The Somerset Herald.

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"They" couldn't defeat Hicks and now "they" are trying to overthrow the man who was largely instrumental in electing Hicks.

THE candidate who is willing and is in the hands of his friends, often tries to appear as coy as a maiden who is expecting a proposition. Give him time, however, and it will be discovered what a failure he is in keeping a secret.

Much bitterness was displayed between the Quay and Wanamaker factions at the Blair county primaries, on Saturday. The former, under the leadership of Congressman Hicks, won out handsomely. Mr. Hicks will be one of the delegates to the State Convention.

IT is estimated that the wheat crop in Texas this year will be fifteen million bushels. Texas produces more cotton than any other state, and what with the wool and the cattle, it is not to be wondered at that the Texan congressmen get enthusiastic about their state. If Senator Mills would only get right on the tariff he might actually grow taller than he is.

Anent the use of money in politics, how about proffers of good, fat wads and large sized checks that were made at both Johnstown and Harrisburg during the late Congressional imbroglio? The HERALD has no disposition to wash dirty party linen or to make public party secrets, but if old coals are to be raked over its lockers will be found well stocked and its guns shotted and primed, ready for action.

WHEN county after county in the State has been electing delegates to the State Convention known to be friendly to Senator Quay, and it is already settled that his friends will control the convention practically without opposition, the hysterical but futile efforts of the Wanamaker following in this county to elect anti-Quay delegates verges on the ridiculous. It simply serves to show the malignity of this chosen band against the State and County organizations.

CHAIRMAN BERKLEY evidently was acquainted with the ancient Eastern proverb: "If a man deceive you once, shame on him; if he deceive you twice, shame on you," when he was dealing with several of the would-be-candidates and their friends. He had been deceived last Fall by promises to pay assessments that never materialized, and, in consequence was a considerable amount out of pocket. He refused to allow the same fellows to deceive him again this spring, and in this he was wise.

WE would suggest to every Republican voter in the county that after reading the HERALD he cut out the statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Primary Election Fund, to be found elsewhere in these columns, and lay it carefully away. Then, in the future, when hirelings are sent out from this town, as they have been in the past, to try to deceive and mislead you by false statements as to the conduct of the financial affairs of the party organization, bring out your statement and say: "You lie, you dogs; you lie; go back to your masters and tell them for me that they deceived me in this manner once, but they can not do it again."

IT will be recalled that in November last when every true Republican in the county was applauding Chairman Berkley for his skillful and intelligent management of the compaign just closed, which resulted in giving President McKinley the largest majority ever given in the county, and in re-electing Mr. Hicks to Congress, the little band of party wreckers who are defaming him now were not among those who applauded him then. Foiled in their conspiracy to elect a Free-Silverite to Congress by throwing the vote of this county for Mr. Thropp, they conceived a vicious hatred for the man who assisted in defeating their foul intentions and was afterwards instrumental in exposing their treachery.

A few weeks ago we had about concluded that the usual spring amusement season was to be allowed to pass by without the familiar but diverting performance that always takes place about primary election time. We have grown accustomed to these annual proceedings in the county—the destruction of the "machine," the overthrow of the "ring" the pulverizing of the "bosses," the cries, the roarings and the bellowings, and, later on, the gurgle of the smothered noise. But last week our fears were shown to be groundless. The old, well known political acrobats appeared upon the scene and the readers of their outpourings were once more treated to a sight of such familiar phrases as "damnable piece of bossism," "daring rascality," "cesspool of political tricksters," "political desperadoes," etc. No, we are not to be deprived of our usual spring amusement; the annual comedy and farce is to be reacted.

It must be gratifying to the Republicans of the county to know that they will be represented in the next State Convention by Hon. E. D. Miller, John W. Mostoller and James M. Cover. Three more thorough and representative Republicans would be hard to find.

Mr. Miller represented this county with conspicuous ability two terms in the legislature, where his wide knowledge of public affairs, diligent attention to the wants of his constituents, together with his spotless reputation and genial address won him a position among the leaders of that body.

Mr. Mostoller's Republicanism was cemented on the field of battle, where he distinguished himself by an act of conspicuous bravery, which was recognized by Act of Congress and rewarded with a gold medal. A gallant soldier and a modest, broad-gauged citizen, John W. Mostoller is worthy of any honors the voters of the county may in the future bestow upon him.

James M. Cover, our present efficient Register and Recorder, has been an untiring worker in behalf of the party ever since he cast his first ballot. He has always been found where the battle was hottest fighting with all the [illegible] young manhood to [illegible] ts of his party [illegible] vor and other questionable means [illegible]

ed because they did not secure the consent of Mr. Francis J. Kooser to become candidates?

"But to revert to the Chairman's specious reason for refusing to hold an election—a lack of funds—it is simply a question in addition to learn that from the candidates at the Primary Election one year ago the Chairman received $1,282. As $200 would be a very liberal allowance for the legitimate expenses of holding a Primary Election in this county it will be seen that there should be almost $1,000 in the treasury. The Real Chairman, through his Ostensible Chairman, may endeavor to escape this conclusion by saying money was required in the conduct of the Fall election, but to this we would reply that he or they received for that purpose from outside sources almost $2,000, which the voters will admit was ample."—*From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, ie, VIIes.*

When the mournful prophet penned the above lines he must have been suffering from temporary aberration of mind or his heart was indeed hardened. That a sane man, of reputable character, who had every opportunity of knowing the exact condition of the party finances, would boldly make in public print a statement like the above can scarcely be credited, unless it was done under the cowardly impression that its author would remain unknown. The falsity of the statement relative to the primary fund is shown by ex-Chairman Biesecker's published statement. That $2,000 was received last fall from outside sources is absolutely and unqualifiedly false. If any fund at all was sent to the County Chairman from outside sources last fall it was sent by Congressman Hicks and his friends, to be used exclusively in the interests of Mr. Hicks, and if it was sent and so used the result shows that it was judiciously used, and the parties who received it are no doubt willing to render an accounting to the parties who sent it at any time it is requested. If money was used in the interests of Mr. Hicks its use was necessitated to counteract the use of Mr. Thropp's money, which was placed in the hands of the lamenting prophet and his friends, who were striving to encompass the defeat of Mr. Hicks. Is it to be wondered at that the sorrowing prophet in his agony cries out: "See, O Lord, and consider; for I am become vile."

ELSEWHERE in these columns will be found a card from Harvey M. Berkley, Esq., Chairman of the Republican County Committee, the careful perusal of which we earnestly commend to every Republican voter in the county. It is a truthful, plain, full and fair statement of the facts and of the occurrences that led up to and called forth the hysterical effusion from the pen of a well known attorney, that appeared in his personal organ of a recent date, under such startling head lines as, "A Bold Exhibition of High-Handed Tyranny, Political Desperadoes Attempt to Bar out Candidates," etc. Because Mr. Berkley knew his duty as Chairman, and knowing performed it, he is denounced and villified by this would-be-political leader in his choicest billingsgate and his every action is misconstrued and misrepresented. Chairman Berkley's answer to this unjust and untruthful tirade leaves no doubt as to the honesty, legality and fairness of his actions and we feel confident the position he has taken will be upheld and sustained by a vast majority of the Republican voters of the county. If the rules governing the party are to be nullified in one instance why not in others. If candidates are to be allowed to set the rules at defiance and refuse to pay a legitimate assessment for the purpose of defraying the expenses of a primary, then the rules had better be abolished. In adhering strictly to the letter of the rules, of the law, and refusing to announce all intending candidates who refused or neglected to pay their proportionate share of the expenses of the primary Chairman Berkley simply did what was right, what was his duty and what any other firm, fair and honest man would have done.

THE HERALD is pleased to be in a position, for once, to heartily accord with the esteemed Meyersdale Commercial and our hysterical contemporary of this town, in a matter pertaining to local politics, namely, that there being but one regularly announced candidate for each office or position to be voted for it is useless to hold a primary and Chairman Berkley and his Committee should promptly call it off. To hold a primary under existing conditions would be an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure of money that will be needed next year, when several important offices will have to be filled and a primary will be a necessity. The day for announcing candidates legally has passed; no other names than those already announced can come legally before the party at this time, then why hold a primary? Call it off, Chairman Berkley, as you not only have the legal right to do, but it is your plain duty so to do.

Where the party rules are silent the party custom or practice becomes the law. At no time since the adoption of the existing party rules has a primary been held when there was only one regularly announced candidate for each office or position to be filled, but, on the contrary, each year that these conditions have prevailed no primary has been held, and the announced candidates have been declared the party nominees, and as such have invariably been elected. This practice or custom has, therefore, become the law of the party, and in calling the contemplated primary off you and your Committeemen, Chairman Berkley, will be but obeying the spirit of a well established party custom and law.

* * * "For several years a gradual increase of interest among the voters has portended their overthrow, and the nearer they approach their political death the more desperate do they become. Last year the Republican voters of the county rose up, and through the ballot box notified these political adventurers that their unjust domination must cease, and that they must turn the management of the party's affairs into other hands. In the face of this notification the desperate dictators did not dare come before the County Committee with one of their number as a candidate for Chairman, but they came with one who had not been identified with them, and he was elected by a game of chance after he had failed to receive a majority of votes."—*From the Lamentations of Jeremiah, ie XIVes.*

Now let us sift the truth out of this chaff. The Republican voters of the county last year nominated M. H. Hartzell, for Sheriff; H. F. Barron, for Prothonotary; James M. Cover, for Register and Recorder; William Winters, for Treasurer; Geo. F. Kimmel and Gabriel Good, for County Commissioners; Wm. H. Miller and Wm. H. Sanner, for Assembly; Geo. J. Black for Associate Judge; B. F. Bowman an Jeremiah Rhoads, for Auditors; Jacob Peck, for Poor Director; (Stalwarts all, with two exceptions, and these two only deserted the party colors and enlisted under the black flag a few years since) and endorsed Francis J. Kooser for Congress. All of the candidates nominated were satisfied with the vote of confidence the Republicans of the county had reposed in them, except Mr. Kooser, who in his hysterical glee sent riders to nearly every district in the county, and by promises of future favor and other questionable means [illegible]

conduct on the floor of the convention is still fresh in the minds of all who were present. His candidate was defeated and Mr. Berkley was elected. As to the insinuation that Mr. Berkley was ever in sympathy with the band of political buccaneers who for years have been attempting to overthrow the party we wish to enter a flat denial. Mr. Berkley "carries his sovereignty under his own hat," and is not subject to the beck and call of any man.

A Plain Statement of Facts By County Chairman Berkley.

To the Republican voters of Somerset County:

The publication of certain statements and affidavits in the "Somerset Standard" of June 10, 1897, concerning the announcements for the approaching Republican primary election requires correction in certain points, and I beg to submit to your consideration the following:

In the first place, I refused no man's announcement fee on the ground that I would not call a primary, nor did I ever say to any person there would be no primary. What I did say in several conversations was that I hoped such an amicable arrangement might be made among the candidates as would avoid the necessity for holding a primary.

After the bitter strife of last year my sole thought was that this year should heal the breach and not widen it; that men's passions should be cooled instead of super-heated again in a vicious contest for nomination to such modest offices as Jury Commissioner and Poor Director. But when it became certain that no such arrangement could be made I determined in accordance with precedent and rule 13, of the Rules and Regulations of the Republican party of this county, (which rule reads as follows:

("Rule 13. The duty of the chairman shall be * * * * * to make assessments on candidates to defray expenses of announcing candidates for office, pay expenses of convention of return judges, make arrangements for general election campaigns, and assess nominated candidates for all necessary legitimate expenses.")

that the candidates who wished to be announced should, share and share alike, assist in raising the necessary funds. Having for some years paid the Chairman's checks I well knew that the balance on hand was insufficient to hold a primary according to usual custom. Accordingly I did not receive announcement fees from candidates and afterwards demand proportionate shares as alleged by the Standard, but from the very start, on Tuesday, May 25th, I told each and every candidate who wanted to announce that I would receive announcement fees from and announce as candidates only those who would agree by June 5, 1897, to pay their proportionate shares of the deficit. I also stated plainly to each candidate, or to the person who wanted to announce a name, that on Saturday, June 5th, the last day for announcing, I would have ready a full statement showing amount in hand and the amount necessary to be made up so that all could see what the proportionate share would be, and pay in or decline so to do, as they saw fit.

The first man who paid me $10 accordingly was David Cover, to whom I made a full statement and gave a written receipt, with agreement on my part if he would not by June 5th pay his proportionate share I would return the money and not announce his name. Yet he (Cover) swears that I never made a demand from him. I challenge publication of the receipt. Mr. Cover spoke to me several times, intervening date of payment and June 5th, and in the last conversation told me that "he would pay nothing extra, as there was not enough in the office."

The same arrangement was made with Mr. I. J. Bear, who was in Somerset on June 5th, but failed to call on me.

On Monday, June 7th, he offered to pay the expense of holding a primary in his own township. I told him that would be unfair and that I would treat all candidates alike.

The next candidate desiring to announce was John H. Shaffer, who called on Tuesday, May 25th. I made him the same statement of deficit, etc., in the presence of Josiah Swank. Shaffer said he would see about it and left to consult with his friends. He returned later accompanied by N. E. Berkey and said "Here is $10 for my announcement fee for Jury Commissioner; I will pay no more." I told him that I would not receive his announcement fee on those conditions and would not announce his name as a candidate. He pushed a $10 bill under the cashier's window of The First National Bank and walked out.

Practically the same conversation was had with Messrs. Isaiah Good, (who paid for himself and Chas. F. Cook,) H. F. Barron, P. U. Miller, S. U. Shober, (who paid for Mr. Foust) and J. A. Berkey, Esq., (who paid for A lam S. Miller.) They all left their money on the bank counter as did Mr. Shober. In subsequent conversations Messrs. Shober and Barron both agreed in saying that neither of them would as Chairman pay the deficit out of his own pocket.

Adam S. Miller never tendered me $10 as he has sworn he did. He called twice and said he was ready to announce—as he alleges—but he never offered to pay any money.

S. U. Shober is in error when he says that he saw Mr. Foust tender me $10. Foust said that he was ready to announce but made no tender of announcement fee.

On the other hand the candidates whom I have announced at once acquiesced, when I made the same statement as to the deficit, that the Chairman should not be called upon to pay this large sum of money out of his own pocket, and promptly arranged for the payment of their proportionate shares of the expense of holding a primary.

On Saturday, June 5th, only one of the would-be-candidates called upon me. He inquired if I had prepared a statement, to which I replied affirmatively and exhibited to him a statement exactly as it appears here:

ESTIMATE OF EXPENSES.

1. Committeemen and clerks, 42 at $6 50	$ 279 50
2. Tickets, blanks and stationery	70 00
3. Mileage for return judges	56 37
4. Rent for rooms for election	60 75
5. Incidentals, postage, computation clerks, janitor, etc	30 00
Total	$ 498 62
By amount received from my predecessor	367 40
Deficit	131 22

[In furnishing the above statement no account is taken of the announcement fees for this year, as under the rules the Chairman is required to publish the announcements in two Republicans newspapers. However many announcement fees there might be at $10 each the entire amount would be required to secure announcement in two newspapers and not one cent would be added to the general fund.)

He examined the statement carefully and left saying he would return later. This was before 10 A. M. About 4 P. M. he returned and added that he wanted to announce as a candidate for Jury Commissioner but said: "I will only pay $10 as the rest will do." I informed him that I would not announce his name, and he left $10 on the counter and walked out.

The intending candidates who called on me after May 25th were all clearly and definitely informed that I would adhere strictly to the rules, and if gentlemen with heated imagination and bated breath traversed all parts of the county seeking to circumvent the Chairman in a contingency which he had not announced or contemplated, they have only themselves to blame. The expenditure of less money than they devoted to that enterprise would have made up the deficit referred to.

The candidates whom the Standard refers to as "The Ring Slate," never appeared to the Chairman as though they feared the issue of a primary. And not one of them hes[illegible] his pro-

respective of faction or creed, as an exact review of the Chairman's actions and his reasons therefore. I am willing to rest the decision to the conscience of each individual voter whether it was an "Exhibition of high-handed tyranny," as the Standard alleges, or whether it was not just such action as each of you would have taken had you occupied my position, especially when dealing with men desiring to announce as candidates, some of whom, as shown by the records in my hands, have for years persistently refused to pay the assessments provided for by the rules.

In conclusion, I desire to add that shortly after the last day for making announcements I returned the money left on the bank counter to the gentlemen to whom it belonged.

Very respectfully,
H. M. BERKLEY.

Somerset, Pa., June 15, 1897.

In a Lighter Vein.

BY DICTATOR.

If the two "old cronies" who rode up and down the county securing signatures to a useless and senseless petition had had "a bicycle built for two" they might have traveled faster and seen more than "twenty-eight Committeemen."

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We don't much wonder that "they" were "mad, mad clean through," as one of them expressed it when "they" discovered that Chairman Berkley had issued the usual call for a primary in the usual way, before "they" had an opportunity to flash on him the petition that "they" had procured at a cost of so much labor, time and money, and departure from decency and truth.

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Twenty-eight were seen and twenty-five were chosen. What was the matter with the other three?

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We will lay as much as a dollar that "they" did not have anything like twenty-five genuine signatures of Committeemen to their petition.

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Several of the affiants must have been suffering from a lapse of memory when they took the "Quaker oath" that they had always been Republicans. If we have not been misinformed one of them was a full-fledged Democrat for many years and later on voted the Prohibition ticket; while another of them was a howling Greenbacker in '78 and '79, and last fall was an eager and vociferous advocate of Bryanism and the unlimited coinage of silver at 16 to 1.

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How does it come that the three would-be-candidates for delegates did not testify that they "had always been Republicans" as several of their fellows were required to do? Were they like Cæser's wife, above suspicion, or were their consciences too tender?

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There is a discrepancy in the affidavits of William Foust and Selmer Shober. Chairman Berkley's statement corroborates Mr. Foust. Most people will believe William.

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And now "they" threaten to "hold a primary of their own." We did not think you would act on Bro'r Wanamaker's suggestion so quickly; but, depart in peace, erring brethren, depart in peace. Remember, however, that you did the same thing in '82, and while you were received back in full fellowship, without even being required to take the oath of allegiance, there is no assurance that the same generous terms will be accorded you again.

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After all, isn't much of it an effort to galvanize life into a few old fossils who were carried to the political grave-yard way back in '82.

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"No, sonny, the recent upheaval did not result from the McKinley ratification meeting."

Primary Election Announced.

From the Meyersdale Commercial.

THE COMMERCIAL has all along been opposed to the holding of the Primaries this year. It is unnecessary that they be held. Times are hard and we should practice economy now if ever. Hon. A. J. Colborn, our present efficient District Attorney, was nominated, as well as the delegates to the State Convention, without the expense of a Primary election, and no one found fault in the County Committee or its Chairman for their action. Perhaps there was not enough in it then to "kick" as some of our malcontents are now doing.

The actual expenses of holding a Primary election amount, in round numbers, to $500.00. In exact figures to $498.-62. There is only available to meet this $367.40, or not enough by $131.22. Mr. Berkley, the Chairman of the Republican County Committee, submitted this to all parties interested and assured them that he would call the Primaries as soon as a sufficient amount would be pledged to make up the deficit of $131.22. Of all the gentlemen offering only those agreed to pay their *pro rata* share of the deficit whose names are announced by the County Chairman as candidates, elsewhere in these columns. Evidently the gentlemen who refused to pay their share of the deficit, wished the Chairman to pay it out of his own pocket.

The whole truth of the matter is our several Chairman have been too lax in enforcing the rules and it is refreshing to have a Chairman with the back bone to compel their observance. Of the candidates in the past who refused to obey the rules, in the matter of paying their assessments, are Messrs. Berkey, Shober, Barron, Kimmell and Maurer, and each of these should have been promptly dropped from the ticket at the time, and the next to him in vote salestituted. Mr. Berkley would have done this and his close adhesion to the rules in this instance will win him the regard, respect and support of the Republicans of the county. The malcontents will find they have a man of nerve, brain and courage to deal with. Under his leadership the county gave one thousand more of a majority than ever before. He has done his work quietly, unostentatiously but most effectively. He is the right man in the right place, and one whom the party can rely upon to do his whole duty when public interests demand.

A Card.

It seems because my name was announced in the HERALD the story has been circulated that I belong to the so-called "Scull-ring." When I asked the Chairman, Mr. Berkley, to announce my name he said "there is a deficit of over $100, and unless the candidates agree to pay that he would not hold a primary." He said "it would amount to about $15 to each candidate, besides the regular announcement fee." I said he should announce my name, I would pay my share rather than not have a primary.

I want my friends to know that no political ring or faction can dictate to me how I shall vote or how I shall not vote. I always vote the straight Republican ticket, but I vote for the candidate who, in my humble judgment will be the more honest and efficient officer, regardless of political factions.

MANASSES SHOEMAKER.

Pullman the Most Perfect Town.

George M. Pullman has received two magnificent medals and a richly wrought diploma as testimonials of honor in founding and building the most perfect town in the world. This distinction came as the result of an exhibit in the international exposition in Prague. Pullman won against the settlements created by Krupp, the gun man, and Stumm, the maker of steel, and Baron von Ringhofer. [illegible] verdict of the jury was that Pullman [illegible] without a peer in comfortable homes [illegible] orkingmen, streets, sewers, water [illegible] shops, public halls, churches [illegible] rules governing [illegible]

Here and There.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for the Eighteenth National Saengerfest, to be held in Philadelphia, June 21st to 24th, 1897, it will sell excursion tickets to Philadelphia from all points on its line June 19th to 23d inclusive, good to return until June 26th, 1897, inclusive at a single fare for the round trip. No rate, however, will be reduced to less than fifty cents.

Fraud and deception should be fearlessly exposed; we take this opportunity of warning our readers against the numerous worthless imitations of the justly celebrated "Garland" Stoves and Ranges.

In connection with the Knoor trial in Bloomsburg, district attorney Harmar points out a curious incongruity in the Pennsylvania laws. Under the act of 1760, section 137, the punishment for setting fire to a building with no person in it is a $2,000 fine and 12 years' imprisonment, and if the structure is occupied at the time of the commission of the offense, $4,000 and 20 years', yet for blowing up with dynamite or a barrel or so of gunpowder, whether occupied or not, the punishment is but $500 fine and three years' imprisonment.

The Fayette grand jury on Tuesday ignored the bill in the case of the commonwealth against "Chip" Buchanan, who wilfully murdered a man by the name of "Sandy" Smith about a year ago. Buchanan lived at Vanderbilt and Smith boarded with him. Smith died following an assault made by Buchanan on the latter's return from a periodical wandering.

James Saxton, aged 86, and Mary Winkle, aged 80, of Noble County, Ind., lovers of half a century ago, were married Saturday. The groom is three times a widower and the bride four times a widow.

Good health cannot be attained solely by breathing pure air; it is just as necessary that we eat properly-cooked food and have our homes heated to proper temperature. "Garland" Stoves and Ranges never fail to accomplish both these results.

The surgeons are going to explore the stomach of Harry Whallen, the "Human Ostrich" and dig out the nails, knives, bolts, nuts, buttons and glass which have been part of the daily diet of Whallen since he was 10 years old. He is 30 now. His digestion has always been first-class until recently.

Governor Hastings has signed the act of assembly to prevent wearing of any badge or button of any labor or fraternal organization without right to do so by membership. The act provides that any person who shall do so shall be subject to a fine of $100.

EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

When you consult Dr. Sadler, 804 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, you get the skill of 25 years experience with 21,000 different cases, the results of which have not been surpassed by the best in the profession *anywhere*. He has even restored many who have been pronounced hopeless.

Cataract,	Burns and Injuries,
Disease of Optic Nerve,	Catarrhal Deafness,
Iritis,	Discharges from Ears even when 10 to 40 yrs. standing.
Crooked Eyes,	Tumors in Ears,
Granulated Lids,	Catarrh of Nose,
Ulcers and Opacities of the Cornea,	Catarrh of Throat,
Tumors in Lids,	Hoarseness,
"Weeping Eye,"	Loss of Voice,

are all curable; the earlier treated the better the result. Spectacles adjusted. Artificial eyes inserted.

Grabbed the Ghost.

WINCHESTER, O., June 11.—The mystery of a ghost haunting the old graveyard and the residence of James Williamson, six miles north of this city, was satisfactorily solved by a posse last night, divided up in squads of two and three, covering every possible point. About 11 o'clock the apparition appeared near where Samuel Wilson was standing, and almost instantly it sank to the ground. Wilson threw himself upon the figure, striking it wherever he could with a club which he had for the occasion. Loud cries came from the supposed ghost, and when an examination was made it was found that the ghost was none other than Frank Johnson, Wilson's nearest neighbor, whereupon the posse tied him to a sapling, and under switches made him explain why he had for the last year terrorized the community. He said that he had been trying to buy Williamson's farm, which adjoins his, and by using the ghost scheme thought that he could scare him into selling it at a sacrifice. After his explanation he was given 20 lashes and warned to leave the neighborhood. Johnson is a wealthy farmer.

There is a Class of People

who are injured by the use of coffee. Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains, that takes the place of coffee. The most delicate stomach receives it without distress, and but few can tell it from coffee. It does not cost over ¼ as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cts and 25 cts per package. Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

Cheap Rates Via the P. R. R. to Milwaukee.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that on account of the National Educational Association, at Milwaukee, Wis., July 6 to 9, it will sell continuous passage tickets from all points on line east of Pittsburg and Erie to Milwaukee at the rate of single fare for the round trip, plus $2.00 membership fee. Tickets will be sold and will be good going only on July 2, 3, and 4, and will be good to return, leaving Milwaukee July 10, 11, and 12, 1897, only, except that by depositing ticket with joint agent at Milwaukee on or before July 12, and on payment of fifty cents, an extension of return limit may be obtained to leave Milwaukee until August 31, 1897, inclusive.

Assistance For Mark Twain

New York, June 12.—The New York Herald has started a fund for Mark Twain, the celebrated American humorist, opening the list with a subscription of $1000. To-morrow the Herald will say: "Although natural delicacy prevents Samuel L. Clemens, who has made the pseudonym of Mark Twain a household word in two continents, from unvailing his private affairs to the public, it is well known that he is at present in sore pecuniary straits."

Tossed on the Foaming Billows.

You may never have been, but if you cross the Atlantic, no matter how smooth the watery expanse, without sea sickness you are—well, a lucky voyager, that is all. Old tars who have spent their lives on the ocean waves, who were almost born, so to speak, with their "sea legs on," suffer now and then from sea sickness in very tempestuous weather. Sea captains, tourists, commercial travelers and yatchsmen say that there is no finer safeguard against nausea than Hosteter's Stomach Bitters, and it has been equally reliable as a preventive for invalids who travel by steamboat and railroad, and who sometimes suffer as much in these conveyances as ocean travelers do in steamships. Biliousness, constipation, sick headache and disorders of the stomach caused by oppressive climatic influences or unwholesome or unaccustomed food or water, always yield to the Bitters speedily. This popular medicine also remedies rheumatic, kidney and nervous disorders, and the infirmities incident to increasing years.

Wool Wanted.

Farmers—Bring your Wool to our Factory one mile South of Somerset. We will trade you goods for it or pay you the highest cash price. Carding and spinning done on short notice. Good work guaranteed.

KANTNER & Co.
Woolen Manufacturers,
Somerset, Pa.

Mobbed in the Presence of the Judge.

William Andrews, a negro, was taken from the custody of an officer at the door of the court house at Princess Anne, Maryland, Wednesday and killed by a mob. He had just been tried, convicted and sentenced to death for feloniously assaulting Mrs. Benjamin T. Kelly, near Marion, May 5. Judge Page, who passed the death sentence upon Andrews, endeavored to reason with the excited crowd, but in vain.

After he was knocked senseless, men jumped upon his head with their heavy boots and left his face in an unrecognizable mass. Men stood around while boys of thirteen plunged knives into his body.

A woman standing on her porch in full view of the butchery fainted as a man drew his knife deliberately down the man's leg from thigh to knee and laid it open to the bone.

Boys were urged to stone him as he lay on the ground, and they battered his face with pieces of bricks until their hands were smeared with blood. The men who were nearest the body looked like butchers.

As the reaction has set in now, the community is horror-stricken, and men who boasted of their part in the butchery are skulking out of sight or leaving town.

Woman Sank in the Flames.

Brookville, Pa., June 10.—At the home of the families of Ambrose Furman and Edward Livermore, on the Mill Creek road, near Strattonville, at 1 o'clock A. M., a furious fire cut off escape for all the occupants except through a second-story window. Mr. Furman flung his 1-year-old baby into the arms of the men below, then swinging from the window sill helped his wife to the ground.

Mr. Livermore leaped, but just as Mrs. Livermore appeared at the window the burned floor gave way, and with a piercing scream the woman dropped into the fire. Her charred remains were found in the embers of the burned house.

A New Home Fire Insurance Company.

The preliminary steps looking towards the organization of a company to be known as The West Penn Mutual Fire Insurance Company, were taken at a meeting, held in Rockwood, on June 9th. A large number of representative citizens of Somerset county were present. An organization was effected by electing the following temporary officers: Chairman, Hon. O. P. Shaver Secretary, Dr. G. B Masters. After the object of the meeting was set forth, the following temporary board of directors was elected: O. P. Shaver, Friedens; G. B. Masters, John Stein, Rockwood; W. Megahan, J. M. Cook, A. J. Hileman, Somerset; J. S. Hartzell, Addison; P. B. Schlag, Stoystown; C. A. Fiots, Meyersdale; Chas. Ream, Berlin.

The board of directors elected the following officers: President, Hon. O. P. Shaver; Vice Pres., C. A. Fiots; Treas., S. B. Philson; Secretary, Jacob J. Zorn.

Just as soon as $200,000 of insurance has been subscribed application will be made to the State Department for a permanent charter. Solicitors for the new company are now actively at work.

Says a Damsel Bewitched Him.

York, Pa., June 10.—William Kront called upon Sheriff Brodbeck to-day and invoked his aid to recover $1800 damages from a young woman who jilted him some years ago. Kront lives in the country, and says the girl has bewitched him. He also claims that she bewitched his farm animals, and caused them to die.

Well Satisfied with Ayer's Hair Vigor.

"Nearly forty years ago, after some weeks of sickness, my hair turned gray. I began using Ayer's Hair Vigor, and was so well satisfied with the results that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It requires only an occasional application of

AYER'S Hair Vigor to keep my hair of good color, to remove dandruff, to heal itching humors, and prevent the hair from falling out. I never hesitate to recommend Ayer's medicines to my friends."—MRS. H. M. HAIGHT, Avoca, Nebr.

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Thirteen's Hoodoo.

ATLANTA, GA., June 11.—At Decatur to-day Terrell Hudson is to be hanged, and he believes that he has been driven to the gallows by the number "13." He states the following facts to prove it: He was the 13th child of his parents, was born on the 13th day of the month, and was given the name in which there were 13 letters. On the 13th of last November he quarreled with a 13-year-old boy named Malcolm, and on the 13th of last February he was sentenced to die. Still further, on the day of the shooting he was chasing rabbits, and caught 13. He occupies cell No. 13 in the Decatur jail. He believes he will die in 13 minutes.

Outcome of a Famous Case.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., June 11.—The Gardner, Morrow & Co., defunct bank trials, wherein 250 depositors sought to hold the James Gardner estate liable for the bank debts, terminated in the Blair county courts this morning. The court held that the estate was not bound for any indebtedness contracted after Judge Gardner's death, thus disposing of 150 cases. Sixty depositors whose deposits were made in Judge Gardner's life time won their cases. Forty cases, in which the old certificates were exchanged for new securities after his death, are left practically undetermined. The sum of $400,000 was involved in the suits.

His 30-Year-Old Coffin.

NEW YORK, June 11.—The funeral of Joseph Richardson, the eccentric millionaire, who died in his five-foot wide "spite" house last Tuesday, was held this morning. The pallbearers represented fortunes aggregating $200,000,000. Among them were Russell Sage and Collins P. Huntingdon. Richardson saved money and lived meanly all his life, leaving $20,000,000. He was a friend of Jay Gould. The coffin which Richardson had in his house for thirty years, and in which he wished to be buried, was found to be too small. It was taken apart and screwed inside of another coffin, in which he was laid away.

The papers are full of deaths from *Heart Failure*

Of course the heart fails to act when a man dies, but "Heart Failure," so called, nine times out of ten is caused by Uric Acid in the blood which the Kidneys fail to remove, and which corrodes the heart until it becomes unable to perform its functions.

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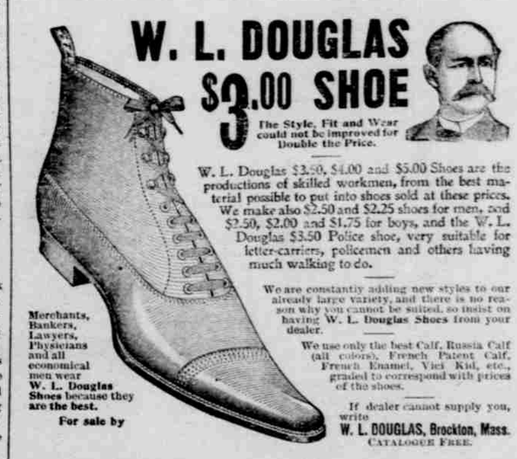
L. FOSDICK, General Agent, Somerset, Pa.



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The 5 Competitors who send in the Next Largest Numbers of coupons from the district in which they reside will Each receive at winner's option a lady's or gentleman's Pierce Special bicycle, price $100.00.

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2. The Competitions will Close the Last Day of Each Month during 1897. Coupons received too late for one month's competition will be put into the next.

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4. A printed list of Winners in Competitor's district will be forwarded to Competitors in about 21 days after each competition closes.

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