# The Somerset Herald.

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

In pursuance of its usual policy, the B. & O. R. R. will sell round-trip excursion tickets between all ticket stations on its lines east of the Ohio River, for all trains July 3d and 4th, valid for return passage until July 6th inclusive, at greatly reduced rates.

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Much excitement prevails among the farmers in Armstrong county over what is thought to be a rich discovery of silver on the farm of Daniel Slagel, in New Bethlehem. A large quantity of the mineral has been sent away for examination.

Blood-purifiers, though gradual, are radical in their effect. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is intended as a medicine only and not a stimulant, excitant, or beverage. Immediate results may not always follow its use; but after a reasonable time, permanent benefit is certain to be realized.

The expenses of the Blair county semi-centennial exceed the receipts by about $1,000. About $8,000 was subscribed but only $5,000 could be collected. The cost of providing meals for so many strangers and money lost on the souvenir, is said to be the cause of the deficit.

The assistant superintendents of the public schools of Philadelphia have unanimously testified that they are opposed to home study until after the secondary course. Until after that time every opportunity should be given the children for out door recreation.

The M. E. church, at Delmont, Westmoreland county, recently destroyed by fire, is being rebuilt at the expense of the pastor, Rev. E. T. Coyle, because the insurance cannot be collected, on account of some technicality, and for the reason that the church treasury is empty. The new structure will cost $2,500 and have a marble pulpit and chime bells.

"One of my sick headaches," you will hear people frequently say, as if the complaint was hopelessly incurable. As a matter of fact, Ayer's Pills not only relieve sick headache but effectually remove the cause of this distressing complaint, and so bring about a permanent cure.

For the month of May the record of train movement on the B. & O. R. R. eclipsed the record breaking record for April, when the passenger trains arrived at their destinations as per schedule 95 times out of a possible hundred. The B. & O. Fast Freight Trains between New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore on the east, and Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago on the west, are being moved with an equal degree of precision.

DANA'S Sarsaparilla is not only the best of all remedies for the Nerves, Liver, Kidneys, Stomach, and Blood; *but if so taken, 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.

A new kind of a potato bug has made its appearance in Eastern Pennsylvania, and has so far baffled all attempts at extermination. A few days ago a farmer noticed that his potato crop was looking poorly. An examination was made, and the farmer found bugs which, in his estimation, are 100 per cent. worse than the old pest. It is an insect about three times as large as an ordinary fly, and of a dull black color. It eats the vegetables from the top into the ground.

A man with a double ended fountain pen is visiting farmers in parts of Western Pennsylvania. He offers harvesting and other farming machinery at very low rates, asking the farmer to sign an agreement to receive and pay for it when delivered if satisfactory. The agreement is written with the fading end of a fountain pen and the name signed with the indelible end. The agreement fades off in a day or so and a note is written above the signature instead.

Stein's is the neatest, best equipped shoe store in Somerset. All stock fresh and new. Mammoth Block, N. Main St.

Dr. B. H. Warren, State zoologist, is at New York collecting statistics on the furbearing animals of this State for use in a bulletin which will shortly be issued on this subject by the State department of agriculture. A second edition of the doctor's bulletin on taxidermy and the fish and game laws of the State is now in the press. A bulletin containing a list of the dairies of Pennsylvania and the laws in relation to dairy products will be issued next week by the department.—Harrisburg Patriot.

"At what age is an Englishwoman in her prime?" This is the question which the readers of a womens' journal have been asked to settle by plebiscite. Of course every age from sweet seventeen to fat fair and forty has its special charm. But the majority of the ladies who recorded their votes plumped for thirty-five, though a respectful majority favored thirty and even twenty-five. It looks rather as if each lady, like the Greek generals after the Persian invasion, voted the prize to herself. A more instructive result, I fancy, would have been attained if the ladies had been asked to collect the votes of their husbands and brothers.

Put an end to misery. Doan's Ointment will cure the worst case of Itching Piles there ever was, and do it almost instantly. Years of suffering relieved in a single night. Get Doan's Ointment from your dealer.

On many fruit trees, particularly pear and apple trees, withered leaves are seen on the ends of twigs of this year's growth. This has become so prevalent in many orchards near Wilmore that some of the trees present the appearance of having been nipped by frost or burned by the sun; but a fruit grower there suspecting the real cause, recently sent cuttings to the Pomological Department of the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., and received the reply that the blight is due to the presences of bacteria, and that the only known remedy is to cut off and burn all affected branches care being taken to cut in green wood.—Philadelphia Times.

United States District Attorney Harry Alvan Hall on Tuesday made a motion before Judge Buffington in the United States District Court at Pittsburg for an order of nolle pros in fifty-seven cases that have encumbered the dockets for several years back. Judge Buffington made the order. Among the indictments dropped were four against P. A. Johns of Uniontown. Johns at the time was Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue of this district and it is alleged that he made false returns, embezzled and did other things in office. Indictments were made and he had trials at several terms of court but was always acquitted. John's friends alleged that the prosecutions were simply political prosecutions.

When your stomach begins to trouble you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and, until it gets it, you won't have any peace. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not-digestion, not-nourishment) weakens the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

Dr. W. H. Kuhlman, of Ursina, was a Monday visitor. The Dr. recently returned after a month's visit with relatives and friends in Kansas and Nebraska.

Sidney, wife of A. G. Benkhert, formerly well known in this place, now of Philadelphia, attended the funeral of her father—the late N. B. Penrod—at Stoyestown, Saturday.

Mr. Virgil Miller, who has been a student at the State College, returned home a few days ago and is assisting his father in bringing up the records in the Register and Recorder's office.

Should the weather be favorable Saturday several thousand people will hie themselves to Berlin, where they will enjoy the 4th of July festivities arranged by the citizens of that place.

Mr. Charles S. Sanner and Miss Ida F. Shaulis, both of Middlecreek township, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, on Thursday evening, June 18th, Rev. A. B. Miller officiating.

Miss Ella Ferner is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Rishel, in Johnstown. She expects to accompany Mrs. Rishel to the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Washington, D. C.

Mr. M. H. Hartzell, Somerset county's next Sheriff, and Mr. John K. White, whose business interests are in Hyndman, Philadelphia, Boston and South America, were Sunday visitors in this place.

William J. Woy, son of Mrs. Mary Woy, of Berlin, graduated a few days since from the State Normal School at West Chester. He was one of the honor men of his class and his many friends feel justly proud of him.

At least one-half of the members of the Somerset legal profession have arranged to visit Bedford next week, where the State Bar Association will hold its annual convention. A number of barristers will drive from Somerset to Bedford.

Among those who will graduate from the Lock Haven State Normal this week are the following from this county: John B. Minder, of Ursina; Chas. W. Burnett, of Lambertsville; E. E. Barclay, of Trent; Ross J. Hillegas, of Dividing Ridge; and Miss Carrie Ware, of Dividing Ridge.

The following students at the Lock Haven Normal School returned to their homes in this county last week for the summer vacation: D. W. Weller, J. C. Schrock, U. S. Shober, A. F. Heiple, M. L. Miller, F. L. Miller, A. C. Barclay, W. J. Showman, A. Armstrong and H. H. Glessner.

Hon. A. J. Colborn has been visiting with his son—"Ajax" Jr.—in Scranton, for the past ten days. We learn from the "Truth," published in that city, that "the Bald Eagle of the Alleghenies, and his brilliant son were the principal orators at a ratification meeting held in Honesdale, Wednesday night."

Among the arrivals at the Hotel Vannear, on Monday were Mrs. Annie Willoughby and four children, of Dayton, O. Mrs. Willoughby was formerly a resident of this place, being the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kimmel. Her husband is one of the leading physicians of Dayton.

Mr. Lewis H. Miller, of Somerset township, and Miss Linnie, daughter of Mrs. Alexander Saylor, of this place, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock on Tuesday, 23d inst. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage, in Friedens, and was performed by the pastor, Rev. J. J. Welch. The bride is a well known and popular school teacher.

Major James B. Tredwell will leave to-morrow for Uniontown, to participate in the Centennial Celebration at that place, on July 3d and 4th. The Major anticipates a very pleasant time and expects to renew his acquaintance with a number of his old army comrades, he having at one time during the war been in command of a company from Fayette county.

Mr. Geo. H. Penrod, of Beach Haven, N. J., as well as Mr. John S. Penrod, of Philadelphia, were here last week in attendance at the funeral of their father, Norman B. Penrod. The former is a grocer, and has not visited his home for fifteen years. He was also for sometime employed in the U. S. Signal service. John S. Penrod will be remembered as a printer employed in the HERALD office, who left here some ten years ago.

A gentleman, who within the last four weeks has visited the counties of Washington, Green, Westmoreland, Cambria, Clearfield, Elk, Jefferson, Clarion and Armstrong, tells us that with the exception, possibly, of the first named, Somerset has by far the best crops he has seen. The universal reply of those whom we have interviewed is that corn and oats particularly promise better in this vicinity than for years.

Mrs. Fred. W. Biesecker will leave tomorrow for Pittsburg, where she will be joined by her sister and aunt, Miss Sarah S. and Miss Anna M. Scull, of Steubenville, Ohio, and by Miss Alice Scull, of Westmoreland county, when they will proceed to New York, Friday. On the morning of July 4th they will become members of a party of forty ladies who sail at noon on that day for an eight weeks' tour of the Cathedral Cities of Europe.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Pennsylvania College, on June 18th the honorary degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon Prof. J. M. Berkey, ex-County Superintendent of Public Schools of this county, at present City Superintendent of the Public Schools of Johnstown. Honors of this character are very flattering, since they are rarely bestowed by one institution upon the graduates of another. So far as is known this is the first honor of the kind conferred upon any one in Somerset county by Pennsylvania College.

Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley and Miss Helen McKinley, mother and sister of Major McKinley, are expected here to-morrow, when they will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Endsley. They will be accompanied from Canton by Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley and Miss Mabel McKinley. The venerable mother of the next President visited Somerset seven or eight years ago, when a number of our townspeople had the pleasure of making her acquaintance. Major and Mrs. McKinley have promised to spend a week here in August.

A number of Chinamen have come to Somerset in the last few years to engage in the laundry business, but they were so much annoyed by a class of hoodlums that they had to lower their tents and depart. Another arrived here several weeks ago who speaks fair English and seems to be undisturbed in his quiet business. A good local laundryman is much needed here, and the Mongolian should be encouraged, as should every one else who comes to a town like this to pursue a legitimate business, regardless of nationality.

Dr. Wm. Evans, of Somerset, District Agent of the Pennsylvania Savings Fund and Loan Association of Pittsburg, has just been awarded a solid silver medal as a "reward of genius" for superior excellence and merit of an invention for which he is applying for a patent. It is given by John Wedderburn & Co., of Washington D. C., through a committee of award, who each month decide on the inventions submitted of the greatest utility and value from a commercial standpoint. It is a beautiful work of art, and is accompanied by a U. S. treasury certificate as being "fineness 1000," which is pure silver.

Like a great mony other men of destiny, both McKinley and Hobart began life as school teachers.

New home grown potatoes have appeared in market and are selling at 75cts per bushel. Last year's potatoes fetch only 15 and 20 cents per bushel.

The dry goods store of Parker & Parker will be closed on Saturday, in order that the clerks may have an opportunity to enjoy the 4th of July celebration at Berlin.

The County Commissioners are about to have the bridge over Laurel Hill Creek at Metzler's distillery repaired. It is a wooden structure and the timbers are rapidly rotting.

The ground for the new United Evangelical Church at Pleasant Hill, Somerset township, has been staked off, and work on the building will be under way in a few days. The site selected for the new church is only about one rod west of the present house of worship.

The Children's Aid Society, of this place, would like to secure homes for two girls, aged 5 and 7 respectively, and for three boys, aged 4, 5 and 7. One of the latter answers to the name of Grover Cleveland Fullerton. Applications should be made to the Society.

The festival held Saturday evening on the Court House lawn for the benefit of the local base ball club netted a handsome sum. The members of the club will appear in the game with Bedford, at Berlin on the 4th, arrayed in their handsome and striking new uniforms.

John Houpt, the well known brick layer and hoseman of the West End Fire Company, has been stone deaf in one ear since the Sweitzer fire, ten days ago. He was descending a ladder with the hose on his shoulder when the full force of the water struck him in the affected organ, and it is supposed ruptured the drum.

Following the suggestion made in last week's HERALD we are told that a number of energetic ladies propose to get up a fair or concert, possibly both, for the purpose of securing funds with which to provide our brave fire laddies with such uniforms and equipment as they stand in need of. Every citizen of the town should encourage this movement.

J. H. Ankeny died at his home in Stoyestown at 1:30 o'clock Friday morning, of catarrh of the stomach, aged 33 years. He was a son of Cyrus Ankeny, of Quemahoning township. His wife and two children survive. Mr. Ankeny was a member of the U. B. Church for eighteen years. The funeral took place Sunday morning.

Have you noticed, as a fact in natural history, the almost entire absence of the disagreeable, buzzing, biting Junebug, this season? Talking of bugs, neither the goldbug, the silverbug, nor the straddlebug are in it when compared with the former. An old farmer tells us that the absence of the Junebug means plenty of grasshoppers this fall.

During the past week several citizens of this place have received anonymous letters informing them that their barns are doomed to destruction by fire, and as a result there has been much uneasiness in some quarters, in one or two instances guards having been placed over the property threatened. Three fires, all of which are believed to have been the work of incendiaries, occurred ten days ago.

As has been for some time feared, we are told by several farmers, that the continued rains of this month are already producing rot in the early potatoes. There is an immense acreage out in this county, and a loss of a few of the tubers will not probably work any serious loss to the husbandman. Unless the disease is purely local, the price will be increased commensurately with the crop last year, and thus even things up.

Word was received from Johnstown yesterday morning announcing the death of Josephine, wife of Mr. Charles Parson, of that city. Mr. Parson and his family removed from here to Johnstown about eight years ago. Mrs. Parson was a native of Somerset, her maiden name being Imhoff. She is survived by her husband and five or six children and by one sister—Mrs. Jacob S. Picking—of this place. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but interment will probably be made in Somerset.

Somerset Council Royal Arcanum held its annual banquet Friday evening at the Somerset House. An open meeting was held in the Lodge room early in the evening when addresses were made by C. S. Cornelius, of Pittsburg, and others. The banquet is said to have been the most elaborate ever prepared in Somerset and was a high testimonial to Mine Host Tayman's popular house. The guests did not retire from the banqueting hall until after one o'clock in the morning. About eighty ladies and gentlemen were present.

When one of the colored men, arrested for suspected incendiarism last week, was led through the yard that surrounds the lock up, and saw the tall pole with its cross arm and dangling ropes, on which the firemen dry their hose, he was frightened almost white, thinking that he was to be lynched on the spot and all the grim preparations had already been made to that end. In fact it is said he had not recovered from his fright when he was released, several hours afterwards, as innocent, and spent the time in his cell praying and singing hymns.

The Somerset Concert Band made their first public appearance Saturday evening when they rendered a number of selections on the public square. The band is—with only two weeks' practice—already the superior to any similar organization ever made up of entirely local talent, and gives promise of becoming one of the finest bands in this section of the State. A commendable feature of the present organization—distinctive from that of any of its predecessors—is that it will play modern and popular selections and not the antiquated tunes that were written a century or two ago for the special use of brass bands.

The Farmers' Convention and picnic, to be held on September 12th, in Snyder's Grove, at Friedens, will be the event of the season in this county. Hon. John Hamilton, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, Dr. Rothrock, Forestry Commissioner, and other distinguished speakers have already signified their intention to be present. This will undoubtedly be the largest gathering of farmers and their families ever assembled in Somerset county. The speeches will relate directly to the agricultural interests of the County and Commonwealth. A hearty welcome will be extended to all classes of citizens who feel disposed to show their good will towards the men whose business it is to feed the world by coming and spending the day with them in the woods.

Work on the superstructure of the hotel to be erected on Tayman Hill will be commenced next month, not later than the 15th. Mr. W. A. Scott, of Pittsburg, who is the chief promoter and financial backer of the hotel enterprise was here for several days last week and Saturday paid a friendly visit to this office. He said that the people interested in the hotel project discovered that it would be impossible for them to erect the building and have it in condition to entertain the public this season and they therefore abandoned operations until the season was thoroughly settled and they had opportunity to make advantageous contracts for the work. The contract for the immense building has been let and it will be finished throughout before April 1st, of next year. The above will be welcome news to the people of Somerset, all of whom are greatly interested in seeing the summer hotel project successfully carried out.

### Five Men Shocked by Lightning.

Five men living close to Husband post-office, in Somerset township, had a miraculous escape from instant death last Wednesday afternoon. They were working on a public road in that neighborhood, and when a heavy rain storm blew up they sought shelter under trees. Nestled at the foot of a huge white oak were Messrs. David Weller, Charles Weller, William Stahl, Charles Griffith and the ten-year-old son of Urias Saylor. Under the branches of a tree close by stood Clark Stahl and Henry Brown. The rain, which fell in torrents, was accompanied by frequent flashes of lightning. The elder Mr. Stahl had only left the Weller party a moment to secure better protection from the rain under an adjoining oak, when the tree under which they were standing was shattered by a bolt of lightning. David Weller was hurled twenty feet away and cast upon the ground apparently lifeless. Young Saylor was also thrown a considerable distance from the base of the tree, but was not rendered unconscious. Charles Weller, who was sitting with his back against the tree, was the most seriously injured. The electric current ripped his clothes and his boots from his body and inflicted ugly burns about his head and shoulders. Griffith and Brown were both tossed up in the air by the effect of the stroke, but escaped uninjured. The two Wellers were removed to their homes, where Charles remained in a comatose condition for several hours. Dr. Louther was summoned and rendered such professional service as was in his power to restore the young man to consciousness. Monday David Weller was able to be up and about, but Charles is still confined to his bed suffering intensely from the effects of the shock.

### A Sad Case.

A very sad case comes from Jenner township. Jacob Spurry, aged about forty years, in a fit of temporary insanity, assailed his wife with one of the heavy weights of a set of scales last Friday morning and was beating her over the head when his father came to the rescue of the unfortunate woman and prevented his crazed son from committing uxoricide. After the insane man had been subdued an officer was sent for when he was brought to Somerset and lodged in jail. The prisoner has been very much depressed ever since his incarceration and although he has not been violent at any time since he attacked his wife the prison authorities are apprehensive that he may become so at any time. Spurry will likely be sent to Dixmont Asylum for treatment to-day.

Twelve years ago Jacob Spurry was married to Miss Bowman, of Somerset township. The happy young couple made their home with the husband's parents, his father being one of the best to do farmers in Jenner township. Not a cloud ever marred their domestic happiness until last Friday morning. Ten days ago Mrs. Spurry noticed that her husband was acting peculiarly. On one occasion he grasped her rudely by the arm leaving the impress of his fingers in her flesh without offering an excuse for his strange action. Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Spurry arose about the same hour. When the wife had breakfast prepared and went to call her husband she found that he had again retired to bed. She tenderly inquired whether he was sick, when without a moment's notice he sprang upon her as mentioned above and began beating her over the head with the heavy iron. The woman screamed for help but before her father-in-law reached the scene blood was streaming from a number of ugly cuts on her head.

The greatest sympathy is felt for the family in the neighborhood in which they reside and the hope is entertained that the unfortunate husband and son will soon be returned completely restored in health.

### Death of Norman B. Penrod.

Norman B. Penrod, one of the leading citizens and best known Democrats of this county, died Wednesday, at his home in Somerset township, aged sixty-seven years. His life had been despaired of for several weeks and the members of his family were prepared for the final summons. Mr. Penrod was a prominent candidate for the Democratic nomination for the office of County Commissioner at the recent primary election of that party, but was compelled to withdraw from the canvass on account of ill health.

Deceased was a native of Stoyestown and served in the army as a member of Co. G., 93d Reg. Pa. V. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and two daughters, and by four children by his first marriage. He is also survived by one brother and two sisters, one of the latter being Mrs. Josiah H. Pisel, of this place.

Interment was made at Stoyestown, Saturday afternoon.

### Irreverence.

The National Society of Christian Endeavor is to meet in Washington, D. C., next month. We notice that a local society in the state of New York, proposes that its members shall make the trip to the Capital on this occasion on their bicycles, and their excursion is to be known as the "Bicycle Run for Christ." Being "of the world," as the phrase goes, probably we are not qualified to judge, but it seems to us that this familiar bandying of the sacred name of the Savior of Mankind, to say the least, is not in good taste.

The papers state that a large number of the young people from different States will make the same trip under the same banner. The intention of these youthful christians may be, and we doubt not is, all right. But familiarity breeds contempt, and we beg to suggest that there is too much of this flippant use of sacred names. In fact are there not too many societies of various designations growing up under the wing of the church? Half a century ago Sunday schools and Bible classes were just being introduced. To-day there are so many associations vouched for by the church that the church itself and the simple doctrines that Christ taught are almost forgotten in the effort to add all sorts of societies with all sorts of names as auxiliaries to the original, and young people, particularly, seem to care more about the social aspect of the church, as represented in these societies, with their badges and uniforms and brass bands, than they do about the simple teachings of the meek and lowly Savior. Would it not be better to go back to the plain ways of our ancestors, teach the plain truths of the gospel and leave the badges, the uniforms and the bands to the wicked politicians? These are merely suggestions. We do not set ourself up as a teacher of morals or a conservator of the public good.

J. B. T.

### Are You Going Fishing.

If so you will find at Fisher's Book Store, the largest stock and a great variety of rods, hooks, flies, snoods, lines and leaders at wholesale and retail for trout, catfish, chubs, sunfish, bass and carp.

### Thanks to the "Daisy Gang."

In behalf of the members of the Maroon Base Ball Club, I wish to thank the people of Somerset for their liberal patronage at the festival, given for the Club's benefit, on Saturday evening. The ladies and gentlemen of the "Daisy Gang" had charge of the affair, and to them, for their untiring efforts, is the credit of success due.

J. WILLIS PISEL,
Manager.

Indiana, Pa., will have only one licensed hotel, the Indiana house. Judge White having refused to license the American house and the Clawson hotel.

Stein keeps up with the demands of the trade. Anything from a needle toe up or down. All shoes warranted as represented. Mammoth Block, N. Main St.

## LINCOLN CLUB RATIFIES.

### The Nomination of the St. Louis Convention Enthusiastically Endorsed.—A McKinley and Hobart Marching Club Formed.

The Lincoln Republican Club, the oldest political organization in Somerset county, held a special meeting Friday evening in the law offices of Fred. W. Biesecker, when stirring addresses were delivered by Capt. W. H. Sanner, Republican nominee for the Legislature, L. C. Colborn, Esq., J. C. Lowry, Esq., Fred. W. Biesecker, Esq., Prothonotary Saylor, and other prominent members of the Club. Each speaker spoke of the great personal satisfaction he derived from the nomination of Major McKinley for President, not only because he admired him as a typical American, but because he enjoyed a personal acquaintance with the distinguished standard bearer. The platform was also heartily endorsed by each speaker.

From fifty to seventy-five members of the Club were present and loudly applauded every reference to McKinley and Hobart.

John R. Scott, Esq., who had the distinguished honor to cast his ballot for Major McKinley for President in the National Convention four years ago, offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The Republican National Convention, recently assembled in St. Louis, placed in nomination for President of the United States the champion of protection and sound money, the friend of American labor and American industries, the typical American and christian gentleman, William McKinley, and for Vice President, Garret A. Hobart, the eminent statesman, now, therefore, be it *Resolved*;

First, That the Lincoln Republican Club, of Somerset, heartily approves of the nomination of William McKinley and Garret A. Hobart as the standard bearers of the Republican party in the National campaign, and thoroughly endorse the provisions of the platform adopted.

Second, That we hereby pledge our unalterable support to the National ticket nominated, and to do all in our power to secure the election of our candidates, National, State and County, and the triumph of true American principles.

A committee of three was appointed to transmit the congratulations of the Club to the distinguished standard bearers and to extend them a cordial invitation to visit Somerset and address the voters of the county during the campaign.

A motion was adopted to organize a marching club to be known as "The McKinley and Hobart Marching Club, of Somerset, Pa.," and before the meeting adjourned the names of more than 125 Republican voters of Somerset borough, had been enrolled on the club roster.

The retiring officers of the club were re-elected for the ensuing year, as follows: President, George R. Scull; Vice President, J. C. Lowry; Secretary, L. C. Colborn; Treasurer, H. M. Berkley.

### Climbing on the Band Wagon.

Friday morning small hand bills announcing that a public meeting would be held in the Court House for the purpose of ratifying the nomination of McKinley and Hobart were generously distributed about town. The bills were unsigned and the public was at a loss to know who was to do the ratifying. Diligent inquiry by a reporter of the HERALD failed to find a Republican who would admit that he knew anything about the proposed meeting, and politicians of all degrees disclaimed responsibility for the anonymous call.

At eight o'clock, Saturday evening, the Somerset Concert Band, a new musical organization, and one of great promise, after discoursing a number of selections on the public square, marched to the Court House, where they played two or three tunes in front of that building. Then they adjourned to the court room whither they were followed by perhaps fifty voters, Republicans and Democrats, a large number of children and a few ladies. After the band had played two or three additional lively airs, John G. Ogle, Esq., called the meeting to order and nominated Capt. Charles J. Harrison for president.

Capt. Harrison, upon assuming the chair, returned his thanks to the audience for the compliment bestowed upon him.

Mr. Ogle then nominated the usual complement of Vice Presidents and Secretaries, all of whom came forward and took the seats provided for the officers.

Upon motion of Mr. Ogle, the chair appointed a committee to draft resolutions. Mr. Ogle was named as Chairman of this committee.

At this juncture the Berlin Cornet Band marched into the room and were given seats inside the bar. The band responded to a call for music, after which F. J. Kooser, Esq., was called upon for an address. Mr. Kooser spoke for perhaps fifteen minutes and ratified the nominations made by the St. Louis convention.

Capt. Tully, a retired army officer stopping at the Hotel Vannear, was next introduced by W. H. Koontz, Esq. The Captain's speech was confined principally to the tail of the ticket and in the course of his remarks he paid a number of compliments to the candidate for Vice President, Garret A. Hobart.

W. H. Koontz, Esq., was the next speaker.

J. A. Berkey, Esq., was called for and spoke for two or three minutes.

J. G. Ogle, Esq., was the last speaker.

At the conclusion of Mr. Kooser's address, Mr. Ogle, as Chairman of the committee, read a series of resolutions, which were adopted. The meeting adjourned at 9:20.

### 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 Vannear, on Friday, July 10th, and every 4 weeks thereafter on same day. Consultation and Examination free.

### Many Bonds Are Illegal.

The supreme court of Pennsylvania has handed down a per curiam opinion affirming the court of Lancaster county in the case of Sener against the borough of Ephrata, Lancaster county. This decision affects a large number of boroughs in Western Pennsylvania. An estimate is made that $10,000,000 in bonds have been affected and are illegal.

The act of 1874 authorizing boroughs to issue bonds up to 7 per cent of the assessed valuation was amended by the legislature last year, and it seems a line was left out which gives the act of 1895 another meaning. The act of 1874 made it obligatory on the part of the council, where they bonded the town to the limit of 7 per cent of the assessed valuation, to levy a tax of 8 per cent of the amount borrowed.

This made the taxation exceedingly heavy in some towns, and to remedy this the act of 1895 was passed, but a mistake was made in the wording, making it appear that the borough could only borrow 2 per cent of its assessed valuation, and the supreme court has sustained the Lancaster court in taking this view of it. The borough of Wilmerding voted to issue bonds for $88,000 on a valuation of $1,654,000, which is about $5,000 over the 2 per cent. Another election will have to be held as a result.

Turtle Creek borough has issued $70,000 in bonds since the act of 1895 became a law, and one of the issues of $50,000 is 5 per cent above the 2 per cent valuation. W. Haymaker is the borough solicitor and said the borough would not repudiate the debt.

The borough of Wilkinsburg is in bad shape, as the council has borrowed up to the full valuation for street improvements, and it must be at least 5 per cent above the amount allowed. Almost every borough in Western Pennsylvania will be affected by the supreme court decision.

## McKINLEY'S VISITS TO SOMERSET.

### During Summer Sojourns in the County, the Next President Won the Hearts of the Farmers.

A Somerset correspondent of the Pittsburg Times writes:—"Nowhere in the country was the nomination of McKinley received with greater satisfaction than in this town and county. The next President is personally known to many of the people here through frequent visits to the summer home of his brother Abner, who with his family spends six months of each year enjoying the quiet life of this rural mountain town.

Two years ago Maj. McKinley spent a fortnight in Somerset, and during that visit made frequent excursions to the outlying villages, enjoying the hospitality—spring chickens and waffles—of wayside inns. On these occasions he was always surrounded by a host of farmers, who eagerly grasped his hand and saluted him as "our next President." "This is beautiful farming land," or "the mountain air of Somerset is very invigorating and refreshing," he would say in response to the felicitations of his rural admirers, and in this manner turned their conversation in another channel. Maj. McKinley never denied himself to any man who approached him and had a kindly word of welcome for each.

One day the major and his party dined at the Custer house, an unpretentious hostelry in the village of Stoyestown. Before the party started home Mine Host Custer modestly asked the major if he would not put his autograph on the hotel register, saying: "I know that you will be the next President of the United States and I want to tell the future guests at my house that Maj. McKinley stopped here and I want to be able to show them your name in your own handwriting on my register." Struck with the landlord's simplicity Maj. McKinley graciously dismounted from his carriage and, entering the primitive hotel office, subscribed his name on the register. Although the name of "Gov. William McKinley, of Ohio," had been enrolled on the same page by another member of the party, Mr. Custer desired to see his distinguished guest inscribe his name with his own hand. It is safe to say that page of the Custer house register will be framed and handed down as a price less heirloom in the landlord's family.

On the return trip from Stoyestown to Somerset one of the occupants of the governor's carriage inquired why he had challenged the vote of the Ohio delegation in the convention at Minneapolis and caused his own vote to be recorded in favor of Harrison. Before the major had time to reply another occupant of the carriage, a man prominent in Buckeye politics, said: "You never should have challenged that vote, governor; and you know as well as I do that your nomination could have been made."

"What you say may all be true," said Maj. McKinley, "but you know there is such a thing as a man's having to live with himself. Had I consented to the use of my name as a candidate at Minneapolis, my conscience would never have permitted me to commune with myself afterwards."

This gentle rebuke commanded silence during the next half hour of the drive, while the other three occupants of the carriage felt that they were in the presence of a man who had put aside a crown rather than prove faithless to a friend.

On another occasion Maj. McKinley was enjoying an afternoon siesta when he was disturbed by a visit from a party of ruralities, the spokesman of whom said: "We did not want to return home without shaking hands with the great Ohio robber." For a moment only Maj. McKinley failed to appreciate the humor of the remark, but when it flashed upon his mind that the speaker referred to him in words coined by the Demoratic press—"the great tariff robber"—he laughed quite heartily, and then bidding his visitors be seated entertained them with half an hour's talk on the benefits the farmer derives from a protective tariff.

During his visits to Somerset Maj. McKinley evinced a great fondness for horse-back riding, and when mounted on a fiery charger with a slouch hat drawn tightly down over his head, his resemblance to the great Corsican was more marked than in any other position."


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## SHERIFF'S SALE.

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

**Thursday, July 23, '96,**

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Henry R. Fawner, of, in and to all that certain lot of ground, situate in Meyersdale borough, Somerset county, Pa., known as lot No 200, on the plan of Meyers' addition to said borough, fronting on Large street 50 feet, and extending back a distance of about 200 feet to the banks of Flaugherty creek, having thereon erected a fine dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of Henry R. Fawner, at the suit of Ellenora B. Ralston.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of the Eureka Wood Pulley Company, of, in and to a certain lot or parcel of land situate in Berlin borough, Somerset county, Pa., bounded on the north by lands of John Groff, east by lands of D. J. Brubaker, west by lot of Susan Baker, and lands of D. J. Brubaker, and on the south by North street, having thereon erected one Manufacturing Building 60x80 feet, two stories high, with all machinery and fixtures necessary to manufacture wood pulleys. One boiler and engine house, containing two 75-horse power boilers, one 45-horse power engine, one building 25x100 feet, two stories high, used as an office, wareroom and paint room, one dry house 75x17 feet, one story high, heated with hot air, one lumber shed, etc.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of the Eureka Wood Pulley Company, at the suit of H. Bunn Philson, in trust for Wm. L. Kurtz, Zachary T. Kimmel, et. al.

**Terms!**

NOTICE.—All persons purchasing at the above sale will please take notice that 10 per cent. of the purchase money must be paid when property is knocked down; otherwise it will again be exposed to sale at the risk of first purchaser. The residue of the purchase money must be paid on or before the day of confirmation, viz: Thursday, Oct. 1, 1896. No deed will be acknowledged until the purchase money is paid in full.

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