The Somerset Herald.

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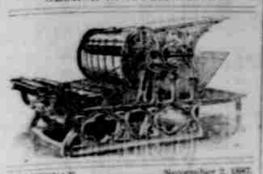

WEDNESDAY..... November 2, 1887.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The following named gentlemen compose the Republican County Committee for the ensuing year:

Addison—Benjamin Fulmer.
Allegheny No. 1—Artemus Deter.
Allegheny No. 2—James H. Snell.
Black—A. J. Stutzer.
Berlin Borough—J. W. Landis.
Brothersvalley—C. F. Rayman.
Conemaugh—J. T. Yoder.
Confluence Borough—J. A. Walker.
Elklick No. 1—N. B. Keim.
Elklick No. 2—Simon Livengood.
Greenville—Fred'k Durr.
Jefferson—Silas Cable.
Jenner—Thomas Gallagher.
Jennertown Borough—J. J. Griffith.
Larimer—L. G. Dom.
Lower Turkeyfoot—Emmett Cunningham.
Meyersdale Borough—S. H. Dull.
Middlecreek—Levi Long.
Milford—J. C. Weller.
Northampton—W. H. Poorbaugh.
New Centreville Borough—L. N. Scott.
New Baltimore Borough—John George.
Ogle—M. F. Allison.
Paint—J. D. Shaffer.
Quemahoning—D. B. Zimmerman.
Rockwood Borough—Philip Smith.
Salisbury Borough—H. W. DeLosier.
Shade—C. W. Lambert.
Somerset Borough—John S. Shafer.
Somerset No. 1.—C. M. Shaver.
Somerset No. 2.—J. J. Darr.
Southampton—Wm. P. Martz.
Stonycreek—H. B. Baltzer.
Stoystown Borough—M. V. Sorber.
Summit—Zach F. Fridley.
Upper Turkeyfoot—T. L. Williams.
Ursina Borough—F. Dull.
Wellersburg Borough—J. J. Kendell.

C. C. SHAFER,
Chairman.

Diphtheria is rapidly disappearing in Bedford.

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

The Guffeys have struck oil in Indiana county, near the county seat.

Great reduction in the price of spectacles and eye-glasses at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

Bradford county contains twenty-six lodges of Odd Fellows, the largest number of any county in the state.

Republicans must remember that the only danger to their party is in their own apathy. Every vote is needed.

The first deer brought into Johnstown this season, was kill d with a revolver. The carcass undressed weighed 110 pounds.

The factory for the manufacture of the Grand Army button patented by Dr. Radzinsky will be located at McKeesport.

A three hundred pound bear was killed, one day last week, about two miles south of Bellefonte, by two farmer brothers named Gentzell, after a hard fight.

Every Republican voter who stays at h ome on election dao does what he can towards the success of he enemies of Republicanism. Turn out and vote a straight ticket.

A Philadelphia coroner's jury held an inquest on the body of a young woman, a few days ago, and brought in a verdict that she had died by heart disease brought on by tight lacing.

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.

HOLSINGER BROS. & PARSON.

Counterfeit postal cards have been discovered at Pittsburgh that are so skillfully executed that their detection is very difficult. This is the first attempt to put spurious postal cards in circulation. It is thought they come from New York.

The company exploring for natural gas near this place has given orders o its men to put the well down 150 feet deeper. This will make the well 3,200 feet and thoroughly test the territory. The chances for gas are said to be good.—*Indiana Messenger.*

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.

A charter for the Bedford Springs Company, capital $100,000, was issued at Harrisburg on Monday. The stockholders are J. W. Dalzell, James M. Baily, John H. Dalzell, P. C. Knox, W. E. Schmertz, M. K. Morehead, John W. Chalfant and D. T. Watson, of Pittsburg; J. H. Lippincott, of New York, and William Hartley, of Bedford.

The chapel of St. Xavier, near Latrobe was recently entered by six burglars, who helped themselves to the liquids in the wine-cellar, after which they went to the pantry, where they feasted. The priest's vestments were taken and left in the woods near by. They were discovered by a sick nun, who aroused the male occupants, when the burglars beat a hasty retreat.

As a great many people are contemplating buying up potatoes for winter use, it would be well to see that they are thoroughly dry before storing away in the cellar. Potatoes sprout more when put in barrels than any other way. This vegetable, like all other kinds, must of necessity have air, and hence it is deprived of this essential requisite when put away in barrels. The safest way is to spread them out on the cellar floor if it is not damp.

When railroad crossings are obstructed for more than six minutes at a time, and teams are thereby subjected to vexatious delays, the owners thereof have a cause of action against the railroad company. In New York State, where the limit is only four minutes, a farmer coming to town with a load of wool was delayed at a crossing for ten minutes. He brought suit for damages and the railroad company was glad to compromise the case by paying the farmer twenty-five dollars for his wool. A railroad train has no more right to delay a wagon than a wagon team has to delay a railroad train.

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, November 2, 1887:

Gitner, B. E.; Barnack, S. A.; Byrne, Miss Sadie; Frank, Lincoln; Gohn, Turah; Huntsman, Isreal; Kring, Mrs. Sadie; Lape, John; Neff, T. B. & Co.; Redman, Frank; Rhoads, Wm. F.; Saunders, M. P.; Schrock, G. N.; Williams, Alex; Yoder, Jonas.

Postals, Baer, J. G.; Johnson, Charles Lohr, L. B. C.; Miller, John; Recter, Mrs. Eliza; Stahl, S.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

In welcoming the bankers to Pittsburgh Judge Agnew, among other things, said: "There are fourteen organized gas companies to furnish gas, drawing supplies from 200,000 acres of tested territory, having a capital of $17,325,000; using 1800 miles of lines of iron pipes, from six to thirty inches in diameter, weighing about 85 tons to the mile and giving a total of 135,000 tons of buried iron, delivering 500,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, and yielding a net profit of about ten per cent.; the same wells being capable of yielding one thousand million cubic feet daily. The total capital invested in natural gas production in Western Pennsylvania estimated at $25,000,000, and in Ohio at $5,000,000. The amount of coal displaced by natural gas amounts to 25,000 tons daily."

All Saints' day.

Clean up now, before the advent of winter.

Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 24th.

Mr. Ed. B. Scull, of Creson, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. J. G. Harvey, of Baltimore, is at the Somerset House.

Mrs. T. W. Marshall, of Johnstown, is visiting relatives in Somerset.

Mr. Oliver Knepper has moved into his new brick residence on Main street.

A number of large flocks of wild geese passed over town Friday on their flight southward.

A fresh coat of red paint improved the appearance of Mr. George H. Love's residence on Main street.

County Commissioner McClintock continues to improve in health, and expects soon to be able to be about again.

Miss Rose King left Saturday morning, on an extended visit to relatives and friends in Armstrong county.

Sunday night was the clearest and coldest of the season. A thin sheet of ice was frozen over the breast of the dam below town.

Mr. J. B. Snyder's new brick dwelling is nearing completion. When finished it will be one of the handsomest houses in Somerset.

The County Commissioners start out this, Tuesday, morning to deliver the blanks, necessary for holding next week's election, to the proper officers.

Mr. Isaac D. Ankeny, and family, of Edie postoffice, Somerset township, left Monday morning for Dixon, Ill., where they will make their future home.

Pheasants are unusually plentiful and fat this season. It is an every day sight to see a local sportsman come to town with a half dozen or more to his belt.

Messrs. Josiah Way and Josiah Berkey, who own a steam machine for baling hay, are putting up a large number of tons and shipping to the city markets.

Rev. Edie, of Connellsville, will preach in the Presbyterian church Sabbath morning and evening, November 6th. Morning services at 10:30; evening at 6:30.

The town was full of people Saturday, and the merchants report a big day's trade. One of our leading advertisers says it was the biggest business day in ten years.

Mr. Frank J. Meyers has been confined to his home for the past week with an attack of bilious fever. He was able to sit up to-day, and will be about in a short time.

District Attorney Biesecker has removed his law office from above Cook & Beerits' on Main Cross street, to his new apartments on Union street, next door to th HERALD.

Landlord Higginbotham, of the Glade House, had the wholesale license of Jesse Baughman transferred to himself, and Saturday opened up a liquor store in the basement of his hotel.

Somerset lodge Knights of the Golden Eagle now occupy the large and commodious hall in Baer Block. The young men comprising the order will here have sufficient room to flap their wings.

The fifteen remaining members of the now defunct Somerset Athletic Association, made a division of the funds derived from the sale of the Association fixtures, a few days since. Each share amounted to $1.34.

We would have no objection to a half dozen of our subscribers, who are in arrears, bringing a fat turkey each. Thanksgiving day is near, and who would think of giving thanks over anything but a turkey on that day.

Chairman Shafer has forwarded the necessary election tickets to the Republican Committeemen of the different districts, who will have them on hand bright and early next Tuesday morning. Remember every voter should vote three tickets, State, Judiciary and County.

Mr. George Auman, the butcher and poultry dealer has just completed a new barn, slaughter house, ice house and wagon-shed, all under one roof, 110 feet long. The building is in the rear of his West Main street property, and is a model in the way of convenience.

Philip E. Chapin, general manager of the Cambria Iron Works, has tendered his resignation to take effect on New Year's day. No action has been taken or appointment made, but it is generally believed that John Fulton, the present general Superintendent, will be his successor.

Charles Harrison, Jr., the three-year-old son of Banker Harrison, discovered that stoves are kept hot this season of the year, when he fell against one in the family sitting-room Sunday evening. The poor little fellow's hands were blistered frightfully, but he bore the pain like a Captain.

Mr. Abraham Faith's friends and acquaintances, and he numbers both by scores throughout the county, will be pleased to hear of his marriage to Miss Isabella Sweitzer last Friday, by Esquire Lint. Abraham is one of our most active citizens, and the HERALD joins his host of friends in wishing both himself and bride long life and prosperity.

Mr. DeNoon, of Charleston, Va. who has been in Somerset for the past three weeks has succeeded in buying about 1,700 barrels of apples. He buys only picked and selected fruit, and packs them in fresh, new barrels before shipping to the different markets. The most of them go to southern cities. Two car loads were shipped from the Somerset station Monday morning.

In accordance with an act of the Legislature of April 13, 1887, the assessors of the different precincts are required to make out a list of all persons in their bailiwicks between the ages of 21 and 45 years, and deposit a copy thereof in the office of the county commissioners. A time and date will be fixed when the assessors and commissioners will meet to view such enrollment and hear all claims for exemptions.

The improvement in Judge Baer's condition is not as marked as we had hoped to announce at this time. While the Judge's life is in no immediate danger his sufferings from fractured bones and bruised flesh are almost unbearable, and to a gentleman of his active habits and much accustomed outdoor exercise confinement to the house becomes a bit tedious. He directed the jury commissioners one day last week to draw a panel for the December term of court, and hopes to be able to preside at its sittings.

A society is being organized in Somerset by owners of fast horses, and more that are not fast, to be known, we believe, as the "Gentleman's Driving and Fair Association of Somerset County." The immediate object of the Association is to secure a good driving course, and for that purpose the level flat lying just in front of Mr. Simon Schrock's "Edgewood Summer Resort" has been leased and a half-mile track is being ploughed up and rolled. The location is a good one, in fact the best in this region, and no doubt the projectors of the scheme will derive enough pleasure from 2:30 spins over its level surface to amply repay them for their trouble and expense. It is proposed in the not far distant future to bring the Fair part of the Association into active existence in the way of an annual agricultural and mechanical exhibition in which trials of speed will be indulged in and form the chief attraction. We heartily wish the young men at the head of the Association abundant success and hope to chronicle from time to time great improvement in the speed of local roadsters.

The meeting held at Shanksville, Tuesday evening, by County Chairman Shafer and Jas. L. Pugh, Esq., was a corker. If old Stonycreek don't do her part to swell the majority next Tuesday, we will miss our guess.

On Friday last Charley Lysinger, aged 14 years, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lysinger, died of diphtheria, making the third member of the family carried off by the disease during the past few weeks. But two children remain. The grief stricken parents have the sincere sympathy of the community in their dreadful affliction.—*Bedford Gazette.*

Every Republican committeeman in Somerset county should devote his energies to seeing that every Republican voter in his precinct goes to the polls next Tuesday. The result in the county depends largely upon the committeemen. If they do their whole duty, and we believe they will, we will roll up an old-fashioned majority for the whole ticket next Tuesday.

It is only in harmony with the eternal fitness of things that all the little imps, and many big ones, of every community should be permitted to join the witches and hobgoblins in their annual carnival on Halloween. They took possession of Somerset Monday as soon as the shades of night had fallen, and made their ring with peals of mischievous laughter, and windows jingle with corn and beans.

Steps are being taken in Europe to stop the destruction of wild birds. The plumage of various species are in constant demand and great numbers of birds are killed every year to meet the demand. It would be a good thing if a like policy was pursued in this country. The rage for plumage with which to decorate ladies' hats is so great that it is a wonder there are any birds at all to be seen. We often wished some fashionable lady of prominence, whose example would likely be followed, would have her hat trimmed with the plumage of the sparrow. It would be a splendid way to get rid of those pests.

One of the best evidences of prosperity and future promise of any town is liberal advertising. Beware of a town whose business men go not advertise; keep away from it, for it has not the kind of men in it to build up a town. The business man or manufacturer in this day and age who does not advertise, lacks the first element of success, and strive as he may, he will not succeed. A business not worth advertising is not worth having. All experience teaches this; yet there are men who never will learn, and hence will never succeed beside the liberal advertiser. Their narrow "penny wise and pound foolish" souls can't comprehend that advertising is but the casting of bread upon the waters, that in due time will return a hundred fold to the advertiser.—*Banker's Monthly.*

Preparing The Blanks.

There is some inquiry among liquor men concerning the blanks to be used in making application for the license under the new law. The liquor League, it is said, has had a blank form prepared and will submit it to Judge Johnston for examination as to its correctness. Some of the attorneys have also prepared blanks. The liquor men say that in several instances the blanks used in Pittsburgh were declared by the Judges not in form, and were consequently rejected.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

The Bedford Springs of the Future.

The Bedford Springs Company have obtained a charter and are preparing to transform the Springs into a modern resort. The purchase includes 1,000 acres of land which has belonged to the Anderson family for a century past. The gentlemen who form the present company will at once proceed to rebuild the hotels and likely erect others at different points. Heretofore it has been almost impossible to procure the mineral waters anywhere but in Bedford. Last week the contract was let to a New York firm to put a bottling plant up at once, and ina short time the waters will be placed upon the market in attractive shape.

Severe On Horsemen.

If reports be true some of the scenes on the grounds of the Blair County Agricultural Society at Hollidaysburg on Friday afternoon last were decidedly disgraceful. It is a very difficult thing for an agricultural society to go into the racing business and keep its hands clean. Where there is racing there is betting, and where there is betting there is apt to be cheating or charges of cheating, and in any event there is bound to be trouble. We suppose there is such a thing as fair and honest racing, but it seems to be the exception. The best plan for an agricultural society to adopt is to leave professional gamblers and jockeys severely alone.—*Altoona Tribune.*

More Railroads in Westmoreland.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will begin at once the construction of a line of road from Latrobe to the new coke ovens of the Hostetter Coke Company, says the Pittsburgh *Times*. The road will be, with its sidings, from six to ten mile in length, and so constructed that it may extend further into the coke regions as a branch road. It is also likely that the Baltimore and Ohio, and the Pittsburgh, McKeesport and Youghiogheny will in a short time extend one of their lines from the Mt. Pleasant district into the neighborhood of the Hostetter ovens. The Baltimore and Ohio will likely arrange to cross the Pennsylvania Railroad near Latrobe soon in order to participate in some of the valuable coke and coal traffic north of it, now enjoyed solely by the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Marriage Licenses.

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

Walter Scott Easton, of Elklick township, and Lillie Wagner, of Salisbury.

Albert M. Adams, of Somerset township, and Sadie Barron, of Jefferson township.

Jonathan Y. Miller and Alice R. Lambert, both of Stonycreek township.

Samuel E. Brant, of Brothersvalley township, and Margaret E. Sarver, of Allegheny township.

Abraham Faith, of Somerset, and Isabella Sweitzer, of Jefferson township.

Park Hoffman, of Jenner X Roads, and Clara L. Hoffman, of Sipesville.

Cyrus Zerfoss and Louisa A. Trent, both of Stonycreek township.

William F. Sanner and Ellen M. Shultz, both of Middlecreek township.

Institute Lectures.

Most Somerset people, as do most people of the county, look forward with keenest interest to the approach of the annual Teacher's Institute. Their most pleasurable anticipations have ever been realized. The evening entertainments always attract the most interest, though they may not be the most instructive. Every session, however, day and night, is attended by a profuse outpouring of the friends of education, and we fear that when County Superintendent Berkey's program for the coming session is announced, so great will be the jam at the evening's entertainments that many will have to content themselves by "holding on by their eye lids."

In a conversation held with Mr. Berkey, some time ago, he informed us that he had engaged Wallace Bruce, one of America's most prominent lecturers, and Judge Tourgee, who is known to all English speaking people as the author of "A Fool's Errand" and "Bricks Without Straw," as well as a most eloquent platform orator, as two attractions. Mr. Berkey was also in correspondence with Mr. George Wendling, the Cicero of the St. Louis bar, and who, as an orator, is reckoned second only to Robert G. Ingersoll, and whose reply to the said Robert's religious dogmas is considered one of the most profound arguments in the English language, with a view of securing him as the third lecturer of the course. The fourth entertainment had not yet been determined upon, but all can rest assured that our county Superintendent will have none but the best, and that the character of the institute throughout will be kept up to the highest standard.

Departure of the Conklin Family.

"He heard a voice we could not hear,
He saw a hand we could not see
That beckoned him away."

It is not with feelings of sincerest regret that we record the departure of the Conklin family, who, like the Arabs, folded their tents and stole silently away a few days since.

The head of the house of Conklin, the lithe and flexible James, was a well-known figure on our principal thoroughfare, where, for years he sought the warmest and sunniest spot nor failed to importune the passer-by to remember the old soldier, who was as brave as one as ever shouldered musket, or looked defiance in the cannon's mouth. You knew James. If you didn't, you can blame yourself. He was accessable at all times.

"Jimmy" earned his bread in not exactly the scriptural way, but more by his wits. In the early winter of last year he was possessed with the idea the he embossomed the frenzied passion of a Macbeth and was filled with the eloquence of a Brutus, so that it required but little persuasion on the part of his admirers to induce him to give a series of Shakesperian recitals. It was indeed a revival of grand old tragedy, such as has not been witnessed in Somerset since the days of the lamented "Klinkum," who cried aloud, from his seat in the audience, at the point where the blood-stained dagger is held aloft fresh from the bosom of the prostrate victim, "My God, men, do you allow such things in the Court House?" It was a most enjoyable season to many of our people, who, we know will join us in lamenting(?) the loss of this lustrous star. "We ne'er shall look upon his like again," at least we hope we sha'n't.

The objective point, we believe, was Braddock.

Middlecreek Items.

Chestnuts are down in price.

Corn huskings are about over.

The potatoes are dug, and kraut making is now in order.

The schools of this township have opened, and are flourishing.

Our merchants, C. B. Moore and A. H. Brugh, are doing a good business.

Cider is plentiful in this section, and some of it is being built very strong for winter use.

Romanus Pile has the frame up for a new house, which will be completed during the winter.

The streams are so low in this section that water-power mills are doing very little grinding.

Autumn plowing is well along and election day is coming on. We trust the day will not be forgotten and that every Republican will go to the polls and cast his ballot.

There have been a great many wild bees found this fall, but very little honey. In some cases the bees had left their habitation leaving no sign of honey, and in consequence buckwheat cakes will have to be relished with pork gravy instead of honey.

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Confluence Items.

The Lutheran Church has been newly roofed.

Dr. B. A. Fichtner is building an addition to his residence.

The M. E. Church has been furnished with new window blinds.

The health of the town and surrounding country has not been better for many years.

The Democratic "stil hunt" is going on, but it won't win in Confluence—never! never!

The girls that got on the train at Ursina a few evenings ago, and by their conduct attracted the attention of the passengers and trainmen, don't belong to Confluence. They got off here, but they are not residents.

Some of the law suits on the docket for next court are said to be in process of settlement. Some people can't rest without a law suit, and seemingly start them up for fun only, and when the tim. comes to try them, settle it all up. The public good may be subserved in this way of going, but it can't be seen how or where. If people would only behave themselves, there would be less need of lawing for character or reputation.

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CONFLUENCE, PA., October 29, 1887.

"Step in the Box."

The following named gentlemen have been drawn to serve as jurors at the December term of Court:

GRAND JURORS.

Berlin—A. C. Floto.
Black—John Stein.
Brothersvalley—Harry Cober.
Conemaugh—Scott Lohr, Levi A. Blough.
Jefferson—Noah H. Bruner.
Jenner—Eli Dietz, David Coleman.
Larimer—James Merry.
Meyersdale Borough—D. S. Cober.
Milford—Dennis M. Weimer.
Northampton—Wm. H. Crosby.
Paint—David Berkey, Noah Holsapple, H. P. J. Custer.
Quemahoning—Josiah Specht.
Shade—James M. Cable, Levi Koontz.
Somerset—Jacob M. Hostetler, James Blough.
Summit—Jonathan Lape, John Gneaggy.
Ursina Borough—James Albright.

TRAVERSE JURORS—FIRST WEEK.

Allegheny—James Glessner, Andrew Poorbaugh, Samuel Custer, J. O. Deeter.
Black—Herman Sanner.
Brothersvalley—Aaron F. Bittner, Amos Walker, Andrew Hoover.
Elklick—J. M. Hay.
Jenerson—Henry Weyand.
Jenner—Fred E. Heiple, Edward L. Korns.
Larimer—Henry Knepp.
Meyersdale Borough—John M. Olinger, John C. Hostetler, Philip P. Ritter.
Middlecreek—Jeremiah Pile.
Milford—J. L. W. Seibert, Augustus Brant, Samuel J. Weimer.
Northampton — George W. Ellenberger, John B. Deffler.
Ogle—A. G. Ripple.
Paint—George L. Dobson.
Quemahoning—David C. Story.
Shade—Charles W. Williamson, William Thomas.
Somerset Borough—Samuel Herr.
Somerset—Franklin Suter, Nathan E. Mostoller, John H. Bingner, Fred Pile, Jacob A. Barron.
Southampton—Wilson J. Korns.
Stonycreek—Samuel Zigler, Abram Wilson, John Cook.
Summit—Andrew Boose.

TRAVERS JURORS—SECOND WEEK.

Addison—Joseph Pullin, J. H. Augustine, Howard Wright, Rufus Hinebaugh.
Alleghany—Isaac Darr.
Brothersvalley—William Engleka, Henry G. Hay.
Conemaugh—Charles Youman, Abraham A. Blough.
Confluence Borough—John A. Walker.
Greenville—Elwin Deal.
Jefferson—A. B. Lenhart.
Jenner—Benjamin Kline, Peter Gardner.
Lower Turkeyfoot—William Kessler, Albert G. Morrow.
Meyersdale Borough—William Megahan, A. F. John.
Milford—David Barron, Barney Walker.
Quemahoning—Jacob Eshrick.
Rockwood Borough—John J. Sipe.
Salisbury Borough—Harvey Hay.
Shade—D. J. Miller.
Somerset Borough—Thomas Jones, John Bills.
Somerset—Samuel Coughenour, Wm. H. Shaffer, Moses Barkley, Henry Koontz, David Heiple, Frederick F. Smith.
Stonycreek—Charles Shank, A. D. Yoder.
Summit—Hiram P. Walker, Wilson E. Walker.

The fly is doing some damage to the growing wheat in the eastern counties. We have not heard of any injury to the wheat in this section. The weather has been too cool for the fly to work.

Some time ago Judge Livingston, of Lancaster county, decided that the law under which tax collectors are chosen at the spring elections is unconstitutional. The case was appealed to the supreme court, and last week that tribunal affirmed Judge Livingston's decision.

How It Disbanded.

Barnum's show, which recently exhibited here closed the season at Hoboken on Saturday night. A press dispatch sent from New York on Sunday thus describes how the company disbanded and the great concern went into winter quarters:

"This morning all the properties of the show, including 500 horses, a thousand and more animals and a score of gilded chariots, are at winter quarters in Bridgeport, and the performers, trainers, drivers, grooms, and all the remainder of the vast retinue of employees are scattering in every direction throughout the country. The canvas which has covered the poles of the big performing tent all summer and that under which the men and animals have camped in the country towns, has been sold as old rags, bring ing the neat sum of $725 into the Barnum treasury. The breaking up of the camp was as simple as it was wonderful. The herd of elephants, dromedaries and camels was marched directly from the ring to the ferry which was to take them to the cars at Morrisania. The chariots and baggage wagons rumbled after them the moment they were no longer needed. The caged animals followed in a very short time, and before the audience had left the big tent the seats were being taken down, stakes were pulled up and the last remnants of the camp were on the verge of demolition. Long before midnight the large open field on which the camp had been pitched was deserted and the Barnum train of cars, a mile in length, was freighted and ready for home. King Theba's hairy family said good-bye to the Chinese giant, the human cork-screw sighed farewell to the airy rope dancer and all was over. During the season just closed Barnum's circus has traveled 10,560 miles and given 350 performances."

Proceedings of the Somerset County Conference of the Lutheran Church.

This Conference was held at Pine Hill, Somerset County, Pa., October 25th, 26th and 27th. From the various charges of Conference there were present fifteen ministers and nine lay delegates. Sermons were preached by the following ministers: Revs. M. L. Young, J. P. Schnure, J. F. Shearer, R. A. Fink, D. D., and E. L. Folk. The subjects of these sermons were respectively "Confession of Sin," "Holiness," "Sins of Omission," "Divine Love of Beneficence," and "Remembrance Of and Love For the Church."

Essays were read by Revs. J. H. Zinn and E. Manges on "The Duty of Family Worship"; by Revs. Stouffer and Welch on "Benefits of Infant Baptism"; by Revs. Lerch and Sell on "Our Duty to the Temperance Cause"; by Rev. J. F. Shearer on "The Mission of the Church"; by Rev. J. H. Houseman on "Obligations of the Church." These subjects were also further discussed by different ministers. Considerable business was also transacted. The following were the most important resolutions:

A resolution recommending the envelope system for benevolence.

A resolution requiring every minister to preach to each of his congregations once a year one sermon on the government and discipline of the church. The temperance resolutions are as follows:

1st. That the present status of the temperance reform demands ever increased watchfulness and work on the part of all lovers of the highest and best interests of the nation.

2nd. That any and every proper lawful and Christian means must be used to suppress the destructive and impove ishing drink traffic.

3rd. That the alarming increase in the use of alcoholic liquors as a drink admonishes us that the time has now come when the church must take an aggressive and unequivocal stand on this, the most important of all questions pertaining to the welfare of the nation and the perpetuity of our free Christian institutions.

4th. That the signing of petitions for the sale of liquors and becoming bondsmen for those engaged in the business by church members is absolutely contrary to the W rd and Spirit of the Gospel, and any members of our churches who do these things afte. having been instructed in regard to their duty make themselves liable to censure and discipline, and if they persist to expulsion from the church.

5th. That the destruction of the liquor traffic will never be accomplished until Christian voters unite themselves into one aggressive, pure, honest, non-trading, non-compromising party that with straightforward, persistent work will gain and hold power, enact needful laws, and enforce the same.

6th. That we denounce high license as in our opinion inadequate, delusive and inefficient, and always increases but never diminishes the consumption of liquor, and does not diminish the number of patrons of the saloons, nor the evils growing out of such patronage.

7th. That National Prohibition is the final and only solution of the temperance question in our land.

The sermons of Conference were able and spiritual, the essays showed thought and care in preparation, and both were much appreciated by the people as was shown by very good attendance, attention, and often expressed appreciation, as well as by kind, royal hospitality. The Conference was instructive, profitable, delightful.

SECRETARY.

A New Coke Field.

As an item of interest, I will inform you that the fires have been lighted and that six coke ovens now proclaim that in the near future Connellsville coke will have a formidable rival, and when the oil and gas which is under us is brought to the surface Berlin will be the Eldorado to which all eyes will be turned, and at least one of our merchants has prepared for the good time coming. That merchant is Paul G. Nowag. His counters and shelves are literally loaded down with astonishing bargains in all descriptions of Dry Goods. He is selling 27-inch Ladies' Cloth at 25 and 36 cents. Tricot Cloth at 35 to 50 cents, and 52-inch at 75 cents.

Ladies' and Children's Coats and Wraps in endless variety at from 60 cents for child's to $28.00 for Ladies' Seal Sacques.

Men' and Boys' Clothing and Boots and Shoes, as well as Hats and Caps Notions and Fancy Goods, he has in largest variety, and cheap. His display of Jewelry, Watches and Clocks is one of the most attractive departments. He is selling Gold Watches at $10.00.

In the Millinery line Mrs. Nowag not only offers the Ladies the largest assortment at lowest prices, but in addition is giving a genuine Oil Painting 34x28 inches with every $10 purchase. Space prevents my mentioning all bargains in detail, and I can only advise your readers to call at Paul G. Nowag's Store, Berlin, Pa., and see for themselves.

REPORTER.

Wasnington Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 25, 1887.

On Monday, December 5th, just six weeks from yesterday, the Speaker's gavel will make its annual salutatory knock upon the marble desk in the Hall of the Lower House of the National Legislature, and announce the fact that congress is once more with us. This coming event at the Capital is heralded by the changed aspect of the city, and by the many old and familiar faces and forms one is apt now to meet in a stroll about the political and social centers of Washington. The capital city is already in a glow that will very soon merge into a white heat and shine with dazzling brilliancy during the coming important political and social season, for this season will be the season of 1888. Politics and society may be said to be the very heart of Washington life. They form the magnet that attracts the host of winter residents, and the power of this magnet increases every year. Its attraction is felt not only in remote corners of this country, but sometimes in Europe. It calls the truant senator, politician, and Mrs. and Miss Vanity Fair back from their summer sojourn abroad. It is its influence, in connection with the chilly forewarnings of hoary Winter, that lures the society belle from her salt water or rustic retreat back to the enjoyment of Terpsichore and the social mazes at the Capital. It is this influence that thrills the congressman about this time, and leads him captive into Washington with his bodyguard of relatives and confidants. It is the same influence that draws into the National household the ignoble army of lobbyists, and a hungry train of lipeds looking for "something to turn up." It is, in fact, this strange power and fascination, born of a combination of politics and seriousness, society and frivolity, that secures the varied personnel of the National Capital. In sections and squads they come now, but in a week or so the great host will suddenly come down upon us, flutter for awhile, and then settle for the season.

For this influx, Washington has prepared during her summer respite. She has donned new attire and is ready to courtesy on the arrival of her congressional and winter guests. Indoors and out the city has been swept and garnished, miles of new street have been smoothly paved with asphalt, and bright new parks have been opened and metamorphosed into verdant splendor. Every day has marked a further filling in of the Potomac "flats," the alleged source of "congressional malaria"—and the ultimate plan of this improvement contemplates a mid-river park south of the city that will rival the famous Soldiers' Home drive at the Northern end. The new Pension Building has been completed, and the finished Washington Monument will soon be ready for the ascent of the general public.

A walk about the city will surprise the summer absentee. Real estate improvements crowd the eye on all sides. Capitol Hill and South Washington have seen a great change in this respect, but it is in the West End—the fashionable quarter of the city—that the improvements for this season are most marked. Connecticut Avenue extends through the heart of this fashionable section of the city and ranks next to Pennsylvania Avenue in social prominence and as a favorite promenade. This magnificent street extends from the residence of the eminent philanthropist, Mr. W. W. Corcoran, to whom the country is indebted for the establishment of the noted Corcoran Art Gallery and many other donations of national importance, to the well known Castle Stewart, or "Stewart's Folly" as it is sometimes called. Centrally on this Avenue are located the buildings of the British Legation, and many other countries have their representatives housed on it in what is called Diplomatic Row. Connecticut Avenue is to Washington what Fifth Avenue is to New York, or the Boulevard Haussmann is to Paris. It presents now almost an unbroken stretch of American palaces, and vies in architectural beauty of design and finish with almost any street in the world. Similarity is found in Commonwealth Avenue at the "American Athens" but there is then noted a lack of the pleasing relief that the eye finds on Connecticut Avenue in the intervals of green parks and bright flower beds.

Washington is happy in another improvement. The howl of the officeseeker is practically inaudible. This strange, hopeful variety of the *genus homo* we have always with us. He does not migrate with the rest of Washingtonians for a summer holiday, but plies his vocation even during the long siesta which the city enjoys in the interval between the sessions of Congress. He formerly made life unendurable to the President and heads of departments. No amount of vigilance formerly thwarted his bold designs. But he is at last conquered by the horrors of a rigid competitive examination, and he shrinks from the frowns of the Civil Service measures. The majority of this recent formidable army are awed into complete silence, but the most daring still loiter around and feebly howl their presence.

MARRIED.

FAITH—SWEITZER.—On Friday, October 28, 1887, in Somerset, by G. Lint, Esq., Mr. Abraham Faith to Miss Isabella Sweitzer, both of Somerset.

HOSTETLER—DUGAN.—On Thursday, October 13, 1887, by John H. Miller, J. P., Mr. Buel Hostetler and Miss Emma Jemima Dugan, both of Middlecreek Township, Somerset County, Pa.

YOUNG—MILLER.—On Thursday, October 20, 1887, at the residence of the bride's parents in South Dixon, Ill., by Rev. W. F. Romberg, Mr. Frank Young to Miss Libbie Miller, both of Dixon, Ill.

FULLMER—DIEHL.—On Sunday, October 23, 1887, at the residence of the bride's parents, in Addison Township, by Josiah Ringer, Esq., Mr. Clifton L. Fullmer and Miss Mary Diehl, both of Addison Township.

DIED.

BARRON.—In Middlecreek Township, Somerset County, Pa., on Saturday night, October 22, 1887, Drusilla Baker Barron, aged 38 years, 3 months and 5 days.

The deceased was the wife of Deacon Wm. H. Barron, and a daughter of Solomon and Susan Baker, of Bakersville. She was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are still living. Her sickness confined her to bed for twelve weeks, and though her suffering was intense she bore it with Christian patience. In her death the children have lost a loving mother, the husband a devoted wife, the neighborhood a ready helper, and the New Centreville Disciple Church a faithful member, who never tired working for the Master. In addition to a large circle of immediate relatives and friends, her funeral was larger than any that has for some time occurred in the neighborhood. The sermon was preached by Eld. Peter Vogel, from Romans 8:28: "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

PETER VOGEL.

Republican Ticket.

Following is the ticket as it is to be voted:

STATE

For State Treasurer
WILLIAM B. HART

JUDICIARY

For Judge of the Supreme Court
HENRY. W WILLIAMS

COUNTY

For Sheriff
RUSH S. McMILLEN

For Prothonotary
DANIEL J. HORNER

For Register and Recorder
JACOB D. SWANK

For Treasurer
GEORGE J. BLACK

For Commissioners
DAVID E. WAGNER
GEORGE M. NEFF

For Poor House Director
JACOB M. FIKE

For Auditors
GABRIEL GOOD
SAMUEL U. SHOBER

For Coroner
FRANK WOLF

(Cut the above ticket in three slips, State, Judiciary, and County, and vote it.)

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.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Daniel Heffley, dec'd., late of Jenner Borough, Somerset County, Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 31 day of December, 1887, at the office of the Executor in Berlin Boro.

W. A. GARMAN,
Executor.
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jonathan Emerick, dec'd., late of Southampton Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, the 26 day of December, 1887, at the late residence of dec'd.

NATHAN EMERICK,
JONATHAN EMERICK,
Executors.
oct26.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Margaret Livingstone, deceased, late of Conemaugh Twp., Somerset Co., Pa.

Letters of Administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement on Saturday, Nov. 26, 1887, at the late residence of deceased.

DAVID J. LEHMAN,
Administrator.
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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Auditor duly appointed by the Orphans' Court of Somerset County to pass upon the exception to the Account of Elijah F. King, Administrator of Samuel Pletcher, deceased, and make a distribution of the funds of the said Administrator to and among those legally entitled thereto will sit at his office in the Borough of Somerset, on Monday, the 7th day of November, A. D. 1887 for the purpose of discharging the duties of his said appointment, when and where all parties interested can attend.

H. S. ENDSLEY,
Auditor.
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