

Congressman Scull is spending the week in Pittsburgh.

The borough looking entertained nine disorders on the 6th.

Mr. E. D. Baldwin has been appointed postmaster at Lanesville, this county.

P. A. Schell has had the construction of his handsome new store on Main Cross street.

It is selling at 10c per ton, butter at 10 cents per pound, and eggs at 15 cents per dozen in the local market.

Miss Grace Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Lydia Keyman, of Lanesville, are guests at the Somerset House.

S. F. Hickel journeyed all the way from Chicago to Somerset to visit the Fair.

He returned to the windy city Monday.

Miss Mary (Til) has returned to her Somerset home, after a three months visit to friends in the South and West.

The reformer congregation in the bonds of Somerset classic, will hold a reunion on the 20th day of August, at Rockwood.

Somerset Council Royal Arcanum will celebrate their fifth anniversary with a banquet at Vannoe's Park Hotel, Thursday evening.

Franklin and Marshall College has conferred the honorary degree of Master of Arts upon Prof. J. D. Meese, Meersdale's well-known educator.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton and two children, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Linton, of Johnston, are the guests of the latter's father, Oliver Knipper.

Lawyer Paul H. Galther, of Greensburg, and James B. Galther, of Philadelphia, have been spending a few days among their boy-friend friends in this place.

Dr. Stewart Patterson and his brother, Prof. Robert F. Patterson, both of Pittsburgh, have been circulating among their Somerset county friends the past week.

Charles E. Herr, editor of the Butler County Record, is spending a ten days' vacation with relatives in this place. He is accompanied by his wife and family.

Dr. H. M. Taylor, the celebrated consulting physician of Germania Infirmary, Ocala, Fla., has been in town, and declared on the capital stock of that institution two thousand dollars was added to the surplus fund. Both these items were taken from the earnings of the bank for the past six months. The First National Bank has been in operation a year and a half. In that time it has accumulated a surplus fund of six thousand dollars, and besides paying a handsome rate of interest on their investment to its stockholders.

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License Fees Next Year.

Governor Pattison having approved the Wholesale and Retail License bills, as stated recently, the general provisions of the new law regulating the liquor traffic will be similar to that of the old law, but the fee that shall be paid into the treasury of the city, county, borough or township, wherever the licensed places are situated. The fees are as follows:

In cities of the first and second class, \$100; in cities of the third class, \$50; in cities of the fourth class, \$25; in boroughs, \$10; in townships, \$5; in cities of the first and second class, \$100; in cities of the third class, \$50; in cities of the fourth class, \$25; in boroughs, \$10; in townships, \$5.

The money paid into the township treasury is to be applied to keeping the roads in good repair.

The Wholesale License bill provides that in the cities of the first and second class shall be \$1,000; third class, \$500; other cities, \$200; boroughs, \$100; townships, \$100.

The little bug's new enemy.

The little bug which Mr. Jacob I. Kaufman, of Conemaugh township, recently discovered working on his farm, has made such an impression in other parts of the country that the Agricultural Department is to it and an expert who was sent out to interview the animal says that the bug belongs to a family of corn-hill bugs, of which there are half a dozen species. The little bug was first reported by Mr. Kaufman in a letter to the Agricultural Department, and it is possible that many corn-hill bugs are being destroyed from causes unknown to their owners.

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"Uncle Sam's" Nat'l Day.

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The "rags producers," says Mr. Mitchell, "are confined principally to Somerset county, where the sugar maple grows in great abundance. Owing to the fact that the maple sap only runs in the spring, the payment of the bounty can only commence next year when the producers will notify us of the amount of sugar raised. Then an order will have to be sent to testify, for upon the test depends the amount of bounty. Upon sugar testing 80 to 90 degrees by the polariscope the bounty will be 1 1/2 cents per pound. Above 90 per cent, 2 cents per pound. After the test a written statement is sent on to Washington, and the bounty is mailed from there.

"Under the law a producer, to be entitled to the bounty, must raise 200 pounds, or over, yearly. There are hundreds of maple sugar raisers who do not produce 200 pounds and cannot at present be entitled to any bounty. These farmers have been induced to go extensively into the sugar culture, and some of them have planted orchards and fruit trees, as well as maple.

"From the applications handed in the most of the farmers estimate every maple tree's producing capacity at from 25 to 30 pounds, through some raise the capacity as high as 125 trees to make enough sugar to entitle a producer to bounty. Some of the farmers have sent in statements that they have fully 5,000 trees capable of producing about 125,000 pounds of maple sugar. If this proved high grade sugar, the bounty would amount to \$350.

When, but it's hot!

If you want to swing in the shade, we have the best line of hammocks in the county to select from. Also the finest line of canes, at Pritts & Kautner's Book Store.

Kind Words.

From the Myerdsale Register.

THE SOMERSET HERALD, now in its fortieth year of publication under the proprietorship of Col. Scull, has lost none of its old-time vigor, but each of its many volumes has been brighter and better than the previous one. It has under its able and energetic editor, Mr. J. H. Johnston, a staff of men and women who have assembled to bring patriotic oratory.

The festivities were commenced at an early hour Friday evening, when heaven's artillery thundered forth peal after peal, until about 10 o'clock, when the music of the brass band, which was playing in the front of the hall, was interrupted by a salute of the guns. For a time the hearts of the people here were filled with despair but the rain clouds had all rolled by before nine o'clock and the stars twinkled kindly at the boys whose pockets were bulging out with fire cracker and large pop.

All the church bells in town rang forth at 3 o'clock, proclaiming liberty and happiness to all men in tones that must have been gratifying to the shade of John Adams but which added nothing to the joy of the living. The old citizens thus happily forgot their grief for the loss of the old days and were filled with the spirit of the youth of the country. For a time the hearts of the people here were filled with despair but the rain clouds had all rolled by before nine o'clock and the stars twinkled kindly at the boys whose pockets were bulging out with fire cracker and large pop.

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Save Yourself Money.

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To Our Subscribers.

The special announcement which appeared in this issue, was not put up for its insertion. All persons having knowledge of soldiers of the late war from Somerset county who were killed or died while in the service, will please forward their names at once to the undersigned. The names of those only who were discharged from the army, and who were discharged from the army, and who were discharged from the army, and who were discharged from the army, and