Somerset Herald.

...NOCK & SCULL, Editor.

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A Schell has secured the contract ...ly the Dodd's House," at Confluence with steam heat.

...burg man makes a business of ...g human bodies to Philadelphia ...l colleges.

...grade flour is lower in price than Mahlon Schrock keeps the best for sale.

...state or county taxes must be ...d before October 2nd, in order ...e a rise on Nov. 3d.

Mahlon Schrock is headquarters for ...ies, Flour, Grain, Feed and Hay.

...the opening of the Johnstown pub...ools Monday it was found that the ...dance was not greater than last year.

Mahlon Schrock sells Ceresota flour, ...d in the world, as cheap as others ...ood grades. Try it.

...L. Brown, a jeweler of Hubbard O., ...hot by a revolver he had arranged ...shore as a burglar trap and will ...ly die.

...is just about as sensible for two ...lovers to quarrel over politics as ...religion. After it is all over both ...may worry they spoke.

...Black Blood Bitters is nature's true ...dy for constipation and kindred ills. ...ts directly on the bowels, the liver, ...n, and while cleansing the blood ...gs strength to the digestive organs.

...railroad company are painting ...freight cars a royal blue color. All ...freight cars turned out are that ...and they will stand the weather ...ter the new color treatment.

...going on a sea-voyage or into ...country, be sure and put a box of ...Pills on your valise. You may ...to thank us for this hint. ...constipation, biliousness, and ...Ayer's Pills are the best in the ...They are also easy to take.

...Naugle a well known resident ...Johnstown, while attending church, at ...last Sunday morning, was stricken ...with heart failure and fell to the floor, ...dying instantly. He was 48 years of ...and highly respected. The sudden ...of Mr. Naugle caused intense ex...among the congregation.

DANA'S Sarsaparilla is not only the ...of all remedies for the Nerves, Liver, ...Stomach, and Blood; but if no ...you get your money back. ...same guarantee applies to DANA'S ...Cough Syrup, and Plasters. ...sale by David Gillmer, M. D. Agent, ...Kiwood, Pa.

...work is progressing rapidly in ...section and it will soon be finished. ...was matured about two weeks ...earlier than usual this year owing to the ...unusual state of the season. The corn ...is abundant, being above the aver...age. At the present rate corn will all be ...shelled and stored away in the cribs be...fore the November snow begins to fly.

...every American home the rocking ...chair is regarded as an indispensable ac...cessory. Those who love their rocking ...chairs will be glad to know that a medical ...society has recently pronounced it to ...be of use in certain cases of dyspepsia. ...The patient lies in an almost horizontal ...position, and the movement of rocking is ...so gentle in character, good results ...have been known to follow, supposedly ...because the movement stimulates the di...gestive organs.

A movement is on foot that will create ...some in Pennsylvania. J. Carson ...Brewer, county commissioner of Alle...gheny, is having prepared a bill to be in...troduced at the next session of the Legis...lature providing that all church property ...shall be subject to taxation the same as ...other property. Commissioner Mer...rill will also bring the matter before the ...next convention of the county commis...sioners, in Reading next month.

...advantage of taking Ayer's Sarsa...parilla to purify the blood is that you ...need not infringe upon your hours of ...labor nor deny yourself any food that ...agrees with you. In a word, you are not ...compelled to starve or loaf, while taking ...these unrecommendations worth ...thinking.

A household item in an exchange says ...that pure powdered borax, in the propor...tion of half a teaspoonful to each quart of ...milk, will keep it sweet for several days. ...The borax should be scattered over the ...top of the milk, which should be lightly ...stirred and then put in a cool dark place. ...The above proportion may be slightly in...creased or decreased according to the ...weather and the length of time the milk ...is required to keep. Cream may be kept ...sweet in the same way. The borax is ...harmless and perfectly harmless.

...Albert Huntley, of Conemaugh Centre, ...died at Safe Harbor last Wednesday, so ...frightened and worried a horse that when he ...turned his back the animal seized him by ...the forearm, breaking both bones and ...nearly tearing off the arm. Surgical aid ...being given, the young man was ...taken home, but on Sunday the attending ...physicians decided that amputation would ...be necessary to avoid blood-poisoning ...and death, and the operation was per...formed that afternoon.—Lancaster Enquirer.

Before United States Commissioner E. ...J. Reppert Monday afternoon the Som...erset county men charged with breaking ...into the bonded warehouse of F. W. Baer ...at Sandpatch had a hearing and were ...bound over to court. The defendants are ...Isaac Bixler, Martin and Albert Al...bright and Jerome and Samuel Christ...er. The testimony for the prosecution ...showed that a barrel of whisky had been ...taken. The barrel had been hauled in a ...wagon to a point near Albright's ...house where it was dumped into the ...woods. Samples of the liquor were also ...found in possession of the defendants. ...Martin Albright was released on his own ...recognizance. The other defendants were ...committed to jail in default of $500 bail. ...They can not furnish bond they will be ...taken to Pittsburg to jail to await trial in ...the U. S. court.—Uniontown News-Standard.

When wear begins to exceed repair in ...your body you are going to fall sick. The ...signs of it are: loss of flesh, paleness, ...weakness, nervousness, etc. *The repair* ...*needed is food.* You think you eat ...enough, and yet you feel that you wear ...out more tissue, energy, nerve-force, ...than your food makes for you. The diffi...culty is that you do not digest enough. ...And this is so serious it is worth sitting ...down seriously to think about. If you ...don't digest what you eat, take a few ...doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial. The ...effect of it will be to increase your flesh ...and make you feel stronger. You won't ...get sick. Proof that it is in control of your ...digestive apparatus. It's easy enough to ...test this for yourself. Take a few bottles ...of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

...sold by druggists at 50 cents to $1.00 per ...bottle.

The petrified body which was found at ...New Florence recently, was taken to ...Johnstown and was pronounced to be ...genuine. The feeling that existed at ...New Florence Sunday evening, over the ...contemplated removal of the body had ...subsided Monday morning, when the ...owner of the curiosity put it on the train ...to take it to Johnstown. It was found to ...be a perfect specimen. It was that of a ...woman about five feet and six inches in ...height, who would probably weigh 125 ...pounds when in life. The features were ...very plain and indicated that whoever it ...was must have been intelligent. It is ...not impossible that any one who knew ...her in former life could recognize her ...stone image now. Two photographs were ...taken, one from a front view and the other ...from a side view. The front view show...ed a well developed woman, while the ...side view showed a woman's form but a ...man's face. There is every reason to be...lieve it was the remains of a Johnstown ...flood victim.

Lawyer J. A. Berkey has been confined to his home for the past week, suffering from a slight indisposition.

Four railroad "bums" were landed in jail last week, having been committed for ten days by Esquire Casebeer.

The reunion of the survivors of the 133d Reg., Pa. Vol., at this place, Thursday, promises to attract a large crowd.

Rev. D. L. Yoder will conduct religious services in the Somerset U. B. Church next Sunday evening, at the usual hour.

The Herald goes to press Monday evening this week in order to give the editors and printers an opportunity to join the excursion to Canton.

The temperature hereabouts on Saturday was oppressively warm and was not relieved by the heavy rain storm that passed over about one o'clock.

The Confluence Press is a better paper under the present management than it ever was before and deserves the patronage of the people of that community.

Attorney E. E. Kiernan, of Pittsburg, spent Sunday with Somerset friends. Mr. Kiernan is another honest money Democrat who refuses to follow the lead of Bryan.

Harry Shaulis' steam saw mill at Husband caught fire between one and two o'clock Thursday night, and before the flames were extinguished they caused a loss of about $200.

Miss Libbie Saylor, the efficient and obliging assistant to her father in the Prothonotary's office, returned home Saturday, after visiting for six weeks in Johnstown, Pittsburg and other cities.

Rev. S. M. Baumgardner, of Salisbury, will conduct religious services at Pleasant Hill, on Saturday, September 19th, and at Lichty's on Sunday, September 20th, at 10 a. m., and at Weller's at 3 p. m.

A number of Somerset county exhibitors at the State Fair were awarded premiums. Jesse Crist, of Jenner township, had the best display of apples, many of them being of mammoth dimensions.

The cornerstone of the new Evangelical Church, at Husband, will be laid on Sunday, September 20th. Services will be held in the School House at 10:30 A. M. and at 3 P. M. The public is cordially invited to be present.

Emily Jane, wife of Nelson Fearl, died at her home in Johnstown, at 4 o'clock Friday morning, age 1 69 years. She was born in Petersburg, this county, and was a sister of Daniel Augustine. She is survived by her husband and one son.

Mr. Albert Blough, of Eighth Ward, Johnstown, and Miss Mary Wingard, of Quemahoning township, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 9th, at the home of the bride's parents, near Kantner. F. F. Wingard, Esq., officiated.

Henry Dunmier, an aged resident of Paint township, near Ashtola, is confined to his bed, the result of a fall down stairs recently while about to retire for the night. One of his arms was fractured and he was badly cut and bruised about the head.

Mrs. D. W. Border, wife of Postmaster Border, of Holsopple, who has been seriously ill for some time, is now a patient in the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown. She has improved somewhat in the past few days, which will be pleasing news to her many friends.

The largest bunch of squirrels shot up to date this season, is scored to Mr. Joseph Zellers, of New Baltimore. He bagged 14 grey and 5 red squirrels last Tuesday in the woods near his home. Mr. Zellers is one of the best known shots in his section.

Mrs. Charles Hancock, who had been visiting for several months at the home of her father—Mr. Simon Krebs—returned to Danville, Pa., last night. She was accompanied by her sister—Miss Clara Krebs—who will remain several months in that place, her former home.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Lichty, of Waterloo, Ia., who left Somerset county thirty-one years ago to make their home in the west, are paying their first return visit to the scene of their early youth. Mr. Lichty at one time owned the Norman Trent farm, three miles north of town.

Fred Naengaeler, of Forwardstown, this county, while on a visit to Johnstown, Friday, borrowed a bicycle and went out to have a spin. He had only gone a short distance when he collided with a street car and fell from his wheel, fracturing his left arm at the shoulder.

Between four and five hundred people bought tickets for Johnstown and the State Fair at the Somerset station last week. A majority of those who attended the Fair express themselves as having been pleased with the races, while others pronounce the entire exhibition a fake.

Mrs. Susan Holter died at her home in Somerset township, on Tuesday, September 8th, aged 73 years, 2 months and 18 days. The funeral services were held in the old Evangelical Church, at Lichty's, and interment was made in the church cemetery, Rev. D. L. Yoder officiating.

Howard M. Horner, of Kantner, Quemahoning township, and Miss Susan N. Ling, of Buckstown, Shade township, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock on August 6th, at the home of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace F. F. Wingard.

Huntingdon county celebrated its centennial last week. One of the principal features of the celebration was a floral carnival, in which carriages and horses were bedecked in every conceivable way, while the occupants were attired in striking costumes. The line of carriages was over a half-mile in length.

"Hang your banners on outer walls." The survivors of the 133d Reg. Pa. Vol., will hold their annual reunion here tomorrow and every loyal citizen should display the stars and stripes from his residence and place of business on this occasion. The old soldiers are fast passing away and should be shown every respect possible. Nothing cheers their eyes more than a sight of "old glory."

Mr. Edward L. Countryman, one of the best known and intelligent young farmers of Jefferson township, and Miss Sadie A. Saylor, of near Glade, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride, on Tuesday, September 8th, Rev. A. B. Miller, of the Glade Lutheran Church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Countryman were in Somerset Wednesday on their way to Johnstown.

John Baker, a member of Co. H., 21st Reg. Pa. Vol., died at his home in Berlin, on Saturday, 5th inst. from disease contracted while he was in the service of his country. Mr. Baker was 57 years of age and most of his life was spent on the farm, formerly owned by his father and later by himself, on the summit of Coal Hill. He was a patriotic and industrious citizen and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends. His wife survives him.

A correspondent writing from Ursina says two young men named Conn and French got into a discussion in a country store with some of the habitues over the amount of raw cabbage each could eat. French bet he could eat more than Conn and the wagers were put up. The store keeper furnished the cabbage and the young men went to work. Conn ate six pounds and French five and half pounds. Both became violently ill and died after a few days' illness, having suffered great agony. Conn was buried last Saturday and French on the Sunday following.

OFF FOR CANTON.

"FROSTY SONS OF THUNDER" EN ROUTE FOR THE HOME OF McKINLEY.

1200 Somerset County Republican Voters Will Greet America's Favorite Son This Afternoon.

At six o'clock this morning 1200 enthusiastic Republican voters of Somerset county started on a pilgrimage to Canton, the home of the next President of the United States.

It will be memorable day in the lives of all who participated in the excursion, inasmuch as it will give them an opportunity to salute the Napoleon of Protection at his home.

It will be a day that will redown to the credit of all who made the journey and will be chronicled by the future faithful local historian as an event of marked political importance.

Three weeks ago when the Lincoln Club, of Somerset, determined to get up an excursion to Canton they had no idea that the suggestion would meet with so much popular favor as it has since developed that it did. The Democrats hooted the idea and a few Republicans here and elsewhere attempted to discourage the movement. The number of excursionists kept swelling day by day and from advices received at this office up to the hour of going to press, Monday night, the number of Republican voters on the two trains promised to exceed 1200.

It was the largest excursion that ever left Somerset county and the Baltimore & Ohio promised to transport it to and from Canton in the shortest possible time consistent with a safe rate of speed.

The Herald will contain a full account of the excursion next week.

Death of Noah Roberts.

Ex-County Treasurer Noah Roberts died at his home, at Roberts Station, three miles south of this place, at 10 o'clock Friday night, aged 67 years. Deceased had been in bad health for several months, but was confined to his bed for only about two weeks prior to his death. He is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters. The funeral took place Saturday afternoon, when interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery, Somerset.

For many years past Noah Roberts was actively identified with the lumber interests of this county, and during his career made and lost several comfortable fortunes. He was a man of genial disposition and great kindness of heart, and his death will be regretted by a host of friends. It has often been said of Mr. Roberts that his knowledge of lumber was so thorough that he could look at an immense pile of logs and tell how many thousand feet of sawed lumber they would furnish, with almost the same exactness that the mathematician would learn with his rod. In the same way he could tell the number of feet in a bunch of sawed lumber. He posessed a mathematical table peculiarly his own and was unable to explain how he came by it.

Mr. Roberts was a most generous host and his table was frequently surrounded by guests from different parts of the county and State. He apparently never forgot anything that he ever heard and possessed a fund of anecdote that entertained and amused his intimate friends.

Death of Miss Louisa Risinger.

In the death of Miss Louisa Risinger, who passed away at 10 o'clock Sunday night, at her home on Main Street, Somerset lost one of her most venerable citizens. The deceased was born in the house in which she died and has constantly resided in March, 1812, and was eighty-four years of age. She had been confined to her bed for several weeks prior to her death. Miss Risinger was an estimable christian lady, having been a zealous member of the Methodist Church. She is survived by three of four sisters, one of whom, Miss Mary, always resided with her. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence.

Old "Coffee Spring."

On the first page of this issue of the Herald will be found a few verses written by a former employe of this paper. They relate to the old "coffee spring," located on the Koontz farm, just east of town and only a few hundred yards north of the house. Early in the present century and for many years thereafter, "coffee spring" was close by a magnificent grove of pine trees, beneath whose shadowing branches the youth of Somerset found a favorite play-ground and promenade. This grove was the scene of many old-time 4th of July celebrations, at which hundreds of citizens from various sections of the county assembled and listened to patriotic addresses. History records that the troops taking part in local militia musters frequently adjourned to the "coffee spring," where dinner was served. The spring is remarkable only for the purity and extreme coldness at all seasons of its water. The volume of water discharged by it is not larger than that of adjoining springs, but it possesses a flavor peculiarly its own, which seems to fascinate all who quaff it. Inquiry among our older citizens failed to elicit any information as to how this spring, whose sparkling water bubbles up through pure white sand, acquired its name, unless from the fact that it always furnished the water to brew coffee for picnics held in the adjoining grove. The persons referred to by Mr. Shaver are nearly all relatives of the writers, "Weed" being his mother.

Farmers' Institute.

The open air Farmers' Institute at Friedens, Saturday, attracted a crowd of between 2,000 and 3,000 people. The State Fair at Johnstown last week drew heavily from Somerset county and this fact is thought to be accountable for the small attendance, which the manager anticipated would reach not less than 5,000 or 6,000. The day was an ideal one for out door pleasure. The program was highly interesting and was fully enjoyed by all present. The exercises began at 10 A. M. Addresses were made by Dr. Rothrock, on "Forestry;" by State Veterinary Pearson, who told the farmers how to prevent the spread of disease among cattle; by Pure Food Agent Moore, who said that he had detected glucose coming into this county last season which afterwards appeared upon the market in the shape of maple syrup; by Dr. Warren, State Zoologist, and others.

The speech making was interspersed with music by the Friedens band, and by vocal music.

Pugilist Dwyre Again.

A Uniontown correspondent writes:—A Pittsburg bruiser named John Finnegan, accompanied by his backer, arrived here on Friday last to hunt up Frank Dwyre, who styles himself the "Champion of West Virginia," and who recently engaged in a prize fight near Somerset. Dwyre, it will be remembered, sent out a bold defi to knock out any man in Western Pennsylvania in six rounds or forfeit $250. Finnegan alleges he met Dwyre and asked him about the offer, but Dwyre thought the undertaking too much. Then Finnegan offered to make a match with him at even for $250 or more a side. It was then discovered that Dwyre had no money and no backing, and that his defi was a huge bluff. Finnegan offered to fight him right off the reel for $100 a side, then for $50 a side, and finally for $25, but Dwyre, who really seemed anxious to fight, could not raise over $10. Finnegan and his backer returned to Pittsburg disgusted.

Uniontown Fair.

18th Annual Fair of the Fayette County Agricultural Association, Uniontown, Pa., Sept. 29 and 30, and Oct 1 and 2, 1896. Good races, good music, balloon ascension, etc. $4,000 offered in premiums and prizes. Admission reduced to 35 cents; children 25c, teams free. Excursions on all railroads.

REUNION OF THE 54TH.

Many Survivors From Somerset County Were Present.

The fifth annual reunion of the Fifty-Fourth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was held in Johnstown, Tuesday. A large number of veterans from Somerset, Cambria, and Westmoreland counties were present, and a few from distant points. At 10.30 o'clock the veterans paraded through the principal streets of the city and were reviewed by the widow of the late General Jacob M. Campbell. The parade terminated at Grand Army Hall where Mayor Boyd delivered an address of welcome.

Mr. C. G. Campbell, eldest son of Gen. Campbell, responded to the address of welcome in behalf of the survivors of the regiment.

Following the speechmaking dinner was served by the wives and daughters of the surviving Johnstown members of the regiment.

The new officers elected are: President, Jacob W. Mostoller, of Stoyestown; Vice President, William Bennett, of Braddock; Secretary, C. W. Pugh, of Stoyestown; Treasurer, David B. Bryan, of Johnstown.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH'S CAMP FIRE.—MANY SURVIVORS FROM SOMERSET COUNTY WERE PRESENT.

At about 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening Capt. John L. Decker, of Company A., called to order in G. A. R. Hall the survivors of the Fifty-fourth Regiment assembled here for their fifth reunion together with a large concourse of friends and relatives of the war-scarred veterans, and introduced Ex-Mayor W. Horace Rose, the Adjutant of the Regiment, as the historian of the occasion.

In responding to the call, Comrade Rose declared that he had not come prepared to give a correct and complete history of the Regiment—a history that would do justice to its record—as he had not known that he could be in attendance, and it was owing only to an unforeseen circumstance that he was enabled to absent himself from court in Ebensburg to be present.

From memory, however, he outlined the principal events in the eventful history of that gallant Regiment; how, on Sunday evening, August 4, 1861, in his law office in Johnstown, a number of persons who had congregated together for the purpose of discussing the gravity of the affairs of the Nation, decided to raise a regiment to battle for the cause of the Union; how, after a part of the Regiment had been raised, it was delayed in Harrisburg to await recruits, and was afterward assigned to the iriksome, distasteful, but not less important duty of guarding the line of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—that great artery of supplies for the armies of the Union—a duty which was so efficiently performed that the fifty-six miles cordoned by the Regiment was securely guarded; more prisoners, especially guerrillas, were captured than in any equal period of time when the Regiment was afterward engaged in active service, or by any other regiment actively engaged.

From the time of the formation of the Regiment until the fall of 1862, it had met twice in complete concentration for drill, but when preparing for active duty under Sigel, at Hounsey, it became one of the best-drilled and most soldierly regiments in the army; and, although often defeated, it was always, until its final organization under Sheridan, in 1864, whether vanquished or victorious, confronted by an enemy numerically superior—notably at Newmarket, where the Rebels were in overwhelming numbers, and at Piedmont they were two to one. This is a contradiction of the statements of Rebel historians, who ever claim that their armies were forced to succumb only to superior force; but it is a fact, nevertheless.

At Newmarket the regiment lost forty-five killed; sixty-five were wounded so badly that they were unable to leave the field—one hundred and twenty men receiving wounds in the battle; and it was the last regiment to leave the field. At this battle, while suffering so severely itself, the regiment almost annihilated the Rebel cadets—the flower of the first families of Virginia, who were present to be trained for service as officers of the Confederate army—a fact which the speaker related, not to glory in slaughter—war is always brutal—but was adduced as evidence that if the Fifty-fourth had not been well drilled and disciplined, and taught the duties of soldiers it never would have so long withstood the terrible ordeal to which it was here subjected, nor inflicted such severe punishment on the enemy.

Recuperating from the hardships of this battle, the Regiment was twenty days afterward, on June 5, 1863, in such splendid fighting trim that, although harried by Rebel shot and shell—hounded on all sides—at Staunton it saved General Hunter's army. Here the Rebels, under General Jones, held a commanding position, and the wagon trains of the Federal Army had been turned to the rear, as had also the First Division, when Thoburn's Brigade, to which the Fifty-fourth belonged, charged across the valley, up the slope, and over the Rebel entrenchments, driving the enemy, pell-mell, from his position, and up the valley.

Repelled from Lynchburg by far superior numbers under Breckinridge, Jones and Imboden, who had here concentrated their forces, the Fifty-fourth retired with credit, and in the retreat across the mountains of West Virginia endured privations unsurpassed in the annals of warfare, except during the retreat of Napoleon Bonaparte from Moscow, and by that only by reason of the severity of a Russian winter. Concentrated again for Snicker's Ferry, the Regiment met defeat, but a defeat of which it may well be proud, as it once more saved the Army.

Mr. Rose said he would not weary his audience by long details of Halltown; Cedar Creek, Opequan, Winchester and Fisher's Hill; but in all engagements in which it participated, the Fifty-fourth ever maintained its tactical organization; its flag was ever to be found, whether in triumph or defeat, steadfastly supported by the valor of the Regiment, which dealt blow for blow to every force that ever assailed it, and maintained its honor unsullied to the end.

Reuben M. Linton, Esq., who had come to the city from Somerset on the evening train to be present at the campfire, being called upon, gave a ringing, patriotic address.

Captain Patrick Graham was called upon and spoke briefly, corroborating the statements of Adjutant Rose by relating a conversation he once had with the Confederate General Imboden, wherein the ex-Rebel paid the highest compliment to the valor of the Fifty-fourth.

At the conclusion of Captain Graham's remarks, the camp fire broke up, all present feeling that the evening had been pleasantly spent.—Johnstown Tribune.

"Miracle Root" For Li.

Li Hung Chang was made the recipient of a gift last week that gave him as much pleasure as anything he has received since his arrival in the New World. It was an ebony case filled with the finest specimens of ginseng root.

This root is little used in America, but in China it has for centuries been held almost in reverence for its curative powers. It is known as the "miracle drug."

The root grows in peculiar forms. Specimens are discovered that are almost like the human form. Others are like a cross or an animal.

The presentation was made by Hirsh & Lowenstein, of No. 176 Chambers street. In twenty-two years of exporting they have never lost one cent in Chinese trade.—New York Journal.

Messrs. Hirsh & Lowenstein advise the editor of the Herald that some of the specimens of ginseng root mentioned above came from Somerset county.

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

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE

A QUESTION OF MORALS.

A VALUED CORRESPONDENT CALLS DOWN THE EDITOR OF THE BERLIN RECORD.

What Constitutes a Party Man.

EDITOR HERALD:—

A government, such as ours is, must necessarily be a government by parties, and each citizen will determine and decide for himself which of these parties most nearly holds to what he believes ought to be the true line of policy to be followed and carried out in those things which must be the concern of all alike who are clothed with rights of citizenship and to attach himself to such party. This is his right, and, further, he may also, from time to time, examine the ground on which he is standing, and if as a result of such review he finds that he is in error or honestly believes that he has been mistaken in his political faith he may sever his present political relation and ally himself to such other party as may happen more nearly to hold and maintain views on public questions as he sees them; and it is his right to maintain and uphold his opinions both by precept and example, and this right no man may find fault with so long as—no matter how mistaken it be—his course is straightforward and honest.

It is not possible, however, for a man to belong to two parties at one and the same time and it is dishonest for any one to try to do so.

In accordance with what has been here said, if the editor of the Berlin Record believes that the principles of the Populist party (or by whatever other name this nondescript is known) are better calculated to advance the material prosperity of our common country than are those laid down by the Republican party, he has a perfect right to advocate Populist principles in his newspaper and denounce those of the Republican party—and he is doing this to the full extent of his ability—no one who reads his paper will pretend that it is a Republican newspaper or that it is advocating any doctrine which the Republican party holds fast to. It is loud for free coinage of silver, a doctrine to which the Republican party is not committed, but declared against.

For those who are against the debasement of our currency and in favor of dollars that will pass for dollars everywhere the Record has only such names as Gold Bugs and the like.

Protection is a cardinal principle with the Republican party, but the Record man will have it only that this is intended to obscure the real issue and is intended to fool and cheat the people, and so he has no friendly word for a protective tariff to American industry. And so with every other distinctive principle of the Republican party.

We have clearly shown that the Record is "whooping it up" for anything else than Republican principles, and is doing its very best to lead such Republicans as it can prevail upon to do so, to desert their party and vote for Populist candidates.

Well, so far as this is effected by argument it is perfectly legitimate, and if any choose to be so persuaded, they have a right to do so.

But such voters must not forget that when they vote against the Republican candidates for President, Congress and the Legislature or against any of these, then they cease to be Republicans and can no longer claim to be such. They are just what they have voted for. The Republican party and for that matter no other political party claims fellowship with voters who vote against its candidates for any of these offices, nor does it care to admit such to its councils only to be betrayed.

But the editor of the Record seems to be worried over the fact that voters may hesitate to follow his advice to vote for Populist candidates for the reason that they are disinclined to sever their connection with the party to which they have so long given their adherence, they well knowing that to vote with the Populists will, in effect, carry them out of the Republican party, so in a recent issue the Record hastens to assure its Republican readers that they can vote against their party and still be of it, that they can lend their best efforts to stab and defeat their party by voting for the Populist candidates and still retain their good standing in the party, that the "Bosses" will be easy and forgiving, and all that.

Now the Record man well knows that when he penned those lines he was trying to persuade men to do that which is dishonest and disreputable. We again assert that a man may honestly sever and change his relations toward the political party with which he has been acting whenever his reason and judgment tell him it is the proper thing to do and no man has any right to object to his doing so. But he can not sever those relations and yet retain them; no honorable man will attempt to do such a thing; yet this is the very thing that the Record is trying to do, to persuade men that they may do so, with impunity. Not very much.

When such a voter puts in an appearance at a future Republican primary election he will be very justly turned away and will continue to be turned away until he has given some proof of repentance.

The rules of the Republican party of Somerset county define what gives a man rights and a status in the party. The editor of the Record well knows that the rules of the party require that the voter shall have voted the complete and full Republican ticket at the last general election, and that they don't mean anything else. They don't mean that a man need vote only for some part of its ticket, and at the same time cast his ballot for as much or more of the ticket of the enemy, and still be entitled to any rights that belong to those who are true and loyal to the party. The rules of the party, particularly, do not mean that a voter may seek out on the official ballot the column in which are found the names of Populist, Democratic or Prohibition candidates for Presidential, Congressional or Legislative offices and after marking his choice there, then by the Record's hop, skip and jump route find their way over to the Republican column landing somewhere about Poor House Director or Auditor, and putting his little mark there raise a great shout and say that he is a Republican, and try to sneak under cover in that way. It will not go. Such a voter is anything but a Republican, and when he appears at the next Republican Primary Election, and seeks to take part therein he is seeking to perpetrate a fraud and one which the laws of the State will punish in its criminal courts.

The prefix of Free Silver or Free Trade before the word Republican will not better the situation any; and further, as a newspaper man, the editor of the Record well knows that any Republican primary election officer who would knowingly accept such a voter's ballot would be making himself liable to suffer both fine and imprisonment, as in more than one instance has been the fate of officers of this kind who offended against the primary election laws in other parts of the State.

We are not, in this article, discussing the merits of any particular issue now before the people. We are showing up that in order to draw off voters who have so far acted with the Republican party and induce them to vote against its candidates for the leading offices, an effort is being made to make them believe that they may with impunity and safety do things afterwards which are disreputable, dishonest and unlawful.

We will, however, say that when in order to prevail on a Republican voter to give his vote in favor of Populism or Bryanism it is hinted to him that he may do things afterwards which his own sense of right will tell him are dishonorable, he will do well to give all other arguments and statements brought to bear upon him a close scrutiny before accepting them.

We do not believe that very many Republicans will permit themselves to be misled and shaken from their party moorings by the arguments of the Populists and Bryan Democrats.

Yet if there are any such who honestly believe, after a full consideration of the whole matter, that the Republican party is in the wrong on the questions now at issue and that it is their duty to go over to a party which they have heretofore opposed, while we may regret that they have reached such a conclusion, we must admit their right to do so. But we would have them understand that when they thus leave the party they are forming new ties and associations, and as they make their beds so must they sleep in them; they can not expect as who have stood by our guns to consider them as brethren of our Republican faith. These are matters to which the Bossos, as such, have nothing to say. They are the concern of every Republican who has remained true to his colors. What shall be the test of party fellowship has been laid down years ago. Only those who have kept the faith will be entitled to a voice in the counsels of the party. Let no one permit himself to be deluded into the belief that he may aid in striking down the chosen leaders of the Republican party and yet hold or regain his fellowship in the party at sight.

The arms of welcome will open very slowly and the grindstone will have to be turned a long while before the knife will be sufficiently sharpened for the killing of the fatted calf.

AN OLD-TIME REPUBLICAN.

Among Some of the Fairest Scenes

On this continent and in the tropics, malaria poisons the atmosphere with its pestilential breath, sowing the seeds of disease and death in every direction. It is in such localities that the preventive and remedial qualities of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are most conspicuously shown. For every form of malaria it is a signally efficacious remedy, and conquers disorder of the stomach, liver and bowels, remedies inactivity of the kidneys, and counteracts the weakness and lack of stamina which invite disease by levelling the barrier which a vigorous operation of the digestive and secretive organs opposes to it. No defensive medicine in use has stronger commendations in professional quarters both for purity and remedial qualities.

Allegheny Lutheran Synod.

The convention of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, which met at Altoona ended Saturday evening. Revs. W. W. Austadt, of Bedford, and John Brubaker, of Schellsburg, were elected clerical directors of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, and Charles Geezey, of Altoona, lay director. Rev. J. F. Hartman, of Altoona, and W. H. Ruffle were elected clerical and lay directors respectively of Susquehanna University. The election of officers for the Synod resulted: President, Rev. J. F. Hartman, Altoona; secretary, Rev. L. N. Fleck Stoyestown; treasurer, Charles Geezey, Altoona; statistical secretary, Rev. E. J. Metzler, Altoona. H. F. Barron, was the delegate from the Somerset Lutheran Church.

Will Tap a Rich Section.

Private enterprise is likely to do what the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company has thus far failed to accomplish in the matter of extending the Confluence & Oakland railroad from Manor Lands, Md., to a connection with the Baltimore & Ohio main stem near Oakland, Md. A. Knapp & Co., owners of 10,000 acres of timber territory running from Manor Lands almost to Oakland, recently acquired 6,000 acres running on the south of this tract, and to reach this latter purchase they are pushing a narrow guage line into their recent acquisition. A great portion of the line has already been completed and the remainder will be laid this fall and early in the spring.

The Confluence & Oakland road, at present extending from Confluence to Manor Lands, a distance of 22 miles, was finished by Philadelphia capitalists headed by J. Bayard Henry, in the fall of 1888, and under a long lease was turned over to the Baltimore & Ohio to operate. It penetrates a timber, lumber and bark district probably the largest now intact in the States of Maryland and Pennsylvania. An abundance of coal and other minerals lies within easy access of the line. Years ago the old national road was built through this "neck of woods," but the only result was to give the stage coach passengers an intimation of its resources. The abandonment of traffic on the pike set back the hopes of the owners another half century.

Two From the "Commercial."

Mr. C. Berkholder, of Summit, brought in the office Monday last a cabbage that weighed 28 pounds, and measured a yard across, including the outer leaves. It is the king of all the kraut heads and would make any dutchman's mouth water. We confess to belonging to the Pit Schwefflebrenner variety of Penna. Deutsch, and are proud of it.

Mr. Lewis Knepp and his twelve-year-old daughter were badly shaken up Thursday afternoon last. They had come to town early to make some purchases and were on the home road, with a harrow and other purchases on the wagon. Mr. Knepp drove a two horse team which scared at some object just where the street merges into the county road; quick as wink horses, wagon and occupants went over the bluff, thirty feet down into the mill race. That they escaped with their lives is a miracle, but both were badly shaken up and scarred. Friends hastened to them and they were soon released from their watery bath and taken to the doctor's office. The horses were apparently uninjured; only the tongue and an axle of the wagon were broken. The harrow pinned Mr. Knepp in the water, but he soon released himself from that, and gave his child all of his attention.

Will Establish a Lodge.

Captain Robert Johnson, District Deputy Supreme Archon of the Improved Order of Heptasophs, accompanied by Mr. George A. Patton, both of Altoona, are in town and will remain for a few days, having in view the organization of a conclave of that order in this place. This is a fraternal insurance and social society of good standing and great popularity in Pennsylvania, and these gentlemen hope to establish a strong branch in Somerset.

Buy your crockery and stoneware from MAHLON SCHROCK.

SHERIFF'S SALES

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

FRIDAY, SEPT 25, 1896,

At 1 o'clock P M.,

the following described real estate, to-wit:

All the right, title, interest, claim, and demand, of William Petry, of, in and to a certain lot of ground situate in Salisbury borough, Somerset county, Pa., fronting on Gay street, 50 feet, extending east 60 feet to an alley, and adjoining lot of Mrs. Permis DeHaven on the north, and lot of Charles Boucher on the south, having thereon erected a new two-story frame house 16x26 feet with basement under the entire building, also a good well on the premises.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of William Petry, at the suit of Peter S. Hay's use.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of L. R. Maust, of, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit:

No. 1. A certain farm or tract of land situate in Elk Lick township, Somerset county, Pa., containing 76½ acres, more or less, about 65 acres clear, balance timber, adjoining lands of Joel Maust, Jonas Maust, Henry Ogle, Daniel Hochstetler, Moses Hochstetler and others, having thereon erected two dwelling houses, a bank barn and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

No. 2. A tract of land situate as aforesaid, containing 4 acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Jonas Maust, Henry Ogle and others.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of L. R. Maust at the suit of Thomas Lee.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of V. W. Humbert, of, in and to a certain lot of ground situate in Confluence borough, Somerset county, Pa., known on the plan of said town as No. 40 in block No. 7, fronting 21 feet on William street, and extending eastward 121 feet to an alley, adjoining lot of Harry McClure on the north and a lot in dispute on the south, having thereon erected a new two-story dwelling house and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of V. W. Humbert, at the suit of The Fitzgerald Plaster Company.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of James M. Cover, def't and Amy R. Hoffman, now Amy R. Wland, terre tenant, of, in and to a certain farm or tract of land situate in Jenner township, Somerset county, Pa., containing 106 acres, more or less, adjoining lands of Solomon Simpson, Jacob Arisman, Jacob Hoffman, Alexander Hoffman and others, having thereon erected a good two-story frame dwelling house, bank barn and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances. The whole of it is underlaid with coal and limestone, with coal bank opened.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of James M. Cover, def't, and Amy R. Hoffman, now Amy R. Wland, terre tenant, at the suit of Amy R. Hoffman and Alexander Hoffman, administrators of Wm. H. Hoffman, dec'd, and use of J. L. Pugh, guardian of the minor children of Wm. H. Hoffman.

—ALSO—

All the right, title, interest, claim and demand of Samuel R. Dull, of, in and to a certain lot of ground situate in Meyersdale borough, Somerset county, Pa., numbered on the town plot as lot No. 284, being 50 feet wide and 167 feet deep, located on the corner of Beechley and First streets, and bounded by lot of J. C. Speicher on the south and alley on the west, having thereon erected a good two-story frame dwelling house, wash house and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

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