The Somerset Herald.

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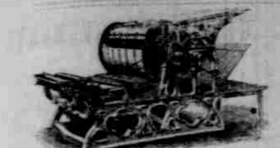

WEDNESDAY ..... August 10, 1887.

The huckleberry crop on the mountains is immense.

The harvest was put away in excellent condition.

Counterfeit postage stamps are said to be in circulation.

A gang of burglars are operating extensively in Washington county.

Years, debts and enemies are always more numerous than we imagine.

Cabinet Photographs are $1.50 per dozen at Wolfleys Photograph Gallery.

Hot waves are always popular with the man who owns a soda fountain.

July, 1887, has gone into history as one of the hottest months in modern times.

That regular summer visitor, Cholera Morbus, is sojourning in the community.

An unknown young man skipped out of Greensburg on Friday with a livoryman's horse.

A full line of ladies and gentlemen's shoulder braces always on hand at Biesecker & Snyder's.

You can get good Cabinet Photographs for $1.50 per dozen at Wolfleys Photograph Gallery.

Fall term of Mt. Union College, Mt. Union, Ohio, commences August 23d. Send for catalogue.

Little Washington will have water works, and will raise the water to the basin by wind power.

Statistics do not show that a single lightning rod agent has been sunstruck thus far this season.

Nearly six hundred thousand brick will be used in the construction of the new jail in Indiana.

Go to Wolfleys Photograph Gallery and get a dozen of Cabinet Photographs for a dollar and a half.

Peaches and cream will soon be in order, and yet there are persons foolish enough to ask if life is worth living.

In many parts of the state the extreme heat has caused fruit to drop from the trees in a half-ripened condition.

There is one admirable feature about wire fences. Patent medicine men can't paint their advertisements on them.

Get all your trade dollars off your hands before September 1st. After that date the government will not redeem them.

The citizens of Pittsburgh are talking of inviting President Cleveland to visit that city when he starts on his western trip.

King's Combination glasses a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's. We have a full set of test lenses and guarantee entire satisfaction.

If you are in need of a Trunk, call on Biesecker & Snyder, and secure a good fit. They have an endless variety constantly in stock.

People who keep dogs that dash out at passing teams should remember that in case of damage done they may be held liable in the courts.

Paint splashed upon window glass, it is said, can easily be removed by a strong solution of soda. This is worth trying and remembering.

No State tax is being collected in this county on watches, furniture and carriages, the instructions of the State Revenue Commission to the contrary notwithstanding.

Five railroad laborers were arrested in Washington county last week at the instance of William A. Shaw, who objected to them widening the railroad track on his farm.

The spider is said to be a good weather indicator. Although the morning clouds may be threatening, if he spreads his web out to the breeze it shows that the prospects for a fair day are good.

A string of oaths uttered by a young man at Mt. Morris, Greene county, a few days since, cost him $25. An indignant citizen had counted the oaths and made information against the young man.

A cabbage-leaf in the hat is said to be a protection from the heat. In the cases of some men, however, the leaf is unnecessary as nature had provided them with the means of protection on a larger scale.

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. & PARSONS.

The annual convention of the Pennsylvania Miners' State Association will be held this year in Williamsport, on September 6th. After the business session of the convention there will be an excursion to Niagra Falls and Watkin's Glenn.

What was supposed to be an immense swarm of bees was seen hovering over the court house at Indiana the other day, but when an attempt was made to hive them they were found to be large flies of a description never seen there before.

A Georgia young man committed suicide because his young wife would not mend his clothes nor sew buttons on his trousers. If every married man having the same grievance should commit suicide the world would be nearly depopulated of male inhabitants.

An exchange sententiously remarks that young folks tell what they do, old ones what they have done, and fools what they will do. It may be a reflection on the civilization of the last quarter of the nineteenth century, but those who tell what they "will do" are in a large majority.

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.

I will for the present time take a good Cabinet Photograph at $1.50 per dozen—But such of my patrons who desire to secure them at this very low price will do well to call soon, as these figures may only hold good for a limited time.

The latest Rapid Dry Plate process used for all work.

W. H. WOLFLEY, Somerset Pa.

The following letters and postals remaining in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from this date, August 10, 1887:

Beechly, Daniel; Baker, W. W.; Broucher, Wesley; Broman, G. W.; Brasecker, Charles; Baldwin, Mrs. Sarah; Baldwin, R. B.; Graves, A. W.; Lohr, Zack; Livengood, Mrs. Dr. T. F.; Robinson, E.; Reede, Daniel; Strauss, Lizzie; Shanlis, Harrison, (2); Shoemaker, S. B.; Will, Phillip; Will, Ed L.; Zimmerman, Mrs. Annie E. Postals: Harper, W. S.; Siler, J. H.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

On the 25th ultimo the commissioners of Washington county in conjuction with those of Fayette addressed a circular letter to the commissioners of all the other counties in the state asking if they intend to make a tax return on watches, furniture and pleasure carriages. Forty-seven replies have been received. Northumberland, Crawford, Lawrence, Huntingdon, Erie, Clarion, Mercer, Snyder, Jefferson and Warren will make a return of the articles, and Cumberland, York, Northampton, Adams, Deleware, Lycoming, Indiana, Franklin, Montour, Union, Westmoreland, Allegheny, Butler, Venango, Lackawanna, Mifflin, Tioga, Beaver, Centre, Wyoming, Montgomery, Wayne, Susquehanna, Bucks, Potter, Clearfield, Lehigh, Pike, Fayette and Washington will not make the return. The tax is not being collected in Somerset county.

Sun-brown is the popular color just now.

Somerset is experiencing a veritable business boom.

Paul H. Guither, Esq., of Greensburg, is sojourning in Somerset.

The lightning this season appears to be very destructive on barns.

Our streets were thronged with people from the country Saturday.

The Glades did up the Maroons on the home grounds Friday to the tune of 17 to 2.

The McKeesport *News* tells of "a young lady" who was in a beastly state of intoxication.

Mr. D. B. Snyder, of Galesburg, Illinois, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. B. Snyder, of Somerset.

Mr. Lou Benford, of Johnstown, spent several days of last week visiting relatives in Somerset.

Hay fever victims are beginning to quake as the time approaches for the annual development of the disease.

Mr. Aaron Flick has had his Main street residence handsomely painted, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Mr. W. H. Platt is improving the appearance of his residence on East Union street by having a veranda built in front.

The recent rains have been a boon to farmers. Crops and pasture suffered to a considerable extent from the dry weather.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Musselman and their five daughters—the entire family—are confined to their beds by malarial fever.

There will be a firemen's festival at Everett on August 17th, and companies from Bedford and Huntingdon are expected to participate.

We are glad to note the fact that General Jacob M. Campbell, who has been seriously ill at his home in Johnstown, has so far recovered as to be able to be about again.

Not less than six hundred summer tourists are sojourning at Ebensburg, Cambria county, and as many as fifty a day are turned away for want of room to entertain them.

Ex-Governor Henry M. Hoyt is at the head of the Cato Iron Company, a new concern, which is negotiating for the purchase of the Everett Furnace, in Bedford county.

Theodore Luman, Esq., Clerk of Courts of Allegany County, Md., with his wife and family, is spending the heated term in Somerset. They are guests at the Somerset House.

Mr. Christian Bertram, one of Somerset's oldest residents, died at his residence on West Main street, Friday night. His remains were interred in the Lutheran cemetery Saturday evening.

At a meeting of the Berlin board of school directors, the following named teachers were elected for the ensuing term, beginning September 19th: Principal, S. G. Coughenour; second room, Miss Maggie Knepper; primary, Miss Hattie Krissinger.

The last term of the Mt. Pleasant Classical Institute was perhaps the most prosperous in its history. Good health, thorough instruction, good order and attention to business, has earned for the Institute the reputation which has drawn so many students from all parts.

Since our last issue Marriage Licenses have been issued to the following named persons:

Eli C. Emmert and Sarah Moore, both of Somerset township.

James C. Spory and Kate Woods, both of Jenner township.

Edmund Bell of Somerset township and Isabella Simpson of Montgomery county, Ohio.

By reference to a card in another column, it will be seen that Mr. John P. Knable, son of Major John Knable, of this place, has purchased the large dry goods house of the late John L. Moorhouse. Mr. Knable will carry on the business at the old place, No. 35 Fifth avenue, Pittsburgh, where he will be glad to see any of his Somerset friends when in the city. Mr. Knable is a natural-born merchant and the success that this house has met with for the past nine years, since he has been with it, has been largely due to his business ability.

The registry books are now in the hands of the proper assessors, and one book should be hanging at every poll in the county. The days on which the assessor should sit at his voting place for the purpose of making additions to, subtractions from, and alterations of the registry, come this year on Thursday and Friday, September 8th and 9th. On Saturday, September 10th the registry must be returned to the Commissioners' office. Under the law the assessor is required to be at the polls on the 8th and 9th from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and from 6 P. M. to 9 P. M.

Major William McKinley, the distinguished member of Congress from the 18th Ohio district, who has a national reputation as one of the leading Republicans of the country, is at present in Somerset on a short visit to his brother, Abner McKinley, Esq. The Major is a pleasant, genial, affable gentleman, without any frills. He is serving his fifth term in the House at Washington. With his fine appearance and pleasant manners, backed by undoubted ability, his political success is not to be wondered at, nor the fact that his name is frequently mentioned in connection with higher honors.

Mr. S. Rinehart, one of a band of Gipsy's, who have been spending the past few weeks in this neighborhood was arrested at New Buena Vista, Bedford county, Saturday, by Deputy Sheriff Postlethwaite who brought him to Somerset and lodged him in jail. The warrant on which he was arrested was sworn out by William Gneaggy, of Brothers valley township, and charges him with horse stealing. The Gyp denies stealing the horse and says that he made a square trade with Gneaggy, who, when he found he was worsted in the trade caused his arrest. H. L. Baer, Esq., Attorney for the Gyp, has sued out a writ of *habeas corpus* and the hearing will be had before Judge Baer this afternoon.

Mrs. Susanna Hemminger, wife of Jonas Hemminger of Somerset Township was struck by lightning with fatal effect on Tuesday last. She was engaged at work in the basement of the house at the time. The electric current passed down the dining-room flue, reaching her through the floor. Her age was 66 years 5 months and 28 days. A citizen of this place who attended her funeral tells the following remarkable story: When the electric current struck Mrs. Hemminger it passed from her to an iron pipe that connects the spring outside with a trough in the building. Passing along this pipe it buried itself in the spring, since which time at regular intervals the spring heaves up, throwing the water some distance above the surface.

Mr. W. S. Morgan, who was in Somerset Friday, informs us that the recent and frequent robberies and burglaries that have occurred in the northern end of the county have greatly excited the people of that section and that they are strong in their belief that there is a regularly organized band of thieves operating in that neighborhood. Another daring attempt at burglary was made Thursday evening at the residence of John Woods, in Jenner township. Mr. Woods had recently sold his farm and it is supposed the burglars were informed of the fact and expected to make a big haul. Two men entered the house shortly after dark, the only person in at the time being Mr. Woods' daughter, and commenced going through it in the search of money and other booty. The young lady becoming aware of their presence ran from the house to a nearby neighbor's, where her father was. The burglars hearing her leave the house, and no doubt conjecturing that she had gone for assistance, quickly vamoosed without obtaining any booty.

The South Penn.

A telegram received from New York Friday says: One of the most important steps in the great South Penn and Beech Creek railroad fight was taken to-day by the Pennsylvania railroad, which is designed to prevent the new effort made to build the competing line across the State. Two bills in equity were filed late in the afternoon by Hon. James A. Logan, solicitor of the company, in the U. S. Court for the Southern District of New York, the first by the Bedford and Bridgeport Railroad Company, the Pennsylvania Company and the Pennsylvania Railroad, and the second by the Northern Central railway. The first bill asks for an injunction restraining the parties who sold the South Pennsylvania Railroad to the complainants from doing any act which will interfere with the complainant's rights in the South Pennsylvania by sale, reorganization or in any other way.

CONCERNING THE BEECH CREEK.

The second bill asks the Court to restrain the executors of the estate of W. H. Vanderbilt from selling or disposing of the Beech Creek Railroad against the interests of the Northern Central Railway, which purchased a controlling interest in the property from Mr. Vanderbilt in 1885.

HOSTETTER'S VIEW.

Dr. Hostetter expressed himself freely to a reporter Friday in regard to the latest effort of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to prevent the building of the South Penn railroad by suits in equity which were entered at Philadelphia last Saturday. Full details of all the legal points involved were given in the telegraphic columns of the *Commercial Gazette* last Saturday, and it is only necessary to state here that the main object of the suits by the Pennsylvania and its ally, the Northern Central, is to prevent the sale by the Vanderbilts of the Beech Creek railroad to the recognizers of the South Penn road.

ONLY A BLUFF.

"The Vanderbilts own the Beech Creek railroad," said Dr. Hostetter, and they can dispose of it as they please. This last suit of the Pennsylvania railroad is virtually the same as the one which was decided against them in the Supreme Court at Harrisburg, and it is only a bluff. They cannot win, and the suit is brought merely for the purpose of causing delay in the building of of the South Penn. The Pennsylvania Company made money over and above their expenses in fighting the suits, by the two year's delay they have now caused in the South Penn, and the longer they can stave it off the more money they will make."

"But I see the Pennsylvania, or rather the Northern Central, claims to have purchased a controlling interest in the Beech Creek from Mr. Vanderbilt in 1885," said the reporter.

"Well if they own it, why don't they run it? It seems to me that you or I or anybody else would run a road if we owned it."

MUST BE BUILT.

In response to a question as to whether the latest suit could possibly prevent the building of the South Penn, Dr. Hostetter replied that it could not.

"The Vanderbilts have $2,000,000 invested in the road now," he said, "and they will undoubtedly go ahead. They cannot dispose of their stock."

"In other words, I suppose they must build to save themselves," ventured the reporter.

"That is it; they must build to save themselves; but aside from that they now have every reason for pushing the work to completion. Their stock was once offered to the Pennsylvania railroad, but it was not taken, and I believe for the reason that I would not sell out and now that road cannot take it. Old Mr. Vanderbilt was frightened into selling out the South Penn through fear of losing a large portion of his New England trade, the Pennsylvania then controlling the West Shore and being in a position to do him much damage, or at least he thought they could do so, and preferred to stay out of Pennsylvania rather than have a fight for his traffic from the New England States to the West. Now the Vanderbilts control the West Shore, can reach the West by the lake routes, and have nothing to fear."

OFFERS OF MILLIONS.

In his concluding statements, Dr. Hostetter said that the South Penn management was doing nothing but getting subscribers to stock into the new organization. All of the large stockholders of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have gone in, he said, and he expected no trouble with those in New York, but that nothing of very great importance will probably be done until October, as Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Frick and others, who are now in Europe, will not be back until that time. But when they return a meeting will be held and decisive action taken.

He also stated that he received a letter a few days since from a gentleman living along the line of the South Penn who said he could raise $2,000,000 among subscribers in the valley in which he resides if the money should be needed to complete the road.

The Philadelphia *Record* of Friday said: "It has been decided to suspend the negotiations for the completion of the South Pennsylvania Railroad until September. George F. Baer, of Reading, the chairman of the trustees appointed by the stock and bondholders, has sailed for Europe. While there he will meet ex-President Gowen, of the Reading Railroad, and a plan of operations will be arranged to be carried out when Mr. Gowen shall come back to Philadelphia in the fall. Dr. Hostetter, one of the heaviest subscribers to the South Pennsylvania railroad, was in the city yesterday, and talked with a number of other gentlemen interested in the line. All the large subscribers have signed the plan for recommencing building operations. It was positively stated that Andrew Carnegie had not, as has been reported, assigned all his interest in the South Pennsylvania to the Pennsylvania Company, and there was reason to believe that he would again join hands with those who desire the completion of the road. The address of President Roberts for the Pennsylvania Company, and not the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, asking an assignment of all rights in that road to the above named corporation has been returned after circulation among the stock and bondholders, and bears fewer signatures than had been expected.

Fish for Pennsylvania.

The report of the state commissioners of fisheries for the year 1885-86 has just been issued. The commissioners have built a hatchery at Erie, in which 11,625,000 white fish were hatched last year, being about 52 per cent of the 16,000,000 of eggs obtained from the United States fish commission. These young fish were placed in Lake Erie during the latter part of March, 1886. The report says hundreds of thousands of brook trout, rainbow or California mountain trout, and salmon trout, have been transplanted to our mountain streams and lakes for game fishing. Food fishes, principally German carp, have also been deposited in large numbers in ponds and streams, these last named being in response to a constantly increasing demand, largely from our agricultural population.

Prohibition County Ticket.

The Prohibition County Convention met at Berlin on Friday, July 29th, when the following county ticket was placed in nomination; Sheriff, George M. Foy, of Stonycreek township; Prothonotary, G. W. Shober, of Brothersvalley township; Register and Recorder, Norman L. Berkeybile, of Shade township; Treasurer, John C. Reitz, of Allegheny township; Commissioner, William N. Trent, of Somerset township; Poor House Director, Anthony Growall, of Rockwood borough; Auditor, William Smith, of Salisbury borough. C. D. Spangler, of Shanksville, was elected Chairman, and J. C. Speicher Secretary of the County Committee.

A Card.

Having purchased the store of the late John L. Moorhouse, with whom I have been associated for the past nine years, will be pleased to furnish the residents of Somerset and vicinity with anything in the line of Dry Goods, at the lowest prices.

JOHN P. KNABLE,
No. 35 5th Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF MEYERSDALE DEAD.

M. Reese Dill Expires on the Operating Table.

A telegram received in Somerset Friday morning announcing the sudden and unexpected death of Mr. M. Reese Dill, a prominent and popular citizen of Meyersdale, at Philadelphia, where he had gone to have an operation performed, was a great shock to his many friends in this place. The following account of his death is taken from the Philadelphia *Times* of Friday:

United States Marshal Andrew H. Dill left this city a few minutes before 11 o'clock yesday morning for his home in Lewisburg, bearing with him the body of his brother, Melville Reese Dill, a prominent business man of Somerset county, who died under ether at the Bingham House late on Wednesday afternoon. He had come to the city on Tuesday from his home at Meyersdale, Somerset county, to undergo an operation by Dr. D. Hayes Agnew for the removal of hemorrhoids, from which he had suffered for several years. Mr. Dill had been treated by Dr. Agnew a year ago for fissure. An operation was performed and the patient experienced no bad effect from the ether which was administered.

Dr. Agnew had made an appointment with Mr. Dill for two o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and went to the hotel at the time agreed upon, accompanied by Dr. J. William White, who has been his surgical assistant for many years. They commenced work about half an hour later. The patient was laid upon a table in his room and Dr. White administered the anesthetic. The ether used was known as "Squibb's," and is considered the best and purest made. It was administered in the usual way, from a towel folded in the shape of a cone. In a few moments Mr. Dill became unconscious, and Dr. Agnew began the operation. After the first hemorrhoid had been tied and while the second was being operated upon respiration suddenly ceased. Both physicians at once turned their attention to restoring the patient. Artificial respiration was employed, electricity was used, the body was flagellated with wet towels, and all the usual methods to resuscitate were used. While the patient had ceased to breathe the heart continued to beat and the physicians worked untiringly until all hope was gone.

Dr. Agnew said to a reporter yesterday afternoon that in his experience of 40 years as a physician and surgeon he had administered ether in thousands of cases and never had an accident before. He considered ether the best and safest anaesthetic known and said that the patient's sudden death was something that no human foresight or care could have avoided. Dr. White was much distressed over the affair and stated that this was the first instance in his practice that the administration of ether had terminated fatally.

THE SURGEONS' STATEMENT.

A *Times* reporter saw both Dr. Agnew and Dr. White together yesterday afternoon and from them received this statement of the case: Mr. Dill had been successfully operated upon by Dr. Agnew one year ago for fissure. He took ether at that time. His sufferings for some months had imperatively demanded an operation; there was no other way of relieving him. The operation was impossible without an anaesthetic; the safest known anaesthesic was selected and was given in unusually moderate quantity, less than six ounces having been administered altogether. It was given in the usual way, and one which has been employed by Dr. Agnew and Dr. White in hundreds of cases for many years without an accident of any kind. The etherization was sufficiently complete in from ten to fifteen minutes to admit of his being placed in the proper position, and the operation was begun. Within a few minutes he suddenly ceased breathing, having been breathing freely a moment before. He was at once turned on his back, his tongue brought forward, his throat explored for possible obstruction, movements of artificial respiration begun, flagellation and cold wet towels employed, upward friction of the limbs used, electricity applied and the usual methods of resuscitation put into operation, but without effect. Although his heart continued to beat for thirty or forty minutes it was impossible to bring about the natural movements of breathing, although efforts at resuscitation were kept up intermittingly for an hour, or for some time after the heart ceased to beat. It is evident in this case that death was not from heart failure. Indeed, his heart was carefully examined before the etherization was begun. it was probably due to some toxic action of the ether on the nerve centre which governs respiration, or may possibly have been due to a rupture of a blood vessel of the medulla oblongata affecting that centre, or again may have occurred through reflex action influencing the same portion of the brain. In either of these events the physicians felt that the condition was one which it was absolutely impossible for any human foresight to have recognized. The proportion of deaths that occur during etherization is variously estimated from 1 in 1,050 to 1 in 20,000 cases the actual average probably lying between the two, and have happened in the practice of the most distinguished surgeons of all countries, although this was the first instance of the kind in the experience of Dr. Agnew or Dr. White.

MARSHAL DILL'S DISTRESS.

Colonel T. J. Grimeson, a prominent candidate for the Republican nomination for state treasurer and an intimate personal friend of Marshal Dill and his brother, was in the room during the operation. Marshal Dill remained in the office of the hotel awaiting with some anxiety, but with no thought of danger, the result of the operation. As soon as his brother began to sink he was summoned. He was terribly shocked and distressed, and had hardly recovered his composure when he left the city yesterday morning with his brother's body accompanied by Colonel Grimeson. He blamed the surgeons and Dr. Agnew said yesterday afternoon that he had received a severe letter from Marshal Dill, which, under the circumstances, he did not attach any importance to. It is only a few weeks since Marshal Dill's father, an eminent Methodist clergyman, died and the sons were much distressed by that event.

AN OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION.

Dr. Agnew gave a certificate of death from an exhibition of ether and the body was taken in charge by his brother, who left for his home in Lewisburg at 10.50 yesterday morning.

Coroner Ashbridge was not notified of the death of Mr. Dill until late yesterday afternoon. Dr. White called at the office and stated that Dr. Agnew had granted the certificate of death under the apprehension that as the deceased had been under their care at the time of his death a Coroners inquest would not be required. The Coroner said that as the death was not due to natural causes it was a case that should be investigated by his office. Mr. Ashbridge wrote a letter to Marshal Dill in which he stated that while he deeply sympathized with him in his affliction he was compelled to order a post-mortem examination, and Dr. Forward was despatched to Lewisburg on the midnight train to make the autopsy.

Melville Reese Dill was 40 years of age and leaves a wife and two children. For many years he managed large business interests in Union county, and of late has been engaged in extensive lumber operations in Meyersdale, Somerset county. He was master of his Masonic lodge and apparently strong and in excellent health, and had no physical trouble except the one which required the operation which resulted in his death.

The *Times* of the same date says editorially:

There are a few if any surgeons living with a longer and larger experience in the use of anaesthetics than that of Dr. Agnew, and the fact that the death of Mr. Dill is the first instance of a fatal effect from ether that has occurred in his practice seems to justify us in classing this case among the unpredictable accidents of the profession. The peculiarity of the case lies in the absence of any of those conditions which are usually recognized as warnings against the use of anaesthetics the general result of experience and observation being that under all ordinary circumstances, where there is no disease of any of the vital organs, ether is altogether safe.

Chloroform, though much more agreeable and rapid in its action, has been almost entirely abandoned in Philadelphia, except in special cases, on account of its liability to produce too profound an effect, but accidents from pure ether have been so very rare as hardly to enter into a surgeon's calculation in the treatment of persons of ordinary health. In the present case there appears to have been even more than the usual degree of precaution, as there certainly was much more than the usual degree of knowledge and experience, and yet death ensued with a suddenness and in a manner that left no room for doubt that it was directly due to the ether and its action upon the nerve centres.

The rarity of such an occurrence, combined with the eminence of the surgeons and the personal prominence of the patient, will attract more than a common degree of attention to the case, and the sympathy for the relatives of the deceased will be extended as well to the highly esteemed professional men in whose experience this is so distressing an incident.

Stonycreek Items.

Rain and sunshine.

Moses Yoder is opening a new coal mine.

The steam thresher is booming around in this neck o' woods.

Messrs. C. E. Ringler and S. E. Kimmell are attending the Berlin normal.

Mr. Albert Phillippi has been sadly afflicted all summer with rheumatism and consumption.

Mr. J. S. Snyder has an immense lot of potato bugs, and they have almost entirely destoyed the stalks.

Mr. J. J. Mosgrave met with a serious and painful accident Thursday morning, by cutting his foot with an ax.

Quite a number of our young folks contemplate attending the Friedens harvest home picnic next Saturday.

James Maxwell is through making hay and harvesting, and is now ready for the steamer, a prosperous young farmer.

WHEWELL.

The Art Interchange.

The *Art Interchange* for July 16th gives as its extra supplement a bold and brilliant study of oranges, both fruit and blossom. This is an admirable example of the modern method of water-color painting and is of incalculable benefit to the student. It is published as a companion to a study of apples issued earlier in the year. Another extra supplement in black and white, entitled "The Watering Trough" is a very charming composition, showing the courtyard of an inn. The principal figure is that of a lady alighting from a white horse. Serving maids in picturesque costumes, horses, dogs and attendants make up a very pretty picture. The other illustrations consist of a wharf scene, a charming floral design for vase decoration, sweet pea design for plate (one of the series), a bold design showing lions rampant, suitable for wood-carving; a dainty little figure sketch in Continental costume, for decorating menu cards; outline design showing child's head, very suitable for general decorative work; floral and landscape designs, suitable for screens, tea service, plaques, vases and panels. The text includes notes on painting oranges in water colors; how to preserve oil colors from spreading; how to paint on chamois skin; how to construct a portfolio to hold charcoal sketches; directions for painting sketch of birds on pine boughs, oil colors for golden rod; how to paint glass fire screens; directions for picturesque curtains; how to paint child's figures in pastel; decorations for coffee pot, mineral colors for clematis; decorations for candlesticks; etiquette for morning weddings; how to construct a baby's hammock; novelties in furniture, including notes on chairs, bedroom suits and cabinets; fancy cushions, hand screens, table covers, dressing table scarfs. There are also the usual notes on current art events and book reviews. Price of this issue with all the designs, including the two supplements mentioned above, is 20 cents. Published by William Whitlock, 27 and 29 West 23d street, New York.

AT CHAUTAUQUA.

A Brilliant Week—Crowded Houses—Grand Concerts.

CHAUTAUQUA, N. Y., July 30, 1887.

Chautauqua at last is filling up. The crowd is here. The beautiful lake with its picturesque surrounding is acknowledged by all to be one of the great garden spots of the world. It is needless to again speak of its elevation, its coolness, or its attractions. These have all been "written up," and would be nothing new. All that one need add in substantiation of its claims as a popular watering resort is that hither over a hundred thousand people come annually, including many notable men of letters, orators, lecturers and educators. In fact, it has been called the resort of pedagogues; that is, of Ph.D's.

The land for the landsman, the lake for the fisherman; and truly the fisherman can have but little of which to complain. The lake is full of fish—all that one must do, is to catch them. It is no uncommon sight to see a "piscatorial artist"—all men are now-a-days either artists or professors—go by with a string of fish, some of which will be fully a couple of feet in length.

Finely equipped steamers traverse the lake from end to end, a distance of twenty-four miles, making twenty runs per day. Italian bands accompany some of the boats.

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Sunday, July 24, the great Amphitheater, a huge semi-circular structure, capable of seating from six to eight thousand people, was filled, to listen to a stirring and able sermon by the Rev. G. W. Miller, D. D., of Brooklyn.

Dr. Miller's theme was the "Relation of Christianity to Education." The speaker showed the value and importance of religious training in the attainment of a symmetrical development. A talk by Dr. Vincent before the Society of Christian Ethics, vesper service and the evening song service, at 7:30, completed the programme of the day.

Monday, Prof. William I. Knapp delivered an interesting lecture upon the life and customs of the Spanish, and particularly of the Castillians inhabiting the city of Madrid. At 2 o'clock Dr. G. W. Miller gave a lecture upon "Pluck," good, genuine American pluck. Pluck versus fatalism. It was shown how, without this element, men failed, though naturally endowed with great talents; with it, men of inferior attainments and callibre, steadily push themselves and their fortunes upward to success. At 4 o'clock Prof. J. T. Edwards gave his lecture upon the "Chemistry of the Fine Arts." The lecture was a masterpiece of thought and exposition. At 8 o'clock a grand concert by Diller's New York Octet, a brass band composed wholly of well-known and eminent artists, proved a success. Francis X. Diller is conductor and soloist. The band rendered a number of difficult selections with great precision and in perfect time. The program embraced selections from the Mikado—the most popular—Rabenstein, etc. Prof. Diller played a baritone, and Theodore Hoch a cornet solo. The Princeton Glee Club also sang a number of college glee songs. The amphitheatre was filled and one could not help being thrilled with admiration at the gay spectacle of these thousands of brilliantly dressed people. Altogether the day, with its full program and grand concert in the evening, was notable, and the season may now be considered as being fairly opened.

The following days are quite as well filled, as one may see, by glancing at the appended menu of intellectual tidbits:

Tuesday, the 26th, at 11 o'clock, there was a pipe organ recital by Prof. Flagler, and at 2 Prof. Sumner delivered an able and profound lecture upon "Protection and Wages." The Professor holds that protection is not necessary to the preservation of "living wages." At 4, a scholarly lecture upon the great Lessing, his life and works, was given by Prof. H. J. Schmitz; later there was held the Fifth Tourists' Conference, in an ideal and imaginary trip to Berlin, and an open-air concert on the shore of the lake, by Diller's Band.

But the crowning attraction, as it subsequently proved, was reserved for the close. This was the "Prize Quotation Match." These matches are not only conducive to enjoyment, but instructive. The quotations are taken from everywhere—old proverbs, saws, Mother Goose, the Bible, and Shakespeare. Miss Minnie Barney, of Syracuse, was fortunate enough to secure the first prize. Wednesday was filled full, crowded. Lectures by Prof. Sumner, "Protection and Commerce," and Prof. Richard T. Ely, in which he conclusively showed "co-operation to be the ultimate solution of the labor problem"; "Victor Hugo," Prof. A. De Rougemont, and readings from Dickens, by Prof. Cumnock.

Thursday the principal lectures were given by Prof. Henry Drummond and Prof. Baskerville. In the evening a Question Drawer was conducted by Prof. Sumner, of Yale. Anyone who desired to elicit the professor's views on topics relating to political economy had the privilege of handing in a question. The evening was a very enjoyable one.

Friday evening's lecture on "Mexican Life," by Mr. Halleck Wells, was a brilliant success. Costumes and many articles of actual use were exhibited, and added greatly to the vivid descriptions.

Saturday and Sunday Sam Jones, the well known revivalist, drew large crowds.

In the week beginning August 7, Dr. Fairbairn, of Oxford, England, continues his series of historico-religious lectures; Wallace Bruce, the poet and popular speaker, who is ever welcome in Chautauqua, will appear three times; George W. Cable is to read from his own works, and Mr. C. E. Bolton's brilliant stereoptican exhibitions fill several readings.

Obituary.

The following notice of the death of Mr. Samuel J. Walker, a former resident of this county and a son of Mr. Gabriel Walker, of Friedens, is taken from the Jackson County (Ill.) *Era*:

WALKER.—On the morning of July 24, 1887, at De Soto Ills., Samuel F. Walker, aged 53 years 8 months and 15 days.

Mr. Walker was born Sept. 9, 1833 in Somerset County, Pa., in the spring of 1855 he came to De Soto, depending upon the labor of his hands for support, he secured work at his trade of blacksmithing in the shop of Mr. Sutter, afterwards he became a partner with Mr. A. Mostoller, with whom he remained sixteen years, when he entered the mercantile business and after a few years, the firm of Walker & Alboon was formed, which continued until the day of his death. He was married August 29, 1861, to Miss Rebecca Farmer. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of De Soto, and one of the officers of the same. He was true and faithful in the performance of every duty, was a patient sufferer in affliction being confined to his bed for three months and three weeks, until wasted to a mere skeleton. On the 5th of April he was elected Supervisor of De Soto township, but being suddenly taken sick at that time he never left his home, until carried to the home appointed for all the living followed by the widow and six children. His funeral services were held in the Lutheran Church conducted by the pastor. As a mark of respect all business was suspended during the time of service and the great number of persons present showed to what extent he was respected. Peace to his ashes, and heaven's blessing upon the family.

G. D. GROSS.

The *Inquirer* says: This is one of the best seasons Bedford has had for years. 1865, just after the war, was a booming season, and 1874, the year the Duquesne Greys were here was another rouser, and now 1887 comes up with everything in the shape of boarding-houses full to overflowing. Next year we will have more accommodations and more people.

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Estray Notice.

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JOSEPH CHORPENNING.

There are over three hundred guests at Bedford Springs.

DIED.

JACOB.—On Saturday, August 6, 1887, near Bakersville, William Franklin, son of W. D. and M. L. Jacob, aged 3 years, 1 month and 4 days.

PILE.—On Tuesday, July 26, 1887, in Westmoreland County, Pa., Newton Everton son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pile, aged 7 years, 6 months and 28 days.

RAYMAN.—On Monday, July 18, 1887, at Greensburg, Westmoreland county, Jennie A. Rayman, daughter of Jennie and Wilson Rayman, aged 5 months and 28 days. Her mother died about six months ago at Mill Run, Fayette County, Pa., where they now both lay side by side, sweetly dreaming.

W. H. R.

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Buckwheat, ⅌ bu	50c
" meal,	2c
Beeswax ⅌ ℔	20c
Bacon, (Sugar-cured Hams) ⅌ ℔	12c
" (Country hams) ⅌ ℔	12½c
" (Shoulders) ⅌ ℔	10c
" (Sides) ⅌ ℔	11c
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" (shelled) ⅌ bu	55@60c
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" all rye, ⅌ 100 lbs	$1 50
Eggs ⅌ doz	12c
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" Vienna, ⅌ bbl	$5 25
Flaxseed, ⅌ bu	75c
Lard, ⅌ ℔	5@6c
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Oats, ⅌ bu	35@40c
Potatoes, ⅌ bu	60@75c
New Potatoes	$1 00
Peaches, dried, ⅌ ℔	8@10c
Rye, ⅌ bu	55@60c
Salt, (No 1,) ⅌ bbl	$1 25
" (Ground Alum) ⅌ sack	$1 30
" (Ashton) full sack	$1 50
" "	$1 00
Sugar, yellow, ⅌ ℔	5@7c
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