The Somerset Herald.

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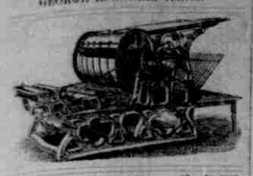

WEDNESDAY.....May 18, 1887.

Oysters ruled out.

Buds and blossoms.

And now humanity perspireth.

Lettuce, onions, and rhubarb pie.

Vegetation of all kinds is booming.

The bloom is on the fragrant lilacs.

The girls are all ready for the first picnic.

Fish stories thus far, are remarkably scarce.

Trade dollars cannot be redeemed after July 1st.

The spring foliage is making the trees beautiful.

For a neat and reliable time piece, call at Herr Bros.

Alabastine for walls and ceilings, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Fishing tackle at rock bottom prices, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

The city of Philadelphia has six hundred and sixty-two churches.

The Baltimore and Ohio schedule will undergo a change on May 29th.

Simon Cameron was one of President Cleveland's callers last week.

The average of the spring female hat has not been reduced—neither has the price.

Fix up your bank accounts so as to be ready for the ice cream and strawberry season.

Ex-President Arthur's friends in New York are to erect a $30,000 monument to his memory.

Indiana and Westmoreland counties are rejoicing over their prospect for a fine wheat crop.

Gen. Beaver gets a pension of $45 a month, for the loss of a leg, and donates it all to charity.

At Mrs. Sol Uhl's Boot and Shoe Store will be found a full stock of all new goods, which will be sold cheap for cash.

Heavy rains on Sunday damaged the Ligonier railroad tracks to such an extent that traffic of the road has been suspended.

My stock of boots and shoes is entirely new, and will be sold at small advance on cost, for cash. MRS. SOL. UHL.

The new Washington county judge has decided that druggists cannot sell liquor except on the prescription of a reputable practicing physician.

It is said that we are to have a very hot summer this year, after the comparatively mild winter of the past, and that storms will be numerous.

The latest patterns in Lace Pins, Ear Rrings, Finger Rings, Cuff Holder & Buttons, Bracelets, Ladies' watch Fobs & Vest chains, Charms, &c. At Herr Bros.

The man who couldn't tell the difference between a mule's ear and a lemon, can plainly see the advantages of buying his drugs of Biesecker & Snyder, after learning their prices.

The Philadelphia *Record*, which is enthusiastic on the subject of arbor-culture, estimates that since the institution of Arbor Day 100,000,000 trees have been planted. The figures seem to be large.

It is said that the sprinkling of kerosene oil freely over walks will prevent weeds and grass from growing thereon. Great care, however, must be taken not to get the oil on the plants growing along the border.

The Democratic county committee met in Belford on Wednesday. Saturday, June 25, was agreed upon as the time for holding the primary election, and Tuesday, June 28th, as the time for the county convention.

I have just received a fresh invoice of Boots and Shoes for Gents, Ladies, Misses, and Children, which I will sell very low for cash. Give me a call.

MRS. SOL. UHL.

We have on hand a large number of good brick which we will sell in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices very reasonable. Yard opposite the planing mill.

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSON.

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.

ROSS DAVIS & Co.

The Balto. and Ohio Company has appropriated $25,000 to the establishment of a school of technology at Mt. Claro. A home for aged and disabled employes will be established at Mt. Airy.

The cuculio needs looking after now, if you want to save your plums. Jar the trees in the morning and evening and catch the little turk in cloths and kill him. It is the only sure way to save your plums.

THE HERALD has added quite a number of new subscribers to its list during the past few days. Such evidences of encouragement and appreciation is very gratifying to the editors in their efforts to furnish the people with a concise, reliable and first-class county paper.

After three week's consideration, Judge Sadler of Cumberland county, granted license to the hotel at West Fairview.—Twenty-six women signed the application for the license on the ground that if they had a licensed house, it would prevent their husbands from going to Harrisburg and remaining away from their homes.

During the great Military Encampment and Competitive Drill, to be held at Washington, May 23d to 30th, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Washington from all stations on its lines east of and including Parkersburg, Wheeling and Pittsburg. Excursion tickets will be sold for all trains every day from May 21st to 30th inclusive, and will be good for return passage until June 1st, inclusive.

One of the best known, and most successful American authors of Short-hand Systems, Mr. D. P. Lindsley, now of Philadelphia, announces a new style—not a new system—especially adopted to literary uses, to correspondence, and general business purposes, outside of professional short-hand work. This has been Mr. Lindsley's leading object from the first; but he has never before fully completed his plan. He now announces a Text book embodying his revised scheme.—Mr. Lindsley is confident that the time is fast drawing on when this art will be taught in all our higher schools, and be used in all business and social transactions.

An Irishman named Cain, of Mt. Pleasant and an Englishman named McGuire, of Bossemer coke works, fought on Friday one of the hardest prize fights in the history of coke regions. The battle ground was selected just at the southern limit of the borough, and for almost two hours the principals pummeled each other in the most approved pugilistic manner. Cain, who is much the heavier man, carried off the honors in the first 20 rounds, but after that the little one commenced to get his work in, and at the end of the 42nd round was declared the winner of the purse, $15. Only about twenty persons witnessed the fight, in which both winner and loser were terribly punished.—*Connellsville Courier.*

To the Farmers.

Wool and Maple Sugar taken in exchange for Clothing, Furnishing Goods, Hats, Trunks, Satchels, Wall Paper, and all kinds of merchandise. The highest prices paid for sugar.

H. HEFFLEY, Somerset, Pa.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Thursday will be Ascension day.

Somerset is affected with shop-lifters.

The farmers are about done planting corn.

The Legislature will adjourn *sine die* Thursday.

Bedford is at last the happy possessor of a fire engine.

A light frost was experienced in some sections Friday night.

We have been having lovely spring weather for the past ten days.

A general jail delivery was effected from the city prison Monday.

The country surrounding Somerset never looked lovelier than at present.

The masons are at work on Mr. Oliver Knepper's new brick residence, on Main street.

Attention is directed to the new advertisement, to be found in another column, of Fisher's Book Store.

We are indebted to Hon. Jas. L. Pugh for a copy of the new High License bill sent us on the day it was passed.

The list of candidates has increased considerably since our last issue. See the announcements, in another column.

Elder Peter Vogle will preach in German at the Foust school-house next Sunday at 10 A. M., and at Berlin, in English at 3 P. M.

Elder E. E. Candee, of Cayuga, New York, will preach in the Somerset Disciples church next Sunday, both forenoon and evening.

Judge Kimmel is entitled ta much credit for the splendid condition in which he keeps the beautiful grounds around the Court House.

What are the City Fathers going to do about it? Constable Snyder retuned the borough lock-up as a gambling house Monday.

Col. E. D. Yutzy, of Ursina, mustered in a Post of the G. A. R. at Rockwood Saturday. The Colonel is slowly but surely recovering from his late severe illness.

Landlord Higgenbotham has had a large bay-window put on the east side of the Glade House, and has also had a new pavement put down in front of his hotel.

The borough dads have their eyes on a very eligible sight for the new engine house and Council chamber, and are negotiating for the purchase of the same.

The Pittsburgh *Commercial* says the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is about to engage in constructing a third track between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

Mr. John Stein is having the full roller process placed in his grist mill, at Rockwood. Mr. Stein is a first class miller, and is fixing up his mill in first-class style.

Representatives Miller and Pugh both recorded their votes in favor of the High License law. Their action in this matter meets with the approval of a vast majority of their constituents.

The large, new barn on the farm of Amos Walker, of Brothersvalley township, near Pine Hill, was struck by lightning and with its contents entirely destroyed on the 7th instant. This is the second barn that Mr. Walker has lost by fire within the last few years.

The *Forum* for June will contain an exceptionally interesting contribution to its series on "Books That Have Helped Me," by Andrew Lang—the one English writer, perhaps, who can invest a *causerie* on that subject with such charms of style and erudition as will please every reader.

H. L. Baer, Esq., received a telegram from Philadelphia, Thursday afternoon, signed by John Cessna Esq., stating that the Supreme Court, by a unanimous vote, had sustained the decision of the court below in the celebrated Kieser contested will case. This finally disposes of one of the most interesting cases ever tried by a Somerset county court.

Mr. Josiah Amos, Prothonotary of Bedford county, and Mr. James Mickel, Register and Recorder of the same county, drove into Somerset Monday morning, having left Bedford Sunday afternoon. They are on pleasure bent. They are both blooming young Democrats, and are candidates reelection to the offices which they now hold.

Mrs. Maggie H. Francis wife of Walker E. Francis, died on Monday morning at 6 o'clock in Connellsville, after an illness of several years. Mrs. Francis was born at Gebhartsburg, in Somerset County and was the second daughter of Henry and Rose Walter. Mrs. Francis' death is deeply lamented by a wide circle of friends and relatives. She was in the 33rd year of her age, and left a sadly stricken husband and five distressed children who have the sympathies of all in their sore bereavement.

Mr. Abram Huffine, a citizen of Lower Turkeyfoot township, met with a horrible death last Wednesday. He went to Weakland's saw mill to have some stuff sawed to make handles for reapers, and in the absence of the regular setter employed at the mill, he attempted to set the saw himself. In doing this his right leg came in contact with the saw, which was revolving rapidly, and was litterly ripped in two up to his thigh. His left leg was completely severed between the knee and ankle. Mr. Huffine was about sixty-five years of age. He was married, but had no children living.

Court convened at the usual hour Monday morning with Judges Baer, Walker and Shaver on the bench. The list of grand and petit jurors was called, twenty-three grand jurors being present. Wm. B. Frease, of Somerset, was appointed foreman of the grand jury. There being no criminal case ready for trial a civil case was taken up. It was the case of Jefferson Kimmel vs. Albert B. Rhoads and Philip Rhoads, Executors of Wm. A. Rhoads, deceased. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendants. The only Commonwealth case tried so far was that against Geo. Tressler, charged with carrying concealed weapons, on information of H. B. Harned. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the county to pay the costs.

In the struggle to make a temperance town out of Latrobe, considerable trouble has arisen among the residents. At the present time there are six or eight merchants indicted for infractions against the liquor law. The latest feature was the arrest on Friday of Chief Burgess George Landis, Policeman, Benj. Hacket, Chas. George and James Blair, all on account of "licker." The quartette are charged by S. H. Baker with forcible entry, and were required to give $300 bail each for court. On the previous evening, it is alleged, that accused secreted a keg of beer in Baker's carriage house, and they subsequently found it necessary to force the door open to obtain the beverage. Mr. Baker came upon them while the bibulous fun was in progress, with the result as stated above. —*Westmoreland Democrat.*

The charming young actress, Miss Bella Moore, and her excellent company deserved a much larger audience than was present to witness the performance of "Engaged" at the Opera House, last evening. The counter-attraction at the Court House, where "John Barleycorn" was struggling to the death for existence, proved the greater attraction in point of numbers. "Engaged" is a play well suited to Miss Moore's Company because it contains diversified characters, almost everyone of which is a good acting part. While as *Belinda Treherne* Miss Moore has not the opportunity of showing the dramatic ability which she possesses, the character nevertheless shows of what she is capable. Mr. E. M. Crane, as *Chiviot Hill*, won the hearty plaudits of the audience for his most excellent and irresistably funny impersonation. The play was well acted throughout and afforded an evening's delightful entertainment to those present.

Druggist Satisfied With the Bill.

The druggists, as far as heard from, appear to be well satisfied with the sixteenth section of the brooks License bill, which prohibits them from selling intoxicating liquors except upon the written prescription of a regularly-registered physician. They say it relieves them of great deal of trouble and puts the liquor branch of their business on a much more satisfactory basis.

He Didn't Elope.

EDITOR HERALD—: I heard that an article appeared in your paper a few weeks ago, stating that I had eloped with Sarah Statler. Please allow me to state through your paper, the "Correspondent from Shade," who wrote said article, wrote something that is not true. He must certainly have a wild imagination, or a befuddled brain, for he had no reason to suppose so, much less to write so. If said correspondent should reply to this, let him act the *man* by putting his name to his article. However I would inform him that I left on a visit, and on business transactions, and will return before long, for I stayed longer than I intended to stay when I left home.

ALBERT GOHN.

License or No License?

The license question still continues to occupy the boards and is the one topic of conversation in all places about town where men do congregate, and women too. A large crowd gathered in the court room Monday evening and patiently sat and perspired from seven o'clock till eleven, while the Court deliberately and carefully examined the great mass of petitions and remonstrances before them and examined into the soundness of the bonds offered by the respective applicants. When the Crier adjourned the Court, the crowd that had convened with the expectation of witnessing a fierce struggle between opposing counsel and hearing the decision of the Court, retired greatly disgusted and bitterly disappointed. All day Tuesday was taken up in hearing the argument of counsel for the remonstrants and for the petitioners, and at the time of our going to press, Tuesday evening, the argument is still going on. The crowd is large, warm, perspiring and thirsty and the exciting question of license or no license still hangs in the balance.

Sheriff's Sales.

The following properties advertised in the HERALD were sold by Sheriff Winters Friday afternoon. The crowd in attendance was not very large.

The property of Jonathan Leydig, in Stoneycreek township, was sold to Adam Schroyer for $100.

The Chauncy F. Bittner tract, in Somerset township, was sold to Joseph W. Gastiger for $35.

The Simon N. Pletcher farm in Middlecreek township, containing 111 acres and having thereon erected a water-power steam saw mill, frame house, stable and other outbuildings, was knocked down to A. H. Coffroth Esq., on a bid of $15.

The John Skelley tract, in Allegheny township, was sold to D. A. Foust for $115.

The David F. Shaffer farm containing 145 acres, in Quemahoning township, was knocked off to John Kiem on a bid of $1455.

The J. D. Lichty tract, in Elklick township, containing 103 acres, was sold to Simon Lichty for $550.

The George Nicodemus farm, in Jenner township, containing 49 acres, was sold to Jas. J. Mishler for $1250.

The sale of the S. D. Rodgers' and Alfred Wayner' tracts, was continued to Wednesday 18th inst.

Admitted to the Bar.

The Committee appointed by the Court to examine A. C. Holbert and Philip J. Vonada, applicants for admission to the Somerset Bar met in the Library, in the Court House on Wednesday evening and submitted the applicants to a most thorough and searching examination. Both young men passed a most satisfactory examination and the committee unanimously decided upon reporting to the court a recommendation of their admission. After the examination the members of the committee were invited to go to Pisel's restaurant where a choice spread was prepared for them. They accepted the invitation and partook of and enjoyed the spread. Monday morning on motion of H. S. Endsly Esq., chariman of the committee, Messers Holbert and Vonada were formally admitted to the Bar. Mr Holbert was a student in the office of Messers. Coffroth & Ruppel and Mr. Vonada spent the past year in the office and under the tutorship of H. L. Baer Esq., Mr. Vonada is a native of Centre county and we understand proposes returning to that county, to engage in the practice of his profession. Mr. Holbert will, at least for the present, hang out his shingle in Somerset. The HERALD congratulates both young men upon the creditable examination they passed, and wishes them the fullest measure of success in their chosen profession.

Notes from Over the County.

Mr. Aaron Sechler, of Paddytown, is enclosing his farm with a new board fence.

Mr. John Ream, of Draketown, is improving his house by putting a new roof on it.

Mr. Arthur Kuhlman, of Lower Turkeyfoot, is weatherboarding and putting a new roof on his barn.

The candidate is smiling and looking up his claim in Lower Turkeyfoot, as well as in other townships.

Mr. Wm. Glessner, of Stonycreek township, has improved his barn by giving it a new coat of paint.

Landlord Lyons, of Ursina, is running a temperance house, and will not apply for a license at this term of court.

Mr. Wm. F. Uhl, Democratic candidate for County Commissioner, was looking up his claims at Ursina on Tuesday last.

Mr. John Kreger, of Lower Turkeyfoot, is adding greatly to the appearance of his farm by the addition of entirely new board fences.

Farmers are all through planting corn in this section of the "moral vineyard," and the next thing on the programme is to attend court.

Messrs. Earnest Bert and Phineas Sechler, of Casselman, are both happy men. Cause: The recent purchase of a Richmond Champion grain drill.

Mr. Aaron Cramer, of Paddytown, is tearing down his old log barn, and will erect a new frame in its stead. Mr. Cramer says a man might as well be out of the world as out of fashion.

M. R. Bowman, Champion machine agent for James B. Holderbaum, reports trade improving, the past week having resulted in the sale of ten Champion machines. "Whoop 'er up three times."

Mr. R. R. Roberts, (familiarly known as "Rip,") the Rockwood hardware man, reports his trade improving, and says he likes it tip-top down in "Stony Lonesome." "Rip" always sets 'em up—that is, the tobies.

Mr. Scott Sterner, of Confluence, has taken charge of the Confluence Hotel, John R. Moon retiring. Scott says he has furnished his house from top to bottom with new furniture, carpets, etc. Scott knows how to conduct the hotel business successfully.

Mr. Herman Shank, of Shanksville, has opened up in the hotel business. His house is known as the Shanksville House, and is one of the finest in the county. Mr. Shank is accommodating, and knows how to run a first-class hotel. When in Shanksville, give him a call.

"Who are you going to vote for?" is the question of to-day. I say, vote for good men—men that have been good, honest and true Republicans; men of brains and sense, and men competent to fill the offices to which they aspire. They are the kind of men for whom to cast your ballots.

NOT OPTER.

Licenses or no Licenses.

Justices of the Peace and Constables coming to attend Court will recollect that Fisher's Book Store is the place to buy Binn's Justice, Dunlap's Forms, Purdon's Digest, and Constable's Guide Book Also, all kinds of Justices' and Constables' Legal Blanks.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE LUTHERAN SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION OF SOMERSET COUNTY, PA., HELD AT STOYESTOWN MAY 10, 11, AND 12, 1887.

Tuesday Evening Session.

Convention met at 7:30 and opened with music by the choir. "We Meet Again." The devotional exercises were conducted by Oliver Knepper and Rev. W. W. Criley, of Altoona, followed by music, No. 142 in Augsburg Songs.

The Address of Welcome was delivered by John H. Snyder, of Stoyestown, responded to by Rev. M. L. Young, of Meyersdale. Music by the choir, "Anniversary Song." A very able address on "The Tendency of Our Sabbath-school System" was delivered by Rev. J. W. Poffinberger, formerly of this county, but now of Armstrong county. The Convention then sung "What a Friend we have in Jesus."

Chairman Ruppel then appointed Dr. S. S. Good, John Schlag, Mrs. K. V. Cromwell, Herman Berkey, W. M. Dively, Robert Augustine and Miss Edith Morrison as a Committee on Credentials.

After singing "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and benediction by Rev. J. W. Poffinberger, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8:30 a. m., May 11.

Wednesday Morning Session.

The Convention met at 8:30, and opened by singing "Take it to the Lord in Prayer." The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. H. Houseman, of Hooversville. The Convention then sung No. 66 in Augsburg Songs, "Bringing in the Sheaves." The Convention, led by Chairman Ruppel, then engaged in repeating the order of service for Sabbath-school, after which they sung No. 1 in Augsburg Songs. The Convention then joined, in repeating the Apostles' creed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was then called for, adopted, and Committee continued.

The following named persons were appointed as a committee on organization: Oliver Knepper, Samuel Shaulis, Dr. S. S. Good, Prof. J. M. Berkey, W. H. H. Baker, O. P. Shaver, W. H. Miller, Henry Lenhart, D. H. Wolfersberger, Jacob Wallace, Henry Zimmerman, Rev. L. L. Seiber, H. A. Reitz, H. W. Maurer.

The Treasurer's Report was next called for, and Treasurer Welch submitted the following:

Balance in Treasury from previous year	$ 24 87
Amount received from schools	34 50
Collection lifted at Convention	13 81
Total	$ 73 18
Paid to Dr. M. L. Baugher	$ 25 00
" Rev. L. L. Seiber	25 00
Paid to Rev. H. L. Young, for printing programs	12 50
Total	$ 62 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$10 68

REV. J. J. WELCH, TREAS.

Music, No. 84, Augsburg Songs, "The Way, the Truth, the Life."

On motion of Rev. J. H. Zinn, the banner to be given to the school having the highest per cent. of attendance and contribution, was agreed should cost ten dollars. The Convention then sung No. 101, "The Seed is Sown," from Augsburg Songs.

The Committee on Organization then submitted the following report: For President, W. H. Ruppel, Esq., of Somerset; Vice President, J. H. Snyder, of Stoyestown; Secretary, W. H. H. Baker, of New Lexington; Corresponding Secretary, Charles Schmucker, of Friedens; Treasurer, Rev. J. J. Welch, of Friedens. This report was adopted.

Chairman Ruppel then made a few appropriate remarks with regard to Sabbath-school work. The reports of schools were next read and received. Music, No. 178, "Onward Christian Soldier," from Augsburg Songs.

The President then appointed the following committee on Reports of Schools: Rev. L. L. Seiber, Rev. E. L. Folk, Prof. G. M. Baker, W. H. Miller, Amaniah Lohr, Mrs. I. D. Leydig, Mrs. W. H. Rink.

The Convention then sung No. 181 in Augsburg Songs, "Remember Jesus Leads."

The following queries were then discussed: Are Union Sabbath-schools advisable, when churches are variable? Discussed by Rev. Seiber.

Are "Cook's Publications" to be allowed in schools when they compare favorably with Lutheran publications? Discussed by Chairman Ruppel, who said they did not compare favorably, therefore should not be allowed.

How shall we teach the infant department in Sabbath-school? Discussed by Rev. Seiber in a very able and satisfactory manner.

How shall we get rid of our "Cook's"? Are non-professors of religion allowable as teachers in Sabbath-schools? Discussed by President Ruppel, Revs. Seiber and Stouffer.

Should there not be a uniformity in Sabbath-schools in repeating the Lord's Prayer? Discussed by Revs. Poffinberger and Zinn.

Is it right to have a Superintendent who is not a Church member? Rev. Folk, in discussing it, thought it best not to have, when it can be avoided.

Rev. Criley was then called upon and made a few remarks, in which he complimented the completeness of the program, and the hospitality of the people. He further said, we live in an age of inspection and responsibility; spoke of the value of inspection and reporting in Sabbath-school work; the greatness, and kind of work.

After the benediction by Rev. J. J. Welch, the Convention adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday Afternoon Session.

The Convention met at 1:30, and the exercises opened by singing No. 82, "What a Friend we have in Jesus." The Convention was led in prayer by Rev. N. B. Critchfield. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Ruppel then appointed Prof. J. M. Berkey, Rev. L. N. Fleck, Rev. J. H. Zinn, Miss Jennie Thompson and Miss Aggie Zufall a committee on resolutions.

Discussion: To whom does the government of the Sunday-school belong? First discussed by Rev. J. E. Lerch; from his discussion we have gleaned the following: A difference of opinion prevails to whom the government of the Sunday-school belongs. Questions of importance should be decided by the Superintendent and teachers, and not left to the children. The government (meaning general management) belongs, first, to the superintendent; second, to the teachers. The pastor, the head of the Sunday-school, to have the leadership, or general control, to be superintendent in a general way. The church council, considered as a governing power, or cabinet. In a special sense the control belongs to the superintendent, teachers and officers. All should work in harmony.

It was next discussed by Rev. O. F. Harshman. The following are a few of the many points of worth and interest: The church has its mission, high and holy. The Sunday-school, an integral part of the church. In whom should the power be vested? No general rule can be laid down which can be at all times applicable as to the person in whom the power should be vested. The pastor ought not to be superintendent, but should be present as often as possible. The greater part of church members come up through the Sabbath-school.

The discussion was further continued by Miss Emma Adams. The attention of the Convention was called to the following: No two Sabbath-schools are governed alike. The superintendent to appoint the teachers and arrange the classes. A teacher should not be put where not desired by the class, nor should a teacher be placed in charge of a class not liked or desired, as this would prove a blight upon the love which should exist between the teacher and his class. Love to be the governing power in the Sunday-school.

Music, No. 142, "Savior like a Shepherd lead us."

Queries: What should be the average number of Bible-classes in a Sunday-school? Discussed by Rev. Poffinberger. To be governed by circumstances. Depends upon the number of teachers in the school.

Are three services on a Sabbath too many for a hard-working man? Discussed by Rev. E. Manges: Two services sufficient, Further discussed by Rev. Seiber, O. P. Shaver, Chairman Ruppel, Revs. Shearer and Criley.

Should the teacher ordinarily use the prepared questions? Discussed by Rev. L. N. Fleck. In the discussion Rev. Fleck said: "The teacher should study the lesson, and make his own questions."

Music, No. 2 in Augsburg Songs, "O Come let us sing to the Lord."

Discussion: The object of teaching. This topic was discussed in a very able and masterly manner by Miss Marge J. Rees. The discussion was complete and effective, from which we call the following: A faithful teacher's object has its spring within himself. His life a willing consecration to God; to carry out the mission of man, to seek and save that which was lost; the chief aim of the Sabbath-school teacher is not at the head, but at the heart. To accomplish the aim or object, he must labor with all his power. The faithful teacher is a co-worker with Christ. The teacher an aid to the parent to fulfill the baptismal vows. Every teacher should have a heart in the work, as well as for the work It was further discussed by W. H. H. Baker.

Queries: How can we interest our young men in Sunday-school work? Discussed by Rev. M. L. Young: Get them at the head of Sunday-school work.

How shall we get the parents interested in the Sabbath-school? Rev. Criley, of Altoona, in discussing it, said: "Encourage the children to bring their parents to Sunday-school."

How shall we get church members to attend Sabbath-school, and two church services? Discussed by Chairman Ruppel.

How much time shall we devote to singing in Sabbath-school? Discussed by Rev. Seiber. In his discussion Rev. Seiber said we ought to devote more time to singing than we do; we are to sing the Gospel as well as to study it; the singing should be spirited, be adapted to the child's spirit.

The Convention then sung No. 98 from Augsburg Songs, "Wonderful Words."

Query: Can the Sunday-school in the country be kept open in the winter, and how? Rev. Zinn, in discussing it, said it could by making it interesting.

The next subject for discussion was suspended until the evening session, and "The Word Taught," (Lesson for May 15, Exodus 3:1-12) the next exercise, was taken up.

Rev. L. L. Seiber taught the class, consisting of Rev. E. Manges, Rev. L. N. Fleck, J. H. Snyder, O. P. Shaver, W. H. Miller, Mrs. Annie E. Floto, Bev. Criley, Misses Eva Shafer, Aggie Snfall and Jennie Baker.

Music, No. 125, "Hark the voice of Jesus Calling," from Augsburg Songs.

Criticisms on Rev. Seiber's class instruction were then made by Rev. C. B. Gruver, Rev. J. W. Poffinberger, Rev. J. E. Lerch, Rev. J. F. Shearer, Chairman Ruppel, Rev. Manges, Rev. Criley, Rev. Sell, Rev. Critchfield, and Rev. Zinn.

Music, No. 197, "Work for the night is coming," from Augsburg Songs.

Blackboard explanation, by Chairman Ruppel.

Queries: Is it proper to ask any question which does not pertain to the lesson? Discussed by Rev. E. L. Folk: We can, when used to impress some Scriptural truth.

Should a minister admonish people not to use tobacco, and use it himself? Rev. Shearer, in discussing it, said practice was a better example than precept.

Should two sessions of Sabbath-school be held in one day? Discussed by Rev. Shearer: One session is sufficient.

How long a time should be devoted to the lesson? Rev. S. S. Stouffer, in discussing, said from 30 to 35 minutes; Rev. C. B. Gruver thought from 20 to 25 sufficient.

Do the many lesson helps tend to make the pupil reckless? Discussed by Rev. W. Criley.

How would you interest young men? Discussed by Rev. Houseman; we here give a few thoughts presented in the discussion: First, find difficulty, and ascertain why dilatory. Kindly, prayerfully invite them to resume their duties. Inform them of duty, and responsibility; influence gained in discharge of duty.

Should a second Sunday-school be formed within the bounds of a church on account of distance? Discussed by Chairman Ruppel. God's house the place of worship, a house set apart for His use.

Is not the tendency of our Lesson Helps to dispense with the use of the Bible? Discussed by Rev. Harshman, Rev Seiber, and Rev. Criley.

After benediction by Rev. Stouffer the Convention adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Evening Session.

Convention met at 7:30 and opened by singing No. 2, in Augsburg Songs, "O Come Let us Sing to the Lord," also No. 3, "What are we for?" Prayer was then offered by Rev. C. B. Gruver.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Convention then sang No. 48 in Augsburg Songs, "The Way, the Truth, the Life."

The next topic for discussion, "What to Teach in Sunday-school," was opened by Rev. E. L. Folk, after a few preliminary remarks, Rev. Folk discussed the subject in an able and spirited address, in which all were made to feel the importance of what to teach and what not to teach, the responsibility in undertaking to guide aright in the path of life. Teach the practical. Each Sabbath teach some plain and practical lesson. Teach them to have reverence for the Sabbath. Teach them the Saviour's love for them, that He gave His life a ransom for them. Teach the word. There is but one power that can counteract the evil in the heart and that is the Word of God; we most need the plain teaching of the Word in Sunday-school. Our carelessness as teachers of the Word. The Word the good seed. Teach the Words of truth. Give the word to the sheep as well as to the lambs. Rev. Folk closed his discussion by a strong and fervent appeal for temperance, and to teach it to the children.

Rev. Mangus next discussed the subject. In his remarks he endorsed the discussion of Rev. Folk. He then stated that the lesson be taught, and that the children be taught to sing; the rudiments of music to be taught in Sunday-school. The Catechism to be taught.

Music, No. 81, Augsburg Songs, "I love to tell the story.

Discussion: The Sunday-school and Missions. First discussed by Mrs. A. F. Dickey. Her remarks were brief, but well chosen and brought to bear directly upon Missions and their connection with the Sunday-school. Every scholar a Missionary in the school. In congregations where there are Missionary Societies there is more strong work.

Rev. L. N. Fleck next discussed the subject. The great commission, the last commission, which Christ gave to his disciples is to us a commission to send missionaries to foreign lands. The connection of missions with the Sunday-school an intimate connection. The scholars of to-day the missionaries of thirty years hence. A knowledge of our missionaries, Rowe, Uhl, Unangst, and Day to be imparted to the children to encourage a missionary spirit. Cheerful giving to be taught them. Ask them to pray for the success of the Mission Work. The successful Mission church the most successful Home worker.

Music, No. 111, "Good News Comes o'er the Sea," from Augsburg Songs, after which the former discussion was taken up by Rev. S. S. Stouffer. We are not only to receive from God, but we are to give. The church work during the Crusades and Dark Ages in Missionary work. The church of to-day better equipped for Mission work than at any other time. The main hope of the church in this direction is in the children of to-day. Sow in the virgin soil of their souls the seed that is to spring up in the future. The children of to-day are the church of to-morrow. Instill in the minds that every individual is a missionary, that all we have and are are God's for the extension of his kindgon. Be His servants. The great end accomplished by the children of the present Sunday-school. It is what we learn in childhood that makes impressions on the heart. We receive the greatest blessing not for giving, but for doing.

Music, No. 119, "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters."

The next two subjects for discussion were held over for next year.

Chairman Ruppel then called for the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Prof. J. M. Berkey, Chairman of the Committee submitted the following resolutions.

WHEREAS, The Eleventh Annual Convention of the Lutheran Sabbath School Association of Somerset county, deem it fitting and proper to express in the form of resolutions, some of the conclusions reached during its series of meetings; *Therefore be it Resolved:*

1st. That we hail with pleasure, the reported progress of the Sunday-school work in the county during the last year, and we recognize in the various reports read before the convention a larger attendance of scholars, a greater uniformity in the use of church literature, increased interest in missionary work, and more liberal contributions to its funds.

2d That we as a Convention express our unqualified disapproval of the custom in vogue in certain sections, of closing the school, or permitting it to die out during a part of the year.

3d. That we urge upon Sunday School officials their duty in presenting the cause of missions to the scholars, and to teach them by example and by precept their part and privilege in contributing to the mission fund, and we again recommend that at least one Sunday in each month be set apart for a special missionary contribution.

4th. That we heartily indorse the practical feature inaugurated at this convention in the way of a "Class drill," as one of benefit and interest, and recommend similar exercises at future sessions.

5th. That we recommended a closer union and more hearty co-operation of the Sunday-school and the church as mutual helps in the Master's cause, and in this relation we deem it the duty of the Church to sustain the Sunday-school, not only by taking an active part and a lively interest in its work, but by contributing to its finances rather than to accept such help from the school.

6th. That we continue to urge upon all Lutheran Sunday Schools within the bounds of this Association, the propriety of using none other than the literature of the church, except such as may be supplementary to the same.

7th. That we hereby express our sense of gratitude to Bros. J. W. Poffinberger, of Leechburgh, and W. W. Criley, of Altoona, for their presence and kindly assistance during the Convention.

8th. That we appreciate the efforts of the Meyersdale *Commercial* and Somerset *Times* to secure for publication a full report of the proceedings of this Convention.

9th. That the thanks of the Convention are due and are hereby tendered to the good people of Stoystown and vicinity for the generous entertainment provided during our stay among them, and for the interest manifested during the meetings, while we hope the work done in their midst may repay them in part at least, by creating renewed interest, and greater zeal in the Sunday-school cause.

J. M. BERKEY L. N. FLECK,
JNO. H. ZINN, MISS JENNIE THOMPSON,
MISS AGGIE SUFALL,
Committee.

The report was adopted as a whole, omitting the last resolution upon which there was a unanimous rising vote.

A few remarks were made by Rev. Sell, after which Chairman Ruppel spoke briefly on pronunciation in music.

A collection was lifted amounting to $7.25. The schools were then called upon and the usual subscription of one dollar was taken. Thirty-five Schools responded. Twenty-eight dollars were collected and paid to the Treasurer.

The long meter doxology was sung. After benediction by Rev. J. F. Shearer, the Convention adjourned to meet May 12, 8 a. m.

Thursday Morning Session.

The Convention met at 8 a. m. Exercises were opened by singing No. 168, "More Love to Thee" followed by prayer by Rev. O. F. Harshman. Music, No. 149, "I need Thee every Hour." The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Queries: Should a minister of the Gospel take members in church before catechising them? Rev. Poffenberger in discussing it said: They may be taken in when sincere, the catechization to follow.

What would you consider an ordinary contribution for a scholar? Discussed by Rev. Sell. The amount not limited, anywhere from a penny upward.

On motion of Rev Sell, Rev. Trecise, of the M. E. Church, and Rev. Cover, of the Progressive church were elected advisory members of the Convention.

Chairman Ruppel appointed Rev. M. L. Young, Rev. J. H. Zinn, Rev. L. N. Fleck, Oliver Knepper, and Cyrus B. Moore as Executive Committee.

The Convention next proceeded to discuss the manner in which the monthly collections for missionary purposes be appropriated. It was discussed by Chairman Ruppel, Rev. W. W. Criley, Rev. Stouffer, Rev. Gruver, Rev. Shearer, Rev. Zinn, Rev. Poffinberger, Prof. J. M. Berkey, and Rev. Young.

Rev. Seiber, chairman of the committee on reports, submitted the following:

No. of schools reported	41
No. of entertainments	23
No. of officers	208
No. of teachers	344
No. of scholars	3255
Average attendance	2145
No. of Lesson Leaves	511
No. of Lesson Books	1910
No. of Teachers' Books	808
No. of S. S. Papers	868
No. of Teachers' meetings	460
Av. att. at Teachers' meetings	249
Scholars rec'd first com	220
No. of unbaptized children	236
Amount of collections	$1637 20
Mission collections	$ 379 10
Home work	$ 799 57
Highest contribution per member from any school, Centreville	$ 1 27
Next highest, Somerset	$ 1 17

The highest average attendance is 88 per cent., which belongs to Pine Hill.

As the contest for banner lies between the highest per cent. of attendance and the largest contribution per member, we recommend that the banner be given to New Centreville, which has the highest contribution and whose average attendance is 64 per cent.

L. L. SEIBER, G. M. BAKER,
Committee.

The report was adopted. Closing remarks were made by Rev. W. W. Criley, Rev. J. W. Poffinberger, Mrs. Hannum, Rev. Seiber, and Rev. Shearer.

The time was then extended five minutes for the consideration of the following resolutions:

Resolved. That this convention is opposed to the license system in any way or form, and that we are in favor of entire prohibition of the liquor trafic.

Resolved, That we will do all in our power to bring about this glad time.

Chairman Ruppel made a few closing remarks after which the Convention joined in singing the long meter doxology, and after benediction by Rev. A. Sell, the Convention adjourned to meet at the call of the Executive committee.

W. H. H. BAKER, Sec.

Our No. 2.

The 5 and 10 cent Counter Room of Cook & Beerits has not only been brushed up and systematized, but a fresh stock of goods has already arrived, with additional shipments to follow. Persons attending Court will find this to be headquarters to purchase the thousand and one items of useful things to take with them to their homes. The Manager will take pleasure in showing and pricing he goods in stock, whether you buy or not. Come to see us. JOE.

To the Public.

A story has been circulated that I have sold my