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### Somerset County National Bank

OF SOMERSET, PA.  
Established 1877. Organized as a National Bank, 1890.  
CAPITAL \$50,000.  
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Wm. B. Freese, Vice Pres't.  
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TEN JAP. SCREENS.  
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### THE "DICKENS" GALLERY.

Within the town of Weissenichtwo the famous building stands. And there the picture-lovers go. From all adjacent lands; And once I also returned to stay. Among the rest, to see The exhibition of the day The Dickens Gallery.

### THE EARLIEST ANIMALS.

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### A BITTER DOSE.

But the Democrats Must Swallow It.

The Democrats now feel that the Republican party means to lead in the coming year a free ballot and an honest count at the South.

Realizing this, they are about ready to throw up the sponge. They are gone, and they know they are gone. They read the handwriting on the wall. They will, of course, keep up a howl and "die in the last ditch," as they have been doing right along ever since Appomattox; and the Republicans will go right ahead with the Federal Election law as they did with the new rules in the House.

Up to this time the Democrats had confidently counted upon controlling the next House of Representatives through their fraudulent counts at the South, aided by the Ohio gerrymander. If they could not do this, they would have a great outburst at the Congressional vote in the Middle States should be canvassed by United States returning boards, as is contemplated in the floor bill, but they regard it as all right to have the votes counted in the House.

The result of Southern election methods in case of a re-count in its effects that the government would very properly step in to prevent the crime of suppressing and completely changing the expression of the public will. When whole States at the South, returning seven, ten and twelve members, can send their delegations to Washington upon a less agreeable vote than is cast in the regular elections, it is not surprising that a representative government subject to a strain it cannot long endure. Upon such vital economic questions as the tariff it takes the votes of seven men in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan and other Northern States to equal the power exercised by one man in such lately rebellious States as South Carolina, Alabama and Mississippi.

THE SCENE OF THE SPECTACULAR.

Besides in many of the districts in the Gulf States the negroes outnumber the whites four or five to one, or even more. Now everybody knows that in these districts nearly all of the whites are Democrats, while the blacks, almost without exception, would vote the Republican ticket. The black men have the constitutional right to vote and have their votes counted, and are just as much an integral part of American citizenship as the blue-bloods and mungumps of Boston street, Boston.

What the Republican party propose, even at this late day, is to secure the right of citizenship to legal voters everywhere, from Maine to Texas, this, and something more. It is not proposed to interfere with the election of State officers, and separate ballot boxes are to be used for receiving the Congressional vote, so that the Federal supervisors can have no pretext for attempting to exercise a supervision over the casting or the counting of local tickets.

It will secure to the Southern States the full measure of that "home rule," about which they prate so eloquently, and leave them free to pursue their peculiar methods to keep the negroes from getting "on top." The state will be sovereign in those things pertaining to the State, but the Nation proposes to send its agents to look after her own, in order that the constitutional mandate declaring that representation shall be equal may be respected even by men who took up arms to nullify that Constitution and to destroy the Government.

The mills of the gods grind slow, but exceeding fine, and the Democrats just as well prepare to take their medicine.

### A Temperance Story.

An exceedingly practical temperance lecture was preached to the freight-handlers at one of the stations of the Pennsylvania railroad a short time ago by the Rev. Mr. J. H. Johnson. The result is that each man now wears a blue ribbon and all mysterious-looking casks and barrels which are put off at that station are left severely alone. A few months ago there came to this place by express a big barrel accompanied by any thing and nothing to mark by which the owner or its destination could be learned. There was an odor of whisky about it, and it looked suspiciously like a whisky barrel. A tracer was sent over the road, but nothing could be learned as to where it came from, to whom it was going or by whom it was owned. It stood on the platform for a few days until it became a nuisance to the freight-handlers, who eyed it longingly, but could not get at it while it was in that conspicuous place. By the order of the station agent the barrel was taken to the left of the store-room to await for a possible owner who might turn up some time in the future. It had been there for two or three months when one of the express companies' men went to the station agent and told him he was looking for a barrel of alcohol with two skeletons inside of it.

The station agent remembered the mysterious barrel and took the searcher to the left. He immediately identified the barrel as the one which he was looking for. A kick from his foot produced a hollow sound, followed by the rattling of some of the contents. The station agent examined the barrel and found that the holes had been made in the head, and that the holes had been plugged up with matches.

The station agent sent for the freight-handlers to have them come to the left and help take the barrel down.

"It's empty," faltered one of the men. "Yes, I know, but I want to see if there is any thing inside of it," said the express agent, at the same time breaking in the head of the barrel with an ax. Out tumbled the two skeletons, to the horror and dismay of the freight-handlers. They were dumfounded and fled from the left instantly. Not one of the men turned up for work for three days. All were anxious to see the freight-handlers that they were sick. When they did come back each wore a blue ribbon, and they have not since been known to take a drink of whisky. Unclaimed freight is absolutely safe at the station now.

### An Extraordinary Tree.

One of the most extraordinary of African trees is that known as the baobab. It is almost a forest in itself, and serves for a complete sylvan palace on the largest scale. Rarely growing more than seventy feet high its branches extend horizontally, supported by a trunk which has a girth greater, it is believed, than that of any other known tree. One of these extraordinary trees was found on measurement to be forty feet in diameter. The age of another—counting the concentric rings—was found to be 2000 years at the very least.

Every hour in a man's life has its own special work possible for it, and for no other hour within the allotted span of years, and once gone it will not return.