The Somerset Herald.

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Lincoln Club in the Campaign.

The campaign just closed has demonstrated among other things that the Lincoln Club, of Somerset, is a political organization of considerable importance and untiring activity.

The last vote polled in Somerset borough and the last vote polled in Somerset township were secured for the entire Republican ticket through the personal exertion of a member of the Club, who had been actively at work for the entire ticket from the time the polls opened until they closed. A majority of the members of the Club took a stand for Congressman Dicks and it was mainly through their exertions that he received the handsome majority that he did in the two precincts mentioned.

In order to appreciate the work done by the Lincoln Club it should be understood that the leading would-be Republican politicians of Somerset borough traversed the town and county from one end to the other, after they had been supplied with campaign literature and other persuasive arguments, loudly proclaiming that the party could only be saved to the Republican party by uniting the vote on the Bedford county candidate. One such, on the eve of the election confidently expressed the opinion before a crowd assembled in one of the leading stores that he had received a half-hundred discharges that day from unprejudiced objectors in all of the counties composing the 20th Congressional district, which fully satisfied him that Mr. Thropp was much stronger than Hicks." Others related the same unreliable story in various election districts throughout the county.

The conduct of these gentlemen during the week preceding the day of election was in marked contrast with their conduct during the week immediately preceding the late Republican primary election, when they asserted publicly and privately that they were in possession of positive information that the Bedford county candidate was in Somerset county were endeavoring to corrupt and debauch the honest Republican voters of the county, places them in their proper light before the people. They said what was untrue then and they said what was untrue seven months later.

The members of the Lincoln Club, always true to the best interests of the Republican party, regardless of faction or individuals, realized that the district could only be saved to the Republican party in one way and that was by accepting the suggestions of the Congressional and State Committees, and they cheerfully helped to do it.

The record of the Club during 1896 has been indeed a proud one. The Club first had the privilege of congratulating Major McKinley upon his nomination for the Presidency and afterwards of ratifying it at a meeting called for that purpose. After the Club organized an excursion to visit the standard bearer of the party at his home and was the means of taking to Canton one-third of the Republican voters of the county, and one of the largest delegations that personally paid their respects to Major McKinley during the recent visits campaign just closed.

When it became known last Tuesday that Major McKinley had been triumphantly elected President of the United States the Lincoln Club, through its officers, wired their hearty congratulations, among the first received at Canton.

But the Lincoln Club has not finished its work for 1896. Before the close of the year it hopes to be able to announce to the Republican voters of the county that it has arranged for a special train for the use of and from the National Capital on the occasion of President McKinley's inauguration.

Meaning of the Majority.

From the New York Tribune.

In a note published by Senator Carter, who suggests that those who have the direction of affairs will find it wise to do something about silver, in view of the large vote cast for Mr. Bryan. It would be wise for Senator Carter to remember that the vote for McKinley was more than a million larger than the vote for Bryan, that his plurality is the largest ever given, unless, perhaps, in the far-off days before there were political parties in the modern sense, and that Mr. McKinley has a clear majority of the popular vote, and, for the first time in many years, a very large majority. If he does not understand the meaning of this result, he is not surely be unqualified in a remarkable degree for any position of responsibility in political affairs.

Men who know much about politics, like Mr. Carter may well observe, never push their leads against the solid stone wall of enormous adverse popular majorities. They have sense enough to understand that, although such majorities may at times be overcome, through the peculiar methods of electing Presidents and members of the Senate in this country, yet in the long run they are certain to have an irresistible influence. That influence is exerted not merely through the press, not merely through the fear of any active and prominent politician that he will set against himself a body of people far too powerful to be resisted, but it is largely due to the fact that the majority, if for a time thwarted in its desires, has a strange faculty of changing the opinions of multitudes who are opposed to it. It is tolerably safe to say that more than three-quarters of the votes actually cast for Mr. Bryan at the recent election were cast for him solely because he had come to be the regular Democratic candidate, and without any regard whatever to the opinions of the voters concerning the questions of silver coinage. The great majority of the voters who supported Mr. Bryan has been in large measure converted already from the erroneous opinions he has advocated, by the discovery that the support of such opinions has brought to their party the most tremendous defeat of modern times. The fact alone suffices to induce great bodies of voters to reconsider the opinions which the desire for party regularity had induced them to accept. Probably it is not too much to say that, if another election could be taken this week, considerably more than half the Democratic voters of the country would cast their ballots against Mr. Bryan and all that he represents, with much indignant feeling that the party which they have for so many years held dear has been utterly wrecked and brought to dishonor by his performances.

Nor is it in the least probable that any great political party will ever again undertake to set itself deliberately against the overwhelming majority of the people of States having nearly half the electoral votes. If there were the slightest possibility of overcoming the enormous majorities in States like New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Illinois and the vast between the Atlantic and the Mississippi River, there might be, in the minds of politicians more daring than we, some notion of appealing to Western and Southern prejudices and interests. But this last campaign has illustrated in a striking manner the exceeding weakness of a party which starts with a practical certainty of failure in States having not only almost half the electoral votes, but much more than half the popular vote. Mr. Bryan's cause was from the first doomed to disaster by the fact that in no large commercial State, in no State having extended influence outside its own borders, could he hope to command even a respectable support. Although the men in the silver region do not yet comprehend it, the silver cause has been put nearer its end once for all by the vote of last Tuesday than it ever was before.

An increase of pension has been granted Ephriam Walker, of Stonycreek township.

Subscription accounts to this paper may be paid in gold, or silver, or paper, or any old thing so it is money.

Rockwood Republicans will hold a big meeting on Friday evening to celebrate the election of McKinley and Hobart.

James McMillen, Resident Director of the Cambria Iron Company died at his home in Johnstown, Tuesday, after a long illness, aged 74 years.

Hon. Sam. Mier, of Salisbury, who was here yesterday, informed us that the Republicans of Salisbury and vicinity will hold a jollification on Saturday evening.

Rev. Hiram King will conduct religious services in the Somerset Reformed Church at 10 A. M. next Sabbath morning, and in the Lavansville Church at 2 P. M.

It is probable that a large crowd of Somerset Republicans will go to Berlin on Friday evening for the purpose of joining in the jubilation over the great Republican victory.

Callie W., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hoover, of Somerset township, died on October 14th., aged 8 years and 9 months. His death was a terrible bereavement to his parents.

The Republicans of Meyersdale will celebrate the victory of McKinley and Hobart on Friday night. A big time is in store for all the Republicans of that section of the country who attend.

Judge Longenecker arrived in town yesterday morning. He came here at this time for the purpose of holding the regular session of adjourned court. Several important cases are on the argument list.

Friday night the Republican voters of Berlin, Brothersvalley, Stonycreek and Allegheny will jubilate over the unprecidented Republican victory. Berliners have been making preparations for the celebration for a week past.

The excitement created on the streets of this place last Thursday afternoon by a report that the election of McKinley was in doubt, only extended to members of the Democratic party, and was only believed by a few of them.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Berkley, N. J.; Carver Abram; Dreyler, Amos; Fisher, Millie; Florican Anthony; Glessner Sadie; Krissinger Floss; Pifer Jno.; Trostle Catherine.

Mrs. Sarah St. Clair died on October 28, 1896, at the home of her daughter—Mrs. Frederick Ulery—in Ligonier, Pa., aged 67 years and 29 days. Interment was made in the Beam's Church Cemetery, religious services being conducted by Rev. J. N. McCoy.

The Union Provision Company are unable to fill all of the orders filed with them for cured meats and other household necessities. The Company are considering the advisability of adding an ice manufacturing plant. Last summer they suffered considerable loss because of lack of ice.

The real estate of Samuel Berkey, late of Lincoln township, Somerset county, Pa., deceased, will be offered at public sale on the premises near Edie, Pa., on Thursday, November 12, 1896, at 1:30 P. M. by the executors, J. Harry Fritz, and Levi Berkey. For terms etc., see advertisement on the 3d. page of this paper.

Mr. Parker Y. Kimmel, of the Pennsylvania Company's passenger department, Pittsburg, arrived in town Saturday evening and will spend ten days visiting at the home of his father, J. O. Kimmel, Esq. P. Y. is a famous hunter and a crack shot and will endeavor to depopulate the woods round about Somerset of all kinds of game before returning to the city.

The story published in last week's Pittsburg papers to the effect that General Passenger Agent Charles O. Scull, of the Baltimore & Ohio, was to be superseded by Mr. C. W. Rinearson, of the Q. & C. about January 1st, was promptly and emphatically denied by Receiver Murray, of the first named company, who added that such a step had n ver been contemplated.

The Farmers' Institute held in the Court House last Wednesday and Thursday attracted a large crowd of representative farmers, farmers' wives, daughters and sons. The session was equally as interesting as any of its predecessors, but unfortunately came so close upon the heels of the most exciting Presidential election the country has ever experienced that local newspapers were unable to report it.

A report reached here yesterday of a disgraceful row which took place on the morning following the election at Fair Hope. It appears that a young man named William Baker was cheering for McKinley when he was assaulted and knocked down by a young man named Emerick. In the rough and tumble fight which followed Emerick was getting the worst of it when he seized Baker's right hand between his teeth and chewed off one of his fingers. It is more than probable that Baker will prosecute Emerick, since the assault is alleged to have been unprovoked.

Two of the most popular young people of Somerset township were united in marriage on Sunday, November 1st. The groom was Mr. Albert J. Horner, son of ex-commissioner Joseph Horner, and the bride was Miss Cora M. Shaulis, the accomplished daughter of Mr. Alexander Shaulis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. F. Gebhart, of the Lavansville Lutheran Church. Mr. Horner is principal of the Lavansville public schools and is one of the best liked teachers in the county. The Herald unites with the many friends of the happy young couple in extending congratulations.

Joseph Daniels, of Jennertown attended the election at Jenners on Tuesday, says the Johnstown Tribune, and about 8 o'clock started to drive home in a buckboard. His horse didn't go fast enough to suit him, and Mr. Daniels struck him with the whip, causing the animal to spring forward and precipitating the driver out over the back of the vehicle. His face was badly skinned up and his body badly bruised in several places. Considerably stunned by the fall, he lay there for some time, until Mr. Abram Beam, also of Jennertown, came along in a cart and drove over him, seriously injuring his back. Mr. Beam picked him up and took him home, and to-day the injured man was able to come to Johnstown, considerably patched up, but on the way to recovery.

The owners of the Meyersdale Electric Light Company have submitted through the colums of the Commercial a statement of the actual cost per year of illuminating the streets of that place, as follows: Salary of lineman, at $1.25 per day, $456.25; Fuel for extra boiler, $600; Carbons, $130; Oil and repairs, $100; interest on investment, $240; Total, $1425.25.

The Company offer to sell to the borough the street arc dynamo, engine with all appliances, 22 street lamps and street arc wires, and the use of the company's poles for $4,000. And in addition agree to furnish power to operate the plant for $1.50 per night. It will be seen that the price asked for furnishing power is only a trifle in advance of the price given for fuel. The town authities have not yet acted upon the Company's proposition, which seems to be a fair one.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Of the General Election Held in Somerset County, Nov. 3, 1896.

DISTRICTS.	President.			Congress at Large			Congress.			Assembly.				Asso. Judge		Sheriff		Prothonotary		Reg. & Rec.		Treasurer.		County Com.		Poor Dir.		Auditors.		
	McKinley & Hobart R.	Bryan & Sewall, D.	Levering & Johnson, Pro.	Galusha A. Grow, R.	S. A. Davenport, R.	DeWitt C. DeWitt, D.	Jerome T. Allman, D.	J. D. Hicks, R.	J. E. Thropp, R.	R. C. deNamara, D.	William H. Sanner, R.	William H. Miller, R.	Jacob Hoffman, D.	James Tipton, D.	George J. Black, R.	Harrison Snyder, D.	Henry H. Bartzell, R.	W. J. B. Bartzell, D.	Henry F. Barron, R.	C. K. H. Cramer, D.	James M. Cover, R.	Orange W. Williamson, D.	William Wimers, R.	Noah Lint, D.	George F. Kimmel, R.	Gabriel Good, R.	Lewis A. Kretchman, D.	Jacob W. Peck, R.	Solomon Emerick, D.	Jeremiah J. Bowman, R.	Benjamin J. Bowman, R.	Silas Lichty, D.
Addison	117	175	2	114	114	171	171	9	101	171	121	121	169	169	129	170	119	170	118	169	121	168	119	168	120	221	168	121	168	126	116	168
Allegheny	85	123		84	84	120	120	65	13	119	84	84	120	116	83	120	84	120	84	120	84	120	84	119	84	84	119	84	84	119
Benson Borough	39	8		39	39	2	2	23	16	3	39	26	3	3	39	3	39	3	39	3	38	3	39	3	39	39	3	39	39	3	39	3
Berlin Borough	63	126	28	64	64	127	127	45	22	126	63	63	126	126	63	126	63	126	63	126	63	126	63	126	63	126	22	63	63	126	63	126
Black	130	22	2	130	130	22	22	89	20	23	129	129	23	23	126	22	126	22	126	22	126	22	126	22	126	22	22	126	22	126	22	22
Brothersvalley	274	91	2	273	273	93	93	156	98	91	274	274	93	93	274	91	274	91	272	91	274	91	274	91	274	274	91	274	274	91	274	91
Casselman Borough	27	2		27	27	2	2	23	3	2	27	27	2	2	27	2	27	2	27	2	27	2	27	2	27	27	2	27	27	2	27	2
Conemaugh	294	1	1	294	294	1	1	290	42	1	291	291	1	1	291	1	291	1	291	1	291	1	291	1	291	291	1	291	291	1	291	1
Confluence Borough	121	40	2	119	118	42	42	94	17	42	120	120	42	42	120	42	121	41	120	42	120	42	120	42	120	120	42	120	120	42	120	42
Elklick No. 2	250	138		247	246	144	144	224	8	140	249	249	137	137	249	137	252	136	250	137	249	137	249	137	249	248	137	249	249	137	249	137
Fairhope	52	37		52	52	37	37	38	11	36	52	52	36	36	52	36	52	36	52	36	52	36	52	36	52	52	36	52	52	36	52	36
Greenville	105	31	1	105	105	31	31	98	7	31	105	105	31	31	105	31	106	30	106	30	105	31	105	31	105	105	31	105	105	31	105	31
Jefferson	135	58	1	129	129	57	57	139	6	58	134	134	57	57	134	56	134	56	134	56	134	56	134	56	134	133	57	134	134	56	134	56
Jennertown Borough	18	5	4	18	18	5	5	17	1	5	18	18	5	5	18	5	18	5	18	5	20	4	18	5	18	18	5	18	18	5	18	5
Jenner	286	58	5	294	294	60	60	258	14	58	299	298	59	59	300	58	300	58	300	58	303	58	300	301	59	301	58	301	301	59	301	58
Larimer	78	68	2	77	77	68	68	78		68	77	77	68	68	77	68	77	68	77	68	77	68	77	68	77	77	68	77	77	68	77	68
Lincoln	167	38	1	159	158	37	38	95	47	36	163	164	40	37	166	37	166	36	169	36	165	38	165	38	167	166	37	167	167	37	166	37
Lower Turkeyfoot	118	46		114	114	46	46	101	3	47	118	118	46	46	118	46	118	46	118	46	118	46	118	46	117	117	47	118	118	46	118	46
Meyersdale Borough	314	144	23	311	310	144	145	226	74	149	311	311	146	146	313	145	312	145	312	145	310	147	310	311	147	313	145	311	311	146	313	146
Middlecreek	128	27		128	128	28	28	118	4	28	129	129	27	27	129	27	130	26	130	26	129	27	129	27	127	129	27	130	130	26	130	26
Milford	142	44	1	135	135	42	42	110	22	46	140	141	41	41	140	41	142	41	143	41	144	41	141	43	142	142	41	144	143	42	142	41
New Baltimore Borough	8	44		5	5	45	45			46	6	6	47	47	5	47	6	46	5	47	6	46	6	46	5	6	46	5	5	46	5	47
New Centreville Borough	50	6		50	50	6	6	39	2	6	21	21	6	6	21	6	21	6	21	6	21	6	20	21	6	20	6	21	20	7	21	7
Northampton	90	66		90	90	66	66	89		66	88	88	66	66	88	66	87	66	87	66	87	66	87	66	87	87	66	87	87	66	87	66
Ogle	30	3		30	30	3	3	30		3	30	30	3	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	3	30	30	3	30	30	3	30	3
Paint	235	11		234	234	11	11	207	30	10	234	234	11	11	233	10	234	11	233	10	234	10	234	10	234	234	10	234	234	10	234	10
Quemahoning No. 1	184	53	6	181	175	55	57	164	9	55	176	176	57	57	183	54	181	54	181	55	182	55	183	55	185	181	55	183	182	55	183	55
Quemahoning No. 2	45	9	1	45	45	9	9	44	1	9	45	45	9	9	45	9	45	9	45	9	45	9	45	9	45	45	9	45	45	9	45	9
Rockwood Forough	120	52	2	120	120	52	52	101	18	53	121	121	54	54	121	54	121	54	121	54	121	54	121	54	121	121	54	121	121	54	121	54
Salisbury Borough	210	55	2	210	210	54	54	197	10	53	212	212	54	54	212	56	211	56	212	56	212	56	212	56	212	212	56	212	212	57	212	57
Shade	21	14		18	18	14	15			15	21	21	14	14	20	14	21	14	21	14	21	14	21	14	21	21	14	21	21	14	21	14
Somerfield Borough	305	88	8	289	289	85	85	156	118	93	307	307	87	84	310	82	315	80	310	86	310	84	310	84	312	309	85	307	307	86	307	86
Somerset	455	110	8	454	451	105	105	242	121	110	457	458	105	101	460	102	446	108	449	96	439	102	439	101	441	440	100	445	440	101	440	101
Southampton	70	33	1	70	70	33	33	68	1	34	71	71	33	33	72	32	72	32	72	32	72	32	72	32	72	71	33	72	72	32	72	32
Stonycreek	356	64	22	346	346	64	64	288	29	64	350	352	63	63	356	63	356	63	356	63	355	63	356	63	357	356	63	356	356	63	356	63
Stoyestown Borough	72	20	2	68	68	21	21	44	3	22	49	48	21	21	53	21	53	21	53	21	52	21	52	21	53	52	21	53	53	21	53	21
Summit	277	108	1	277	277	108	108	226	20	107	277	277	107	107	276	107	276	107	277	107	277	107	277	107	277	277	107	277	277	107	277	107
Upper Turkeyfoot	193	47	3	191	191	47	47	114	51	45	193	193	48	48	193	48	192	48	193	48	193	48	193	48	192	192	48	193	193	48	193	48
Ursina Borough	60	28	1	57	57	28	28	56	4	28	59	59	28	28	59	28	59	28	59	28	59	28	59	28	59	59	28	59	59	28	59	28
Wellersburg	15	25		16	15	25	25	14		25	15	15	25	25	15	25	15	25	15	25	15	25	15	25	15	15	25	15	15	25	15	25
Hooversville Borough	50	20	7	47	47	20	20	45	2	21	48	48	20	20	48	20	48	20	48	20	48	20	48	20	48	48	20	48	48	20	48	20
Total	4861	2224	147	4757	4730	2223	2231	4469	577	2246	4857	4858	2235	2211	4841	2206	4858	2207	4854	2188	4847	2199	4843	2207	4845	4839	2215	4851	4842	4849	4846	2214
Majority	2637			2526	2579			2163			2692	2684			2635		2644		2647		2648		2636					2539				

NOTE :—These majorities are based on the Republican and Democratic vote. Not counting the Prohibition vote, 157, and the Socialist Labor, 3, against him, Hicks' majority over Thropp and McNamara is 1186.

Peoples' Ticket received 2 votes in Addison, 1 in Confluence, 6 in Elklick, 2 in Jenner, 1 in Lincoln, 1 in Salisbury, 1 in Shade, 1 in Somerfield, 1 in Southampton, 1 in Summit and 1 in Hooversville.

Free Silver.—2 in Addison, 7 in Berlin, 1 in Black, 2 in Brothersvalley, 1 in Conemaugh, 1 in Confluence, 1 in Elklick, 1 in Fair Hope, 1 in Jefferson, 2 in Jennertown, 3 in Jenner, 5 in Lincoln, 3 in Meyersdale, 1 in Middlecreek, 2 in Milford, 1 in Shade, 1 in Somerset borough, 1 in Somerset township, 3 in Stony.reek, 3 in Summit and 1 in Hooversville.

The National Ticket received 1 vote in Salisbury.

The Socialist Labor received 1 vote in Summit.

Jeffersonian.—2 in Berlin, 1 in Casselman, 2 in Confluence, 1 in Meyersdale, 3 in Northampton, 1 in Somerset borough, 2 in Somerset township, 1 in Summit and 1 in Rockwood.

Socialist Labor received 1 vote in Summit.

YOU ALL KNOW WHO "THEY" ARE.

And "They" Said Joseph Was Stronger than Josiah.

In the first instance "they" crippled Thropp by depriving him of 14 of his conferees, and then "they" voted for him at the election in the hope of electing McNamara.

"They" knew that a vote for Thropp was half a vote for McNamara, and "they" gave Mac the half vote.

The Democrats helped them nominate a Congressional candidate at the primary. "They" squared the account by trying to help elect a Democrat at the general election.

Josiah's majority over Joseph in Bedford, Joseph's own county, is 176, and yet "they" said Joseph was the strongest man.

Josiah's majority in Blair, Josiah's own county, is 5,079, and yet "they" said Joseph was the strongest man.

Josiah's majority over Joseph in Cambria is 3,843, and yet "they" said Joseph was the strongest man.

Josiah's majority over Joseph in Somerset, their own county, is 3,422, and yet "they" said Joseph was the strongest man.

Josiah's majority over Joseph in the district is 12,530, and yet "they" said Joseph was the strongest man. Their mathematics must have been of the same character that were used in the Conference where three was a majority of twelve and seven was required for a majority of nine.

Just how "they" will explain to their friends in the various precincts whom they mislead into voting for Thropp on the claim that he was the strongest man we can not guess. As a sample of the means "they" resorted to we give the following letters, *verbatim, et literatim et punctuatim* culled from a large number handed us. One reason for selecting these two is that the writer was lately a resident of Somerset, is in telephonic and telegraphic communication with this town and would therefore, presumably, voice the sentiment of the "leaders" more accurately than many others:

OFFICE OF
CHAS. F. COOK CO.,
Grocers, Etc.
BERLIN, PA., Dec. 2, 1896.

MR. ——

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed find "Meyersdale Extra." Now you can see where it stands. Stiff Hicks just opposite in opinion from 1 week ago. Who do you suppose bought Lou Smith off? The Sculls, for Hicks, of course.

Please read the paper and return and greatly oblige

Very truly
CHAS. F. COOK.

OFFICE OF
CHAS. F. COOK CO.,
Grocers, Etc.
BERLIN, PA., Dec. 2, 1896.

MR. ——

DEAR SIR: The situation in this County & District for Congress is A vote for Hicks means a vote for the "Scull Ring" and a vote which will likely elect McNamara which is no Republican certainly wants to see.

A vote for Tropp will be a vote for Koosers interests and will help to elect the strongest Republican candidate. I hope you will carefully consider the matter and I am willing to suffer all the responsibility if voting for Thropp is misleading.

Yours truly
CHAS. F. COOK.

In his zeal to elect a "Republican" Congressman the young man jumped ahead just one month in dating his letters.

And "they" all with one accord began to say "Thropp is the stronger man. The only way to save the district is to vote for Thropp." And "they" straightway went and voted for Joseph thereby thinking to encompass the defeat of the diminutive Josiah and bring about the election of Robert, the Silverite. And lo; when the votes were counted and the people began to acclaim Josiah the victor "they" were exceeding wrath and discomfited; and "they" communed with one another saying what manner of politician is this, that even when combining with our ancient enemy we can not accomplish his overthrow? When we had him on the river brink, yea, verily when the water was ready to rise up and engulf him he made friends with the mammon of unrighteousness, even to allying himself with the unholy "ring," who commanded the waters to stand aside and led him safely and straightway into the promised land. Then one of their number reminded his fellows how he with fair words and fairer promises had induced them not to go into conference with sinners and unclean conferees at Bedford; and another how they had been led into assisting to rob Joseph at Tyrone —depriving him of one and one-half shares of his birthright—as it were—and another how they had been persuaded to offer gold and other precious things at Johnstown; how they had danced when he had piped; how they made themselves as men without minds even unto declaring that it takes seven to make a majority of nine and three only to make a majority of twelve; and still another how they had been made a scoff and byword throughout the land by refusing to cast in their lot at the outstart with Joseph and Alvin; how they had violated their covenant with Alvin, and how all their tricks and schemes and devices had been set at naught and laughed to scorn. Surely is this man possessed of a devil? And he of the forty-two telegrams sighed and moaned, while the chill wind blew and whistled through his whiskers, and refused to be comforted.

And —— the prophet arose and said: at this time my vision is weak so that I do not see things clearly. I have within the forty-eight hours just passed traveled far and fast, even going into Conemaugh and to the uttermost parts of Shade and Paint, and Quemahoning and Jenner have seen my foot prints; I am weary and sore distressed and would fain acquire rest in sleep and forgetfulness. At another time I will speak unto you. And as the Prophet ceased to speak "they" sorrowfully took their leave one of another. And as "they" were passing out the Scribe was heard to moan and say: vanity, vanity, all is vanity and vexation of spirit; had we but shown one tithe of manliness and generosity when the Ides of March were on us we to-day might occupy exalted places, but in an evil moment, in our arrogance, with a proud and boastful spirit we spat upon our foes and trampled them under foot and now they have turned again to rend us. It is a sorrowful and unhappy day for thee, O, Jerusalem. And when they came to the parting of the roads the ancient Lawgiver feebly murmured, Ichabod! Ichabod! the glory has departed from our gang.

It Was Good.

From the Johnstown Tribune.

Wasn't it a good thing the people decided this thing themselves, and did not kindly request the Conferees of the late Congressional Conference deceased, to assume the responsibility? They would have referred it to David Martin.

Bob won't have a chance to get off that Free-trade and Free-Silver speech in the next Congress. He can go out to Joseph's furnace, and speak down the blast.

And Little Hicks beat the whole shebang.

And Little Hicks beat Thropp on the popular vote in Bedford county. Well, well; and they said Joseph was the strongest man.

Lawyer Scott Gave a Party.

Lawyer John R. Scott, who for a long term of years has been one of Major McKinley's most ardent local admirers, was so elated over the success of his favorite candidate and the large majority rolled up in Somerset county for the entire Republican ticket, that he determined to give an oyster supper to a host of his home friends, irrespective of party. Saturday night was agreed upon and eight o'clock was named as the hour at which the festivities should begin. An hour before that time a drum corps paraded the streets playing inspiring music and notifying the citizens generally that something out of the usual order was about to happen. Promptly at 8 o'clock Mr. Scott, accompanied by three or four friends, appeared at Pisel's restaurant, where the dining room was already crowded to the utmost limit with invited guests. Room was made for Mr. Scott before refreshments were served. After all seated around the various tables had been served they made room for the large crowd waiting out side. The Somerset Concert Band furnished music while the merry banqueters were at the table. After caterer Pisel had supplied 195 voters with oysters, exhausting his stock of bivalves, he was compelled to serve other refreshments to those who remained to be fed. The total number of guests numbered about 275 and the occasion was voted one of the most pleasant of the kind ever celebrated in town. Happy five minute speeches were made by Mr. Scott and six or seven of the guests, and "Tucker" beat the drum.

STOYESTOWN JUBILATES.

The Ancient Village Painted Red in Honor of the Great Republican Victory.

The grand Republican victory was celebrated in great style by the Republicans of Stoyestown and surrounding country Saturday night. The town was in a tumult, and noise such as was never before heard in that part of the county reigned supreme. The street pageant was a magnificent demonstration. Fire works were shot off in profusion, all along the route. The parade was over a quarter of mile in length and not less than a thousand voters were in line. A large delegation from Hooversville marched at the head of the line, marshalled by Joseph Hershberger of that place. Music was furnished by the Hooversville band, one of the best organizations in the county. Many handsome decoartions adorned the houses along the route, and photographs of McKinley and Hobart, framed in red, white and blue were to be seen at every turn.

After the parade Hon. W. H. Sanner, member-elect of the Legislature was called for, and from the balcony of the Custer House, delivered a stirring address, congratulating his fellow Republicans upon the victory won and for the noble part they took in the campaign.

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16 to 1.

There are 16 Republicans in Somerset who claim to have voted for Hicks to 1 who acknowledges that he voted for Thropp.

And yet "they" said Thropp was the strongest man.

Who Knows This Man.

James Mahan, 56 years of age, old enough to know better, giving his place of residence as Somerset, Pa., was sent 60 days to the work house Thursday morning by Magistrate Henry Hunneshagen, of Allegheny, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Mahan was arrested on Chestnut street about 9 o'clock last night by Policeman Jno Brooks. He was drunk and was insulting women. One woman, an Italian, he pushed into the street, called her vile names, struck her in the face and broke her umbrella. He also assaulted the officer.—Pittsburg News.

WAS IT BLACKMAIL?

Former Fayette and Somerset County People Figure in a Queer Case.

From the Connellsville Courier.

The visit of an officer of the courts of Cumberland, Md., and several attorneys to the Register's office in Pittsburg last Friday disclosed a peculiar story which will prove of interest to Fayette, Somerset and Indiana county people. The visiting officials had been in seven counties in the state, hunting the marriage record of Charles Cummins and Mrs. Emma S. Rush. It is alleged that Mrs. Rush secured judgement against several hotel men of Cumberland on informations charging them with selling her husband liquor. The details of the story are somewhat confusing.

It is alleged by the counsel representing the defendants that Mrs. Cummins was not married at the time she entered the suits or secured the judgments. The marriage license records show that the couple took out a license in Pittsburg and were married in the Register's office on August 19th, which was long after the judgment was secured. A copy of the records had been forwarded to Cumberland some time ago, but a certified copy was needed in which Judge Hawkins of the Orphans' Court must certify that S. P. Conner is Register of Allegheny county. It is claimed the couple are now in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the certified papers will be necessary to get service on them there.

Cummins was formerly a resident of Somerset county and Mrs. Rush was a native of Blairsville, but lived in Fayette county with her husband, Dr. Rush, prior to going to Cumberland, where it is alleged, she lived for ten years past with Cummins. At the marriage license bureau in Pittsburg she testified that Dr. Rush was dead, and this is not denied by the people interested. They believe they can prevent Mr. Cummins from recovering upon the judgments. They claim the suits were a blackmailing scheme.

Household Economy.

One of the strong points of the Cinderella Range is its cleanliness and economy. It has an extra deep ash pit, with bailed ash pan, and is so constructed that the ashes can not accumulate under the grate, which is the chief cause of so many grates burning out. Sold and guaranteed by

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Pleasant Hill Items.

Three children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaffer are confined to their beds by typhoid fever. Their condition is reported as critical.

Miss Ida B. Custer, one of our most popular young