The Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

WEDNESDAY.....June 23, 1897.

The ground hereabouts was white with frost on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

A corn cob pipe factory is a new industry for Bellefonte. It will be operating in two weeks.

Home grown strawberries are in market this week. The crop promises to be an unusually prolific one.

Mr. Ross R. Scott, who has been attending college at Irvington, Ind., is home for the summer vacation.

Senator Critchfield was in town for a few hours Saturday, leaving in the afternoon for his home in Jenner township.

Jerome Staffi, of Jenner township, left last week for the State of Washington. He expects to be absent about six weeks.

The Misses Linton, of Johnstown, and Miss Todhunter, of Annapolis, Md., are guests at the home of Editor R. M. Linton.

A number of ladies and gentlemen from Friedens were royally entertained at the Grand Central Hotel, Hooversville, on Saturday evening.

George L. Dobson, of Quemahoning township, was kicked by a horse while working on the road one day last week, and was badly bruised.

Crops of all kinds, with the exception of corn, never looked more promising than at present. The cold weather has retarded the growth of corn.

Mrs. Samuel Philson, of Berlin, is at the Markleton Sanatorium for treatment, and her friends hope for her ultimate recovery from her prolonged sickness.

Hooversville citizens are putting down side walks in front of their business houses and places of residence, an improvement that is much appreciated by visitors to that place.

Mrs D. B. Zimmerman and family, accompanied by the former's mother—Mrs. Samuel Snyder, of Berlin—have gone to North Dakota, where they will spend the summer on Mr. Zimmerman's ranch.

John H. Uhl, Esq., and Grocer H. C. Beeris will leave on Monday for a six weeks' trip to the Pacific Slope. During their absence Mr. Uhl's law practice will be looked after by Chas. F. Uhl, Jr.

Mr. Cyrus Miller, of Lanark, Ill., is visiting among his Somerset county relatives. He is the eldest brother of Hon. E. D. Miller, of Rockwood, and emigrated to Illinois a great many years ago.

Mr. George Knepper, son of A. W. Knepper, of this place, is a member of the graduating class of '97 of the Butler University, at Irvington, Ind. His father has gone to see him take his degree.

Mr. Freeman Piper and Miss Flora Harman, both of Stahlstown, Westmoreland county, were united in marriage, on Thursday, June 27th, at the Hotel Tayman, in Lavansville, Rev. C. F. Gephart officiating.

Misses Nora Walter and Bessie Knepper start this afternoon for Altoona, where they will represent the Somerset Luther League in the State Convention of that order, which meets in that city on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Krebs and their daughter—Miss Clara—left Monday morning via Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia, for Tamaqua, Pa., for the purpose of attending the wedding of one of Mr. Krebs' nieces, which takes place next Thursday.

Congressman Hicks has recommended the appointment of C. B. Moore, for postmaster at New Lexington, and P. V. Nedrow for postmaster at Somerfield. Their commissions will be forwarded immediately upon receipt of their bonds at the Post Office Department.

Dr. H. S. Kimmel and wife will leave next Monday morning on a tour of the far west. They expect to visit San Francisco, Cal., Seattle, Wash., and other cities on the Pacific slope, and it is altogether likely that they will make a sea voyage to Alaska before returning.

Hon. W. H. Sanner returned from Harrisburg on Thursday and at once took to his bed where he remained until Monday, suffering from a severe bilious attack. Monday morning he was able to leave his house for a few hours, but does not expect to be in condition to return to the State Capitol before the latter part of the week.

A new counter just placed in the office of Register and Recorder Cover is one of the handsomest pieces of office furniture in Somerset and the workmanship reflects great credit on the builder—Mr. Frank Friedline. The counter is made of cherry throughout and the ornamentation is modest and subdued. The top is inclined on both sides rendering access to the county records easy for clerks and the public alike.

Congressman J. D. Hicks spent last Wednesday among his Somerset friends and constituents. He was accompanied by Chairman Davis, of the Blair County Republican County Committee, who expressed himself as being in sympathy with the position taken by Chairman Berkley in upholding the rules of the party in this county. Blair county primaries are held under the Crawford county system and their rules are practically the same as those in force in this county.

While in Somerset on Wednesday last Congressman Hicks spent much of his time in the HERALD office, where he met and conferred with a number of his political friends. He was strong in his commendation of Chairman Berkley's manly course and gave some wholesome advice to the few party wreckers and disorganizers whom he met. The daughty Congressman is a firm believer in party organization and has no sympathy to waste on the factionists who are attempting to sow discord in the party ranks.

Ensign Orlo Knepper's leave of absence came to a sudden termination Monday morning when he received orders from the Navy Department to proceed immediately to Mare Island, San Francisco, to take passage on the "Hartford" for China, there to report to the Admiral of the Asiatic Squadron for duty. The Ensign left for San Francisco yesterday morning. He had expected to spend a month or six weeks with Somerset relatives.

Noah D. Bowman, a well known resident of Quemahoning township, recently sustained an ugly injury while cutting railroad ties. His ax glanced and slashed open his right foot back of the toes, almost severing three of them. He will be unable to resume work for six weeks to come. Two other young men, Alexander and Miller, living in the same neighborhood, are also suffering from cuts. Alexander accidently cut himself on the knee while dressing ties, and Miller cut himself in the ankle while making fence.

The eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Thomas, of Thomas' Mills, Conemaugh township, while assisting his father in hauling logs the other day, got one of his legs caught betw en a moving log and a tree and the flesh was horribly torn from the knee to the ankle. It was at first thought that amputation would have to be resorted to, but Dr. C. P. Lenhart, of Roxbury, now believes the limb can be saved, as the lacerated flesh appears to be uniting together.

RODDY BOYS GET MORE TIME.

Argument for a New Trial Postponed Until Tuesday, August 31.

The application of James and John Roddy twice convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of David Berkey, was taken up by the court yesterday afternoon, when it appeared that the Court Stenographer had not completed transcribing the notes of testimony taken at the last trial in the early days of this month, and the attorneys were, therefore, unable to proceed with the argument.

Judge Longenecker made an order continuing the hearing until Tuesday, August 31, at which time he said the case would be finally disposed of by the Somerset County Court.

Base Ball Thursday.

Somerset's reorganized ball club will make their first appearance on the diamond against a foreign team Thursday afternoon, when they will be pitted against Uniontown, one of the strongest amateur clubs in the country.

With the addition of four new players, none of whom, however, it is but just to add, ever played here before, Somerset expects to put up a strong game, and whether they win or loose the afternoon should be full of excitement for lovers of the National sport.

Wreck on the S. & C.

A freight wreck on the S. & C. R. R. last Wednesday was caused by a car loaded with oats leaving the track near Foustwell. The car was next to the engine, and fireman Parsons who was standing on top of the car with brakeman Edward Zerfoss, jumped and caught hold of a young tree and hung there until the train passed. Zerfoss did not leave the car. Brakeman Bittner, who was in the next car, a gondola, jumped and landed at the edge of the river. He was only slightly injured. The box car was destroyed and passenger trains were delayed three or four hours.

A Proud Record.

Rev. Hann, the Methodist minister located at Confluence, has a military record upon which he looks back with much satisfaction, although he rarely refers to it even when among his intimate friends. He was a member of the famous Massachusetts regiment that was mobbed in the streets of Baltimore, and later was one of eighty picked men who did duty as personal guard over President Lincoln at the White House, when the rebels were threatening to storm the capital. He says that when he first went to the White House he thought President Lincoln the homeliest man he ever beheld, but after seeing him two or three times a day for several months and carefully studying his features he came to think him the handsomest man in the world.

Dr. Mitchell Refused a New Trial.

When court convened yester-lay morning Judge Longenecker handed down an opinion refusing the application of Dr. W. F. Mitchell for a new trial. Owing to the critical condition of Mrs. Mitchell's health sentence was withheld until the next Argument court, which meets on August 24th, the Dr. entering bail in the sum of $2,000 for his appearance at that time.

Mrs. Mitchell has been prostrated ever since her husband was convicted and it is feared that the news of the Court's action in refusing him a new trial will have a crushing effect upon her.

Argument for a new trial in behalf of Dr. W. F. Mitchell, convicted at February term of court of performing a criminal operation upon Miss Sadie E. Beal, who died in the Alleghney General Hospital, on December 30th, was heard by the Court Monday afternoon. The defendant and the prosecutor, Mr. A. O. Beal, were present.

Counsel for the defendant argued that the Court had erred in admitting in evidence the telegram written by the dead girl before she took the train at McKeesport for Somerset, and presented affidavits from four of the jurors who sat in the case setting forth that upon after consideration they believed the defendant should be granted a new trial. Judge Longenecker said that two other jurors had written to him to the same effect, but that no consideration would be given to the opinions of jurors who had changed their minds after rendering a verdict. His Honor also remarked that he had committed an error when he admitted in evidence the statements of the dead girl, but inasmuch as they were all in favor of the defendant he did not regret that he had done so. At the conclusion of the argument Dr. Mitchell asked permission to return to his home in Petersburg, which was granted. He was not present Tuesday morning when a new trial was refused.

Recent Deaths.

Mrs. Griffith, wife of the venerable William C. Griffith, who is in his ninety-fourth year, died at her home in Jenner township, on Tuesday, of paralysis. She was ten years younger than her husband.

She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mr. J. J. Griffith, of Jennertown; Miss Eva Griffith, of Jenner township; Covode Griffith, of Alabama; A. K. Griffith, of New York State, and Mrs. Sesson, of Nebraska.

The funeral took place Thursday morning, interment being made in the Baptist Cemetery near Jennertown. Rev. David Sheerer, of the United Brethren Church, assisted by Rev. Hutchison, of the Lutheran Church, conducted the services.

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Mrs. Jere J. Griffith, aged about 45 years, died at her home in Jenner township, at an early hour Monday morning, from pulmonary trouble. She is survived by her husband and one daughter.

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George W. Shober, aged 70 years, a highly respected citizen of Brothersvalley township, died last Tuesday afternoon, from dropsy. Although he had been suffering for a long time from the disease which terminated in his death, the summons came suddenly and was a great shock to the members of his family. He is survived by his wife and four children, all of whom are married, as follows: Ex-Commissioner S. U. Shober, of Somerset township; Madison Shober, Mrs. Alexander Coleman and Mrs. Wesley Landis, of Brothersvalley township. Interment was made at Beachdale, on Thursday afternoon.

Does Lying Pay!

From the Meyersdale Commercial.

Elsewhere will be seen the statement of the receipts and expenditures of last year's Primaries. It is not usual to publish these statements in any of the counties, nor have we ever seen such a statement issued by the State Committee, or its chairman. The combine crowd have been so industriously circulating false statements regarding the use made of the money paid by the candidates that the rule to not publish has been set aside in this instance, just to show that the gang were howling up the wrong tree as usual. Mr. Beisecker, the late chairman, or Mr. Berkley the present incumbent are at least as honorable, as manly and as honest as their defamers. The statement shows that the money was wisely, prudently and economically managed. Every dollar is accounted for, and the auditors who investigated every item and handled every check, are men beyond reproach and above suspicion. The worst of it all is, is the fact that the men who have been doing the dirty work knew the accounts were straight and honest, that not a penny had been improperly expended, but they did it to hoodwink those not so well informed and to further their own selfish schemes. This statement trips them up and exposes their ignoble motives.

A good Somerset county farmer and farmer's boy can find steady employment at good wages on a farm near Ligonier, Westmorland county. Apply at the HERALD office immediately.

NO REPUBLICAN PRIMARY.

There Being Only One Candidate for Each Position to be Filled the Necessity for Holding a Primary is Obviated.

To the Republican Voters of Somerset Co.:

There being no competition for the several nominations to be made at the regular June Primary Election, only one candidate for each position to be filled having complied with the party rules relative to announcing candidates, the necessity for holding such election this year is obviated, and none will therefore be held.

The several candidates regularly announced will be duly declared the party nominees.

H. M. BERKLEY,
Chairman Rep. Co. Com.

In accordance with the party rules and a well established precedent, as well as at the request of a large majority of the Republican County Committee, and by and with the consent of the Executive Committee, County Chairman Berkley announces in the above card that there will be no primary election this year.

The letter or petition, signed by two-thirds of the members of the County Committee follows.

To Harvey M. Berkley, Esq.,
Chairman Republican County Committee.

Sir.—
We heartily commend your action in strictly upholding the rules of the Republican party by not announcing the names of those who refused to pay their proportionate shares of the necessary expense of holding the primary election. And in view of the fact that only one candidate has announced for each office or position to be filled, we recommend and advise that you forgo the expense of a primary election and call it off. We further authorize you to certify the following named candidates for the several offices and positions to be filled:

For Del. to State Con.—Ephraim D. Miller.
" " " " " John W. Mostoller.
" " " " " James M. Cover.
For P. H. Director—Manasses Shoemaker.
For Jury Commissioner—Ephraim Coleman.

C. H. Bird, committeeman,	Addison.	
John C. Geller,	"	Allegheny.
John D. Hough	"	Brothers Valley.
Simon Thomas,	"	Conemaugh.
T. B. Frantz	"	Confluence Boro.
Daniel Mickey,	"	Casselman Boro.
A. L. Lowry,	"	Elk Lick No 1.
N. B. Carlstner,	"	Elk Lick No 2.
W. M. Smith,	"	Fairhope.
Daniel Shaffer,	"	Hooversville Boro.
G. L. Countryman	"	Jefferson.
M. A. Zimmerman	"	Jenner.
D. L. Witt,	"	Jennertown Boro.
Nelson Gerhard,	"	Lower Turkeyfoot.
Jacob Heckler	"	Middlecreek.
A. W. Miller,	"	Milford
S. P. Tedrow,	"	N. Conireville Boro.
Joseph Hutchinson,	"	N. Baltimore Boro.
Joel Bowman	"	Northampton.
I. D. Zimmerman	"	Quemahoning No 1
Samuel Lowry,	"	Quemahoning No 2
Jacob McGregor,	"	Shade.
P. V. Nedrow,	"	Somerfield Boro.
Philip Geiss,	"	Southampton.
Jacob Peck,	"	Summit.
W. M. Putman,	"	Upper Turkeyfoot.
J. R. Jennings,	"	Urbana Boro.
Loyd Sturtz,	"	Wellersburg Boro.

"DICK" THOMAS KILLED.

Ground to Pieces in Front of His Home by a B. & O. Engine.

Richard Thomas, a well-known mechanical engineer and machinist, was killed by a helper engine at 6 o'clock Monday morning, in front of his home near Milford Station. His body was literally ground to pieces. Particles of flesh were clinging to the wheels of the engine when it arrived at Somerset an hour afterwards.

The engineer says that after pushing the early morning through Johnstown freight up the hill to the Summit he started back to Rockwood, the engine running backwards. When a short distance from the Thomas residence, which is only a few feet from the railroad, he saw a man on the track, and at once whistled the usual danger signal. The man paid no attention to the signal and the next moment the heavy engine was upon him.

The remains were gathered up and carried into the unfortunate man's home, where they were prepared for burial. Mrs. Thomas had left the house but a short time before and was a half-mile up the track on her way to a neighbors when the accident happened.

Some time ago Thomas showed signs of insanity, but as he manifested no violent symptoms his friends thought it unnecessary to have him confined. It is presumed that he wandered on the railroad track and was entirely unconscious of danger. A faithful dog was with him at the time and it was also ground to pieces beneath the engine.

During the war Thomas was employed as an engineer aboard one of the Union gunboats. Since the war he has been following his trade as machinist throughout the county. He was of a genial disposition and had many friends. He is survived by his wife and one son. He was about fifty-five years of age.

New Conklin Wagons.

We will sell cheap for cash to close out 3 2-horse, 1 one-horse New Conklin Wagons. This is a rare chance to get the best wagon made at a bargain. Also 2 Osborne Mowers very cheap. Inquire at store of

P. A. SCHELL,
Somerset Pa.

An Old Indian Jar.

Marshall A. Ross, of Confluence, has offered to the Carnegie Library, in Allegheny, an old Indian relic, which was exumed in 1878 near his home, between the Castleman and Youghiogheny Rivers. It is a jar in shape and color like a cocoanut, smooth on the inside and scratch-grained on the outside. When found the jar was empty, and is in perfect condition, with the exception of the top, which at the time of its finding, was broken off by a plowman, who imagined the vessel contained some hidden treasure.

Confluence, near where the relic was found, is the legendary site of an Indian village, and many relics of the red man have been discovered in the vicinity in the past, hence the jar in question is supposed to have been fashioned by some tribe long since defunct. The relic will probably be accepted by the Library Committee.

Binder Twine! Farmers Look Here!

We have just received a carload of binder twine from one of the best manufacturers. Quality guaranteed.

I will sell while this car lasts at following prices for cash:—

Sisal, per pound,	5 cts.
Standard, per pound,	5 cts.
Manilla, per pound	6 cts.

If charged or in less than bales, 1 cent per pound advance.

Twine open for inspection at our store.

J. B. HOLDERBAUM,
Somerset, Pa.

Special Notice.

Dr. J. P. Hunter, an eminent practitioner of Allegheny City, will have charge of Dr. H. S. Kimmel's practice, during the latter's absence in California. All of Dr. Kimmel's patients can rest assured that their calls will be promptly and efficiently attended to.

Reduced Rates to San Francisco via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that, for the Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in San Francisco July 7 to 12, it will sell special tickets from all points on its system at greatly reduced rates. These tickets will be sold June 27 to July 2, and will permit of stopover at Denver and points West. Returning, passengers must reach original starting point not later than August 17, 1897.

For specific rates, conditions, and full information apply to nearest ticket agent.

Another Card From Chairman Berkley.

To the Republican voters of Somerset County:

I desire to submit for your consideration in reply to the misrepresentation of my course in upholding the rules governing the Republican organization, and the juggling of figures, contained in the Somerset Standard of the 17th inst., the following:

I never held any conversation with the alleged editor of the Standard in regard to any of the matters in controversy, and all of his charges are therefore positively untrue.

I did not demand from a single prospective candidate that he sign a paper agreeing to pay his share of the expense incurred in holding a primary election, but on the contrary told one and all that I would expect them to pay their pro rata shares of the deficit in advance. I, also, informed each individual desiring to announce that I would be prepared to submit an estimate of the expense of holding an election and the estimated deficit on the 5th day of June. I did not intimate that the assessment would be an indefinite sum, but, on the contrary, told one and all that the amount would not be very large when divided into pro rata shares, but would be too large for one man to assume—much larger than the Chairman was willing to assume.

Mr. Edward Keller, the only would-be-candidate who called on the 5th of June and inspected the estimate prepared by me will not deny the correctness of the above statement.

In regard to the assessments paid by the various candidates for the conduct of the fall campaign the writer in the Standard knows that it was properly used for the purposes for which it was assessed, and that all of those who paid their assessments are at liberty at any time to call upon me for a statement of how it was expended. I would indeed have been culpable had I turned this money into the primary fund in order to pay expenses of aspiring candidates at the present time, at least one of whom failed to pay his assessment when a candidate on the Republican ticket last fall, and whose campaign was made on money contributed by other candidates on the ticket. In this connection I desire to add that the Chairman expended a much larger sum than he received from assessments paid by candidates, relying upon the verbal promises of several gentlemen who failed to pay their assessments, and whose affidavits at this time are as valueless as their words were last fall.

I told each of the would-be-candidates that I would be prepared to submit a statement of the expense of holding the primary election on June 5th. Mr. H. F. Barron did not call upon me repeatedly to see the statement as he swears he did, but once in passing me on the street remarked: "I am ready to see that statement, and want to see what became of that fund paid in last spring." I replied that he could see my statement on June 5th, but that he would have to go to my predecessor for a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the 1896 primary, as I would have to base my computation upon the money received from him.

In conclusion I wish to state emphatically that not one of the would be candidates ever offered to pay more than $10, and all flatly refused to pay their pro-rata shares of the deficit, levied by me as an assessment in strict conformity with the rules.

I take pleasure in appending the affidavit of Mr. Josiah Swank, Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank, who was present at nearly all of the conversations held with the aspiring candidates who called upon me.

Very respectfully,
HARVEY M. BERKLEY.

Somerset County, ss:

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the County of Somerset, personally came Josiah Swank, who being duly sworn as the law directs, says that in his presence and in his plain hearing, in the First National Bank, of Somerset, Pennsylvania, Harvey M. Berkley told John H. Shafer, S. U. Shober, Isaiah Good, H. F. Barron, J. A. Berkey, P. U. Miller, David Cover and Edward Keller, that the money in the treasury was insufficient to hold a primary election; that at the time of each of the conversations he (Berkley) said he did not yet know how much more it would take, but that on June 5th, the last day for announcing, he would have ready and would exhibit to each candidate desiring to see it, a statement of the amount in hand and an estimate of the balance required, and that he would not announce as candidates the names of any persons who would not on that day pay in their proportionate shares of the deficit.

John H. Shafer said that he would not pay more than the $10, and also that he would not sign any paper agreeing to pay any more, and Berkey, Shober, Good, Keller, Barron and D. Cover all refused to do so, and the five former left their money on the counter of the bank and went out.

Affiant further says that he saw the estimate above referred to lying on Berkley's desk all day of June 5th, and that he was in the bank the entire day excepting half an hour at noon, and that the only person who called to see it was Mr. Edward Keller.

Subscribed and sworn to this 22d day of June, A. D. 1897.

JOSIAH SWANK.
CHAS. W. WALKER,
Notary Public.

Signed Under a Wrong Impression.

In justice to some of the Committeemen whose names are attached to the letter, or petition, to Chairman Berkley, it is proper to state that they attached their signatures thereto, subsequent to having signed a petition calling upon the Chairman of the County Committee to issue a call for a primary election, circulated by Messrs. S. U. Shober, Geo. F. Kimmel, J. A. Berkey, Esq., and others. And it may not be amiss to add that at the time they signed the petition circulated by the gentlemen named the Committee was unadvised of the position taken by the County Chairman.

To Republican Voters.

The Chairman of the County Committee having decided that there is no necessity for holding a primary election this spring, since only one candidate has legally announced his name for each position to be filled, I hereby request my friends to refrain from voting for me as candidate for delegate to the State Convention at an election, which I am informed will be held on Saturday, June 26th, in violation of the Republican rules. I have learned that tickets bearing my name have been circulated throughout the county. This has been done without my authority or consent. I feel positive that the other candidates announced by authority of the Chairman of the County Committee will concur with me in this matter.

Very respectfully,
JAMES M. COVER.

If you eat what you like, and digest it, you will surely be strong and healthy.

But if you don't digest it, you might almost as well not eat, for what good can your food do you if it doesn't nourish you?

If you find that you can't digest it, there is a simple help for your stomach.

It is Shaker Digestive Cordial, made by the Shakers of Mount Lebanon. It has never failed to cure the worst case of indigestion.

Strength and health come from the food you eat, after it has been digested and has gone into the blood.

The best tonic is digested food. The best aid to digestion, Shaker Digestive Cordial.

When you have acid eructations, nausea, headache, wind, dizziness, offensive breath, or any other symptoms of dyspepsia, Shaker Digestive Cordial will cure you.

At druggists. Trial bottle 10 cents.

A person who defrauds another of his money by selling a spurious article is bad enough; but when he injures health by his trickery he is a monster. Beware of the imitations of "Garland" stoves and ranges, and preserve your health.

Here and There.

Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss, the hero of Shiloh, has recently been appointed postmaster of Bethany, Mo. The office pays a bare living, even to so economical and unassuming a man as the General, who is now nearly 80 years old.

A cheap imitation is always dear; anyone wanting a perfect stove or range, if they will take our advice, will buy genuine "Garland" stoves and ranges, instead of worthless counterfeits with which the market is flooded.

Judge Reyburn, of Armstrong county, Pa., has ruled that constable's mileage is to be computed at 10 cents direct, not circular. Services on a subpœna are to be paid for at the rate of 15 cents per service, instead of 50 cents, as contended for.

Farmers throughout Washington county report many cases of sickness caused by eating poultry and game that fed on seventeen year locusts. The latter are very numerous, and it is said are poisonous to certain animals that eat them.

Hon. John Fenlon, of Ebensburg, will comple his sixtieth year as a lawyer on July 3, 1897, and the Cambria County Bar Association will commemorate the anniversary with a banquet, at which Mr. Fenlon will be the guest of honor.

In the area in front of the Speaker's rostrum when the house met on Monday in Washington was a monster petition appealing to congress to recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents. It contained over 6,000,000 signatures, and was wound about the hub of a wheel framed so as to allow it to freely revolve.

A dispatch from Paintsville, Ky., says: "Washington Craft, the Primitive Baptist minister on trial in the Floyd Circuit Court for the murder of Londell Higgins fourteen years ago, was placed on the witness-stand. He denied killing Higgins, but on cross-examination admitted killing his uncle, Wiley Craft, and William Cooke fifteen years ago. Craft has long been suspected of killing these men.

Judge Clark, of Clarion county, at a recent session of court called before him the constables and gave them special instructions with reference to the law which makes it obligatory upon them to see that notice is given to property owners in their respective districts to destroy all Canadian thistles upon their premises, under penalty of the same being destroyed and the charges therefore being assessed against them.

We will present absolutely free a new 1897 bicycle (either ladies' or gents' wheel) in exchange for a favor we wish attended to in Somerset, also another for attending to same in adjoining townships. No agency or selling business. We prefer those acquainted with many young people now studying music. For full particulars write, The Columbia Musical Ass'n., 216 218 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Senator Quay's son, First Lieutenant Andrew Gregg Curtin Quay, was given a very agreeable promotion by President McKinley, who nominated him to be captain and assistant quartermaster in the army, and it also insures more rapid promotion for him in the future, so that he may become quartermaster general, with the rank of brigadier general, long before that would have been possible if he had remained in the line of the army.

Marriages and deaths should be promptly reported by persons interested to the newspapers for publication. Ordinarily it is expected by the families that the officiating minister will attend to this matter. In marriage notices the date, place, minister, full names and respective residences of the contracting parties should be given. In death notices give date and cause of death, full name and age of decendent, with any important or interesting points in his or her career.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for the benefit of persons desiring to take advantage of the National Holiday on the Fourth of July, it will sell excursion tickets between all stations on its line east of and including Pittsburg and Erie; except that tickets will not be sold to or from points north or east of Philadelphia nor to and from points north of the line Harrisburg to Erie. These tickets will be sold and will be good going on July 2, 3, 4, and 5, and will be good to return until July 6, 1897, inclusive.

J. B. Story, of Ellis, Kansas, will this season experiment with some prehistoric corn, the seed of which was taken from an old mound on the banks of the Mississippi, last year. The ancient species of maize is possibly better adapted to the semi-arid region than the Indian corn. It has a broad leaf, sometimes a foot across, and bears from four to six ears at a time. The leaves have more nutrition than the Indian corn, and it has extensive brace roots that make it hard to blow down, a very essential thing on the western prairies. The seed is of a red dent variety, and grows more like the kaffir corn than as the Indian.

Children, and especially grown people who should know better, who oftentimes desecrate graves by the removal of flowers and plants, should keep in mind the act of assembly governing such misdemeanors. For their benefit we quote it: "Any person who shall wilfully and maliciously injure, destroy or remove any fence, railing or other work for the protection or ornament of a cemetery, or maliciously destroy any trees or shrubbery growing in such cemetery or graveyard shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction of either of the said offenses be sentenced to undergo an imprisonment not exceeding one year or to pay a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or both or either, at the discretion of the court."

Besieged by Suitors.

Mrs. Addie W. Buzzell, of Clinton, Me., 34 years of age, has been married and divorced five times. In each case she has been the libellant. Her five former husbands are living, and most of them are neighbors of her. She is now in possesion of a large farm that, with the aid of a hired man, she tills. Mrs. Buzzell is described thereabouts as a "very advanced type of an independent woman." She says frankly that when she finds a husband fails to come up to her ideas of industry, thrift and congeniality, she promptly sets him aside.

She says, too, that she is still looking for the right man to handle her farm and herself. A statement to this effect appeared in a local paper lately, and from that time the woman farmer has been peculiarly besieged. From fifty miles in every direction suitors have flocked to her. One man was reputed to be worth $10,000, and he urged Mrs. Buzzell to go with him. He had been divorced, and explained that after seventeen years of married life he had found his wife too "slack." Mrs. Buzzell's neatness attracted him.

Other applicants have come in wagons, on foot and by train, and many are cranks who wanted to "take the job on trial and without pay," explaining that they would prove their ability to work a farm. Some suitors carried their wardrobe in valises and parcels; others came in light marching order.

Mrs. Buzzell now ties her brindle watchdog just outside the farm-yard gate. If a man escapes the dog she lifts a shotgun and threatens to let daylight through the persistent suitor.

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A Fitting Sequel.

The following is an abstract of the message sent to the Senate by President McKinley to accompany the Hawaiian treaty:

To the Senate of the United States:

I transmit herewith to the Senate in order that after due consideration, the constitutional function of advice and consent may be exercised by that body, a treaty for the annexation of the Republic of Hawaii to the United States, signed in this capital by the plenipotentiaries of the parties on the 16th of June instant.

For the better understanding of the subject, I transmit in addition, a report of the Secretary of State, briefly reviewing the negotiation which has led to this important result.

The incorporation of the Hawaiian Islands into the body politic of the United States is the necessary and fitting sequel to the chain of events which from a very early period of our history has controlled the intercourse and prescribed the association of the United States and the Hawaiian Islands. In brief, from 1820 to 1893 the course of the United States toward the Hawaiian Islands has consistently favored their autonomous welfare with the exclusion of all foreign influences save our own, to the extent of upholding eventual annexation as the necessary outcome of that policy.

Not only is the union of the Hawaiian territory to the United States no new scheme, but it is an inevitable consequence of the relation steadfastly maintained with that mid-Pacific domain for three-quarters of a century. Its accomplishments, despite successive denials and postponements, has been merely a question of time. While its failure in 1893 may not be a cause of congratulation, it is certainly a proof of the disinterestedness of the United States, the delay of four years having abundantly sufficed to establish the right and the ability of the Republic of Hawaii to enter, as a sovereign contractant, upon a conventional union with the United States, thus realizing a purpose held by the Hawaiian people and proclaimed by successive Hawaiian Governments through some seventy years of their virtual dependence upon the benevolent protection of the United States. Under such circumstances annexation is not a change; it is a consummation.

The report of the Secretary of State exhibits the character and course of the recent negotiations and the features of the treaty itself. The organic and administrative details of incorporation are necessarily left to the wisdom of the Congress, and I cannot doubt, when the function of the constitutional treaty-making power shall have been accomplished, the duty of the national legislature in the case will be performed with the largest regard for the interests of this rich insular domain for the welfare of the inhabitants thereof.

WILLIAM MCKINLEY.

Executive Mansion, Washington, June 16, 1897.

The Text of the Treaty.

The following is the text of the Hawaiian treatment sent to the Senate.

Article I—The Republic of Hawaii hereby accedes absolutely and without reserve to the United States of America all rights of sovereignty of whatsoever kind in and over the Hawaiian Islands and their dependencies; and it is agreed that all the territory of and appertaining to the Republic of Hawaii is hereby annexed to the United States of America under the name of the territory of Hawaii.

Article II—The Republic of Hawaii also cedes and hereby transfers to the United States the absolute fee and ownership of all public, government or crown lands public buildings or edifices, ports, harbors, military equipments and all other public property of every kind and description belonging to the government of the Hawaiian Islands, together with every right and appurtenance, thereunto appertaining.

Article III—Until Congress shall provide for the government of such islands all the civil, judicial and military powers exercised by the officers of the existing government in said islands, shall be vested in such person or persons and shall be exercised in such manner as the President of the United States shall direct; and the President shall have power to remove said officers and fill the vacancies so occasioned.

The existing treaties of the Hawaiian Island with foreign nations shall forthwith cease and determinate being replaced by such treaties as may exist, or as may hereafter be concluded between the United States and such foreign nations.

Article IV—The public debt of the Republic of Hawaii, lawfully existing at the date of exchange of ratifications of this treaty, is hereby assumed by the Government of the United States; but the liability of the United States in this regard shall in no case exceed $4,000,000.

Article V—There shall be no further immigration of Chinese into the Hawaiian Islands, except upon such conditions as are now or may hereafter be allowed by the laws of the United States and no Chinese by reason of anything herein contained shall be allowed to enter the United States from the Hawaiian Islands.

Article VI—The President shall appoint five commissioners, at least two of whom shall be residents of the Hawaiian Islands, who shall as soon as reasonably practicable, recommend to Congress such legislation concerning the territory of Hawaii as they shall deem necessary or proper.

Barnato a Suicide.

Barney Barnato, the South African "Diamond King," on his way home to England, committed suicide by leaping overboard.

The sudden rise to wealth of Barney Barnato is one of the romances of the nineteenth century. He began life as a very poor boy in London and after various shifts he became an employe at a very small salary in a circus. While there he met the woman who afterwards became his wife. She it is said, was a bareback rider. He drifted finally to South Africa and after hard work and some lucky investments he laid the foundation of a collossal fortune. For several years he practically ruled the Kaffir or diamond mine stock market in conjunction with Cecil Rhoades, the De Beers people and a few others. His fortune was at one time estimated to be from £20,000,000 to £30,000,000, but a recent slump in his holdings and some unlucky speculations are said to have wiped it almost if not entirely out.

Fighting Grasshoppers.

State Irrigation Commissioner Cochrane has just returned from Edmunde county, South Dakota, where he has been directing measures to destroy the grasshoppers which have alarmed settlers there and in Brown County. Professor Saunders of the State Agricultural College, is on the ground superintending the work. Fourteen "hopper dosers" are in use. Crude pteroleum is shipped by the railway free and used in the work. One can gather about a bushel of grasshoppers in twenty minutes. They move across the road, like a big grey blanket, and have already done much damage. The Commissioners will offer a bounty of 50 cents a bushel for the insects.

Killed By Storm's Fury.

Fourteen people were killed by storms that struck Western States Friday, and considerable damage was done to crops and buildings. Curiously, also, parts of France and Spain were affected at the same time, and much property damage done in those countries. Twenty people being killed in France. The reports from the recent earthquakes in India show widespread devastation. The destruction of large buildings and terrifying of several million people.

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