The Somerset Herald.

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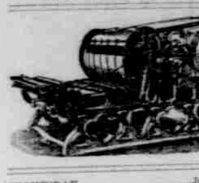

WEDNESDAY ..... July 11, 1888.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

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

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.

The late T. Harrison Garrett, of Baltimore, in his will directs that the sum of $40,000 per annum be paid to Mrs. Garrett during her widowhood.

The peach crop of Maryland and Delaware it is estimated, will run from ten to twelve million baskets. It is said that the Fruit and Produce Exchange of Baltimore will control three-fourths of this crop.

Begin sure Anna Katharine Green's new story, "Behind Closed Doors," starting in the Pittsburgh *Sunday Dispatch* July 8th. Said to be fully up to the "Leavenworth Case," and superior to "Hand and Ring."

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. & PARSONS.

The following is claimed to be of benefit for ingrowing toe nails: Heat a small bit of tallow in a spoon and pour it on the granulations. Pain and tenderness are relieved at once, and in a few days the edge of the nail is exposed so as to admit of being cut away.

Let every tiller of the soil, every mechanic, every man who labors with his muscle, every man of business, and every other voter of whatever profession or occupation, carefully compare the Republican and Democratic platforms, and say upon which he will stand.

Says Sam Jones: "Thank God it is no crime to be ugly. When God wants a good woman he makes her as symmetrical as an angel, but when he wants a good man he makes him as ugly as a rail fence. I never saw a pretty man yet who was worth killing."

The Old Roman may wave his bandana on high,
And talk to the crowds all day,
But he won't be elected when winter draws nigh,
For he isn't built that way.

—*Nebraska State Journal.*

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.

In order to advertise our line of superior Pocket Cutlery and Razors, we will send by mail on receipt of twenty-eight cents in two-cent postage stamps, a fine knife, full size, four blades, pure white pearl handle, full German silver cap and bolster and centre part. A perfect gem of a knife, and one that is put together for keeps.

M. NATHAN & CO.,
Johnstown, Pa.

The following letters and postals remaining in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from this date, June 11th, 1888:

Ankeny, Ellen; Boyd, C. U.; Burndt, Lizzie, (2); Brandon, A. W.; Carmney, W. H.; James, T. E.; James, Ewing (2); Lohr, Joseph J.; Miller, Wm. H.; Metzgar, Wm. H.; Pearl, Daniel; Shaffer, W. R.; Wolfert, Solomon; Walker, Philip; Nalato, Hisalalo.

J. K. CHRYSTOS, P. M.

Notice to Teachers.

The Board of School Directors, of Somerset Borough, will meet Friday evening July 13, 1888, to select teachers for their schools.

Applications from teachers, accompanied by proofs of standing in their profession, will be received by the Secretary any time before the meeting.

By order of the Board,

L. C. COLBORN, Sec.

For Sale Cheap.

A bargain for some one in need of a piano or organ. A high-priced Steinway & Sons' piano, in use only a few years, will be sold very cheap. A Mason & Hamlin organ costing $300, and never used, will be sold for less than half cost. For particulars, call at he HERALD office.

The total cost of the Republican National Convention at Chicago was $30,000. A deficit of $700 exists, but will be readily subscribed. The three largest items of expense were $7,000 to the Auditorium Association for hall rent, $2,700 for electric lighting and $5,000 for entertaining the members of the National Committee.

Notice to Trespassers.

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass on our lands in Shade Township, Somerset County, Pa., for the purpose of hunting, fishing, berrying or nutting. Any person or persons so trespassing will be punished according to law.

HENRY DALEY,
EPH DALEY.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 300 cords of Rock Oak and Spruce bark. 100 cords wanted at once.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

Notice!

I have this day sold to B. S. Fleck all fees due me as Prothonotary, etc. of Somerset Co., Penna., and notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to me for same to make payment to him at once.

N. B. CRITCHFIELD.

Turner X Roads, Pa., June 8, 1888.

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.

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.

Normal School Institute.

The fourth annual institute opens July 24, 1888. Special advantages are offered to all teachers and other students. For particulars write to J. D. Meese, Meyersdale, Pa.

Church Dedication.

The new Reformed church at Berlin will be dedicated on Sunday, July 15th. All the friends of the congregation are cordially invited to be present.

Queensware and Glassware.

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

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.

The country roads are being "worked."

The evening loafer now fills up the sidewalk.

How many men are there in Somerset who voted for Harrison in 1880?

The hay harvest has already commenced in this section. The crop will be an average one.

Hon. Ed. Scull spent Sunday and Monday in Somerset, returning to Washington Tuesday morning.

Mrs. W. T. Hoblitzell, of Meyersdale, is a guest at the residence of her father, county treasurer Black.

Mrs. Edmund Kiernan and her niece, Miss Marion Giddings, of Allegheny City, are at the Somerset House.

Somerseters celebrated the glorious Fourth by going away from home, or sitting quietly under their vines and fig trees.

Mr. Winfield S. Knee, son of Daniel S. Knee, Esq., who left Somerset in 1874 and since that time has been a resident of Rock Falls, Illinois, is in Somerset visting his parents.

An Indian doctor driving four beautiful black horses, all of them perfect matches, accompanied by several ladies and children, created quite a stir on our street Tuesday morning.

The third Edwin M. Stanton, grandson of the great War Secretary, has been several days at the Springs with his widowed mother. He is a bright boy about twelve years of age.—*Bedford Enquirer.*

Somerset people have apparently forgotten that the picnic season is upon us, as there was only one on the Fourth—that of the Disciples' Sunday school—or possibly, like a few other people we know, they prefer their lemonade and cake without bugs in them.

Mr. Edward S. Benbaker youngest son of Dr. Henry Benbaker, and Miss Lettia Sampson, of Monongahela City, are to be married at the home of the bride on Thursday, the 12th. Ed. has been engaged in the drug business at Monongahela City for the past four or five years.

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

John A. Davis and Nancy Ringler, both of Elklick township.

George B. Growall and Lavinia Sanner, both of Black township.

Mr. George W. Benford, the pioneer druggist in Somerset county, retired from business one day last week, having disposed of his interest in the well-known drug firm of G. W. Benford & Son to the junior member, Mr. Clark H. Benford, who will continue the business at the old stand.

Mr. Harry Forward, chief clerk in the General Freight Department of the New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio Railroad, with headquarters at Cleveland, Ohio, and his brother, Mr. Charles Forward, from the B. & O. Passenger Department, Baltimore, are in Somerset, on a week's visit to friends.

On the Fourth of July the Ursina base ball club defeated a picked nine composed of Braddock, Pittsburgh, and Somerset players, by a score of 15 to 11. It was a battle between pitchers, but the Ursina twirler came out victorious. Battery for Ursina, Wilber and Miller. Battery for picked nine, Addie, of Pittsburg, and Uhl, of Somerset.

Judge Baer on Saturday awarded a writ of *habeas corpus* in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Edmund Cummins and I. N. Kemp, charged with arson, in setting fire to the Glade House on the night of May 8th. The writ was made returnable at the Court House at 1 p. m. Tuesday. Defendants were represented by J. B. Scott, Esq., while District Attorney Biesecker and W. H. Ruppel, Esq. appeared for the Commonwealth. At the request of the District Attorney Judge Baer continued the hearing till one o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Ross Forward, Esq., who is engaged as an adjuster for the Ætna Insurance Company, with headquarters at Cincinnati, Ohio, is spending a few days in Somerset, his first visit in twenty years. When Mr. Forward left Somerset, in 1868, he had probably the largest acquaintance of any man in the county, not alone among the people but with the territory as well, having tramped the country over again and again when a young man. When a student at law, believing with Bryant that "the groves were God's first temples," he built for himself a lodge amid the wilds of "Break-neck," where he studied the leaves of nature with the leaves of Blackstone. On one occasion Mr. Forward and "Uncle Joe" Stutzman tramped from Somerset to Niagara Falls and back again.

A large, fine-looking horse, hitched in a "splinter new" top-buggy, broke loose from the post to which he was tied in front of Vought's grocery store about nine o'clock Saturday night, and dashed up Main Cross street at his greatest speed; turning into Union street at the Court House square the buggy came in contact with one of the silver maple trees lining the sidewalk, and was literally torn to pieces. The infuriated horse broke away from the buggy, stripping himself of all harness, and plunged madly into the iron fence enclosing the Court House grounds. Righting himself he galloped down the road and to the barn of his owner, Mr. Milton Hamilton, who lives on the old Coleman farm, on the Berlin road. To those who witnessed the runaway, it seems almost incredible that the horse escaped serious injury.

The national game of baseball is indulged in by the average Somerset boy in and out of season, but it is only about once in every half-dozen years that there occurs a spasmodic outburst of the ball fever among the older heads of the village, and unperceived the contagion is imparted from sheep to shepherd, from office boy to barrister, from messenger to banker, from cash boy to merchant, and from devil to newspaper publisher. Such an eruption occurred Friday morning. Posted in conspicuous places about town was the announcement that the merchants and lawyers would "battle royal" on the ball grounds at four in the afternoon. The writer was inveigled from his comfortable seat in the dingy recesses of the HERALD office by an ardent lover of the game on the promise of an hour's rare enjoyment. On the ball field the players were found in position. President Love, of the Dairy Company, masked and padded, stood behind the bat, banker Harrison occupied the box, Elder Comer was on 1st, lawyer Ruppel on 2d, merchant Snyder on 3d, druggist Benford short, merchant Uhl left, publisher Werner centre, and insurance agent Knepper, right. At the plate stood portly grocer Vought, mopping the perspiration from the back of his neck with a Cleveland bandana, striking out fiercely between wipes at the sphere. "Dickey" felt for the ball three times ineffectually and then started around the diamond as though chased by a cyclone, while the on-lookers indulged in speculation as to which way he would fall if perchance he lost his ballance. Grocer Cook popped up a fly and lawyer Ruppel offered, spreading his hands far enough apart to permit a balloon to pass between them unbouched. Merchant Uhl made a home run on three strikes, and confidentially told late comers that he had stolen three bases and only scored by the "skin of his teeth. Lawyer Meyers introduced an old-time feature, knocking the ball out of sight and scoring before it was found, only to find that he had lifted out of place. Everybody hollowed, and everybody run. H. S. Endsley played for both sides, and Cal Lowry run for every player on the ground. Kooser, Pritts and McGriff looked like professionals but played like "Maroons." Life is too short and the subject too uninteresting to go into further details of the game, which was called on account of darkness at the close of the second inning, the score standing 15 to 48. Had the gentlemen players concluded to finish the game, they would in all probability be somewhere in the fifth inning at this writing.

SOUTH PENN REORGANIZATION.

The Agreement Stipulates that the Scheme is to be Consummated on the First of Next September.

There has been a great deal of disappointment over the delay in the organization of the South Pennsylvania railroad company, and this has caused many persons to again abandon hope of an early resumption of work. But it appears that there was no ground for the report, circulated months ago, of an immediate reorganization and resumption. The reorganization was not intended to take place before September 1. When the project was revived last year the following subscriptions were made:

C. Vanderbilt and W. K. Vanderbilt as legatees under will of W. H. Vanderbilt	$5,000,000
H. McK Twombly	2,000,000
D. Hostetter	1,500,000
S. Bagaley	3,000
F. L. Stetson	100,000
F. R. Gowen	200,000
E. C. Knight	20,000
W. & P. Smith	10,000
J. Lowrie Bell	
F. D. Lewis, under will of Henry Lewis	
Penn. Co. for Ins. of Lives, under will of J. B. Lippincott	100,000
C. & H. Borie	150,000
George J. Magee	50,000
I. B. Houston	50,000
I. W. Fellows for estate of Aug. Schell	190,000

Under this contract no progress was made with the road, and recently another reorganization took place. The new agreement was filed in evidence the other day in the suit before Examiner George C. Appel, it being produced by Lawyers Stetson and Baer on notice from Judge Logan, counsel for the Pennsylvania railroad, who offered it in evidence.

The agreement sets forth that it was made on February 1, 1888, between "the subscribers to the agreement of subscription to the bonds and stock of the South Pennsylvania railroad made on or before the 10th day of May, 1883, for the purpose of securing the construction of the South Pennsylvania and the American Construction Company, under date of September 8, 1883," Andrew Carnegie, David Hostetter, Benjamin F. Jones, George F. Baer and F. L. Stetson are made a committee to be known as "The Reconstruction Committee," with full power to act. There shall be transferred to this committee all the stock, bonds and assets of the South Penn road, with the right, title and interest and claim of the parties thereto in the syndicate agreement, with their syndicate certificates of interest in the bonds and stock of the road, all the contracts and assets in the control of the syndicate committee, and all the stock contracts and assets of the American Construction company. In consideration for such transfers the construction committee shall liquidate all outstanding liabilities and protect and defend the syndicate committee and subscribers against suits and assume control of all litigation arising out of the enterprise, and the committee shall have full power to reorganize the South Pennsylvania.

The common stock of the South Pennsylvania, or other railroad as may be organized by direction of the committee, shall be issued by each of the subscribers hereto in an amount equal to that heretofore due and paid to the treasurer of the South Pennsylvania syndicate, together with the interest at 6 per cent., the aggregate sum of such common stock to be approximately $7,000,000.

Preferred stock bearing 6 per cent. accumulative dividends to an amount equal to 20 per cent. of the entire amount of subscriptions of each subscriber hereto in the South Pennsylvania syndicate shall be issued to each subscriber hereto upon his payment therefor to the treasurer of the full amount of the par value of such preferred stock; provided that every subscriber agrees that he will pay for such preferred stock the par value thereof, the aggregate amount of such preferred stock to be approximately $3,000,000 and to be called for in installments not exceeding 5 per cent. per month.

First mortgage bonds for the aggregate principal sum of $10,000,000 payable in fifty years in gold at 6 per. cent. interest shall be issued at par to such persons as shall subscribe, it being expressly provided that every subscriber hereto may make a binding subscription for bonds at the time of signing the agreement to an amount not exceeding three times his subscription to the preferred stock. The bonds not so taken to be sold by the committee at not less than par. The money received for bonds and preferred stock shall be used by the company for construction of road and other corporate purposes.

In case of the resignation or death of any member of the reconstruction committee the survivors shall exercise the powers imposed upon them and by a majority fill the vacancy. All previous contracts by the syndicate committee shall be annulled and the subscribers forever discharge each other and the syndicate committee of any claims or demands arising out of the syndicate agreement.

If by September 1, 1888, the reorganization above mentioned shall have progressed so far as to have secured the receipt thereafter of money which it is proposed to raise by the issue of stocks and bonds, then a majority in value and in number of subscribers hereto may at any time thereafter file with the reconstruction committee a written declaration terminating the operation of this agreement whereupon this agreement and the signatures thereto shall cease to bind any subscriber hereto so far as concerns any subsequent operation thereunto.

The following is a list of subscribers to above agreement, and the amounts subscribed:

Subscriber.	Bonds.
1. Andrew Carnegie	$600,000
2. David Hostetter	.....
3. Henry Phipps, Jr	.....
4. D. O. Mills	300,000
5. W. C. Whitney	.....
6. H. T. Dimock	.....
7. O. H. Payne	.....
8. F. R. Gowen	60,000
9. C. & H. Borie	150,000
10. L. C. Knight	120,000
11. F. D. Lewis for estate of Henry Lewis	.....
12. John D. Rockefeller	180,000
13. W. D. Rockefeller	80,000
14. Edward A Wilkes	.....
15. Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, for estate of J. B. Lippencott	.....
16. L. V. Williamson	.....
17. I. B. Colgate	250,000
18. John A. Stewart	.....
19. John Kean	100,000

The reason for the blanks in the above list can only be conjectured, as it is well known that all the gentlemen named are earnestly in favor of building the road. It is said that the Vanderbilts, while they are at the head of the reorganization scheme, do not sign the agreement for the reason that the suit pending against them in the New York court is not yet decided.

It seems that our people have been indulging in despair a little ahead of schedule time. It will be time enough to lament when the 1st of September passes by and no action is taken.

A Valuable and Interesting "Old Timer."

To the Editor of the HERALD:

I send you a few items that you can insert in your valuable journal if found worthy of space. I have had the pleasure of listening to several lectures delivered in Cambria Co., by Col. George Hunter, or "Timus," the white chief of the Palous Indians of Washington Territory. The Colonel, it is said by Western journals and Bancroft, the great Pacific coast historian, has passed through (as scout) more perils and hardships than any other man now alive on the Pacific coast. He (the Colonel) is on his way to Washington, D. C., to plead before the Congressional committee for the volunteers and sufferers of the Indian wars in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The Colonel is the author of the book "Reminiscences of an Old Timer," it being a correct history of his adventures in the Pacific States and Territories during the past forty years. The Colonel has appointed George H. Thomas his agent for the sale of his book in Somerset county. The book and author comes well recommended by discharges from Gen. O. O. Howard, Gen. James Lane, Cols. J. K. Kelley, Wright, Olney, and over eight hundred old frontiersmen of the West. Yours very truly,

GEO. H. THOMAS,
Agent "Old Timer."

A Call.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the W. C. T. U., of Somerset County, will be held in Somerset, in the M. E. Church, Thursday July 12th, at 2 o'clock P. M. This committee consists of the County officers and the presidents of all the local unions.

PRESIDENT.

Patriotism vs. Rhetoric.

EDITOR HERALD:—The oration delivered by George William Curtis, at Gettysburg, on the 3d of July, is perhaps as fine a piece of word-painting as any that has been produced on a like occasion, but when we read it alongside of the words of Abraham Lincoln, uttered on the same spot, at the first dedication of the ground, it sinks in to mere rhetorical cant.

One not acquainted with the history of the civil war, would hardly learn from Mr. Curtis's address that there was any deeper principle involved than contention for the honor of victory; and that where both sides behaved with so much valor, the glory is equally due to the blue and the gray. Mr. Curtis says: "It was a war of constitutional vindication on one side, of constitutional interpretation on the other."

He does not say that the principle that was vindicated there, was nothing less than the equal rights of all men as claimed in the Declaration of Independence, and the right of the Government to preserve its own life; nor does he tell us that the interpretation of the Constitution that failed there, was the treasonable claim of a right to rend the nation asunder, and to destroy the constitution itself.

He says that the survivors of both armies now meet to celebrate a *common* victory. What does he mean by a common victory? The sentimental gush of this oration becomes nauseous when we are reminded that it was spoken to men who were wearing what were the badges of treason and rebellion at the time when the battle was fought; wearing them not simply as mementoes of the battle, but as expressions of their devotion to the lost cause. If this is not true, what does Gen. Bradley T. Johnson mean when he says that "every Confederate soldier carries chained to his heart a casket of his dead hopes and aspirations," and boasts that Confederate soldiers control the Government of the the United States?

George William Curtis poves before the people of America, as the representative and apostle of a higher and more refined culture and civilization than has yet reached our shores; of British snobbery and toadyism vs. what he has called the coarseness and vulgarity of the "rowdy west; and he holds up the ex-Sheriff of Erie County, New York, as the ideal American gentleman, after whom we shall all take pattern.

He does not very ably support his high pretensions in the Gettysburg oration, for by ignoring the principle at stake in the conflict he glorifies the courage itself as the thing to be honored, and does not recognize that the holiness of the cause defended alone justified the shedding of blood; and in proportion as the cause was sacred on one side, the assailing of it was sacrilegious on the other. War viewed in any other light is naught but the most wanton and inhuman butchery.

This indiscriminate glorification of fighting and its attendant confounding of the right with the wrong, is better suited to a Celtic bard, or a Federal troubador, than to the exponent of a higher civilization.

And when we compare the utterances of this immaculate representative of English ideas with the noble, manly words of that son of the "rowdy west," (Abraham Lincoln) spoken from his great, earnest heart, when the burden of a nation's cares rested heavily upon it, the rhetorical flourishes of the journalist are as the piping as an oaten reed, heard amid the subsiding echoes of the trumpet that called to duty, and inspired to heroic deed, when the tension and terror of the great struggle was at its height.

DR. PEPPERCRASS.

Life of Ben Harrison, by the Author of Ben Hur.

Gen. Lew Wallace, we hear, has removed to Indianapolis, and is busily engaged writing a Biography of his old friend, Gen. Ben. Harrison.

Rarely has so happy a combination been known as that resulting in the issue of this work. Gen. Lew Wallace, known the world over as the author of "Ben Hur," is one of Gen. Harrison's life-long and trusted friends and is also a distinguished soldier, a trained statesman, and a diplomat of high national reputation.

His name as author gives at once the assurance of a biography of most extraordinary merit.

His long and intimate acquaintance with his distinguished subject will enable him to prepare rapidly an authentic and deeply interesting biography.

His large experience in national and international affairs fits him to treat understandingly and ably of General Harrison's superb record as a statesman, and clearly to unfold the principles held by him respecting the science of good government, and the weighty issues at stake in the present great contest.

Gen. Wallace at first declined this task, but upon the urgent solicitation of many eminent men of the party, and Gen. Harrison's assurance that everything needful should be placed at his disposal, so as to make it the strictly authentic, and only authorized biography, he yielded to the call, and has agreed to complete the work for publication by Hubbard Brothers, of Philadelphia, early in August.

A Prophesy of the Weather.

The weather seems to run in cycles of about seven years; that is, when we have a hot summer it is always followed by a cold one, and it takes about seven years to reach another equally hot. It will be remembered by many that the summer of 1867 was very hot, and so dry that during August the grass crumbled under the feet when trod upon. The summer of 1868 was noted for its coolness, the thermometer very seldom getting above 85 degrees, and we did not reach the top wave of thermality again until 1874, when it was extremely hot. The following summer was cold to a remarkable degree. From then on the summers grew gradually warmer until 1881, which was excessively hot and very dry, no rain falling for over nine weeks, and there were more sunstrokes that summer than there has been since.

The summer of 1882 was quite cold; a few flakes of snow fell on the morning of July 4, followed by hail in the afternoon, and during the rest of the month and through the month of August the temperature was so low that overcoats were necessary for comfort, particularly at night. The summers since 1882 have grown warmer, and last summer was a moderately hot one; but unless all signs fail, the coming summer will be the climax of the cycle, and a hot, dry season may be expected.

Worth Knowing.

That Allcock's Porous Plasters are the highest result of medical science and skill, and in ingredients and method have never been equaled.

That they are the original and genuine porous plasters upon whose reputation imitators trade.

That Allcock's Porous Plasters never fail to perform their remedial work quickly and effectually.

That for Weak Back, Rheumatism, Sciatica, Colds, Lung Trouble, Kidney Difficulties, Malaria, Dyspepsia, Liver and Stomach Affections, Strains, and all Local Pains, they are invaluable.

That when you purchase Allcock's Porous Plasters, you obtain the best plasters made.

The Underwriter's Association of the middle department of Pennsylvania, has notified the insurance agents of Bellefonte that after July 1, an advance of 50 per cent. will be made on all rated risks within the borough limits, to continue until the fire department is put in a condition satisfactory to the association.

Already Republican newspapers have gone so far as to suggest Cabinets to Mr. Harrison. The Detroit *Tribune* offers the following: Secretary of State, James G. Blaine; Secretary of the Treasury, John Sherman; Secretary of War, Russell A. Alger; Secretary of the Navy, William Walter Phelps; Secretary of the Interior, Walter Q. Gresham; Postmaster General, John J. Ingalls.

Owing to a press of accumulated court business, the coming term in Bedford County will begin on August 27th, and continue three weeks.

Lively as a Pair of Young Colts.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Colonel Chambers McKibben, now of Chambersburg, is ninety years of age, but one of the halest and heartiest gentlemen of the old school who ever reached that advanced period of life. He is genteely fond of his game of whist and enjoys immensely a good story with it. When he and General Cameron get together they are like two colts. Not long ago the General invited the Colonel to come down to Harrisburg to dine with him. The invitation was accepted, and the ninety-year old Colonel traveled fifty-two miles over the Cumberland Valley Railroad to take dinner with the ninety-year-old General. After the meal had been served, and a tempting one, too, it was, the General began to tease McKibben for the Jackson picture he possesses, but each request was refused.

"Oh, come, now, Chambers," urged Cameron for the twentieth time, "you won't be here long to keep it, anyhow."

The Colonel considered for a moment.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Simon," he presently declared, with a great show of magnanimity, "I'll bequeath the picture to you when I die."

"Where the devil will I be then?" fairly roared the General. And then the two frisky young fellows had a hearty laugh over the joke.

The Fourth at Confluence.

The one hundred and twelfth anniversary of our Independence has been celebrated and Confluence did its share. The day was fine, and the attendance simply immense. Never before were there so many people here on the Fourth of July.

The affair was a success in some respects, but not in all. The races did not come off, as expected. The premium money was all raised and some fine matches between fast goers arranged for, but they did not materialize, for reasons which the people were in no wise to blame. Only one horse of extra speed turned up. His mate would have been here, only that he was injured shortly before the time. Why the others did not come we have not learned. There were thirty dollars laying around loose as a premium for a good race. More money could have been raised if there had been speedy horses here. As it was, the races had to be made up on the ground as best they could.

Some one has intimated that there was no fast going horse on the ground. If any one thinks so and wants to try any other horse owned within the county, on a trotting race, let him say so.

The rope walker was honestly engaged, and was here shortly before the Fourth and gave some fine exhibitions. Why he did not come is as yet unknown. Some say that he was not far away that day, but had a thick head.

The conduct of the people was admirable, indeed. "No license" on a public day does add, not only a little, but a great deal, to the peace and quiet of a place like this.

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CONFLUENCE, PA., July 7, 1888.

Dr. E. Lansford, V. S., Connellsville,

Will be at Somerset the first Monday and Tuesday of each month, at the Somerset House, and will treat all diseases of horses, cattle, etc. Teeth dressed or extracted. Castration of Horses and Ridglings. Spavins and Ringbones successfully treated by actual cautery. All examinations free of charge. Come and see me.

E. LANSFORD, V. S.

Peaches in plenty is the word that comes from the Delaware orchards and from the other great peach producing regions, East, West, North, and South. The peach crop of the Delaware-Maryland peninsula for this year is variously estimated from five million to eleven million baskets, and it is pretty safe to approximate the yield at the first-named figures. It is estimated that peaches will not net the growers more than twenty-five cents a basket this year, and these prices which are remunerative to the growers, will allow the commission men a reasonable profit. Great preparations are making by the transporters to handle the crop.

Weather Bulletins.

The following is the the report sent out from the Pennsylvania State weather service office at Philadelphia under date of June 30:

The rainfall during the past week was abundant, well distributed and timely. Most stations report over one inch and some over two inches. It will probably average one and a half inches throughout the State. There has been no complaint of drouth received. The temperature was very high and decidedly above the normal until Thursday, when it fell suddenly to as great a departure below as it had been above.

The sunshine was seasonable and sufficient for growing crops, but during the latter part of the week it was not favorable for curing hay. The extreme heat during the early part of the week caused wheat to ripen rapidly, and considerable was harvested in York and Cumberland counties. With favorable weather grain-harvesting and hay-making will be active during the coming week. The prospects for large crops are favorable, and the conditions are promising for all growing crops. Corn is improving rapidly.

Fire and Loss of Life.

SAULT STE MARIE, Michigan, July 7.—A farmhouse belonging to George Dobbs, located about seven miles from here on the Canadian side of the river, was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. Four of the inmates—George Dobbs, aged 72 years; David Merrifield, aged 21; Alice Thompson, aged 9, and another child—perished in the flames. The fire started from a smudge, and when discovered by Mrs. Dobbs, who is 70 years of age, was beyond control. Mrs Dobbs quickly awoke her husband and Merrifield, and descended to the lower floor. While groping about in the stifling smoke she stumbled and fell through a trap door into a cellar, and from there made her escape into the open air. The two men, unable to find any means of exit in the dense smoke, fell back into the flames and perished. The children were asleep in another part of the house and died without a sound, being probably suffocated. The woman, who had no time to put on any clothing, lay exposed to the chilly air until morning, when her cries attracted the attention of a neighboring farmer. She is badly burned and there is little hope for her recovery.

Many Italians Suffering.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The results of excessive Italian immigration into this country are now seriously felt, and the Italian immigrant society is having a hard struggle to keep a large number of Italians who are in this country without work from starving. The president of the society estimates that at least 8,000 Italians are in this and neighboring cities in actual want of food. The order recently issued by the board of health, the effect of which will be to materially lessen the number of occupants of the tenements in the Italian quarter, will put an additional cause of suffering on many of them. Requests for a number of men have been received from Virginia and other states for railroad and farmwork, and the society hopes to get rid of many of them.

Sad Drowning Accident.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 5.—A sad case of drowning occurred at Lake Johnanna, about six miles from this city, about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon Harry C. Tucker, clerk of the Ryan Hotel, this city, accompanied by his wife, his father and sister, Mrs. Delsinger, who were visiting him from Amsterdam, N. Y., went to the lake to spend the afternoon.

It was proposed to go for a ride on the lake and agreed to, except by Mrs. Tucker, who was timid and preferred to remain on shore and watch the party. Mr. Tucker took the oars. When the party was about a quarter of a mile from shore the boat, from some unknown cause, was capsized and the three occupants were thrown into the lake. Mrs. Tucker screamed for help, but long before any one could go to the rescue, all three were drowned in sight of the distracted woman on shore. Mr. Tucker made desperate efforts to save his sister, and drowned with her in his arms.

Mr. Robert Garrett Returning.

LONDON, July 7.—Mr. Robert Garrett of Baltimore, with his wife and his sister-in-law, Miss Frick, sailed to-day from Liverpool on the steamer Umbria, for New York. Previous to his departure Mr. Garrett, in an interview, said: "My return to the United States is occasioned by my brother's sudden death. I intended to spend the remainder of the summer in Europe, and to return to my home in October. I find, however, that it is now imperative that I return to Baltimore for a few days to settle my brother's private affairs." In reference to his trip around the world, Mr. Garrett said that it had completely restored to him his usual health. Mr. Garrett's appearance fully confirms the statement that he is enjoying good health.

The White Dog Meant Death.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., July 5.—Mrs. Hannah Snyder, a farmer's wife aged 40 years, fell from a cherry tree on Tuesday evening and died fifteen minutes later. One of her arms was broken, but she did not seem to be otherwise injured. A peculiar feature of the incident was that during the afternoon Mrs. Snyder had spoken of seeing a white dog, and just before going up on the tree she again said that a white dog was following her. A moment afterward she fell heavily to the ground. When she was picked up her first words were: "Take the white dog away."

She then became unconscious and died in a few minutes. There was no white dog on the premises nor in the neighborhood, and this seeming vision of the poor woman is regarded by the superstitious people in that vicinity as an omen of her approaching death.

Died After a Choking.

ROCHESTER, PA., July 5.—To-day the funeral of little Sammy Johnston, the 7-year-old son of a coal-miner living here, into the cause of whose death there may yet have to be a Coroner's investigation, took place. Some weeks ago the boy was violently choked by an idiotic lad named Shepherd, and from the effects of that treatment he grew sick and Tuesday died. The shepherd boy is about 12 years of age, and heretofore has been considered harmless. One day he was teased by a crowd of boys when he caught young Johnston, who was standing by, and choked him.

Big Majority Predicted.

WASHINGTON, July 5.—Congressman Long who has just returned from Massachusetts, said to-day that General Butler's prediction of a majority of 240,000 in that State for the Republican ticket was not far out of the way He found no criticism of the ticket in Massachusetts, but there was a slight disposition, among a few, to criticise the platform. Personally he was thoroughly satisfied with it, as it is better to be frank and straightforward than evasive. The free whiskey cry was but a scare. The people demand a reduction of the revenue, he declared, and the place to reduce was in the internal revenue taxes, which were imposed to obtain the revenue.

The Champion Bigamist.

DETROIT, July 6.—J. W. Brown, the alleged bigamist, was recently arrested in Chicago and brought to this city, was arraigned in the the police court this morning, charged specially with marrying Mary Benjamin while having a lawful wife living. He pleaded not guilty; his bail was fixed at $1,000 in default of which he was remanded to jail to await examination next Friday. It is now stated that Brown has been married no less than 32 times and wives from New York Pennsylvania, Canada, Chicago and several places in Michigan are expected to be present at the examination.

Condition of the Crops.

WASHINGTON, D. C, July 8.—Prof. Dodge, statistician of the Agricultural Department, makes the following estimates, showing the acreage and condition of the crops in Pennsylvania.

Wheat acreage compared with last year, 90; average condition, 91; rye acreage compared with last year, 291; average condition, 97; barley acreage compared with last year, 99; average condition, 80; oat acreage compared with last year, 100; average condition, 98; clover acreage compared with last year, 101; average condition, 93; spring pasture average condition, 95; apples average condition, 87; peaches average condition, 75.

Fatally Lashed by White Caps.

NEW ALBANY, IND., July 5.—Another outrage by the white caps is reported from Vaseine, Orange county. Jonathan Cook, who is employed as a farm hand by Elisha Glenning, was the victim. It was asserted that he had slandered his dead wife. He was visited by about twenty regulators, tied face foremost to a tree, stripped and given 100 lashes on his bare back. He is expected to die.

After this, Mr. Glenning was notified not to reemploy Cook, but the farmer had armed himself in the meantime, and after abusing them roundly fired several shots into the crowd.

Labor Men For Harrison.

WASHINGTON, July 3.—There is an evidence of enthusiasm among the laboring men and their representatives which augurs well for the Republican national ticket. Congressman Nicholas of North Carolina, a labor candidate, says he will not be surprised if Harrison and Morton carry his State, as the laboring men are pleased with the ticket, and the Chicago platform embodies principles which they desire carried out.

Mr. Nicholas is grand master workman of the Knights of Labor of North Carolina and knows the sentiments of the people he represents.

Judge Gresham on the Ocean.

Judge Walter Q. Gresham was the most prominent guest at Windsor Hotel this morning, and was warmly greeted by a host of personal and political friends. He was not inclined to talk politics further than to heartily endorse the nomination of Harrison and Morton. Judge Gresham proposes to spend the heated term abroad. He sailed on the German Lloyd steamer Werra this afternoon for Europe. He will be absent about two months, returning in time to assist as far as possible in the Republican campaign. He doesn't think it will require much effort to secure victory.—*New York Press.*

Held up in the Woods.

FRANKLYN, July 6.—Yesterday J. J. Kilgore, a young farmer living six miles south of here, on the Pittsburg road, was in town and received $2,000, the proceeds of a sale of land. After making a few expenditures, he started for home on horseback, with $2,040 in his pocket.

At 10 o'clock, when ascending a hill beyond Sandy creek, he was met in a lonely spot by four men. Two seized the bridle of his horse on each side, and at the same instant two others presented cocked pistols to his head on either side. Kilgore obeyed their order to dismount. They relieved him of the money. Then he remounted at their command.

"Now, git!" was the final order, and he promptly "got" in the direction or his home three miles distant. To-day Kilgore offered $500 reward for the arrest of the highwaymen.

Patriotic Misscurians.

CHICAGO, July 6.—A dispatch from Springfield, Missouri, says: "Reports from the back counties, just coming in, indicate that the Fourth was celebrated in a lively style. At Mansfield a party of farmers engaged in a free-for-all fight. There were six of them, and but one is left to tell the tale, the others being dead or badly hurt. At Walnut Grove, Will Merrit and John Claypool got drunk in a livery stable. One bottle of beer was left, and with this Claypool knocked Merrit down under a horse's heels, where he was kicked to death. At Hallville, Dan Mitchell stabbed W. Scott fatally."

DIED.

WOY. At her home near Friedens, on Thursday, June 21, 1888, Mrs. Rachel M. Woy, aged 51 years, 10 months and 13 days.

Her Late Husband's Soul.

NEW YORK, July 7.—The children of Mrs. Elizabeth McEntire, a septagenarian, who has property valued at $5,000, have applied to the sheriff's jury to declare her insane. Mrs. McEntire's insanity has taken the form of a belief in transmigration of souls. She thinks the soul of her late husband, who died 15 years ago, has taken up its abode in the body of a boy six years old. She subsequently makes violent love to all little boys and has proved a source of terror to the youngsters on Mulberry street, where she resides.