

The Somerset Herald.

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An individual in Canton, Ohio, declares that he has a machine that will make it rain. So has McKinley, who lives in the same town. His machine will make it rain Republican ballots in November next.

On Saturday next, July 4th, another star will be added to our National flag, which will then contain forty-four. An act of Congress makes it obligatory that another star shall be added to the flag on the Fourth of July first ensuing after the admission of a new State. Wyoming was admitted on the 13th of July last, and hence the additional star will be added on Saturday next, it being the Fourth of July first ensuing after her admission as a State of the Union.

From and after to-day (July 1st) Uncle Jerry Hook, Commissioner of Agriculture, will be in charge of the weather. On the 15th date the Weather Bureau will be transferred from the Army Signal Service and will be entirely under control of the Secretary of Agriculture. If hereafter you want weather made to order, send you application to "Uncle Jerry."

Mr. GAST, editor of the Southern Alliance Farmer, says: "We will do everything in our power to reconcile the differences between Georgia Alliance men and the Democratic party, with whom they have so long allied themselves. This ought to show the farmers of the West that the Alliance is only an assistant to the old Bourbon party, and that it was organized in the South for that purpose. Whenever the Alliance talks about a third party it is not to work against Democracy."

On Tuesday last the Commissioner of Pensions affixed his signature to pension certificates No. 9208 granted for disabilities incurred during the civil war more than a quarter of a century ago. There are still hundreds of thousands of claims to be acted upon, and the wonder is where the claimants come from. Uncle Sam's pension list is more expensive than any of the military establishments of Europe, and it is constantly growing. In 1892 there were \$1,254,716,000 paid to pensioners in thirty-three years the enormous sum of \$1,254,716,000.

Of course, Governor Patton has vetoed the apportionment bills. Nobody expected anything else. Unless the State were reformed and the Democrats given half a dozen members of Congress they are not entitled to it. It is a safe conclusion that the Congressional apportionment bill would not receive his approval. This, however, is of not much importance; the districts remain as they are, and next year we will elect the two additional members we are entitled to on the State ticket. As to the Legislature, the vetoed bill gave Somerset county but one member; if we were to retain our two members until the apportionment is made, which it is not likely will occur under the Patton regime.

Of \$300 each, amounting to \$205,000, and to that the salaries of clerks, messengers, doorkeepers and other necessary employes; then the expenses for fuel, light, furniture, etc.; the expense of publishing the proclamation of the amendments in all the newspapers of the State, and the entire cost of a Constitutional Convention will amount to not less than half a million dollars.

If the Constitution does need amendment, there is a much cheaper and easier way of doing it, provided in the body of that instrument, by which the Legislature can submit to the people such amendments as are desired by them, for their ratification or rejection. It is concluded that the principal object of holding a Convention is to amend the Constitution so as to make it conform with the latest legal system, which has been lately adopted by a number of the States; a system that is cumbersome, intricate, expensive, and annoying to the electors; that is so far an experiment; that has not been thoroughly tested, and has not as yet shown any startling results for good. It is worth while, at an expense of half a million dollars of the taxpayers' money, to rush into a change of the Constitution for the purpose of electing one method of electing our officials, which is of itself a very experiment that is now being tried by some of the States?

Disastrous wind and rain storm in Iowa.

Waterloo, Ia., June 21.—Reports received this morning by Illinois Central officials in this city of a terrible wind and rain storm which prevailed last night along the company's lines, from Storme Lake to Lomas, a distance of fifty-six miles. All the towns are considerably damaged. Four persons were drowned at Cherokee and four at Correctionville. The railroad depot at Calumet was blown down and much damage to town property is reported.

Sutherland, O'Brien county, a small station on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad, five miles from Calumet, is reported to have been wiped out, over forty buildings being blown away. The water was so high it is impossible to obtain accurate information except through the reports transmitted to the railroad officials. Twelve inches of water is reported to have fallen last night in the Cherokee Valley. The Illinois Central, who own the depot at Calumet, left here last night at 10:30, to still at Storme Lake, and the train master here says there is no prospect of moving it in the next twenty-four hours.

Later reports.

Prof. J. M. Berkey, of Berlin, responded in behalf of the delegates, and called attention to the fact that they had already had a foretaste of their welcome by the manner in which they were greeted in the church, by the tasteful decorations woven by deaf hands for our edification, and by the sumptuous repast partaken in by them in the homes.

Lutheran Sabbath School Convention.

Following are the proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convention of the Lutheran Sabbath-school Association of Somerset County, Pa., held in the Lutheran church at Correctionville, Pa., Rev. L. P. Hawkins, Pastor.

A large delegation "flowed together" at Correctionville on the evening of June 22, and hearty greetings of old friends and the making of new acquaintances commenced the order of the day. The delegation found a hearty welcome awaiting them at the church in appropriate mottoes of welcome and exquisite floral decorations delighting the eye as the hand-greets cheered the heart. Then, being disclosed in the honor of the beautiful town nestled among the hills we found a cordial welcome among strangers, and yet not strangers, for the cause bringing us together made us at once mutual friends.

The President, who has done so much for the Sunday-schools of the county and who has been all along the route gathering information for the benefit of the Convention, and tendering kind greetings to all, called the Convention to order at 8 p. m.

The choir, under the excellent leadership of Ross A. Snyder, of New Lexington, promised much for the entertainment and the interest of the Convention. The singing of the hymns, "Come let us sing unto the Lord," was particularly impressive. The exercises opened with a voluntary entitled "Magnifying the Lord," which prepared the minds of the audience for the good things to follow.

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and know that they are doing, and visit them from an necessity to be kept in touch with them.

Dr. Baugher disputed the sentiment that seeing is believing. A stick in the water looks crooked, but that does not make it so. The blackboard is limited in its use. It is sometimes used to show the skill of the artist.

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What is the letter e added to the word "judgment" in the revised version of the Bible which Dr. Baugher—because it is the English way of spelling, says Rev. J. S. Harkey—yes, but do not consider it wise to alter them to save time.

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Light Bay, 15 1/2 hands high, will weigh when matured 1650 to 1700 lbs. by Alhambra, 11:10. First dam by Boston Chief, etc.

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