The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....July 21, 1897.

Hay making has been greatly retarded the past ten days by frequent showers.

A violent wind and rain storm passed over Lavansville Saturday afternoon, laying low corn and grain in that vicinity.

A lawn fete will be held on the Court House square on Saturday evening for the benefit of the famine sufferers of India. Everybody is invited.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the post office: James Hudson, Nicholas Miller, May Snyder, Mrs. W. W. Skinner.

The Children's Aid Society, of Husband United Evangelical Church, will hold a lawn fete at that place on Saturday evening, 24th inst. The public is invited to attend.

Wm. H. Tayman announces a series of horse and bicycle races for the Lavansville track, on Saturday afternoon, 24th inst. The fastest "flyers" and "bikers" in the county will be present.

Fifteen tramps were given the ball and chain at Connellsville.

Carrying out his ideal for non-partisan examining boards, Pension Commissioner Evans intends that the three men on each of these boards shall comprise an old Union soldier, an old medical practitioner and a bright young physician.

Last week, Mr. S. A. Kendall secured the timber on a Fayette county tract that will cut two and a half million feet of lumber of the best quality. It will require fully thirty months to complete the job. Work will begin very soon at logging mills, putting down tramways and the like.

A semi-annual civil service examination will be held at Pittsburg on September 1: for bookbinders, clerks, compositors, electrotypers, elevator conductors, janitors, messengers, pressmen, railway mail clerks, skilled laborers, stenographers, stereotypers, stock examiners, taggers, typewriters and watchmen.

Sarah Bolser, 2 year-old daughter of Alonzo Bolser, of near McKeesport, found a gunpowder cartridge in a sewing machine drawer Saturday night. It exploded, and her left hand was shattered to fragments. The accident may cause the child's death. Her father had been using the cartridges to put off dynamite blasts.

Saturday morning three masked burglars effected an entrance into the bedroom occupied by George W. Smith, his wife and daughter, of Lock Haven, and gagged the three Smiths, tying their hands and feet to the bed with a rope. They went through the house and secured a small amount of money.

The refusal of the two Associate Judges of Mifflin County to approve the Arbitrator's report on the Mifflin-Huntingdon boundary dispute, in defiance of the opinion of President-Judge Bailey, has caused Ex-Judge Williamson, who represented Huntingdon's interests, to petition the supreme Court to issue a mandamus compelling the two Associate Judges to sign the report.

The postoffice department at Washington, D. C., has issued an order that all mail matter must be legibly stamped at both the sending and receiving offices. The illegibility of postmarks has long been the source of much annoyance, particularly to business men, who are often, by reason of the carelessness of the writer, compelled to depend upon the postmark to determine from whence the letter came.

Fayette county will hereafter care for her insane at home. The third floor of the county home will be used for that purpose. This matter was decided at the meeting of the county commissioners held at the home, Tuesday. Work will be commenced immediately on the repairs necessary to fit up a suitable place for the purpose and it is thought but little expense will be incurred.

Lemonade is a very healthy drink and good for malaria, biliousness and other attendant evils. On no account, however, should it be made in a tin vessel, as the acid of the lemon forms with the tin a poison that is apt to produce sickness. This is the cause probably of the various cases of "lemonade poisoning" at picnics and social gatherings of which we hear so frequently, and which are attributed to every cause but the right one. It is better to drink lemonade without sugar, and in any event, it should not be too sweet.

Nicholas Creede, the richest man in Colorado, committed suicide because his wife would not live up to her agreement and remain separated from him, the two being incompatible. When they separated, Creede, with all of his millions, gave his wife the beggarly sum of $20,000 and it was only natural that she went back after more and refused to live up to the agreement. This so worked on the millionaire that he committed suicide by taking poison. He must have been pretty miserable to deny his wife a goodly share of his fortune after she had stuck by him in his early-day poverty.

One of the good bills approved by the Governor was the one requiring that before a borough can make street improvements it must notify every owner of property along the line of improvement. This bill is the outcome of the practice of the councils of a Western Pennsylvania borough which had a habit of opening and grading new streets at the expense of the property owners, many of whom resided in other towns. It was stated on the floor of the Senate that most costly and unnecessary borough improvements had been made in this particular town, and the absentee property owners paid for the bills of it.

McClure's Magazine for August will be a special Midsummer number, with a frontispiece drawn expressly for it by Rosie de Meuvel, the eminent French illustrator. Among the contributors will be Rudyard Kipling, Cy Warman, A. Conan Doyle, Anthony Hope, Robert Barr, James Whitcomb Riley, William Canton (author of that charming study of child life, "W. V.—Her Book"), Madame Blanc of the French "Revue des Deux Mondes", Hamlin Garland, Robert Louis Stevenson, John Kendrick Bangs, and Albert Bigelow Paine. It will have a special cover, and most of the contributions will be fully illustrated.

Columbia County, Ark., is undergoing an epidemic of flies, and many of the citizens of the county are said to be fleeing to other parts of the State to escape the plague. The editor of the Magnolia Banner, the oldest paper published in Southwest Arkansas, had to suspend publication last week, and has taken his family, together with several others, and gone to Saline County. The epidemic is described as being terrible. The pests literally cover the face of the earth and are hourly increasing in numbers. It is doubted that any of the other papers printed in the county were issued last week, as none of them have reached Little Rock. The flies seem to cover the entire County of Columbia.

Food, undigested, is poison. Digested, it is life and strength. Millions of us suffer from indigestion, but we often don't know it. We think it is something else. Even doctors often mistake the symptoms.

Pale, thin people, who are overworked, who need strength, who seem in want of proper food, should take Shaker Digestive Cordial. It is astonishing what food will do, when properly digested.

It will make you strong, revive you, refresh you, sustain you, make you fat, restore your color, make muscle, brain fibre, courage, endurance, energy; increase your power to throw off disease and keep you healthy and happy.

Indigestion does just the opposite, but Indigestion can be cured and prevented with Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Sold by druggists. Trial bottles ten cents.

Hotel Tayman, at Lavansville, is crowded with summer visitors.

Prof. O. O. Saylor has been re-elected principal of the Rockwood public schools.

Mr. Hermanus Baer, of Johnstown, was a Sunday visitor at the home of his father in this place.

Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Endsley are visiting at the home of their son—H. S. Endsley, Esq.,—in Johnstown.

Mrs. A. J. Hileman and her daughter—Miss Leah—are visiting with friends in Confluence and Addison.

Mrs. Charles Hancock, of Danville, Pa., is visiting at the home of her parents—Mr. and Mrs. Simon Krebs.

Miss Lucy Johns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Johns, of Uniontown, is visiting with Miss Mae Hoover.

Mrs. Henry Shaffer, of Quemahoning township, fell from a load of hay last Friday afternoon, fracturing her left arm.

Among the summer guests at the Somerset House is Mrs. Lawrence M. Phillips—formerly Miss Nannie Brubaker—of Allegheny City.

Miss Elvira Camphire received a handsome bicycle on Monday from an eastern manufacturing company as a reward for selling baking powder.

Mr. and Mrs. David J. Thomas, of Lorain, O., are spending a few weeks at the home of the latter's mother—Mrs. W. D. Hill—in Stonycreek township.

Miss Nora Walter gave an entertainment Monday evening in honor of Misses Ehish and Ramsey, of Erie, Pa., who are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barrett.

William Schneider, aged about sixty years, died at his home in Jennerstown, Sunday morning. His death was unlooked for since he had only been ill for a few days. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Miss A. M. Bristow, after spending a pleasant vacation at the home of her parents—Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Bristow—has returned to New Brighton, Pa., where she is employed as a stenographer in the office of Logan & Strabridge Iron Co.

Bishop C. G. Lint, of Meyersdale, was a welcome caller at this office on Monday. The Bishop's many friends will be glad to learn that he is gradually recovering from his recent severe illness. His physician, however, has forbidden him to perform any kind of work for a year.

Capt. Amos Schrock and wife, of Chicago, are guests at the home of their niece—Mrs. Kate R. Coffroth. Capt. Schrock is a native of Stonycreek township and resided in this county until late in the sixties. He was Captain of Co. D, 133 Reg. Pa. Vol.

The following named gentlemen have recently been recommended for appointment as postmasters in Somerset county by Congressman Hicks: J. F. Naugle, Meyersdale; S. A. Dean, Addison; William W. Shoemaker, Berkleys; Peter, F. Berkey, Jennertown; John Ross, New Baltimore; Francis Gerhard, Drakeotown.

A dispatch from Pittsburg Sunday afternoon announced the sudden death of Miss Mary Saylor at Dixmont Hospital. Deceased was a native of Milford township and was forty-five years of age. She had been an inmate of Dixmont for two years. The body was brought to the home of her brother on Monday for burial.

Farmer Henry Long, of near town, the other evening showed us a number of heads of wheat of a new variety claimed to excel anything grown hereabouts. The wheat is known as "Tusca Island," or "Improved Red Shaft," the heads of which measure six inches in length and are well filled with large grains, protected by a long beard.

The Listie Mining Company is busier at present than at any time since they began operations four years ago, their daily shipments averaging twenty-five car loads of coal. In order to meet the increased demand for coal and facilitate the movement of cars the Listie people are putting down a long side track at their mines at their own expense.

A cloud burst in the neighborhood of Salisbury Sunday caused the water in the river to rise three feet in less than an hour. The streets of Salisbury were converted into raging streams and cellars were overflowed in all parts of the town. Potatoes and other vegetables were washed out of the ground and a large amount of grain is reported to have been ruined.

On September 17, 1897, thirty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Antietam, the survivors of the 133d Reg. Pa. Vol., will hold their fourth annual reunion at Everett, Bedford county. Companies D and E of this regiment were recruited in Somerset county. The first reunion of this regiment was held four years ago in Pittsburg, in 1895 in Johnstown, and in 1896 in Somerset.

The many friends of Arthur Sanner, for several years past flagman on the S. & C. local freight, will be pleased to learn that he last week successfully passed the examination for conductor, being one of two applicants who were successful out of a large class examined for promotion. He was offered a train immediately, but preferred to remain in his present position until he gets a "run" to his liking.

Samuel Coleman, of near Friedens, was painfully injured in a runaway Saturday afternoon. Mr. Coleman left Somerset for home about three o'clock and when he reached a point about a mile north of town his horse scared at a charcoal wagon and ran away, upsetting the buggy and throwing the driver out headforemost. He was badly bruised about the head and shoulders. The buggy was wrecked.

The Pittsburg "Post" scored a triumph on Sunday when it secured a special train via the Pennsylvania lines west to Lake Conneaut, where the Western Pennsylvania Guardsmen are in camp, and delivered the "Sunday Post" to the guardsmen as well as to the people living in the intervening towns about the time the other Pittsburg papers were placed on sale in the city. The "Post" is always doing something startling and its enterprise is appreciated by all its friends, who look to it for the news of the world.

Through the efforts of Congressman Hicks Conrad Wolford, of Johnstown, has secured a long delayed and badly needed pension. The Johnstown Tribune says that Wolford has been almost helpless for about three years. He was notified on Monday that he had been granted a pension of $60 per month with back pay amounting to about $2,000. Mr. Wolford was born on December 25, 1828, in Shade township, this county, where he resided until July, 1864, when he enlisted in Co. E, 49th Reg. Pa. Vol., and served until the following June. While he was in the army seven of his children, as well as eight other relatives, died of diphtheria in Shade township.

Mr. E. P. H. Harrison, who will be remembered by many persons in and about Somerset and along the line of the S. & C. R. R., was in town for a few hours on Monday for the purpose of closing a contract with the Somerset Stone Company for a large lot of bridge stone. Mr. Harrison was connected with the engineer corps located here during the preliminary survey and building of the railroad to Johnstown and during his two years' stay won a host of friends. Since leaving Somerset in 1878 he has traveled extensively throughout the country, doing engineering work for the U. S. Government. At present he is engaged in railroad contracting and has a heavy piece of work down in Virginia for the B. & O.

SORROW AT MEYERSDALE.

Somerset Wins from the Metropolis in a Canter.

BERLIN "BUMPED" AGAIN

Berlin suffered a second defeat at the hands of the Maroons last Wednesday, but it is only fair to add that luck favored the Maroons. Tommins, of Johnstown, pitched for the locals, and Berlin found him an easy mark, notwithstanding the fact that he throws about as good ball as any amateur in the country. It was an off day for Tommins, however. The Berlin boys are especially strong at the bat, but some of them are slow in executing plays when prompt execution is required. On the other hand Swindell, Murphy, Haws, and others that might be named, always have the game well in hand and make no mistakes in head work. Rain interfered with the game at the third inning for a half an hour. The game throughout was the best one ever played on the home grounds and was anybody's game up until the last inning.

"Red" Davis pitched with his usual effectiveness, but was unable to control the ball at critical points.

The score is as follows:

BERLIN	R	H	P	A	E	SOMER.	R	H	P	A	E
Hall, c	2	2	7	1	0	Pugh, l	1	1	0	4	0
Pugh, l	2	1	0	0	0	Crawford, m	2	2	1	0	0
Woods, 2	2	1	2	1	1	Uhl, r	1	1	0	0	0
Davis, p	1	2	0	2	0	Haws, 2	1	2	2	1	1
Landis, 3	0	1	0	4	0	Peck'g, 1	1	1	9	0	0
Erhart, s	0	1	2	1	2	Witt, s	2	3	4	1	4
Snyder, l	0	0	1	0	0	Swindl'l, 3	2	2	6	0	0
Kim'l, m	1	1	0	0	0	Murphy, c	1	0	8	0	0
Miller, r	0	0	1	0	0	Tom'ns, p	1	0	0	3	1
Totals	9	16	24	12	3	Totals	10	10	27	11	7

Score by innings:

Berlin	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	—9
Somerset	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	0	x	—10

Summary—Earned runs—Somerset 1, Berlin 4. Three base hits—Woods. Two base hits—Crawford, Hall, Woods. Bases on balls—Uhl 3, Crawford, Murphy, Tommins, Hall, Davis, Kimmel. Hit by pitcher—Woods. 1st base on errors—Somerset 8, Berlin 7. Left on bases—Somerset 8, Berlin 12. Stolen bases—Haws, Crawford, Pecking, Murphy, Witt, Landis. Double plays—Haws, Swindell and Pugh. Snyder (unassisted). Sacrifice hits—Pecking, Davis, Erhart. Struck out—Murphy 2, Pugh 3, Tommins 3, Landis, Kimmel, Miller 3. Passed balls—Hall 8. Wild pitch—Davis 3. Time—2:30. Umpire—Stein.

There was sorrow in Meyersdale Friday night. Crepe hung on the front door of the Metropolis. The corpse was cold and stiff. The mourners refused to be comforted. The air was heavy with the lamentations of the bereaved.

The story of the engagement is easily told. It had been previously agreed that the game should be called promptly at 1 o'clock. At that hour the "Maroons" were on the field ready for action. Meyersdale was slow in putting in an appearance, and at 1:15 one of their team returned to Sand Patch, or some other distant point, to don his uniform.

Dr. Hunter, of Pittsburg, was agreed upon as umpire and 1:20 the word to play was given.

Somerset scored four runs in the first inning amidst great excitement. The rooters who had gone from Somerset howled themselves hoarse, while the Metropolitans cast doubting glances at one another. Meyersdale tied the score in their half and added five to it in the second. Somerset had only added two to their score in the second half, giving Meyersdale a lead. In the third Somerset made three runs, making a total score of nine, while Meyersdale was retired without scoring. The fourth resulted exactly the same as in the third making the score 12 to 9 in favor of Somerset. The first three men up for Somerset in the fifth were retired, while Meyersdale added one more score to their number. In the sixth Somerset scored two and Meyersdale was goose egged. The game was called at this point, in order to permit the Somerset people to catch the train, the score standing 14 to 10 in favor of Somerset.

Swindell was wild in the first two innings but after that he settled down and put up a magnificent game, only seven hits being made off him. Murphy played his usual faultless game, and won the applause of the audience by a brilliant running catch. He also distinguished himself at the bat, knocking a three bagger. Hall was in a new position, but he proved to the satisfaction of all present that he is at home in any place. He made probably the prettiest play, stopping a hot liner with the end of his glove and catching the ball before it struck the ground, ever seen in the county. Hall maintained his record as a heavy hitter, too. Picking kept up his batting record, and Haws, Crawford, Uhl and Witt played their usual fine game.

For Meyersdale Fee, Reich, Rice and Carey carried off the honors.

Following is the score:

SOMER.	R	H	P	A	E	MEYERS.	R	H	P	A	E
Hall, 1 & s	3	2	4	2	2	Will'ms, s.1	0	2	1	0	
Uhl, r	0	1	0	0	0	Reich, 1	2	2	2	1	0
Haws, 2	2	1	2	0	0	Carey, r	2	0	0	0	0
Pugh, l	2	2	5	0	0	Rice, 3	2	1	0	2	0
Murphy, c	2	2	4	0	0	Hoey, c	1	0	7	1	0
Witt, s & m	2	2	0	0	1	Willeox, m.l	1	0	0	0	
Crawf'd, 1	2	2	1	0	1	Harris'n, l.fl	1	5	3	0	
Picking, 3	1	2	1	0	0	Will, 2	1	0	2	0	0
Swindl'l, p.	1	1	0	4	1	Fee, p	2	2	1	1	2
Totals	14	14	18	7	6	Totals	10	7	18	6	2

Somerset	4	2	3	3	0	2			—14
Meyersdale	4	3	0	0	1	1			—10

Summary.—Earned runs—Somerset 8, Meyersdale 1. Three base hits—Murphy. Two base hits—Haws. Bases on balls—off Fee 6, off Swindell 4. Struck out—by Fee 5, by Swindell 4. Stolen bases—Murphy. Hall, Witt, Carey. Wild pitches—Fee 2. Passed balls—Hoey 2. Hit by pitcher—Crawford 2. Left on bases—Somerset 6, Meyersdale 2. Time of game—2:10. Umpire—Dr. Hunter.

Somerset plays at Berlin to-day.

Thursday afternoon Somerset and Johnstown will play on the home grounds.

Manager Levy, of the "Maroons," is determined to strengthen his team wherever possible. Saturday he signed catcher Murphy, the best man ever seen behind the bat in the county. Swindell, Crawford and Haws will also play with the home team.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found an article on baseball from the pen of one of the finest amateur players in the country. It will prove profitable reading for all lovers of the National Sport.

Will doesn't know yet how Swindell hoo-dooed him at first in the Meyersdale game.

At one time it looked as though Fee was a "quitter" at Meyersdale, but he recovered himself in good shape when the "rooters" howled "Berlin."

Meyersdale will learn how to treat a gentlemanly and "square" umpire when they are able to play the game better.

Bill Showman "Cooped."

William Showman languishes in jail awaiting trial on a charge of robbery. The case against him appears to be so plain that he will in all probability sojourn for a long period at an institution in Allegheny, maintained by the State for the safe keeping of criminals.

Last Wednesday one of the employes at Frease & Kooser's general store found a parcel of coffee, a ham and a side of bacon had been removed from the places where these articles are kept in the store and placed conveniently near a cellar window. Policeman Davis was promptly informed of the suspicious circumstance and it was decided that he should keep a close lookout for the thief when he came to carry the goods off. The officer's vigil went unrewarded Wednesday and Thursday nights, but shortly after the lights were extinguished in the store on Friday night, Mr. L. W. Vannear detected the figure of a man stealthily stealing up the alley way between the Hotel Vannear and the Frease & Kooser building. The figure halted before the cellar window and stooping forward quickly drew forth the coffee and meat and then started down the alley. The policeman was at once notified and a few minutes later William Showman was overhauled near Jones' planing mill, with the parcels under his arm. He was lodged in jail shortly afterwards. Mr. Watson Frease who had marked the stolen goods, readily identified the articles as the property of the firm.

Showman is about thirty-five years of age and has a wife and family living about a mile south of town.

"Our National Game."

For the Herald.

Base ball is undoubtedly the national game of America. This fact, however, is not matter for wonder when we remember that within the game are elements which make it so well adapted to our peculiar national characteristics. Skill, activity, shrewdness, daring, excitement, all these elements and others are involved, hence the readiness with which the American public receive, encourage and patronize this great sport. Moreover base ball has within it elements without which, long before this, it must have died. It is a game of constant progression and consequently a game of permanence. The game as played to-day is vastly different from that played ten or even five years ago. Doubtless too five years hence other great changes and improvements will take place. Evidently then base ball is a game to which much study has been given. Indeed it offers an attractive field for the student. Viewed simply as a study base ball is equal to the much lauded game of chess or other games which require close application and intellectual acumen. With its ever varying situations, its stirring excitement, its displays of manly courage, nerve and endurance base ball is fully entitled to a place at the head. In a peculiar sense then the game is adapted to the student. In it he may find abundant opportunity for the exercise of his mental as well as his physical faculties. In what other game indeed are there so many occasions for the display of generalship?

In a well contested game every faculty must be alert. The player's judgment must be quick, his eye keen, his hand steady. The crisis may come at any moment and to any player, whatever his position. A mistake in judgment, a mis-throw, an error of whatever kind may mean defeat when victory seemed certain. Hence, in one sense, the diamond is a school room in which both mental and physical powers are developed. Base ball, however, in all its aspects is a subject broad enough for volumes, consequently we can here merely glance at a few of its most prominent features, i. e. batting, base running, pitching and fielding. All these are so important that it is a hard matter to decide which is most important. It is safe, however, to say that the first named, batting, is by no means a feature of least importance in the game. Much more attention is now given to batting than heretofore. Several years ago the sole object of each batter seemed to be to "knock the cover off the ball." Now expert players are satisfied to secure "singles." He is the ideal batter who, when the interests of his club require it will forego his own aggrandizement by sacrifice hitting. The base ball men now recognize the value of such hitters. Such a man is worth more to any team than he who, though he make an occasional home run, insists upon banging away with all his strength regardless of nothing but his own batting average. At present it cannot be denied that the temptation for such batting is still too great, but from various indications it seems reasonable to suppose that within a short time the batter will be given the same credit for a sacrifice hit in the official score that he now receives for a safe hit.

"Bunting" is a popular feature in batting and one which is fruitful in results. To bunt a ball skillfully and successfully is no easy task, indeed as much skill or more is here required as is involved in "banging the ball over the fence." It is a sad display of ignorance of good base ball for anyone to "guy" a batsman who, at the proper time, instead of trying to kill the ball, strives to "place it within the diamond out of reach of infielders. It would be well for amateurs to remember that our most successful hitters, instead of striking with all their force, are content merely to "meet" the ball with the bat depending more on the elasticity of ball and bat than upon brute force.

Base running also is no unimportant feature in a good base ball. Here too is great skill required. "Level headed new" is a prime requisite. Frequently it happens that players, skillful in all other particulars are sadly lacking in judgment when on bases. Timidity has no place in the make up of a good base runner. A vast difference, however, must be made between daring and foolhardiness. Desperate straits demand that desperate chances sometimes be taken. The runner must be on the alert constantly and ever ready to avail himself of an opportunity to advance himself; but a blind attempt trusting simply to luck, an attempt without some basis of reason is always to be condemned even though perchance the attempt be successful. In speaking of base running, "sliding" must not be lost sight of. Herein we find one of the most exciting features of the entire game. What can be more thrilling than to see a strong, sturdy runner who, when within ten or fifteen feet of a base, while going at his utmost speed suddenly drops squarely on his face, as it seems, and actually shoots forward, enveloped in a cloud of dust, to the desired goal? With what intense interest the spectator follows with his eye both ball, baseman and runner and finally how eagerly does he await the umpire's "safe," or as the case may be, "you are out."

But what of the pitcher and pitching? One of the first questions of the base ball enthusiast is, "who pitches to-day?" The question is significant, for in the asking the enthusiast gives evidence that he recognizes the fact that success or failure largely depends upon him who twirls. Usually the pitcher commands the highest salary and not without good reason, for within him must be combined more sterling qualities than in any other individual player. Not only must he have speed, throw curves, and have good control but in addition he must have in unusual degree that unusual and most necessary qualification, perfect coolness. Without this he sooner or later joins the numerous company known as "exploded phenoms." The successful pitcher never becomes rattled. Always cool, deliberate and aways watchful of bases and quick to discover the weak points of the batsmen, the pitcher is at all times the key to the situation. Many times the fate of the contest is in his hands. The delivery of a single ball may turn the tide for or against his team. Much is meant by the term, "control of the ball." Without perfect control the pitcher is like a ship at sea without a rudder.

Bases on balls are, perhaps more than any other single feature in pitching, extremely disastrous. Comparatively speaking more runs result from bases on balls than from the clean hitting of opponents. Hence the absolute necessity of good control. In these days a pitcher, be he ever so good, cannot hope to "fan out" but a very small proportion of opposing batters. His object always should be to keep safe hits well scattered.

The broad term "fielding" embraces all players and plays outside the battery and even including them. Manifestly then the subject is no small one. Under this head a few words concerning "team work" may not be out of place. Right here is a point, the importance of which cannot be overestimated. Be the individual players ever so good, without concord of action first class work is impossible. Upon the field captain rests great responsibility. He should be a man who, by his quickness, coolness, and ability to direct has demonstrated to those under him that at all times and in all situations he is worthy of their utmost confidence. This confidence established he has the right to expect and must insist upon strict obedience to his command. His team when on the field is to the captain what an army is to its general.

One great hindrance to successful team work is the "record player" or in other words the player whose only object is to avoid making an error by not accepting doubtful chances. Such a player is a positive injury to any team. Fortunately this class is becoming smaller all the time, for managers are quick to detect such and are not slow to fill their places with men who are willing to go after the ball error or no error. It does not necessarily follow that the player having the highest fielding average is the best player, and base ball people are coming more and more to realize this fact.

In conclusion it would be well perhaps to emphasize what has already been said regarding "team work." Harmony must exist, selfishness must be set aside, for in base ball as elsewhere "a house divided against itself shall not stand."

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Saw Spooks and Got to Jail.

Fred Hormes is the name of a Dutch tailor who came from the mountains of West Virginia to this place about six months ago. He brought a good West Virginia thirst with him, and if the reports current concerning him are true, he paid frequent visits to the various places about town where liquors are sold, in addition to "rushing a growler" from his shop. It is also alleged that Fred consumed considerable raw alcohol purchased for the purpose of removing stains from soiled garments. Anyway, a week or two ago Fred began to "see things at night." He avers that the house in which he and his wife live on Main Cross Street is haunted and that life has been rendered miserable for both of them by the "spooks" that bang doors and scamper up and down the walls of their bed chamber at unseemly hours. As frequently as three times a night for a week at a stretch Fred would leap out of bed and brandishing a hatchet, would start in pursuit of his unwelcome and unseen visitors, only to find that they had vanished. Finally he permitted another family to occupy a portion of the house, in the hope that they would be more alert in detecting the hiding places of the "spooks." The doors continued to bang, however, and strange looking phantoms appeared upon the walls of Fred's chamber at witching hours, but it is not in evidence that Fred forsook the bowl or withdrew from the party "rushing the growler."

When his landlord asked him for rent and remonstrated with him for sub-letting a portion of the dwelling, Fred flatly refused to pay rent for a haunted house, saying that no family could live in it without losing their minds.

Friday night matters came to a climax when Fred suddenly became aroused from a dense slumber and declared that he could see numerous "spooks" and innumerable snakes in his bedroom. He sought to defend himself from imaginary attack with a hatchet and in the excitement that followed threatened to take the life of his wife. Mrs. Hormes, thoroughly frightened at her husband's strange conduct, rushed to the office of a Justice of the Peace and entered an information against her spouse, charging him with surety of the peace. When officers went to the house, shortly afterwards, they found Fred gazing intently into a tin cup in which he claimed he could see a long green snake. He was conducted to jail, where he remained until Monday morning, when his wife withdrew the charge against him and he was released.

A Visit With Old Friends.

EDITOR HERALD:—

Your correspondent, his wife and youngest son, Eddie, left their home on the first of June for a drive across the mountains to their native county of Somerset.

We stopped at Gettysburg and attended the commencement exercises of Penn's College, at which time our oldest son—Lewis C. Manges—graduated.

We there met quite a number of the Somerset county boys who graduated in former years, also some who are students of that institution now, viz: Mr. Tilp, of Meyersdale, Mr. Hoffman, of Jennerand Mr. Beerits, of Somerset.

We had a very pleasant drive, the weather being cool the first three weeks of June.

We travelled over the Harrisburg & Pittsburg turnpike from Gettysburg all the way to Somerset county. The road is in splendid condition excepting two or three miles across Sideling Hill.

We stopped with Rev. J. K. Bricker and family, of Chambersburg, Pa., on our trip both going and coming.

Rev. Bricker is well known throughout Somerset county, a great part of his long ministry having been spent there. We found him well and anxious to further serve the Master if he could receive a call to some charge.

The peach crop will be an enormous one this season all through York, Adams, Franklin, Fulton and Bedford counties, if there is anything in indications, such as we saw in the course of our trip. While in the county we passed through Stoyestown, where we met our friends Paul Schlag and wife, Capt. and Mrs. Hite and Rev. Hiram King, who had come there to unite in holy matrimony a Mr. Bowman and a Miss Brubaker.

We also visited the home of Rev. W. C. Griffith, near Jenners, where we found Mr. and Mrs. Griffith seriously ill. Mrs. Griffith has since departed this life. Mrs. Griffith was married to Peter Manges, oldest half brother of the writer, for her first husband, who died a few years after their marriage, leaving her with one daughter, the mother of Mrs. Dr. Wm. Rauch, of Johnstown, Pa., Mrs. Zimmerman, living one mile east of Jenners, and Miss Minnie Miller, who is still single and living with her sister, Mrs. Zimmerman.

Little did we think when we bade Mother Griffith good bye that she would leave us so soon, but after a short suffering time she heard the voice of Jesus say: "Come unto me and rest."

We knew Mrs. Griffith for about thirty years, and the longer we knew her the more we loved her. She presided over one of the most hospitable homes it was ever our privilege to enter. She was self-sacrificing and untiring in her efforts to please. By her courtesy and kindness she won a host of friends. She was of a genial, lively, merry disposition and even strangers would soon feel themselves at home in her house. She was more ready to show pity and forgiveness than to blame the erring and the wayward.

Patiently and lovingly she cared for and administered to the wants of her aged husband who has been feeble for several years and who survives her and mourns his loss.

"She has gone to
Where the faded flower shall freshen,
Freshen never more to fade.
Where life's vain parade is over,
Where the bond is never severed.
Partings, claspings, sobs and moans,
Midnight waking, twilight weeping,
Heavy noontide, all are done."

Her daughter—Miss Eva—deserves much credit for the devoted, tender and constant attention she gave her mother in her last illness, and is now giving her father We also take pleasure in making mention of Miss Susie Manges, who has had her home with these kind friends for eight years or more, and has given loving service during this their time of sorrow.

We also got to the town of Somerset, and, although we had but a few minutes' stay, we met some of your honored townsmen, viz: Wm. H. Rapple, Esq., J. L. Pugh, Esq., Capt. Harrison and Mr. Beerits, the merchant. After a pleasant visit among relatives and friends of about two weeks in Somerset and Bedford counties, we returned to our home in York county, wishing all the while that it might again be our privilege to live in good old Somerset county.

Yours truly,
E. M.

Felton, Pa.,
July 10, 1897.

Farm For Sale!

F. P. Saylor and Herman Shaffer, administrators of John Shaffer, late of Somerset township, Somerset county, Pa., will receive sealed bids at the office of John R. Scott, Somerset, Pa., up until Tuesday, the 10th day of August, 1897, for the sale of the late homestead of said deceased, situate in Somerset township, containing 202 acres more or less, on the following terms: ⅓ down, ⅓ in 6 months, ⅓ in 12 months; deferred payments to be secured on the premises by judgment bonds.

HELD FOR COURT.

Story of the Arrest of the Ansell Boys, Charged with Manufacturing "Moonshine" Whisky.

THEIR ENTIRE OUTFIT CAPTURED.

Lewis and David Ansell were given a hearing on the charge of illicit distilling and were bound over for trial in the U. S. court, before U. S. Commissioner Reppert, at Uniontown, last Wednesday. The defendants furnished bail and were released. Casper Smuck and David Porterfield are their bondsmen and the amount of the bond is fixed at $500 in each case.

The officers who made the arrests, Joseph T. Crossland, Bart Stillwagon, Frank Campbell and Charles Wilson, were the only witnesses called. They told of the arrest and the confession of Lewis Ansell. The officers went to Springfield township on the night of July 8. The journey was made in the night time, the officers arriving at the spot where the still had been spotted about 5 o'clock in the morning. After reconnoitering for some time the still was located. It was in a secret place far away from roads and houses and was very difficult to get to.

The officers concealed themselves in the bushes and waited for the coming of the distillers. They had not been there long when Lewis Ansell put in his appearance. He was carrying a bucketful of yeast which is used in the manufacture of mountain whisky. Lewis was immediately arrested. He confessed that he had come there for the purpose of making whisky and said he was about ready to begin work. The still, he confessed, belonged to him and he also said he had been manufacturing whisky for some time. After much questioning on the part of the officers he said he was assisted in the work by his brother David. He also said a large quantity of whisky was concealed farther down the mountain in a secret place, but the young moonshiner was too shrewd to reveal the location of the hidden store. The officers took Lewis to his home and there arrested David who he said was implicated in the work with him.

The still was overhauled and was found to be an extensive plant. It was thoroughly equipped with all the necessary outfit and everything was in good order. A large kettle of peculiar shape and construction was a conspicuous feature of the equipment. The copper worms were also captured and confiscated by the officers. Close by the still were nine empty barrels. The heads had been knocked out and they were whitewashed inside and exposed to the sun evidently for the purpose of fumigating them and getting them in shape for the reception of whisky. All the property except the barrels was taken in charge by the officers and hauled to Connellsville.

The defendants are very youthful. Lewis, the alleged owner of the still, is only 21 years old and his brother is younger. They went to their home this afternoon with their bondsmen. The boys will be tried at the term of U. S. court which meets in Pittsburg.

To Protect Live Stock.

Here is a new law that will interest farmers and others who handle live stock:

AN ACT

To protect the health of the domestic animals of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That the importation of dairy cows and neat cattle or breeding purposes into the commonwealth of Pennsylvania is hereby prohibited, excepting when such cows and neat cattle are accompanied by a certificate from an inspector, whose competency and reliability are certified to by the authorities charged with the control of the diseases of domestic animals in the state from whence the cattle came, certifying that they have been examined and subjected to the tuberculin test and are free from disease.

Section 2. That in lieu of an inspection certificate as above required, the cattle may be detained at suitable stock yards nearest to the state line on the railroad over which they are shipped, and there examined at the expense of the owner, or cattle as above specified from points outside of the state may under such restrictions as may be provided by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, be shipped in quarantine to their destination in Pennsylvania, there to remain in quarantine until properly examined at the expense of the owner, and released by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Section 3. The State Live Stock Sanitary Board is hereby authorized and empowered to prohibit the importation of domestic animals into the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, whenever in their judgment such measures may be necessary for the proper protection of the health of the domestic animals of the commonwealth, and to make and enforce rules and regulations governing such traffic as may from time to time be required.

Section 4. That any person, firm or corporate body violating the provisions of this act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall, in the proper court of the county in which such cattle are sold, offered for sale, delivered to a purchaser, or in which such cattle may be detained in transit, for each offense, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than fifty dollars or more than one hundred dollars, or be punished by imprisonment for not less than ten days, and not exceeding thirty days, either or both, at the discretion of court. Such person, firm or corporate body shall be liable for the full amount of the damages that may result from the violation of this act.

Section 5.—The State Live Stock Sanitary Board is hereby charged with the enforcement of this act, and is authorized to see that its provisions are obeyed, and to make, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for its enforcement.

Section 6. That this act shall go into effect January first, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved—The 28th day of May, A. D. 1897.

DANIEL H. HASTINGS.

What Do the Children Drink?

Don't give them tea or coffee. Have you tried the new food drink called Grain-O? It is delicious and nourishing and takes the place of coffee. The more Grain-O you give the children the more health you distribute through their systems. Grain-O is made of pure grains, and when properly prepared tastes like the choice grades of coffee but costs about ¼ as much All grocers sell it. 15c and 25c.

Religious Announcements.

Communion services will be held in the Reformed Church, on Sunday morning, 25th inst. Preparatory services at 7: