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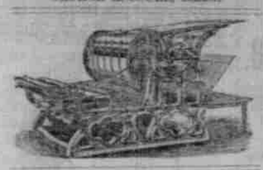

WEDNESDAY.....October 10, 1888.

Republican County Committee.

The following named gentlemen compose the list for the ensuing year.

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Summit—M. R. Walker.
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Wellersburg Borough—G. L. Long.

Geo. R. Scull, Secretary. Chas. C. Shafer, Chairman.

The harvest moon is waning.

The buckwheat crop was immense.

Our Nimrods report squirrels scarce.

Only three months of leap year remain.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Autumn tints are visible on leaf and flower.

Potting plants for the winter, is now in order with the ladies.

Autumn leaf gatherers will soon lie themselves to the woods.

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

Many dilapidated sidewalks need repairing before the winter sets in.

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

Asbestos floor is by far the best in the town. Every good housekeeper wants it. M. Schrock keeps a good supply of it on hand.

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

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.

Horner Bros. & Pasmore.

The boys who are in the habit of making nocturnal raids and stealing grapes and other fruits from the yards and gardens of our citizens are not aware, perhaps, that in doing so they are committing a crime, the penalty for which is fine and imprisonment.

Teacher—What was the name of the great resort for sport and amusements in ancient Rome?

Smart Pupil—The Coliseum.

Teacher—Name some favorite pastime of the old Romans.

Smart Pupil—Running for Vice President.

MEAT MARKET.—We have just added a large Refrigerator to our Meat Market, in which all meats can be kept cool and clean. Mutton, veal, pork, &c., kept constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties buying meat can have it kept in the refrigerator until wanted.

Rose Davis & Co.

Revision Of the Dog Laws Needed.

The case of Isaac Liller, the poor Harrisburg peddler who was mangled by the hill dogs of James Ellis, in Steppenburg, Pa., ought to bring about a revision of the dog laws, not only in Pennsylvania, but in other States, too. Burglars laugh at bulldogs; only honest folks and children get killed or torn by them; and no man should be allowed to turn them loose upon his neighbors on the high road or in any place where they are a source of danger to the public.—N. Y. Sun.

How to Overcome the Dangers of Exposure.

Frances O'Reilly, the well-known livery-man of No. 18 Prince street, New York, says of Allcock's Porous Plasters:

"For the last forty-two years I have been engaged in the livery and hacking business. I am greatly aided by my four boys. We are much exposed to the weather, and we have found Allcock's Plasters of very great service. We use them as chest protectors, placing one on the chest and one on the pit of the stomach. They not only ward off the cold, but act as a tonic.

We are frequently affected with rheumatism, kinks in the back, and pains in the side; but one or two of Allcock's Plasters quickly cure us. My wife and daughters have been using Allcock's Plasters for weak back and think the world of them. I have now been using them for twenty years, and always have a box in the house."

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. P. Walker,
Somerset, Pa.

Wanted!

Hides, and Furs. I will pay the highest cash price for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. Call on me at my residence, immediately west of the S. & C. Station.

H. G. Cunningham.

For Sale.

One very handsome marble-top walnut side-board, in good condition. Will be sold cheap. Call at Herald office.

For Sale.

A twenty-five horse-power saw mill, for sale very cheap, on payments. Call on or address E. J. Hause, Somerset, Pa.

Flour and Feed.

Together with Groceries. I keep on hand a complete stock of Flour, Oats, Corn, Middlings, Chop and Bran, and pay the highest cash market prices for same. Persons wishing to buy or sell, will find it to their advantage to give me a call.

M. Schrock.

Wheat Going Skyward.

Wheat has been raising in price steadily for the past two weeks, but that does not affect E. S. Kantner's Tobacco Store, where you can get Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes and all kinds of smoker's supplies cheaper than ever. New grades of Tobacco arriving daily. Give him a call.

Professor Gautier, of Paris, states that certain vital processes of the body develop putrefying substances in the tissues, which, if not speedily eliminated, produce disease. Ayer's Sarsaparilla effects the removal of those substances, and thereby preserves health.

See additional Republican meetings advertised in this issue.

Editor Kerr, of the Bedford Gazette, spent several days of last week in Somerset attending to legal business.

Now is the time for our citizens to thoroughly disinfect their premises, and clear away all decaying vegetable matter.

Mormon missionaries are at work in Bedford county, and reports say that they have succeeded in making some converts.

No one can move from the election district in which he now resides between this and the day of election without losing his vote.

Thirty-four Somerseters took in 4 Paws circus at Johnstown, Friday. The S. & C. R. R. hauled a few more than three hundred persons to the show.

The Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Somerset Reformed Church next Lord's Day morning. Preparatory services on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock.

The Republican meeting that was advertised to take place at Edie on Thursday evening of this week has been postponed to Thursday evening, October 18th.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of Pennsylvania, will be held in the First Presbyterian Church, of Pittsburg, Oct. 10th, 11th and 12th.

Judge White, of Pittsburgh, last week removed two constables from office and sent their cases to the grand jury for indictment for neglect of duty in not reporting illegal liquor selling to the court.

Capt. H. H. Kuhn has been appointed Division commander of the Eighteenth Division of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John H. Dibert.

A poll tax receipt is good for two years in any election division in the State, no matter in what county the money was paid, so long as the person resided in the county in which he paid the tax at the time he paid it.

Mr. Charles Will, of Falls City, Nebraska, paid a recent and friendly visit at this office. Mr. Will for many years resided on the farm two miles north of town now owned by H. C. Berkey. He left Somerset for the west some ten years ago and this is his first return visit.

An exchange tells of a school ma'am who has introduced a very novel system of spelling in her school. When one of the girls misses a word the boy who spells it correctly is permitted to kiss the girl. The boys are improving rapidly, but it is feared that the girls will soon forget how to spell their own names.

Conemaugh Township has thirty Kauffmans who will vote for Harrison and Morton, and the entire Republican ticket. The grandfather of Jacob I. Kaufman was one of the first three Republicans in the township. In 1884 Conemaugh cast 244 Republican, 28 Democratic, and 1 Labor Reform vote.

Mr. S. F. Picking, of Chicago, arrived in Somerset Saturday evening, where he will remain for a week or ten days "cracking chestnuts" with his many friends. Life in the windy city by the lake seems to agree with the festive and jocund "Selmer," who never looked "more handsomer" nor seemed more frolicsome than at present.

The little congregation of Disciples at Hyndman, that have recently been rejoicing over the accession of twenty-eight new members, are still prospering. Last Lord's day Elder Vogel preached for them and baptized two new converts. There is a call for Elder Conner to hold them a meeting to complete the good work. He is considering the advisability of doing so.

Following is a list of the appointments for the McKeesport district of the Methodist Church in Somerset county for the ensuing year, reported at the sixty-fifth session of the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, at Latrobe, last week: Presiding Elder, S. G. Miller; Addison, N. L. Brown; Berlin, J. C. Barron; Confluence, —— Giles; Meyersdale, George Orbin; Somerset, Appleton Bush; Stoyestown, R. S. Ryan.

Mr. John Snell, of this county, last week took a four months' old colt to Johnstown, that has two fully developed hoofs on its right fore leg. The colt is perfectly normal in all other particulars. The extra hoof rests on the ground, and is of the usual shape and size. It is certainly one of nature's most curious freaks. Mr. Snell's intention was to sell the animal to Forepaugh, who exhibited in Johnstown on Friday of last week.

Ensign Chester A. Knepper, U. S. N., arrived in Somerset Tuesday morning to spend twenty-four hours with his father's—ex-Sheriff Knepper's—family before setting out for San Francisco, where he has been ordered to report for duty on board the U. S. S. "Ranger," which will do surveying duty on the west coast of Mexico for some time to come. Ensign Knepper was transferred from the man-of-war "Yantic," now anchored at the Brooklyn navy yard.

The many friends of Mr. B. F. Snyder, of Ursina, throughout the county will be pained to learn of what is feared will prove a fatal accident that befel him on Friday. Only meagre particulars have been received at this time but it appears that Mr. Synder, who is engaged in the lumber business in the Turkeyfoots, in endeavoring to draw the rubber on a heavily ladened wagon, near Kingwood was thrown under the vehicle and the wheels of the rear end with their enormous weight passed over his prostrate body, almost extinguishing life. We trust that Mr. Snyder is not so seriously injured as reported and that a speedy recovery will follow.

J. Cal. Lowry, Esq., left for Jersey City Monday morning in response to a telegram from Senator Quay, chairman of the Republican National committee. Engagements have been made for Mr. Lowry to deliver tariff speeches in New Jersey every day prior to the 20th of the present month, after which date he will let his batteries loose on the "unterrified" and "mugwump" free-traders of the Empire state. This engagement with the Republican National committee is a deserved compliment to Mr. Lowry's unpretentious ability as an intelligent and earnest public speaker and one who is thoroughly acquainted with the great question threatening destruction to the manufacturing interests of the country.

Among the many Somerset young men who are making their mark in the various walk of life in the different cities none are more deserving or noteworthy, than Herman B. Kooser, who has recently been appointed Travelling Freight Agent of the Missouri Pacific Railroad with headquarters at Omaha. Only a few years ago and one year before his name appeared on the company's pay rolls "Herm" was handling freight on the old Somerset & Mineral Point Railroad, where he attracted the attention of those in authority by his close and careful attention to business. Promotion since then has rapidly followed, and he has occupied responsible positions with railway companies in different cities, each appointment being an advance on the one preceding.

We see by the Scranton papers that our late fellow townsman, A. J. Colborn, Jr., has the harness on, and is rendering good service for Harrison, Morton, and the cause of Protection. He has made several telling speeches. Ajax Jr. is the boy who can do it. The following is clipped from a Scranton paper:

A WORTHY TRIBUTE.—Our own A. J. Colborn Jr. is on the list of eminent speakers of the Harrison-Morton campaign. This is a worthy tribute to Mr. Colborn, who will hold his own, being an eloquent speaker, and thoroughly versed in the question that protects American industry. "Hear me now," Mr. Colborn will make the welkin ring with his resonant voice, and his eloquent appeal will be an impress on the inquiring mind.

NOT GUILTY.

THE VERDICT OF TWELVE GOOD MEN AND TRUE

In the Case of Edmund Cummins and I. N. Kemp,

Indicted for Firing the Odd Fellows and Coffroth-Scull Buildings, on the Night of May 16, 1888.

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL ON THE GROUND OF AFTER-DISCOVERED EVIDENCE IN THE GLADE HOUSE CASE.

KEMP DISCHARGED, CUMMINS REMANDED TO JAIL.

No case or cases that have been tried in the Somerset courts since the Wolfgang Hoffman murder trial, some ten years since, have excited the same degree of interest in this community or in the county at large, as the two cases tried in the Over and Terminer Court at the term just closed, in which Edmund Cummins and Isaac Newton Kemp were indicted for setting fire to the Glade House on the night of May 7, 1888, and with starting the fire which destroyed the Odd Fellows and Coffroth-Scull block just ten days later.

Full particulars of both fires were published in the HERALD at the time they occurred as well as the fact of the arrest of Cummins and Kemp and the full proceedings at the hearing held by Judge Baer when the defendants were brought before his Honor on a writ of *habeas corpus*.

A synopsis of the testimony adduced on the trial of the first case, on a charge of arson in setting fire to the Glade House, and the verdict of the jury, acquitting Kemp and convicting Cummins, appeared in our issue of last week.

These trials have been the one theme of discussion for weeks past, on the corners, in offices, stores and shops, wherever men do congregate, to the exclusion of almost every other topic. Politics were entirely eschewed for the time being, and the tariff, that venerable chestnut that has done duty on so many occasions, that one subject that no Somerset man was ever known to be too tired or too busy to argue, was quietly laid on the shelf, within reaching distance, and the question of the guilt or innocence of the "Squire" and Kemp was freely and earnestly and at times excitedly discussed by all hands and at all times. The sessions of the court were closely attended by almost the entire male population and quite a number of ladies, too, were interested listeners to the whole of the trial.

Public opinion was strongly on the side of the prisoners, scarcely anyone being willing to believe that two young men, born and reared in the pure, free air of Somerset county could be guilty of a deed so dastardly, of a crime so heinous as that laid at the door of the defendants. Public opinion is not often wrong. Of course, there were those who thought, and still think, the defendants guilty, and they are not at all backward in expressing their opinion, but they are largely in the minority.

The work of impanneling a jury on the second case was taken up Saturday afternoon and the full panel of forty-eight names had been exhausted and sixteen talesmen summoned before twelve men acceptable to both prosecution and defense could be secured.

THE JURY.

Following are the names of twelve good men and true who were sworn to "well and truly try the issue joined between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania plaintiff, and Edmund Cummins and I. N. Kemp, defendants, and a true verdict render according to the evidence":

John O. Hay, Irvin W. Sullivan, Wesley Miller, Peter Weimer, W. A. Arkley, John A. Morrison, Ephraim Livengood, Lorenzo Geisler, Henry Wolfhope, Daniel Keefer, Daniel Trent and Samuel Coleman.

After the jury had been sworn the court dismissed them till Monday morning, first having admonished them to speak to no one or to allow no one to speak to them or in their presence of any matter relating to the case which they had just been sworn to try.

Court commenced at half past ten o'clock Monday morning and as soon as a few motions had been disposed of by the court the trial of the case was begun.

At the Commonwealth table sat District Attorney Biesecker, A. H. Coffroth, W. H. Ruppel, A. C. Holbert, F. J. Kooser and Val. Hay Esqs., while at the table at which sat the defendants, were W. H. Koontz, John R. Scott and J. C. Lowry Esqs.

In reply to the question by the court, "who opens for the Commonwealth?" W. H. Ruppel Esq., arose and in a calm and deliberate manner proceeded to explain to the jury the nature of the case which they were about to try. He read the acts of assembly under which the indictment was drawn and stated in a clear and forcible way the testimony which the Commonwealth proposed to produce to establish the guilt of the prisoners. He said that the Commonwealth was not there asking for the conviction of innocent men; that if, after hearing all the evidence produced, their remained in the minds of the jury a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the defendants, it was their duty to acquit.

THE EVIDENCE.

W. H. Ruppel was the first witness called on the part of the Commonwealth. He described the location of the burnt buildings and produced a draft of the Coffroth building giving a complete description of the office and outbuildings; came to the office the evening of the fire, about 9 o'clock; looked in and saw that everything was all right; had been a little wood fire in the furnace in fore part of the day, but had been allowed to die out. His key to the office had been lost sometime previous to fire; had a new key made. Heard the alarm of fire about 12:30 o'clock at night, ran to office, was unable to open the door, opened the window, reached inside and found a key in the door, which fell on the floor as he tried to take it out. He then showed a key which had been found in the cellar of the building shortly after the fire and which he thought was his lost key, and was the one that was in the door the night of the fire. He thought that the building had been oiled from the fact the fire burned more rapidly after water was thrown on than before.

Harry Saylor said that he was a painter, that he was early at the fire and that the inside office burned as though it had been oiled.

Sarah Kautz and C. F. Uhl testified to being awakened by the sound of an explosion and hearing some one run from the direction of the building.

A number of witnesses who were among the first at the fire testified as to its origin, being in the rear of the Coffroth building.

Mr. Oliver Knepper told how a party of citizens united for the purpose of investigating the origin of the fire, and employed detective Cribbs at $3.00 per day and expenses.

John C. Pile, said that behind heard Squire Cummins say that there would be one of the d—dest conflagrations in this town ever seen.

Jacob Brown testified, to threats made by Cummins while in the penitentiary. This testimony was the same as in the first case as was the testimony of Andrew Zuick in regard to threats made by Cummins.

Mrs. Clark Benford said she had seen Cummins at Vought's grocery store the night of the fire with gum boots on. W. R. Sanner saw Cummins at the same place with gum boots and gum coat on.

A number of witnesses were called to show that Cummins and Kemp had been seen together on days prior and since the fire.

Miss Mame Weimer testified to having seen Cummins about 11 o'clock the night of the fire, at Benford's corner, with gum coat and slippers on.

Messrs. Berkey and Gastiger, students in the office of Coffroth & Ruppel testified as to the condition they had left the office in the night of the fire.

Mr. Martin Shaffer, said he was the clerk at the Somerset House, and the night of the fire, between 10 and 11 o'clock, Cummins and Kemp came to the office together. Kemp wanted to sleep there. He refused to keep him. About a quarter of 12 he saw two men pass up the street whom he recognized as Cummins and Kemp.

Curtis Grove saw the defendants cross the street at the Somerset House a little after 10 o'clock the night of the fire.

George S. McClay, a young man from Uniontown, swore that as he was going to his hotel the night of the fire, about 12 o'clock, he saw a man come from the direction of the Benford alley, passed within two feet of the man, and recognized 'Squire Cummins. It was a dark night and the witness was a stranger in town, and had only seen Cummins once or twice before.

Jacob Cook testified to having heard three men pass his house about midnight, also to having examined the Somerset House stable the night of the fire, to see if anyone was sleeping on the mow.

Theodore Klimmel testified that he slept in the Heffley building, adjoining the buildings burned.

The testimony of the detectives Cribbs and Carpenter was to same effect as in the first case.

The case on the part of the defense was opened by J. R. Scott Esq.

After the defense had made their formal opening they proceeded to show by twelve of his neighbors that Jacob U. Brown, who had testified to threats made by Cummins while in the penitentiary, was unworthy of belief.

Thos. Gainer, Ross Davis and others testified to seeing Cummins at the fire and to the fact that he did good work in attempting to extinguish the flames.

Several witnesses were called to contradict statements made by the commonwealth's witness, McClay.

Westley Johnson, testified that the detective Carpenter, had told him that Cummins had never made any confessions to him in the Johnstown lock-up.

Elmer Roberts swore that Carpenter told him that Cummins had never told him anything about the fires, and that he, Carpenter, didn't believe they were guilty.

Mrs. Gertrude Hall, a sister of Cummins' said: Ed has been making his home with me, was at home the night of the fire; had been at home early in the evening, and went up street. When painting he wears low shoes with rubbers over them. He had been sick, and came to me, and asked me for medicine. I had often given him medicine before. I had finished my work and put my children to bed and sat down to read between ten and eleven o'clock, not later than eleven. I am positive as to the hour. Ed came up stairs. I asked him if he had locked the door. He said he had; he then went to bed, on the west side of the house, on the 2nd floor. Saw him in bed. I took a vessel to him after he had gone to bed thinking he might throw up. I sat down and resumed reading; looked at clock at 11:30; read till 12:15. Had gotten prepared for bed; went to my brother's door to ask him how he felt; saw that he was sleeping soundly. He didn't speak. Then I retired. I had scarcely dozed when I was aroused by the cry of fire. I jumped up and ran to the window and looked up street; saw a light; thought I wouldn't waken Bud as he'd been sick. As I went toward his door to close it, so he wouldn't hear the cry, he jumped up and came running into my room pulling on his pants, saying my God, Gert, there's fire again. I tried to keep him from going to the fire because he was always so daring and burned his clothes so badly and generally got very little thanks for it. He came back the next morning after day light.

The defendant Kemp then took the stand and swore that he had nothing to do with setting fire to the buildings named. He said his home was in Harnedsville and that he had been engaged in the nursery business. He said he was addicted to getting on spees and that after he took the first drink he was gone till he got so sick he couldn't drink any more. He told of his whereabouts for days before and after the fire and said that the night of the fire he went into the Somerset House stable and crawled under some hay on the mow and went to sleep. Was awakened by the alarm of fire and went to the fire and worked to extinguish the flames.

Edmund Cummins denied that he had had anything to do with firing the buildings or that he had made any confession to the detective Carpenter. Said he was in town at the time of the fire; had been doing some painting around town, wore low quartered shoes; wore over shoes with them, to keep from slipping when painting. Had been drinking very little that night. Went to Benford's drug store to get a bottle of peppermint or jamaica ginger; may have had gum coat on; was making a bargain with Tom Gainer to sell him that coat. May have been in Vought's; went home between 10 and 11 o'clock and went to bed; may have been 11 o'clock or after. Never saw McClay till I saw him sitting in witness chair; wakened up and heard the cry of fire and heard people running past the house; put on pants, vest and hat and went to fire; worked till fire was under control. Never made any threats to Jacob U. Brown; have no malice against General Coffroth and was on good terms with him as far as I know.

A number of witnesses were called in rebuttal and sur-rebuttal after which the case was marked closed.

SUMMING UP.

The summing up of the evidence began at the afternoon session, Wednesday. Owing to the importance of the case counsel were not limited as to time. F. J. Kooser, Esq., went to the jury first on behalf of the Commonwealth, and in the hour and more in which he spoke he reviewed much of the testimony and made as ingenious an argument as the nature of the case allowed. J. C. Lowry, Esq., followed for the defense. After Mr. Lowry sat down, W. H. Koontz, Esq. arose and did the principal summing up for the defense. He spoke for an hour and a half, making one of the strongest, clearest and most exhaustive arguments ever made before a Somerset County jury. He fairly roasted the detectives who had been upon the stand and dissected the testimony of many of the Commonwealth's witnesses especially Brown's and McClay's in a most vigorous and pittiless manner. At the close of Mr. Koontz's argument the court adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m. At the evening session Val. Hay Esq., completed the suming up for the prosecution, the court delivered a fair and impartial charge and the jury retired to their room.

At the opening of Court Thursday morning a large crowd of anxious spectators was in attendance all eager to learn the decision of the jury. As soon as court was called the jury in charge of two constables, marched solemnly in and took their seats in the jury box. The foreman handed a slip of paper to the clerk who passed it to the president judge, who read it and handed it back to the clerk, with the remark, "take the verdict."

The clerk said: "Gentlemen of the jury hearken to your verdict as the court records it, in the issue joined between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, plaintiff and Edmund Cummins and I. N. Kemp defendants, you say you find the defendants 'not guilty,' and so you say all." As soon as the verdict was taken, on motion of counsel, the defendant Kemp was discharged from custody.

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

A motion for a new trial was filed by Cummins' counsel in the Glade House case. In support of their motion they filed a number of affidavits disclosing testimony that had not been discovered at the time of the trial. Judge Baer ordered the motion to be placed on the argument list and remanded Cummins to jail pending the decision on the motion for a new trial which will be fully argued at the next regular argument court.

There should be some compulsory education in our town, judging from the number of little urchins about the streets during school hours, for which there is no excuse, whatever, on the part of parents. A man who has children and won't send them to school when the cost is mostly paid for him by other people ought to be made to pay double school taxes, if nothing worse.

Mr. Robert J. Burdette has been licensed as a Baptist minister at Marion, Penna.

If you move from your present tesidence before election, you will lose your vote.

Terrible and Fatal Accident at Hyndman.

A most terrible and shocking accident happened about half past 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, at Hyndman, in Bedford county, whereby two young men, sons of prominent citizens of Hyndman, lost their lives. The unfortunate victims of the accident were John Miller, aged 15 years, and Alfred Gross, aged 14 years. Friday morning Alfred Robb aged 28 years, a resident of Hyndman, took his shot-gun and started for the woods in search of game. He returned about 1 o'clock and proceeded up the principal street toward his home. On the way thither he met young Miller and Gross near the public school building. The boys were on their way to school and meeting Mr. Robb, stopped and engaged in conversation as to the success of his adventure in the woods. During the course of his recital, Mr. Robb, who had been holding his gun on his shoulder attempted to lower it to his side, and in doing so the hammer of the gun caught in some unaccountable manner in his clothing and falling on the cap discharged the weapon, the charge taking affect in the faces of the boys. A portion of the charge struck young Miller on the head near the temple killing him instantly.

Young Gross, who received the rest of the charge in the neck and face, managed to run in the direction of his house, a distance of fifty feet, when he, too, fell to the ground and expired. The news of the terrible calamity soon spread through the village and almost simultaneously with the shooting a large crowd collected upon the scene. Robb upon examining the body of young Miller, who was lying at his feet, and finding that he was dead, hastened to the spot where the body of young Gross was lying, and when he discovered that he, too, was dead, fell to the ground in a faint, and from that time his mind has undergone a great change, it being feared by his friends that his mind will be permanently impaired over the result of the accident.

The bodies of the victims present an awful spectacle. Nearly the whole of Miller's face is blown away, exposing the bones of the face and skull. Gross' remains do not present such a revolting appearance, as the shot lodged mostly in his neck. The shot used in the gun was what is known as No. 6, an ordinary size. Young Miller was the son of Henry Miller, proprietor of the New hotel at Hyndman, and the boy Gross was the son of Benjamin Gross, division foreman of the Pennsylvania railroad at Hyndman. The terrible affair has cast a gloom over the entire community, and the parents of the unfortunate victims are receiving the sympathy of all. It is not believe that Mr. Robb will ever again have complete control of his mind as he is suffering terribly, mentally, over the result of the accident.

Accidental Shooting.

William, the eighteen-year-old son of William Yinkey, residing in Somerset township, about four miles south of town, met with his death in a most horrible manner on Friday last. He arose early in the morning of that day, and thought he would spend an hour before the morning meal in hunting for squirrels in the woods surrounding the farm. While hunting a day or two before young Mr. Yinkey was impressed with the idea that his game-piece, an old "army musket," didn't shoot true to the mark, and precious to setting out Friday morning he proceeded to give it a cleansing. Seated on the floor of the woodshed, some fifty feet from the Yinkey domicile, with the gun resting between his knees, he was endeavoring to withdraw the charge that had been left in it from the former hunt, when for some unknown reason the gun was discharged, the iron ram-rod that had been inserted into the barrel passing entirely through the body of the unfortunate boy, entering the lower part of the stomach, and coming out close by the back-bone with such force that it penetrated the plank side of the building to the depth of several inches. The charge of powder and shot struck his right hand, lacerating it frightfully. Immediately after the explosion the young man, in his crippled condition, gathered himself together and walked over to the dwelling, where he informed the family of the accident that had just happened, and asked to be helped up stairs to bed. Dr. H. S. Kimmell was at once summoned, and on his arrival did all in his power to relieve the suffering of the poor boy, who grew weaker and weaker, and after lingering until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, quietly passed away.

A Night of Rare Enjoyment.

It is an uncommon thing for a new company or a new play to draw a big house in this city, but last night was a notable exception to the rule, when Peck & Furman's superb dramatic company made their initial appearance in the border drama entitled, "On the trail; or, Daniel Boone, the Pioneer," for an audience that packed the Academy of Music almost to suffocation was present, and one and all went home highly pleased by the entertainment furnished. The play differs from any border drama ever presented here, in the fact that the "blood and thunder" element was almost entirely eliminated, which was a very agreeable surprise. Jobner, the scout, appeared in the title role and appeared as much at home before the footlights as in handling a Winchester in a skirmish on the frontier. The company is a good one, notably Mr. George Barr, as *Simon Kenton*, the renegade, and Mr. J. L. Unger, as *Blackfish*, the Indian chief. A band of genuine Shawnee Indians, five horses, a donkey and wild animals introduced tend to produce a realism never before witnessed in a dramatic production. We wish this company success, for it is certainly deserved.—*Meadville (Pa.) Republican.*

The above company will appear in the Somerset Opera House Friday evening, October 12th. Reserved seats for sale at Neff & Casebeer's.

The Reformed Synod.

The Pittsburgh Synod of the Reformed Church met in annual session in Amity Reformed Church, Meyersdale, on September 28th, at 7:30 p. m. The organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President—Rev. Hiram King, of Somerset.

Vice President—Rev. Lucian Cort, of Greensburg.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. D. N. Harnish, of Butler.

Rev. John M. Shick, of Greenville, is stated clerk.

The matters of business claiming attention were presented to the Synod in the itemized reports of standing committees, appointed by the President for the purpose. These had to do with minutes of Synod, minutes of classes, overtures, state of the Church, education, literary institutions, missions, etc. After exhausting the committees' reports, and acting on such matters as came before Synod in other forms; and spending resolutions on the minutes expressive of Synod's gratefulness for hospitality accorded by the people of Meyersdale, and excursions granted by the railroades, the Synod adjourned finally, to meet in next annual session in the first Reformed Church, Greensburg, Pa., on the first Wednesday of October, 1889, at 7:30 p. m.

Death of Mrs. Baer.

Died, at Somerset, on Friday, the 5th day of October, 1888, Mrs. Anna Maria Roer, widow of Major Solomon Baer, in her 90th year.

She was the mother of Hon. Wm. J. Baer, our present worthy president judge, Herman L. Baer, Esq., Lieut. Harry G. Baer, and of George F. Baer, Esq., of Reading, Penn'a. Mother Baer was confirmed in the Reformed Church at Berlin, Pa., in her 18th year, by the Rev. Father Giesy, and from that time until her death was a consistent Christian lady, amiable, kind-hearted, producing around her an influence that always culminated to the glory of her Heavenly Father, into whose presence she laid herself down in sleep as if in a pleasant dream, manifesting her wish to be called home to that better world, for which she had for so many years prepared herself, and to which she felt confident her faith and practice would take her.

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Autumn School Arbor Day.

We have received a circular from Dr. E. E. Higbee, Superintendent of Public Instruction, appointing Friday, October 19th as an Autumn School Arbor Day, and earnestly urging upon superintendents, teachers and school officers throughout the State the propriety of using every effort to forward this important work, employing such means as their judgment may direct. He desires the teachers to report to their respective superintendents what improvements were made to their school grounds, with the number of trees, shrubs and vines planted, and he desires the superintendents to forward to his department at Harrisburg a synopsis of the report of the teachers not later than the 15th of November.

Republican Meeting and Pole Raising.

The Republicans of Jefferson Township raised a handsome Harrison and Morton pole at Bakersville, Saturday afternoon. Although the rain came down steadily all day, it in no wise quenched or dampened the enthusiasm of the Jefferson Republicans, who turned out in goodly numbers and placed the poll in position. After the raising a meeting was organized at the house of Mr. Henry Mull. Mr. Frederick Shaulis was chosen president of the meeting, with John Morrison, Henry Mull, Wesley Barclay, P. L. Shultz, John Gardner and John Schrock as vice presidents, and A. B. Howard, Isaiah Christ, David Gardner and Peter Shaulis as secretaries. The Lavansville band was present and furnished some excellent music. Brief speeches were made by F. J. Kooser, Esq., Capt. W. H. Sanner, J. C. Lowry and George R. Scull, Esqrs.

Road and Bridge Views.

Petition of citizens of Elklick Township for viewers to change part of a public road leading from Salisbury to the National pike. Viewers—Alfred Mitchell, surveyor; John H. Bird, John H. Augustine.

Petition of citizens of Greenville Township for viewers to view the site for a bridge over Piney run, where the public highway leading from Pocahontas to Salisbury crosses said run. Viewers—M. D. Miller, surveyor; Jerome Countryman, Elias Yoder.

Petition of citizens of Greenville Township for viewers to view the site for a bridge over Flaugherty creek, where the public highway leading from Hochstetler's church to Wittenburg crosses said creek, near Daniel Shultz's. Viewers—Howard Keim, surveyor; J. M. Hay, A. P. Beachy.

Petition of citizens of Quemahoning Twp. for viewers to view the bridge over Beaver dam creek, on the Somerset and Stoyestown road. Viewers—Josiah Good, Henry Barnett, David Emert.

Petition of citizens of Middlecreek Township for viewers to view the site for a bridge over Middlecreek, near Dunkard church in said Township. Viewers—C. H. Schmucker, surveyor; David Weller and Jonathan L. Miller.

Report of the Grand Jury on Court House and Jail.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Somerset County.

We, the Grand Jury, through our foreman, respectfully report. That we have visited the public buildings and made a careful examination of the court house and jail, and find both in bad condition and repair, and recommend the following:

1st. That a good and suitable carpet be purchased for the court room, halls and stair ways, also new chairs, desks and carpets for the grand jury room and the various offices.

2nd. We further recommend that some means be adopted to better ventilate the court room and that the room be placed in good repair, whatever may be necessary.

3rd. That all shutters at the windows be repaired, and that the trees in the yard standing close to the court house that darken the offices be trimmed or removed at the discretion of the Court.

4th. That the jail be remodeled and put in suitable and convenient order and repair, with such additions erected thereto as may be necessary to fully subserve its purposes.

5th. That we condemn the public water closet, and recommend that it be removed and be built in the rear of the addition that may be built to the jail.

6th. That a sufficient sewer be made to carry off all matter from vaults of jail and public water closets to the creek below town, provided a right of way can be obtained.

7th. That the sum of such improvements shall not exceed ($20,000.) Twenty thousand dollars.

Geo. W. Gaseman,
Foreman.

Corner Stone Laying.

On September 30th the Lutheran congregation of Lavansville laid the corner stone of their new church, located on the old site. Rev. Shearer preached an eloquent sermon in the Reformed church, after which the pastor explained that the building Committee needed more funds, and the response came from the audience to the sum of over $5,000, after which the crowd wended their way to the new building, to lay the corner stone. The following were deposited in a strong copper box, soldered air-tight: Old coin, from former corner stone; coin of present day; list of church members, and Sunday-school members; names of subscribers toward new building; Bible; Book of Worship; Augsburg Teacher; Lesson Book; Junior Lesson Book; Little Ones; Lutheran Year Book.

The following papers were deposited in the corner Stone: *Lutheran Observer, Lutheran Evangelist*, Somerset HERALD, *Democrat* and *Times*; names of officiating ministers, church officers and building committee. President of the United States, Governor of Pennsylvania, &c.

The building will be one of the neatest and best arranged in the county, built of brick, its dimensions being 70x52 feet, with recess, pulpit and wing of five feet at each side, making the form of a cross, and making the extreme width 42 feet, with audience and lecture room, and a fine ladies' parlor.

The people of Lavansville and vicinity went home feeling glad that they are doing so noble a work for the Lord and the building committee is to be congratulated on their wisdom in selecting so good a plan.

Visitor.

Mt. Moriah Items.

Our bee men tell us that although we had a wet and flowery summer, yet it was not a sweet one, as their bees started only about one-half the amount of honey they did last year.

Joseph Crist is still in the sewing machine trade, in spite of the numerous reports that he had quit. He says he is doing a booming trade for the White.

Your correspondent was shown some very fine peaches by Mr. Jerry Crist, taken from a tree on his farm that has borne fruit each year for the past thirty years, with but two exceptions.

Mr. Wm. S. Horner has opened his cider press, but reports a poor trade. He says, however, that he made better and sweeter cider this year than for many years previous. The apples are not plentiful this year, the sour ones being much scarcer than sweet.

Our farmers have used a great deal of lime this year, and would have used much more had not the supply been short. But this defect is now being remedied. Messrs. Cornelius Beachley and H. D. Lohr are each erecting large draw kilns, and each have good quarries of lime and excellent coal. This enterprise will add greatly to the convenience of our farmers, in supplying them all the lime they may need.

It is a well-known fact that a change of seed grain is essential to first-class farming; that new varieties do better than old ones, especially when brought from other climates. But never was this clearer demonstrated in this community than within the past two years, by the introduction of the Japanese buckwheat. It is not only better in quality, but yields fully double to the acre. It was introduced by Mr. Daniels, but a number of our farmers have raised it, all with the same success.

Occasional.

Republican Meetings!

Meetings will be held at the following times and places, when the issues involved in the great political battle now being waged will be presented and discussed by competent speakers:

Shanksville, Saturday,	Oct.	13,	at 2 p. m.	
Will's Church,	"	"	" 7	"
Stoyestown,	"	"	" 2	"
Friedens,	"	"	" 7	"
Colemans,	"	"	" 2	"
Glencoe,	"	"	" 2	"
Davidsville, Wednesday,	"	17,	" 7	"
Scalp Level, Thursday,	"	18,	"