The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....August 5, 1891.

REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

COUNTY.

FOR PRESIDENT JUDGE,
FRANCIS J. KOOSER, ESQ., of Somerset Borough.
Subject to the decision of the District Conference.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE,
NOAH BIESECKER, of Quemahoning Twp.

FOR JURY COMMISSIONER,
DANIEL W. SAYLOR, of Somerset Twp.

FOR POOR HOUSE DIRECTOR,
JOSEPH L. MILLER, of Somerset Twp.

REPORTS from the Western States continue to give most favorable accounts of the immense wheat crop.

GRASSHOPPERS are damaging the oats and pasture fields in Van Wert and adjoining counties, in Ohio.

A new demagogue has come to the front, who proposes to pay the ex-slaves $400,000,000 in pensions.

SENATOR QUAY has resigned his position as a member of the Republican National Committee.

TWENTY-THREE States have now given women the right to vote in the selection of school boards.

JERRY SIMPSON keeps up his insane howling at John Sherman. It counts for as much as a dog baying the moon.

LARGE sums of money are now being sent from the East to the West to move the great grain crop coming into market.

"POOR Mortgaged Kansas" is fattening her hogs on peaches, while Simpson is down South telling stories of her pauperism.

DEMOCRATS claim "there is a split in the Republican party in Ohio." We advise them to keep their fingers out of the crack.

THE oldest printer in the United States has just died again. The oldest printer dies almost as numerously as the oldest Mason.

THE Wyoming Legislature has passed a law taxing bachelors $2 each per annum. The Legislature was elected by female as well as male suffrage. Significant fact.

EX-SPEAKER REED has returned from his European trip. Look out for a Democratic howl all along the line when he takes the stump in Ohio and excoriates the animals.

THE proposed Constitutional Convention is not meeting with much favor. The people are letting it severely alone, and a large majority of the press of the State is hostile to it.

NOTWITHSTANDING the Farmers' Alliance is doing all in its power to hold back the sale of wheat, it is said that Chicago never received so much of that article any one week as it did last week, and the influx has only begun.

RECENT statistics show the estimated population of the world to be 1,487,000,000, an increase of eight per cent. in ten years. Europe is the most thickly settled, having a population of 380,000,000, or 101 persons to the square mile.

A story was started a few days since that Hon. John W. Noble, Secretary of the Interior, had resigned, and although the President says he has not, the Democratic journals still insist that it is true. "Lord! Lord! How this world is given to lying!"

MR. CLEVELAND says he does not expect to take part in the Ohio campaign. Reason why: The Ohio Democrats have declared in favor of "free coinage"; Mr. Cleveland has declared against it, and he doesn't propose to join Governor Campbell in eating his dish of crow.

DEMOCRATIC journals having failed in their attempts to make the public believe that Blaine was dying and that Noble had resigned, are now insisting that Wanamaker has been requested to quit the Cabinet. This is mere midsummer madness, superinduced by a dearth of exciting news.

A few months since the Democrats were in deep grief over the increased price of woolen goods, caused by the McKinley bill. Now they are lamenting over the fact that the price of wool has been decreased by that same bill. Will nothing give them comfort?

COL. J. S. CLARKSON, late First Assistant Postmaster General, succeeds Senator Quay as Chairman of the Republican National Committee. The party possesses no earnester, truer, clear-headed and clean-handed son, or one more able and devoted to her interests.

THE best possible answer to the calamity talk of the Alliance people, is the wheat talk and the corn talk from the millions of acres teeming with these crops. The farmers are not all fools, else they would not continue the production of unprofitable crops. There is money in it for the farmers, and none know it better than they. Let the demogogues rant while the farmers gather their crops and turn them into cash.

A Kansas payer says: "Sockless Jerry Simpson raised 600 acres of wheat this year which yielded fifteen bushels to the acre." Jerry has nothing to growl over. While he is riding around on palace cars and enlightening Southerners, honest workers have been gathering and thrashing his crop in Kansas. As he can sell his wheat for $1 and Uncle Sam gives him $5,000, the poor man, it is to be hoped, can make both ends meet and pay off his "Christmas mortgage."

GOVERNOR CAMPBELL, of Ohio, is frank enough to state, in an interview with a Pittsburgh reporter, that to him the Democratic platform on which he is a candidate for re-election is loaded with crow. "I am not going back on the platform," he says, "but it is not just what I would have preferred it." That is, he accepts the nomination while he disapproves the principles, or at least one essential principle, of the party nominating him. He eats the crow in order to get at the pie. The manly thing for him to do would be to refuse a nomination reluctantly accorded by a convention whose declaration on the cardinal issue of national finance he substantially disavows.

KANSAS owes in mortgages about $40,000,000. When her corn is gathered she ought to pay off every cent of it, while she lives on her $40,000,000 worth of wheat and $5,000,000 worth of potatoes, and feeds her stock on $20,000,000 worth of oats and hay. Poor maligned, insulted, slandered Kansas!

WHILE the Democratic and Mugwump free trade journals are doing their dirty best to prevent the establishment of the tin plate industry in this country, and lying most vigorously and viciously about the immensely increased price of the poor man's dinner-pail and the milk-maid's bucket and pail, caused by the McKinley bill, the British journals are expressing an anxiety lest Wales lose the valuable monopoly of that industry she has hitherto enjoyed. Here, for instance, is what the London *Economist* has to say on the subject:

"What is patent to the meanest understanding is, that to successfully compete with any American firms who may take up the manufacture of tin plate, *our makers must cut the prices*. The only way to keep the trade is to show the Americans that they cannot reap any great advantage from taking up this manufacture themselves. If they find that they can do so, whether it be by reason of the English makers indulging in stop months or quarrels with their men, either of which will raise prices to an artificial level, *then we may be very sure that the days of the tin plate trade of this country with America are numbered*. And what this means will be readily appreciated when we add that of the entire output of tin plates the United States consumers take about seven-tenths."

This is a frank confession that it is not only possible but probable that we shall become dangerous rivals of the Welsh tin plate manufacturers if something is not done to prevent this country from supplying its own tin plates. The London *Economist* suggests that the only way for Wales to maintain its monopoly is for the manufacturers to cut their prices. It would pay them in the end if they sold tin plates far below the cost of manufacturing, if by doing so they succeeded in preventing American competitors from going into the business. When this was done the old price could be restored and we should be compelled to submit, as there would be no home competition to act as a check on the Welsh manufacturers. We can see, then, the character of the service the free trade organs are rendering foreign competitors by trying to prevent the establishment on American soil of an industry that will save the country millions of dollars annually, besides affording employment to a large army of American workingmen.

Abolishing Debts.

From the New York Mail and Express.

One of the main objects of the Farmers' Alliance—in fact the main object of it, if we are to believe its president—is the abolition of the present financial system of the country. But this is a large phrase and susceptible of various constructions. What do the Alliance people mean by it?

One answer, and a pretty comprehensive one, is given in the last number of the Topeka *People's Advocate*, the Kansas Alliance organ:

The next step would be to abolish interest, which would be accomplished by the people themselves loaning to themselves their own money on land as security. Supposing the average rate of interest paid to-day to be 6 per cent., and that the government (the people) should take up all the mortgages, it would require but about three years for the people to liquidate their debts by making annual payments on the principal to the amount paid to usurers as interest. In short it would be a loan association on a grand scale.

Just how the people could liquidate all their debts in three years by paying 6 per cent on them, it is hard for the average arithmetic man to figure up. It is easy for the *Advocate* figurer, however, who goes on to explain:

In the mean time steps should be taken to abolish all laws for the collection of all debts which would be as much a matter of economy as of justice. The public, not being taken into the negotiations preceding the contraction of debts, ought not to be called in to compel their payment. Those who sell property or loan money do so in the hope or expectation to reap a profit and often grant the credit when they would not do so if the law did not stand behind them to enforce their claim. It would also induce those who loan money to invest it some legitimate business. The abolition of such laws would permanently destroy credit business, and coupled with the government loaning money to its own working people, inaugurate the most prosperous time witnessed since the formation of society.

That is as plain as a pikestaff! Abolish all laws for the collection of all debts, and presto! your debts are all paid, or as good as paid! Why there should be any need of paying for three years the 6 per cent. now demanded by "usurers" we do not see, but that is a mere detail.

The publication of articles like this in the Alliance organs show clearly enough why Eastern capital has suddenly become shy of Kansas securities. The abolition of all laws for the collection of debts would speedily put an end to the mortgage business in Kansas.

If this sort of thing is what President Polk and other Alliance leaders mean by revolutionizing the financial system of the country, if these be the laws which Alliance legislatures and an Alliance Congress would give us, then the sooner it is known to the whole country the better it will be for all concerned.

A Democratic Lie.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The next change in President Harrison's cabinet will be the retirement of Secretary Noble from the head of the Interior Department. Mr. Secretary Noble sent his resignation to the President four months ago. This information is from official sources, and is absolutely correct.

The reason the Secretary assigns for giving up his portfolio is the condition of his health. He is troubled with an affection of the heart somewhat similar to that which caused Secretary Windom's sudden death. The latter event decided Mr. Noble to leave the position where such a strain is imposed upon his nervous system and to seek rest and quiet and some less exacting employment. President Harrison received the resignation, but was evidently not as much alarmed about his Secretary's health as the latter was. The document was subsequently pigeon-holed, and no action has yet been taken.

Secretary Noble has been absent from the capital nearly all the time since he determined to leave the Cabinet. It is thought to be the purpose of the President to have him stay in office until Congress meets in December, when he will be appointed to one of the new Circuit Court judgeships. This would be a congenial position for Mr. Noble, and one which he would likely accept. It is thought somewhat strange that in view of the fact that his resignation was in the hand of the President. Secretary Noble should have insisted on an answer to all inquiries that he had not resigned, nor did he intend to. The fact that he has resigned cannot be truthfully denied, as the paper is now in the hands of the President.

Impaled on Pitchforks.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., August 1.—One of the most fiendish crimes on record occurred near here. For some time two brothers named Stoph have had a bitter spite against Henry B. Ritter, a wealthy farmer living near Evansville. The feud grew out of the settlement of the location of the boundary line between the farms of the two parties. The county surveyor decided in Ritter's favor, and this made bitter enemies of the Stophs. They drove Ritter's stock off and tore his fences down.

Yesterday the brothers went to Ritter's house and asked him to help them thrash their wheat. He refused and they quarreled with him. They then attacked him with pitchforks. Again and again they drove the tines of the pitchforks to the hilt in Ritter's body, and once lifted him off the ground on the forks. Ritter's wounds are fatal.

Senator Quay and Col. Dudley Resign from the Republican National Committee.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Republican National Executive Committee, after a discussion of nearly four hours, decided to issue a call for a meeting of the general committee about November 1, and fixed the time for holding the National Convention some time in May. The question of locality was incidentally considered by the selection of a season of the year when any of the cities might be chosen without reference to the intolerable heats which afflict certain places in June and July.

There are indications that the unanimous choice of the month of May means some other place than Chicago. The influences at Washington are already satir, and an effort will be made to have the convention held at the nation's capital. Committee Member Scott, of Nebraska, made a long statement presenting the claims of Omaha. After hearing what he had to say the committee decided that they had no power to fix the location.

It is evident that when the question comes up in November there will be lively competition. Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis and Omaha will be in the field.

At a quarter before 7 o'clock the committee took a recess for an hour for dinner. But seven members of the committee, Quay, of Pennsylvania; Clarkson, of Iowa; Fassett, of New York; Hobart, of New Jersey; Fessenden, of Connecticut; Scott, of Nebraska; Conger, of Ohio, and Dudley, treasurer, ex-officio member, were present.

CHAIRMAN QUAY RESIGNS.

After the committee took a recess, the friends of Senator Quay followed him to his quarters, where he dined. They made strenuous efforts to get him to reconsider his determination to retire from the chairmanship of the committee. The Senator emphatically informed these Pennsylvania friends that his determination was irrevocable, and that he had come to this conclusion after careful deliberation.

When the committee reassembled at 8 o'clock all approaches to their room were closed and no communication could be had with those inside. The first business of the evening was the presentation of Chairman Quay's resignation, which came before the committee in the shape of the following letter:

WASHINGTON, July 29, 1891.

Hon. J. Sloat Fassett, Secretary Republican National Committee: DEAR SIR—This is to apprise you that I have to-day forwarded to Hon. William H. Andrews, Chairman of the Republican State Committee of Pennsylvania, my resignation as the member of the Republican National Committee from that State.

Yours truly,
M. S. QUAY.

A SPLENDID TRIBUTE.

Upon motion of Mr. Clarkson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we accept against our judgment and with much doubt as to the wisdom and expediency of it for the party's interest, the action of Senator Quay in his resignation as chairman and member of the National Committee. In submitting to it with so much reluctance and regret, we desire to express from our own knowledge of the facts of his pre-eminent service to the party, our sense of the deep obligation under which he has placed the Republican party and the cause of good government and patriotism in the United States. He undertook the leadership of a doubtful cause at a time when the Republican party was disheartened and the Democratic party confident in the power of supreme control of the government and the Nation, and when the odds of the contest were against our party, and by his matchless power, his unequalled skill in resources, his genius to command victory, won for his party an unprecedented victory in the face of expected defeat. We know as no one else can know that the contest which he waged was one of as much honor and fair methods as of invincible power and triumphant victor, and that it was won largely by the power of his superior generalship and his unfailing strength as a political leader. In the great contest of 1888, in the months of severe effort and the years of close personal associations with him, we have learned to know the nobility of the man, and we desire in this conspicuous manner to place on public record for the present and for the future as an enduring answer to the partisan assaults of a defeated enemy, our testimony in appreciation of his public services and his personal worth.

Following this came the report of the Committee on Audit in the following terms:

TREASURER DUDLEY RESIGNS.

Your committee appointed to audit the accounts of W. W. Dudley, Treasurer of the National Committee, would report that on a thorough inspection of the books and accounts we are enabled to state that all moneys received by the treasurer are accurately and fully accounted for and sustained in every particular by vouchers and proper receipts. We are enabled from this examination to approve of the treasurer's accounts and to express to the committee our sense of its great obligation to the treasurer for the faithful and efficient service to it in this capacity.

J. S. CLARKSON,
GARRET A. HOBART,
SAMUEL FESSENDEN.

The chairman then read the following letter:

WASHINGTON, July 29, 1891.

To the Executive Committee of the Republican National Committee—MY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES:—Inasmuch as you are about to reorganize the Executive Committee for immediate preparatory work pending the approaching Presidential election of 1892, and as my business engagements will demand all my time and attention during the coming year, I am compelled to sever the pleasant relations which have existed and still exist between us.

I, therefore, tender my resignation of the office of treasurer of your committee and of the Republican National Committee.

Respectfully Yours,
W. W. DUDLEY.

The committee immediately adopted the following resolution:

WARM WORDS FOR DUDLEY.

Resolved, That while we are left by General Dudley's own wish, with no other course than to consent to his retirement from the committee, we feel that his action deprives the committee and the party of the invaluable and loyal service of one who has proved himself one of the ablest and most faithful men of his time. In every field of honorable contest and patriotic purpose, as a soldier winning in his boyhood the stars of a general in the Union army, as a public official serving with equal fidelity his country in prominent places, in the political field with like ambition for the nation's good, he has proved himself always worthy of the respect and admiration of his countrymen. In his whole public career, in his unselfish service, and with his unselfish nature, he has given freely his time and labor, never thinking of private profit or personal emolument. His whole life is a generous proof of his manliness of purpose and his patriotism as a citizen. Speaking from what we know of his rare abilities and unusual devotion to party and country, we would express this grateful evidence of what we know the Republican party owes to him for his services in so many of its contests, and especially in the memorable struggle of 1888. We part from him officially with sincere regret, and in doing so we wish to put in the records of the committee this expression of that party's gratitude and personal friendship, in which we know he is so worthy to be held.

The resignations of Chairman Quay and Treasurer Dudley were then formally accepted and laid on the table, subject to the approval of the full Republican National Committee at its next meeting.

Mr. Clarkson was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. Hobart was elected vice chairman in the place of Mr. Clarkson, the chairman being authorized to select a treasurer to succeed Mr. Dudley.

The committee then adjourned.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—U. S. Gov't Report, Aug. 17, 1889.

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Killing the Hemlock.

BRADFORD, Aug. 2.—Potter county is alarmed, and with good cause, over the ravages of a worm that is destroying the foliage and killing off the hemlock timber. Only about five days ago it was noticed by lumberman that the tops of the heavy timber on the mountain were turning brown as though the trees were dying. The trees looked exactly as though they had gone through a forest fire or were withering up for lack of irrigation. An investigation was at once set on foot by the lumbermen interested, and it was discovered that the affected trees were covered with myriads of worms.

The worms were eating the green and tender foliage of this years growth, and when that had disappeared turned their attention to the growth of the preceeding year, the woody twig not being touched.

A remarkable scene is presented in the "choppings" where the bark peelers are at work. The worms are swarming about the men by the millions, while on all the trees from Coudersport to Port Allegheny miles and miles of trees are turning brown, and ruin is threatened to the vast lumber interests of that section.

IT IS A LITTLE WORM.

The worm that is doing the damage is of the "measuring worm" species, about an inch long, and barely an eigth of an inch in diameter. The depredations are taking in such a vast area that experts have already been placed on their track, and the following accurate description is furnished:

The worm is covered with spots on each side, and has ten legs, six in front and four awkward props behind. In moving it arches its back, hence the vulgar name of "measuring worm." The appearance of the worm in such vast numbers is unprecedented in this region, and grave fears are entertained in Potter county that the forage of the worm means the entire destruction of the growing timber and injury to the old trees.

An effort has been made to stop the advance of the worm, but it is too late this season to even make an effort toward saving the bark, and the timber is already greatly damaged. Reports from Glen Hazel, Elk county, and from the east side of that county, state that the same worm, in countless numbers, is devastating the hemlock there.

TOTAL DESTRUCTION THREATENED.

As it is said that the continued ravages of this worm mean the total destruction of young hemlock and the crippling of the standing timber and drying up its bark, a crisis confronts the whole population of the entire hemlock region of New York and Pennsylvania, as the worm is steadily advancing and spreading and owing to the great numbers working destruction with inconceivable rapidity. Not only the lumbermen are concerned, but the tanners, farmers, railroad men, and in fact everyone, for this is pre-eminently a hemlock region from Elmira, N. Y., to Punxsutawney, Pa., thousands of men being employed in the bark and lumber interests and millions of capital invested.

The life of the worm is from four to six weeks, when its death gives birth to a fly or gnat. They are exceedingly voracious, and during the brief period of their existence eat several thousand times their own weight of growing vegetation. Though this horde of worms may only be a transient visitation, still there is nothing known here of them or their ravages, even the oldest lumbermen stating that they had never seen them before. Some of the worms, with specimens of their destructive work, have been sent to the Agricultural Department at Harrisburg.

Baddly Bitten by a Cat.

MAY'S LANDING, N. Y., July 30.—Mrs. Emiline Thompson, wife of Harrison A. Thompson, Inspector of Hulls at the port of Philadelphia, is suffering untold agonies from a cat bite. Her condition is serious, and the case presents many phases similar to that of Lawyer Bartine, of Asbury Park, who died a few months ago from a similar injury.

The cat that bit Mrs. Thompson is a small animal of the Maltese variety. It was a favorite pet and of mild disposition. The lady had the cat in her arms and was carrying it, when the animal became frightened. Mrs. Thompson tried to hold the cat, but it suddenly sank its teeth in her arm, scratching her at the same time.

In two hours the injured arm had swollen to twice its natural size, and excruciating pains shot through it. The flesh gradually took on a dark, livid color, and at the slightest touch Mrs. Thompson screamed with agony.

Dr. H. C. James, who attended the case from the first, succeeded after several days treatment in reducing the swelling, but the arm is still discolored and very sore. He believes his patient will recover unless unforeseen complications arise.

The cat was not killed, but is being closely watched for any symptoms of hydrophobia.

A Startling Confession.

ALPENA, Mich., Aug. 2.—Sixteen years ago Albert Molitor, known as the king of Presque Isle county, and his clerk, Edward Sullivan, were mysteriously assassinated in Molitor's office. The trouble was supposed to have arisen from the arbitrary manner in which Molitor conducted his office as county treasurer. At the time of the murder Wm. Repke, a well-to-do farmer of Rogers City, was suspected of the crime, but evidence to convict was lacking and he was never arrested.

Thursday night, when the story of the shooting had almost died from the minds of the people, Repke made a confession of the crime, implicating with him fourteen of Rogers City's best-known citizens. In his confession he says the only the confession was made is that ill luck has pursued him the last few years. His children have been drowned, his barns and houses burned without apparent cause, his investments all turned out bad and his horses died. All this would not have made him confess, he says, but of late he has been unable to sleep nights from thinking of the crime, and he could not stand the strain any longer. All the people implicated will be arrested.

Drinkers Must Obtain Licenses.

KANSAS CITY, August 3.—Councilman Bowles introduced an unique ordinance in the lower house of the Council to-night. The ordinance requires the purchase from the city of a license by all drinkers of intoxicating liquors, the license to vary in cost from $20 to $50, according to the expensiveness of the liquor which the purchaser drinks.

The ordinance further provides that each application for a drinkers' license shall be countersigned by the applicant's wife. In presenting the ordinance Mr. Bowles explained that an enforcement of its provisions would yield a revenue to the city of $1,000,000 a year and at the same time greatly promote the cause of temperance.

Drowned the Sparrows.

CINCINNATI, July 30.—One of the curious effects of last night's terrific rain in Covington was the slaughter of thousands of English sparrows. They were killed in such vast numbers as to clog the sewer openings and flood the streets for squares. The street-car stables were so flooded from this cause that thirty horses and mules had to be swum out to keep them from drowning.

A Mystery Cleared Up.

PETOSKEY, MICH., August 2.—Sixteen years ago Albert Molitor, known as the King of Presque Isle county, and his clerk, Edward Sullivan, were mysteriously assassinated in Molitor's office. The trouble was supposed to have arisen from the arbitrary manner in which Molitor conducted his office as County Treasurer.

William Repke, a farmer, has confessed he killed Molitor, and implicates 13 others, for whom warrants have been issued. Several hold public offices.

In his confession Repke says the only reason the confession was made is that ill luck has pursued him the past few years. His children have been drowned, his barn and houses burned without apparent cause, his investments all turned out bad and his horses died. All this would not have made him confess, he says, but of late he has been unable to sleep nights from thinking of the crime, and he could not stand the strain any longer.

Molitor was a natural son of old King William of Wurtemburg and came to this country while quite young, being banished for trying to steal a plan of the fortifications at Uhlan. After coming here he enlisted in the army and soon rose to a place on General Seigle's staff. After the war he went to Detroit, married and formed a partnership with a man named Rogers. They came to this county and built a mill, importing Germans and Poles to work it. The burning of the mill caused Rogers to draw out. He left Molitor without money. By his influence with the Germans Molitor got himself elected Treasurer of the county and it is said, that by manipulating the money and juggling with the funds rebuilt the mill and acquired a great deal of money. He refused to make any accounting and ruled the people with a rod of iron, bringing upon himself, so many people say, the fate he met.

Our Soldiers Ahead.

PHILADELPHIA, August 1.—Dr. R. S Huidekoper, after a week's absence in the militia camps at Devon and Mt. Gretna, as a member of Major General Snowden's staff, has returned to New York for a few days, and is now busily engaged in preparing a report upon the condition of the Pennsylvania militia. After an inspection of camps in various parts of the country, Dr. Huidekoper has reached the conclusion that the Pennsylvania soldiery system excels all others, not only in the character of its discipline, but also in the matter of economy. For instance, it costs fifty cents a day to support the militiaman of New York while on camp duty, and double that sum is required to make the volunteers of New Jersey content with summer duty. Yet in Pennsylvania the militiamen are eulogistic over their commissary department, although each tented warrior costs the state only twenty-five cents daily.

It is rumored, by the way, that Governor Pattison has in mind a great idea for the summer encampment of the Pennsylvania militia next year. A prominent member of his military family the other day suggested the idea of holding an encampment of the entire state militia on the battlefield of Gettysburg on July 4, of next year, as a tripple commemoration of the quadrennial of the landing of Columbus, the declaration of independence and the glorious victory achieved at Gettysburg during the late war. The governor has expressed the hope of being able to carry out the idea.

A Whole Family Butchered.

CATTEISBURG, KY., August 2.—Wayne county, West Virginia, was the scene of a series of murders on Friday night. Mr. Brumfield, his wife and five children were murdered in a most horrible manner and their bodies consumed by fire.

About midnight 50 Italian laborers became drunk and started on a tour of devastation. The Brumfield family were thought to have considerable money. The Italians went to Brumfield's residence, and were refused admittance. Doors and windows were forced open. Mr. Brumfield, with his two half grown sons, fought with desperation, but were finally murdered, their throats being cut from ear to ear and the bodies repeatedly stabbed. Mrs. Brumfield and her three little children were next killed by the drunken Italians, who then searched the house for money and set it on fire. Mr. Brumfield was influential and wealthy. Two or three years ago, while county commissioner, he opposed the building of the new court house, and thus made many enemies. The court house was built, and it is thought that Friday night's work was the result of the old feud, and that Brumfield's enemies plied the Italians with liquor and then pointed out the path to the residence.

Fight With a Copperhead.

YORK, Pa., July 29.—Miss Anna Benninghan, residing in Franklin township, this county, had a terrible experience with a large copperhead snake while gathering blackberries to-day. Before she was aware of the reptile's presence it had encircled her wrist with its tail, and with a portion of its body endeavored to handcuff her other wrist while with its head it tried to strike her face, but fortunately for her it had not measured the distance correctly.

The thought occured to her, she said, to throw up her arms, which she did so suddenly and with such force that the hissing copperhead dropped to the ground. Still retaining her presence of mind, the girl quickly brought down her foot on the reptile's head and held it there while she screamed for help. She was heard by two men working in a field, who rushed to her assistance and killed the snake.

Eaten by Wild Beasts.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., August 2.—The skeleton of Annie Fredericks, the little girl who disappeared from her home in Laurel Run nearly two months ago, has been found on the mountain side fully seven miles from the village. Wild animals had eaten all the flesh from the child's bones.

When the little girl first disappeared searching parties scoured the mountains on every side, a band of gypsies were chased for three days and their camp thoroughly searched, but without success.

The father had mortgaged his little home to raise funds to carry on the search. On Saturday a neighbor brought word that the child had been found, but when the father heard that it was dead he swoned away.

Journey of a Severed Hand.

COLUMBUS, Ind., July 30.—About July 1 Joe Warren, an employe of the cerealine mills in this city, had one of his hands caught in the machinery and cut off. The missing member could not be found. A letter was received yesterday from Norristown, Pa., stating that a man's hand had been found in a load of cerealine shipped by the company to that point and asking the whereabouts of the remainder of the man.

Gored to Death by Cattle.

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., August 2.—A report reached here from the Cherokee country that near the Neosho river four people were gored to death by Texas cattle.

A woman and two little girls were first attacked and literally torn to pieces. A cowboy, who attempted to rescue them, was thrown from his horse and instantly killed by the cattle.

TO FARMERS, STOCKMEN, HORSEMEN,

And others, of Somerset County!

G. F. COUNTRYMAN, Veterinary Surgeon and Auctioneer, Registered—of eight years' Veterinary Practice and of the Ontario Veterinary College, Canada, offers his services in the practice of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. Treatment of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Swine, and performs Surgical Operations, Castrating and Spaying, Reducing of Fractures, Setting broken bones, Dehorning of Horses, Bipeds.

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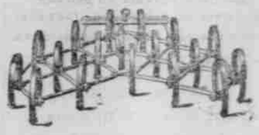

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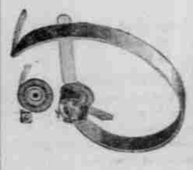

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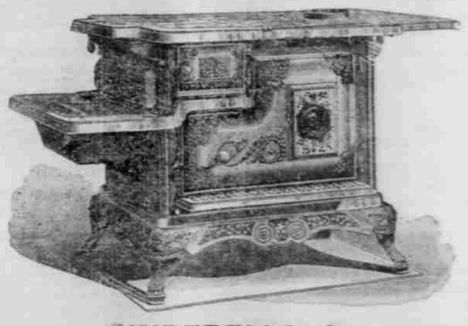

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