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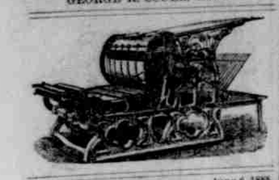

WEDNESDAY.....June 6, 1888.

Republican County Committee.

The following are the names of the gentlemen who compose the Republican County Committee for the year 1888:

Addison—Benj. Fulmer.
Allegheny No. 1.—Artemus Dieter.
Allegheny No. 2.—James H. Noell.
Black—A. J. Sterner.
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.
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Salisbury Borough—H. W. DeLozier.
Shade—C. W. Lambert.
Somerset Borough—John S. Shafer.
Somerset No. 1.—C. M. Shaver.
Somerset No. 2.—John J. Darr.
Southampton—Wm. P. Martz.
Stonycreek—H. B. Baltzer.
Stoystown Borough—M. V. Sorber.
Summit—Zach F. Faidley.
Upper Turkeyfoot—T. L. Williams.
Ursina Borough—F. Dull.
Wellersburg Borough—J. J. Kennell.

CHAS. C. SHAFER,
Chairman.

Hemo Tea at Cook & Beerits's.

Potomac Herring at Cook & Beerits's.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Go to Kantner's for Cigars and Tobacco.

Breakfast Java Coffee at Cook & Beerits's.

A beautiful fan free at Schell & Shivler's.

Both ear and shell Corn at Cook & Beerits's.

Chop, Bran & Middlings, at Cook & Beerits's.

The best two-for-five cigar in the county at E. S. Kantner's.

Unadulterated kettle-rendered lard at Cook & Beerits's.

Fresh Vegetables and Fruits, weekly, at Cook & Beerits's.

Akron Cement, Plaster and Honey-comb Lime, at Cook & Beerits's.

Vienna Flour by the sack, and barrel in wood, at Cook & Beerits's.

Anything in the Clothing line you can buy cheap is J. B. Snyder's.

Warsaw Dairy and Barrel Salt, the best on the market, at Cook & Beerits's.

The present state of the weather is rather a damper on the picnic industry.

The man with the overdeveloped imagination announces that he can hear the corn grow.

Celluloid Trusses guaranteed for a period of three years not to break or rust, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Eye Glasses and Spectacles in all conceivable varieties and at all prices, of the celebrated "King" manufacturer, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Call at E. S. Kantner's and be cured. The largest stock of canes in the county and at the lowest prices. Come and select one before the best ones are sold.

The fire having cleaned me out, all persons having accounts on my books will please call and settle at once, as I need money badly. J. B. SNYDER.

A South Carolina girl married five times in seven weeks, and is now in jail trying to settle in her own mind as to which of the men is her husband.

Any person wishing to settle their account will find me in the room recently occupied by Wolfley's book store. J. B. SNYDER.

A National Bank, with a capital stock of $50,000, will be established at Latrobe. The principal stockholders are Dr. Hughes, D. C. George, J. J. Pepperday, and Armstrong Jamison.

Jacob Liddick told another Perry county boy named Peters to hold up his leg while he shot under it with his revolver. The result was that Peters had to have the bullet taken out of his leg.

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

HOLBROOK BROS. & PARSON.

Mike is all O. K., but $1000 reward will be paid for reliable information concerning Fisk. He owes an account on my books, and I want him to settle.

J. B. SNYDER.

It pays to raise chickens for the city market. One lady in Montgomery Township last week sent a lot of spring chickens to Pittsburgh and realized $1.25 per pair, and they were not large, either. They were hatched in an incubator.—*Indiana Messenger.*

The Glade House may be rebuilt in the near future, and E. S. Kantner does, and always will, sell Cigars, Tobacco, Fishing Tackle, Canes, Base Ball Supplies, etc., cheaper than any other house in the county. Wholesale and retail. Give him a call.

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 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, June 6th, 1888:

Brown, John; Baker, Mrs. Carolina; Eichengreen, Lou; Hoffman, J. E.; Hannen, Miss Lizzie; King, N.; Kisner, Fred; MacAlister, Mrs. Lizzie; McVoy, Rev. H.; Slack, George; Thomas, Aaron; Zimmerman, M. D.

J. K. COFFROTH, P. M.

For Sale.

Eggs for hatching from prize winning S. C. Brown Leghorns, Bonny Strain. My breeding birds are from the yards of T. E. Orr and A. W. Adolph, Bridgeport, O., and are prize takers, also a few Poland China pigs. Breeders recorded in the O. P. C. R.

ROSS F. DAVIS,
Somerset, Pa.

Oil and Gas.

You can get the oil, if you want it, without any extra charges. For an artistic shave or hair cut go to Kantner's Barber Shop. Plenty of clean towels and sharp razors always on hand.

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. 100 cords wanted at once.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Dental Specialties.

Fine gold fillings. First-class artificial sets.

McMILLEN, Dentist,
One square south of Diamond, over Tredwell's Store.

Mr. James McKinley, of California, is spending a few days with his brother Abner in Somerset.

The next fair of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural society will be held in Philadelphia, September 3-17.

Rev. Hiram King and wife left Thursday morning for a month's visit among friends in Indiana and Armstrong counties.

Mr. Charles Forward, of the B. & O. Passenger Department, Baltimore, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Somerset.

John H. Uhl, Esq., one of the alternates from this district to the Democratic National Convention, started for St Louis Saturday evening.

The candidates for Poor Director and Jury Commissioner will have the field all to themselves this spring. The fight will be a short but spirited one.

The dwelling house of Mr. Tobias Yoder, who lives a short distance southeast of town, was discovered to be on fire Monday afternoon. The flames were extinguished before any great amount of damage was done.

Bishop C. G. Lint, of Meyersdale, spent several days of last week in Somerset, in attendance at court as a witness. While here he paid several pleasant calls at the HERALD office, where he is an ever welcome visitor.

Prof. E. H. Dickinson, who has been connected with the faculty of the Greensburg Seminary since the founding of that institution—thirteen years ago—has tendered his resignation, to take effect with the present term.

Preparations are being made to rebuild the Odd Fellows and Coffroth and Scull blocks at once. A large force of hands are at work clearing away the debris, and work on the new buildings will probably be commenced within the next week.

Gen. Jacob M. Campbell, who has been lying dangerously ill at his home in Johnstown for the past two weeks, according to latest reports is gradually improving. This will be pleasing news to the General's many friends throughout Somerset county.

Sheriff McMillen and special Deputy James Weimer went down to Pittsburgh Friday, with the four prisoners who had been sentenced to the penitentiary at last week's court in charge. They landed their men safely in the prison Friday evening, and returned home Saturday.

Alexander M. Hall, of Washington Township, Bedford County, served in the capacity of a juror at the recent term of court. In one respect, at least, he is more than the peer of any of his fellow citizens in the temple of justice. Mr. Hall's stature is six feet nine inches in his socks. He is the only member of his family who has attained such lengthy proportions.

The South Pennsylvania railroad engineers are at work surveying the line of the route near Bedford, and as a retaliatory measure the Pennsylvania railroad has sent engineers to survey the route for a line across the country connecting the Bedford division with the main line and paralleling the Huntingdon & Broad Top road for a distance of eighteen miles. It is said that work on this road will be commenced when the building of the South Pennsylvania shall be started. Officers of the Pennsylvania claim that no hostility to the South Pennsylvania scheme can be found in the construction of the new road, and say that the traffic developed in that region demands a new outlet.—*Phila. Record.*

The Return Judges of the Democratic primaro elections held throughout Cambria County met in Ebensburg Monday and computed the vote cast.

The result is announced as follows: John S. Rhep, of Ebensburg, has 2,800 votes for Assembly; Daniel McLaughlin, of Johnstown, 2,750 votes for the same office, and Lewis Straper, of Ebensburg, 1,300.

For Sheriff, John J. Rinney, of Gallitzin, has 2,048 votes; Charles M. Langbein, of Carrolltown, 1,200 and Wm. D. McClelland, of Johnstown, 300.

James A. Wharton, of Clearfield Township, defeats John F. Long, of Ebensburg, for Director of the Poor by 360 votes, the poll being 2,057 for Wharton, and 1,497 for Long.

C. A. Buck, for Jury Commissioner, had no opposition.

The present system of making nominations is retained by a majority of 1,056, the vote being 2,190 for the present method as against 1,134 for the increased delegate system.

Since our last report marriage licenses have been granted to the following named persons:

Daniel B. Shumaker, of Larimer Township, and Henrietta Brown, of Greenville Township.

Henry C. Kneiream, of Meyersdale Borough, and Pauline Tilp, of Brothersvalley Township.

Wm. H. Miller and Katie Spangler, both of Stonycreek Township.

Edward Bisbing and Minnie Wilt, both of Quemahoning Township.

John R. Turner of Brothersvalley Township, and Agnes M. Shoemaker, of Berlin Borough.

Lewis F. Yutzy and Anna Durr both of Greenville Township.

Jacob Spory of Jenner Township, and Sadie Bowman, of Somerset Township.

The Court last week granted wholesale liquor license, to sell as distillers in quantities of not less than a gallon, to John M. Topper, R. C. Landis and Edward Hoover, and refused the applications, for a like license, of Sylvester Topper, Simon P. Sweitzer, Jesse Baughman and Abram Shultz. After the Court had announced its decision, the four unsuccessful applicants repaired to the County Treasury's office and took out the usual county license, under which they had always sold before the High License Law went into operation. They did this under advice of counsel, who maintain that the county license, issued by the County Treasurer, is all that is necessary for them to sell liquors of their own manufacture in quantities of not less than one gallon. This license costs fifteen dollars, while the license granted by the Court costs one hundred dollars. The question that is now bothering the applicants, to whom license was granted, is whether they, or the fellows who were refused are the successful ones, and whether they shall pay $100 to have a license to sell their own product, while their fellow-distillers only pay $15 for a license to do the same thing.

Secretary Thomas J. Edge of the state board of agriculture, from official reports throughout the state, reports that the wheat crop of 1887 was a partial failure. This year the acreage is somewhat increased. In condition the crop this year is far above last, and unless injured by late frosts a fair average crop may be expected. In the eastern part of the state the crop will probably be above the average of the last ten years. In low places there was some freezing out, but as a rule the percentage of loss from this cause is low. Some fields on which the snow drifted deeply are spotted and will not yield a full crop. The results show the value of drilling in seeding the crop. The acreage of corn is slightly increased because some wheat fields were plowed up and corn planted. The increase from this cause will not exceed 5 per cent. The season thus far has been a favorable one for corn. There has been some replanting from the seed rotting in the ground. The area sown to oats has been about same as usual. It is too early to give an account of the crop. The acreage of potatoes will be somewhat increased. The low price of last year's crop discouraged many. Previous to last week's cold snap there were indications of a large fruit crop. It is not possible now to forecast the crop. It is known that considerable damage was done by the frost. The average wheat crop of the states from 1882 to 1887, inclusive, has been 17,654,917 bushels, being 20,300,700 bushels in 1882 and 15,785,000 bushels in 1887, and 13,325,000 bushels in 1885, the smallest of the crops in six years.

DEAD HEROES GRAVES.

Strewing the Mounds of Soldiers With Flowers.

Decoration Day was more generally observed in Somerset Wednesday than it has been for many years past. The rain that fell spasmodically during the forenoon and the big banks of black clouds that looked like a mountain in the west did not keep the crowds indoors, and the men who marched to the war a quarter of a century ago kept step to the same martial music that had led them to battle when they were young men. While the crowd would have been much larger had it not been for the threatening appearance for rain, there were more people at the cemetery than usual. When Decoration Day was first declared a holiday it was looked upon by the great majority as a day meant for rejoicing and boisterous fun, but for several years past it has not been so, and the reverence for the dead and the awful story told by the war, which is one of the first things children of to-day learn, has had the effect of making the holiday a quiet one. The morning was still and the holiday atmosphere pervaded the whole town. There was a restraint in the very air against hilarity. It seemed more like Sunday than a National holiday till the Grand Army Post and various other organizations began to assemble in front of their headquarters opposite the court house and then form in line to march to the cemeteries. Flags fluttered from almost every house and never before on Decoration Day was there a greater profusion of beautiful flowers.

The procession formed in the following order:

Sunday Schools. Marshal, W. H. Ruppel.
Somerset Cornet Band.
Col. R. P. Cummins Post, G. A. R.
Drum Corps.
Capt. Jas. Hinchman Camp S. of V.
Knights of the Golden Eagle.
Citizens on foot and in Carriages.

The line as formed then moved down Main Cross street to the Somerset House, then North to the Lutheran cemetery, where the impressive ceremonies were conducted in the following order.

Opening, by Oliver Knepper.
Dirge, by Somerset Band.
Prayer, by Elder A. W. Conner.
Song, by Camp and Post.
Part 1st, Comrade Love.
" 2d, " H. F. Knepper.
" 3d, " W. H. Hochstetler.
" 4th, " J. F. Beachy.
Strewing of graves with flowers, and music by Band.
Sounding of Assembly.
Oration, by Comrade N. B. Critchfield.
Song, "Where are the Heroes of Long, Long Ago."
Oration, by Rev. J. F. Shearer.
Benediction, by Rev. A. J. Beal.

Counter march was then made to the Reformed cemetery, where the concluding ceremonies took place, after which the procession returned to the place of starting and was dismissed.

An Error Corrected.

EDITOR HERALD:—I noticed in your last issue an article taken from a Wabash paper, which is not altogether correct. I will give a correct account. The National German Baptist Conference concluded its work today at North Manchester. The meeting was opened by Elder D. E. Price. The first paper read related to the mode of baptism, and it was decided that hereafter a change will be made from the double to the single mode, a majority of the members favoring the change.

I would say to you and all whom it may concern that the validity of the mode of baptism was not in dispute, and I think it never shall be, by the Dunkards, as they are called, because we hold and do believe that we have the mode of baptism that was handed down by Christ to his Apostles by them to his immediate followers. If any paper concerning a MODE was brought before that meeting it was on feet-washing, because there is a difference of opinion on that subject concerning the double and single mode, but NEVER ON BAPTISM.

Now, then, to have you to understand what the double mode of feet-washing is, the we give the process: There is water poured into a basin, as Christ did on that solemn night in which he instituted the solemn ordinances. One takes the basin and washes the brethrens' feet, while another is girded with a towel wherewith he wipes the feet, while the single mode is that one washes and wipes the feet of the true and humble followers of our blessed Savior.

For the satisfaction of many, I would give a part of the article which was printed in the *Gospel Messenger* concerning Rev. James Quinter's death. On Saturday, the 26th of May, at 3 p. m. Daniel Vaniman preached in the tabernacle, and Brother Quinter left the *Messenger* office, saying he would go and hear the sermon, as it would be the last he would hear in this world. He closed the meeting, using the 810th hymn, which he read in a most feeling and touching manner. After singing the hymn he spoke a few fitting words upon the sermon to which he had just listened, and then kneeling in prayer he thanked God that he was once more permitted to meet with those of like precious faith. It was noticed by those near him that his voice trembled, but his words were clear and coherent, and as he said, "We are glad to meet again," his voice ceased, never more to be heard in this world.

In conclusion, I would say I have tried to give you the idea of the mode of feet washing, and I think I have corrected that error, so that none may be misled by reading the former article

Yours Very Truly,
H. A. STALE.

GLADE, PA., May 30, 1888.

A Card.

To the Republican Voters of Somerset County:

A story has been put in circulation by certain persons hostile to my nomination as Jury Commissioner that I had asserted on the streets of Somerset during the first week of May court, that my canvass would be made "without asking the support of the Dunkard church." I beg to state that there is not a particle of truth in the above charge, and that it was only put in circulation to work to my injury, and by persons who expect to be directly benefitted.

Respectfully,
WM. H. BARRON.

Base Ball.

A match game of base ball between the Ursina and Rockwood clubs was played at Rockwood on May 30th, and resulted in a victory for the Ursina club by a score of 16 to 8. The feature of the game was a running left-handed catch of a ball that seemed safe for a two-bagger by Grant Rush, and the battery work of Miller and Hanna. Miller having but one passed ball, and Hanna striking out 11 men.

BASE BALL.

Corner Stone Laying.

The Lord willing, the corner stone of the Lutheran Church at Stoyestown will be laid on Saturday, June 23d, at 10 o'clock a. m. The sermon will be preached by Rev. C. B. Gruver, of Berlin. All the ministers of the Somerset County Conference, as well all neighboring ministers of other denominations, are cordially invited to be present.

A. SELL, Pastor.

STOYESTOWN, PA., May 31, 1888.

To My Many Friends and Patrons.

I wish to thank you all for your long continued patronage, and express the hope that as soon as I can get a larger room I will see you all back again. I saved from fire the greater portion of my stock of Clothing, and will be pleased to sell you anything in the Clothing line you may need at a reduced price. Call and see me, one door above Biesecker & Snyder's drug store.

Wanted!

Dealers and all to know we have a full line of rakes; both hand and self dump, which we offer at prices to suit the times. Agents wanted to sell the Walker Rakes. Address

W. F. WALKER,
Somerset, Pa.

Pure, sparkling, ice cold Soda Water at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Court Proceedings.

Court convened at 10 o'clock a. m, Monday, May 28th with Judges Baer, Shaver and Walker on the bench. Following is the disposition made of the cases down on the criminal calendar:

Commonwealth vs. Noah Baker; F. & B. on information of Rebecca Faith; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Daniel Shultz; selling liquor, &c., on information of constable's return; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by the defendant.

Same vs. Same; selling liquor, &c., on information of Nicholas Murphy; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Christian Long; A. & B. with intent to commit rape, on information of Catharine A. Baily; case continued on account of the sickness of defendant.

Same vs. John A. Walker and W. W. Hartzell; compounding a felony, on information of A. J. Wilkins; verdict, not guilty.

Same vs. Mary Sarver; fornication; constable's return; verdict not guilty and county to pay the costs.

Same vs. Alexander Roberts; F. & B. on information of L. Cordy Humbert; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Wm. Barnes; F. & B. on information of Mary E. Wolford; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Joseph Wilson, James Wiley and James Murphy; statutory burglary, on information of George K. Walker; verdict guilty; defendants each sentenced to undergo imprisonment in the western penitentiary for a period of three years.

Same vs. John D. Roddy; libel, on information of W. J. Baer and A. J. Colborn; grand jury return a true bill; the defendant and his sureties not answering after being called three times in open court their recognizance was declared forfeited, and was then respited by the Court until the next term.

Same vs. Levi Heinbaugh; F. & B., on information of Catharine Galten; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by the defendant.

Same vs. Edward Storm; statutory burglary, on information of R. G. Baker; verdict, not guilty.

Same vs. Daniel Shultz, and others; riot and conspiracy, on information of Nicholas Murphy; verdict not guilty, but defendants to pay the costs.

Same vs. Alvin Shaffer, Harry Slagle and Albert Slagle; A. & B., on information of Chas. E. Dickey; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Chas. E. Dickey; A. & B., on information of Christian Slagle; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Edward Storm; malicious mischief, on information of R. G. Baker; case withdrawn by District Attorney and leave of court.

Same vs. Adam Walter; A. & B. with intent to commit rape, on information of Lydia Brown; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Nicholas Murphy; larceny, on information of S. J. Baer; verdict, not guilty.

Same vs. Joseph Reich; F. & B., on information of Catharine J. Brant; case continued.

Same vs. John Weller; false pretense, on information of B. C. Cunningham; *nol pros* entered on payment costs by defendant.

Same vs. Wm. A. Speicher; false pretense, on information of George B. Gardner; grand jury return a true bill, and case continued.

Same vs. Wilson Baker; malicious mischief, on information of D. R. Kramer; *nol pros* entered on payment of costs by defendant.

Same vs. Wm. W. Lavan; F. & B., on information of Lizzie Keefer; continued.

Same vs. Thomas Crow; rape, on information of Ida Crow; verdict guilty; defendant sentenced to pay a fine of six cents to the county, the costs of prosecution, and to undergo an imprisonment, by separate and solitary confinement, at hard labor, in the Western Penitentiary, for a period of twelve years.

Same vs. John H. Burke; selling liquor without license, on information of Harvey Ream; grand jury return not a true bill, and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Same vs. Wm. H. Speicher; forgery, on information of George B. Gardner; true bill, and case continued.

Same vs. Wm. Gilbert; fraudulently and unlawfully soliciting votes, on information of S. P. Snyder; not a true bill, and the prosecutor, S. P. Snyder, to pay the costs.

Same vs. George M. Moore; fraudulently and unlawfully voting, on information of S. P. Snyder; not a true bill and the prosecutor, S. P. Snyder, to pay the costs.

CIVIL LIST.

W. J. Parker & Co. vs. E. C. Briel & Co.; appeal by defendants; continued.

A. M. Voight & Co. vs. same; appeal by defendants; continued.

Michael Shannon vs. Sylvester Emerick; case sur slander; settled in open court by defendant confessing judgment for $25 and costs.

Wm. Diest vs. Meyersdale Lumber Company; appeal by defendant; settled.

Nicholas Berkey vs. Andrew Woy, Thos. Gainer and Albert Shaffer; (trespass q. c. f.); case certified to special court.

Adam P. Baker vs. Oliver Critchfield; (Assumpsit); settled.

WHOLESALE LICENSES.

In re, sur applications for license to sell by the gallon, as distillers:

John M. Topper, Rufus C. Landis and Edward Hoover have applied to sell at wholesale as distillers, in quantities not less than a gallon, at a place away from the distillery.

License to so sell at the place named only, and in quantities not less than a gallon, is now granted to each of said persons.

Simon Sweitzer, Jesse Baughman, Abram Shultz and Sylvester Topper each apply for a like license to sell at the distillery.

For reasons appearing on the face of the papers as filed, and such as come to the knowledge of the court in proceedings in court, these are refused.

1st June 1888. *Per Curiam.*

Fisher's Book Store Re-Established.

Burned out at one o'clock a. m. on the 17th inst. Re-opened for business, 7 o'clock a. m. same day. Bought out Mr. Wm. H. Wellley's Book Store 20th inst, and now established directly opposite old location, one door below Cook & Beerits's. We now have a superior location, fine and large stock of goods, and are fully prepared to supply the wants of all our old patrons, and all new ones who will kindly favor us. All mail orders will receive prompt and carefull attention as formerly. The stock of school books and school supplies for town and country merchants, school boards and normal school teachers at lowest wholesale rates will be fuller, more complete and larger than heretofore. A full and complete stock of letter paper, legal cap, fool's cap, envelopes, pens, inks, chalk, pencils, etc., etc., at wholesale. Legal blanks, dockets, and law books for justices of the peace, and constables. Fine writing papers for the ladies. Baby and doll carriages. A large assortment of handsome pictures, cheap. Call at new location.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

A Cut in Silverware.

Rogers' triple plated knives, $1 75
Rogers' triple plated forks, $1 75.
Rogers' teaspoons, $1.
Rogers' tablespoons, $2 per set.
Pepper and salt bottles, 20 cents each.
Napkin rings, 25 cents each.

Sugar shells and butter knives, 50 cents each, and all other quadruple plated silverware at equally low prices.

M. I. Goldsmith, Jeweler, 36 Fifth ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.

$15 Buys a lady's solid gold stem-winding watch at Goldsmith's, 36 Fifth ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.

$5 Buys a lady's watch at Goldsmith's, 36 Fifth ave. Pittsburgh, Pa.

Coffee! Coffee!! Coffee!!!

Buy Chase & Lamborn's Fresh Roasted Coffee, absolutely pure. Rich flavor and full strength. For sale by

M. SCHROCK,
Opposite the Somerset House.

Funeral Reforms.

BY REV. J. E. LERCH.

Every intelligent, sensible man knows that some funeral reforms are needed. The principle of divine teaching, the rule of right, the sense of the fitness of things, the physical, financial, and spiritual good of bereft friends and the community in general, all cry aloud for reform of some funeral practices. Some places need more, some less reform. Some need one kind of reform, others a different kind, but nearly every community needs some funeral reforms that should be made.

What are some of these reforms? 1st, The custom of wakes for the dead should be reformed by abolishing them entirely. According to Chambers, "wakes originated in superstitious fear either of passing the night alone with a dead body, or of its being interfered with by evil spirits." Wakes are almost universal among the Irish, are quite common in this country, in German-speaking communities, and are by no means rare in English-speaking communities.

What is done at these wakes? Besides sitting up all night with the corpse, there is usually, in the earlier part of the night, singing. Sometimes, too, a prayer or two is offered. Certainly singing and praying are right, but even this kept up long is out of place at such a time. Usually the bereft are worn out by many anxious, sleepless nights, and what they most need at such a time is sleep, and long, loud religious service is not favorable to repose.

But religious services at wakes are not so much objectionable as other things often done at them. Often games are played, courting is carried on, and noisy plays are engaged in. Sometimes even drinking and carousing are resorted to, and a place where quiet and solemnity should be, becomes a place of noise and hilarity.

Wakes ought to be abolished for many reasons. They are not needed. They keep alive superstitious beliefs. They are heathenish, as usually carried on. They cause needless loss of sleep to the bereft and those who take part in them. They often are causes of expense that can be illy borne. They subvert the very teaching a death ought to impress. They rob affliction of all its quiet, solemn lessons. They are repulsive to refined bereft ones. They are a relic of barbarism, and are kept alive only by ignorance, superstition and fogyism.

All that is really needed, where there is a death, is simply for from one to three persons to remain in the house over night. Even this is not needed, but would be right and proper if desired.

2nd. Another reform needed more universally, especially in cities and towns, is that of lessening funeral expenses. A funeral is no place for display of wealth, no place to outshine in splendor and number of carriages, expensiveness of dress or costliness of expense for the dead.

What burdens this desire for show, this eager false aping after a richer neighbor imposes on the poor. The physician's fee, and the necessary cost of attending the sick and a decent burial are usually hard enough to meet, but add to this all that pride and a false idea of respectable funeral imposes, and the financial straits to which many are reduced are not only pitiable, but also criminal. A proper respect for the dead does not require many a costly carriage, an expensive coffin or shroud, or the needless but customary wearing of mourning apparel. Display and all needless expense should be avoided. Death ought to be humbling to pride.

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?"

Let ministers denounce display at funerals. Let the rich start the reform, and the poor will gladly follow. Let the poor exercise common sense, and not imitate the display of the rich. The gaudiness, expensiveness, ostentation of many funerals now are not only altogether out of keeping, but are absolutely sinful.

3d. Another reform needed is that in regard to abolishing unnecessary Sunday funerals. Sometimes a corpse is kept from Wednesday, oftener from Thursday, till Sunday, for burial, and that, too, when the condition of the corpse demands interment from one to three days sooner. The reason of this is because it is customary, and to get a larger attendance at the funeral. Except in cases of absolute necessity, all Sunday funerals should be avoided.

Such funerals break the Sabbath as to its rest obligation. The labor of cooking, traveling, attending horses, dressing, often making garments, etc., is neither labor of mercy or necessity, and hence is a direct violation of the command, "Thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, thy cattle, nor thy stranger."

Often, too, a Sunday funeral disappoints and deprives two whole congregations of their regular worship; yea, it often brings disorder and small attendance at half a dozen congregations, and all this and more to gratify the vain, selfish desire of a few friends.

As to bringing unnecessary Sunday funerals into disuse, the following will prove effectual: Let the officiating minister be consulted before any arrangements are made for the funeral. As he ought to be, and generally is, opposed to unnecessary Sunday funerals, the funeral can generally be made to take place on a week day.

Let church authorities have a standing resolution forbidding their pastor to officiate at unnecessary Sunday funerals; or let pastors give frequent notice that they will officiate at no Sunday funerals unless absolutely necessary.

5th. Another reform needed is that of funeral processions moving faster. It is now almost the universal custom to drive no faster than a slow walk. This is done out of respect for the strange and false idea that a faster gait might somehow injure the dead. Such a gait, indeed, may be great cruelty to the living.

On a cold, wet day, to drive at a slow walk, all the way from five to ten miles, is often very injurious to children, or weakly persons, and uncomfortable to all. In bad weather, it is not disrespectful to the dead or bereft to travel at the rate of from four to five miles an hour.

Another reform needed is to disconue carrying the corpse into church, and exhibiting it there to public gaze. Far better is it to have services at the house of the deceased, if convenient, and then bury; or, to bury first, and then go to church for services. A corpse in a church can do no good. It often may be the occasion of much harm. How can a preacher preach to edification, standing over or above an offensive corpse, or how can a people be profited in the presence of an offensive corpse, and a bursting, cracking coffin?

Where there is death from a contagious disease, or the body is offensive, the corpse certainly should never be taken into church. It is in far better taste, and in every way, to take no corpse into church, but if taken in, it should not be exposed to public gaze. This exposure may be repulsive to friends of the deceased. At any rate, it creates disorder and confusion in coming forward to see the corpse. It stirs up afresh the grief and expression of it on the part of the mourners. It works against the spiritual profit of all. Health, refinement, order, pleasure and religious profit demand no corpse in the church, or at least no exposure of it there.

6th. As to services at funerals, reforms are needed. A sermon need not always, if ever, be preached for little children. Indeed for any person often appropriate scripture reading, a spiritual hymn or two, a prayer and an address of ten or twenty minutes may do most good.

7th. The address or sermon should be delivered in a subdued, sympathetic tone, and, as a rule, should be chiefly to the living and not about the dead. A reform is needed here in the interests of truth and utility.

8th. At the grave, the reading of burial service, a short prayer or benediction are all that are necessary. The singing of a hymn should be discontinued, at least in bad weather.

9th. A great crowd of friends or neighbors should not go back to the house for "refreshments," sometimes for financial and always for other reasons. The usual invitation ought not be given.

10th. For bereft ones and their friends to become drunken "to drown sorrow," as falsely asserted, should be severely condemned, until it is extinct everywhere.

Space forbids mentioning other needed funeral reforms. People tenaciously cling to wrong practices, often simply because they are the long established rule. Let right, *proper respect for the dead, and the good of the living*, however be our aim.

J. E. LERCH.

50,000 Friends.

The enormous sales of Nelson's Pain Cure have excited universal comment and wonder. Its progress has been unprecedented in the annals of the medicine trade. Its career is marked by an irresistible magnetism of inherent superiority and healing virtue, which attracts and makes friends and patrons. Nelson's Pain Cure is the magical medical wonder of the age—healing all—conquering all—the crowning triumph of medical research, experience and practice. In its form the greatest achievement of modern science is placed within the hands of the public at a trifling cost. There is no necessity for advertising this remedy like a circus. It sells itself because every purchaser at once becomes a friend, sounding its praises everywhere. Sold by all the leading druggists.

Queensware and Glassware.

For this line of goods go to A. Benford & Son, as they have the best line in town.

Confluence Items.

Decoration Day was duly observed by Post Rush, G. A. R., and Camp Diel, Sons of Veterans, of Ursina. Both organizations met early, and after the preliminary services formed in front of the hall, and took up the line of march for the Jersey cemetery. The Listonburg brass band furnished splendid music for the occasion. A goodly number of the citizens of the town and vicinity followed.

At the Jersey cemetery a large number of citizens from the surrounding country had assembled, awaiting the master of ceremonies. The church building was occupied and the ceremonies completed after which an hour, or perhaps a little more, was consumed by speech-making, when the graves of the soldiers were decorated and a salute fired.

Capt. R. R. Sanner was present and made a good speech, as did also Prof. I. J. Miller, of Ursina. Another speech was made, which is said to have insulted a number of the soldiers and citizens present. The speaker evidently tried to draw more attention to the decorater than the decorated. There is a manifest tendency, anyway, to draw too much attention to the decoraters, and not enough to the decorated. It furnishes a good opportunity for some persons to air ideas, and they try to make the most out it. This is not the rule, however, but the exception. When a man is a candidate for office, or expects a call to fill some pulpit, he finds such occasions very nice opportunities to tell the living how much he loved the dead. It is often in the sense of the wily politician who kisses the baby to get the good will of the mother and the vote of the father. Let me not create a false impression, however, by intimating that any one who spoke at the Jersey cemetery is one of that kind.

History informs us that the love of religious and civil liberty is a compound sentiment dwelling in the bosom of man, made up of the clearest sense of right and the highest recognition of duty, and that it never loses its power until it accomplishes its ends. This is why the American soldier always wins. He is always on the side of the right and inspired by a true patriotism. It is to be hoped that Memorial day will be long observed! We owe our dead soldiers a great debt of gratitude. Let us never forget to at least pay the interest thereon.

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CONFLUENCE, PA., June 1, 1888.

Childrens' Day.

June 24th, will be observed appropriately at Hoffman's, Horner's, and Stoyestown, with suitable offerings for our Orphans' Home and Midland College.

A. SELL, Pastor.

For Rent.

Comfortable offices on the first and second floors of the addition to Printing House Row. For particulars, inquire at this office.

Found at Last.

That A. Benford & Son is the only firm in town that sells nine cakes of Grip Soap for 25 cents.

Wanted for Cash.

One thousand tons of Rags, Bones and Scrap Iron, old Gum boots and shoes for which the highest cash price will be paid by

CAPLES & MOORE,
Johnstown Pa.

For Sale.

A Steam Saw Mill, thirty-horse-power Engine, Geiser manufacture, all in first-class order. For further particulars call on or address

J. M. LOUR,
Davidsville, Pa.

Will's Church Items.

A neat iron fence is being placed around the church and cemetery.

Mrs. Oliver Knepper, of Somerset, spent a few days last week visiting relatives in this vicinity.

O. O. Saylor, who has been home from Brooklyn, N. Y., all winter, is slowly regaining his strength.

Andy Shillinger had his barn raised last week. E. E. Pritts, the architect, superindel the raising in a very efficient manner.

The band now holds weekly meetings for practice. That's right and proper, boys. Music will be in demand for the fall campaign.

M. J. Rhodes has not indulged in his favorite pastime of trading horses lately. What is the matter? Some one must get the best of the bargain. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again.

Mr. Cable, of Johnstown has purchased the store building in this place, formerly occupied by Isaiah Baer & Bro. He has moved into it, and, we understand, intends keeping a first-class country store.

Memorial Day was observed here in a very appropriate manner. No spread-eagle speeches were made, but there was a parade, and the graves were decorated. During the entire day crowds of people were in the cemetery, planting flowers on the graves of their departed friends. In the evening the band assembled, and while appropriate music was furnished, the graves were decorated. C.

MARRIED.

DICKEY—KIMMEL.—At the Reformed parsonage in Somerset, on Thursday, May 30, 1888, by Rev. Hiram King, Mr. George M. Dickey and Miss Emma J. Kimmel, both of Somerset Township.

CABLE — KOONTZ. — At his residence near Somerset, on Thursday, May 17, 1888, by Elder Valentine Blough, Mr. Silas J. Cable, of Shade Township, and Miss Annie Koontz, of Quemahoning Township.

DIED.

MASON.—On Thursday, May 24th, 1888, near Ohio Pyle Falls, Fayette County, Pa., Rosa Mason, aged 11 months and 7 days.

BRUGH.—At Trent, Somerset Co., Pa., on Sunday, May 27, 1888, Mrs. Emma F. Brugh, aged 27 years, 5 months and 4 days.

HENTZ.—On Sunday, May 27, 1888, at the home of his parents in Somerset Township, Somerset County, Pa., Hiram W., son of Wm. and Catharine Hentz, aged 26 years, 6 months and 14 days.

Laying Down The Law.

EVANSVILLE, IND., June 3.—The Spencer County Whitecaps have issued a proclamation laying down rules and penalties for their violation against "all wife beaters, loafers, drunkards and other bad chareters."

They have specified five newspapers in the county which have been commanded to publish the proclamation under penalty of chastisment of the editors. One of the newspapers has complied with the request, but the Rockport newspapers have defied them. Fresh outrages are therefore anticipated.

First Gun of 1888.

PORTLAND, ORE., June 4.—An election was held in this State to-day for Representative in Congress, a Supreme Court Judge, and a Legislature that will name the successor of U. S. Senator Dolph. Chief interest centered in the legislative contest.

The Republicans confidentily claim the election of Herman, Republican, for Congress, by not less tan 1,500 majority. The Legislature is claimed by the Republicans on joint ballot.