The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....Oct. 4, 1893.

The tickets to be voted this fall will all be "straight" tickets, from the fact that the amendment law provides for voting a whole ticket by making a cross in a ring at the head.

The Kumfer or Oil City wagon is sold by J. B. Holderbaum.

Rev. J. H. Sutherland, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Pool City, Pa., who has been traveling since July, has sent in his resignation, and it has been accepted. Rev. Sutherland was formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this place.

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

Mr. T. E. Wiley, 146 Chambers st., New York City, says that Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured him of a dry and scaly humor, from which he had suffered intolerably. He adds: "I have not a blemish on my body, and my health is wholly due to Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

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

There can be no health for either mind or body so long as the blood is vitiated. Cleanse vital current from all impurities by the use of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. This medicine restores the wasted energies, strengthens the nerves, and restores health to the debilitated system.

Unless your envelope states the number of days you wish your letters held, the postmaster, by a new ruling, will hold them the thirty days instead of ten. This is important to business men who do not want their letters, when not delivered, detained over ten days.

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

Professor Rothrock, the botanist member of the state forestry commission, has issued a circular letter to the county superintendents of schools in Pennsylvania in which he proposes that at least one exercise of every county teachers' institute shall consist of an essay written by a teacher or an address on the subject of forestry.

Clearance sale of fine furniture at Devlin's 51 and 52 Franklin St., begins Aug. 9th. Parlor suits at about half price.

On Chicago Day, October 9th, the exposition will be free from debt. The executive committee has recommended that the remaining 50 per cent. of corporation bonds be paid on that date. The floating indebtedness on contracts and pay roll, estimated at $1,000,000, will also be wiped from the books. The stock subscriptions will remain of course, but these do not constitute a legal liability.

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

A man who failed to be assessed can vote at the November election by calling two men who will swear he has been a resident of the district for 60 days. But if he fails to pay a state or county tax, assessed within two years immediately preceding the election, there is no power on earth that will secure him a vote. The payment of taxes, to enable a man to vote, must be made not later than October 7.

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

The Rev. Ira Hicks says October will come in with reactionary storms followed by a big drop in temperature, continuing until the 4th. During the 4th to 7th occasional dashes of rain and snow may be expected. On and touching the 9th and 10th the disturbances of greater magnitude will most likely occur. A cold wave of big dimensions will wind up the the disturbance for the first half of the month.

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.

Farmers from the surrounding country are greatly encouraged by the way the recent rains have improved their farms generally. These recent genial showers have brought up the grass in a remarkably rapid manner. Many farmers will get two clover crops as a result, and with this and the revived grass two months' feed, at least, can be saved. Corn can is being husked, and it, too, is turning out much better than was expected.

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.

Bedford is blessed with an abundance of water. In fact few towns in Pennsylvania are so highly favored. There should be water enough to submerge the town at any time. Too it is, that the supply is insufficient for domestic use, in fact not enough to wash the faces of every man, woman and child in the town by allowing each inhabitant a pint. The water works cost nearly, or quite, one hundred thousand dollars.—*Bedford Gazette.*

The season is now open. Get your gun Colt, Winchester, Marlin, Stevens and Pioneer rifles, single and double barrel Shot Guns of all kinds. Revolvers a specialty at J. B. Holderbaum's Hardware Store, Somerset, Pa.

Here is a valuable pointer to young men: The best time to choose a wife is early in the morning; if a damsel is at all inclined to frills and slattery ways it is just before breakfast. As a general thing woman does not get on her easy temper until after 10 o'clock. To meet her before that hour, you would not know her to be the same girl you met in the parlor in the evening. Of course there are exceptions, but it isn't safe to take the chances.

The completion of the Confluence & Oakland road, which has been surveyed from Oakland, Md., on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore & Ohio, to Confluence, on the Pittsburg division of the Baltimore & Ohio, is assured by the fact that the Mountain Lake Park Association of Garrett county, Md., has voted to give $10,000 towards the project, says the *Manufacturers' Record.* The new road is about thirty miles long and will shorten the distance considerably between Pittsburg and Baltimore, while it is expected to induce many residents of the former city to come to Deer Park, Mountain Lake Park and other Maryland summer resorts.

Prof. Edward S. Holden, director of Lick Observatory, has prepared for the October Forum an absorbing account of the wonderful new star discovered in 1892. This star, which resembles our sun, blazed up to an astonishing brilliancy within a few days of its discovery, then gradually disappeared, and subsequently appeared as a nebula. The changes of light and heat it developed, if repeated in the case of our own sun, would mean a quick end of the human race and the immediate extinction of all life upon this earth. This is the most uncomfortable suggestion with which astronomers have startled us since the spring comet was expected to hit the earth.

The superintendent of public instruction has received a communication from a prominent citizen of Tunkhannock informing him that in Root Hollow, a thriving lumber camp about five miles from that place "there is no school board in the camp because there are not enough persons who can read or write to form one. There is no school there to attend and a community is being allowed to come up within a half hour's drive of Tunkhannock, the county seat of Wyoming county, without proper instruction as to the existence of a God or Saviour and of the requirements of good citizenship and, of course, good morals." Dr. Schaeffer says this is one of the most deplorable state of affairs he has ever heard of and he has instructed the superintendent of schools of Wyoming county to investigate the matter and report to him promptly.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Vannear, of the Park Hotel, are in Chicago this week.

Mrs. Jonas Maurer and her son Michael, of Jenner X Roads, are at the World's Fair.

Mr. Peter Sipe has been appointed post master at Sipesville, vice Harry Sipe resigned.

J. G. Kimmel and wife, of Stonycreek township, have returned from a visit to the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hinson have returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Ohio and Indiana.

T. J. Picking and wife, of Terre Alta, Va., have been in Somerset the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Shafer.

Maud Wooley, daughter of James Wooley, of the west ward, died Sunday, 24th inst., after a lingering illness. She was eighteen years of age.

Miss Lucy Heffley, of the "Highland Farm," started for Chicago yesterday morning. She was joined at Pittsburgh by her friend Miss McCracken.

Among other Somerset people who will visit the World's Fair this week are Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Biesecker, James L. Pugh, Esq., and Burgess William H. Weifley.

Hon. John H. Jordan, a leading lawyer and Republican politician, of Bedford county, was in Somerset for several days last week attending to legal business.

Sheriff Good expects to depart some time during the next ten days on a two week's trip to Chicago and Washington, Ill. He will be accompanied by his wife and family.

A notable visitor on the streets of this place last week was ex-Senator Smiley, of Perry county. Senator Smiley and Judge Longenecker served in the Senate at the same time.

Hon. E. D. Miller and A. Evans, Esq., of Rockwood, attended the meeting of the State Republican League Clubs, at Reading, last week. They were delegates from Lincoln Club, Rockwood.

The retail liquor dealers' license issued to J. J. Lawson, of the Commercial Hotel, was Friday transferred by the Court to Simon Sweitzer. Mr. Sweitzer took immediate possession of the hotel.

Mrs. J. R. Hill and family, of Crescent City, Florida, who have been the guests of the former's father—Dr. Joseph Covode, at Jenner X Roads, for the past three months, have returned to their southern home.

Baron Henry Housefelt has returned to his home in this place after spending the summer in Germany. Mr. Housefelt was in ill health for several months during his absence, but is now rapidly recuperating.

While the Commissioners have decided to make some much needed improvements to the Court House they have done nothing towards laying a new pavement in front of that imposing edifice. Town council should give this matter their attention.

Senator Critchfield returned to his home in Jenner township Saturday evening and returned to his post in Chicago Monday morning, accompanied by his wife. The Senator's duties will keep him in Chicago until the close of the exposition.

Miss Lulu Davis is now in Pittsburgh taking in the Winter Opening of J. J. Porter & Co. Upon her return to Somerset, Miss Davis will be prepared to trim in all the latest styles. Somerset people know what she can do. Make a trial of her taste and you will be pleased.

The following appointments for this county were read by the Bishop before the Pittsburgh conference of the M. E. Church, at Pittsburgh, Monday afternoon: Stoystown, C. H. Muse; Berlin, J. H. Lancaster; Confluence, G. H. Funn; Meyersdale, W. C. Weaver; Somerset, W. H. McBride.

Rev. J. L. W. Seibert, of Milford township, left for Pittsburgh this morning for the purpose of attending, as a delegate, the Parent Society of the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Association of North America, which convenes in that city this week. The Board carry on a number of successful missions at home and abroad.

Chauncey Pritts, employed on Gen. A. H. Coffroth's farm, met with an accident, Monday afternoon, that will keep him bedfast for some time. Pritts was engaged with a two horse team at hauling stone, when by some unlucky mishap, one of his legs became entangled in a wheel of the wagon and was broken near the ankle.

A man named Murphy was run down by an engine at Rockwood, Monday night, and frightfully mangled about the head and shoulders. He was removed to the hospital at Connellsville yesterday morning, where it is feared he will die. The unfortunate man is supposed to have laid down on the railroad track to sleep off a drunk.

The United Brethren conference of the Allegheny district closed its session, at Mt. Pleasant, Saturday. The following conference appointments for this county were made: Berlin, J. V. Ford; Jenner X Roads, A. Boffington; Meyersdale, D. W. Beenhesen; Somerset, S. Fisher; Rockwood, D. R. Ellis; Presiding Elder, L. W. Stahl, Johnstown.

From October 20th to the 22d the annual district meeting of the Mennonite Church will be held in the Martinsburg Church, Blair county. The district consists of Somerset, Blair, Fayette and Cambria counties, and the meeting will be conducted by Elders Daniel Bender, of Eck Lick township, Somerset county, and Herman Snyder, of Bedford county.

Hay and Walker is the name of a new legal firm who will nail their shingle in front of the office formerly occupied by attorneys Colborn & Colborn, opposite the Court House. The members of the firm are A. L. G. Hay, Esq., and C. W. Walker, Esq., both promising young attorneys. Messrs. Colborn & Colborn have taken offices on the second floor of the same building.

The low temperature of the past few days has doubtless caused many ladies to consider what kind of a wrap they will buy for this winter's wear. At John Stenger's store in Johnstown, they will find the largest assortment of Ladies' and Childrens' coats shown between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, and they will be sold at right prices. See Stenger's advertisement in another column.

A serious conflagration was averted by the timely discovery of fire in the residence of Dr. H. S. Kimmel at an early hour Thursday morning. The Dr's wife was aroused by the strong smell of burning clothing or carpet that pervaded the house. Investigation revealed that the timbers of the parlor floor had taken fire from the ash pit and that a number of lengths of carpet had already been destroyed. The fire was extinguished with difficulty.

Harry Rauch, M. D., son of Esquire Henry Rauch, of Jenner township, and Miss Fay Batchellor, a handsome young Southern lady, were united in marriage at Rock Falls, Ill., last Wednesday. The happy young couple arrived in Johnstown Friday, and will spend some time at the home of Dr. Wm. H. Rauch, in that city. They will visit the home of the groom's father before they return to Rock Falls, which will be some time during the present month.

The public school teachers of this county will be pained to learn that Prof. C. E. Leslie, who had charge of the music at the last session of the annual teachers' institute, died at his home in Chicago, about the first of September. The newspapers say that his death resulted from heart trouble, superinduced by an over abundance of energy. Prof. Leslie had accepted an engagement to take charge of the music at the ensuing Bedford county teachers' institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah C. Johnson, of Somerset township, mourn the death of the former's mother, who died at her home near Uniontown about two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Christian Miller, had visited the Johnson homestead for the purpose of witnessing the marriage of Mr. Johnson's brother Alfred, on September 14th. They were on their way home when they were apprised of Mrs. Johnson's death.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Flora Snyder, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs J. B. Snyder, and Mr. Frank B. Black, eldest son of ex-County Treasurer George Black, of Meyersdale. The wedding will take place at three o'clock Thursday afternoon, October 12th, at the home of the bride's parents on east Patriot street. The bride to be is one of Somerset's prettiest and sweetest girls and the groom is one of Meyersdale's most successful young business men.

A dispatch from Greenville, Pa., says: "Rev. Dr. William Rupp, formerly of Meyersdale, the newly elected professor to the chair of practical theology in Franklin and Marshall College, at Lancaster, was installed into his new office Saturday evening. The professor's inaugural address was a masterpiece. He treated his theme, "The Prophet of God," in a most liberal manner. The synod expects to finish its work by midnight Monday, as an excursion has been arranged for it to Niagara Falls on Tuesday."

Mrs. Barbara Brubaker died Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Kline, in Lincoln township, at an advanced age. She is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Kline and Mrs. Norman B. Penrod, of Somerset township. Three sons, Levi, David and William, all formerly well-known residents of Somerset township, preceded her to the grave, all of them having died within the past few years. The deceased was a consistent member of the Evangelical church. The interment took place at the Lichty church Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. Domer.

When Charles Whipperman, a well-known resident of Jenner township, awoke Sunday morning he found his wife lying by his side cold in death. She had expired sometime during the night from heart failure and had apparently died without a struggle. The deceased had been sick for several weeks, but a fatal termination of her sickness was not anticipated by her husband and friends. Mrs. Whipperman was a daughter of the late Philip Coleman and was a sister of Mrs. Noah S. Miller, Mrs. Daniel List, Mrs. George A. Pile, of Jenner township, and of Mrs. John Countryman, of Somerset township. She was about thirty seven years of age. Her husband and two small children survive.

The latest addition to the Somerset county bar, and the first to be subjected to the new rule of Court requiring candidates for admission to undergo examination in open court, is Mr. Charles W. Walker, who passed a most flattering examination. In fact his answers to the interrogatories put to him were so satisfactory to the Court that Judge Longenecker said he was satisfied with the candidates qualifications and had no questions to ask. The examination took place after the opening of court Friday evening and extended over an hour. At its conclusion Mr. Walker was admitted to the practice of the law on motion of F. W. Biesecker, Esq. For the past two years Mr. Walker has been a student in the office of W. J. Baer.

Mr. Simon Krebs, of the Little Coal Company, had for his guests several days last week, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Hancock, of Danville, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock stopped off at Somerset on their return home from the World's Fair. "There is only one place on the Midway Plaisance that I would give a baubee for," said Mr. Hancock, "and that is the streets of 'Old Vienna.' The only drawback was that every person in there was jabbering Dutch as fast as their tongues could go and I couldn't understand a word that was said. My wife, who is a German, refused to come to my assistance and the only thing that remained for me was to hold up two fingers. The waiters understood what was wanted and we spent one of the pleasantest evenings imaginable listening to the music furnished by an Austrian orchestra."

Jacob D. Swank, the jeweler of this place, has had patented a unique little machine of his own invention, which will doubtless bring him a handsome return when it is placed upon the market. In this day and generation bar keepers are generally looked upon with distrust by their employers, and it was to overcome any disposition on the part of bar keepers to misappropriate their employers money that led Mr. Swank to make his invention. The machine referred to is nothing less than a register for beer kegs, or any other vessel containing liquids sold by the glass. It registers accurately every glass drawn from the vessel and rings a bell when the glass has been filled. Mr. Swank says the idea of the register was suggested to him by Mr. Lawson, formerly proprietor of the Commercial Hotel. Lawson, it appears, dropped that he had such a device on one of his kegs. The next morning he told Swank about it, and a few days following Swank invented the register.

A. J. Colborn, Esq., made a brilliant speech on Pennsylvania Day at the World's Fair. Mr. Colborn was on the platform with the other dignitaries. Some in the crowd spied him and immediately there was a cry for "Colborn, Colborn." Others took it up and the demand was so irresistible that Mr. Colborn must make a speech. With his most gracious smile Mr. Colborn stepped forward and fairly bedazzled his audience by the brilliancy of his utterances and the old Keystone fervor that permeated them. It was a genuine piece of oratory and our eloquent townsman and young barrister was overwhelmed with applause. Mrs. Potter Palmer, president of the Board of Lady Managers of the great fair, was on the platform and listened with rapt attention to the address. The brilliant lady was so delighted that she approached Mr. Colborn and heartily congratulated him on his oratorical success, judging his nationality by his place of residence, said she had Welsh blood in her veins of which she was proud of. Mr. Colborn gracefully bowed his acknowledgement, and, recalling the old Welsh maxim, "Yr Gwir yn Erbyn y Bydd," said not a word about nationality.—*Scranton Republican.*

Miss Mattie Halley, aged 14 years, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. Well Knepper, in Brothersvalley township, met with a serious accident last Sunday a week ago and her relatives entertain fears that it may yet terminate fatally. Miss Halley and a little daughter of Mr. Knepper's were returning home from Berlin in a buggy, when the former, in attempting to release the lines which had become entangled in the harness, fell forward in the road, lighting on her head. The horse continued on toward home until it was stopped by persons living along the road, who were attracted by the cries of the child still in the buggy. Returning to the scene of the accident they found Miss Halley lying by the side of the road in a delirious condition. She was removed to the home of Mr. Knepper where medical attention was summoned. A report reached here Monday that Miss Halley had apparently expired.

After all efforts to revive her had been made by physicians and had failed, preparations were made for burial. She was laid out and the undertaker was expected to place the body in a casket for shipment to Cumberland. Before he arrived the watchers noticed a twitching of the eyelids and presently she aroused, although still unconscious.

The physicians were again summoned and treatment for her recovery began. They express their opinion that she will only live a short time.

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

Hon. Daniel Stufft Dead.

Ex-Associate Judge Daniel Stuff is dead, at the age of seventy-three years. His death occurred last Tuesday night at his home in Jenner township, and was not unexpected by the members of his family, who had watched by his bedside for the past six weeks. Mr. Stuff became ill in the latter part of August while in Chicago, and it was necessary to bring him to his home. From the time he was taken sick until the day of his death—thirty nine days—he did not taste food. The deceased was one of the most prominent men in his section of the county and enjoyed the respect and friendship of a large circle of friends throughout the county. A singular trait of the Judge's character was that he always preferred to ride horse back to the more comfortable way of traveling in buggy or carriage. He was over six feet tall, erect as an Indian and made a most striking picture when mounted on one of his large farm horses.

The deceased is survived by four children—Mrs. Jacob Zimmerman, of Quemahoning township, Mrs. Alexander Rhoads, of Jenner township, Mrs. Josiah Good, of Somerset township, and by his son Jerome, who was a candidate for county commissioner at the late Republican primary election.

In The House.

A good thing to have in the house is the Cinderella Range, a good baking of bread is always assured. Sold by Jas B. Holderbaum.

To the Highest Bidder.

The Sheriff's sale of the personal property of the Cambria Lumber Company and of the Shade Creek Railroad Company, occurred last Wednesday, at the mills of the former corporation in Paint township.

The Shade Creek Railroad, a road between seven and eight miles in length, recently constructed along the banks of Shade Creek and extending from the S. & C. R. R. to the mills of the Cambria Lumber Company, was knocked down to S. H. Baker, of Pittsburgh for $39,040. The sale of the lumber company's effects realized $10,322. Most of the material sold was bought in by S. H. Baker, the same gentleman to whom the railroad had been knocked down.

It appears that the Shade Creek company owed the Cambria Lumber company over $30,000, which it was unable to pay. Part of the creditors of the Cambria Lumber company secured judgment against the company, and J. M. Head, of Greensburg, as trustee for certain creditors attached the property of the corporation to satisfy these executions.

All judgments not covered by the sale of the personal property will, it is thought, be satisfied by the sale of the real estate, which will be sometime before the December court.

It is said that the sales took place more for the purpose of reorganization than anything else. S. T. Baker, the purchaser, is one of the principal stockholders. It is supposed that certain stockholders had refused to pay their assessments, and it was to weed out this class and put the company on a sound footing that the affair was allowed to go as it has and be sold out. It is quite likely that there will be a reorganization before long.

The sale involved the largest amount of money of any sale Sheriff Good has had during his term of office. Indeed it is doubful whether a sheriff's sale involving a larger amount was ever held in this county.

The sale attracted a large crowd of people, among them being a number of well-known attorneys from this place and Johnstown.

Address Wanted.

Will some one forward the address of Michael Downey, 21 Lieut. of Company K., 133d P. V., to me.

J. C. SPARKS,
Everett, Bedford County, Pa.

B. & O. Train Robbers.

The report reached the B. & O. officials at Pittsburg, Wednesday, that robbers had planned to hold up the Express above West Newton, Wednesday night. The officials gave credence to the report and set about to thwart the robbers. The Express, known on the road as No. 10, left Pittsburg on schedule time, 9:20 P. M., and ran to McKeesport. It was held there 20 minutes, and Time Freight No. 88, was run on the Express schedule from there to West Newton. The freight passed Elrod, the point at which the attack was expected, at a lively rate. The crew report that they saw several men standing in a dark pass in the road, but they made no attempt to stop the train. When the robbers saw the freight running on the Express schedule they evidently concluded that their plans had been discovered and retreated.

The Express left McKeesport with a body of armed police in the express and baggage cars ready for the attack. Some of the passengers learned of the threatened attack and spread the report through the cars. Considerable excitement followed, and when the train reached Connellsville the excitement had not subdued. It is said there was $72,000 locked up in the safe in the express car, an unusually large amount for this train to carry.

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

KNEPPER & FERNER'S.

A Successful Farmer.

One of Somerset County's most successful farmers is Mr. John Paile, of near Friedline's Mills, Jenner Township, formerly of Paint Township.

Last spring, Mr. Paile traded his Paint Township farm, on which he had lived all his life, for the farm of Mr. William Heckler, in Jenner Township. The trade was even up, each place containing about one hundred and forty acres, and the exchange is satisfactory to both parties. Mr. Phile has the coal right underlying his present farm, but that of the old place had been sold. Off of three acres of his land, he this year raised one hundred and eighty bushels of oats, and out of two bees he had eight swarms.

Mr. Phile is a son-in-law of Mr. David Yoder, of Upper Yoder Township, this county, a highly-respected old Amish gentleman, who is hale and hearty at the age of about eighty years.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Last Bulletin for the Year.

The weather crop bulletin of the Pennsylvania State Weather Service for the week ending September 25th says the rainfall during the week was quite well distributed, and was generally a little above the usual amount. The lightest rainfall was apparently in the southern counties and the greatest in the mountains.

The crops, except late tobacco and gardens, are now so far advanced in growth and so nearly harvested that little can be said of them. Winter wheat, where above ground, looks very well. Corn is so badly tangled that cutting is slow and laborious. There is much tobacco still on the stalk.

Reports upon the potato crop indicate a small yield, but of excellent quality. Buckwheat suffered greatly from the drought, and it seems to be the poorest crop raised this year. Gardens are in good condition, and have yielded well. Fruit is a light crop, but of good quality, and grapes are said to be a full crop.

Registered Letters Taken.

Samuel M. Williams, a clerk in the Tyrone Post-office, was arrested Friday morning by Post-office Inspector W. W. Dickson, charged with the embezzlement of $800 from registered letters.

The stealing had been going on for some time, and the crime is said to have been fastened on Williams by a decoy letter.

After his arrest he revealed the hiding-place of the money, and it was all recovered. He had been saving it, and kept it in a tin box at his house.

For two years past he had been a trusted clerk in the Tyrone Post-office. He is aged about twenty-two, and is single.

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.

CRIMINAL COURT.

Elder Singer Convicted of Assault and Battery.

THE LAUREL HILL GANG ACQUITTED.

A Long List of Trivial Criminal Cases Disposed of.—Road and Bridge Viewers Appointed.—Report of Grand Jury.

Metaphorically speaking, last week was wash week in the criminal courts of this county, and it is safe to say that more dirty linen was exposed to public view than at any term of court in years past. The stench arising from some of the wash was extremely nauseating to both the Court and the public. Happily for the fair fame of our county the most scandalous cases were lugged here by non-residents. It is certainly not edifying to see a minister of the gospel defendant in a criminal proceeding, but when we pause to consider what the exposure of such an one means—stripped of his holy robes and revealed in all his horrid ugliness—we cannot help but think that the cause which he has belied has been bettered by his expurgation.

EVANGELIST SINGER CONVICTED OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. R. H. Singer, charged with attempted criminal assault, on information of Mrs. Alice Jeffreys, attracted unusual attention on account of the social position of the prosecuting witness, and from the fact that the defendant is an evangelist of the Disciples' church.

The case had been set for trial at last term but was continued on application of defendant's counsel, who claimed that material witnesses could not be present. When the case was called for trial Thursday morning Elder Singer entered the enclosure reserved for members of the bar, court officers and suitors and took a seat at his counsel's table.

Singer was one of the last men in the court room that would have been taken for the defendant in a criminal action. He wore a loose fitting black alpaca coat and looked more like a visiting barrister than the defendant in an action for criminal assault. The defendant wears nose glasses and when the list of jurymen was completed and handed to his counsel for the purpose of challenging, he leisurely adjusted them and rising to his feet leaned over his counsel's shoulder and apparently offered his opinion as to the qualifications of the men who had been called into the box. After the challenges had all been made and a jury of twelve had been selected to sit upon his case, Mr. Singer resumed his seat at the counsel table and turning his face to the jury and the audience appeared as unconcerned as if he were only an idle spectator.

Gen. Koontz opened the case for the Commonwealth. He simply recited what the Commonwealth would endeavor to prove and concluded by stating that if the Commonwealth made out her case beyond a reasonable doubts he would ask for a verdict of guilty.

STORY OF THE ALLEGED ASSAULT.

Mrs. Alice Jeffreys, the prosecuting witness, was then called to the stand. Mrs. Jeffreys is a rather pretty woman and impressed all who saw her with her modesty and natural diffidence. She testified that she lived in Addison and was twenty-three years of age and a member of the Lutheran church. On the thirtieth day of April last, being Sunday, she went to the home of Dr. Hiram Hartzell for the purpose of calling upon a cousin who lived there. After she had been there for a short time Mr. Hartzell and Robert H. Singer entered the house and by and by several ladies, relatives of Mr. Hartzell's, came in. A religious conversation concerning baptism by emersion was sprung and after a little debate Dr. Hartzell retired to an adjoining room to sleep. The voices of the persons in the sitting room disturbed him and he asked that the door between the rooms be closed. At this juncture Mr. Singer solicited Mrs. Jeffreys to accompany him to the parlor in the wing of the building and separated by a hall from the room in which Mr. Hartzell was resting. She assented after he had invited her a second time, giving as an excuse for doing so that she had every confidence in a minister of the gospel. Upon entering the parlor Singer conducted her to a sofa and then returned to the door and locked it. Advancing to the witness he asked her if she did not like him and asked the privilege of kissing her. She repulsed his advance and, according to her story, for a period of between one and two hours battled against his caresses and torturers. Finally Singer handed her a bible and after kissing it himself requested her to press her lips against its sacred covers and promise never to reveal what had occurred in the parlor. She declined to promise, when Singer unlocked the door and permitted her to depart. Returning to the dining room the witness secured her wraps and returned to her home, arriving there about six o'clock in the evening. Her husband was ready to start away and after lunch he left and did not return until the following Tuesday. Monday evening Mrs. Jeffreys' father than be left all alone in the house, accompanied a relative to church to hear Singer exort. Following the services Singer called at her house and was admitted, there being a number of other people present. Tuesday morning after she had become calm and collected witness told her husband of the indignities she had suffered at the hands of the defendant, Singer, Sunday afternoon. Witness afterwards subscribed to the information against him before a justice of the peace. This concluded Mrs. Jeffreys direct testimony, much of which was unfit for publication.

Mrs. Jeffreys was cross-examined at great length by Judge Baer but he was unable to get her to depart from her original story, or to get her to contradict herself in a single particular.

Mrs. Jeffreys told the story of her humiliation in a low, hesitating voice and repeatedly had recourse to her handkerchief in order to hide her blushes and the tears that filled her eyes. She impressed all in the court room with the truthfulness of her story and aroused the greatest sympathy for her mortifying position.

All the time Mrs. Jeffreys was on the witness stand—between two and one half and three hours—Singer occupied a chair immediately in front of the witness. He never took his eyes from her face when she was preparing to reply to a question from counsel. Frequently he held his open hand back of his right ear in order that nothing that she might say should escape him. As soon as she had given her answer to a question he would industriously write it down in a tablet he kept on his knee. His position and conduct could not have been other than very trying and embarrassing to the witness and it is certain that it created a most unfavorable impression against him in the minds of the people who crowded the court room, if not in the minds of the jury itself. This tablet that the defendant resorted to, appeared to be in the nature of a diary. The last few leaves of it were closely written and he referred to it frequently when prompting his counsel in regard to asking questions.

Walter Jeffreys was the the second witness called for the Commonwealth. He testified that defendant had admitted to witness that he had done wrong in luring his sister-in-law into the parlor, that he was sorry from the depths of his heart for the way in which he had persecuted her, and that she was a good, true, noble and christian woman. On cross-examination the witness admitted that he had told a contradictory story in regard to his conversation with Singer—but that was before Singer's misconduct had been made public.

The morning following alleged his admissions to Walter Jeffreys, Singer left Addison He was subsequently arrested at Lock Haven, Pa., and brought to Somerset and lodged in jail.

This was substantially all of the evidence offered by the Commonwealth.

SINGER TAKES THE STAND.

Objection was raised to Elder Singer's being affirmed, but when hestated that he had conscientious scruples against taking an oath, he was permitted to do so.

The defendant corroborated the testimony of Mrs. Jeffreys substantially until the time they went into the parlor at Hartzell's. He said that she had solicited a conversation with him on religious matters and he declared positively that he had not assaulted her and that he had not made any compromising propositions to her. He further said that there was not a Bible in the room and that before Mrs. Jeffreys took her departure she requested him to keep the subject of their conversation (baptism by immersion) to himself, as her husband was an enemy of the Disciples' church and of immersion. She said that she was willing to be immersed. The following night she came to hear him preach and accepted a hymn book from his hands, and in a conversation held with her in the church she invited him to her home. He visited her home the same evening.

On cross examination Singer denied that he had ever been expelled from any church, or that he had ever been convicted on a charge similar to the one being tried.

In regard to the testimony of Walter Jeffreys, the defendant said that it was unqualifiedly false. Walter Jeffreys solicited an interview with him and told him what he had heard of his misconduct. He replied that the woman's conduct would give the lie to any such accusations, that he was entirely innocent and that if such a story was to be sprung against him that he would remain in Addison and fight it out. He did not flee from Addison, but left in order to keep engagements previously arranged. Singer insinuated that the prosecution was the outgrowth of denominational jealousy.

Elder Singer was a most willing witness and his counsel had hard work to keep him within bounds.

Dr. Hartzell and his daughter-in-law testified that when Mrs. Jeffreys came from the parlor she showed no indications of having gone through a trying ordeal. That she attended church the following evening and afterwards entertained the defendant at her home in company with a number of other people. Had she made an outcry while in the parlor with Singer they would have heard her.

Walter Jeffreys was recalled and admitted that he had been offered $1 if he would drive Singer out of Addison and $5 if he would kick him out. The offer had been made prior to the time the alleged assault is said to have been committed.

Several other witnesses were examined but no additional material facts were adduced.

Ex-Judge Baer addressed the jury in behalf of the defendant. The burden of his argument was confined to the prosecuting witness's statement that she had spent almost two hours locked in a room with the defendant without making an outcry, and the further fact, irreconcilable with guilt, that she had afterwards received the defendant into her home.

W. H. Koontz, for the Commonwealth, in his address to the jury, dwelt upon the prosecutrix's unassailable character, the entire lack of evidence of either conspiracy or blackmail and the necessity of protecting society from the encroachments of men of the defendant's stripe.

Judge Longenecker's charge to the jury was fair and impartial.

After being out for three hours the jury returned a verdict of "guilty on the second count of the indictment." The bill of indictment contained two counts, the first for attempted criminal assault and the second for assault and battery.

MOTION FOR A NEW TRIAL.

Saturday a motion for a new trial was made by counsel for the defendant, and pending argument to be heard at a special adjourned court to be held Monday evening, 16th ult., he was released on bail, his former bondsmen becoming his security.

The general impression among those who heard all of the evidence is that the verdict of the jury was a righteous one and that Elder Singer was extremely fortunate to escape conviction on the first and more serious count in the indictment.

SINGER SEEKS TO INTERVIEW A JURYMAN.

Subsequent to the jury's finding the defendant accosted one of the jurymen on the street and asked "by what method of reasoning the jury had arrived at the result it had." In reply he was told that the jurymen were not privileged to reveal what had transpired in the jury room, but so far as the speaker was concerned he had been totally unwilling to accept the defendant's statement of the case, and that he considered the defendant to be playing in mighty good luck to escape as easily as he had. Mr. Singer seemed satisfied and did not press the juryman with further interrogatories.

THE LAUREL HILL GANG ACQUITTED.

Considerable attention had been attracted to the case of the Commonwealth vs. Collins Hamilton, Joseph Hoffman, and Matthew and William Koontz, on account of the brutality of the crime they were alleged to have committed. It will be remembered that the four defendants named above were arrested charged with having assaulted venerable Abram Beam and his wife in their quiet Jenner township home on the night of August 1st. The treatment to which Mr. and Mrs. Beam were subjected was of the most brutal and diabolical nature, and their assailants did not leave them until after they thought that they had committed murder. Hamilton and his gang were arrested several days following, charged with the commission of the crime. As foreshadowed in the HERALD at the time of their arrest, the evidence against them was not strong enough to secure a conviction. Mr. and Mrs. Beam both went on the witness stand and told how three masked men had entered their home for the purpose of robbery, and when they were unable to find any money about the house how they had vented their spleen upon them by beating them with clubs. Neither of the eye witnesses was able to identify the prisoners positively as their assailants and the acquittal of the entire band followed.

TRIED FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY.

The Commonwealth was unwilling to let Hamilton and his confederates go after they had been acquitted on a charge of robbing Abram Beam, but called upon them to answer a charge of having committed an assault and battery upon Mr. Beam and his wife. About the same testimony was offered in the case for assault and battery as had been adduced in the robbery case. All of the defendants were acquitted.

TAKEN TO WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

As soon as the Court had discharged "Coll" Hamilton and his Laurel Hill band the quartette turned to leave the court room. At the door they were met by a constable from Westmoreland county who had warrants for the arrest of Hamilton and Matthew Koontz. The prisoners accompanied the constable to Ligonier, where they entered bail for their appearance at the Westmoreland county Court. The prisoners are charged with larceny, carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery.

OTHER CASES DISPOSED OF.

Commonwealth vs. E. L. Shoemaker, carrying concealed weapons. Grand jury return not a true bill and the prosecutor to pay the costs.

Same vs. E. L. Shoemaker, adultery, Samuel Mosholder, prosecutor. Defendant pleads guilty.

Same vs. Hal Hochstetler and John E. Reese, burglary. Grand jury return not a true bill.

Same vs. James, Daniel and William Albright, refusing to assist an officer, Henry Cameron, prosecutor. Verdict, not guilty and the costs to be divided between William and James Albright.

Same vs. Henry Cameron, A. & B., Daniel Albright, prosecutor. Verdict, not guilty and the costs to be divided between Henry Cameron and Daniel Albright.

Same vs. David Ogline, F. & B., Mary Landis, prosecutrix. Verdict, guilty. Usual sentence imposed.

Same vs. David Ogline and Mary Liber, forcible entry and detainer, Frank Rhoads, prosecutor. Case not pressed as to Mary Liber, and David Ogline pleads guilty and is sentenced to pay a fine of $5 and the costs.

Same vs. John Yowler, adultery, Wm. Griffith, prosecutor. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of $5, the costs of prosecution and undergo imprisonment in the county jail for a period of eight months.

Same vs. E. B. Hostetler, F. & B., Gertrude E. Kinz, prosecutrix. Nol pros entered.

Same vs. Annie Barnhart, fornication. Defendant pleads guilty.

Same vs. Sarah Berkey, fornication. Nol pros entered.

Same vs. Henry Mull, selling liquor without license, Alice Tice, prosecutrix. Verdict, guilty. Motion for new trial filed.

Same vs. George Ringler, A. & B., Annie Ringler prosecutrix. Nol pros entered.

Same vs. John F. Roddy, carrying concealed weapons, Geo. Hammer prosecutor. Verdict guilty. Motion for new trial filed.

Same vs. John F. Roddy, James Roddy and Murray Patton, felonious attempts, Samuel Hammer prosecutor. Verdict, not guilty as to John Roddy and Murray Patton and guilty as to James Roddy. Defendant sentenced to pay a fine of $30 and the costs