The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY September 21, 1887.

New goods at J. B. Snyder's.

Vote the full Republican ticket.

September has five Thursdays and Fridays.

More bedclothing is needed at night just now.

Squirrels are very scarce in this neighborhood.

Cider presses are running full time these days.

The days are being squeezed in at both ends.

The discarded flannels are being donned again.

It's easy to catch cold at this season; be careful.

Some of these sharp mornings suggest sausage.

Files of new overcoats just received at J. B. Snyder's.

The apple crop is a fairly average one in this section.

No trouble to suit you with spectacles at Boescker & Snyder's.

The passenger travel on all the railroads is said to be very large this season.

Great reduction in the price of spectacles and eyeglasses at Boescker & Snyder's.

Call and see the beautiful hanging lamps, oil cloth patterns, etc. at J. B. Snyder's.

Kings' combination spectacles reduced from $2.00 to $1.50 at Boescker & Snyder's.

A soldier's monument will be erected at Johnstown. An association has been formed to perfect the plans.

Sam Jones told the Baltimore people that they were a "silly crowd," and they paid him $300 a night and proved the statement true.

"September strews the woodland o'er
With many a brilliant color;
The world grows brighter than before,
Why should our hearts be duller?"

The oldest newspaper in existence is the *King-Pao* of China, which is nearly a thousand years old. The first number is said to contain these words: "Now is the time to subscribe."

"Bully, if true," is the head line which the editor of a paper in Crete, Nebr., prints over the announcement that the pastor of the Congregational Church will not preach for a month.

Thirty-three years ago the question of prohibition was submitted to a vote of the people of the State with the following result: For prohibition, 145,063; against prohibition, 143,189.

A marriage on the judge's stand in the presence of the multitude was one of the attractions of the Lackawanna county fair. Several hundred dollars' worth of presents were given the couple.

A carrier pigeon flew into a carpenter shop at Johnstown the other day, and to its leg was attached a paper saying: "If shot or caught please send number to E. S. Starr, No. 76 Cortland street, New York."

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.

HOLSOPPLE BROS. & PARSONS.

The significance of the dread sentence of Excommunication in the Roman Catholic Church, will be explained in the *Forum* for October by Rev. Professor Hulgins, whose acquaintance with the Canon Law gives him special fitness for the task.

The citizen who removes from one borough or township to another, or from one voting precinct into another, between the 8th day of September and election day, loses his right to vote, because he must swear that he has resided at least sixty days in the district where he offers to vote.

A few days ago John Gloor, a Cambria borough butcher, was driving a ferocious bull through a stable in which there was a valuable horse. The bull run one of his horns into the horse's belly, and although a veterinary surgeon was called in who stitched up the wounds, the horse died. The animal was insured for $150.

Every one who uses steam should cut this out and paste it in his hat. The new policies issued by the insurance companies have a clause in which they prohibit steam engines from running at night without a special written agreement across the face of the policy. It will be well to examine your policy at once and thus avoid losing all your insurance in case of fire.

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 "Married Persons' Law," passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature last June and approved, enacts that property of every kind owned, acquired or earned by a woman before her marriage shall belong to her and not to her husband or his creditors, provided, however, that a married woman shall have now power to mortgage or convey her real estate unless her husband join in such mortgage or conveyance."

Some newspaper publishers have been combining other papers with theirs as a premium. Two papers for the price of one. When the year was out the "furren" paper kept on a coming and its publishers now want one or two years subscription price and threaten suit if not paid. Moral. If you want a county paper pay for it, and if you want a city paper do the same. Never get two teeth pulled because it all goes for the same price, when you only want one out.

The thirteenth annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania will be held October 12, 13, and 14, 1887, in Lewisburg, Union County. Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the National W. C. T. U., will be present, and deliver an address on Social Purity. The number of Unions has greatly increased during the past year, there being now over one thousand in the State, and this is expected to be the largest and most important meeting ever held.

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, September 21, 1887:

Altman, Em'l; Berkey, Mrs. C.; Dugane, Jesse; Fullford, Mrs. Mollie; Hay, John; Johnson, Miss Ella; Johnson, Mary Estella; Koonse, Wm. H.; Lohr, Joseph J.; Nestrow, Tom; Rector, Ella; Ringler, Tom; Slater, Elmira J. (2); Shafer, Oliver.

Postals.—Hare, Miss A. T.; Olmen, Geo.; Ross, Marshall.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

Among the laws of 1887 is one to prevent and punish the making and dissemination of obscene literature and other immoral and indecent matter. The attention of those who are in the habit of defacing walls by obscene lines and pictures thereon is called to the third section of the act, where they will find that a penalty of a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, and imprisonment not exceeding one year is imposed on those who indulge in that sort of amusement. Fences, walls, floor, ceiling, closet, room, passage, hall, or any part of any hotel, court house, school, depot, or any other public places or buildings are included in the law, or any one who makes or causes to be made therein or thereon any obscene drawing or picture, or print, liable to be seen by others passing or running near the same are liable to suffer the penalty of the law.

Court next week.

Many of our farmers are busy making their second crop of hay.

The new Reformed church will be dedicated on Sunday October 9th.

Potatoes are selling at one dollar per bushel, and are scarce at that price.

Somerset will send a large delegation to the soldiers' reunion at Meyersdale Thursday.

Miss Cora Spangler has gone to Pittsburgh, where she will visit friends for a short time.

There are about forty criminal cases down on the calendar for trial at next week's court.

Messrs. Cook & Beerits have had a new pavement placed in front of their business block.

The winter term of the public schools of the borough will commence one week from next Monday.

The Davis Brothers will commence work on their new brick building on Main Cross street, this week.

Miss Sydney Postlethwaite and Miss Minnie Ogle, of Johnstown, spent Sunday with relatives in Somerset.

Street Commissioner Knee put down a number of good new stone cross-walks in the borough last week.

Meyersdale promises to do herself proud Thursday. Her citizens will give the old veterans a royal welcome.

Ex-Judge Collins was among the Somerset visitors to Philadelphia during the Centennial Celebration last week.

Chestnuts are already being brought into market. They are extra large this year, and the crop is an exceedingly large one.

Postmaster Coffroth returned from Philadelphia, where he had been to view the centennial celebration, Saturday morning.

The gentleman who lost a kid glove in the court house yard Sunday evening, can recover the same by calling at this office.

Miss May Pisel left Tuesday morning for Pittsburgh, where she will visit her friend, Miss Cora Tate. She will remain several weeks.

The market is overstocked with home grown grapes. They are selling at from three to five cents per pound, and are of a very good quality.

The interesting question with the average Methodist preacher just now, in view of the approaching conference, is, "Where will I be next year?"

F. J. Kooser, Esq., returned Friday evening from Washington, Pa., where he had gone to place his son at the Washington and Jefferson College.

Mr. George M. Neff, Jr., left Monday morning for Springfield, Ohio, where he expects to locate permanently. He will embark in the jewelry business.

Elder Peter Vogel has been appointed court stenographer for this judicial district. He filled his new position for the first time at the recent term of the Bedford court.

A slight freight wreck occurred on the S. & C. railroad at the trestle northeast of town, Friday morning. A number of cars were thrown over the trestle and pretty badly broken up.

The Rockwood burglars attempted to break jail one day last week. They had cut a hole through the wall of their cell, but their little plan was frustrated by the sheriff discovering the hole and locking them in another cell.

Judge Walker will move into the house on Union street which he recently purchased from Mr. Oliver Knepper, on the 1st of October. Mr. Knepper will at the same time take possession of his new brick residence on Main street.

Prof. J. D. Meese, of Meyersdale, dropped in to see us Saturday. He was on his way home from the south of the county, where he had been assisting County Superintendent Berkey in his examination of normal school students.

Dr. A. A. Tayman, who has been spending the past two months at the Somerset House visiting his mother, will leave next week for his home in Lebanon, Missouri. He will place two of his children at the college near Latrobe before leaving.

Mr. John Keim, one of the oldest citizens of Somerset county, died at his home in Elklick township on Monday of last week. He was born on the 5th day of January, 1792, and was consequently 95 years, 8 months and 7 days old at the time of his death.

The small boy views Barnum's gaily colored and thrilling pictorial display about town daily with renewed delight. October 10th is the fateful day when the greatest show on earth will come to town and the small boy walk on the gilded lining of the clouds.

Hiram C. White, of the well known firm of A. J. White & Son, merchant tailors, Chambersburg, Pa., will be in Somerset on or about the 21st inst., with samples of their new fall stock of suitings and overcoatings. First-class work at reasonable prices. Your patronage solicited.

The bill posters for Barnum's circus stole a march on the Somerset small boy, and thereby deprived him of much genuine enjoyment. They arrived hereon their private car during Sunday night, and by daylight Monday morning the large bulletin boards were covered with gaudy pictures and the car and men had left for Bedford.

Mr. Brinker R. Jones and Miss Bee F. Walter were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents on Patriot street, last Tuesday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev A. Rash, of the Methodist church. Immediately after the ceremony the newly married couple took passage on an east-bound train on an extended bridal tour.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is reported to be ready to introduce steam heating on many of its trains early in the fall. Experiments are said to show that a train of eight cars can be heated with four or five pounds pressure of steam. For the present, however, the stoves will not be removed from the cars. There is no law requiring the change in this State.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following named persons since our last report:

Michael F. Riley, of West Salisbury, and Missouri E. Wagner, of Elklick township.

Howard Shaffer, and Elizabeth Wirick, both of Ashtola.

Charles McQuade, and Nancy J. Moyle, both of Berlin.

Edward E. Campbell, of Hagerstown, Md., and Sarah A. Zufall, of Meyersdale.

The lightning rod men who a short time since played their dizzy game on Mr Solomon Hershberger, of Elklick township, have turned out to be the same parties who buncoed William Barnhart, an aged farmer of Mt. Pleasant township, Westmoreland county, out of $1,000. They were caught at Brownsville, Fayette county, where they were visited by Mr. Barnhart and fully identified. They have been placed in the Greensburg jail to await trial. They are a sleek pair of rascals.

During the temporary absence of Mr. Herbert Nicodemus, who lives near Pleasant Hill, in Somerset township, Wednesday last, his house was broken into by burglars. They ransacked the house from cellar to attic and in a bureau drawer they found some four dollars in change, which they carried away. Mr. Nicodemus is a poor old man, and the loss of even this small amount falls heavily upon him. He thinks he knows the guilty parties, and says he will keep his rifle loaded for them should they attempt to pay him another visit.

Death of George W. Bowman.

George W. Bowman, for many years editor of the Bedford *Gazette*, and well known to all the older citizens of Bedford county, died at his residence in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pa., on Monday morning last, aged 79 years. He left Bedford to accept the appointment of public printer under James Buchanan. Shortly after the close of Buchanan's administration he settled at Carlisle, where he has since resided.—*Bedford Inquirer.*

The Noss Family Entertainment.

The entertainment given in the Opera House Friday and Saturday evenings by the celebrated Noss family, was a decided success. The audience each evening was probably the largest that has ever assembled in this favorite place of amusement, excepting when it was first opened to the public, and they were most delightfully and agreeably entertained. They are a remarkable family, gifted with rare musical talent from the elder Noss down to the little daughter May.

Celebrated Her Ninetieth Birthday.

Grandmother Lavan celebrated her ninetieth birthday at her home in Iavansville last Thursday. The occasion was a most delightful and enjoyable one, and the good old lady seemed to enjoy the day and was as happy as any of her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, or great great grandchildren, who surrounded her. She has living one child, six grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren, and two great great grandchildren. She was the recipient of a very comfortable easy chair, and a number of other presents.

Robbery in Ligonier Valley.

The Greensburg *Press* says that on Tuesday night about 8 o'clock, as Joseph Taylor, an old man about seventy years of age, and his sister were sitting at a table in their home near Hillsview, three and a half miles from Ligonier, three armed men burst suddenly into the room, and jumping on the old man, bound him hand and foot and then, at the point of a revolver, compelled him to disclose the hiding place of his money. Mr. Taylor protested that thirty dollars was all the money he had in the house, but the men were not satisfied until they had searched it from cellar to garret. Then they left. The men were masked, but Mr. Taylor thinks he recognized them.

Fayette County Finds.

The drill at a test well for gas in Fayette county has revealed a vein of fine blue stone. In a ravine back of Dunbar furnace the edge of it crops out. Pieces quarried show it to be very hard, admitting of a high polish like granite. Negotiations are already pending for its purchase by contractors in Pittsburg. A thirty-inch vein of magnetic ore has been discovered between Dunbar and Uniontown, which it is said, will assay sixty per cent. Its existence has not been known before, even to the owners or operators of the furnace in that locality. It has not been revealed by the drill in sinking these deep wells. About two and a half miles below Uniontown the vein rises with the upheaval of the mountain, until its edge is shown in a pass through the main ridge of the mountain. Furnace men have had it analyzed. When pulverized every particle of the ore will stick to the magnet.

Another Farmer Duped.

The Waynesboro *Record* says a lightning rod agent recently visited a farmer in Washington township, and after some persuasion was induced to agree to the putting up of lightning rods at the house and barn for $6, signing an article of agreement to that effect. In a few days the agent's men appeared and put up the rods on the barn, when the farmer was informed that as far as the workmen had gone the cost was $60. The farmer ordered them at once to remove the rods but they declined, saying that he had obligated himself by an article of agreement to pay so much per foot. Seeing that he was caught he gave them all the money he had, forty odd dollars, and his note for the balance of the $60, payable in the Greencastle bank. In order to conciliate the duped farmer they told him the balls attached to the rods would make it so light around his barn after nightfall that thieves would not venture near it. The farmer has the rods, but instead of six, they cost him sixty dollars. Lightning rod agents, generally speaking, are given to sharp tricks. But who will be the next farmer to be duped?

Confluence Items.

A lad six or seven years of age by the name of McNear, was seriously injured a few days ago. While climbing over some stacks of timber a switchtire fell, catching his leg between it and other timbers, crushing it from near the ankle to nearly the knee joint. The skin was broken the entire distance, about twelve inches, and the flesh so badly bruised that it is struggling away from the broken bone. Fears are entertained that the limb will have to be amputated at the knee.

Target shooting has become the sport for some of the old bloods of our town. Dr. Fichtner and Marsh Ross purpose joining some celebrated club—Creedmoor, or something bigger. Amateurs can't come in where they are, " and don't you never forget it."

A sportsmens' club numbering about twenty, went up the Yough river one day this week to capture some game. Some of them have returned with a small lot of mountain game, besides some game legs, noses, fingers and toes. Lots of fun, boys.

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CONFLUENCE, Pa., Sept. 17, 1887.

Must be Registered.

The supreme court has just handed down its first decision under the act of 1881, which provides that no physician can practice in a county without first registering therein. The decision is of great importance to medical men, as the act was passed owing to the efforts of the recognized schools of medicine to prevent the growing evil of traveling quacks. In the case passed upon by the supreme court, however, there is no charge that the defendant is other than a reputable physician, the only allegation being that he practiced in a county where he was not registered. The case is that of Dr. John Ege, who was found guilty of practicing in Lebanon county without being registered therein. Dr. Ege resided in Reading, Berks county, where he was registered, but would occasionally go to Lebanon county, where he would rent an office for a short period and receive patients.

The court held that a physician duly registered, residing and practicing in one county, but having an office in another county of which he made advertisement, and where he received and prescribed for patients without being there registered, is a sojourner within the meaning of the act of 1881, and is therefore guilty of a violation of the act. The language of the act applies to all physicians, whether residing out of the state or within it.

A Sudden Death.

A telegram was received in this place Tuesday morning stating that Mr. Frank H. Postlethwaite, of this place, had been accidentally killed in the yards of the P. & L. E. R. R. at Pittsburgh that morning. At the time of our going to press the particulars of the accident have not been learned. The body will be brought home this morning for interment.

Frank H. Postlethwaite was a son of the late W. H. Postlethwaite, Esq. When still in his teens he learned the printing trade in the HERALD office, and afterwards filled the position of foreman of the HERALD office for a number of years. Some six or eight years ago he accepted a position as brakeman on the B. & O. Railroad, and has followed that business ever since. He was out of employment for several months this summer, which time he spent in Somerset with his mother, brother, and sister. About two weeks ago he left for Pittsburgh to seek employment and succeeded in getting a position on the P. & L. E. R. R. He was a remarkably fine looking young man of about 33 years of age, and was well liked wherever known. The announcement of his sudden death was a terrible shock to his relatives and friends, especially his mother, who is in feeble health and who is past seventy-five years of age. The bereaved family have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community in their affliction.

The Celebrated Bedford Springs Sold.

The rumors of the sale of the celebrated Bedford Springs are confirmed by the Bedford papers. The *Gazette*, however, says that Mr. Philander Case Knox, senior member of the well-known law firm of Knox & Reed, is to-day the sole owner of the Springs, and not a syndicate, as has been stated. "The deed of transfer was signed by the Anderson heirs on Wednesday. The consideration is $250,000, of which amount $50,000 is cash and the balance is secured by a mortgage running fifteen years and bearing 6 per cent. interest. The Andersons insisted upon having $200,000 remain in the property. The purchaser didn't want it that way, but, finding that he could not get the property on other terms, he finally yielded.

The *Gazette* says that Mr. KNOX is a small smooth-faced gentleman, between thirty-five and forty years of age, and of unassuming, courteous manners. He never saw the Springs until he came to purchase the property. Being questioned about a company Mr. Knox said: "There is no company about it. There is no one connected with me in this purchase in any way. It is quite probable that I will interest some gentlemen with me in the property, but at the present time the sole title is in me. Of course, I will not run the hotel. That is not my business, and I don't know anything about it."

The Springs tract proper, containing 204 acres, was surveyed by Joseph Shenywolf on a warrant granted May 29, 1767, by "the proprietors of Pennsylvania" to Frederick Naugle. Naugle's patent is dated December 31, 1772.

On March 31, 1698, this tract was conveyed by deed of Isaac Bonnett, sheriff, to Robert Spencer, and on November 4, 1798, the portion of the tract which contains the springs came into the Anderson family by deed of Robert Spencer and wife to Dr. John Anderson. Spencer conveyed the balance of the 204-acre tract to James McConkey on September 15, 1817, and the latter conveyed it to Dr. Anderson on march 25, 1818. Adjoining tracts were acquired at various times and from various persons, until the property embraced about 1,500 acres.

The first building erected on the place was the small one-story house, occupied for a long time as a genteman's bath-house, and for the last two years as a billiard room. It was built in 1804, at a time when the medical virtues of the waters were unknown. However, those virtues were discovered in the same year. Afterward was erected a part of the building now known as "Crockford," and in 1808, when the Springs had gained a reputation, it was found necessary to enlarge Crockford to its present dimensions. In 1816 the first building that aspired to the dignity of a hotel was put up. This was the stone house, and a few years afterward the adjoining frame addition was built. The main brick building was erected in 1848, at a cost of $25,000.

In 1854 J. Edgar Thomson, late President of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; John W. Geary, afterward Governor of this State, and a number of other gentlemen, entered into an article of agreement for the purchase of the Springs. They paid a forfeit of $10,000, but meeting with financial misfortune in speculations in Western lands they were unable to carry out their part of the contract, and the property therefore remained in the hands of Mr. Anderson. By Act of Assembly of May 8, 1854, the "Bedford Mineral Springs Company" was incorporated. The charter members were Alexander King, William P. Schell, Espy L. Anderson, John Shoenberger, Wilson McCandless, Job Mann, Daniel Washabaugh, John Cessna, John McCaules, Henry R. Strong, Samuel Davis, Wilson T. Dougherty, William H. Watson, and Nicholas Lyons. There was then a delay of several years, and the property was not transferred to the company until April 11, 1857. The consideration was $200,000.

The Company was organized with Philip Gosler as President; Samuel L. Russell as Secretary and Treasurer; Alexander King, William P. Schell, Espy L. Anderson, John H. Shoenberger, William T. Dougherty, and Louis T. Watson as the Board of Directors. This company built the Swiss cottage, the two large bath-houses and the pavilion, and improved the property generally. The financial panic of 1857 was followed by a long period of depression, and the Company failed. The Sheriff sold the property, and on November 20, 1862, conveyed it to Espy L. Anderson, the legatee of his father, Dr. John Anderson. Espy L. Anderson, died intestate May 29, 1866, and the title vested in his widow and her children, the recent owners.

In the latter part of 1882 Mr. George W. Mullin, proprietor of the St. Cloud Hotel, Philadelphia, entered into an agreement for the purchase of the property, but he failed to come to time, and the transfer was not made. About a year afterward Mr. Reon Barnes, of New York, one of the originators of the South Pennsylvania project, bought an option on the place for $10,000. He had not succeeded in organizing a company when the option expired, and he paid $5,000 for an extension of time. His efforts to carry out his scheme resulted in a failure. The Anderson heirs retained the ownership of the property until the sale was made to Mr. Knox, on Wednesday.

Two Friends Meet and Talk Politics.

"Hello, Fisk, old boy! Shake! How are you?"

"All right, Mike; awful glad to see you; how are all the little Mickies?"

"They are all jumping, Fisk. How are the little Fisks? Say, Fisk, how many weddings did you have at your house this summer? My wife says five, and I said eight of the girls got married."

"Well, Mike, we only had six; two are still hanging fire."

"Jerusalem, Fisk! You will need a whole queensware store to give them each a set of dishes."

"You are right, Mike, but I was in Somerset last week and went to J. B. Snyder's store and bought them each a set of dishes and all the glassware, lamps, etc., needed and it did not amount to much. Say, Mike, how can J. B. sell dishes and glassware so cheap?"

"Why, that is easy, Fisk; he sells more of that kind of goods than all the rest of the stores—it's the big amount he sells, you see."

"I tell you, Mike, Snyder has his store chock full of new goods, a beautiful line of carpets, rugs, oil cloths, oil cloth patterns and clothing—no end to them. And although wool was higher this season Snyder sells clothing, woolen dress goods, flannels, etc., cheaper than last fall. Then J. B. says his cashmeres, tricots and flannels are all new, as the old ones went where the woodbine twineth."

"My boys all need suits again and Snyder's is the place to get them, for when J. B. says it's all wool it's all wool, and you can bet on it. Say, Fisk, I believe either Cleveland or Blaine will be elected next time. Ta, ta!"

School Books and Supplies at Fisher's Book Store.

My stock of school books and school supplies is very much larger this year than ever. I am prepared to supply any text-books used in this county, and in any quantity desired. Parents, pupils and teachers will find anything they may require in the school book and school supply line at my large and convenient store. Inks, pens, pencils, slates, tablets, copy books, drawing books, school bags, legal cap paper, in fact, everything used and needed in the school room. Higher text-books of all kinds, for advanced pupils, and for teachers. Supplies of chalk crayons at lowest wholesale rates for directors, and school books and supplies in large quantities at wholesale for town, village and country merchants. Mail orders promptly attended to.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Important Notice.

I have quite a large number of deeds, and other instruments of writing in my possession, on which the fees and State tax have not been paid, and which have therefore never been placed upon record. Parties having such papers in my possession will please see to the same.

CHAS. C. SHAFER.

SOMERSET, Sept. 21, 1887.

Husband Items.

Weather is getting cool.

There have already been some eight frosts in this vicinity. No damage was done by them, however.

Mr. Jacob Dietz has been absent for some time past working at his trade, which is that of stone masoning.

A goodly number of our people contemplate a trip to Meyersdale Thursday, to attend the soldiers' reunion.

A public sale took place at the farm of Cyrus Swank, in Somerset township, on Thursday, September 15th. Articles sold, as a general thing, brought good prices.

The normal here will close this week, after a term of eight weeks. The school was under the supervision of Mr. H. L. Young, and he taught a very successful term.

A game of base ball was to have been played here Saturday afternoon between the normal school nine and a club not belonging to the school, but several of the parties failing to appear, the game was not played.

OCCASIONAL.

Teachers' Certificates.

The following decision in reference to certificates and the renewal of the same is published for the information of all parties interested, teachers, superintendents, and school officers generally: A provisional certificate is good for one year from the date of issue in the county, city, or borough where it is granted, and cannot be made valid by a superintendent's endorsement. A professional certificate is valid in a county, city, or borough where issued during the official term of the Superintendent issuing it and for one year after. A professional certificate "may be renewed by a county, city, or borough superintendent without re-examination, after having fully satisfied himself by personal observation in his or her school of the competency and skill of the person holding it." Such a certificate cannot be renewed after it has expired by limitation of law, and directors cannot legally employ as teachers persons holding so-called professional certificates endorsed after they have ceased to be valid.

Harper's for October.

The fourth instalment of Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis's story narrative of a tour, "Here and There in the South," penetrates, in the October *Harper's*, among the bayous of Louisiana, and provides abundant subjects for picturesque illustrations by W. H. Gibson. The region includes the most prolific sugar, cotton and orange plantations of the country, and the forests grow "to the size of the woods before the flood; even the ghastly, impenetrable swamps choke with rank life." Describing a journey through this region, Mrs. Davis says, "The track ran through interminable swamps of grand cypresses, magnolias and fig-trees. Thely myriads of gray trunks stood knee-high in water opening in silent vistas on either side as the train passed through. Overhead, huge, vicious coils of vines knotted these bare columns together. It was March, but there was no coy, tender approach of spring here. Nature was a savage—fierce, prolific; strange red and orange birds flashed through the sombre recesses; now and then a huge alligator rose out of the plane of slimy water, stared at the train with dead eyes, and then plunged into it again." One of Mr. Gibson's illustrations, entitled, "Opelousas Prairie," is a new venture in art, being a smoke-picture painted with a gas-jet, giving a strong night effect of the "impressionist" type.

Carrier Pigeons Caught.

Frank Burns, a farmer in the Laurel Hill Mountains, three miles from Bakersville, this county, captured a pair of beautiful young carrier-pigeons last Tuesday evening. The evening was very cold and when twilight came on the birds, benumbed with cold and bewildered with the darkness, flew into the windows of the farmer's attic, where he captured them.

Each bird had a blue silk ribbon tied around its neck, and under the left wing was fastened a small ivory monogram, bearing this inscription, in red ink:

Miss Rose Lovejoy,
Carondelet, Mo.,
Sept. 2, 1887.

Under the right wings were two letters, one bearing the address of "Janet Wheeler, Wasepi, Mich.," and the other "Mr. George Serpell, Valparaiso, Ind." Several quills in their wings were marked with letters and numbers.

Mr. Burns has telegraphed to Miss Rose Lovejoy, Carondelet, and is awaiting advices for disposition. If he does not hear from her before Sunday, he will turn the birds into the air again to resume their flight.

How the birds wandered so far out of their course is difficult to conjecture, but it is presumed the birds are mates and on their passage chanced to meet, and then forgot their destination.

Obituary.

The following notice of the death of Rev. J. Q. A. Weller, son of Mr. D. Weller, of this county is taken from a Kidder Mo., exchange:

Rev. J. Q. A. Weller, of Buffalo Park, Kan., died at Lawrence, Sept. 2. His family had been in Lawrence for some months for the sake of the schools. He had been ill in August, but had recovered, and started Aug. 20, in come to his family to rest. The next day, Sunday, he preached twice at towns along the Union Pacific Railroad, and Monday reached home. A little later a relapse set in and he died in a few days. He was born, in Somerset County, Pa., in 1858; he was licensed to preach by the Evangelical Association on his twenty-first birthday. He held appointments in Virgina, Ohio and Pennsylvania. His views on church order having changed, he came to Kansas in 1879, and accepted an appointment under the Home Missionary Society on the extreme frontier, where he spent the rest of his days. He was a man of fine presence and was an earnest and effective preacher. He leaves a wife and two children; was a member at the National Council at Chicago a year.

To Country Merchants.

I will be prepared to furnish country stores with all the school books used in Somerset county at publishers' wholesale list prices. Also, a full line of school supplies, such as copy books, writing papers, pens, penholders, lead pencils, school slates, chalk crayons, pen and pencil tablets, envelopes, etc., all of which will be sold at close prices. Mail orders promptly attended to. Your patronage is solicited.

W. H. WELFLEY, Somerset Pa.,

MARRIED.

SNYDER—SECHLER—At the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. C. F. Floto. Mr Eli A. Snyder to Amanda M. Sechler, both of Somerset County, Pa.

KAYSER—SHULTZ.—On the 6th inst., at the bride's home, by Rev. J. H. Zinn, Mr. Frank O. Kayser, of Schuyler, Neb. and Miss Iva J. Shultz, of Milford township.

HOOVER—POWELL.—On Wednesday, August 29, 1887, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. Samuel Hoover, of Hooversville, and Miss Jennie Powell, of Forward, W. E. Lohr, Esq., officiating.

ROGERS—SLICK.—At the residence of Mr. Jesse Slick, on Tuesday, September 13, 1887, by Rev. Wm. D. LeFevre, Mr. James Rodgers, of Scalp Level, to Miss Ellen C. Slick, of Shade Township, this County.

DIED.

BARKMAN.—On Thursday, the 25th day of August, 1887, Daniel Barkman, aged 73 years, 1 month and 26 days.

PLETCHER.—On Saturday, September 3, 1887, Silas, infant son of Levi Pletcher and wife, aged 11 months and 24 days.

BURKHART.—On Monday, August 29, 1887, near Fairhope, Somerset County, Pa., Joseph Burkhart, aged 41 years 7 months and 20 days.

Many of our farmers have finished their fall seeding.

W. C. T. U. Convention at Berlin.

The fifth annual convention of the W. C. T. U. met in the Methodist church at Berlin on Thursday, September 15th, and held an informal meeting. Mrs. Val Hay presided and led the devotional exercises, after which the meeting was thrown open for the members to become better acquainted with one another. We had a pleasant and profitable meeting, which was enjoyed by all present. After the announcements for the evening meeting had been made, an adjournment was had.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention opened at 7 o'clock, the devotional exercises being conducted by Mrs. Thomas, of Meyersdale. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and prayer by Mrs. Growall, of Rockwood, Mrs. Hay introduced Mrs. N. E. White, of Mercer, Pa., the lecturer of the evening, who delivered one of her soul-stirring addresses. The house was well filled with people, who sat spellbound under the sound of her voice. After a liberal collection, the meeting closed with singing and prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Walter, of Somerset. After the reading of the minutes Miss Carrie Lane, of Berlin, delivered the address of welcome, and her beautiful words of encouragement enthused us with renewed vigor for the work. The response was made by Mrs. Blymyer, of Somerset. A hymn was then sung after which the president appointed the following committees:

On Enrollment—Miss Barbara Johnson, of Berlin, and Mrs. Frease, of Somerset.

On Resolutions—Mrs. M. O. Kooser and Miss Belle Kimmell, of Somerset.

On Nominations—Mrs. Walter, of Somerset, and Mrs. Thomas, of Ursina.

Reports of local Unions were then read, in the following order:

From Ursina, Mrs. Thomas.

From Meyersdale, Mrs. Suhrie.

From Somerset, Mrs. Jennie Hochstetler.

From Rockwood, Mrs. Augusta Evans.

After singing "Work for the Night is Coming" Miss White, and others present were made members of the Convention.

Rev. Browne, of Berlin, then made a few appropriate remarks. He said he believed in the W. C. T. U., because he believed in women's prayers. Father Weakley then led in prayer.

Referred questions were then read, and answered by those to whom they were referred.

Miss White merged one of her answers into a speech on the timidity of women, in which she gave some very amusing incidents of her experience.

Reports of committees were then read, as follows:

On Enrollment, Miss Barbara Johnson.

On Resolutions, Mrs. Kooser.

On Nominations, Mrs. Walter.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year:

President—Mrs. A. W. Knepper.

Vice President—Mrs. Julia Chapman.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. M. O. Kooser.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. A. Hay.

Treasurer—Miss Fannie Thomas.

After singing the Temperance Doxology and Benediction by Father Weakly, adjourned.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened with Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Belle Kimmell, after which the President read her annual address which was listened to with wrapt attention.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mrs. Thomas, of Meyersdale.

Report of Superintendents of different departments were then called for, and read as follows:

On Evangelistic Work, prepared by Mrs. Platt; read by Mrs. Val. Hay.

On Press Work, by Mrs. Thomas.

On Jail and Prison, prepared by Mrs. Patton and read by Mrs. Hochstetler.

On Railroad work, by Mrs. Suhrie.

On Unfermented Wine, Mrs. Thomas.

Miss White gave some very useful instruction on the work of the different departments, especially on juvenile work.

Report of Corresponding Secretary, prepared by Mrs. Knepper, was read by Mrs. Hochstetler.

Miss Belle Kimmell was elected a delegate to the State Convention, to be held at Lewisburg some time in October.

Rev. Gruber, of Berlin, then gave us a short talk.

On invitation extended by delegates present from that place, Rockwood was selected as the place for holding our next meeting.

The program for the evening session was then read when the meeting adjourned after singing the Temperance Doxology and prayer by Rev. Growall.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. Frease, of Somerset, after which Mrs. Val. Hay, of Somerset, made an address on Constitutional Amendment.

Miss White and Miss Belle Kimmell each gave a short talk, when a collection was lifted, and after singing and prayer, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

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" (keg), ⅌ lb.	15c
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" meal,	—
Beeswax ⅌ lb.	30c
Bacon, (Sugar cured Ham) ⅌ lb.	16c
" (Country ham) ⅌ lb.	12½c
" (Shoulders) ⅌ lb.	14c
" (Sides) ⅌ lb.	11c
Corn, (ear) ⅌ bu.	50@60c
" (shelled) ⅌ bu.	60c
" Meal ⅌ lb.	2c
Chop, corn and oats, ⅌ 100 lbs.	$1 25
" all rye, ⅌ 100 lbs.	$1 50
Eggs, ⅌ doz.	12c
Flour, Roller Process, ⅌ bbl.	$5 00
" Vienna, ⅌ bbl.	$4 25
Flaxseed, ⅌ bu.	75c
Lard, ⅌ lb.	8@10c
Middlings, ⅌ 100 lbs.	$1 25@$1 50
Oats, ⅌ bu.	30@35c
Potatoes, ⅌ bu.	60@70c
New Potatoes,	$1 00
Peaches, dried, ⅌ lb.	8@10c
Rye, ⅌ bu.	55@60c
Salt, (No 1.) ⅌ bbl.	$1 25
" (ground Alum) ⅌ sack	$1 25
" (Ashton) full sack	$1 50
" ½ "	$1 00
Sugar, yellow, ⅌ lb.	6@7c
" white, ⅌ lb.	7@8c
Tallow, ⅌ lb.	5@7c
Wheat, ⅌ bu.	80@90c

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You are hereby notified to be and appear at an Orphans' Court to be held at Somerset, Pa., on Monday, the 26th day of September next, to accept or refuse to take the real estate of Solomon Baker, deceased, at the appraised valuation, or show cause why the