The Somerset Herald.

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"AFFIDAVITS Made to Order," is not an attractive business sign.

"No, sonny, the band that played at the McKinley ratification meeting didn't ride in a postal wagon."

"You pays your money and takes your choice," is usually the rule, but the combiners want to make a choice without paying.

THE newspaper that charges a customer $5 for space in its columns which it afterwards admits was only worth $2 is a fakir of the rankest order.

CHAIRMAN BERKLEY is esteemed a liberal man, but when it comes to politics he don't care about paying campaign expenses of aspiring candidates out of his own pocket.

THE Senate having disposed of the spirits, wines and beverage schedules, let us hope that it will now be able to proceed more soberly and more expeditiously with its work.

IT is altogether likely that Charles F. Cook's ambition to sit in the State Convention is to cast a vote for the Combine, believing that it would be "in Kooser's interests."

ADVERTISEMENTS in our hysterical contemporary are dear at any price, as a number of candidates who have availed themselves of the use of its columns at $5 per announcement can testify.

CANDIDATES, like other practical business men seeking to attract favorable public attention, prefer to have their announcements appear in newspapers of high character and general circulation.

THE HERALD has no desire to make advertising rates for any other newspaper. Our liberally patronized columns show what advertisers think of the HERALD as a medium for commanding public attention.

"No, my son, that peculiar noise you just heard was not the incipient rumbling of an earthquake; it was only the Associate Judge clearing his throat preparatory to delivering an opinion on the primary election laws."

THE candidates for Delegates refuse to sneeze when Mr. Kooser takes snuff. In other words, that astute politician is not a glittering success at intimidating Republicans like E. D. Miller, J. W. Mostoller and James M. Cover.

THE guerilla sheet last week, as usual, published a lot of "boiler plate" stuff, express prepaid, from "Our Own Correspondent," sent by the Wannamaker-Combine literary bureau, attacking Senators Quay and Penrose.

EVER since primary elections were adopted and newspapers were utilized as a means of announcing the names of candidates the invariable charge for such service has been $5, as all of our readers who have been candidates can testify.

THE guerilla sheet says a primary will be held. "Well, "there's now law agin it," but we take it that few loyal Republicans can be induced to enter an Independent organization managed by Messrs Kooser, Berkey Shober, Kimmel, et al.

IF Mr. Kooser's candidate for Chairman of the County Committee—J. A. Berkey, Esq., had occupied that position last fall, do the Republican voters of the county think that this district would have a Republican representative in Congress to-day.

IF our memory serves us correctly one of the would-be-candidates for delegate to the State Convention engaged in the affidavit business just before last year's primary, when he deemed it necessary to swear that he had always been a Republican.

Messrs. Berkey and Barron, the feather-weight affidavit makers, have squared off again, but contests like this don't seem to have much interest for the general public. They are both conceded to be professionals in that particular line, but as to whether brother-in-law Berkey can best brother-in-law Barron is not a matter of consuming concern at this time.

FOR the past fifteen years the same old band of party disorganizers who are at present engaged in the harmless amusement of wrecking the organization, have been striving to elect anti-Quay delegates to the State Convention. Foiled in their attempt this year they pass judgment upon the sterling Republicans who have voiced the sentiments of the people of this county at Harrisburg in the past by assailing the characters of both dead and living.

Now that it has been conclusively shown that the Republican Primary election fund has been honestly and economically handled, Messrs. Shober and Kimmel have lost much of their stock in trade as political rooters, and can now turn their attention to preparing to show to the people, that under their administration of the County Commissioners' office, the affairs of the county were as honestly conducted and the monies of the tax payers were as carefully and scrupulously handled.

ONE J. A. Berkey has at different times in years past made unsuccessful efforts to break into the Chairmanship of the Republican County Committee but has each time found the doors securely locked and barred. Undaunted by his lack of success in the past he has made another futile attempt this year. And, now, if reports are to be relied upon, his efforts are at last to be rewarded by his being made Chairman—not of the regular organization—but of an Independent Republican County Committee to be composed of his dupes and abetters.

THE great number of letters received at this office during the past few days from prominent Republicans in different sections of the county, commending Chairman Berkley for the firm stand he has taken in enforcing the party rules, and congratulating the HERALD on its successful exposure of the political tricksters who have been attempting to wreck the party organization for years past, would indicate that a gratifying majority of the Republican voters of the county join with a large majority of the members of the County Committee in upholding the hands of the Chairman,

COMMITTEEMEN should not be misled in regard to their duties by threats of prosecution and other abhorent means indulged in by the band composed of one or two county officials and a half-score of ex-county officials, who are riding up and down the county endeavoring to disrupt the organization in order to accomplish their own selfish ends.

IN regard to the affidavit of one William P. Huston, published in the last issue of the "personal organ," the conversation which he alleges he overheard took place in the store of Kantner & Platt, between Chairman Berkley and Committeeman Edward S. Kantner, of Somerset borough. Mr. Platt declares that Mr. Berkley did not make the declaration attributed to him, that "there would be no Primary election held in Somerset county," and Mr. Kantner, when approached to make an affidavit to that effect declined to do so. His uncle William was more accommodating.

WE believe it was only last fall that several prominent attorneys took the position that Mr. Kooser was nominated for Congress, he having received but three votes in a conference composed of twelve, but the Judge of the Dauphin County Courts held that the gentlemen were in error. These same attorneys are now advising their political clients that they can hold a primary election—regardless of the rules of the party—entirely free from the party organization, and still maintain their standing in the party. They know that they erred in their judgment last fall and they know that they are giving unsound advice now. The Republican voters of the county, we think, are not lost in admiration of the political acumen of these same attorneys, and will be neither deceived or misled by them. The primary elections have been called off by those having the authority to do so; the effort to hold one by a few hotheaded would-be-politicians can only result in taking those who participate in it squarely out of the party ranks with their faces turned toward the Popocratic camp.

A MEETING composed of the County Chairman, the members of the Executive Committee and the nominees for county offices was held in the court house early last fall for the purpose of fixing the assessment, according to party rules, that each candidate should pay toward defraying the campaign expenses at the approaching November election. The only candidates present who "kicked" at their assessment was H. F. Barron and George F. Kimmel. The former was assessed $75 and the latter $25, a less sum than any of their predecessors had ever been assessed for a like purpose. Subsequent to this meeting they both promised the Chairman to pay their assessment, knowing that unless they did so, under the party rules, their names could be dropped from the ticket and names of the candidates receiving the next highest vote substituted. Chairman Berkley accepted their promise to pay and their names were duly certified along with the rest of the candidates. The election is long since passed but neither gentleman has as yet paid. Is it to be wondered at, that when these same parties tried to play the same game on the County Chairman this spring he demanded that they pay the money down before he would incur the expense of a primary election. And these are not the only two; there are others; many others.

IT was only last fall that the late Mr. Edwin H. Werner shook the Republican dust from his sandals and departed with bag and baggage for the Popocratic camp, where he was received with open arms. It looks now as though his old "side-partner" and several other of his earstwhile co-laborers and friends are about to take the same step. If "brother" Werner were still in the flesh we could well imagine the unfeigned delight with which he would greet "brother" Berkey, "brother" Kooser, "brother" Shober, "brother" Barron, "brother" Kimmel and other of the "head men," as they march into camp and hand over their swords and side arms to General Coffroth and ask his permission to serve in the ranks; and the joy of the General, at receiving recruits to help fill up his painfully depleted columns, can be better imagined than described. His only regret will be that the new recruits were not taken from the fighting force of the enemy, but rather from those who in critical moments gave him aid and comfort while ostensibly in arms against him.

THE fearful castigation administered to the lying and canting leaders of the local combine by the HERALD last week it seems has had a wholesome effect, leastwise they have turned their venomous pens over to weaker and less skilfull hands in a vain effort to escape responsibility for the vicious and unwarranted assault on Chairman Berkley.

Perhaps they realized the truth of the maxim, "figures won't lie," and in view of their complete exposure by the publication of the receipts and expenditures of the last Republican primary campaign fund, resolved to let one of their less cunning and more unscrupulous imitators lie them out of the embarrassing situation to which they had been consigned by an indignant public.

With the abandon of a latter day Thomas this unscrupulous side-show "barker"—after admitting that the statements of Messrs. Biesecker and Berkley are correct, exclaims :—

"Then we come to two items that aggregate $60.00, and this is the chief outrage shown by the statement. This amount, $60.00, was paid to the ring organ and its organette for publishing the announcements of the 43 candidates."

"Think of it, voters, $5.00 each to two papers for publishing the announcement of each candidate, when any publisher of any country newspaper ought to consider such service well paid for at $2.00."

Could a more humiliating statement than the above eminate from other than a diseased brain, placing as it does the owners and publishers of the guerilla sheet in the position of knaves and blackmailers? Readers of the guerilla sheet need not be reminded that in 1887 the publisher inserted in its columns, without authority of the Chairman of the County Committee, the names of all candidates at the Republican primary election that year, and when refused payment, he at once brought suit against the Chairman and Secretary of the County Committee to recover $5 for the name of each candidate announced.

Seven years ago some twelve or thirteen candidates for nomination—among them Isaiah Good and A. J. Hileman—announced their names as candidates through the columns of the guerilla sheet and paid the ostensible editor $5 each for the service rendered.

At other times other candidates paid $5 each to the editor of the Salisbury Star for announcing their names in the columns of that journal.

The Somerset Democrat exacts $5 from all of the candidates of the Democratic party who avail themselves of the use of its columns for the purpose of announcing their names, with the exception of Jury Commissioner and Poor Director, when a charge of $3 is made.

The editor of the Berlin Record has also received $5 for publishing political announcements in his journal.

We refer to these facts simply for the purpose of showing that $5 is the customary charge for announcing political candidates in all of the newspaper offices in the county, and so far as our knowledge goes the same amount is exacted for similar service by newspapers throughout the State and Nation.

If the owners of the guerilla sheet have been wrongfully abstracting money from the pockets of their customers they should make prompt restitution, meanwhile the reputable journals of the county will continue to fix and maintain their own advertising rates.

No Primary Election.

It would have been worse than folly to hold a primary election this year, with only one regularly announced candidate for each position to be filled, and we are glad to note that Chairman Berkley and his Committee have called it off. It would have been a useless and unnecessary expenditure of money to have held a primary under existing conditions, and the three or four hundred dollars thus saved will come handy to help defray the expenses next year, when there will be more important offices to be filled and a primary will be a necessity.

It must be very gratifying to the County Chairman to have his action in adhering manfully to the party rules, in the face of abuse and villification, so strongly endorsed by so large a majority of the members of the County Committee.

If the little band of disorganizers and party wreckers carry into effect their present threat, and hold a primary of their own, they cannot be prevented from doing so, and, if they do, we hope they will find the amusement both healthful and diverting. But, to every earnest Republican in the county we would say : do not in any way participate in this proposed rump primary, no matter what others may advise you; for if held, it will be held entirely free from the party organization and in flat antagonism to the party rules. Those of you who followed the HERALD'S advice in 1882, and on a number of similar occasions, when the same men were attempting to disrupt the party who are now trying to destroy the party organization, have never had occasion to regret having done so, nor will you in this instance.

Chairman Berkley Sustained by Law.

The position taken by Chairman Berkley and a majority of the members of the Republican County Committee in dispensing with a primary election where only one candidate has legally announced his name for each office or position to be filled, is fully justified by the following Act of Assembly, passed finally last week and approved by Governor Hastings yesterday afternoon, June 22, 1897.

*AN ACT * * * Providing for certifying nominations in cases where there is no opposition to a candidate or candidates:*

* * * Any convention of delegates or primary meeting of electors or caucus held under the rules of a political party or any board authorized to certify nominations representing a political party which at the election next preceding polled at least two per centum of the largest entire vote for any office cast in the State or in the electoral district or division thereof for which such primary meeting caucus convention or board desires to make or certify nominations may nominate one candidate for each office which is to be filled in the State or in the said district or division at the next ensuing election by causing a certificate of nomination to be drawn up and filed as hereinafter provided. Every such certificate of nomination shall be signed by the presiding officer and the secretary or secretaries of the convention or primary meeting or caucus or board who shall add thereto their places of residence and shall be sworn or affirmed to by them before an officer qualified to administer oaths to be true to the best of their knowledge and belief and a certificate of the oath shall be annexed to the certificates of nomination. Provided, That if any political party has by its rules provided for a registration of candidates for nominations and at the time limited for such registration or at any subsequent time by reason of withdrawal or other cause there shall be no more candidates for any office registered or remaining than are to be elected to such office the person or persons so registered or remaining shall be deemed the nominee or nominees with the same effect as if he or they had been nominated by a convention or primary meeting or caucus or board. And one or more or all of the officers of the committee of such political party with which such registration shall be made or the officer with whom it is made shall make a certificate of such nomination in the same manner and with the same effect as if there had been a nomination by a convention or primary meeting or caucus or board."

Who Are They and What Are Their Records?

"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."—*From the Lamentations of Jeremiah; part of the XVI verse.*

Where, we ask, does this vociferous demand for a change of party management arise from? Is it not a fulmination from the brains of three or four aspiring politicians, working under the leadership of the mournful prophet, who wish to fasten their clutches upon the county offices for the purpose of further fleecing the tax payers?

Who are the leading representatives of the kicking faction who have been elevated to office and what are their records?

But few of them have succeeded in hoodwinking the people by their sham cries of reform. One of them, however, was successful on two occasions, and his despotic rule for six years in the County Commissioner's office has never been equaled since the formation of the county for disregard of the rights of the people, profligate expenditure of public money and general misrule, and if the contemplated investigation of the management of this office for the past six years does not show a condition of affairs little dreamed of by the honest tax payers of the county we shall miss our guess. Elected on the plea of economical management he was instrumental in raising the valuation of taxable real estate 25 per cent. and with the revenues of the county thus increased retired from office at the expiration of six years leaving the treasury penniless and the county in debt in a sum of something like $20,000, as appears by the Auditor's Report for the year 1896.

The year 1896 was one of the hardest the people of Somerset county ever experienced. Prices of farm products reached their lowest figure and labor went begging for employment. Farmers, business and professional men were compelled by dire necessity to resort to the most rigid economy in order to supply food and clothing for those dependent upon them. Unnecessary expenses were cut off in every direction possible and "retrenchment" was the watchword of both rich and poor. The stringency of the times made taxes, always hard to bear, unusually heavy on the shoulders of farmers, and the people were earnestly praying for relief.

How was the situation viewed in the office of the gentlemen charged with levying the taxes and making public expenditures? We have already stated that they had increased the valuation of all farm lands, in order to avert increasing the millage, which would have amounted in the end to practically the same thing. With the contemptuous arrogance of the late Commodore Vanderbilt they virtually exclaimed- "the public be d——d," or in the less expressive language of Boss Tweed, 'what are you going to do about it?' since we hold the purse strings."

We have not the space to enter into a detailed statement of the profligate expenditure that characterized the Commissioners' office last year, or during the five years preceding, and will, therefore, at this time, point to only one of the most flagrant instances.

Early in December, 1896, a force of foreign workmen began tearing out the fixtures in one of the vaults in the Prothonotary's office, all of which was in splendid condition and thoroughly adapted to the demands of that office, only to replace them with a lot of patent metalic file cases (or tin boxes as they are commonly called) at a cost of $2,000. The Prothonotary did not ask for this wasteful expenditure of public money, nor so far as we have been able to learn was a demand made for it by a single member of the bar or any considerable number of the general public. An order for $200, signed by Comissioners Shober and Barnett, part payment on the job, was rejected by the Board of Auditors and that amount was surcharged against these officials. It is but just to add that Messrs. Shober and Barnett have appealed from the Auditor's report and that it is more than likely that the entire matter will be thoroughly ventilated in the courts. The previous board of County Commissioners, refitted a second vault in the Prothonotary's office with the same character of metal furniture at a cost of about $1300, whereas the expenditure of one-tenth that amount would have fully met the demand for at least 100 years. Similar furniture was provided for the Commissioner's office at a cost exceeding $1000.

We submit to an intelligent public whether there was any necessity for spending this large sum of money, approximating $4,500, for supplying furniture that was altogether unnecessary for the conduct of public business, at a time when tax payers were put to extreme measures to provide bread for their wives and children?

Other glaring examples of extravagance and shameful expenditure of public money characterized the administration of this sham economic reformer, but we will withhold further comment until a future time, believing that the people of Somerset county were never better or more economically served in the conduct of their public affairs than they were during the terms of the long line of honorable men who preceded the individuals referred to.

This is one of the party wreckers, who under the leadership of more cowardly men, have been traversing the county from end to end during the past few weeks trying to sow discord among the voters in order to advance their own selfish schemes.

In behalf of the Republican voters of the county the HERALD hurls back the vile slander that the "management of the party's affairs must be turned into other hands." Let the hands of all our officials be clean.

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.

Victoria's Sight is Gone.

New York, June 18.—The Sun's London correspondent confirms the previous report of Queen Victoria's blindness, and says there is unfortunately little hope of even a partial restoration of the impaired faculty. The cause of the trouble is a peculiar film over the retina, believed to be due to a gouty condition of the blood.

The Sun has also received a letter from Seabright, in which the writer says the fact of the Queen's trouble has been known in court circles for some time. The writer saw a letter written by a lady in the circle, in which she said: "The poor Queen on her Jubilee will hear the shouts of the crowds as she drives to St. Paul's, but alas! poor lady, she will not be able to see her people, for she is practically blind.

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.

Greeks Must Pay For Fun.

Constantinople, June 19.—The negotiations between the representatives of the Powers and the Porte for the establishment of peace between Turkey and Greece have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

All of the points involved have been settled except the method of guaranteeing the indemnity to be paid to Turkey by Greece, which has been fixed at $20,000,000 Turkish money.

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.

Flirted From the Scaffold.

ZEBULON, Ga., June 18.—Tom Delk, the outlaw, was hanged this afternoon in view of 6,000 persons. On the way to the gallows Tom bowed to the men, and smiled as he took off his hat to the women. He was in a very good humor, and said:

"This looks like it was election day, don't it?"

Republican Convention.

HARRISBURG, Pa., June 18.—The State Republican convention will be held in this city Thursday, August 26. State Chairman Elkin to-day fixed the date, after consulting with party workers over the State. Candidates for State Treasurer and Auditor General will be named. The State Committee will meet the day before the convention to arrange the preliminaries of the campaign.

Down at Harrisburg.

Senator Quay spent Monday in Harrisburg and as a result of his visit it is believed that the legislature will adjourn as near July 1st as possible. He says it can be done if everybody gets to work. The Senator thinks the proper thing for the State to do is to cut down expenses, and not levy any additional taxes, and go home by July 3. It is thought proper to take off the extra $500,000 given to schools annually for the purchase of books. The schools have enjoyed this for four years, and have gotten $2,000,000. This is plenty to buy all the text books needed by the schools for some time. The schools will continue to get the usual appropriation which is five millions yearly. The million gotten in this way, the $800,000 from the direct inheritance tax, together with the revenue bills to be passed, will do much toward wiping out the deficit, which by the way, has been widely exaggerated by sensational statements.

The State charities must be cared for, but at a time like this the institutions will be willing to get along upon much less than they usually receive.

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Governor Hastings has signed the Campbell bill imposing a tax of three cents a day on all employed unnaturalized foreigners. The tax is to be deducted from the wages of this class, beginning July 1 next.

One-half goes to the school fund on the basis of the number of schools and the balance for the general expenses of the counties. This proposition was first introduced in the house by Mr. Campbell, of Fayette, in 1889, and he has since been working to have it become a law.

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The electric light snake, requiring municipalities before establishing public lighting plants of their own to purchase, through the courts, the property and franchises of existing lighting companies, was passed by a vote of 108 to 70.

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Three of the reform measures introduced in the senate at the beginning of the session by General Gobin to carry out the pledges of the state republican platform in the campaigns of 1895 and 1896 will be sent to Governor Hastings next Tuesday. The report of the conference committee on the non-political interference, non-assessment and poll tax bills was unanimously adopted this morning by the senate. It will be taken up by the house next Tuesday and adopted, after which the bills will go to the governor.

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The bill to tax pleasure carriages and bicycles one dollar per year, and traction engines three dollars, was defeated by a vote of 70 to 63.

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Governor Hastings has approved the following bills:

Providing for the regulation of the manufacture and sale of vinegars to prevent adulteration.

Limiting the number of inmates of State prisons, penitentiaries, State reformatories and other penal institutions to be employed in manufacturing goods therein and prohibiting the use of machinery in manufacturing said goods. It provides that not more than five per cent. of the whole number of inmates shall be employed in the manufacture of brooms and not more than ten per cent. in the manufacture of any other kind of goods that are manufactured elsewhere in the State except mats and matting, in which forty per cent. of the whole number of inmates may be employed.

Applying the provisions of the act to prevent the spread of the contagious diseases known as yellows, black knot, peach rosette and pear blight among peach, plum, cherry, prune, almond, apricot, nectarine and pear trees to the "San Jose scale" when found on any vine, plant, shrub or fruit tree.

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.

Death of Father Kneip.

MUNICH, June 17.—Rev. Sebastian Kneipp, known throughout the world as the originator of the cold water cure, died at Woerishofen this morning, at the age of 75. As a boy he was apprenticed to a weaver, but he was taken with an affection of the lungs and sent to the Catholic hospital at Augustberg. The Bishop, impressed with his intelligence, induced him to study for the priesthood. Hard study, however, resulted in a severe attack of nervous prostration, and he returned to the hospital.

While turning over the pages of an ancient print one day he chanced to read a paper on the efficacy of cold water as a cure for disease. All hope had then been given up for his complete recovery. He began experiments upon his own case, acting upon his newly-formed theory, and effected a complete cure. Forty-two years ago he was sent to Woerishofen, one of the prettiest towns in Bavaria. He continued to heal the sick, and as his reputation grew hundreds came to him daily. He made no charge, but the voluntary contributions have built sanitariums and provided Woerishofen with all modern municipal improvements. Many distinguished patients were treated. They are compelled to walk barefooted in the snow in winter and in wet grass in summer.

A Buck and Bear Fight.

WOODLAND, N. Y., June 19.—Frank Lane, who lives on the panther Hill, near the foot of Panther Mountain, in the Southern Catskills, witnessed an interesting tussle between a big buck deer and an old bear one day last week. Lane was eating his morning meal when the heard a tremendous rumpus outside the cabin. He grabbed his gun, whistled to his dogs and ran out.

The battle was a royal one, but the advantage was with the buck, which was more agile than bruin, and as the bear rose time and again to seize the buck in his claws the deer gored him with his terrible forked antlers.

Lane held his dogs, as he was afraid they would attack the deer, which would have brought him in conflict with the law. He watched the battle until the buck with a bound jumped clean over the bear, and before his antagonist could meet his new move, impaled him upon his antlers and tossed him into the air a dozen feet.

The bear fell to the ground, and as he struck the buck was upon him with his four sharp hoofs, stamping him like a battering ram. This it appeared, was too much for the bear, and picking himself up he beat a hasty retreat. The deer gave a snort of triump, and seeing the dogs, which were tugging at their leash, bounded away and was soon lost in the forest.

Lutheran Sunday Schools' Enthusiastic Convention—Encouraging Reports.

The Somerset County Lutheran Sunday School Convention, of which a brief report was given in these columns last week, continued its sessions at Rockwood last Wednesday and Thursday. The committee on organization presented the following report which was adopted, viz: Officers for 1897-98, Pres. Wm. H. Ruppel; Vice Pres. Rev. E. S. Johnston; Rec. Sec., M. D. Reel; Cor. Sec., J. R. Boose; Treas., Rev. Calvin F. Gephart.

The topic, "Sunday School Workers, (a), Pastors and Superintendents, (b), Teachers, (c), Scholars, (d), Parents," was well discussed in essays and addresses by the Misses Ida and Helen Schaff, Prof. H. S. Rhoads, Revs. G. J. Taylor, A. B. Miller, G. J. Ulrick, Messrs. W. A. Weaver and Geo. S. Lohr.

The topic "Sunday School Attractions" was well ventilated in an essay by Miss Bertha Davis, and an address by Rev. B. B. Collins. Another topic "Sunday School Libraries" received marked attention from Rev. Seifert and Dr. M. L. Young. The discussion on Wednesday evening was opened by Rev. C. F. Gephart in the absence of the essayist and Rev. L. W. Flick continued the discussion on the timely topic, "Beneficence in the Sunday School." The lecture that evening was by Rev. Dr. F. W. E. Paschaw, pastor of the Lutheran church, Greensburg, Pa. His subject, "The Sons of Issachar," was certainly a good one, and the lecture was accounted a splendid effort. All who heard the Dr. were highly pleased. W. H. Ruppel and Chas. F. Uhl sang a duet very well. Also the Misses Minnie Pile and Emma Walter, of Somerset, rendered a song beautifully. The discussion on "Sunday School Workers" by Revs. Amig and Dunlap was interesting on Thursday morning, after which the committees gave in reports.

It was ordered that at the next annual convention there shall be a Superintendents, session, and that hereafter the Superintendents of each Sunday School be regarded as one of the delegates from Schools entitled to delegates.

The convention was a very successful one. The parochial report will appear in these columns next week.

After devotional services on Wednesday morning the closing business of the convention was transacted. The first in order was the payment of the annual contributions or dues into the hands of the Treasurer, Rev. C. F. Gephart, from the various Sunday Schools. The amount received was $13.75.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented and adopted in which the pastor, Sunday School, and congregation of the Lutheran church and the people of Rockwood in general were thanked for their kindness and generous hospitality shown to the members and visitors at this convention.

It was ordered that hereafter the Superintendents of our Sunday Schools be elected as delegates to the annual conventions of this S. S. Association, and further, that one session of the convention be set apart for a superintendents conference.

On Reports of Schools the committee reported Scalp Level Sunday School as again entitled to the banner, yet that School generously donated the same to the Rockwood Lutheran Sunday School for the year 1897-98. The statistical reports is as follows: number of schools 54, reported 46, officers 256, teachers 431 scholars 4679—gain 153, Augsburg S. S. Lesson Literature 5548, communicants in school 1908, received first communion 197. Total amount contributions $3994.38, of this for missions $1609.09, for S. S. supplies $1347.81, for other purposes, $1040.13, gain over last year $669.27, number of young Lutherans 935, last year 1048.

On the credentials the final report of the committee showed that 14 clergymen and 128 delegates besides many visitors attended the conventions.

Messrs. Wm. Ruppel and Chas. Uhl, president and secretary respectively last year, sang a duet with good effect.

Revs. Amig and Dunlap then discussed interestingly and ably the topic, "Sunday School Work,"—a fit closing topic. Words of praise were spoken by members of the connection regarding the success of this meeting after which the interesting 21st Annual Convention of the Somerset County Lutheran Sunday School Convention came to a close.

Snake in Woman's Stomach.

WELLSBORO, Pa., June 18.—At Stony Fork this county, yesterday an operation was performed on Mrs. John Halliday for what was supposed to be cancer of the stomach. Instead the surgeons found a live water snake nearly eight inches long in her stomach.

The reptile was as active as though it were in its natural place. Mrs. Halliday thinks she swallowed the snake while drinking from a mountain spring, after dark last September.

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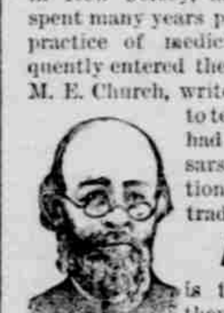

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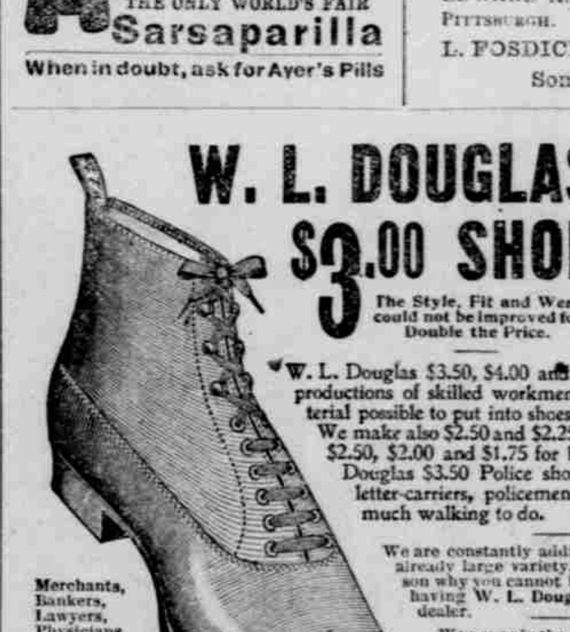

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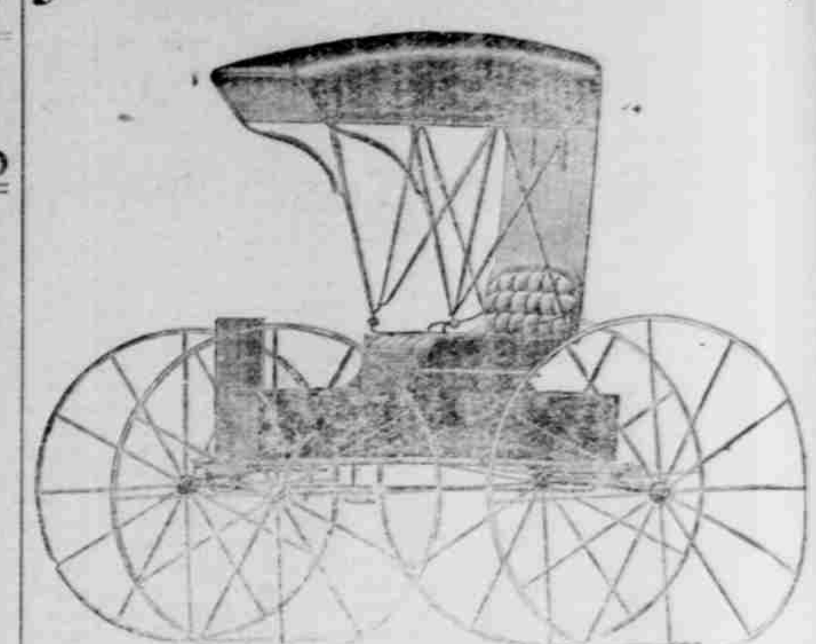

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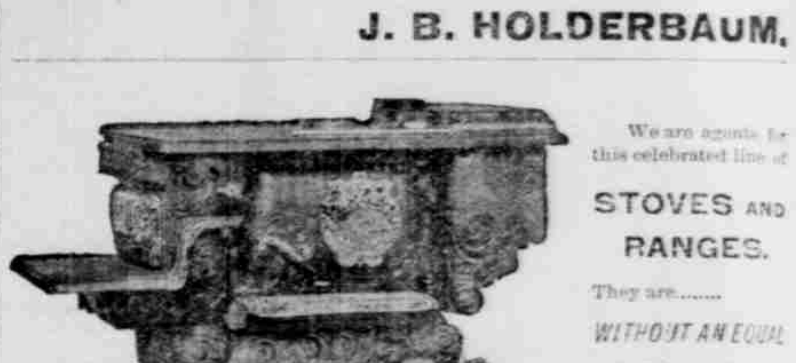

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