The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY,.....June 10, 1896.

Mrs. K. B. Coffroth has in stock all the new and stylish things in millinery.

Mrs. Daniel Bierer, of Greensburg, who was stricken dumb two years ago, suddenly recovered her voice on Sunday, after giving birth to a son. The woman can now talk as well as ever she could.

Have you seen the new gilt and leather belts at Mrs. K. B. Coffroth's? You can buy one for 25 cents.

The man who goes fishing and sits in a cramped position on a narrow thwart from early morn 'till dewy eve and calls it fun is the same chap that never goes to church because the pews ain't comfortable.

Call at Snyder's Art Store and see the nice line of Wall Paper at 5c. per roll.

By law, no living man's portrait can appear on the bank notes engraved and issued by the Government. The same rule is needed in regard to any historical frescoes put on the Capitol at Washington.

Wall Paper! Wall Paper!! at
SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Auditor General Mylin has decided that Clearfield county merchants will pay a mercantile license fee of 25 cents. He recently decided they must pay $1.50, but has discovered that the law allowing that charge has been repealed.

DANA'S Sarsaparilla is not only the best of all remedies for the Nerves, Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, and Blood; *but if no benefit, you can get your money back.*

The same guarantee applies to DANA'S Pills, Cough Syrup, and Plasters.

For sale by David Gildner, M. D. Agent, Rockwood, Pa.

On last Sunday John McFarland, who lives at Germany, Indiana county, not far from New Florence, became violently insane at his home and he has since been lying at the point of death. Mr. McFarland owned some land in the West until a short time ago and lost considerable money in trying to save his property. This is thought to be the cause of his trouble.

Don't forget Mrs. Coffroth has engaged a trimmer from the city, and she is prepared to suit any and everyone with the very thing they are looking for in millinery.

The will of Dr. William D. McGowan was probated at Greensburg Wednesday. Two small annuities are given. The most of the estate, valued at $100,000, is given to the University of Pennsylvania. A part of the money is to be used in the establishment of free beds in the hospital portion of that institution, to be known as the Ligonier free beds. Lucy C. Brown, Marietta, O., gets an annuity of $10, and Mrs. James F. McGowan, of California, Pa., one of $350.

Over 4,000 rolls of Wall Paper to select from at Synder's Art Store.

Judge Miller, of Mercer, in his talk to the assembled constables, told them that it was a part of their duty to see that the roads were always kept in good condition, and that when they found them at all out of repair they should report the same to the road supervisor, and that if he did not repair them, to report the matter to him. He said that many of the roads about Mercer were in bad shape and that if they were not repaired soon somebody would likely get into trouble.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. now has on sale at all its offices east of the Ohio River a full line of tourist excursion tickets to all the lake, mountain and seashore resorts in the Eastern and Northern States and in Canada. These tickets are valid for return journey until October 31st. Before deciding upon your summer outing it would be well to consult the B. & O. Book of "Routes and Rates for Summer Tours." All B. O. Ticket Agents at principal points have them, or they will be sent upon receipt of ten cents for postage by Chas. O. Scull, Gen'l Passenger Agent, B. & O. R. R., Baltimore, Md.

The largest line of Wall Paper ever shown in the county at
SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Investigation of the blighted corn crops at Anderson, Indiana, cause scientific men to arrive at the conclusion that the electrical condition of the air during the tornado was different from what it has ever been before. In certain sections the corn is brown and dead, and can be reduced to powder by rubbing between the hands. It is blistered as though subjected to a most terrific heat. The theory advanced is that there were electrical currents in the air Wednesday night that were brought in contact with the ground by the wind, and that they were so hot as to blister the growing corn. The matter has attracted a great deal of attention.

With the blood full of humors, the heated term is all the more oppressive. Give the system a thorough cleansing with Ayer's Sarsaparilla and a dose or two of Ayer's Pills, and you will enjoy Summer as never before in your life. Just try this for once, and you'll not repent it.

"Corporal punishment in schools has passed under judicial review at Chambersburg, Pa. A boy kicked a little girl on the play grounds at recess. When school was dismissed the boy was called forward for punishment, but refused to go and when force was used he drew a knife upon the teacher. The latter conquered, however, and gave the lad a thrashing which drew blood. The father of the boy had the teacher arrested for assault and battery. The presiding judge said that the boy's act was one of insubordination, and that it had to be decided then and there who was the head of the school. In the opinion of the judge the whipping was not too severe. The jury agreed with him, and the cost of the prosecution was placed on the boy's father.

In the Butler county court last week, Judge Greer severely criticised the action of certain persons in writing letters trying to influence his action at license court. He has recently received a number of letters from friends of applicants for license, as well as from those opposed to the granting of them. He gave notice that hereafter he would have these letter writers brought into court and fined for contempt, as it would be just as proper for these people to write to a juror trying to influence his action in a case as it was to so address the judge. The place, he says, for parties concerned, one way or the other, to be heard is in open court, and he will not be approached by letter or in person by anyone interested in the coming license court.

A healty appetite, with perfect digestion and assimilation, may be secured by the use of Ayer's Pills. They cleanse and strengthen the whole alimentary canal and remove all obstructions to the natural functions of either sex, without any unpleasant effects.

One of the most amusing trials, says the Uniontown *News-Standard*, at the present term of court was that of William Hostetler of Bullskin township for assault and battery and all the other charges which go with it. The prosecutrix was Mrs. Kirkwood, who was very dramatic on the stand. As soon as she took her seat to give her story she nearly fainted, and had to be revived by her smelling salts. She said the defendant lived in one of her houses and she went to collect the rent. When she asked him for the money he struck her with a club and knocked her down. He also threatened to shoot her and got his gun for that purpose. Hostetler told a different story. He alleged that Mrs. Kirkwood came to his house and attacked him, striking him with a tea kettle. His description of how she pursued him about the house was very humorous. The jury found him guilty of assault and battery, aggravated assault and battery and carrying concealed weapons, but acquitted him of assault and battery with intent to kill.

The first home grown cherries of the season were in market Friday and Saturday.

Valentine Sass, a well-known Greenville township farmer, sailed last week for a visit to his old home in Germany.

Dr. Harry Stoner, of Cleveland, O., is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Stoner, in Brothersvalley township.

Messrs. S. F. and W. W. Picking, of Chicago, arrived in town Saturday. The latter returned to the "Windy City" Monday.

There will be a strawberry and ice cream festival in the Grange Hall, Jenners Cross Roads, on Saturday afternoon and evening, June 13th.

Congressman Hicks has appointed William C. Minnick, of Bedford, a cadet at West Point, with Fred. J. Pfahler, of Meyersdale, as alternate.

Senator Blackburn is reported as having said that he does not believe that any man who wears a Confederate button can be elected to the Presidency.

Ex-Associate Judge McMillen, of Middlecreek township, and 'Squire David Fuller, of Elk Lick township, were Monday visitors to the county seat.

Messrs. Harvey, Burns and Walters, a trio of wealthy Baltimore bankers and business men, are enjoying an outing at Farmer Tayman's West End cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Colborn left Friday evening for Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend the National Convention of Charities, now in session in that city. They will be absent about ten days.

We learn from the "Nugget," published at Keystone, a mining town in the Black Hills, South Dakota, that L. W. Phillippi, a former resident of this county, last week conducted the sale of a mining plant to eastern parties for $60,000.

Friday afternoon a bolt of lightning demolished one of the chimneys in W. H. Hochstetler's residence. Nearly all of the furniture in the parlor was ruined and Mrs. Hochstetler sustained a shock from which she did not recover for several hours.

F. J. O'Connor, Esq., and Thomas Matthews, of Johnstown, acting for the estate of the late Martin McDonald, of that city, have sold to the Messrs. Kuhns & Goodwin, of Dunlo, 800 acres of timber land in Paint and Ogle townships, for the sum of $10,000.

Noah Keiser, who had given bail for his appearance at the recent term of criminal court, and failed to appear when the case against him was called for trial, was arrested Friday in Mt. Pleasant. Sheriff Hoover brought him to jail Saturday. Keiser is charged with stealing chickens.

The County Commissioners have fitted up an office for County Superintendent Pritts on the second floor of the Court House, immediately over the Commissioner's private office. The County Superintendent can be found there during business hours when his duties do not call him from home.

The school directors of Berlin and Brothersvalley districts will meet on Saturday for the purpose of considering the advisability of joining forces in establishing and maintaining a high school. The Record says "if Brothersvalley can not be got to co-operate with Berlin, then Berlin will probably proceed alone."

Peter Fisher, well-known in Stonycreek and other districts, was arrested last week by a pension officer and taken to Altoona for a hearing before United States Commissioner Graffius. Peter is charged with having made a false affidavit to procure a pension for Mrs. Sarah Reed and in default of $2,000 bail was committed to jail.

The two late storms, that of Friday and Sunday last, have been quite disastrous to electric light companies. The Somerset Electric Light Company have suffered a loss of $200, in burnt out converters and street lamps. We notice by the Altoona papers that the light plant of that city was greatly damaged and the entire city was in darkness.

Home grown strawberries made their appearance Monday, and the supply was soon exhausted. The berries were perhaps the finest and largest ever seen in Somerset, in some instances twenty berries filling a basket. The crop is said to be the largest grown here for a number of years. One gardener expects to gather not less than 1,800 quarts from his patch. The price Monday was two baskets for a quarter.

One of the first official acts of the newly organized Board of Health was to notify the Burgess and members of Town Council to appear and show cause why the borough lock-up and plot of ground on which the same is located shall not be declared a nuisance and abated as directed by law. Some members of Council take the notice more seriously than they otherwise would for the reason that the Board of Health is a body of Council's creation.

Between the hours of one and two o'clock Sunday afternoon the rain-fall in around this place was sufficient to cause the water to overflow the banks of Cox's Creek and all of its tributaries. It is claimed that this copious shower had the effect of practically determining that the tile drain recently placed across west Main Street is not of sufficient dimensions to carry off the water deposited in the basin north of that thoroughfare in times of freshets.

This town is to have a base ball club this season that promises to do better work and make a brighter showing than any club we have had for several years. Grounds have been lessed on the south end of East street and they will be put in condition during the present week. The ball cranks about town have subscribed liberally to the club and they anticipate a number of exciting games in the near future. The first game of the season will likely be played with Ligonier.

Mr. A. J. Boose, of Summit township, one of Somerset county's leading farmers, feels justly proud over his success in winning a diploma at the Chicago World's Fair for superiority of a sample of oats grown and exhibited by him. A bronze medal accompanied the diploma and is a beautiful work of design and art. Mr. Boose merits the esteem of our people for his praiseworthy efforts in demonstrating what can be done on Somerset county soil.

A welcome caller at this office last Wednesday was Mr. W. H. Gross, of Findlay, Ohio. Eighteen years ago Mr. Gross was a farmer in Middlecreek township, and was interested in the management of the Gross Mill, in that district. Now he is the general manager of the Findlay Natural Gas Company, one of the most prosperous concerns in the "Buckeye" State, and knows as much about that mysterious heating and illuminating element as any man alive. His visit last week was the first he has made to Somerset county in a number of years.

The twentieth annual session of the Lutheran Sunday School Association of Somerset county, convened in the Lutheran Church, this place, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, and was called to order by President W. H. Ruppel. After devotional exercises Charles F. Uhl, Esq., delivered an address of welcome to the assembled delegates, to which Rev. M. L. Young responded. Next in order came the President's annual address and the appointment of committees. A large number of delegates, representing the various Lutheran congregations in the county, were present. The convention will adjourn this evening.

Former Rockwood Man Suicides.

A dispatch from Mt. Pleasant says: John Heinbaugh, an old soldier who came here years ago from Somerset county, took his life Thursday evening with a dose of "rough on rats." He went to Greensburg in the morning to appear as a witness at court, but came back without being called, as he had been drinking. While he had a wife who resides at Rockwood, he lived here with a Mrs. Wiltrout, a widow.

While eating, he took up a spoonful of the poison and told Mrs. Wiltrout he was going to swallow it. She expressed her doubts, as he had frequently threatened to do so, and then changed his mind. This time, however, he took the stuff, and washed it down with coffee. As soon as the poison began to act, he rued his rash act, and a doctor was called, but it was then too late to save his life. He was a blacksmith by trade and about 50 years old.

Treasurer's Sale.

The County Treasurer's sale of unseated lands took place in the court room Monday afternoon. About one-half of the members of the bar and a few citizens from different sections of the county were present. The bidding on a few of the tracts offered for sale was quite animated, in one case the bids running up above $500. A majority of the tracts were knocked down to the County Commissioners, who will hold them until the taxes charged against them have been paid, or when in default of payment they will again be exposed to sale.

Not many years ago a Treasurer's sale was a matter of much public interest and was attended by speculators from all parts of the county, and not unfrequently by capitalists from Philadelphia and other eastern cities who were seeking to invest their money in timber and mineral rights. "Land Sharps," as they were called, frequently made thousands of dollars at these sales.

Will Erect New Houses of Worship.

At a joint meeting of the representatives of the United Evangelical Church and the Evangelical Association of the Somerset circuit, held here last Thursday, the latter Association refused to consider the propositions submitted by the former for an amicable settlement of the differences between them, in so far as they related to the purchase of the several church properties. The keys to the various church properties in the circuit had previously been delivered to a representative of the Evangelical Association. The members of the United Evangelical Church will at once take steps towards the erection of new houses of worship, and it is expected that at least three churches will be completed in Somerset circuit before the holidays. Repeated efforts on the part of the United Evangelical Church were made to secure the church properties by amicable arrangements, or purchasing them at a fair valuation, but all were unsuccessful.

Great interest has been manifested throughout the county in this unfortunate church fight, and sympathy of a substantial character has been freely volunteered the United Evangelicals by members of other denominations.

Recent Deaths.

Word reached here yesterday morning that the wife of Hon. Sam Mier, had died Monday night at her home in Salisbury. The deceased had been in delicate health for several years. She was the mother of Mrs. Bertha Cunningham, of this place.

Phoebe Jane, wife of George S. Dotson, died at her home in Centreville, Iowa, on Thursday, June 4th, from consumption. Deceased was a daughter of John H. Shaffer, of West Main street, and was born in this place on June 27, 1857. She left Somerset in 1868. Her husband and three children survive.

Mrs. E. D. Smith, wife of the well-known division passenger agent of the B. & O., died at her home in Pittsburg, Wednesday morning. She was a daughter of Elder I. R. Norton, and when a young lady was a frequent visitor in this place.

Nellie F. Landis, aged twenty years, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. R. C. Landis, in Berlin, Wednesday afternoon, June 3d. Death resulted from troubles superinduced by an attack of diphtheria four years ago, since when the sufferer had been confined to her bed.

Frank Heckler, aged about sixty years, a veteran of the civil war, died at his home in Jefferson township, Sunday evening. He was one of the most prominent men in his neighborhood and was generally well liked and respected. Interment was made at New Centreville yesterday morning, Rev. Gebhart, of the Lavansville Lutheran church, officiating. Deceased is survived by his wife and six children.

Let Us Talk About the Weather Says Foster.

My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from June 2nd to 6th, and the next will reach the Pacific coast about June 7th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 8th, great central valleys 9th to 11th eastern States 12th. Warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about June 7th, great central valleys 9th, eastern States 12th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 10th, great central valleys 12th, eastern States 14th. The third disturbance of June will reach the Pacific coast about 12th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 13th, great central valleys 14th to 16th, eastern States 17th. The warm wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 12, great central valleys 14th, eastern States 16th. Cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 15th, great central valleys, 17th, eastern States 19th.

Burglars Fired the House.

Three masked men committed a robbery Wednesday morning near Ennisville, Huntingdon county, in true Western desperado style. They forced an entrance into the home of the Misses Porter, three maiden ladies, and accomplished their ends in a way that smacks strongly of the Jesse James and the Dalton brothers' system.

When inside the house, they entered the bedroom occupied by the sisters and immediately made a demand for money. They were given the contents of a missionary box without protest and told that was all there was about. This was not satisfactory, and while one of the men covered the women with a revolver the other two ransacked the house.

Failure to secure any more money angered the trio, and, procuring all the wearing apparel belonging to the sisters, they saturated it with oil and threatened to apply a lighted match unless given more money. The sisters begged them to desist, saying they had already got all the available cash that was in the house, but they were merciless and bent upon extorting money by resorting to any means, no matter how foul, and a lighted match was applied to the clothes. This did not seem to have the desired effect, and, becoming frightened at their own work, the robbers extinguished the small flames.

Church Appointments.

There will be preaching services at the Pleasant Hill Church, on Saturday evening, June 13, by the Rev. T. Bach, P. E., of the United Evangelical Church. Communion to be administered. There will be services also at the Lichty Church by the same, at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. This will close the regular appointments for the United Evangelical people in their churches. Hereafter they expect to continue services, in the school-houses at the different appointments, Pleasant Hill, Lichty and Husband, until they have the new churches built.

Pure blood is the secret of health. Burdock Blood Bitters insures pure blood.

TORTURED AN OLD MAN

FIRE USED BY ROBBERS TO GAIN THEIR OBJECT.

David Berkey has a Desperate Experience.

The home of David Berkey, about five miles southeast of Scalp Level, near the village of Ashiola, in Paint township, was the scene, at an early hour Wednesday morning, of one of the most dastardly outrages ever committed in Western Pennsylvania.

The following story of the outrage is from the Johnstown *Democrat*.

Mr. Berkey is 75 years of age and one of the most respected citizens in that locality, and is quite wealthy. He was reputed to have large sums of money about his house, and this probably marked it as a place for robbers to make a good haul.

While the family were in their beds about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning, Mr. Berkey was awakened by a noise as of someone in the room; and he was at once made aware of the presence of burglars by a revolver being thrust into his face, with the threat that if he made an outry, his brains would be blown out. He was then bucked and gagged.

About this time Mrs. Berkey was awakened by the noise in the room and she was also told that her life would be in danger if she gave the alarm.

One of the men at once began a search of the house for money, but his hunt was fruitless and he was forced to give up. The old gentleman refused to tell where the money was and, while one of the men held him, the other got a lot of paper and, after lighting it, applied the flames to the feet of Mr. Berkey. It was only after the old gentleman had been terribly burned that he gave in to the demons and told them where the money was hidden. This was secured and the parties left the house, making their escape through a window in the rear. They got $125.

While the fiends were torturing Mr. Berkey, his daughter, Lucy, who was sleeping in an adjoinig room, awoke, and she escaped from the house with the intention of alarming the neighbors. She was not heard to leave her room and the fellows would probably have been captured if the girl had not fallen as she was quitting the house. She tripped at the front door, falling from the porch and fracturing he left leg above the knee. When her screams were heard, the robbers thought that help was coming and they left in short order.

After the robbers left the Berkey residence, they went to the barn of William Horner, who works Mr. Berkey's farm and took two horses, which they mounted and at once began their flight toward Kring's station on the B. & O., five miles south of Johnstown. But by this time a pursuing party had been organized and they were forced to leave the horses and take to the woods. The animals were found on the road between Scalp Level and Kring's about 7 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkey have been able to give a detailed description of the scoundrels who robbed them and tortured Mr. Berkey and there is every reason to believe that the men will be captured. Word was sent to the police of Johnstown and to the officers throughout this county and Bedford county, asking them to keep a sharp lookout for the robbers. One is described as being a man of about six feet in height, with a light brown mustache and a Derby hat. His features are large and he talks with a slight lisp. The other is a much shorter person, probably five feet four inches high, stoop shouldered, and he wore a brown soft hat. They were seen at Scalp Level by a farmer about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning while the farmer was on his way to Johnstown with a load of produce. This was evidently but a short time before the men abandoned the horses. From the mannner in which they so quickly secured the horses, it is supposed that they made arrangements for such an emergency before they began their nefarious work of robbing the Berkey family, and it is said that they even fed the animals as if in preparation for a hard ride.

A telephone message Wednesday afternoon from Geistown stated that the officers have every hope of running the parties down.

The condition of old Mr. Berkey was described as being quite serious, owing to the severe shock to his nervous system and to his advanced age. The condition of the daughter is not as serious as might be expected under the circumstances. The fracture is a bad one, and she lay nearly an hour before help came. It will be a long time before she will be able to be out again.

It is thought that the parties who perpetrated the robbery are residents of that part of the country, for they seemed to know the lay of the land and evidently had little trouble in making their escape.

It is said that Mr. Berkey had over $1,200 in his house last week, but had made disposition of it since then.

The latest advices from Mr. Berkey's bedside are to the effect that his condition has grown worse and it will not be a surprise if he should die at any moment.

It is now definitely known that four men are mentioned among those who are suspected of having committed the crime. Two of them are residents of Johnstown and are brothers. They were seen in Johnstown the day before at a place where they had not made their appearance in several months and it is asserted that the men answer the descriptions given by Mr. and Mrs. Berkey. The other two suspects are said to live near Kring's and are also said to answer the description given by the Berkeys. The facts in connection with these clues have been given to an official in Johnstown, who will make every effort to locate the guilty persons and capture them.

The crime appears to have been arranged on an entire systematic plan in order that it might be accomplished successfully, and the manner in which the men went to work stamps them as being old hands at the business. They even had the horses fed before they committed the robbery in anticipation of a hard ride and they seemed to know just when to leave the horses in order to make good their escape.

$200 Reward.

The undersigned, Commissioners of Somerset County, will pay the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the men who robbed and tortured David Berkey and family on the night of June 2, 1896.

HENRY F. BARNETT,
Attest:— SAMUEL U. SHOBER,
J. G. EMERT, WILLIAM P. HAY,
Clerk. County Commissioners.
Commissioner's Office, June 8, 1896.

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Of Pittsburg, Pa.,
Summer Course in Somerset.

Persons interested in the study of the French language can send for circulars and tuition to Professor Alfred Nonnez, West End Hotel.

The New York World will issue a special number devoted to the Republican National Convention, on Sunday, June 14th. It will contain portraits of a large majority of the delegates, and a handsome, full page portrait in colors of Hon. William McKinley. It will be the greatest paper ever printed in America. Leave your orders with Chas. H. Fisher.

High Grade Fertilizers.

I keep on sale constantly, at my warehouses in Somerset and Sipesville, Zell's High Grade Fertilizers. The lowest prices for Cash or on time sales. All grades for buckwheat now in stock. For terms and prices, call on H. L. Sipe, Somerset, or Wm. P. Sipe, Sipesville.

PETER SIPE,
Agent.

PARTISAN POLITICS.

Of Half a Century Ago—The Campaigns of 1840 and 1844.

[The following interesting reminiscence from the pen of Judge Hall, of Bedford, will be read with pleasure by our readers:]

The excitement of the political campaigns of Harrison, in 1840, and of Clay, in 1844, was intense. It was a species of gambling. Everywhere money was staked on the result. Men abandoned their regular vocation and worked without pay and at great loss of time and money. They had no personal interest—no expectation of office or reward. It was a craze—a catching craze. The belief that destruction would overwhelm the country if their side failed, was not affected. It was real. Sensible men built log cabins on wagons and hauled them around the country with teams of ten and twelve horses from town to town, and constructed huge balls of canvass on frames with imaginary majorities of States inscribed upon them, and rolled them through from one county to another, singing "Keep the ball a-rolling on for Tippecanoe and Tyler, too." One party of gentlemen trudged on foot on an excursion of this kind from Uniontown, Pa., to Baltimore, Md., and slept at nights in their log cabin, and in the daytime rolled, through alternate sun, heat and dust and rain and mud, over high mountains, a ball twenty feet in diameter. A stranger to the country and the times would have thought them a party of lunatics escaped from an asylum. And yet they were the best men of the community—lawyers and doctors and farmers and merchants—men of wealth and refinement and high standing. In Bedford a log cabin was erected on the lot east of Hafer's Hotel and was used during the campaign as a place for political meetings. A ball of majorities was rolled from Cumberland to Bedford and was received with a band of music and with enthusiastic demonstrations of popular applause as if it was a sentient being.

Men wept when Clay was defeated as if they had suffered a personal calamity. It was incredible that "Harry of the West," the great Senator and orator and statesman, as they thought him, should be defeated by an obscure, second-rate Tennessee lawyer, like Polk. The refrain of one of the songs was "Ha! Ha! Ha! such a nominee as Jimmy Polk from Tennessee!" They sang this till they believed it.

It was like a great revival meeting, all excitement and singing of songs—an appeal to the emotions and sentiment—reason had little to do with it—a carnival of noise and flags and bands and songs and spread-eagle oratory, interspersed with well-told stories, and well-sung songs set to enlivening airs.

Every man considered himself a born statesman and political economist. Men discussed the tariff by the hour and got mad and fought fist fights over it, who had never read the Constitution of the United States not a work on political economy, and didn't know that such a man as Adam Smith ever existed. When the election was over, everything subsided to its ordinary calm and the world moved on as usual.

I remember how the Whigs at Bedford gathered up courage at last to have a county meeting on court week. They were a little bothered how to conduct themselves on the great change of base. And one of their resolutions was, Resolved. That Henry Clay is the greatest man that ever did live or that ever will live!" The present was not much to them and so they took possession of the future in a wholesale way—discounted their prospective statesmanship for all time in order to obtain relief for their consuming grief in an unexpected and inexplicable defeat.

WILLIAM M. HALL.

Bedford, May 26, 1896.

Mt. Moriah Items.

The grass crop will be very short in this part of the county. Many newly sowed fields are very "spotty."

Notwithstanding the profuse bloom of few weeks ago the prospects for a good fruit crop are very discouraging. Apples and plums are dropping from the trees by the tens of thousands.

Jerome Stuffi, one of our enterprising farmers has lately purchased a patent cream separator. He is one farmer who still believes there is money to be made in the manufacture of butter.

Wanted—A good soaking rain. Vegetation of all kinds is suffering from want of moisture.

William Daniels, who was located here for a great many years, and was an excellent mechanic, left several months ago for Johnstown, where he secured employment in a buggy and wagon repair shop. His place here has been supplied by William Johnson, of Jenner township, who has moved into the Daniels house and attends to the wagon and buggy repairs of all our people.

The Johnson and Alexander brothers devoted Memorial Day to catching rattle snakes in the mountain above Jennertown. When they returned home in the evening they brought seven of the venomous reptiles with them. All of the snakes were alive and created great consternation in the neighborhood. Sunday morning the snakes were despatched in order to allay the apprehensions of the neighbors.

Memorial Day was not observed here in the same manner as formerly when the Sunday Schools and entire country side were want to turn out to strew flowers on the graves of the dead heroes. This year the G. A. R. comrades were almost entirely unassisted in performing this sacred duty.

Jesse Crist last week tore down the greater part of his old house. The building was erected early in the present century by Joseph Crist.

So far this season insects have been unusually plentiful. In the South and Southwest farmers are troubled with army worms and cinch bugs, but here the grass-hopper and fire fly prevail as never before. X.

Exporting Dried Apples.

Harrisburg, says the Telegraph, sends dried apples to Germany. The homely Pennsylvania Dutch "snit" goes all over the world, and is eaten and enjoyed by people of all nationalities. This week two car loads of dried apples cured in this state by the sun-dried process will be shipped to Baltimore by the Harrisburg Grocery and Produce company. At Baltimore they will be loaded on the ship bound for Germany, and in due time the Germans will be making pies and doing "snits" in many other ways. The German government has forbidden the sale of evaporated dried apples for some reason and announces that only sun-dried fruit will be permitted in the market. These apples must be put into barrels with double heads, all stenciled and properly labeled according to a manner prescribed by law, and the least deviation from the rule results in a refusal of the government to permit them to be landed. This is the second order of dried apples that has been sent by the Harrisburg company. It gets the apples from Central Pennsylvania principally—Dauphin, Snyder, Berks, Lebanon, York and Lancaster counties, and packs them here for shipment. As Germany has barred the American hog, it is encouraging to know that she permits the importation of one American product without question—and that is dried apples from Pennsylvania.

A Handsome Book on Summer Travel.

The Baltimore & Ohio R. R. Co. has just issued a handsome book descriptive of the various summer resorts, in the mountains and by the seaside, adjacent to or reached by its system of lines.

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Revelations of an Old Ledger.

James M. Swank, in Bulletin of American Iron and Steel Association.

In a little while the writers and orators of this country will be busily engaged in recounting the achievements of the nineteenth century, of which less than five years remain. We will be told of the great progress that the world has made during this wonderful century in the development of the arts and sciences, in the spread of civil and religious liberty, in the diffusion of general intelligence, in the multiplication of social comforts, and in many other ways. We will, for instance, have our attention called to the fact that the world has produced and consumed more iron and steel in the last half of the nineteenth century than in all previous time, and also the fact that the methods of manufacturing iron and steel in that half century were chiefly the inventions of that period and were so revolutionary of old-time methods that they would amaze and dumbfound the ironmasters of even two generations ago if they could come back and witness them in operation.

Without anticipating the comparisons and the eulogies of the writers and orators referred to, we propose in the present article to note some of the old ways of doing business in an iron town in Pennsylvania at the beginning of the present century. They furnish a contrast with present business methods that is just as great as that afforded by the old and new methods of manufacturing iron and steel. For the facts we shall present we are indebted to an old ledger which has just come into our possession and which escaped the destruction of the Johnstown Flood. The ledger contains accounts of sales made and credits entered by Isaac Proctor, a merchant of Johnstown in the early years of the present century, and a record of other business transactions by Mr. Proctor. His store was located on Main street, immediately opposite the site of the present Presbyterian Church.

Isaac Proctor was a native of Bedford County, Pa., and the son of Jesse Proctor. He settled at Johnstown, "at the forks of the Conemaugh," when it was a mere hamlet of log houses, about the year 1800, in which year the town was laid out by Joseph Johns, a Swiss Mennonite, into streets and alleys, building lots, public squares, and other reservations. But the name that was then officially given to the new town was Conmaugh, and not Johnstown, the latter name being substituted for the former, in 1831. We have before us a letter dated at Conemaugh, on April 27, 1832.

Isaac Proctor was not only a merchant, dealing in groceries, dry goods, iron, whisky, and other articles, but he was also the owner of a warehouse, on the north bank of Stonycreek, below Franklin street, in Johnstown, which was maintained for the express purpose of receiving and storing bar iron from the forges of the Juniata Valley, which bar iron was hauled to Johnstown over the Frankstown Road, and thence shipped in large flatboats to Pittsburg by way of Conemaugh, Kiskiminetas, and Allegheny Rivers. There were other warehouses near that of Isaac Proctor which were maintained for precisely the same purpose. The flatboats were built at Johnstown or at points farther up the Stonycreek and as far north as the mouth of Benscreek, three miles away. A large business was done far into the present century in the shipment of Juniata iron from Johnstown. At first and for many years these shipments embraced only bar iron, but subsequently and down to the opening of the Pennsylvania Canal to Johnstown in 1850 they embraced also blooms and pig iron, all made with charcoal. As the navigation of the streams mentioned was as yet wholly unimproved shipments could only be made during high water, and even then experienced pilots were required to prevent the boats from going to pieces on the rocks and riffles in which the Conemaugh River particularly abounded. Much of the hauling over the Frankstown Road was done in the winter, and February and March, when the spring "break up" took place, were favorite months for sending the flatboats to Pittsburg, which was one hundred miles away.

The merchandise accounts in Mr. Proctor's ledger are chiefly for the years 1808, and 1809, an occasional entry coming down as late as 1811 and 1812. The warehouse accounts are for the years 1816, 1817, and 1818. As is usual in ledger accounts, the prices of merchandise are not often given. It is, however, remarkable, that all the merchandise accounts are kept in pounds, shillings and pence. The pound character, (£) is used. Dollars and cents are nowhere mentioned, although our Federal coinage was authorized in 1792, and silver dollars were coined as early as 1804. The dollar mark ($) is not in any of the merchandise accounts. That business should have been transacted in British or Colonial currency in an interior town in Pennsylvania as late as 1812 is a discovery for which we were not prepared. We hope that some of our antiquarians can tell us why the British system of computing values was continued in that town so long, and also, what was the value of a pound in dollars and cents at Johnstown in 1812. When payments were made in "cash" we would also like to know what forms of currency were used.

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John Holliday built a forge at Johnstown, on the north bank of the Stonycreek, about 1809, for the manufacture of bar iron, but we find no mention in Mr. Proctor's ledger of any shipments from this forge. The dam of this forge was washed away about 1811, and subsequently the forge was removed to the north bank of the Conemaugh, where the schoolhouse on Iron street now stands, in the Millvile addition to Johnstown, and where it was operated down to about 1822, Rahm & Bean, of Pittsburg, being the lessees at this time. In 1817 Thomas Burrell, the proprietor at that time, offered woodcutters "fifty cents per cord for chopping two thousand cords of wood at Cambria Forge, Johnstown." The forge would, therefore, appear to have been in operation during the period covered by Mr. Proctor's ledger.

As early as 1820 pig iron was shipped to Pittsburg from Shade Furnace and bar iron from Shade Forge, both located about fourteen miles south of Johnstown. Much of the iron was hauled to Johnstown. But there was another early forge, still nearer to Johnstown, on the Stonycreek, about half a mile below the mouth of the Shade Creek, known as Mary Ann Forge, which shipped bar iron to Pittsburg at a still earlier day, and perhaps as early as 1811. Richard Geary, the father of Governor John W. Geary, was the manager of the forge for about one year, and was supercargo of a load of bar iron which was shipped from the forge down the Stonycreek, the Conemaugh, and other streams to Pittsburg. Garret Ream lived at the mouth of Benscreek and built boats which were loaded at Johnstown, but he also shipped iron direct from Benscreek, and it is probable that some of this iron came from Mary Ann Forge, Shade Furnace, and Shade Forge.

Do Not Fail to Read This.

The noted Specialist, Dr. M. Salm, who has been so successful in the treatment of private diseases of both sexes, and all kinds of chronic diseases, may be consulted, as usual, free of charge, in Somerset, at the Hotel Vanneat, on Friday, June 12th, and every 4 weeks thereafter on same day. Consultation and Examination free.

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Fatal Runaway Accident.

In a runaway accident yesterday afternoon at his forest and game preserve, near Newport, N. H., Austin Corbin, the millionaire railroad man, and his coachman, a man named Gardner, were thrown out of a cart and fatally injured, dying four hours after the mishap. Mr. Corbin had harnessed two young fractious colts, and in turning a corner the animals scared and ran away. Mr. Corbin's grandson—Edgeil Corbin—and the latter's tutor—Dr. Kunster—were also in the cart, and in the upset the boy was severely cut and bruised and the Doctor sustained a fractured leg.

Austin Corbin, President of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, was often called the King of Long Island. He was born at Newport, R. I., 1827. In 1849 he was graduated at Harvard Law School. Mr. Corbin was a large man, nearly six feet tall, broad-shouldered, and weighed over two hundred pounds.

Locked Out.

Last Sabbath the United Evangelical people gathered together for services at Pearltown, but the Esher faction failed to open the house for them. Many got drenching wet.

A Sufferer Cured

"Every season, from the time I was two years old, I suffered dreadfully from erysipelas, which kept growing worse until my hands were almost useless. The bones softened so that they would bend, and several of my fingers are now crooked from this cause. On my hand I carry large scars, which, but for

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Sarsaparilla, would be sores, provided I was alive and able to carry anything. Eight bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla cured me, so that I have had no return of the disease for more than twenty years. The first bottle seemed to reach the spot and a persistent use of it has perfected the cure."—O. C. DAVIS, Wautoma, Wis.

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