The Somerset Herald.

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Neck and Neck is the way Knepper & Ferner's new fall ties are going.

The new White house baby weighed 9½ pounds.

The Kramer or Oil City wagon is sold by J. B. HOLDERBAUM.

Mr. Martin Brant, has returned from a five month's visit to friends in the state of New York, to his home in Stonycreek township.

Readers of the HERALD should not forget that J. N. Snyder, the druggist, can fit their eyes.

John Seneff died at his home in Springfield township, Fayette county, Sunday of old age. He was in his 94th year, and cast 8 presidential votes.

The Gold Medal, the best flour in the world. Every sack is warranted. For sale by MAHLON SCHROCK.

Sam Yeager of Cooley gang fame, who was convicted of highway robbery at Kingwood, W. Va. last week, was sentenced ten years to the Penitentiary.

The opening of school suggests that a better school in economy cannot be found than KNEPPER & FERNER.

Most Somerset county people who expect to visit the Fair, have been there and back. From this on the attendance from this section will be very small, compared with the many who have been going and returning all summer.

Clearance sale of fine furniture at Devlin's 80 and 82 Franklin St., begins Aug. 9th. Parlor suits at about half price.

Aaron Kratz's four-horse team from Plumsteadville, Bucks county, sent a load of hay to the Philadelphia market weighing 12,800 pounds. Deducting 2800 pounds from the wagon there remained 9000 pounds of hay, for which Mr. Kratz received $113.27.

As a general rule, it is best not to correct sickness by the use of saline or drastic medicines. When a purgative is needed, the most prompt, effective, and beneficial is Ayer's Pills. Their tendency is to restore, and not weaken, the normal action of the bowels.

The mystery surrounding the burning of John K. Freed's barn, in Connellsville township, Fayette county, last Saturday night, was cleared on Tuesday by the finding of the charred remains of a human body, supposed to be that of an intoxicated tramp who was seen about the vicinity that evening.

FOR SALE.—A few shares of valuable stock in the Mankieton Sanitarium, of Mankieton, Pa. Will be sold right to a quick buyer. Address Box 147, Johnstown, Pa.

The supply of water at Colontown gave out Tuesday morning, and caused quite a commotion in the place. Hotels and private houses are without water, and the street saw and manufacturing establishments are stopped. General alarm prevails at the possibility of fire and no water to suppress it.

The world passes at the prices now ruling at clothing at Knepper & Ferner's. The very latest styles in suits and over coats are exhibited. Call and examine their stock.

Frank R. Stockton has written the history of "How I Wrote 'The Lady, or the Tiger?'" for the next issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*, and tells what came of the writing of the famous story and the condition of his own mind, at the present time, of the correct solution of the problem whether the lady or the tiger came out of the opened door.

Remember that Mahlon Schrock keeps in stock a full and fresh line of groceries, flour and feed, at bottom prices. Country produce taken in exchange for goods at all times.

Now that schools have opened, it is hoped that parents will be impressed with the importance of having each child in his place each day. One day's absence cannot be made up in a whole week. Children miss lessons, participants in their studies and the recurrence of them time after time during the term is a constant source of annoyance and discouragement to the pupil. Besides that, it tries the teacher, interrupts the recitations and is a nuisance in every way. Parents cannot afford to be too indulgent in the manner of allowing their children to remain out of school.

To eradicate the poisons which produce fever and ague, take Ayer's Ague Cure. It cures without leaving any injurious effect upon the system, and is the only medicine in evidence which may be considered an absolute antidote for malaria.

The soldiers' orphan school commission will shortly hold a meeting to determine upon a site in Franklin county for the location of the proposed industrial school for the indigent soldiers' orphans of the state. Several members of the commission are of the opinion that these are two or three places in Franklin county which offer superior advantages to the site at Scotland, and these will be visited during the week by Thomas P. Lonsdale, of Philadelphia, architect to the commission. Mr. Lonsdale's judgment will be relied upon very largely by the commission in the selection of the site. Since the foregoing was written the committee determined upon Scotland, a few miles from Chambersburg, as the most available site.

Have you seen Devlin's Brussells Carpets at 50 cents per yard, in any pattern? Lace Curtains lower than jobbers prices. Prices guaranteed on any article.—80 and 82 Franklin St., Johnstown, Pa.

Messrs. Josiah Baumgardner, of Somerset County, and Josiah Daley, of Elton, who left some time since for Manassas, Virginia, took off Wednesday in a wagon for home and expect to get here Monday. Mrs. Peter Otte, of Dale Borough, who accompanied them to Manassas, arrived home yesterday, and Mr. Horner, of Somerset County, who also went there with the party, has purchased a home at that place and intends making his future home there. Mr. Horner's brother—Isaac—who went to Manassas about six weeks since, has also decided to remain there. Among the Pennsylvanians already there are: Jerome Blough, of near Scalp Level; Martin Herring, of Hooversville; Kuhn Rose, of Somerset County, and Ephraim Weller, of Scalp Level.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

The season is now open. Get your guns of Winchester, Marlin, Stevens and Fleobert Rifles, single and double barrel Shotguns of all kinds. Revolvers a specialty at B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

An interesting case was decided in the courts at Huntingdon, Thursday, which will be of vital interest to nearly every borough in the state. The borough of Huntingdon last year mailed a letter to Rev. M. K. Foster, presiding elder of that district, at his home at Williamsport, Pa., notifying him that he was required by ordinance to build a brick pavement in front of his three lots on Penn street, that city, within a specified time. Mr. Foster neglected to build his pavement and the borough built it for him and filed a municipal lien for the cost of the same and issued a scire facias. The defendant alleged he had never received the mailed notice and the plaintiff said he must have received it, as the letter was never heard from again. The court instructed the jury to find for the defendant on the ground that the borough officers had not notified him of their intention to pass an ordinance compelling him to lay a brick pavement agreeably to the acts of assembly, and, therefore, it mattered not whether their subsequent notice to defendant to build it was legally served or not. The borough will probably appeal to the supreme court.

Edward Bok receives one of the largest personal mails in the country, a year's mail consisting of over 20,000 letters. Thousands of these letters are from women. No part of this huge mail reaches Mr. Bok directly; it is opened by a private secretary and distributed to assistants for answer. Every letter, however, receives a reply. One of Mr. Bok's editors on *The Ladies' Home Journal*, Ruth Ashmore, who writes to girls, receives over 5000 letters during a year.

Attorney H. S. Endsley, of Johnstown, is in attendance at court this week.

Dr. Joseph Crist, of Jenner township, is doing the World's Fair this week.

Elias B. Schrock has been appointed postmaster at Garrett, this county, to succeed Frank Enos.

Mr. Jacob Zimmerman and wife, of Stoyestown, have returned from the World's Fair. Mr. Zimmerman took sick while there.

A commission was issued Friday by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to George B. Gardner, of Stoyestown, justice of the peace.

"Joe" Swank, J. Willis Pisel, C. W. Walker and "Joe" Levy will compose a party of Somerset young men who will visit the World's Fair next week.

Mr. Herman Kooser and daughter, of Los Angeles, Cal., are visiting relatives in this place. Mr. Kooser is a brother of the late Curtis Kooser, and is a native of this county.

Rev. C. F. Gebhart, pastor of the Lutheran church at Lavansville, returned Saturday from a two weeks visit to the World's Fair. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter.

Bishop C. G. Lint, of Meyersdale, one of the most honored citizen of this county, is attending court this week as a witness. He paid the HERALD office a pleasant visit Monday evening.

Aaron Heple, a well-known and prosperous citizen of Somerset township, died at his home, near Baer's saw mill, last Monday afternoon, aged seventy years. He is survived by his wife.

The Meyersdale *Commercial* appeared last week with a new head. As long as it doesn't loose it its patrons ought to be satisfied. Seriously, we do not admire the new head as much as the old.

Harry Sipe, of Stoyestown, who has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of his uncle, Jonathan Edmiston, in Johnstown, has sufficiently recovered to be removed to his home.

Major Jas. B. Tredwell, ex-Sheriff Kyle and George Snyder, were among other Somerset veterans who participated in the reunion of the survivors of the 142nd Reg., at Connellsville, Wednesday.

Dr. J. M. Louther, the prominent local physician, and Josiah Specht, the Sprucetown merchant, after spending ten days in Chicago, left last week for the Pacific slope. They expect to be absent about six week.

M. Shumaker, executor, will sell the personal property of the late Daniel Coleman, at the late residence of the deceased in Somerset township, on Thursday, October 5, '93. At the same time the beautiful homestead farm of the deceased will be offered for sale.

Dr. W. H. Pringle, of Johnstown, and Miss Ida Ankeny, of Stoyestown, will be married at the home of the bride's mother on October 5th. The wedding will be a quiet one, none but immediate relatives being invited.

The fastest time ever made on the Edgewood track was made by George Countryman's pacing horse, Alhambra Jr., last Tuesday. Alhambra won three straight heats, one of them in 2:45. On a good track he will reduce this record at least twenty seconds.

Ex-Judge Daniel Stuffs, of Jenner township, continues in a very critical condition and his friends and relatives are apprehensive that his death may occur at any moment. Since he was taken sick—about six weeks ago—he has taken a particle of nourishment.

Our fellow townsman, George M. Neff, showed us a basket of peaches Monday evening that surpass anything we have seen this season in the peach line for size and luciousness. Each peach was the size of a base ball and all grew on a tree in Mr. Neff's back yard.

Wednesday Constable John Westbrook, of Huntingdon county, arrested John Koch who had been working as a charcoal burner in Stonycreek township, this county. Koch is wanted on a serious charge in his native county. He is a married man and has several children. He was taken to Huntingdon Thursday.

Mrs. Peter Miller, of Stonycreek township, passed to her final reward on the night of the 13th inst., aged 48 years. Death resulted from stomach trouble. She was an earnest and devoted member of the Reformed church. The deceased is survived by her husband and six children, four sons and two daughters.

Mr. John Biescker, of Jenner township, returned from Chicago, where he had been for the past two weeks, Saturday evening, in an enfeebled condition as a result of over exertion doing the Fair. He left for his home Sunday afternoon and hopes with careful nursing to be as well as usual in the course of a few days.

Abraham Garlets of Confluence, who has been employed at Huston station, a few miles from that place, was killed there a week ago Saturday. Garlets was riding a truck load of logs when it struck a curve and jumped the track. Garlets was thrown over an embankment 30 feet high. He lived but a few hours after he was hurt. He leaves a wife and family.

The time honored custom of treating to the cakes and beer on the occasion of an inquest—to decide whether a piece of property shall be condemned for sale or the time of payment extended for a period of seven years—was observed by Sheriff Good Thursday night, when he entertained fifty or more of his friends in his office with some of "Tucker's" best.

"Up until last night," said an old-time theatre goer, "I have always had more or less sympathy for stranded theatrical companies, companies that are nightly treated to showers of rotten eggs by their disgusted audiences, but after witnessing the performances of 'the Original Lottie Davenport Company' I can only regret that I went to the Opera House, unprovided with the stale product of a hennery."

Mr. Elmer E. Swank, an employe of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and Miss Carrie Hummel, of Quemahoning township, were united in marriage Wednesday morning, at the home of the bride's parents—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hummel—near Stoyestown. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. J. Berl, of the Evangelical Church, and was witnessed by a large number of invited guests.

In the organization of the Jury of Awards in the Department of Agriculture, Columbian Exposition, such a disposition of the honors as would give special recognition to Russia, England, Germany and the United States was agreed upon. Accordingly the President was selected from Russia and a Vice President from each of the other three countries. Hon. N. B. Critchfield, of this county, member of the Jury of Awards from Pennsylvania, was elected as the representative of the United States.

Wednesday's session of the State Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M., at Johnstown, was the most interesting session held, and was marked by continual strife on the part of the different factions known as the Ring and anti-Ring. The council went into session at 10 A. M., and did not adjourn until 7 P. M., when the result was announced as follows:

State councilor, Wm. T. Kerr, of Pittsburgh; State vice councilor, Robert W. Crane, of Philadelphia; State council treasurer, John Calver, of Philadelphia; National representatives, Victor G. Reed, of Philadelphia; A. D. Wilkins, of Mansfield; W. S. Davis, of Johnstown. Lancaster was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Hoover, of Forrestown, Ill., have been spending the past few weeks visiting friends and relatives in this county. Last week they were the guests of their cousin, Mr. Edward Hoover, of Berlin. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover left this county for the west twenty-eight years ago and this is their fifth return visit to their former home. Mr. Hoover has successfully engaged in farming.

Mr. Fred Border was exhibiting, Thursday, in Johnstown, some specimens of wonderful potatoes raised on his farm at Holsopple, this county. One of them measured nineteen inches and weighed almost two pounds. He says they are wonderfully fine eating. He also had a specimen of White Wonder field beans, of which he is growing this season four acres. They are pronounced very good.

Dr. John Bills left town Tuesday morning to attend, as a delegate, the general assembly of the Democratic Societies of Pennsylvania, at Allentown. The Doctor is a delegate elect from the Central Democratic Society of this county. Mr. Chas. H. Fisher, who is a member of the State Executive Committee, substituted the Doctor to represent him on the Executive Committee. The Central Society continues to the fore.

A few carping critics—without the brains of a louse—have found fault with the committee of arrangements for the fifty fourth's reunion last Tuesday, because all of the prominent men whose names appeared upon the posters were not present. The posters stated that certain eminent gentlemen had been invited to be present, and letters received by the committee explain satisfactorily why they were not here.

John R. Scott, Esq., assignee of S. S. Forney, of Brothersvalley township, Saturday disposed of Mr. Forney's farm at public sale to Messrs. Edward Hoover and Harvey L. Countryman, of Berlin, for the sum of $6,285. The sale was confirmed by the Court Monday. Although the farm is one of the most desirable in Brothersvalley township, on account of its improvements and fertility, the price paid is considered a good one for these "good Democratic times."

Simon Sweitzer, of Cumberland, Md., has purchased the lease of the Commercial Hotel, this place, from J. J. Lawson, and will take possession as soon as the retail liquor dealers' license is transferred by the Court. The new landlord is a native of this county, but for the past few years has conducted the American House in Cumberland. Recently he leased the American House to Mrs. Alice K. Higginbotham. Mr. Sweitzer has established a favorable reputation as a hotel man.

The drillers engaged in sinking a test well in order to ascertain whether or not a sufficient supply of water can be secured to meet the demands of the citizens of Somerset from a that source, have bored an eight inch hole to a depth of 95 feet. It is claimed that water of a good soft quality rises to within five feet of the surface and measures will be at once taken to test the volume of the flow. In case it is found that the well will produce 9,000 gallons per hour the test will be considered satisfactory and a second well will be sunk at once.

At three o'clock Thursday afternoon, at the home of the bride's uncle, Wm. H. Ruppel, Esq., Miss Flora, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter Hoffman, of this place, and Mr. Edwin M. Lyne, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lyne, and manager of the Somerset Dairy Co., were united in marriage by Rev. J. S. Harkey, of the Lutheran church. Only the immediate families of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony. The happy young couple left on the 4:40 train for a tour of the great lakes and a visit to the World's Fair. They will return to Somerset early in October, when, it is announced they will set up house keeping in one of the pretty Turkeyfoot street cottages—a present from the groom's father.

The following concerning a gentleman who will be called upon this week to face a Somerset county jury to answer a charge of attempt to rape, on information preferred by Mrs. Alice Jeffreys, of Addison township, is clipped from an exchange:

"Elder R. H. Singer, one of the most successful evangelists of the Disciples of Christ in this State, has been holding meetings at Flemington, near Lock Haven, Hughestown, West Pittston, Exeter and Hardingtown, with gratifying results, over 100 converts having been made within the last two months. He is closing a revival now which is said to be full of deep and thrilling interest."

R. H. Singer registered at the Somerset House, Sunday. His case will be called for trial Thursday.

The Democrats of Rockwood have been at loggerheads since the fourth of March. Nearly every Democratic voter in the town was a candidate for the postmastership, and all of them claimed to have the inside track. Prior to the memorable Democratic primary of June promises of the postoffice were as thick as autumn leaves in November and each candidate announced himself a sure winner. In fact promises of office were so numerous that one candidate is reported to have remarked that if all were to be kept Uncle Sam would have to establish a post office at every farm house in the county in order to provide places for all the applicants from Rockwood.

The agony was relieved Saturday, when John Stein was named as postmaster to succeed John C. F. Miller, removed. Mr. Stein is a worthy citizen and a good Democrat, and we trust will give the patrons of the Rockwood office as prompt and efficient service as did his predecessor.

The novel sight of a double wedding was witnessed by a large number of invited guests in the Lutheran Church, at 12:45 o'clock Thursday afternoon, when Mr. E. H. Phillips, of Mercersburg, Pa., and Miss Eva Shafer, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Shafer, of this place, and Mr. T. A. Tharp, of Lima, O., and Miss Belle Walker, eldest daughter of the late Charles Walker, of Somerset, plighted their troth. The bridal party was preceded to the altar by the four ushers, the Messrs Walker and Mr. Watson Frease, and were met at the chancel rail by the pastor of the church, Rev. J. S Harkey, who read the pretty and impressive Lutheran ceremony. The contracting parties exchanged their vows in clear and distinct tones, and after a blessing had been asked, faced about and left the church to the music of a march played by the church orchestra. The bridal party left on the afternoon train and will visit the World's Fair before settling down in their respective homes, Mercersburg and Lima.

Last Monday, about 9 a. m., a fire started in one of the upper rooms of Michael Ream's residence, about 1½ miles south of town, and burned the house with nearly all of its contents. The summer house, corn crib, hog pen and smoke house caught from the sparks which were blown toward them by the wind and were also burned. Nothing in the residence was saved from the flames except a couple of stoves, some tables, chairs and other things that were in the basement. All of the parlor furniture, the beds and bedding, the wearing apparel of the members of the family, everything in fact but the few articles taken from the basement were consumed by the flames.

There were no men about the premises when the fire broke out, Mr. Ream being in Berlin. The girls were at home, but as the fire started upstairs it gained considerable headway before it was seen. Neighbors started to the rescue as soon as they saw the fire but arrived too late to be of much service except to protect the barn.

Mr. Ream had but a small insurance on the property, $800 on the residence and $100 on the summer house. His loss, therefore, is a very heavy one.—*Berlin Record.*

To save feed is to save money. This is easy to do by buying a good Hay, Straw and Fodder Cutter and Crusher of

J. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Charles Tarr Captured.

Charles Tarr, a noted crook, was run down at Connellsville one night last week by Policeman McDonald and turned over to United States Detective J. O. Roberts. Tarr is wanted by the United States authorities for defrauding pensioners and also for counterfeiting.

For the last year he has defrauded old soldiers in Somerset county by passing himself off as Dr. Wood, a pension examiner. He had bogus credentials and made a thorough canvass of the county. He examined soldiers, taking down their war record and their present condition. This done he informed the soldiers that he would report favorably and secure them a pension if they would pay him $15 or $20. His scheme was successful and he fleeced a large number of soldiers. The pension authorities got possession of some of the receipts given by Tarr and started Detective Roberts on his trail. The Detective has been on Tarr's tracks since last April. He came near landing him in Cumberland, Friday, but Tarr left on a freight train. Roberts followed him to Connellsville and informed the police who arrested Tarr on Water street Saturday night.

When arrested Tarr was indignant and claimed that his name was Kerr and that he formerly worked in Uniontown. When Detective Roberts presented himself at the lock-up Tarr confessed that he was the man. Detective Roberts has sufficient evidence to convict Tarr on both charges. He took him to Pittsburgh Monday.

Chas. Tarr, alias Dr. Chas. H. Woods, has done a good bit of talking since his arrest to United States Marshal Garber and some of his stories of operations in this county are interesting. Tarr will be tried next October on the charge of representing himself to be a pension examiner and defrauding Alexander J. Nickola, Adam Nicholson and Augustus Sellers, of this county of $1.50 each. It is thought he will plead guilty when the case is tried.

He related to Mr. Garber an interesting story of his life. He has been a mountebank for years, and has traveled all over the United States. When he was arrested he was engaged in giving fake shows in country school houses in Fayette and Somerset counties. He said he had struck an "easy thing" of it in that neighborhood, and had been spending much time there. His specialty is marrying farmer's daughters for the money there is in it.

He found a farmer in Somerset county who thought he had iron ore on his land, and he offered him a fabulous sum for the mineral rights of the land and hired him to take out the ore. Tarr had no money with him because it was dangerous to carry it around, but he gave the farmer his notes for all that was needed. The farmer put his sons and relatives at work in the new mine, and Tarr enjoyed himself superintending the work until a few days before the notes fell due. Then he went in search of another victim.

He ran across a farmer who had a daughter who had fallen once, but had been reclaimed and was walking in the path of righteousness. The farmer wanted to marry the girl to some worthy young man, and as an inducement offered a farm of 170 acres, partly cleared, and a cash bonus. Tarr convinced him that he was the worthy young man he sought, and the engagement was announced in the neighborhood. Tarr spent two or three pleasant weeks courting the girl and eating three meals a day. He finally grew tired of the place and induced the father to make an advance of part of the cash bonus. Then he left. The old man followed and caught him at Rockwood Junction. He had a rifle on his shoulder and forced Tarr to board a train to return to his deserted fiance. Tarr got on the train, and, at a favorable opportunity, stole the farmer's rifle and leaped from the cars. He escaped but has since avoided that part of the country. Greater inducements are now necessary to get a husband for the doubly unfortunate girl. He told Deputy Marshal Garber that that was the closest call he ever had.

Tarr's stories should be taken with a grain of salt.

Housekeepers.

Be wise, and examine the Cinderella Range It has more points that excel than any other range on the market, and is sold guaranteed to bake and roast. Sold by Jas. B. Holderbaum.

Burglars at Shanksville.

Burglars entered the store of Floto & Spangler, at Shanksville, last Monday night, and carried away cash, postage stamps and checks to the amount of $150, notes to the value of $600, a large lot of jewelry, tobacco and other goods. No clue of the burglars has been learned.

When Mr. Floto arrived at his store Tuesday morning he found that the cellar door had been broken open. Investigation showed that the burglars had broken open the door and had gained access to the store room above, when they had completely ransacked the establishment. Before the proprietors left the store the previous night they had placed the day's cash receipts, several checks and notes in the safe and had retired without securely locking it. Mr. Floto at once directed his attention to the safe and found it locked. Upon opening it he discovered that it had been robbed of all its contents, including the firm's books. Later the books were found concealed under the floor. Mr. Floto is postmaster at Shanksville and the entire amount of postage stamps on hand was missing.

Howard Shank, who resides about one mile from Shanksville, had been in the store the night before the robbery and after purchasing a can of oil asked Mr. Floto to set it outside of the store in case he did not return before shutting up time. He failed to return until after midnight and when he did he found a stranger sitting on the store steps. At the same time a second stranger appeared at the corner of the store and asked to be directed to a hotel. Upon securing this information he requested Shank to give him something to drink. Believing that he had fallen among thieves, which subsequent events prove that he had, Shank took to his heels and beat a hasty retreat towards his home. He had evidently surprised the robbers at work and they finished the job after he left.

Do you use Meat Cutters?
" " " Sausage and Lard Presses?
" " " Butcher Saws?
" " " Butcher Knives?
" " " Butcher Steels?
If you use anything in the Hardware line call at J. B. Holderbaums Hardware Store. Save money and get the best goods.

A Wicked Plot.

A bold and dastardly plot to rob and murder, if the occasion demanded, has just come to light in Donegal, Westmoreland county. The conspirators in the case are Dr. W. S. Earnest, Guy Walters and George Gemas, son of M. Gemas, of Connellsville, and the victims selected were two old and respected citizens of Donegal, John Hubbs and Ludwick Lenhart.

It was decided to waylay Hubbs, on the night of September 6th after he had closed up his store and would be walking towards his home, which is about 100 yards distant. If he resisted he was to be sand-bagged and robbed. After rendering the old man insensible, they intended taking what money he had on his person. They knew he carried the key to a safe in his house which they also proposed to secure. They would then proceed to the house, the other occupants of which are an old woman and two children, and rob the safe and its contents. After completing this villainous job, they then determined to treat Ludwick Lenhart in the same manner. On the morning of the day set for the execution of the bold deed Walters weakened and confessed all to Hubbs. The other two were then called in and they also confessed. Lenhart and Hubbs agreed not to prosecute them on condition that they leave the town. The conspirators were glad of the opportunity to escape and left at once.

Sells Cheap, Sells Heap.

Do you know you can secure the best bargains in fall weight of clothing, fall hats, underware and furnishings at

KNEPPER & FERNER'S.

A GREAT SUCCESS

Was the Reunion of the Fifty Fourth

PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS.

An Immense Crowd and a Good Time.

The reunion of the survivors of the Fifty-Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, held in Somerset on Tuesday, 19th inst, was in every way eminently successful, and the managers of the affair have just reason to feel proud over the happy results of their labor.

About one hundred and seventy five survivors of the regiment participated in the reunion, but hundreds of other old veterans were present as were thousands of their friends.

THE CROWD,

which was one of the largest ever seen in Somerset, was orderly and well behaved and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of the day. The day itself, was beautiful, just such a one as the managers of the reunion would have had made to order.

The line of parade was formed at 10:30 oclock. Mr. Ed. Kyle acted as Chief Marshal and Mr. John Winters as assistant. The procession was an imposing one, composed as it was of the survivors of the Fifty-Fourth, veterans of other regiments, sons of veterans, R. P. Cummins G. A. R. Post, and carriages containing veterans unable to march and speakers. The Meyersdale and Confluence bands and the Johnstown and Somerset Sons of Veteran's Drum Corps, played sole-stirring, familiar airs along the route, which embraced the principal thoroughfares of the town.

The veterans, though many of them were aged, feeble, lame and otherwise disabled, caught inspiration from the patriotic music, and in spite of their many infirmaties, took and maintained perfect step throughout the long march.

The procession massed in front of the speaker's stand, which had been erected in the public square, when Comrade Frank P. Saylor delivered an eloquent and appropriate address of welcome to the visiting Comrades. The same was replied to by Ex-Mayor Horace Rose, of Johnstown, and Hon. Josiah D. Hicks, of Altoona, and Col. H. M. Warren, of Buffalo, N. Y. Col. E. D. Yutzy acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the several speakers.

At the close of the speech-making the veterans were escorted to the opera house, where a most inviting and substantial dinner was served, as was supper in the evening. Between 3,500 and 4,000 people were fed and there were many basketsful left over, so generously had the committee prepared for the entertainment of their guests.

A pleasant, and perhaps the most interesting feature of the reunion, was the camp fire held in the Opera House in the evening. An interesting paper was read by Geo. F. Spangler, of Shanksville, and speeches were made by Capt. Graham, of Johnstown, John G. Ogle, Esq., Col. Warren and others.

The display of fire works, in the evening, was a most creditable one and was immensely enjoyed by the large crowd of people from the surrounding country and neighboring towns who remained to witness it.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.

The Fifty-Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, whose third reunion was held in Somerset Tuesday, was recruited principally in the counties of Cambria, Somerset, Dauphin, Northampton and Lehigh, during the months of August and September, 1861; rendezvoused at Camp Curtin, and was organized by selecting the following field officers: Jacob M. Campbell, of Cambria county, Colonel; Barnabas McDermitt, of Cambria county, Lieutenant Colonel; John P. Linton, of Cambria county, Major.

At the organization at Harrisburg, other regimental officers were as follows: Surgeon, John M. Allen, Chester; Assistant Surgeon, A. W. Matthews, Lenni; Chaplain, Rev. Graff M. Pile, Somerset; Adjutant, W. H. Rose, Johnstown; Quartermaster, David P. Gordon, Johnstown; Sergeant Major, Lewis Roe, Allentown; Leader of Band, Peter J. Miller, Millerstown.

The company officers of the organization were as follows:

Company A.—Captain, John P. Soter, Johnstown; First Lieutenant, Allen K. Babcock, Johnstown; Second Lieutenant, Daniel N. Jones, Johnstown.

Company B.—Captain, John H. Hite, Stoyestown; First Lieutenant, John Cole, Shanksville; second Lieutenant, H. G. Baer, Somerset.

Company C.—Captain, E. D. Yutzy, Somerset; First Lieutenant, R. P. Robinson, Johnstown; Second Lieutenant, Samuel Lowry, Salisbury.

Company D.—Captain, J. H. Lapsley, Johnstown; First Lieutenant, W. A. Elder, Somerset; Second Lieutenant, G. W. Gegeby, Johnstown.

Company E.—Captain, Patrick Graham, Johnstown; First Lieutenant, W. H. Hoffman, Johnstown; Second Lieutenant, E. E. Lewis, Ashton.

Company F.—Captain, G. W. Davis, Dauphin County; First Lieutenant, J. W. Hubler, Stoystown; second Lieutenant, Robert Hammonty, Lehigh.

Company G.—Captain, F. B. Long, Berlin; First Lieutenant, Amos Swank, Berlin; Second Lieutenant, Adam Frontman, Berlin.

Company H.—Captain, J. O. Bilhelmer, Northampton County; First Lieutenant, Edward J. Swenger, Northampton County; Second Lieutenant, Jacob B. Dunlap, Johnstown.

Company I.—Captain, W. B. Boucker, Johnstown; First Lieutenant, G. W. Camp, Somerset County; second Lieutenant, John Humphreys, Summerhill.

Company K.—Captain, E. R. Newhart, Allentown; First Lieutenant, H. C. Wagner, Allentown; Second Lieutenant, Levi Tiner, Allentown.

Before the troops started for the front, the soldier boys were addressed by the Governor in an eloquent and patriotic strain and presented with a State flag. Colonel Campbell received the flag for his regiment in an address appropriate to the occasion.

On the 27th of Febuary, 1862, the Regiment was ordered to Washington, where the men had their altered flintlock muskets, furnished by the State, exchanged for the Belgian rifles. On the 29th of March, the Regiment was ordered to proceed to Harper's Ferry and report to Colonel Miles. Here the different companies were placed in various positions, at considerable distances from one another the entire distance to be guarded being fifty six miles in length. Its duty here was twofold, to guard the road, suppress guerrilla warfare in the neighborhood, and protect Union people and their property.

The history of the Regiment may be appropriately divided into three parts. During the first, extending from the time of its entry into the service to December, 1862, it was engaged in guarding the B. & O. Railroad. The second covers the period from the time when the Regiment was relieved from guarding the rail road until December 19, 1864, during which time it formed part of the armies operating in the Shenandoah Valley, and participated in the battles of New Market, Lexington, Lynchburg, Snicker's Gap, Kernstown, Cedar Creek, Berryville, and Winchester, and the third part of its history covers the period of time during which it was attached to the Army of the James in the final campaign against General Lee and his army.

In December, 1864, when General Sheridan transferred the main body of his army from the Shenandoah Valley to join General Grant in front of Petersburg, the Fifty-fourth went with him, but was soon after assigned to duty with the Army of the James, where, in April following, it participated in the general forward movement, which resulted in the capture of Lee's army.

The last engagement in which the Fifty-fourth participated was at High Bridge, on the 5th of April, 1865. The Rebel Army, having been routed from its works about Petersburg, was retreating rapidly toward the North Carolina border. Two regiments, one of which was the Fifty-fourth, with two companies of Cavalry, were ordered to make a forced march to High Bridge and destroy it, for the purpose of delaying the enemy in his retreat. The enemy, however, had taken ample precaution to protect a structure so important to his escape, and, when the detachment arrived at the Bridge, it was attacked by an overwhelming force, surrounded, and forced to surrender; this, however, it did not do until a large portion of the command had been killed or taken prisoners.

Although the main object of this expedition—the destruction of the Bridge—failed, yet the mere attempt served every purpose, as it turned out, for Lee's columns were delayed long enough to enable Sheridan to watch his rear and complete the destruction and capture of that once proud and defiant army. For four days, without rations, the captives marched with the retreating Rebel army, when, to their great joy, they were released from their captivity and starving condition by Grant's victorious column.

From Appomattox Court House, the Fifty-fourth was sent to Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., and on the 15th of July, 1865, it was mustered out of service at Harrisburg.

The Fifty-fourth saw some very hard service and made for itself an excellent record.

COMPANY B.

The following list of the members of Company "B." Fifty-Fourth Regiment, who were present and participated in the reunion, was furnished us by Comrade C. W. Pugh, of Stoyestown:

John H. Hite, Cap., Stoyestown; C. W. Pugh, Serg't, Stoyestown; Solomon Uhl, private, Somerset; J. M. Holderbaum, Corp., Somerset; Abe Falth, private, Somerset; Fred Groff, buglar, Meyersdale; Ed Rhoads, private, Somerset; LaRue Hicks, commissary sergeant, Somerset; Herman Baldwin, a private, Shanksville; Jon't Boyer, private, Hooversville; Eli Poorbaugh, L. G. Guide, Shanksville; John Gunder, L. G. Guide, Stonycreek; George Spangler, L. G. Guide, Shanksville; Abe Wilson, sergeant, Shanksville; John Brant, corporal, Shanksville; W. A. Slick, private, Johnstown; George Oyler, private, Johnstown; John Hamer, private, Somerset; Abe Spangler, wagoner, Somerset; John Wagner, private, Buckstown; Jonathan Spangler, private, Lambertsville; J. K. Spangler, private, McKeynport; John Cook, private, Lambertsville; John Koontz, private, Crumm P. O.; Chas. Miller, private, Husband; Ed R. Cartiff, private, Johnstown; John Fisher, private, ——; Noah Lohr, private, Hudson, Ill.; John A. Custer, private, Crumm P. O; Elias Crissey, Chancey Lambert, private, Buckstown; Emanuel Custer, private, Johnstown; Josiah Bowns, private, Johnstown; Samuel Geisel, private, Johnstown; Jonathan Spangler, private, Lambertsville; Jesse Liston, private, Listonville; J. W. Mostoller, private, Stoystown; John A. Woy, private, Listie; James A. Cook, private, Casselman; Jas. I. Miller, private, Johnstown.

Enjoyed the Reunion.

EDITOR SOMERSET HERALD.

DEAR SIR:—I head the pleasure of attending the third reunion of the "54th," in your town on the 19th inst. Although I was not a member of the regiment myself—being too young then for a soldier—I had three brothers who were all in Co. C.

And so I always felt as though it was my regiment, and am always deeply interested in anything concerning it. My oldest brother was killed at Lynchburg, Va., on the 18th of June 1864, and lies to-day in an unknown, but thank God, not an unhonored grave, for he fell "with his face to the foe," defending his country's honor.

I was much pleased with Somerset and the hearty welcome she extended to the old soldiers and their friends. Much credit is due to Mr. Ed. Kyle for his energetic efforts to make the occasion a success. Also to the ladies of the town for their share. They certainly performed their part well in preparing the fine "lay out" they gave us, and in seeing that all were supplied. But where were the ladies of Somerset ever found wanting, when patriotism called for their aid.

In looking at the "old boys" I was much impressed with the look of age that was creeping into their faces, and whitening their hair. They are growing old, and one by one they are passing away. And I thought we had not much reason to feel proud of having put in power an administration that is antagonistic to the soldier, and yet, perhaps it will not prove to be an unmitigated evil. Not a few old soldiers have been voting the Democratic ticket, refusing to believe that that party was an enemy of the soldier who fought to save this glorious country of ours. There have been many changes in the last thirty years, but there has been no visible change in the Democratic party. Its principles are the same to-day as thirty years ago, and it is high time the old soldiers and their friends were convinced of it.

It may be all right enough to root Hoke Smith, but he can go no farther than his chief allows him to go. But back of all—the real power behind the throne—stands the American citizen with his ballot in his hand. And the American citizen has no reason to be proud to day, of the patriotism displayed by the party he exalted to power, in its attitude toward the old soldier.

But I am happy to say, I did not hear one of the old 54th say he voted the Democratic ticket. All that I heard express themselves said they voted as they shot. All honor to the old 54th.

J. V. E. ELLIS,
Uniontown, Pa.

Have Won Honors in the West.

Messrs. Winfield and George Scott, of Hebron, Neb., have been guests of their cousin, John R. Scott, Esq., for the past week. Both are sons of the late Levi Scott, formerly of Jefferson township this county. When three years of age Winfield contracted a heavy cold which terminated in paralysis and since which time he has not had the use of his lower limbs and only the partial use of his hands. His parents removed to Somerset when he was still a lad and here he attended the common and normal schools, his brother George wheeling him to and from school in a chair, and in face of his physical disabilities he succeeded in acquiring a liberal education. In 1861 the Scott family removed to Nebraska and for the past twenty years have been prominently identified with the politics of that State. All were Republicans originally, and the New York *Tribune* was their political gospel, so it is not strange that three of the boys became Democrats when Greely became the presidential nominee of that party in 1872, and that the fourth boy continued a stalwart Republican. "Alack," the eldest son, is recognized among the foremost lawyers of his adopted state and served one term as president judge of Richardson county. He is at present a member of the Nebraska State Senate on the Republican side. Oliver, the second son, is a prominent lawyer, and is a candidate this fall for the Democratic nomination for Supreme Judge. Winfield, although a helpless cripple, has always taken an active part in politics and has been elected to a number of county offices on the Democratic ticket. He has successfully engaged in a number of business enterprises and is one of the leading citizens of Thayer county. He has a very strong fear that at once revis'n him the successful man of affairs. He has been sadly handicapped, however, by being confined to a wheel chair for more than forty years.

George is the youngest member of the family and has been his brother Winfield's steadfast companion for many years, only taking enough time to take an occasional "turn at the political wheel" and to make several good investments. Hon. A. H. Scott was in Somerset for a few days last week. Winfield and George will remain here for a few days and will visit their birth place in Jefferson township.

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