The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY, ... May 20, 1885.

Pattern hats at Mrs. K. B. Coffroth's city styles, but country prices.

The Michigan House of Representatives passed a bill to prevent "treating" to drinks.

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

John E. Dubois' mill, at Dubois, has turned out 40,000 feet of sawed lumber in one day, which breaks all sawmill records.

Do you want to buy a first-class musical instrument at a moderate price? Go to Snyder's drug store

A lady living at Roland, Centre county, is 80 years old and still bakes, milks four cows and does a good deal of work about the house.

Violins, Mandolins, Guitars, Banjos and other stringed instruments at Snyder' drug store.

Blizard Atkinson says 10,800,000,000, eggs are laid in this country in a year. They are worth $140,000,000—as much as the pig iron and wool crop.

Sunday night 300 young women met in the Catholic church at Danbury, Conn., and formed a temperance society and signed a pledge in which they promised not to marry a man who uses liquor.

Fourteen men killed by an explosion in the California powder works, at Pinole, California, Tuesday. Eight thousand pounds of nitroglycerine and 2,000 pounds of Hercules powder were exploded. The loss is estimated at $250,000. Of the victims, nine were Chinamen.

The justices of the peace, elected last spring under the new fee bill, are entitled to charge five dollars for marrying a couple. The old justices' fee bill is three dollars for the same service.

Mrs. K. B. Coffroth invites you to inspect her new stock of Hats, Ribbons, Flowers, etc.

"Dance attendance" is an expression borrowed from the mediaeval custom, which compelled the bride at a wedding to dance with whoever asked her. No matter how low the condition or how objectionable the person, the bride could not refuse.

Mr. George Nicodemus, of Jenners, today sold to Young & Young, butchers, two hogs aged ten weeks that weighed sixty-eight and sixty-nine pounds, respectively. Mr. Nicodemus challenges Somerset County to produce their equal.—*Johnstown Tribune.*

Several insurance companies doing business in Indiana have began to cancel all policies on saloon property. The cause of such action was based on the fact that many saloonkeepers will be forced out of business by the new temperance law, and some of them may be tempted to burn their places in order to get the insurance.

Miss Agnes Kerr, of Tionesta, has been appointed superintendent of the public schools of Forest county by Superintendent Schaffer, to succeed her brother, who died May 10. There are two other woman county superintendents in the State, Ella Herrick, of Cameron county, and Anna Fuller, of Potter.

A bottle of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup in the house saves doctors bills, saves trouble, and very often saves precious lives. Gives almost instant relief in cases of coughs, colds, or lung troubles of any sort.

The infant child of Louis Erdner was taken seriously ill at Pitts Grove, N. J., on Wednesday, and a physician was called, who attended to the little one until he pronounced it dead. They laid the child on a stretcher, and, after covering the lifeless form with a sheet, sent for Undertaker Frank Evans. When the undertaker called with his ice box and a coffin he found the father and mother smiling and happy, and the child, who was supposed to be dead, was playing on the floor.

Mr. A. C. Floto has his new creamery completed and in operation. A Russian separator cuts the cream out of the milk with perfection. A steam engine furnishes the power. Galvanized iron pipes convey cold water to all parts of the building. Vats and other appliances are as handy as they can well be made. The capacity of the creamery is 1500 pounds of butter per 10-hour day. Newton Berkebile is superintendent and understands his business. The institution is now turning out a large quantity of the best creamery butter.—*Berlin Record.*

James Nutt, whose shooting of L. N. Dikes, Uniontown, caused a sensation twelve years ago, was Friday night found guilty of attempting to kill Mrs. Jessie Payton near Atchison, Kan. He was already under conviction of murderous assault on James Coleman, and will probably get 20 years in prison for the double crime. Nutt shot Mrs. Payton last February because she threatened to tell her husband of an insulting proposal Nutt made her. He would have killed her but for the interference of Coleman, who, in the struggle that followed, was also shot. The would-be murderer is said to have been intoxicated.

In cleaning straw hats, writes a Boston style correspondent, I have used oxalic acid and water, and do not doubt but that it would answer equally well for any kind, provided the hats or bonnets are not of too fragile a texture to bear the brushing necessary for cleaning them properly. An ounce of oxalic acid dissolved in a quart of water, is the proper proportion, but if the straw is very dirty add a little more acid. It is applied with a nail brush, and the bonnet may be left to dry, when it will be found to have regained all its former stiffness and freshness, too, if not too much sunburnt to begin with.

Says a writer: Has it ever occurred to you what bad judgment both men and women display in dressing? For instance a tall, thin man buys himself a sack coat, a small, fat man will wear a Prince Albert coat, a tall thin woman wears black and a stout lady will wear bright colors; a tall man wears a derby hat, a small man a silk hat; a tall man wears "lay down collars," a small fat man "stand up collars"—in fact, I could go on for columns and give examples of bad taste in dressing. Thin people should not wear that which makes them appear thinner or taller, nor should fat people wear garments that make them apparently stouter.

The Pulley Works are running quite briskly at the present time upon orders. Company Kimmel informs us that the future in the pulley trade looks very bright. Since the works in Berlin first started up many improvements have been made, both upon the pulley itself and upon the methods of manufacturing them. Much is due, of course, to the advantage resulting from the familiarizing of the managers with the intricacies in the trade requirements, and of the men with the methods of making pulleys. Our Pulley Works have successfully stemmed the disasters incident to a season of industrial depression and are bound eventually to be a great industry for Berlin.—*Berlin Record.*

Governor Hastings has been notified by Governor Brown, of Maryland, that prompt measures will be taken to apprehend the murderer of Grant Zufall. Zufall was murdered last Christmas eve in a disreputable resort at Cumberland, Md., kept by John Yoste. His body was kept on ice in the cellar of the place for several weeks and then thrown into the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, where it was found early in February. The attention of Governor Brown was called to the crime by Governor Hastings. The executive of Maryland has placed the matter in the hands of the prosecuting attorney in Cumberland with the request that every effort be made to ferret out the murderer so that justice may be done.

Mrs. John Knable is critically ill at her Main street home.

Ex-Sheriff Rush McMillen, of Middlecreek, and ex-County Treasurer George J. Black, of Meyersdale, were in Somerset yesterday.

The wife of Rev. William Houpt, of the Evangelical Church, is visiting at the home of her mother in Armstrong county. She will be absent about one month.

We learn from Cumberland, Md., papers that Mr. Simon Sweitzer has purchased a lot of machinery in that city for his proposed distillery on Gravel Hill.

The Somerset Ministerial Association held an interesting meeting Monday at the home of Rev. Davidson, of the U. B. Church. Next Monday's meeting will be held at the Reformed parsonage.

Services will be held in the Somerset Presbyterian Church next Sabbath, June 2nd, conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Bristow. Sabbath School at 9:30 A. M. Communion services on Sabbath following, June 9th.

The many Somerset friends of 'Squire John Hamer, of Hooversville, were delighted to take him by the hand on Wednesday last and congratulate him on his now almost complete recovery from a severe illness.

Dr. and Mrs. Gault have returned to Markleton after a year's absence, during which time they visited points of interest in the South, and, it is rumored, are filling their former positions on the medical staff at the Sanitorium.

The Women's Missionary Society of Somerset Classis, Reformed Church, will meet at Friedens, on Thursday, June 11, 1885, at 2 P. M. Names of delegates should be sent to Miss Hulda Smith, Listie, Pa., not later than 1st of June.

Ex-County Commissioner Adam C. Lepley, of Elk Lick, was circulating among his county seat friends Monday and yesterday, and while in town called at this office to renew his subscription to the HERALD and New York weekly *Tribune.*

Mr. Erasmus Wilson, the "Quiet Observer" of the Pittsburg *Commercial-Gazette*, delivered two very interesting talks in the Disciple Church, Sunday, to large and appreciative audiences. In the afternoon he spoke on the "Keely Cure," and in the evening he delivered a rambling discourse on moral topics.

A new candidate for public favor, the Pittsburg *Comet*, a comic illustrated paper patterned after *Puck* and *Judge*, reached our table last week. The *Comet* is an "amoozin' cuss," and people who revel in that class of literature (and who does not enjoy a good joke?) should ask their newsdealer for it. Price 5 cents.

Deputy-Collector L. M. Herrington, of this district, has tendered his resignation to Collector Bigler, to take effect July 1st. It is understood that Mr. Herrington's political affiliations have proved distasteful to his chieftain, John Boyle, son of the late Chas. E. Boyle, of Uniontown, has already been appointed to succeed Herrington.

Last week the plate glass fronts were placed in position in the Hotel Vannear, and add greatly to the appearance of that unusually handsome hostelry. The building was illuminated by electricity for the first time Saturday evening, and the same day was supplied with water from the borough mains. While not yet perfect in all of its appointments, the Hotel Vannear offers many attractions to the traveling public.

It is announced that J. B. Snyder has concluded negotiations for the purchase of the book store of Mrs. M. E. Schrock, and that the transfer will be made about August 1st. Mr. Snyder is well known in business circles in this county, and his numerous friends will be pleased to welcome him back to Somerset. For the past several years Mr. Snyder has been engaged in business at Wilmerding, Allegheny county.

Mr. Walter W. Knable, who has filled the position of postal route agent on the S. & C. R. R. ever since the opening of that line, has purchased the insurance business of Oliver Knepper, Esq., and will take possession June 1st. Mr. Knable enjoys a wide reputation as a prudent and affable business man, and will doubtless succeed in his new undertaking. Mr. Knepper will devote his entire attention to his office of Justice of the Peace.

A distinguished Sunday guest at the "Hotel Vannear" was Cyrus Elder, Esq., of Johnstown, who said that he came to Somerset for the purpose of avoiding a circus which showed in his town Saturday afternoon and evening. Mr. Elder is a Somerset countian by birth and read law and was admitted to the bar in this place. For a long period of years he has been solicitor of the Cambria Iron Company, and he is a recognized authority on economic questions, his reputation being as wide as the country.

The $2000 debt resting upon the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Lavansville, having been fully paid the building will be dedicated to the service of Almighty God on Sunday, June 7th, at 10 A. M., when the President of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, Rev. Wm. A. Shipman, of Johnstown, will preach the dedicatory sermon. A cordial invitation is extended to the pastors of all neighboring congregations to be present and participate in the services. The general public is also invited to be present and enjoy the services. The Lavansville church was erected about five years ago at an expense of $6,000.

Thieves cracked the United States Bonded Distillery Wharehouse of E. Walters & Co., at Bakersville, Friday night, and stole a barrel of whiskey. The thieves were evidently familiarly acquainted with the location of the barrels stored in the building, since they selected one containing about the ripest liquor in the house. A two-inch auger hole was bored through the wall immediately in front of the barrel, while a much smaller hole was bored through the head of the barrel, through which the fiery fluid was conducted by means of a rubber tube to vessels on the outside. The work was done so neatly that not a drop of liquor fell onto the shavings made by the boring.

The many friends of George C. Schmutz, who has been conductor of the Mountain Accommodation, running between Connellsville and Cumberland, for the past fifteen years, and was formerly conductor of the S. & C. passenger traid, were greatly surprised last week to learn that he had been dismissed from the service of the Company. His resignation was asked for on Tuesday. Mr. Schmutz was one of the most obliging and conscientious men on the Pittsburg division and his dismissal is very much regretted by all patrons of the road who traveled with him. The position of traveling engineer, so long held by James Emery, favorable known all along the Pittsburg division, was last week abolished when Mr. Emery was offered an engine.

On Friday last a guest by the name of Smith registered at the "West End Hotel." Saturday morning he failed to appear at the breakfast table, but his absence did not excite comment until it was discovered that he had taken a southbound train, when an inspection of the house was made. It was soon made to appear that Smith had remained in his room until after the members of landlord Walter's family had gone down stairs, when he visited the rooms occupied by them and stole everything of value that could be concealed in his pockets, including a solitaire diamond ring and other articles of jewelry, and about $200 in money. The suspected thief was arrested the same day in Cumberland, but as none of the stolen articles were found in his possession he was discharged.

Slashed with a Knife.

Perry Critchfield, aged about forty years, is lying at the Hotel Vannear, suffering from a horrible wound in his right arm inflicted by a drunken companion—Russell Wilt—at an early hour Monday evening. Critchfield and Wilt were members of a crowd of perhaps a dozen young fellows from the neighborhood of Milford Station who were in town Monday. All of the members of the crowd drank more or less during the afternoon, and about six o'clock started to walk home. When they reached the railroad crossing on the road to Kantners, Wilt, who is about twenty-two years of age, without any provocation began to apply vile epithets to Critchfield and finally struck him on the head with a stone. Critchfield says that he did not relish that kind of sport, and proceeded to knock his assailant down. When he had knocked him down he jumped on him and would have given him a sound thrashing, had it not been that Wilt cried "enough!" when his companions dragged Critchfield off.

Critchfield then walked down the road to the home of Cyrus Shaulis, where he stopped to rest. In a few minutes Wilt came to where he was sitting and challenged him to fight. Critchfield declined the invitation, but when Wilt's abuse became unendurable he again knocked him down. Quickly springing to his feet, Wilt drew a large clasp-knife from his pocket, and rushing upon Critchfield, slashed him in the right arm above the elbow, cutting through his clothing and severing the muscle and flesh clean through to the bone. Critchfield's arm fell limp by his side. When Wilt realized what he had done, he asked one of his companions to go for a physician. When Dr. Kimmel arrived, he found Critchfield weak from the loss of blood, and after he had stitched and bandaged the wound, directed that the injured man be removed to some place where he could rest easily. Critchfield was brought to town later in the evening and taken to a room in the hotel. Yesterday morning he made an information against Wilt, but claims that he did so on the advice of officers and against his own judgment. The chances are that he will be a cripple for life as a result of the wound. Wilt had not been taken into custody at the time of our going to press.

To Boom the County Centennial.

A largely attended public meeting was held in the Court House, Monday evening, for the purpose of furthering the movement for properly celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of Somerset County. After representatives from nearly every district in the county had spoken on the question of reconsidering the action taken at a former meeting when it was decided to confine the celebration to the 4th of July, it was decided by practically unanimous consent to hold it on the 3rd, 4th and 5th days of July. An effort was made to have the date changed from July to September, but a motion to that effect was promptly voted down. General Coffroth, chairman of the meeting, was authorized to appoint an executive committee of fifteen, who will have charge of all arrangements, and all other necessary committees. Great interest was manifested in the approaching centennial, and if the speeches made by the gentlemen present from the rural districts and other towns of the county can be taken as an index, the crowd that will assemble in the county seat on the days fixed for the celebration will be unprecidentedly large.

In order to make the celebration a success it is necessary for every citizen of the county to take a personal interest in the matter. The citizens of Conemaugh, Greenville, Middlecreek, Northampton, Wellersburg, New Baltimore, &c., should be as deeply interested in making a creditable display as are their neighbors in Brothersvalley, Quemahoning, Rockwood, Meyersdale and Somerset. The celebration should be made an event that will redown to the glory of every district in the county and not to particular localities. United and concerted action is required to make the occasion a grand success and it should be the duty of the general committee to see that this feeling is worked up.

Criminal Court.

Court convened at 10 A. M. Monday morning, Judge Longenecker presiding. A. J. Stoner, of Greenville, was appointed foreman of the grand jury. The first case taken up was the Commonwealth vs. R. H. Clark, of Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County, on a charge of false pretense. From the evidence adduced it appears that Clark, through his agent, sold a horse, representing him to be a full blooded Norman Percheron Stallion, to a syndicate of Summit township farmers, for $1,000. The horse was placed on the stand for one season and was meeting with gratifying success when the owners were notified by an agent of the "Breeders Association" that the animal's pedigree was bogus and that they were making themselves liable to prosecution. Clark was at once notified to remove the horse and the syndicate are making defense against the notes given in payment for him.

Clark's defense is that he did not misrepresented the pedigree of the horse, but had only given the same pedigree and guarantee as had been given him when he became the owner of the animal. The case was still on trial when we went to press.

Answered the Last Roll Call.

Simon Pile, aged 51 years, answered final roll call on Friday last, at his home in Milford township. Mr. Pile was a veteran of the late war, having been a member of Co. C., 142d Reg. Pa. Vols. In one of the engagements in which his regiment participated he was wounded in the head. The wound was an ugly one and proved a source of constant annoyance, so that when he accidently pricked his hand with a splinter some time since, blood poisoning soon ensued, resulting in his death. The funeral, which took place Sunday, under the auspices of R. P. Cummins Post G. A. R., was one of the largest ever witnessed in Milford township. Rev. F. P. Saylor conducted the religious services. Mrs. Pile, three sons and one daughter survive.

A Young Girl Meets an Awful Death.

Miss Amanda Bell, the seventeen-year-old daughter of Daniel and Sarah Cauffiel, who live in Jenner township, was so badly burned at the home of her parents, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, that she died at 5 o'clock Sunday morning from the effects of her injuries.

The mother was not in the house when her daughter's clothes caught fire, and it is not known how it happened, as the unfortunate girl had lost her power of speech through sickness when she was but two years old. As soon as the flames enveloped her she ran out of the house, and her mother, who was standing at the front gate, hastened to tear the burning clothes from her body, which was badly scorched. The unfortunate girl was carried into the house, and Dr. Joseph Cavode, of Jenners, was sent for, and he responded immediately, but it was impossible to save the girl's life.

Sad Death of a Young Lady.

Sunday morning Mr. Jacob Baker and family, of near Husband, went to church, leaving a young lady relative—Miss Maggie Duffy—who felt indisposed, at home in bed. When they returned home from services they were horrified to find Miss Duffy lying on the floor of her bedroom, still in death. It appears that she had been suddenly seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and bled to death. The deceased was about twenty-two years of age, and was to have been married Monday. The body was taken to Connellsville for burial.

Wool Wanted

At Kantner's Woolen Mill, one mile south of Somerset. 20,000 pounds of wool. We will exchange goods or pay cash for it. Carding and Spinning done on short notice.

KANTNER & CO.

Under the Hammer.

The Sheriff's Sales in front of the Court House, Friday afternoon, attracted a large crowd. A number of valuable pieces of property were sold, but principle interest was centered on the sale of the Somerset House, which was knocked down to Mrs. Eliza A. Tayman, the former proprietress, for $7,000, subject to a mortgage of $10,000. The other properties sold were as follows:

145 acres of land in Jenner township, the property of Levi Friedline, to J. A. Fisher and F. E. Berkey for $23,00.

Five tracts of land in Stonycreek township, belonging to H. H. Grady were knocked down to Chauncey H. Brant for $1725.

Two tracts of land, one containing 125 acres and the other 96 acres, in Allegheny township, belonging to George Tayman, were bought by J. O. Kimmel and J. R. Scott for $10 and $5 respectively.

144 acres of land in Northampton township, belonging to Henry E. Miller, was bought by J. L. Pugh for $705.

45 acres of land in Jenner township, the property of Susan and W. A. Bushell, was knocked down to Daniel Cauffield for $450.

Two lots of ground in the borough of Rockwood, belonging to E. A. Spangler, were bought by Jesse Baughman for $500.

The house and lot in Meyersdale belonging to Chas. J. Herrington, was bought by the Meyersdale Supply Co., for $50.

Two lots of ground in the borough of New Baltimore and a tract of 450 acres in the township of Allegheny, all the property of H. A. Werner were knocked down as follows: Lot No. 1, and the tract of land to Val Hay, Esq., for $35 and $152 respectively. Lot No. 2, to J. M. Topper for $90.

Two lots in the borough of New Baltimore, the property of F. A. Werner, were sold to Val Hay, Esq., for $531.

A Cut in the Price of Photographs.

I announce a reduction of nearly one-half in the prices that are now ruling in Somerset for cabinet photographs, as witness until further notice. You can have one dozen good cabinet photos for $1.00 & $1.10.

4 Photos, card size, for : : 50cts
4 Square cards " : : 50 "
4 Large tin types " : : 50 "

Work that will satisfy given in every instance, and *always* at a lower price than you can get them elsewhere in the town.

If you want to have and keep the benefit of these low prices, come to the place where they have first been made, at the old established gallery opposite the post office. It will pay you to walk up stairs when you can save seventy-five cents.

W. H. WELFLEY.

Recent Deaths.

J. Y., a brother of Isaac Simpson, of this place, died May 3d, at his home in Coyville, Kan., aged 55 years.

Mrs. Jane Orr died at the home of her son-in-law, Rev. Geo. A. Crist, in Jennertown, on Wednesday last, after a number of years of patient suffering from paralysis.

John Calvin Bruner, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Bruner, of Jefferson township, died on May 12th, aged 24 years, and was buried on the 14th, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Barronvale.

Mr. William A. Jackson, only son of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Jackson, whose death occurred at the home of his parents in Canton, O., Thursday last, was a former resident of this place, when his father was pastor of the M. E. Church.

Mr. J. H. H. Shaffer, aged about 34 years, died at 11 o'clock Saturday night, at his home just south of town, from pneumonia. He is survived by his wife and four children. The deceased removed to this county from Bedford, where his parents still reside. He was a member of the local lodge Knights of the Golden Eagle, and members of that organization officiated at the funeral Monday afternoon.

Now for Trout Fishing.

Before you go fishing call in at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE,

where a full stock of hooks, lines, snoods, corks, sinkers, baskets, jointed rods, reels, flies and all manner of fishing goods—Wholesale and Retail—are for sale.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Armstrong Wants a Lexow.

Steps have been taken toward Lexowizing Armstrong County, says a Kittanning dispatch. Several taxpayers have filed an appeal from the Auditors' report of 1884, alleging that about $16,000 have been expended by the Board of Commissioners without authority of law. The alleged illegal bills paid relate to court costs, Sheriff's fees, and the construction of bridges. If an issue is granted by Judge Rayburn a trial will be had, and whatever amount the jury finds illegally will be surcharged to the Commissioners.

Best in the County.

To Mr. William Tayman, of Lavansville, is due the credit for constructing the first and only genuine race track in Somerset county. The track was surveyed and staked off last fall by a competent engineer on the most approved plans, after which it was graded at great expense. This spring Mr. Tayman has expended considerable money and labor in improving the track and to-day rests satisfied that he has a course for speeding and training horses second to none in this section of the State. The track will permit six horses to be driven abreast at any point on it, while the curves are turned with a grade that insures the greatest speed and least discomfort to horses. Mr. Tayman has employed a professional trainer from Baltimore and has an efficient corps of stable boys. Last week he had about twenty-five horses in his barns, all of which will be trained on his track this summer, and it is more than probable that he will arrange a series of trotting and running races to come off before the close of the season.

Wanted—Lady representative, genteel and lucrative position for lady of refinement, to act as agent for the Palm Christi Hair and Toilet preparations. Most perfect article known to science. Liberal inducements and exclusive territory. Address, Palm Christi Co., Philadelphia Branch, 924 Chestnut St.

Odd Fellows' Figures

At the session of the grand lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., held in the new temple, Philadelphia, a report of the organization was made by Secretary Nicholson. It shows there are now in the State 167,708 Odd Fellows, a decrease since last year of 1,661. There are 1,083 working lodges, an increase of 13. During the year 15,416 members were added, and the relief fund spent $412,875.99, while the total paid for relief was $580,932.96. It cost $285,577.45 to maintain the lodges, and the total receipts from the lodges, were $983,005.96. The assets of the lodges are valued at $3,793,121.83. The average cost of relief to each member per annum was $5.39. The cost per week was 10 4-10 cents. The average cost of working expenses was $2.66 per member per annum. The cost per week was 5 1-10 cents. The number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid was 151,233. During the past 27 years the lodges in Pennsylvania have distributed for the relief of distress and for the prevention of distress and actual want $10,896,515.06.

Normal School Books and Supplies.

Teachers and pupils of the Spring and Summer Normal, Preparatory and Primary schools, will find a full supply of text books and teachers special text books of all the higher grades and all kinds of school supplies at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE.

A specialty is made of keeping well stocked on Pedagogies and Psychologies, Question Books to assist teachers in preparing for examination, Keys to Arithmetics and everything in teacher's lines.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

Several Thousand Dollars Saved.

A Supreme Court Decision Relieves Somerset County from Maintaining James McFadden.

Readers of the HERALD will recall that an effort was made about two years ago by the borough of Bellefonte, Centre county, to compel the Poor Directors of Somerset county to pay for the maintenance of James McFadden, a poor person confined for the past eight years in the State Asylum for the Insane, at Danville, Pa. The effort was vigorously resisted by the Poor Directors of Somerset county, through their attorney, L. C. Colborn, Esq., and after their position had been sustained by the Court of Centre county, the Poor officers of Bellefonte took an appeal to the Supreme Court, with the result that the Supreme Court dismissed the appeal, with costs to be paid by appellant. As the suit involves a point of law never before raised in this county, we publish the decree of the Court in full:

Overseers of the Poor of Borough of Bellefonte, Apts. vs. Somerset Co., Poor District. Filed May 20th, 1885. | Q. S. Centre Co. No. 73, January Term 1885.

STERRETT, C. J.:—

This contention involves the construction of clause V. of Section 9 of the poor law of June 13, 1836, prescribing the manner in which "any unmarried person, not having a child," may gain a settlement in any district, viz: that he or she "shall be lawfully bound or hired as a servant, within such district, and shall continue in such service during one whole year"; Bright. Purdon 1705 pl. 50.

The 16th Section of same Act provides that "On complaint made by the Overseer of any district to one of the magistrates of the same county, it shall be lawful for said magistrate, with any other magistrate of the county, where any person has or is likely to become chargeable to such district into which he shall come, by their warrant or order, directed to such overseers, to remove such person, at the expense of the district, to the city, district or place where he was last legally settled, whether in or out of Pennsylvania," etc. Purd. 1761, pl. 58. Pursuant to these provisions, the overseers of Bellefonte borough, alleging that James McFadden, the poor person in question, was last legally settled in Somerset county poor district, and on April 16th, 1882, obtained an order to remove him to that district, and nine days thereafter the overseers of Somerset, by leave of the Court below, appealed from said order of removal.

At the hearing it was conclusively shown and virtually conceded that McFadden, "an unmarried person, not having a child," had acquired a legal settlement in Somerset county by having served therein, from the spring of 1884 to the fall of 1885, in pursuance of a hiring with Messrs. Collins & Shoemaker; but, it was contended by the overseers of said district that he subsequently gained a settlement in another poor district by hiring as a servant therein and continuing "in such service during one whole year," as required by clause V. above quoted. They thus assumed the burden of proof and introduced testimony from which the Court was fully warranted in finding facts establishing a subsequent legal settlement in another poor district, and consequently the order of removal was rightly quashed. As bearing on the fact of a subsequently acquired settlement the Court found substantially the following facts: That, from February 1883 until September 1883, McFadden was hired by the Bellefonte Furnace Company, owner of a large furnace in Spring township, Centre county, adjoining the borough of Bellefonte; and, during that period, continued in the service of said company, in said township, under the same contract of hiring; that while said service was thus being performed in Spring township, McFadden boarded and lodged with his mother in the borough of Bellefonte, paying his boarding to her as he would have done to a stranger. These findings of fact were fully warranted by the testimony, and not being excepted to, must be accepted as conclusively established. We thus have a contract of hiring for service in Spring township by an "unmarried person not having a child," and his continuance "in such service during one whole year," thus fulfilling, in both letter and spirit, every requirement of the clause above quoted.

There is no merit in the suggestion that there must be both residence and service in the same poor district. While in other clauses of the 9th Section of the Act, residence in the district is made a condition of gaining a legal settlement therein, clause V., under consideration, contains—as we have seen—no such requirement. The construction suggested would require us to read into the clause something that is neither there nor over intended to be there.

While, upon the established facts of the case, the learned Judge was mistaken in locating McFadden's subsequently acquired settlement in Bellefonte, instead of in Spring township, he was nevertheless clearly right in his general conclusion that the order of removal should be quashed on the sole ground that Somerset Poor District was not his last place of legal settlement. The sole controlling fact was that he had gained a legal settlement in another poor district after he left Somerset county. That definitely determined, the only issue between the two parties then and now in Court. To that issue, the overseers of Spring township were not parties, and, of course, cannot be affected by the decree therein.

Decree affirmed and appeal dismissed, with costs to be paid by appellant.

Nature's Dealings With Man.

From New York Tribune.

A fortnight ago the prospects of the gardner and fruit-grower were more than ordinarily bright. The season was late, but that very fact seemed to give security against untimely frosts. There was promise of an abundance of fruit, and little fear, if any, at that late date, of blighting frost. But the frost came, and in a night inflicted millions of dollars of loss, much of it irreparable until another year.

At almost exactly the same time, in a distant land, another caprice of nature was marring other works of man no less disastrously. While frost was cutting down the few-days-old flowers and foliage an earthquake shock was tumbling down the centuries-old monuments of man's artistic and constructive skill.

Nevertheless, the lesson of it is one of optimism, not of pessimism. Despite the perils from frost, it will pay men to go on planting early gardens and growing early fruit year after year. Despite the fear of earthquakes, men will build, and wisely build, great houses and lofty towers. For, after all, these afflictions are exceptional. Good seasons outnumber the bad. There are more temples and palaces in Florence than the earthquake has destroyed. There is more good than evil in the world. Reckless of man's welfare as Nature often seems to be, there is a benign Power, in Nature or above it, that on the whole "makes for righteousness." And the wise man will repair the shattered buildings, replant the wasted fields, thank God, and take courage.

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Have you seen the new styles in millinery, at

MRS. K. B. COFFROTH'S.

The Hanna-McClintock Battle.

The recent publication of two historical sketches in the columns of this paper, in which the famous battle between Major Alexander Hanna and the McClintocks was incidentally referred to, has aroused a discussion as to the location of the battle ground. On referring to a file of the HERALD, under date of June 1st, 1859, we find the following:

"RIOT AND OUTRAGE.

"On Saturday, the 22nd ult., a riot of a very serious nature took place at a training of a volunteer company in Turkeyfoot township, in which two men came near losing their lives. It appears that two brothers and three cousins, all of the name of McClintock, engaged with Major A. Hanna, Brigade Inspector, and inflicted on him five wounds with knives or dirks, one of which was in the breast and another in the abdomen, from which the entrails protruded. In the desperate affray which took place in the evening one of the McClintocks was also severely wounded, it is believed by his own companions. Three of the McClintocks were taken, examined before Justice Connelly and committed to jail, on Friday last; their wounded companion could not be removed at the time and was suffered to remain on bail, but their ring-leader, who is said to have threatened the life of Major Hanna is still at large. We are glad to learn that Major Hanna has so far recovered as to be able on Sunday to return home."

The Preacher-Doctor.

EDITOR HERALD:—

An article appeared in a recent issue of a local paper, correcting my alleged mistake in regard to the location of the Hanna-McClintock fight. The communication states that the fight occured on the farm now owned by Noah Scott. My object was not so much to locate the fight, as it was to correct the impression that laparotomy had been performed by Doctor Muckenhaupt, and, while I have not been able to see or talk to any one who was present, I have seen one man whose brother was present, and who talked to a number of others, who knew, and he said the fight certainly took place at Harnedsville. This is the impression of all the old persons with whom I have spoken on the subject.

I did not think it necessary to mention the names of any but the main participants in the bloody affair, and I have no doubt the persons named were there, as well as a great many others. The old citizens mentioned were handy when a fight was going on. However, since my communication was published I have been informed that after Dr. Muckenhaupt had dressed Major Hanna's wounds a doctor from Somerset was sent for, most likely Dr. Bruce, who said Muckenhaupt had done all that was necessary to do. In regard to the horse-racing propensities of Muckenhaupt which the Confluence correspondent mentions I will say that there can be no more question about his racing horses than there is in regard to his other failings. All our old citizens agree on that point. Neither can there be any doubt about the convivial propensities of the people at large, as the correspondent states. In those days whiskey was as free as some people want silver to be now, and a "Moonshiner" had never been seen or heard of. If a man wanted some whiskey, and had a bushel or so of rye, and a place to distill it, he was all right. It must be admitted, however, that while the whiskey was pure then, the drunks were as free and frequent as the whiskey. For every two or three farms there would be a "still," as it was called, and, when whiskey was so free and so easy to get, it may be supposed whiskey fights, of the Hanna-McClintock order, occured often enough. Those may have been 'good old days' of "stalwart men and women," but methinks a community in which law and order prevail is much better for morality and good government. A man of the Muckenhaupt style would not be tolerated an hour in any part of this great country to-day, and, where fights and brawls occurred on every "muster" or election day, 50 years ago, now, a boy can grow to manhood and never know what a fist-fight is like from experience.

WM. F. M.

Addison, Pa.

Sunday School Supplies.

Superintendents and teachers of classes in Sunday schools will find all sorts of Sunday School supplies, such as reward cards, tickets, chromos, choice books for prizes and gifts, class records, secretary's and treasurer's blank books, at

FISHER'S BOOK STORE.

A Temperance Meeting.

An invitation had been extended to all lovers of good government and purity in politics; all who favor the prohibition of the liquor traffic, suppression of unjust trusts and combines, to come and hear a lecture last Tuesday evening, on the most important subject of these times. Mr. Wallace, of Williamsport, spoke with great enthusiasm to a hundred citizens, making a strong appeal to clergy, churchmen and all good citizens to espouse the prohibition cause. A club was formed and $6.34 of a fund raised. Interest is increasing. COM.

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MRS. CLARA SHINER,

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Population of Somerset and Greensburg Sixty-Five Years Ago.

We find in the HERALD of August 26th, 1820: "According to the present enumeration of inhabitants the borough of Somerset contains 611 souls; the population in 1820 was 443—increase in ten years 168. The whole population of Greensburg, as ascertained by the Deputy-Marshal is 812. In 1820 it was 771." The population of Somerset county in 1820 was between 17,000 and 18,000.

Of Interest to Housekeepers.

Ladies who value good cooking should examine the Cinderella Range. It bakes light bread and roasts meat deliciously. Sold by

J. B. HOLDERBAUM,
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Items of Interest.

Thos. Irving, residing three miles west of Lebanon, Pa., upon hearing footsteps in an adjacent room Thursday night, secured his revolver and without saying a word shot the supposed intruder, inflicting a fatal injury. Upon examination Irving discovered that he had killed his oldest son. He attempted to kill himself, but will recover from his injury. Irving is a wealthy farmer.

Fully 30,000 visitors attended the Confederate reunion in Houston Texas, Wednesday. Banners were strung across the main street bearing the names of the different states in the order of their secession. General John B. Gordon and Miss Winnie Davis were among those who attended the convention. The Chaplain General, in opening the proceedings invoked the presence of "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of Jefferson Davis."

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Baby Carriages.

The place to buy baby carriages is at Fisher's Book Store.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sarah A. Blubaugh, late of Southampton township, dec'd.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment and those having claims against the same will present them duly authenticated for settlement to the Executors at the late residence of said dec'd., on Saturday, July 6th, 1885, when and where they will attend for that purpose.

SIMON O. BLUBAUGH,
Wellersburg, Pa. Executor.

CAUTION.

All persons are hereby notified not to harbor or trust my wife, Mary Melissa Pylesen on my account, she having left my bed and board without just cause. I will not be responsible for any debts of her contracting.

May 27th, 1885. ZACHARIA PYLE.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

I hereby certify that the following accounts have been filed in my office according to law and will be presented to the Court for confirmation, on

Thursday, May 30th, 1885.

Account of Norman B. Penrod, executor of Aaron Helple, who was committee of Clarissa Shaffer.

Account of Isaiah Good, assignee of Mary and Samuel Buckman.

Account of M. H. Hartzell, assignee of Solomon J. Bittner & Son.

First and final account of Elias Yoder, assignee of Moses Schrock & wife.

First and final account of John H. Zimmerman, assignee of Jonathan Smith & wife.

F. P. SAYLOR,
Prothonotary.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of John Rhoads, late of Shade township, deceased.

Letters of administration on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will present them for settlement at the late residence of the said deceased, in Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., on Saturday, June 20th, 1885.

J. R. DIVELY,
E. K. ANKENEY,
Administrators.

EXAMINATIONS FOR PRINCETON UNIVERSITY.

Preliminary and final examinations for entrance to the Freshman and Sophomore classes in all departments, under the auspices of the Princeton Club of Western Pennsylvania, will be held in Pittsburg, Pa., at the rooms of the

Central Board of Education,
516 MARKET STREET,

beginning Thursday, June 18th, at 10 A. M., and continuing through the afternoon of Friday.

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