structure, framed in a workmanlike manner by Mr. Solomon C. Baker, of near Sipesville, who is the architect and builder, and who deserves much credit for the complete manner in which he did his work. There was not the slightest mistake in the whole job; everything fit exactly to its place, and there was no necessity for making the least change in anything. In addition to this, he showed unusual skill in managing the work. While the building was going up no time was lost in selecting the frame pieces, as they lay on the work being so arranged as to enable the mechanic always to point out the right piece of timber at the right time. The owner, Mr. Shanlis, showed that he possesses the happy faculty of being just where he was needed in every emergency, and a more willing set of hands it has never been my lot to see anywhere. The ladies, too, of the household, were not unmindful of the wants of the inner man, the elegant dinner prepared by them being most heartily enjoyed by all.

A NEIGHBOR.

UNDER FAVORABLE AUSPICES.

On Saturday evening Jennerstown (Somerset County) Castle No. 125, Ancient Order Knights of the Mystic Chain, was instituted with thirty-four charter members. The Castle was instituted by P. C. Samuel Arthur and Supreme Trustee, J. K. Boyd, of Mountain Castle No. 77, Johnstown. The presiding officers were as follows: P. C., P. C. J. T. Young, of No. 77; Chaplain, Select Commander E. Murphy, of Altoona; C., F. M. Buchanan, of No. 77; V. C., P. C. C. A. Weimer, of No. 77; F. L., P. C. William Repp, of No. 77; R. S., P. C. J. K. Boyd, of No. 77; A. R. S., P. C. J. T. Seigh, of No. 100; F. S., E. E. Hohmann, of No. 77; Treasurer, A. H. Walters, of No. 77; C. of S., P. C. S. A. Peden, of No. 77; A. C. of S., P. C. William H. Thomas, of No. 77; I. G., J. P. Lloyd, of No. 77. O. G., A. J. Berkey, of No. 77.

The new lodge elected the following officers: P. C., B. F. Walker; P. C., J. F. Kantz; Commander, James M. Cover; V. C., Rufus Rauch; F. L. John O. Hay; R. S., Ed. H. Kantz; A. R. S., George W. Johnston; Treasurer, J. J. Griffith; I. G., Daniel Blocker; O. G., Levi Shanlis; C. of S., Daniel Peterson; A. C. of S., J. H. Duncan; Trustees, Milton Pickworth, Levi Shanlis, John H. Duncan.

There was thirty-two Knights in attendance at the institution from Johnstown. District-Deputy-Select-Commander, J. H. Gardner, of Stoystown, was present, as were also several other members of Stoystown Castle No. 119.

FROM OVER THE COUNTY.

The Brethren love-feast at Berlin, last Sunday, was largely attended.

Kantz & Bro., of Jennerstown, report the carriage business looking up.

Mr. J. K. Kantz, of Jennerstown, reports the furniture business better than ever.

Mr. Harry Boyts, residing two miles north of Somerset, has his new dwelling almost completed.

Candidates are making their last grand rounds. Only five days more, and the victory will be won.

On Sunday, June 27th, there will be love-feast at the Stonycreek church, four miles east of Shanksville.

Solomon Judy, the obliging and accommodating landlord of the Central Hotel, at Jennerstown, is doing a land-office business.

On Thursday last Fred S. Weller, of Somerset township, will raise his new barn, the size of which will be 40x100 feet. George Auman is the contractor and builder.

Messrs. Rufus and Foster Rauch, of Jennerstown, last Friday purchased from Mr. M. R. Bowman a brand new binder. It was a Champion, and don't you forget it.

On Saturday last the friends and neighbors of P. J. Shanlis, of Edie, assembled at his farm for the purpose of assisting him in raising his barn. Mr. Simon C. Baker, the carpenter in charge, had everything in readiness and with a will all went to work, and by noon the raising had been entirely completed, after which a good dinner was served, of which all partook and heartily enjoyed. Mr. Baker deserves much credit for the way in which he managed the work. Every piece of timber fit together as well as it was possible to make it. This makes the fourth barn Mr Baker has built this season.

OCCASIONAL.

See the "Fry Truss" sold by C. N. Boyd.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 18, 1886.—You may be inclined to think that with the lengthening days and strengthening heat of summer, times are growing dull at the Capital as elsewhere. Such is not the case. Grand receptions, official and public are being held at the White House in honor of the bride. Some distinguished travelers are in the city, who are receiving much attention;—one of them being a royal visitor, a veritable prince, the grandson of Emperor Dom Pedro, of Brazil. Prince Leopold is not, however, a royal looking personage. His face is of an uninteresting type, his figure of medium size, and his voice is so effeminate, small, shrill and disordant as to occasion amusement for those who hear it. He is stopping at the Arlington Hotel, and occupies the rooms that President Cleveland had when he first arrived in the city previous to his inauguration.

And then the strike is at last over here. Work has been resumed on a nine hours' compromise. Houses partially erected, on which work had been suspended for six weeks, again echo with the sound of hammer and saw, and building will boom until next winter. And last, though first in importance, Congress is still at work, without any immediate danger of succumbing to the summer's heat. It is discussing Appropriation and Land forfeiture bills and questions relating to the District of Columbia. Scarcely a day passes but some Congressman gives his opinion of the civil service law, and no subject connected with finances can come up for debate without provoking a fight on the Tariff.

While the House was discussing a money bill, the able Republican leader from New York, Mr. Hiscock, announced that he had figured out a large deficiency in the Treasury, the appropriations being largely in excess of the receipts. He made an argument, which might apply to the tariff to show that no reduction was possible, and he held democratic extravagance responsible for this. He explained where the next fiscal year, would, on the most conservative estimate, see a deficit of $11,000,000. The House was on the eve of an attempt to reduce tariff taxes and he thought it was an occasion on which to call its attention to these startling figures.

This reminds me of what Representative Boutelle, of Maine, said in regard to the defects of the present administration. Instead of the retrenchment and economy that was promised, the estimates for expenditures have been largely increased, until the Democratic State Convention of Maine, is found denouncing, in its platform, a Congress in which its party has a large working majority, for having devoted six months of its labors in devising ways and means to deplete the Treasury of its surplus millions to the neglect of important legislation.

As to the manner in which the party has fulfilled its Civil Service Reform promises, the same gentleman from Maine says, that that law has been used as a door mat by that distinguished office broker, Eugene Higgins, and has been trampled under the muddy boots of the "hungry and thirsty", until a Democratic Commissioner of Pensions is enabled to testify that under the rules, as now applied, he obtained 148 Democrats out of 152 appointments, and the Democrats of the House are asking to amend the law so that the "reform" party can get the other four.

Political affairs are so much mixed in different states that the Democratic members of Congress who have not already gotten the sanction of their districts and yet have not given up the fight, are very anxious about renomination. Even Mr. Holman, of Indiana, the "Great Objector," has felt constrained to go home in the interest of his fences. He is a man who probably could not be easily beaten, but the Republicans are sure of gains in many Democratic districts, and Mr. Holman felt that the situation was such that even he had better not be so far from the bosoms of his constituents.

The luxury of leisure which the President enjoyed during his nine days of honeymoon, is his no longer. The mass of legislation which was dumped upon his desk during his absence, for his approval or veto, requires his examination of fourteen or fifteen bills a day. There has just been published from the White House another official pronouncement against a too sociable public, asking it to respect the hours for official business, by calling to pay respects only on the days and at the hours specified for that purpose.

RAILROAD NEWS.

A telegram to the Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette* from Philadelphia says: The recent purchase of the Beech Creek railroad by friendly interests of the Reading Company and the purchase of the Clearfield Bituminous Coal Company's mines by the same friendly interests, it is stated, have forever destroyed the possibility of either of these properties going into the hands of the Pennsylvania railroad Company. This is regarded as determining positively the accomplishment at some day of the plans of competition arranged by President Gowen and others against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

An officer of the Reading Company stated to your correspondent that the completion of the South Pennsylvania railroad would be the next step taken in the original plans. It will of course, be necessary, he stated, in respect to the Supreme Court before which the question of the right of the Pennsylvania railroad to purchase is pending, to await the decision of that body before taking any further action. In the meantime, however, prominent capitalists who are interested in the completion of the property are not idle. They have purchased valuable timber and coal tracts along the line of the South Pennsylvania which will be developed at the proper time, and it is further stated that one of the ultimate purposes of the coal lands will be the formation of a coke syndicate which will operate in opposition to those who are now sending their tonnage over the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's lines.

President Gowen, of the Reading, when seen by your correspondent and questioned upon these matters, stated that he deemed it advisable not to talk upon the subject until the Reading property had been reorganized, but he would say that all his original plans including the South Pennsylvania would be carried out, and that the Reading reorganization according to his plan would be accomplished in less than sixty days.

The Return Judges of the Democratic primaries held throughout Cambria county on Saturday last, met in Ebensburg Monday to count the votes cast for the various candidates, and announce the result. The old system of voting directly for the candidates at the primaries, known as the Crawford County system, prevails by a large majority, the vote for it being 2,709 to 862 in opposition.

Thomas Collins, of the world, had a walkover for the Congressional nomination, there being no other candidate.

Daniel McLaughlin, of Johnstown, and J. S. Rhey, of Ebensburg, carried off the Legislative honors, the vote for Assemblymen being as follows: McLaughlin, 1,736; Rhey, 1,193; Fitzharris, 1,008; Strayer, 1,007; Linton, 838; Bryan, 584; King, 657; McMullen, 637.

Harry G. Rose is renominated for District Attorney over James M. Walters, of Johnstown, by a majority of 555, the vote standing: Rose, 2,277; Walters, 1,722.

For Prothonotary, H. A. Shoemaker, of Ebensburg, the present incumbent, has 2,128 votes, to 2,007 for James C. Darby, of Conemaugh Borough.

The vote on Register and Recorder was as follows: Celestine J. Blair, of Ebensburg, 2,012; Thomas Hoover, of Cambria Township, 653; George C. Miller, of Conemaugh Borough, 1,250.

Shaffer defeats Mullen for Poor-House Director by a vote of 2,072 to 1,864.

The official count may vary a trifle from these figures.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

CLOSING EXERCISES.—The closing exercises of the Stoystown Normal School, will be held in the Lutheran Church on Wednesday evening, June 23, 1886. Let those who desire to attend the exercises, and share with us in our literary treat, come. Doors open at 7:15 P. M. Exercises will commence at 8 P. M. Admission free.

W. H. COVER, Principal.

Paint brushes very cheap at C. N. Boyd's.

Saturday was a Boston day in the yacht racing. The Puritan took the cup, and the Mayflower carried off the honors. The Mayflower is probably the coming champion.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.—The following letters remaining in the Postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, if not called for on or before July 5, 1886:

Burke, Robert; Chadwick, Mr. Richard; Exner, John; Miller, Miss Ida; Miller, Miss Tillie; Nelson, John 2; Pershing, Rev. Joseph; Rittle, Miss Lizzie; Rhodes, Oscar W.; Smith, George S.; Shultz, George; Smith, Miss Ella; Shaw, Mrs. Margaret; Shafer, Elias S.; Spengler, Chas. A.; Trent, C. H. 2; Wirich, Reuben; Young, Olie; Yarty, Miss Beck.

Patriot—Yarty, Freeman; Musser, Wm. A.; Miller, Wm.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

Somerset, Pa., June 23, 1886.

THE POLITICAL ARENA.—MR. CESSNA'S OPINION OF WOLFE'S CANDIDACY.—In an interview in Philadelphia last week, Hon. John Cessna said of the candidacy of Hon. Charles S. Wolfe for Governor on the Prohibition ticket:

"Wolfe's candidacy is not going to hurt Beaver much. If it hurts him at all. Radical and earnest Prohibitionists will not take to him as they would to some man who has been more thoroughly and constantly identified with their cause. Wolfe is a disappointed politician. He is sour at the leaders and he loves notoriety. It is plain to every intelligent man, if his Bradford speech has been correctly reported, that he is in the Prohibition movement, not so much because he loves the Prohibitionists and their principles, but because he hates the Republican leaders, and hopes to defeat the Republican ticket. I do not mean by this to imply that Wolfe is a man without convictions, because I believe he is a man of strong convictions. But he is sour and disappointed. Look at his speech of yesterday—his attacks on Cameron and Quay. The words he uses in denouncing them are not the words of an earnest and sincere Prohibitionist, with an eye single to the advancement of the Prohibition cause. I think sensible Prohibitionists everywhere will realize that he is not the kind of man they want for their standard-bearer. No man who has been identified with either of the old political parties and afterward leaves them to join the Prohibitionists would be as strong a candidate as some man who has never been a politician, but who has always been a Prohibitionist."

"Then you have no fear of Mr. Wolfe's influence?"

"Not a bit," said the old leader, promptly. "If he had been given a place on the ticket in 1882 it would have been all right, and he would be in the party to-day."

MARRIED.

BAER—WALKER.—On Sunday, June 20, 1886, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Ezra E. Baer to Miss Alice Walker, both of Lull, Somerset County, Pa.

SHANK—MILLER.—On Thursday, June 10, 1886, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, by Rev. J. J. Welch, Mr. Aaron Shank, from near Shanksville, and Miss Ella A. Miller, of Jenner Township, Somerset County, Pa.

FISHER—ZERFOSS.—On Sunday, June 13, 1886, by Rev. J. J. Welch, at the residence of the bride's mother, near Shanksville, Mr. Harrison Fisher to Miss Susan Zerfoss, both of Stonycreek Township, Somerset County, Penn'a.

DIED.

BROOKS.—Mr. John Brooks needs no introduction to the people of Somerset County in order to be known. The mention of his name to the citizens of Somerset county, suggests an old time friend, an honored citizen and a cherished christian brother.

He was born in Stroudsburg, Germany, the good old Father Land, on the 21st of May, 1820. He came to America with his parents in 1835, and spent many of his first years in the vicinity of Berlin. Most of his married life was spent on a farm near Jennerstown. There he spent many happy years of home life, until the death of his beloved wife in 1877. He then made his home with his son, William until the spring of 1880, when sale was made, and he and his two sons and their families started for Waterloo, Black Hawk county, Iowa. Here he was soon provided with a comfortable home by his son William who purchased a beautiful farm about six miles east of Waterloo. Half a dozen years were spent in this Western Home; and then another sale and another move still farther west, landed him and his son's family near Hardy, Nichells county, Nebraska. We welcomed him as an old Pennsylvania friend and neighbor, and as an aged fellow-laborer in the Vineyard of the Lord.

He lived long enough to spend half a day quite pleasantly in the writer's home, to become acquainted with quite a number of his Nebraska neighbors and friends, to see the prairie clothe itself in living green, and the planted seed growing up into a hopeful harvest. On Thursday evening, June 3d, 1886, Father Brooks finished his last day's work. He was taken with a freezing chill which was followed that night with a severe attack of bectic diarrhoea. Medical aid gradually brought relief from the anguish of pain but could not arrest the power of disease. All were hopeful, except the aged sufferer who said that his days would soon be numbered; yes, he even wished it to be so. His wish was realized on Sabbath afternoon, June 13, when he peacefully and triumphantly passed away in the Lord, at the age of 66 years and 22 days. He lived 45 years in Somerset county, Pa., six years in the State of Iowa, and a little more than two months in the state of Nebraska.

Two sons, two daughters-in-law, five grand children and one brother remain to mourn his departure. Fifty-two years of his life were spent as a faithful christian and member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. His funeral took place in the Lutheran church of Hardy, Nebraska, conducted by the writer who spoke from Revelations, 14:13.

JACOB E. MAURER.

Hardy, Neb., June 17, 1886.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
—OF—
SOMERSET BOR. SCHOOL DISTRICT
—FOR THE—
YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, A. D. 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$ 67 11	
From State appropriation	371 40	
From L. M. Hicks	40 00	
From John A. Walter, Collector	2709 33	$3201 84

EXPENDITURES.

Am't paid for teachers' wages	$ 1740 00	
" " fuel, contingencies and janitors	187 25	
" " repairs	177 18	
" " debt and interest	906 79	
" " miscellaneous	30 00	
" " treasurer's com.	37 92	
" " salary of secret'y	25 00	
Balance on hand	71 34	$ 3201 84

JOHN A. WALTER, Collector. DR.

To gross amount of duplicate $ 3279 25

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To amount paid over	$ 2578 93	
Exonerations allowed	30 79	
Commission on am't paid over	100 79	
Balance yet due	568 83	$ 3279 25

LIABILITIES OF THE DISTRICT.