The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY, September 18, 1895.

Enoch Pratt, president of the Farmers' and Planters' Bank and who gave Baltimore the library that bears his name, was 87 years old on Tuesday. Mr. Pratt began life on a capital of $150, his savings while clerking in New England.

A train on the New York Central railroad was run from New York to East Buffalo Wednesday a distance of 436½ miles, in 467 minutes. This is an average of 56½ miles per hour. The best time made in England was 63½ miles per hour.

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

Archie, the 7-year-old son of John Beighley, of Upper Burrell township, Westmoreland county, Pa., was struck by lightning Wednesday evening and killed. His 2-year-old sister was stunned, and a barn was set on fire and destroyed.

Judge Gordon, of Clearfield county, has created considerable consternation among the miners of that region by an opinion filed recently in which he holds that the semi-monthly pay law is unconstitutional because it contravenes clauses of the constitution.

A curfew ordinance is to be adopted in Rockford, Ill., for keeping all children under 15 years of age, unattended by older persons, from the streets after 9 o'clock. At that hour bells will ring throughout the city. What a blessing such a law would be to Somerset.

Readers of the HERALD should not fail to call J. N. Snyder, the druggist, can fit their eyes with glasses.

The school board of Williamsport claim the right to remove a teacher of the public schools whenever they see fit without giving a reason for the act, denying that there is such a thing as a contract in the employment of such officials. The facts will eventually come before the courts for decision.

Judge Harry White of Indiana closed up a wheel of fortune at the fair grounds, as a gambling device, which the burgess had licensed to operate. Now the owner of the wheel demands that his license money be refunded. There is a prospect of a legal squabble between judge and burgess.

Some over-wise scribblers on agriculture have been for years advising farmers in this section to quit raising wheat and engage in raising potatoes in order to make money. The favorable crop of potatoes this year makes if plain that any considerable increase in that crop would be followed by such low prices as to make it very unprofitable to raise them. Look before you leap.

Crimson or Scarlet Clover Seed, home grown, can be obtained from J. H. Smith & Bro., Ridgely, Md. Write them for prices.

Great preparations are in progress to make the opening day at the Cotton states and international exposition, September 18, a tremendous success. Atlanta is already filled with strangers. The governors of half a dozen states will be present, there will be an imposing military parade and addresses will be made by distinguished gentlemen, the opening oration to be delivered by Judge Emery Speer, of Georgia.

By order of the borough council of Plymouth, Pa., the famous elm tree in that town was cut down last week. This elm was voted, March 2, 1774, by the town meeting, as the place of public rendezvous. It was then referred to as "The noble tree upon which our ancestors have gazed." Subsequent to 1774 it served as an auction mart, village market and whipping-post. A count of the rings showed that the tree was 372 years old. It was feared the old tree would be blown down and do some damage.

Bellefonte is now certain to have a monument to its most distinguished citizen, Hon. Andrew G. Curtin, the "Old War Governor." The movement, which has been on foot for some time, has assumed a more definite shape since the Centre County Veteran Club, at its last meeting decided to give $500 and to appeal to all the G. A. R. posts in the State for aid. Gen. Beaver, who is chairman of the Monument Fund Committee, said that he anticipated no trouble in raising the required sum, about $15,000.

The Hon. Charles S. Fairchild, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, has written for the October number of *The Forum* an article entitled "The Present Condition of the Siver Question in the United States." In his opinion there are no more advocates of the free-silver policy to-day than there were a year ago; he thinks that those opposed to that policy are far more outspoken now than they were then, and that the sound-money cause is rapidly gaining ground.

Burdock Blood Bitters is nature's true remedy for constipation and kindred ills. It acts directly on the bowels, the liver, the skin, and while cleansing the blood imparts strength to the digestive organs.

Word comes from Everett that George F. Sill, Esq., a member of the Bedford County Bar, left for parts unknown on August 25th, and his sudden departure is creating unfavorable comment. It is alleged that of late he developed a fondness for stock and other gambling operations, and that the cause of his disappearance is the result of financial embarrassment, occasioned by losses sustained in those ventures. It is presumed he has gone to the Argentine Republic. Near relatives, as well as clients, are said to be among the losers.

Christian Brill, a farmer of West Donegal township, Lancaster county, has sued the Londonderry township authorities for $2,000 for the death of his wife who was drowned in one of the small creeks in the lower end of the county, September 10th, 1894, by falling through a bridge into the water. He claims that the bridge, owned by the township, was not in proper condition, that the sills were rotten and that the planks covering it were not fastened, but were lying loosely on the top of the timbers. The township authorities had notice of the bad condition of the bridge, but had neglected to repair it. The drowning took place during a fall freshet.

The largest ranch now running in full blast in the state of Wyoming is that owned by ex-Senator Warren. The dimensions of the immense farm are of such mammoth proportions that figures of its area appear almost fabulous and beyond belief. Its dimensions are 75 by 100 miles, and it is stocked with upward of 200,000 animals of various kinds, including horses cattle, sheep, goats, hogs and half-breed buffalo. The itemized inventory shows that 40 horses, 20,000 cattle, and over 150,000 daily graze on the ex-senator's broad acres. Compared with the State of Rhode Island this gigantic farm is as a four horse "hss to a baby cab. The state mentioned is only 37 miles one way and 47 1-2 the other. The farm is 75 by 100 miles.—*Troy Observer.*

The difficulty of a stranger bringing a policeman to terms was shown by the experience of Mr. James R. Garfield, a son of the late President Garfield, in New York. He happened to see a policeman use unnecessary roughness in arresting a drunken man. The policeman denied this and had the case adjourned in order to bring some of his friends, who, of course, testified that he had been as gentle as a lamb. The magistrate took the policeman's word and then said to Mr. Garfield: "It very often happens that the most intelligent and public-spirited citizens occasionally misjudge the acts of a policeman. The trouble is that they are not always in a position to know the amount of force it is sometimes necessary to employ. I am obliged to you, sir, for your disinterested and public-spirited action in coming here in relation to this matter, and I appreciate the motives that actuated you in doing so."

Mr. A. W. McKelvey, of Hubbard, O., is visiting at the home of his brother, Mr. James McKelvey, in this place.

The public schools of the borough entered upon the winter term Monday morning with a total enrollment of 410 scholars.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harrison and child, of Brooklyn, N. Y., are guests at the home of the former's uncle, Capt. C. J. Harrison.

A large number of Somerset county veterans were in Johnstown yesterday attending the annual reunion of the 33rd and 67th Regt's Pa. Vols.

Mr. Charles Bruce Werner and Miss Mittie A. Watkins, both of Listie, were united in marriage on September 15th, in the Reformed Church, at Shanksville, Rev. H. King, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shivler have gone to Brinton, a bustling suburb of Pittsburg, where the former recently erected a residence and store room and will engage in the boot an shoe business.

Isaac E. Chandler, a well-known citizen of Johnstown and prominent Republican politician, died at his residence in that city at 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, aged 71 years. The deceased had many friends in this county.

Rev. F. M. Brickley, a noted Evangelist of the Evangelical Association began a series of meetings in the Evangelical Church, Sunday. The meetings will continue every evening this week and will probably be extended into the coming week.

Before leaving Harrisburg Saturday afternoon the Governor officially announced the appointments of Dr. J. T. Sothrock, of West Chester, to be State Forestry Commissioner, and Dr. B. H Warren, of the same place, to be Economic Zoologist.

Mr. Norman B. Richardson, of the "Hotel Metropole," Philadelphia, spent several days last week at the home of his parents in Shade township. Mr. Richardson was a popular clerk at the "Monongahela House," Pittsburg, for a number of years.

A heavy frost visited this region Saturday night and had the effect of compelling many people to kindle fires in their homes in order to keep comfortably warm Sunday. Overcoats and heavy wraps were very much in evidence Saturday and Sunday evenings.

The B. & O. ticket office at Ursina was burglarized last Wednesday night. The agent had left thirty-two cents in the cash drawer when he closed the office the night before and the robbers took 25 of them. The cash drawer was the only article about the building that was damaged.

Sheriff Hoover on Saturday levied upon the personal property of Messrs. Edmund and L. E. Holsopple, of Benson borough. The property consists of the stock contained in a general store and flouring mill, and a lot of farming utensils. Edmund Holsopple's property is advertised to be sold on the 21st and L. E. Holsopple's on the 19th.

Walter Heffley's thoroughbred horse "Nutwood" won the 2:40 trot at the Uniontown Fair last week, taking the last three of five heats; best time 2:34. Mr. Heffley it appears was not anxious to have his horse make a record, but after the two heats had been trotted, the judges took off Parson and put up a new driver, when the time mentioned was made. The purse was $125.

Mr. Franklin A. Stahl, of Somerset township, has found in his oats field three stalks that contained 539 grains. The largest of the stalks contained 212, the second 171 and the third 156 grains. The most remarkable thing about the seed, however, is that they are nearly all double grains, and, if counted properly would number 1078 grains. Mr. Stahl would like to hear from some one who can beat this yield.

Mr. S. P. Baker, who for several years had charge of the Walker Creamery, in Somerset township, but who left here several weeks since, for Unionville, Butler county, where he assumed charge of the Crystal Springs Creamery at that place, has the honor of making the best creamery butter exhibited at the County Fair held at Butler last week, he having been awarded first prize by a committee composed of expert judges.

The next meeting of the Somerset Ministerial Association is postponed, owing to the absence of some of its members, to Monday, Sept. 30, when it will meet in the Lutheran parsonage, Lavansville, by invitation of Rev. C. F. Gephart, President, at 2 o'clock P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all the members to come and remain to supper. Mr. Gebhart will read a paper on "Ulphilas and His Work." He was the first Christian Missionary to the Goths in Europe about the year 350 A. D.

The twelve-year-old son of John Miller, of near Edie, sought shelter in a shanty at a lime quarry during the prevalence of a severe electrical storm last Tuesday afternoon, when he was prostrated by a bolt of lightning. The hair was burned from the back of the lad's head and his neck and shoulders were badly singed by the electric current. A mule in a distant part of the field in which the lime quarry is located was killed by the same bolt that injured young Miller.

Mary A., wife of Henry W. Werner, of Rockwood, died at her home in that place last Tuesday evening, aged 61 years. Mrs. Werner had only been ill for a few days and a fatal termination of her disease was not anticipated by the members of her family or by her numerous friends. The announcement of her sudden death was a great shock to the entire community. She is survived by her husband and a number of children, among whom are E. H. Werner, assistant clerk to the County Commissioners.

Mrs. A. J. Colborn, Sr., has been lingering at death's door the past week, and at this writing her physician entertains but faint hopes for her ultimate recovery. Friday all of the members of her family were summoned to Somerset, and since then they have been anxiously watching at her bedside. This is the first time all of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Colborn have been gathered under the same roof in twenty-six years. Mrs. Colborn has been in delicate health for several years.

There will be no services next Sabbath, Sept. 22, in the Presbyterian Church. The pastor will be absent on a brief vacation. Returning he will attend the Fall meeting of the Redstone Presbytery at West Newton on Tuesday, Sept. 24. On Friday and Saturday evenings, Sept. 27th and 28th there will be preaching services in the Somerset Presbyterian Church preparatory to a communion service on Sabbath morning, Sept. 29 at 10:30 A. M., when the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. Mr. Geo. H. Love is the lay delegate to the meeting of the Presbytery.

A registered letter mailed at Quemahoning post office and addressed to Bakersville was lost or stolen on Thursday last somewhere before it arrived at its destination. The postmasters at Somerset and Lavansville both receipted for the letter, but when the registered package arrived at Bakersville the postmaster there refused to receipt for it because the seal of the package had been broken and the valuable contents were missing. Assistant Postmaster Sanner went to Bakersville Monday to look after the matter, but he was unable to find any clue that would lead to the discovery of the missing letter or the detection of the thief.

B. & O. Agent Arrested.

A Uniontown dispatch says that J. E. Schrock, B. & O. agent at Ursina, and A. D. Elliot, one of the proprietors of the Ohio Pyle House, were arrested Monday on a charge of selling liquor without license and on Sunday. The prosecution is the outgrowth of an application for the transfer of the license of the Ohio Pyle House. Judge Ewing revoked the license and ordered the county detective to bring the prosecution. Elliot is a son-in-law of Col. "Andy" Stewart, and Schrock is a son of Joseph Schrock, of Ursina.

Change of Firm.

The many friends and patrons of Mr. Jonas Bear will be surprised to learn that he has retired from the gents' furnishing business, which he has successfully conducted in this place during the past three years. Mr. Baer retires from business on account of his health, his physician having advised him to secure employment that will keep him in the open air as much as possible. Mr. Will Kimmel succeeds Mr. Baer in business at the old stand, and will conduct it on the same principles that have made it the leading gents' furnishing establishment in the county.

Augustine's Ining.

A dispatch from Uniontown says: A counter move was made here Saturday in the sensational troubles between Jaspar Augustine, of this place, and Joseph Wolf, of Braddock, by the arrest of Wolf for perjury. Wolf some time ago filed a bill in equity alleging among many items that Augustine sold him the J. D. Johnson farm in county and that he had never seen the property. Augustine claims that he has abundant proof that Wolf went over the property before the purchase was made, knew its value and that he had offered Johnson the price for the farm that he paid Augustine. Augustine also issued executions for a large amount against Wolf, being part of the $45,000 claims he holds against Wolf.

Death of Senator Lemon.

Hon. John A. Lemon, ex-Auditor-General of Pennsylvania, who had been five times elected to the State Senate from the Blair-Cambria district, died at his home in Hollidaysburg, Monday afternoon, aged 72 years. The deceased was one of the best known Republican politicians in the State. He had many warm friends in this county who will be grieved to learn of his death.

Senator N. B. Critchfield was notified by telegraph Monday afternoon that he had been appointed by the president pro tem. of the State Senate, Senator McCarrell, to attend the funeral of his dead colleague at three o'clock this afternoon. Senator Critchfield left for Hollidaysburg last evening.

Hon. Wm. H. Miller Reappointed.

Chas. A. Syndham, Department Inspector Penn'a., G. A. R., has again appointed Wm. H. Miller, of Post 318 Stoyestown, Pa., Assistant Inspecting Officer of this (37th) District, Somerset county. The Department Inspector believes in keeping good officers in line. He says the report of inspection for this District for the year 1894 was one of the most satisfactory in the state. This must be a source of congratulation to all G. A. R. boys in the district, to whom the inspecting officers needs no introduction, as this is his third year of service. Comrade Miller is a whole-souled Grand Army man, thoroughly equipped and qualified for the duties of the appointment.

Death of George Shaver.

George Shaver, for many years a leading resident of Somerset township, died Monday afternoon at the home of his son Cyrus M., near Listie, aged 85 years. Mr. Shaver had enjoyed singularly good health all his life and was able to stand on his feet only about ten minutes before his death, which was very sudden.

The deceased was a son of Philip Shaver, who came from Washington county, Md., to Somerset about the year 1805, and settled at what is now known as Listie. Here George was born in 1810. He learned the trade of weaver when a young man, but subsequently adopted farming as an occupation. He was a member of the Republican party since its organization, and was always an aggressive partisan. Three children, Cyrus M., of Listie; Mrs. David Young, of Somerset, and Mrs. Henry Walker, of Stonycreek township, survive him.

Relieved of His Watch and Chain by a Drunken Companion.

Richard Crane, of Indiana county, was arrested at 12 o'clock Friday night at Johnstown, on a charge of larceny of a watch and chain from George Countryman, of Somerset township. Crane was locked up in the Central Police Station until the next morning when he was given a jury trial before Alderman Lehman.

The prosecutor took the stand and swore that while he was half drunk Crane took him back into an alley and went through his clothes. Policeman Sharp corroborated his statement and said that when he arrested Crane he found Countryman's watch and chain in one of his pockets.

Crane was sworn and said that he and Countryman were drunk and that he gave the prosecutor $5 for the timepiece and chain.

The jury then went out and returned in about two minutes with a verdict of guilty. Crane was notified of the fact by the Alderman, who sentenced him to serve six months in the Ebensburg jail.

Adam Deitz Returns.

A pale-faced man with unusually long mustaches was in town for several days last week looking for a location to practice his profession, veterinary surgery. He was recognized by a number of his former acquaintances who congratulated him upon his release from prison after suffering twelve years for a crime of which he was innocent. The visitor was Adam Deitz, a native of this county, who thirteen years ago was sentenced to the Iowa State Prison for a period of twenty years, after having been convicted on a charge of manslaughter. Deitz was found guilty of having assisted a woman of that State in getting away with her husband. The victim died from poisoning and the evidence against Deitz, although of a circumstantial character, tended to show that he furnished the deadly drug. He protested his innocence upon the trial of the case and succeeded in winning the sympathy of a local newspaper man who became interested in him with the result that after twelve years of diligent search he secured sufficient evidence to establish Deitz's innocence and to secure his pardon. Throughout the long period of years Deitz was behind the prison bars he brooded constantly over the crime of which he was the innocent sufferer; letters addressed to his boyhood's friends, appealing for help, remained unanswered and at last he made up his mind that he was doomed to remain in prison until death came to his release. The effect of the mental strain under which he labored is apparent to-day. His mind is perfectly clear but it requires an effort for him to concentrate his thoughts on any particular subject.

Upon securing his liberty Deitz determined to return to his native State and resume the practice of his profession, but unfortunately for him the practice of veterinary surgery is now regulated by act of assembly and before he can secure a diploma he will have to stand an examination before a board of state officers. The poor fellow was very much grieved when he learned this fact, and fearing that he would be unable to pass an examination after his long enforced idleness, concluded to go to some state where the practice is not regulated by law. He took his departure Saturday.

At Home.

All who are interested in good housekeeping should examine the Cinderella Range. It bakes light bread, and roasts meat deliciously. Sold, recommended and guaranteed by

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HISTORIC EVENT.

Centennial Anniversary of the Erection of Somerset as a Seat of Justice for Somerset County

PERMITTED TO PASS WITHOUT ANY PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION.

If the eyes of "just men made perfect" are permitted to gaze upon temporal affairs, then Ulrich Bruner and Adam Schneider must have been disappointed when the darkness was rolled from the face of the earth last Thursday morning, September 12th, and they looked down upon the town they had created, nurtured and loved until they were removed to a higher sphere. Thursday was the centennial anniversary of the erection of the town of Somerset. That day one hundred years ago the commission, Wm. Findley, John Badollet, James Chambers, Thomas Campbell and A. J. Dallis, appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth to select a location for the seat of justice for the county of Somerset, unanimously fixed upon Somerset, until then known as "Brunerstown." The historical event was permitted to pass unmarked by either public or private ceremony.

It is not enough to say that the people of Somerset were satisfied with the demonstration made on July 4th in honor of the County's Centennial anniversary, and believed that the events of that occasion should suffice for both anniversaries. Somerseters are proud of their town, all acknowledge their indebtedness to the pioneers who secured it for them, and all should have united in marking the centennial anniversary in some public manner.

On the same day, Sept. 12, 1795, the town of Somerset was plotted, when Adam Schneider, the proprietor of that part of the town lying north and south of Main street, donated for the perpetual use of the County, the ground now occupied by the court house and jail.

Peter Ankeny was the owner of the land lying south of Main street, and unauthenticated history says that he had previously plotted a town, in which he had reserved certain tracts for county buildings, churches and burial grounds.

Somerset enjoys the distinction of being the highest county seat in the State of Pennsylvania. (Its altitude being about 2200 feet above the sea level.) By reason of the great period which has intervened since its establishment, the disappearance of its founders and first settlers, and the disastrous results of conflagrations, which by thrice sweeping across its site have destroyed all, or nearly all records, books, newspaper files, etc., bearing upon its early history, he who now undertakes to chronicle the important events of the past one hundred years will necessarily labor under many and peculiar disadvantages.

Among the pioneers who settled in the vicinity of the site of Somerset before 1775, were John Penrod, a hunter, Herman Husband, Henry Bruner, George Bruner, Ulrich Bruner, Jonathan Buck, Peter Ankeny and Adam Schneider. Husband was the original owner of part of the town site, but at an early day he transferred 100 acres to the Bruners, who, before the year 1777, laid out town lots, streets, etc. The Bruners also purchased 300 acres lying south of Main street from one Jonathan Buck. Subsequently Adam Schneider bought from the Bruners 100 acres lying north and 100 acres lying south of Main street, for which he paid 100 pounds in money and one house and lot in Baltimore town, on Howard street. (The original article of agreement for this transaction is in possession of Mr. John H. Snyder, of Dayton, O.)

Herman Husband made the original plot of "Brunerstown," (now the property of John H. Snyder, of Dayton, O.,) but the original map of Somerset was executed upon parchment by Josiah Espy, Esq., on the 12th day of September, 1795. According to this map the boundaries were Catherine street on the north, Race street on the south, Pleasant street on the east and Rosanna street on the west. Each lot originally was sixty-six feet wide by two hundred and forty-four feet in length, except the four central ones, which were but two hundred and thirty-one feet in depth.

After its establishment as the county seat the town increased rapidly in population, and five years later—1800—men bearing the following well-remembered names were classed as its citizens: Peter Ankeny, John Armstrong, Sr., Emanuel Brallier, John and William Campbell, Conrad Beymer, Josiah Espey, Esq., Dr. Wm. Gore Elder, (the first physician to settle in the town,) Adam Flick, Abraham Faith, Gabriel Forsyth, Wm. Findley, Henry and Jacob Glessner, Rev. Henry Geisey, Valentine Houpt, Michael Hagus, Thomas Kennedy, (the first sheriff), Peter Kimmel, John King, John Kurtz, Rev. Frederick William Long, Thomas Leech, Alexander Lynn, Abraham Miller, Abraham Morrison, Esq., John Mong, Alexander Ogle, Esq., Robert Pearson, Jacob Saylor, Adam Schneider, Michael Tedrow, Rudolph Ulrich, Joseph Weigley, Esq., John Weimer, John Wells, Esq., and John Webster.

On March 5, 1804, the town was incorporated a borough. At that time the town contained seventy-two dwelling houses, stores and shops.

The Somerset Academy was established by Act of Assembly, passed March 9, 1810. The building was completed about the year 1813 upon ground donated for the purpose by Adam Schneider, and remained until 1876, when it was torn down and the present public school building erected on its site.

In 1820 the dwellings, stores and shops in the town numbered 87; in 1830, 95; a severe conflagration visited Somerset in 1833 and in 1840 the number of dwellings, etc., was only 93; in 1850 they had increased to 120. In 1860 there were 210 lots, 169 freeholders, 52 tenants and 48 singlemen. In 1870 the freeholders numbered 142, tenants 49, singlemen 46. In 1883 there were 246 freeholders, 114 tenants, and 73 singlemen.

The town to-day has 582 tax payers, of whom 350 are freeholders. It contains 336 private residences (a gain of 50 per cent. in the past 12 years), 35 buildings devoted exclusively to stores and offices, 2 machine shops, 2 planing mills, one creamery, and a number of smaller industries. Somerset also, has 7 church edifices, 5 excellent hotels, two of which—Hotel Vannear and The Somerset House—are the best built and perfectly adapted public houses to be found in any town of similar size anywhere in the United States.

A splendidly equipped and economically managed electric light plant supplies the town with illuminating current at reasonable rates.

A year ago a system of water works was constructed by the borough corporation. The supply of water is apparently inexhaustible and of an excellent quality for domestic use. It also furnishes ample fire protection.

Within the past month measures were adopted by the citizens of Somerset which will secure for them a first-class Collegiate Institute. While the school will be conducted under the auspices of the Allegheny Synod of the Lutheran Church it will be non-sectarian and will furnish the nucleus for an institution of broader scope.

The business men of Somerset are wide awake, aggressive and progressive. Many of them, looking beyond the confines of the county, have found additional markets for the lines they represent, while the superb stores of the town furnish an ever present subject for favorable remark on the part of all visitors.

Somerset's professional men have long since taken high rank throughout the state and country and the reputation earned by their ancestors has not tarnished in their hands, but lustre has been added to the fame of those who have gone before by each succeeding generation.

The citizens as a class are intelligent, sober and industrious, and the many elegant homes they have erected is the best answer to the oft repeated slanderous assertion that "the people of Somerset live better, dress better and work less than anywhere else in the country." Somerset abounds with comfortable homes, and to-day there is only one vacant dwelling in the borough, while a number are in course of erection.

The natural advantages of the town are many, and while the citizens have taken advantage of every opportunity to add to its growth and prosperity, they have always been hampered for want of railroad facilities. A new era is dawning, however, and unless all indications are fallacious, the next twenty years will be the most prosperous Somerset town and county have ever experienced.

Although Somerset was incorporated as a borough in 1804, yet it appears that no local legislation was adopted until many years later, or until May, 1809. The first ordinance of which a record is to be found imposes a fine of $5 upon any person "who shall remove or destroy any mark, post or pin that may be placed by the burgesses for the purpose of ascertaining the boundaries or course of any footway, street, lane or alley within the borough."

The first burgess, of whom there is a record, was Jacob Schneider, who was elected in 1816. His successors have been chosen from leading men of the borough, including the present Lord Mayor, William H. Weffley, who is serving his sixteenth term.

The soongings Somerset received at the hands of the fire fiend in 1833, 1872 and again in 1876, are fresh in the minds of all our readers, who read the elaborate county historical articles published in these columns during the months of June and July of the present year.

An A. D. 1800 Wedding.

A few days since a unique heirloom in the shape of an old time secretary was left at the furniture store of Mr. C. H. Coffroth to be put in condition for shipment to Cyrus Elder, Esq. of Johnstown, to whom it had been bequeathed by a relative who recently died in this county. The secretary is made of walnut and is equipped with drawers, pigeon-holes, book rests &c. In a well concealed "secret drawer" Mr. Coffroth discovered the marriage certificate of William G. Elder, doctor of physic, and Miss Magdalene Armstrong. The bride and groom were the grand-parents of Cyrus Elder Esq., and were among the first couples ever married in Somerset borough. The wording of the certificate is so entirely different from the form in use to-day that it is herewith given:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Somerset County, ss:

Be it remembered that on Sunday, the Eighteenth day of May, in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred, William G. Elder, Doctor of Physic, and Magdalene Armstrong, both of the town of Somerset and County aforesaid, were personally before me one of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace in & for said County, attended by their relatives, friends and acquaintances, & were by me Solemnly Inter married & took each other for Husband & Wife, conformably to Sundry Acts of the General Assembly for the prevention of Clandestine Marriages & also conformably to the custom and manner of many good Citizens of the said State.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand & Seal & the parties have subscribed, together with the following witnesses.

JOHN WELLS, (SEAL)

WM. G. ELDER,
MAGDALINE ELDER.
JOHN ARMSTRONG,
JOSEPH ARMSRONG,
JAMES ARMSTRONG.

The certificate bears the endorsement of Morgan J. Rhees, Register and Recorder, and was duly recorded on the 6th day of June of the same year.

Farmers!

I have just purchased a new improved baler and am prepared to bale your hay and straw.

J. J. PILE,
Sipesville.

Personals from the "Berlin Recorder."

Mr. Frank A. Wolfhope, of New Baltimore, passed through town Monday on his way to Morgantown, West Va. He goes there to enter the University of West Virginia and prepare himself for the legal profession in the law department of that institution. Frank A. is a bright young man and we look for him to get through the course in No. 1 shape.

Mr. Wm. A. Ohley and mother, Mrs. F. C. Ohley, of Fairmount, West Va., are visiting relatives in their old-time home, Berlin. Mr. Ohley is a prominent Democratic politician, has served the state of his adoption as Secretary of the Commonwealth and is interested in the newspaper and banking business. Mrs. Ohley is a sister of Chas. Stoner, dec'd, formerly so well known as a foundryman and prominent business man in this place.

A Hint to Housekeepers.

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Deathof Rev. Samuel Wakefield, D. D.

The injury sustained some two weeks ago by the Rev. Samuel Wakefield, D. D., in striking his head against the corner of a table, thus severing an artery, together with the weaknesses incident to his advanced age, caused the death of that venerable gentleman Friday morning at 3 o'clock, at the home of his daughter—Mrs. John G. Brown—at West Newton, Westmoreland county. He had reached the extreme age of ninety-six years six months and seven days.

It is believed that he was the oldest Methodist minister in the world, so far as known, the oldest Mason in the world, as well. He was the author of a number of books on theology, several on music, and a treatise on grammar and rhetoric. During the war he represented Westmoreland county in the Legislature.

For Rye.

Good fertilizers from $18 to $25 per ton, by A. C. Davis, Somerset, Pa.

The Great Peach Crop.

The Waynesboro correspondent of the Chambersburg *Public Opinion* says:

This is just now the Mecca of the peach belt for representatives from commission houses in all parts of the country. Many of them get the market reports by telegraph daily and buy their fruit and pay spot cash for it delivered at the depot, and many of the growers get handsome returns. From early in the morning until 3:30 P. M. wagons loaded with the luscious fruit pass through town en route to the depot, and this will continue for several weeks to come, as there are thousands of bushels which will be picked by that time.

For School Directors.

An act was passed by the last legislature and approved by the governor on June 24 which is of special importance to school directors. The act provides that the directors or controllers of each school district in the state shall during each fall school term prior to January 1, and within thirty days after the close of each annual school term, remove all waste matter from every outhouse or water closet connected with or standing on the premises of school house, or have the same properly disinfected, and they are required to have every outhouse or water closet properly scrubbed, washed out and cleaned, the inside walls whitewashed, and the vaults or receptacles covered with a layer of fresh dirt or slacked lime within ten days of the opening of each annual school term. The president of each board of directors or controllers is required to certify on a form prepared for the purpose that the requirements of the act have been complied with before the district can draw its annual appropriation.

The school directors of the different districts should prepare to comply with this law if they have not already done so or they will be in danger of losing the appropriation.

Irish potatoes are so called because they form so large a proportion of the food of the Irish people.

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Lutheran Synod.

Somerset was a Lutheran town last week. Lutheran ministers and delegates from Lutheran congregations throughout the Allegheny Synod were everywhere in evidence, on the streets, in the temples of worship and in the homes. Of course there were members of other denominations to be seen, but they discreetly preserved silence and gave the Lutherans full sway. Not only this, but they exerted every effort to make the visiting clergymen enjoy their week's stay in our mountain town; and if any left here with unkindly feelings for the people of Somerset, it must be attributed to some other cause than a lack of hospitality.

Allegheny synod embraces the territory of Somerset, Cambria, Clearfield, Blair, Huntingdon and Bedford counties, with 69 ministers, 60 pastorates, 147 congregations, 13,755 communicant members, 19,656 teachers and scholars in the Sunday schools. $12,624 for benevolence and $80,957.74 was raised for all purposes during the year ending September 1, 1895. Somerset county leads in Lutheran population, 4,280 communicant members, with 56 congregations, and is considered the Lutheran stronghold. Blair county has 4,084 communicant members. This does not include the membership of St. James' German Lutheran church, which belongs to the Pittsburg general council, and Tyrone German church, which belongs to the joint synod of Ohio. The communicant membership of those two churches would increase the Lutheran membership to about 5,000 in Blair county.

The fifty-forth annual synod convened in the Lutheran Church on Tuesday evening last, when the President, Rev. A. Shipman, of Johnstown, delivered a very able discourse on "Theological Barriers." Rev. Shipman is an advanced thinker, and is more liberal in his views of what goes to make up a christian character, than some of his narrow-minded confreres. His discourse was commended by the large audience who heard it, irrespective of creed.

The President's report was read at Wednesday morning's session. From it we learn that six ministers were dismissed to other synods. Revs. Brown, Lentz, Fleck and J. A. Hartman were installed; corner stones were laid for new churches at Petersburg, Trinity, Johnstown and New Milliport; churches dedicated at Saxton, Martinsburg, Lavansville and Bellwood; Revs. John Brubaker, L. N. Fleck, R. F. Hassinger, J. R. Sample, J. A. Hartman, Samuel Krider and W. R. Wieand were received as members of synod; one resignation. Three vacancies are now within the bounds of synod.

At the afternoon session Rev W. H. Weber, general secretary of the board of church extension, was given time to present the claims of his department.

Treasurer Geesey presented a carefully prepared exhibit of the monies received from each congregation and the disbursements of the same. The grand total reached $11,000.

Wednesday evening's session was in the interest of foreign missions, when Rev. Ramachandrayya P. Garu, a converted high-caste Hindoo, delivered a very able discourse, in which he imparted much knowledge in regard to his native country and closed with a plea for the christianization of India.

THURSDAY'S SESSIONS.

After the usual usual routine business had been disposed of Thursday morning the educational committee reported. From their report it was learned than the finances are in excellent shape, and that five young men, Revs. C. F. Jacobs, J. W. Ball, H. E. Berkey, J. B. Gulney and J. M. Ketner have completed their theological course and are ready for active work, as nearly all have accepted charges.

Messrs. E. E. Parsons, William Stahl and W. M. Aukerman are continued and the following new ones taken upon the funds of the synod: Messrs. C. A. Tilt, M. A. Heninger, S. M. Lutz and J. E. Heindel.

The afternoon session was devoted to the reading of reports of different church educational ipstitutions, &c.

The feature of the evening session was an address by Rev. E. D. Weigle, D. D., of Altoona, on "Christian Education in the General Synod of the Lutheran Church."

FRIDAY'S SESSIONS.

Routine business at morning session.

At the afternoon session Rev. J. F. Hartman extended an invitation to the Synod to hold its next annual meeting in Christ's Second Lutheran Church, Altoona. The invitation was accepted and the Allegheny Synod will meet in Altoona in 1896.

Among other reports heard at this session was the statistical report of the Synod. Following are the totals for the entire year:

Number of churches, 146; stations, 11; prayer meetings, 124; students for the ministry, 10; catechumens, 2,059.

Losses—By death, 298; by certificate, 377; others, 592.

Accessions—Infant baptisms, 799; adult baptisms, 276; confirmations, 583; certificate, 384; restorations, 87.

Total membership, 13,992.

Value of church property, $680,700; indebtedness, $50,700.55; collections for local objects, $84,651.63.

Sunday schools, 133; officers and teachers, 1,846; scholars, 14,618; for support of schools, $3,782.88; benevolence, $3,838.44.

Number of members in Young People's societies, 2,821; contributions, local, $2,634.82; benevolence, $162.60.

General Benevolence—For general synod, $159.32; synodical treasury, $764.18; home missions, $2,288.89; foreign missions, $1,918.26; church extension, $1,870.76; board of education, $611.59; beneficiary education, $1,413.28; Woman's Missionary society, $1,157.28; pastor's fund, $638.81; Orphans' Home, $969.02; deaconess' board, $91.96; Home for Aged, $28.82; external objects, $3,220.93; total benevolence, $15,168.17. Grand total, $103,002.87.

In the evening Dr. A. P. Hartman, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, delivered an address taking "Home Missions" for his subject.

SATURDAY'S SESSIONS.

Saturday's sessions were occupied with reports of some committees and the appointment of others. The election of Trustees of Tressler's Orphans' Home resulted in the choice of Rev. P. Bergstresser, D. D., and Oliver Knepper, Esq. Rev. E. J. Metzler was instructed to supply Gallitzin during the ensuing year, and Rev. I. P. Hawkins to supply Portage.

Rev. W. A. Shipman, of Johnstown, was re-elected presiding officer.

Sunday all of the pulpits in town were filled, both morning and evening, by visiting clergymen.

For more than a hundred years the Shakers have been studying the remedial properties of plants. They have made many discoveries, but their greatest achievement was made last year. It is a cordial that contains already digested food and is a digester of food. It is effective in removing distress after eating, and creates an appetite for more food so that eating becomes a pleasure. Pale, thin people become plump and healthy under its use. It arrests the wasting of consumption.

There never has been such a step forward in the cure of indigestion as this Shaker Cordial. Your druggist will be glad to give you a little book descriptive of the product.

Give the babies Laxol, which is Castor Oil made as palatable as Honey.

SHERIFF'S SALES.

By virtue of certain writs of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pa., there will be exposed to sale at the Court House, in Somerset borough, on

Friday, Sept. 20, '95,

AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Nelson Bittner, of, in and to a certain tract of land situate in Northampton township, Somerset county, Pa., containing one hundred acres more or less, about 30 acres clear, balance timber, adjoining lands of Hiram Bittner, Thomas Reese, Benjamin Bittner and Thomas Weid, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Nelson Bittner, at the suit of Henry J. Wilmoth, Millard F. Brinham and Joel Griffith, administrators of Alfred Wilmoth, dec'd.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Jonathan Pritts, defendant, and A. F. Bittner, terre tenant, of, in and to a certain tract of land situate in Brothersvalley township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Amos Walker, John Gumbert, John Rauch's heirs and Frank Hay's heirs and others, containing 185 acres, strict measure, about 125 acres clear, balance well timbered, having thereon erected a good dwelling house, large bank barn and other out buildings, with the appurtenances. All the minerals under the farm, except those under about 15 acres around the buildings, and all the limestone above the four foot vein of coal on the north side of a s