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GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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

ert H. Adams committed suicide at ington, Pa., Sunday morning by ing carbolic acid.

ing this and the week following of the quarterly sums due pension- ll be paid by Uncle Sam.

City is the latest Pennsylvania place ps a curfew ordinance, and it pro- that all children found on the s after 9:30 p. m. be kept in the ntil morning, unless they give a reason for being out.

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

m Beeson, a farmer of Ligonier, his wife and two sons defended with ns the former had built against ntended destruction by a gang of ner Valley railroad laborers. Six ere wounded, one, it is thought

. C. Whitney, ex-secretary of the was married Tuesday to Mrs. May Randolph, of Bar Harbor. Whitney's first wife was a daughter Senator Payne, the recently decease- ndard oil magnate, of Ohio.

re very happy to state that U. S. Kendall, Esq., who was stricken lyzer while on the stump in West nia, and who returned here to his e's home for treatment is up again very rapidly gaining strength. He es to put in a full month stumping Wes Virginia.—Meyersdale Com- al.

NA'S Sarsaparilla is not only the all remedies for the Nerves, Liver, ys, Stomach, and Blood; *but if no* *you can get your money back.* ame guarantee applies to DANA'S Cough Syrup, and Plasters. ade by David Gildner, M. D. Agent, wood, Pa.

W. Lammonx, Commissioner of the ral land office, has submitted his an- report. The total area of land en- of all kinds made during the year 1,187,620 acres. There are 600,040,- of public lands still unoccupied. e exclusive of Ohio, Indiana Illi- Alaska and military and Indian re- ations.

Huntingdon-Mifflin boundary com- e appointed by the last legislature ally announced Thursday at Hun- g that the line between the two ties is to be half a mile east of Allen- This makes it three miles east of present location taking in an area of ten square miles, including the vil- of Allenville and changes about 2,- eople from one county to the other.

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

v. T. J. Bristow will be absent from n next Sunday and there will there- be no service in the Presbyterian rch on that morning. In the evening ces will be conducted by Rev. Mul- president of the Blairsville Presby- Rev. Bristow expects to occupy ran pulpit the following Sunday ning and evening.

y your crocks and stoneware from MAHLON SCHROCK.

r several months, I was troubled a persistent humor on my head gave me considerable annoyance, it occurred to me to try Ayer's Vigor. Before using one bottle, the or was healed."—T. T. Adams, Gen- Merchant, Tarberville, Va.

e largest river bridge in the world, ed at Columbia, when it crossed the hehanna river to Wrightville, was ed by the storm of Tuesday night. a total wreck and is doubtless the ter loss sustained by any corpora- in this severe cyclone. It was own- by the Pennsylvania railroad company greatly inconvenience the traveling lic. Had it been an iron structure in of wood, the probabilities are it ld not have blown away. The iron s remain.

dispatch from Bedford says: Thurs- at Sheffield, J. Anderson, a farmer, by shot a tanner, M. Lynn. Lynn Anderson engaged in an altercation some money which Anderson owed , and some remarks passed between when they met in front of the post- e at Sheffield. Lynn was shot in the chest, throat and leg. A fifth bullet wide of its mark. Lynn fell and a able arrested Anderson and took to jail at Warren. A doctor examin- Lynn's wounds and pronounced them

your child is puny, fretful, troubled glandular swellings, inflamed eyes ores on the head, face, or body a se of Ayer's Sarsaparilla is needed to the scrofulous humors from the d. The sooner you begin to give this the better.

ecently a colored Minister, of Fairfax t House, Virginia, offered up a pray- in behalf of candidate Bryan. He is rted as follows:

"O, Lord, save this country from the ds of them who are trying to lust it ; give us plenty of work and good ey for it, so as we can take care of wives and children, and buy good d and meat and pay for it. We want keep politics out of our churches and of our prayer meetings, but we can't by asking Thee to keep a lookout for poor, miserable sinner, Bryan, who ere, is coming into this state, hand and with Satan. We ask thee don't him do no harm; and, if it ain't askin' much, please forgive his sins that he ed committing every day, and then knock he rocking out of him next November."

Rev. Cyrus J. Musser of Norristown, was last week chosen as the editor the Reformed Church Messenger. Rev. sser has had editorial charge of the er since the sudden death of the for- editor and publisher, Rev. C. G. her, D. D., and he succeeded in so ightening its pages, that the committee ded to retain him. Rev. Musser a native of Berlin, and has many ds in that place and throughout Som- county. The Lancaster New Era of him—"At a meeting of the Re- Church of the Ascension, Norris- n, Wednesday evening Rev. Cyrus J. sser, the popular pastor of the congre- tion, tendered his resignation, having ted the post of editor of the Reform- Church Messenger, to which he was ted last week as the successor of the Rev. Dr. Charles G. Fisher. Mr. sser had charge of the editorial de- ment temporarily during the sum- months. Mr. Musser's resignation to take effect with the installation of successor, so that the congregation will not be left without a pastor. He has been very successful in his pastorate, ing augmented the congregation in bers and strengthened it in unity."

The new United Evangelical Church, nearing completion, at Lichty's, ve miles north of town, is one of the handsomest church edifices in the coun- and is very creditable to the earnest workers of that denomination. In addi- to the auditorium a Sunday School m has been provided. Every effort will be made to make the building com- table and inviting.

It is rather an odd spectacle presented different sections of the county where members of the United Evangelical church have been compelled to erect r houses of worship, in a majority of stances in close proximity to the ses occupied by them before the church was divided. The old Evangeli- Church has a very limited member- ip in Somerset county and unless vetuous efforts are made by them to in- ease their ranks the old houses of wor- p will soon begin to decay.

Banker J. G. Harvey, of Baltimore, is a guest at Farmer George Tayman's cottage.

Jacob Zeigter, a well-known veteran of the war and stone mason, whose home is immediately south of town, is critically ill.

Miss Lyde, daughter of Lawyer H. S. Endsley, of Johnstown, formerly of this place, is attending a private school in Connecticut.

Rev. H. N. Cameron, the new pastor of the Methodist Church, preached his initial sermon Sunday morning. In the evening he preached for his Berlin congregation.

Mrs. May Biesecker and daughter Elizabeth will leave to-morrow evening for Minneapolis, where they will remain for three or four months visiting with relatives.

The Pioneer Fire Company will go to Johnstown to-morrow morning for the purpose of participating in the State Firemen's Convention. They will take their hose reel with them.

Pheasants are said to be unusually numerous in this section this season, which opened on the first day of October. Several nice bunches of these delicate birds have been brought to town during the week.

Master Paul and Miss Emily Hostetler, on Saturday evening, gave a party for about forty-five of their young friends, who enjoyed themselves with refreshments and the usual happy, boisterous plays of childhood.

The many friends of ex-County Treasurer John H. Weimer, of this place, will be pained to learn that he last week suffered a stroke of paralysis, which affected his entire right side. His physician and friends entertain hopes for his ultimate recovery.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Pittsburg Synod of the Reformed Church will be held at Latrobe, beginning this evening. The President—Rev. D. H. Leader—of Salisbury, will preach the opening sermon. The delegates to the Synod will number over one hundred.

Mahlon Schrock's and Frease & Koeser's stores were entered by burglars last Tuesday night. Entrance in both cases was effected by removing panes of glass from windows in the rear of the store rooms. Nothing of much value was missed from either establishment. No arrests have been made.

Mr. Wm. Schall, of Norristown, Pa., who was a frequent visitor here in years past, arrived in town Monday morning and remained until Tuesday at the home of his aunt—Mrs. H. L. Baer. Tuesday morning he left for Johnstown to attend the annual convention of Pennsylvania Firemen.

It is currently reported that Landlord Zimmerman, of Ursina, was recently buncoed out of $50 by a sleek stranger, who represented himself as a civil engineer, about to locate a railroad between Ursina and Johnstown. Zimmerman cashed a check for him. The check was drawn on a Pittsburg bank and turned out to be worthless.

Rev. Hiram King and wife left Monday for a three week's vacation. They will first visit at the home of their son in Wilkinsburg and later at Leechburg and their native home in Armstrong county. Rev. King is rapidly recovering from his recent prolonged illness and his present vacation is taken for the purpose of recuperating his strength.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Carrie Lane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lane of Berlin, and Rev. Walter G. Barron, to take place at the Berlin M. E. church next Thursday at 11 a. m. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. A. Ballantine, presiding elder. At the Indiana M. E. Conference Mr. Barron was given the charge at Noblestown, Washington county.

A Washington dispatch announces that J. L. Saylor has been appointed postmaster at Friedens. We believe this appointment was made for an office recently created at the railroad station near that place. George Glotfelty has been appointed postmaster at Wittenberg, vice Herman Johnson, resigned. Mr. Johnson had served the people of that neighborhood as postmaster for a great many years.

Word was received here yesterday morning from Markleton to the effect that Dr. S. S. Good, of Meyersdale, who has been under treatment for several weeks at the Sanatorium at that place, was sinking rapidly. His brother Michael, and his sisters Mrs. Frederick Schmucker and Mrs. Barnhart, all of whom reside in Somerset township, were immediately notified. The nature of the Doctor's malady is not known here.

LATER:—Dr. Good died this, Tuesday, evening.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Constable Samuel Livingston, in Conemaugh township, at 4 o'clock Friday evening. The contracting parties were Mr. David Yoder and Miss Emma Livingston, eldest daughter of Mr. S. W. Livingston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. C. Salem, of Scalp Level. The bride received a number of useful presents. Both the bride and groom are active members of the Davidsville Lutheran Church, and have many friends.

Mr. Ralph L. Berkepile, of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly of near Stoyestown, and Miss Lillian, the accomplished daughter of ex-county Commissioner Joseph Horner, of near Somerset, were united in marriage at the Reformed parsonage, in this place, on Thursday, October 1st, Rev. Hiram King officiating. The happy young couple will spend a few days with friends in this county, when they will go to Buffalo, where they will make their future home.

At the congregational meeting in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday the action taken was most harmonious on all questions considered. It was found necessary to issue a new subscription for the support of the pastor, in order to meet the proportion required by Synod. Wm. H. Stahl and George H. Love were appointed a committee to obtain subscriptions. The congregation expressed itself unanimously in favor of the support of the pastor and the general work of the church and is deserving of the help of the community in this direction.

The wires of the Somerset County Telephone Company between Meyersdale and this place have been strung and the instruments will be placed in position in the course of a few days. Three wires are now up between the points named and this number will be increased to five or six in the near future. The Somerset County Telephone Company propose to branch out until they have established communication with all of the principal towns in the county, and it is altogether probable that they will extend their line to Johnstown, where connection will be made with the local telephone company of that city.

Between four and five hundred Somerset county people visited Cumberland last Wednesday for the purpose of hearing the "Boy Orator of the Platte." Rain fell at intervals throughout the day and a drenching shower prevailed all the time Candidate Bryan was speaking. The rain, however, did not deter a crowd of 2,000 people from listening to the Champion of Free Silver. When he had finished speaking a wild rush was made by the crowd to shake his hand, but only a limited number of those who desired to enjoy this privilege were permitted to do so. The Somerset county excursionists did not reach their homes until late in the night owing to a wash out near Hyndman, on th

## RELEASED BY DEATH.

### After Four Months of Terrible Agony David Berkey Dies From the Effects of Wounds Inflicted by Robbers.

### JAMES AND JOHN RODDY AND RICHARD JACKSON ACCUSED OF THE FIENDISH CRIME.

#### Strong Chain of Positive and Circumstantial Evidence Against Them.

John and James Roddy and Richard Jackson, who have been confined in the county jail since early in June awaiting trial on a charge of robbery, will be called upon at December term of court to answer to an indictment for murder, the aged victim, David Berkey, of Paint township, having died Saturday afternoon from the effects of the barbarous treatment he received at the hands of robbers, alleged to be the Roddy boys and "Dick" Jackson, at his home on the night of June 24.

District-Attorney Colborn claims that the case he will be able to make out against the three men charged with the crime is strong enough to secure their conviction, in which event it is altogether likely the Somerset county jail will be the scene of another double, and possibly triple, execution, (the Nicely brothers, Joseph and David, having been legally strangled to death behind the walls of that institution in April, 1891.)

The indictments against the defendants named above were continued by Judge Longenecker at last week's term of criminal court, on motion of the District-Attorney. The ground on which a continuance was asked for was the inability of the victim, David Berkey, to be present. District Attorney Colborn informed the Court that the prosecutor was in a very critical condition, but it is not likely that he was aware that death was so near at hand to the venerable victim of the robbers' fiendish assault. Saturday afternoon Mr. Colborn was notified by telephone that Mr. Berkey was dead.

The District Attorney will now draw a bill of indictment against the three prisoners charging them with homicide, in addition to the other charges on which they are held in custody, and on which true bills have been returned by the grand jury.

When Deputy-Sheriff Baker informed the prisoners Saturday evening that Mr. Berkey was dead James Roddy's face flushed crimson, but he refused to express himself further than to say: "We can't help it." John Roddy and Richard Jackson appeared quite indifferent when told of the death of the man they are accused of having robbed and tortured until his death resulted.

David Berkey was 67 years old at the time of his death. He was one of the most highly respected citizens in Paint township and was reputed to be worth a large sum of money, most of which it was said he kept concealed about his house.

While he and the other members of his family were in their beds on Wednesday morning, June 24, the old gentleman was aroused about 1 o'clock by some one in his chamber. The next moment a masked robber thrust a revolver into his face and demanded that he tell where his money was concealed. Mr. Berkey pointed to his vest, hanging on a post of the bed, in one of the pockets of which the robber found about $100 in paper money. By this time a second masked burglar appeared, when the old man was lifted from his bed and strapped fast in a rocking chair. His aged wife was secured to a bed post with ropes, her hands being tied above her head and her feet to the foot of the post. Then the robbers turned over the bed clothes and found a small amount of silver concealed in the bed tick. Not satisfied with the amount of money they had secured, the burglars tried to extort from him the hiding place of his supposed large amount of money by burning the soles of his feet with the flame of a candle. Mr. Berkey continued to insist that they had secured all of the money he had hidden in the house, but his protestations seemed to only incite the fiends to further devilment. They lighted pieces of paper and hold them between the old man's toes until his feet were literally roasted to the bone. A large hole was burned in the ball of his left foot, and the back part of the heel up to the ankle joint was roasted until the flesh cracked. When the victim cried out with pain one of the fiends struck him on the mouth knocking out several of his teeth, and choked him until his face turned black. As a last effort to compel their aged victim to reveal the supposed hiding place of his money, one of the foul fiends, with devilish delight, threw several cups of cold water in the face of the now completely exhausted man. Mrs. Berkey was an unwilling witness to the barbarities inflicted upon her husband, but when the mask fell from the face of one of the robbers the features of his countenance were so indelibly stamped upon her mind that she will carry the impression then made with her to the grave. When she was confronted by James Roddy, who had been arrested and charged with participation in the robbery, at her home, she instantly identified him as one of the robbers, and later, when the prisoners were given a habeas corpus hearing before Judges Biesecker and Horner, the venerable lady was altogether positive in her identification of him.

While the fiends were engaged in torturing their victim, Miss Lucy Berkey, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Berkey, hearing the confusion down stairs and realizing that burglars were in the house, attempted to escape by way of a second-story window in order to arouse the neighbors. By a misstep she fell to the ground, a distance of 20 feet, sustaining a broken ankle. With the bones of her leg protruding through the flesh and imbedded in the ground, she still possessed sufficient strength to drag herself into the garden, where she laid on the damp ground for three hours, when she was found and carried to the house by her aged mother. Miss Berkey died on the 13th day of June as a result of her injuries.

The robbers were frightened from the house by the screams of Miss Berkey when she fell, evidently thinking that help was coming. As the ground afterward indicated, horses were in waiting for them a short distance from the house. The same night two horses were stolen from the barn of Wm. J. Horner, a tenant on the Berkey farm. Mr. Horner tracked them from his barn to Berkey's the following morning and later in the day recovered them near Scalp Level, where they had been abandoned.

After the robbers had fled from the house Mr. Berkey managed to release himself from the rocking chair in which he had been tied and crawling across the floor to where his wife was secured, cut the cord that bound her to the bed post. Mrs. Berkey then rang the dinner bell in order to arouse the neighbors.

A physician was summoned to dress the wounds of Mr. Berkey and his daughter, and, notwithstanding every remedy known to medical science was resorted to in an effort to save their lives, Miss Berkey expired as stated above and her venerable father followed her to the grave on Saturday.

From the night of the robbery until the hour of his death Mr. Berkey suffered unspeakable agony from his burned feet, never being able to rest them upon the floor. Death was a welcome relief to him.

Suspicion was directed towards James and John Roddy and Richard Jackson the morning following the crime. It is alleged that all of the three prisoners named were seen in the neighborhood immediately preceding the robbery. At the habeas corpus hearing on August 12th, it was developed by the testimony of a number of witnesses that James and John Roddy and Richard Jackson were seen traveling in the direction of the Berkey farm house on the night before the commission of the crime.

The Roddy brothers and Richard Jackson, their brother-in-law, were arrested by Detective John T. Harris, of Johnstown, at their home in Morrellville, a suburb of Johnstown. All of the prisoners protested their innocence when arrested and were given a hearing before Esquire Scott Murphy, of Paint township, who committed them to jail.

Since their confinement in the county jail the prisoners have been well behaved and entirely indifferent to the consequences that will be visited upon them in case of their conviction.

The Roddy boys and Jackson are said to have been residents of Jenner township, this county, up until about a year prior to the commission of the crime of which they now stand accused, when they went to Johnstown.

Mr. Berkey made an ante mortem statement, the contents of which the District Attorney refuses to make public, but which is believed to contain very damaging evidence against the accused. It is also said that the prosecution is in possession of much stronger evidence against the prisoners than was developed either at the hearing before Justice Murphy, or at the habeas corpus hearing. The theory of the commonwealth is that only two of the burglars entered the Berkey farm house on the night of the robbery, one of them standing guard on the outside and watching the horses on which they made their escape.

FUNERAL OF THE VICTIM.

The venerable victim of the robbers assault was buried from his late residence at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Fully 500 people attended the funeral. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Hiram Musselman in the German Baptist Church, five miles distant from the Berkey homestead, and interment was made in the churchyard at that place. The deceased is survived by his wife and ten children, all but one of whom are married.

#### Recent Deaths.

In last week's HERALD an item appeared in regard to a surgical operation that had been performed upon the body of Marshall Andrews, of Ursina, when by the aid of an X ray the surgeons of Mercy Hospital had located and removed an ounce of rebel lead that had been imbedded in that veterans' left hip in one of the first battles of the war. The operation was successfully performed and the patient gave every evidence of rapid recovery.

This week it is the HERALD's sad duty to chronicle the death of Mr. Andrews, he having expired in the hospital Sunday afternoon. The body was shipped to Ursina and will be interred from the late residence of the deceased at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Andrews leaves a wife and three or four children, one of whom is married to a prominent Scottdale merchant.

The announcement of Mr. Andrews' death was a severe shock to his host of friends in Ursina and elsewhere, all of whom held him in the highest esteem. He was an excellent citizen and a loyal and uncompromising Republican.

James O'Connor, Esq., of Jenner township, died at 8 o'clock Monday morning from the effect of injuries sustained the preceding night when he tripped and fell down a flight of stairs in his residence at Forwardstown. Nearly all the members of his family were at his bedside when he died.

Mr. O'Connor was born in Jenner township on Nov. 5, 1820, and resided in that district until 1850, when he went to Colorado. The western climate not agreeing with him he returned to Somerset county and soon thereafter was married to Miss Elizabeth Croyle, of Conemaugh township, the newly married couple locating in Somerset. Here Mr. O'Connor read law in the office of Hon. Ewd. Scull and was admitted to the practice. Soon after his admission to the bar he became interested in real estate in Jenner township and removed to Forwardstown, where he had lived ever since.

The deceased formed a law partnership with the late Samuel Gaither and later with Gen. A. H. Coffroth, and finally discontinued the practice altogether, devoting his time and attention to dealing in real estate and live stock. He is survived by the following named children, viz: John, a merchant at Conner, Pa.; James B. and Francis J., practicing attorneys at Johnstown; Peter J., principal of a Pittsburg school and Phillip O., of Hartford, Conn.

James O. Connor was a good citizen and possessed marked ability. He enjoyed the respect and esteem of all his neighbors and his unfortunate death will be sincerely mourned by his large circle of friends throughout the county.

Edward McGovern, aged 37 years, died at the Somerset House, Thursday afternoon, from Bright's disease of the kidneys. He will be remembered by many of our readers as one of the contractors on the South Pennsylvania railroad. He spent about eighteen months here during the partial completion of that enterprise, his work being four miles east of town. Deceased had been in ill health for some time and came here from his home in Lancaster, Pa., Monday evening, his physician having recommended a change of climate. That evening he called on several of his Somerset friends but the next morning was unable to leave his bed. Drs. Louther and Carothers were summoned only to find that death was inevitable. His father was telegraphed for and arrived here a few hours before the untimely death of his son.

Mr. McGovern made the acquaintance of many of our people during his residence in Somerset. He was a modest, retiring gentleman and won a host of friends. His remains were taken to Lancaster for interment.

Miss Susan Hiles, a bright young lady whose parents live about two miles from Chilopyle, was drowned in the Youghiogheny river at that place ten days ago. In crossing the river on a foot bridge she became dizzy and fell into the water.

An old lady named Polly Koontz, who has resided in this place for several years, died Wednesday morning. She is survived by a daughter who lived with her.

#### Opening!

Ladies, you are all cordially invited to visit the opening of Trimmed Hats at Mrs. K. B. Coffroth's, Saturday, Oct. 10th.

#### A Paper Town.

EDITOR HERALD:—

Having had occasion recently to examine one of the ancient deed records of this county, the writer's attention was attracted to a plat therein recorded; and on further examination it was found to be the "plan of the town of Jacksonville, situated on the turnpike road about two and one-half miles eastward of the town of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and founded at the instance of Jacob Wagner, July, 1829, Douglas Baker, surveyor."

Seventy-five lots with a number of outlots are marked on the plan.

The turnpike seems to have been Main street with a full sized Diamond, and other streets were North street, South street, Market and Locust streets, and it looked to be quite a town on paper. But it must have been one of the towns that die "a bornin'," for no town is now in existence in that vicinity.

Inquiry from one of our oldest citizens brought out the information that many years ago there was a tavern stand on the pike where Commissioner Shober's farm now is, and that the locality was sometimes called Jacksonville, and that there were a couple of other houses there which have long since disappeared. The attempt to sell the lots proved a failure and they have long since been thrown back into the farm.

Somerset, Pa., Oct. 5, '96. W. H. W.

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## The Congressional Conference

### ENDS AS IT BEGAN, IN A FARCE.

#### Hicks and Kooser Both Claim to be the Nominee of the Party.—Hicks and Thropp File Nomination Papers.

The question as to whether the Republicans of this, the Twentieth Congressional District, shall have the name of a regularly nominated candidate on their ticket to be voted at the November election will be decided by Judge McPherson, of the Dauphin County Court, Thursday. Tuesday of last week was the last day on which certificates of nomination could be legally filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Shortly before midnight of that day Josiah D. Hicks, of Altoona, and F. J. Kooser, of Somerset, each filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth a certificate setting forth that he had been regularly nominated as the Republican candidate for Congress from this district. Mr. Hicks promptly filed objections to Mr. Kooser's certificate, and Mr. Kooser, with an equal degree of promptness, filed objections to Mr. Hicks' certificate. The Dauphin County Court fixed Thursday of this week as the time for hearing the objections in both cases.

Tuesday of this week was the last day on which nomination papers could be legally filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

While claiming to be the legal nominee and confident that the Court will so decide, but, in order to make assurance doubly sure, Mr. Hicks quietly "dropped an anchor to windward," and Tuesday morning filed nomination papers. Mr. Thropp also filed nomination papers Tuesday. Should the Court decide either Mr. Hicks or Mr. Kooser to be legally nominated the nomination papers of both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Thropp will be withdrawn. Should the Court decide that neither Mr. Hicks nor Mr. Kooser was regularly nominated, the names of both Mr. Hicks and Mr. Thropp will be placed on the ticket under the head of "By Nomination Papers," unless one of the two should withdraw their nomination papers prior to the date fixed by law for the Secretary of the Commonwealth to certify names of candidates to the Sheriff and County Commissioners, in order that the latter may have the tickets printed.

This, in brief, is the beautifully mixed situation as it exists to-day. Who is responsible for it and what brought it about?

The conference opened in a farce at Bedford some six weeks ago, when Mr. Kooser appeared with three conferees from Somerset, Mr. Evans with the same number from Cambria, Mr. Thropp with the same number from Bedford and Mr. Hicks with the same number from Blair and three additional ones from Bedford, claiming that he was the duly nominated candidate of the latter county. From Bedford an adjournment was had to Tyrone, at which place a number of days were fruitlessly spent in trying to organize the conference. Evans and Thropp were willing to organize providing the Thropp conferees were admitted to the conference. Kooser and Hicks would only agree to an organization which would admit the Hicks conferees from Bedford county.

From Tyrone the Evans-Thropp conferees adjourned to Altoona, where they went into conference. The Hicks-Kooser conferees—three for Hicks from Bedford and Blair each—organized at Tyrone, where they evolved that wonderful rule in mathematics that in a conference of nine conferees it takes seven to make a majority. Kooser's three conferees voted for Kooser; Hicks' six voted for Hicks, for days; strange to relate no nomination was made.

At length, growing weary of this sort of diverting amusement, the four candidates mutually agreed to submit to State Chairman Elkin's decision the question as to who was rightfully entitled to the conferees from Bedford county. Argument was made before the State Chairman at Huntingdon, who, with a keenness of vision and fairness of mind that would have put Solomon of old to the blush, gravely decided that the six Bedford county conferees should be admitted to the deliberations of the conference with one half a vote each—1½ votes for Hicks and 1½ votes for Thropp.

The conference thus composed of fifteen members, six of whom had but one-half a vote each, met in Johnstown on Sept. 21st, and held three or more sessions daily up until and including Tuesday of last week, the last day on which a certificate of nomination could be legally filed. The last train that could be taken at Johnstown in order to reach Harrisburg before midnight leaves that station at 4:11 p. m. Shortly after the Tuesday afternoon session of the conference was called to order, Mr. Haderman, one of the Hicks conferees from Bedford county, introduced a resolution to the effect that either State Treasurer Haywood or Auditor General Mylin be added to the conference as a conferee, with authority to cast four votes, one for each county, and that the conference adjourn to meet at Harrisburg at 11 o'clock p. m. Chairman Knepper ruled the resolution or motion out of order. An appeal was taken from his decision. He declined to put the motion on the appeal. On the refusal of the chairman to put the motion, Mr. Earl Ogle, one of Mr. Evans' conferees and one of the Secretaries of the conference put it; the roll was called and the appeal was sustained by a majority of the conference, the Hicks and Evans conferees voting in the affirmative. The resolution was then adopted and the Hicks and Evans conferees started for the train, it being but a few minutes till it was due. The Kooser and Thropp conferees remained in the room and took one ballot, resulting, Kooser 7½ votes, Thropp 1½ votes. Chairman Knepper declared Kooser nominated and gave him a certificate to that effect, which he filed with the State Department before twelve o'clock that night. The Hicks and Evans conferees, with 7½ votes, proceeded to Harrisburg, where, as per their resolution, they went into conference with State Treasurer Haywood as a conferee. The first ballot resulted in the nomination of Hicks, he receiving 7½ votes. The Evans conferees voted to make the nomination unanimous.

Just what the ultimate outcome of this most farcical of all farcical political conferences, in which all arithmetical and parliamentary rules were set at defiance, no one can at present tell. The probabilities are that Mr. Hicks will be declared the legal nominee and that his name will be placed regularly upon the Republican ticket, but this is not at all certain and the Court may decide that no legal nomination has been made, in which event there will be two candidates by nomination papers—Hicks and Thropp. Of course it is possible, but not probable, that Kooser will be declared the legal nominee, he at no time having received a majority of the votes of the conference and on the ballot on which he was declared nominated he received only the votes of his own three conferees.

ECHOES FROM THE CONFERENCE.

The Johnstown Tribune of Tuesday last says:

The Republican Congressional Conference convened in the Capital Hotel at 8 o'clock last evening for what was thought to be a short, decisive session, but it proved an all night struggle, the conferees not adjourning until 4 o'clock this morning, and then without making a nomination.

The session was broken by several short recesses, during which all sorts of scheming was resorted to by the candidates and their friends, but all the wirepulling was barren of results, so far as a nomination was concerned.

General Koontz, Captain Harrison and Judge Horner came down from Somerset last evening as rooters for Kooser. Thropp, Hicks and Evans were also surrounded with friends nearly all night, with Thropp's room, apparently, the centre of interest.

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We violate no confidence in stating that the rooting done by the Somerset rooters was not advantageous to the Congressional Candidate for whom they were ostensibly rooting. The first noticable result of their rooting was to increase Candidate Hicks' vote by one on the first ballot taken after the arrival of the rooters on the scene of action.

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It's a nice kettle of fish to have the party put in such a position by a lot of people who have disgraced themselves and their constituents by moonshine politics.

The sooner the present system of nominating Congressional candidates is abandoned and the nomination left to a direct vote of the members of the party, the better.—Johnstown Tribune.

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In view of the remarkable fiasco in the last judicial conference and the grotesque proceedings in the recent Congressional conference, isn't it about time that some other means than the conference system be devised for nominating candidates for district offices.

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Says the Altoona Tribune:—"Three terms is not too much for an active, energetic, industrious congressman, such as Mr. Hicks has been. His predecessors, for some years past, were awarded a similar honor, and there is no earthly reason why he should have been treated differently. Neither Somerset nor Cambria should have thought of contesting for the nomination. As for the Bedford man, if he wisely turns in and gives the nominee a loyal and earnest support he will certainly improve his chances two years hence. As for Mr. Kooser, he will probably come to the conclusion to remain in the Republican party and to support its regularly nominated candidates.

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Editor W. B. Hicks, of the Altoona Sunday News, son of Congressman J. D. Hicks, was in town for several hours Monday morning. His visit to Somerset was for the purpose of serving notice on Francis J. Kooser, Esq., that his claim to be the regularly nominated Republican candidate for Congress in this district would be contested in the courts of Dauphin county on Thursday. Mr. Kooser was not at home and Mr. Hicks was unable to learn his whereabouts until he received a dispatch from his father notifying him that the object of his search was in Altoona. A notice of the time fixed for the hearing was left at Mr. Kooser's residence.

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According to Altoona exchanges one thousand or more of Congressman Hicks' enthusiastic admirers met him at the station on his arrival home from Harrisburg, and, with a brass band at their head, escorted him to the Republican league headquarters where they tendered him a reception. Congratulatory speeches were made by prominent local leaders to which Mr. Hicks responded. Among other things he said:

"This has been a bitter and somewhat acrimonious fight, but I say it in sight of the future that I have fought and won an honest fight. I would not dare to appear before you with a dollar mark on my forehead. I would not disgrace my wife and my children by accepting a bribe. What I did in the fight which is now over, I did for my country and my city."

#### Elegant Line of Fall Millinery.

Mrs. L. Cohen, of Johnstown, will be at the Somerset House on Wednesday and Thursday, October 14th and 15th, with an elegant line of Fall and Winter Hats and Bonnets. All of the latest creations. The ladies of Somerset and vicinity are respectfully invited to call and make a personal inspection of the goods.

MRS. L. COHEN.

For Itching Piles, irritation of the genitals, or itching in any part of the body, Doan's Ointment is worth it weight in gold. No matter how long-standing the trouble, Doan's Ointment will not fail to give instant relief.

#### Criminal Court Proceedings.

At last week's session of criminal court Robert Harding, who was convicted of aggravated assault and battery on information of George Hemminger, was sentenced to a term of one year and six months in the penitentiary. Deputy Baker took the prisoner to the "pen" Monday morning.

A plea of guilty was entered in the case of the Commonwealth vs. Jacob Horner, charged with assault and battery on information of A. Miller. A fine of $15 and costs of prosecution was imposed upon the defendant.

Noah Keyser was convicted of stealing chickens from the coop of C. M. Ankeny, of Jenner township. A motion for a new trial was filed.

Lulu Staub, of Elk Lick township, who was accused of assaulting a neighbor, Mrs. Joseph Logue, promised the Court that she would conduct herself properly in the future and was released.

Tobias Grove, accused of larceny on information of Benjamin Frazer, was acquitted of the charge.

Francis P. Shirer was found guilty of assault and battery on information of Jasper Augustine, when the usual sentence was imposed. The other suits growing out of the row between these two gentlemen were disposed of by placing the costs on the prosecutor in each case.

Phœbe Ann Wilgront, charged with assault and battery, was found guilty. In the other case against the same defendant alleging adultery, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

Mahlon Christner, charged with larceny, was found not guilty to but pay the costs.

Charles C. Streng, charged with assault and battery on information of Norman Stahl, was found not guilty but to pay the costs.

All of the other cases on the calendar were either settled or continued. Court adjourned Friday afternoon.

#### Newest Styles in Dress Goods.

Ladies, you will agree with those who have already seen my DRESS GOODS stock, that it is the largest and handsomest ever seen in Somerset. Here you will find the New Styles of this season. Every lady wishes to see the most fashionable dress goods before making a selection. Dozens of new novelty styles. Trimmings to suit.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

## REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.

## GRAND REPUBLICAN RALLY.

At a late hour this, Tuesday, evening County Chairman Berkley received a wire from State Chairman Elkin, stating that Senator Boies Penrose and other able speakers would address a meeting at Somerset on

**Wednesday, October 28, 1896, At 7 o'clock P. M.**

Let every friend of protection, an honest dollar and the preservation of the country's honor, in Somerset county prepare to assist in making this one of the greatest political meetings ever held in the county.

Meetings will be held at the following time and places, when the important issues involved in the great political battle now being waged will be presented and discussed by able speakers:

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| Tuesday, | Oct. 20, | 7 p.m. | Meyersdale. |
| Wednesday, | " 21, | 7 " | Davidsville. |
| Thursday, | " 22, | 1 " | Scalp Level. |
| " | " 22, | 7 " | Hillsboro. |
| Friday, | " 23, | 7 " | Lambertsville. |
| Saturday, | " 24, | 1 " | Bakersville. |
| " | " 24, | 7 " | Elto. |
| Monday | " 26, | 1 " | Kingwood. |
| " | " 26, | 7 " | New Centreville. |
| Tuesday, | " 27, | 7 " | Salisbury. |
| " | " 27, | 1 " | Deals. |
| Wednesday, | " 28, | 7 " | Somerset. |
| Thursday, | " 29, | 7 " | Confluence. |
| " | " 29, | 7 " | Rockwood. |
| Friday, | " 30, | 1 " | Shanksville. |
| " | " 30, | 7 " | Berlin. |
| Saturday, | " 31, | 1 " | Jenners. |
| " | " 31, | 7 " | Stoystown. |

Other meetings will be announced in due time.

GEO. R. SCULL, Secretary. H. M. BERKLEY, Chairman.

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Get Rid of It!

It is a sign that you have Kidney Disease; Kidney Disease, if not checked, leads to Bright's Disease,

and Bright's Disease Kills!

Because the Kidneys break down and pass away with the urine.

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Warner's Safe Cure

Large bottle or new style smaller one at your druggist's.

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We have just received our new stock of Fall and Winter Goods.

In Novelty Dress Goods we can show you a nice assortment.

In Figured Black, Fancy, and Drapery Silks.

All-Wool Cloths, Pure Wool Serges and Henriettas in all colors. Also a nice line of Plaid Dress Goods at prices that can't be beat.

In Ribbons, Hamburgs, Laces, Black and Colored Velvets, Lace Curtains, and a variety of notions.

In all-wool Flannels, Canton Flannels, Outing Flannels, Naped Shirtings. All-wool Blankets in White, Red and Colored. A big stock of Cotton Blankets, Comforts, Brussels, Velvet and Ingrain Carpets, Rugs, Druggets, Portiers, Oil Cloths, etc. We have a large stock on hand.

For new styles in Ladies' Plush and Cloth Capes, Ladies,' Misses' and Children's Jackets, call and examine our stock before buying elsewhere.

Our aim is—the best goods for the least money.

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Administrator's Sale

—OF—

## Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order granted the undersigned as administrator by the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., I will offer for sale on the premises of Jonathan Boyts, dec'd., in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., within six miles of Somerset and one mile north of Friedens, the following described property, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land situate in Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., adjoining lands of Michael