The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY.....April 20, 1898.

A pension of $12 a month has been granted to Mrs. Harriet Spangler of Lambertville.

Twelve-Piece Chamber sets are cheaper at Snyder's Art Store than anywhere else. Call and price them.

Communion services will be held in the Lutherville Lutheran Church on Sabbath morning, April 24th, conducted by the pastor. Preparatory services on Saturday, 23d inst., at 2 p. m.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the post office: Amos Croyle, H. Speese, Frank Walker.

A new line Picture frame Moulding just received at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Mr. H. C. White the well known Merchant Tailor of Chambersburg, Pa., will spend a couple days in Somerset, about 23d inst. with samples of very choice goods for Men's wear. Excellent fits at reasonable prices. Don't fail to see him.

The little folks love Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Pleasant to take; perfectly harmless; positive cure for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma.

David Edmiston, aged 16, an employe of the mines of the Berwind-White company at Windber, was instantly killed Friday by the falling of a portion of the roof of the mines, which struck him on the head. The skull was fractured and the young man was dead before anyone reached him.

Never in the history of the world has wall paper been so cheap. Don't let any one beat you on the border. You get the right price at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Milton Berg, a former constable of Middlecreek township, was lodged in jail last week to await trial on a charge of lewdness rape prefered in the name of his 12-year-old daughter. The defendant is about forty years of age and has a wife and four or five children. He is the second man who has been arrested in this county during the past three weeks charged with this monstrous crime.

An ordinance of the city of Erie, fixing a tax of $1.00 on bicycles, has been pronounced unconstitutional by the Superior Court of Pennsylvania. This ordinance was framed by one of the ablest lawyers in the city of Erie, with a view to overcoming or covering up the possible unconstitutional feature of such an act, but he has met defeat. In a great many cities and towns throughout this commonwealth an ordinance similar in effect, has been enacted, and as a result the owners of bicycles have been unlawfully caused to pay a great deal of money into the various borough and city treasuries. This decision, however, stops all such payment, and annuls all cycle ordinances with similar intent.

Some things we can not understand One is why is Wall Paper so cheap? You can not get it for nothing, but you can get a big lot of it for a little money at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

The constables throughout the State are receiving a circular from the state commissioners of foresty, calling their attention to two acts passed by the last Legislature, making constables ex-officio fire wardens. They must report to court the first week of quarter sessions of any forest or timber land fires. If they extinguish any fires they will be compensated at fifteen cents per hour, and assistants will receive twelve cents an hour. Any person who is called upon to act as an assistant must either serve or undergo a fine and imprisonment. No county is to pay more than $200 in one year for such work. One half of the amount for such work is to be paid by the county and the other half by the State.

Do you want to see the new shape Dinner Sets in queensware? Snyder's Art Store just receive them. They are pretty and cheap.

In Frances Willard's book she made a delicate hint of a romance in her life. She says she wore a ring and that for eleven long months her heart had its love, to whom she humbly bowed. In her youth Frances Willard and Bishop Fowler were students in the same College, and he was the giver of the ring. Owing to a marked similarity in their temperaments the engagement was broken, and the story of the early romance was never told until after Miss Willard's death. The story now comes from Hartford, where the bishop is now presiding over a conference.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors failed." C. F. Cornwell, Valley Street, Saugerties, N. Y.

A comet now in the sky will be taken as a war sign by the superstitions. The astronomers of the University of California, at Berkeley, have completed their computation of the comet discovered recently by Professor Perrine, of the Lick Observatory, and according to them the comet will become brighter and remain in sight for some time. It is now traveling toward the earth at the rate of 1,000,000 miles a day. For the next two weeks it will continue to move north easterly at the rate of one degree a day north as well as east. It is visible about 4 o'clock in the morning. The comet is on the western border of Pegasus and moving northeast one degree daily. It is not visible to the naked eye, but may be seen with a small telescope.

Why not buy your Wall Paper at home? If you have a roll left, we will take it back; if you need an extra roll, you can always get it. There are hundreds of samples to select from at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

Judge Miller, of Mercer, who was holding court at New Castle, Wednesday last, made an important ruling relative to the registration of physicians in this state. The Lawrence County Medical Society had caused the arrest of Dr. Townley, of Ohio, charging him with practicing medicine without a license. At the trial the doctor displayed his diploma and a license issued by the clerk of courts of Allegheny county, where he had a short time practiced his profession. The medical society argued that the law required him to take out a license in the county in which he had his office. Judge Miller ruled that Dr. Townley was entitled to practice medicine in Lawrence county by reason of his registration in Allegheny county, and that no other registration was necessary in any other county in the state.

Every farmer in Somerset county should have a pleasure carriage, surrey, or buggy for his family. E. L. Simpson has the largest line of vehicles of the kind ever brought to the county, and he has them.

The present management of the Findlay gas plant is to continue and as it is a successful management there will be no occasion to complain of that. The Republican has not always agreed with General Manager W. H. Gross in his policy and probably won't agree with him entirely in the future, but there can be no question as to the competency and efficiency of his services in connection with the people's fuel plant. Under his administration and that of his associates for several years past on the board the people have been given an exceptional fuel service, which there is reason to believe will now continue. The salary of $1,500, which newly attaches to the position of general manager, is none too much for faithful and competent service in that important and responsible relation.—Findlay O., Republican.

The W. H. Gross referred to above is a native of Middlecreek township, this county, and his many friends here will be pleased to learn of his continued success.

Rev. J. J. Welch will conduct communion services in Will's church on Sunday morning next.

At a recent meeting of the Past Grands I. O. O. F., of this county, our fellow townsman Curtis K. Grove was elected District-Deputy Grand Master.

Mr. W. E. Cavender, the genial representative of the Farmers' Nursery Co., of Tadmore, O., arrived in town last week and will remain in the county for several weeks.

Mr. Richard G. Brown and Miss Sadie J. Lowry, both of near Friedens, were united in marriage at the Lutheran parsonage in that place, on Friday, April 15th, Rev. J. J. Welch officiating.

Mr. Robert H. Speicher and Miss Lizzie M., youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Berkey, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, near Edie, on Sunday, April 10th, Rev. S. C. Long officiating.

Mr. Matthias Walker, of near Shanksville, and Miss Emma Mauges, of near Lull postoffice, were united in marriage on Sunday evening. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage, Friedens, Rev. J. J. Welch officiating.

The Advisory Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. of Somerset county meets at Pinehill Friday evening, April 29th. There will be a meeting open to the public held in the school house commencing at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Bair, of Glencoe and Rev. C. D. Spangler, of Shanksville, have consented to address this meeting.

Our Pennsylvania Dutch correspondent is in evidence this week, and we have such confidence in his citizenship and loyalty to the interests of the tax payers of the county that we gladly make room for him, although we must confess it required all of our reportorial knowledge of that dulest language to arrive at "naut gasaut."

Work on the storeroom of Parker & Phillips, which has been hurriedly pushed since April 1st has been retarded by the failure of the large plate glass, which will occupy the entire front of the firs floor of the building, to arrive when expected. Messrs. Parker & Phillips hope to be able to begin business about May 1st.

President Krebs, of the Listie Mining Company, left Sunday morning for Washing and Baltimore, and it would not be surprising if he should return with several "fat" contracts in his grip, as "Listie" has an established reputation as a steam producer, and in event of war with Spain the United States will want the best steam coal to be had for her war ships.

Somerset has three officers, all of them graduates of the Naval Academy, in the navy at the present time. Captain Henry F. Picking is located in Boston, where he is in command of the receiving ship Wabash; Lt. Chester M. Knepper, was last week detached from the school ship St. Mary's and ordered to the auxiliary cruiser Yankee, now being converted from an ocean liner to a man-of-war, and Ensign Orlo Knepper is doing duty aboard the Concord, of the Pacific squadron, now in Chinese waters.

Mr. Abner McKinley arrived in town Thursday morning and remained until Friday noon at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. A. J. Endsley. Mr. McKinley came direct from Washington and was "held up" by hundreds of his friends who believed that he was in a position to shed some light on the war situation. Mr. McKinley and his family will spend the heated season in this place this summer, and it is altogether likely that the President will pay them a visit while they are here.

We acknowledge the receipt of the Souvenir number of the Connellsville Courier, devoted to the industrial interests of the coke region, the development of the territory lying between Connellsville and Pittsburg, and the growth of Connellsville, with all of which the Courier has had much to do. Like every other publication coming from the office of Editor Snyder's paper, the "Souvenir" is perfect typographically, and is another evidence of the progressive spirit that has characterized the Courier from the beginning.

Mr. David Saylor and Miss Lucy N. Shaver, were united in marriage at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon, April 14th, at the home of the bride's parents, ex-Judge and Mrs. O. P. Shaver, near Friedens. Rev. J. J. Welch, of the Friedens Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony in the presence of only the immediate families of the bride and groom and a few immediate friends. A wedding dinner followed the ceremony and at three o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Saylor took the train for Pittsburg. The groom is engaged in the mercantile business at Friedens station.

After putting in a week at hard work, boiling sugar, Noah Brendle, of near Edie, left his camp at midnight on April 9th, after having filled the pans with fresh maple sap. Three hours later he was aroused by neighbors who had discovered that the camp was on fire. Mr. Brendle hastened to the scene and dashing through the flames secured a number of buckets that were near the boiling pan. Fortunately he was prepared for such an emergency, having dug a well a few yards from the camp, and in short time succeeded in extinguishing the flames. Mr. Brendle was badly burned about his hands and wrists.

John Burket, whose presence during the sessions of court for a great many years at the door leading to the grand jury room, made his face and figure familiar to a majority of the residents of the county, died at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, at the residence of his son-in-law, Moses Trent, in this place. Mr. Burket had reached the advanced age of 88 years, being, with the exception of his neighbor Philip Gilbert, the oldest citizen of Somerset. He was born in Berlin, where he learned the carpenter trade, and when a young man removed to this place where he has since continuously resided. Some sixty years ago he fell from the roof of the residence of Judge Chorpening on Main Street, sustaining a broken leg, which rendered him a cripple for life. Mr. Burket was an upright and honored citizen and his death will be lamented by a wide circle of friends. He was appointed an officer of the court before a majority of the men of to-day were born and continued in that position up until a few months ago when he was compelled by his enfeebled condition to tender his resignation. Mrs. Trent at whose home he died is his only surviving child, two sons, William and Quincey having passed away a number of years ago. His wife has also been dead for a number of years. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

The commission of postmaster Solomon Uhl will expire on the 20th inst., and it is altogether likely that his successor—Mrs Catherine J. Endsley—will take charge of that office on May 1st., as it is announced that her nomination will be sent to the Senate for confirmation sometime during the present week. Mrs. Endsley is the wife of Dr. A. J. Endsley and is one of the most estimable and intelligent ladies in Somerset. She has been on intimate terms with the President and Mrs. McKinley for a long term of years, her husband having officiated at the marriage of the distinguished couple. Mr. Frank Sanner, who has been assistant postmaster for a number of years will continue in that capacity, and the new postmistress is to be congratulated upon having retained the services of so popular and competent a gentleman. We are told that no change will be made in the location of the office. In this connection the HERALD desires to express its thanks to Mr. Uhl for the many courtesies he has extended to this office during his four years service as postmaster. During that period he has devoted his time exclusively to his official duties and has given Somerset splendid postal service. Mrs. Endsley has a number of contemplated improvements in view that will add to the efficiency of the local service.

SHERIFF HARTZELL PREPARED

To Execute the Roddy Boys, Convicted of the Foul Murder of Farmer Davis Berkey, on Tuesday Next.

PRISONERS HOPE FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE OR A REPRIEVE.

If James and John Roddy, twice convicted of murder in the first degree, are hanged in the county jail on Wednesday next, the day designated by Governor Hastings for their execution, it will be because their counsel, who to-day will appear before the board of pardons, shall have been unable to secure a recommendation for clemency.

General A. H. Coffroth and C. F. Uhl, Jr., left for the State Capital Monday morning. They took with them petitions signed by several hundred citizens of Cambria and Somerset counties praying that sentence of death may be commuted to life imprisonment for the Roddy boys. They were also fortified with a large number of letters, written by members of the bar and other prominent citizens, some of whom asked for an unconditional pardon for the Roddys, while others declared it to be their wish that the death sentence be commuted to life imprisonment. In addition to the petitions and letters, with which they were armed, Messrs. Coffroth and Uhl had a mass of testimony in behalf of the unhappy brothers, secured since their second conviction, which they declare must be given due consideration by the pardon board, and which they hope will influence its members to such an extent that they will unite in asking the Governor to grant the Roddy boys a reprieve, if not a full and unconditional pardon, or a commutation of sentence.

Before leaving for Harrisburg General Coffroth asserted his conviction that the Roddy boys are guiltless of the murder of David Berkey, and declared his confidence in being able to have the sentence of death commuted to life imprisonment. "You can say that the Roddys will not be executed on next Tuesday," were his parting words.

F. J. Kooser and L. C. Colborn, attorneys for the family of the murdered old farmer, are also in Harrisburg for the purpose of presenting the Commonwealth's side of the case to the Pardon Board. They will argue that the defendants have had the benefit of a fair and impartial trial, that the evidence against them was fully and carefully reviewed by the Supreme Court who refused to disturb the finding of the trial court, and that nothing has transpired from the night of the Berkey robbery and torture until the present time, that tends to show the innocence of the Roddy boys or that they were wrongfully convicted. While on the other hand a number of facts have come into possession of the Commonwealth which go to show that James and John Roddy are guilty of the murder of David Berkey, and that in view of all the circumstances surrounding the case the verdict of the jury should not be disturbed and the law should be permitted to take its course. Private counsel for the Commonwealth treat lightly the claims that evidence has been secured in behalf of the Roddys that will influence the Pardon Board when it is laid before them, and point to the fact that every claim set up in defense of the condemned murderers has been easily exploded. They are fully prepared to meet any and all arguments that may be advanced by counsel for the Roddys.

SHERIFF HARTZELL PREPARED.

Meanwhile Sheriff Hartzell has gone forward with his preparations for the gruesome task the law imposes on him. The ropes, which will play such a conspicuous part in the execution, arrived at the jail a week or more ago, having been specially made for the purpose by an Allegheny manufacturer. The condemned brothers have been confined in separate cells, where they are constantly under the eyes of the death-watch, and they are given every attention and comfort that can be granted by the prison officials to men standing on the brink of the gallows.

Sheriff Hartzell has issued about 125 cards of admission to the double execution, and had he been able to grant the requests of all who applied for admission to the jail on Tuesday next, that building would not accomodate one tenth of the crowd.

The main corridor of the jail in which the double death traps are located is quite contracted, not affording standing room for more than forty or fifty persons and allow the sheriff and his assistants sufficient space to perform their official duties. The death traps are in the west end of the corridor and are operated by a lever, which when drawn permits the heavy iron doors to drop, when they are caught and held in position by steel clasps. The Somerset jail is the only prison in the State provided with death traps that are a part of the prison structure and ready to be called into use at any instant their services are required. They were tested on April 2, 1891, when Joseph and David Nicely were executed for the murder of Herman Umberger. On that occasion there was not a single incident to mar the final act in carrying out the sentence of the law. With the experience acquired on that memorable day, when he assisted Sheriff Good in the execution of the Nicely brothers, before him, Sheriff Hartzell will have all of his arrangements perfected for the double execution and every possibility of accident will be carefully guarded against.

Unless the Pardon Board intervenes Sheriff Hartzell will conduct the Roddy boys to the death trap about 1 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon, and it is expected that the trap will be sprung a few minutes thereafter, or as soon as all of the preliminaries have been carried out. The Sheriff will have a dinner, comprising such delicacies as the condemned men may express a desire for, served for them about 11 o'clock, and so far as his is able will grant every request they may make that will tend to make their last hours on earth cheerful.

SAY THEY ARE INNOCENT.

Acting on the advice of their attorneys the Roddy boys have refrained from talking, even with the death watch and the prison officials, in regard to their impending doom, further than to declare that they are innocent of the murder of David Berkey and had no hand in the robbery and torture of the old farmer. They both hope that the Pardon Board will take favorable action in their case, and say that if that body declines to recommend that their necks be saved from the halter they will die bravely, conscious of their entire innocence.

Neither of the boys up to this time has exhibited the first particle of fear at approaching death, and aside from their reticence, in compliance with the wishes of their attorneys, are apparently as happy and unconcerned as they have been at any time since they were accused of the robbery and murder. Whether their natural air of bravado will remain with them after to-day will probably depend upon the action of the Pardon Board, but Sheriff Hartzell believes that there will be no change in their bearing.

The Sheriff has been deluged with letters from city and country newspapers throughout the State asking for photographs of the Roddy boys, but so far has been unable to comply with any of the requests, the prisoners refusing, by direction of their attorneys, to have their photographs taken for the purpose of newspaper illustration.

Judging from reports coming from various sections of the county a great crowd will assemble here in event of the double execution taking place on Tuesday next. In addition to the citizens of the county, whom report says will be here, several hundred residents of Cambria county are expected. Morbid curiosity will alone be responsible for the congregation of a large number of people at the county jail on that occasion, since only those, limited to less than 150, holding cards of admission will be permitted to enter the walls of the prison.

DIE COMMISHNER BIZNESS.

"Jeff" Has Something More to "Remark."

HERALD DRUCKER:

Doa bin ich mit mime breef. Ich hei shoot long schriva selle, ovver ich hob gewart uf der greek. Now foola sie rum bis es om letchda nix droos gept. Ich gep aw nix droom; ich bin mae concernd in der wallíashun und der tox. Zu der greek brouch ich net gae, ovver der tox *muss* bezaaled werra.

Ich lase die zeitunga und halt mich gapost in der kommishner bizness und die politicks im county.

Hov ich der net gazaagd die leit shtanda es net? Wie die HERALD anohl der hoffa uf gadecked hut, und die leit sin ivver aal bi kumma und hen die kommishners h—l gevva no sin die fleegle gadropt und sie hen gazittert und exkuses gamacht und gezaagd: "Dere lieva leit, der tox wart net haecher; der tox mus runner; mer hen die wallíashun nuf so os es grose gooka soll; ovver der tox wart wennicher. Won dere so sauga don duna mer der wallíashun ob nemma." Die HERALD und die tox bezaaler hen alejzu ers millich gebrocht. Denk yusht a mole drau wos fer bizness sell is fer kommishners zu du! Ovver der George waste wie es zu schoffa. Do is der point: Es hut ordlich long ganumma die wallíashun raisa, und now nemts widder fiel daaga fer en runer du. Drei daaler und en halb der daag fer der wallíashun raisa, und drei daaler und en halb der daag fer der wallíashun widder ob nemma. Sell is bizness. Es nemt tox. Won der George und die onera kommishners net ocht gevva don missa sie noch uf der Soondaag schoffa bis sie die socha im shape greega.

Der George Kimmel und der Sam Shober sin gudie arrithmatickers der waeg wie sie die fickers uf g'setzt hen in der "fake" organ. Ich bin net so goot in fickers, ovver ich wase doch wie fiel tox os ich bezaala mus, un ich wase os mei tox haecher waar fer die letchda sex udder sivva yore os dafore. Eera fickers mocha der tox net wenicher. Denka sie die leit sin oll narrish? Sie kenna die leit nimmie foola mit so tricks.

Sellie karls hen die leit shund etlich mole gafoolt, ovver sell is ferbi. Ich will die grenk greega won sie mich mae foola. Sie kenna explaina, und schwetza, und blosa, und goxa so fiel os sie wella; ich bin ferdig mit so kerls. Sie sin gouz zu schmart fer mich. Die leit setta so chaps marka. Sie belonga zu die "reformers," heh! Look out! Sie kumma widder room die lite aw schmaechela und vodes soocha. Sie wella widder die leit saaga fer wen sie voda sella.

Saag! Wie koomts os oll sellie nicea, guda, aerlicha kerls, so g'schwind os sie in offis koomma, charges sie so hesslich fer alles os sie doona? Ich hop sell shtick g'lasea waega em Brothonider Parrone wo er so fiel foon koundy grickt hut fer sell schrivas zoom Guvneer schicka. Ich bin doom in so socha, und fershtay nix in der law, (so wie evva oll die arma bower wu hort shoffa missa sin), ovver ich kou net wissa wos der Guvneer mit oll selm schtuff hut wella. Die evidens galt fore's pardon borde, net? Wos der dihenker hut er mit oll sella worda wella? Ich will wetta er hut net die helft g'lasea.

Es war enyhow en gor hesslich bill fers koundy. Ae hunnert und in der ochtzig dahler! Sell is mae gelt os fiel foon unsera orma bowers leit, woo hort schoffa, free und schpode dorrich's gons yore, greega oder s'dna. Kae wunner wella die karls in offis koomma. Der Kimmel, und der Shober, und der Porrone sin evva grosse freind.

Im negshta breef will ich en wennich pollytick schriva won du es droocksht.

JEFF.

Summerset township, April der 18, '98.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

About 1:30 o'clock last Thursday afternoon, a saw-mill on the farm of Edmund Holsopple, in Paint township, about two miles north of Benson borough, was almost demolished by the explosion of the the boiler.

Sidney Holsopple, proprietor of the Holsopple House at Benson, was instantly killed; Charles Holsopple, a cousin of Sidney Holsopple, was probably fatally injured, while Clyde Holsopple aged sixteen years, and Bruce, aged fourteen years, brothers of Sidney Holsopple, and Joseph Johns, son of Moses Johns, of Hillsboro, aged about eighteen years, were badly scalded. The latter's right leg was also broken.

The mill was owned by Charles Holsopple, who was cutting some lumber for Edmund Holsopple's proposed barn, his old one having been burnt to the ground one night last July.

Charles Holsopple, whose home is near Ashtola, was badly scalded from the waist up, and received severe injuries on the head. It is thought he can not recover.

Sidney Holsopple left his hotel at noon, to assist at the mill, and was at work on the roof when the explosion took place. He was blown a hundred feet east of the mill onto a lot of logs, and when picked up it was found that the top of his head from his nose up had been blown off and one arm broken.

The boiler, which is said to have been condemned long ago, was thirty-horse-power. One-half of it was blown three hundred feet away from where the mill stood, and the other portion was torn to small pieces and scattered all about the place.

Sidney Holsopple was about twenty-nine years of age, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Holsopple. He leaves a wife, who was Susan Custer, daughter of Justice Henry P. J. Custer, of Holsopple, and three children—Ethel, Ella, and Floyd—all very young.

ANOTHER VICTIM.

Charles Holsopple died at eight o'clock Thursday night, at the home of Edmund Holsopple, on whose farm the explosion occurred, and where he had been taken after the accident. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holsopple, of Paint township, and was twenty-eight years of age.

Bruce and Clyde Holsopple and Joseph Johns, who were also injured, were taken to the home of Edmund Holsopple. The former and latter are seriously injured, and have been taken to the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, for treatment.

Sidney Holsopple was buried at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Ellis, of the U. B. Church.

Charles Holsopple was buried at the same hour from the home of his parents.

WILL AID THE STARVING.

Children's Aid Society's Charitable Work Enlarged in Behalf of the Cubans.

The Children's Aid Society of this county has decided to extend temporarily the scope of its charitable work, and will strive to aid the Associate Society of the Red Cross in relieving the suffering of the Starving Cubans. The Children's Aid Society therefore ask the generous co-operation of the people of the county and would suggest that all persons who feel able to do so will contribute one or more suits of cotton undergarments. All contributions should be made of new goods and when forwarded to the Secretary of the Society, at Somerset, they will be promptly shipped to the headquarters of the Red Cross Society, in Philadelphia. The appended letter speaks for itself:

MISS MARY F. BARR:—Owing to the great distress in Cuba, where over 200,000 have perished of hunger within the past two years, the Red Cross of Philadelphia solicits the co-operation of the PEOPLE of Pennsylvania, and hopes that volunteer auxiliary Cuban relief committees of men and women, will be formed in every county and town, for securing money, food and summer clothing. Immediate relief will have double value in this great emergency, which appeals to the sympathy of a generous people. Railroads and steamship lines have been granting free transportation. Clergymen of different denominations have already combined for this purpose. It is earnestly hoped that you will assist us.

THE RED CROSS,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Everybody wants a Slop Jar with a bale. Easy to handle. You can get them at

SNYDER'S ART STORE.

REPEATING THEIR ANTICS.

"Fakirs" Would Dictate to the County Chairman and Ignore the Party Rules As Has Been Their Custom.

CHAIRMAN BERKLEY WILL ENFORCE PARTY RULES.

The local leaders of the "Republican Union," the name most recently adopted by the disorganizers and malcontents, who under the State leadership of John Wanamaker, are attempting to overthrow the present Republican State Organization, seem not to have profited by their sorrowful experience of a little less than a year ago and are resorting to the same tactics this spring that resulted so disastrously for them last year.

Notwithstanding the fact that these gentlemen have adopted a distinct party name and have a distinct State and county organization, they are arrogantly attempting to dictate to the head of the Republican organization in the county. Their latest effort in this line was Monday of last week when they made an ineffectual attempt to hold up County Chairman Berkley and instruct him as to his duties. In obedience to a "concentration" order issued by "General" Koontz the leaders were corralled in his office where a plan of campaign was submitted to them. Among the "reconcentrados" there gathered were Chairman of the "fake" County Committee J. A. Berkey, H. F. Barron, Isaiah Good, Adam S. Miller, S. A. Kendall, F. J. Kooser, C. J. Harrison, A. F. Dickey, J. G. Ogle, E. H. Werner, and one or two other Democrats of more or less prominence. After several hours spent in consultation County Chairman Berkley was decoyed into the meeting and was at once pounced upon with a demand that he issue a call for a primary election *at once* and that he announce the Wanamaker candidates for delegates to the State Convention.

Chairman Berkley informed the gathering in substance that he proposed to and would call a primary election in due time and that opportunity would be given all aspirants to announce their candidacy; that the party rules require thirty days notice of change of date in the time of holding the primary and as there were almost two months from that time intervening until the meeting of the State Convention, there remained ample time in which to call a primary. He further suggested that as they appeared to be so eager that a day be fixed for a primary, and claimed that J. A. Berkey was their county chairman, he could see no impropriety in Berkey's issuing his call at once. They then proceeded to serve a written notice on Chairman Berkley in which they proffered to pay their proportionate shares of the expenses of a primary and demanded that it be called at once. This offering to pay their share of the expenses shows that the application of their much talked of "Barker liniment" had at least a mollifying effect, and we suggest that had they continued the application it would have so far relieved them that they could have calmly bided the time until a primary was properly called by the County Chairman.

The aim and object of this presumptuous interference with the duties of the County Chairman were made more manifest when the "fake" organ appeared a few days following and in a childish fulmination, under scare headlines, attempted to convey the impression that Chairman Berkley would not call a primary election this year and that no Republican primary would be held. The readers of the "fake" organ must be credited with very short memories if they do not recall how, just a little less than one year ago, all this same sort of hysterics was gone through with to their amusement, if not to their edification.

To every Republican who has spoken to Chairman Berkley in regard to the matter he has invariably made the same answer, that "the date for the primary had not yet been determined, but that it would be announced in ample time, and in accordance with the party rules." To all candidates who tendered their announcements he said that he "would not receive announcements until the date for the primary was fixed and the call issued, but that each and every Republican who was competent to announce would be given every opportunity to do so."

Of the many other gentlemen who propose to be candidates at the coming primary we have heard none complain that a date had not yet been fixed, nor have we heard from any of them the slightest intimation that they feared they would not have a fair opportunity to announce their candidacy. Among those who have been and are actively at work on their canvass are Dr. H. C. McKinley, A. W. Knepper, W. H. Sanner, E. D. Miller, J. C. Weller, W. W. Young and A. C. Holbert, not one of whom, we think, has ever entertained a thought but that Chairman Berkley would act in exact accordance with the rules and would issue the usual call for the primary in due time.

Why the Wanamaker combine have been laboring to create a wrong impression is apparent to every one, and their latest effort at "faking" will only succeed with those who want to be "faked."

31 YEARS AGONE.

A Resume of this Period of Time Shows Remarkable Changes and Advancing Conditions.

Beyond a quarter of a century ago the things of to-day were either in their infancy, or as yet not in existence. This is true of railways, electric equipment, or whatever you will.

Coming briefly to the subject of this sketch, the year 1867 first saw the entrance of William K. Gillespie into the grocery arena—First as an employe; in two years a member of the firm (a position won by merit and worth), then serving in that capacity until 1890, when he is found occupying spacious and commodious buildings on Seventh avenue, Pittsburg, Pa. However the growth of the business under his direction was such, year after year, that another change was necessitated, so that to-day finds the wholesale grocery firm of William K. Gillespie housed in a complete modern, fully appointed, up-to-date warehouse at 9th street and Duquesne Way, Pittsburg, Pa.

Aside from the convenience that a vast stock of staple groceries, as well as specialties affords to the trade, the wholesale grocery of William K. Gillespie offers many facilities rarely found in the best of ordinarily equipped establishments. The building now occupied was constructed on approved plans calculated to, in every manner, greatly facilitate business despatch. To this end railroad connection (two private switches), was made direct with the warehouse, effecting alone, an enormous saving as computed in time and haulage expense.

Wordy description fails to give an accurate idea of the new warehouse, or the business therein conducted by William K. Gillespie, 9th St. and Duquesne Way, Pittsburg, Pa. The best way is to drop in and take a look around. This invitation includes not only the house's present trade (which is drawn from three States and more), but casual trade visitors to this city as well. A hearty welcome awaits you.

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Republican Primary Election.

To the Republican Voters of Somerset Co:

The rules governing Republican primary elections of Somerset county, provide that the primary election for the nomination of candidates shall be held on the fourth Saturday of June of each year. "*Provided*, that in years when Republican State Convention is held prior to this date, the Chairman of the Republican County Committee be authorized to call the said primary election at an earlier date. The Chairman to give at least thirty days notice of said change of date."

The Republican State Convention has been called to meet at Harrisburg on Thursday, June 2, 1898.

By authority of the above quoted rule, I have named

Saturday, May 28, 1898,

as the date for holding the primary election this year, when candidates for the following positions will be voted for:

One person for member of Congress.
One person for State Senator.
Two persons for Assembly.
One person for Associate Judge.
One person for District Attorney.
One person for Poor Director.
Three persons for Delegate to State Convention.

All persons, duly qualified, who are desirous of becoming candidates at the said primary election will be required to register their names with me and otherwise comply with the provisions of the party rules on or before Saturday, May 7, 1898, the last day on which announcements can be received under said rules.

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

Attest:
GEO. R. SCULL,
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Recent Deaths.

William Mull departed this life on April 14, at his residence near Bakersville, aged 74 years. Deceased contracted a chronic disease while serving in the army, which finally resulted in his death. For 51 years he was a consistent member of the Lutheran church. He was a good neighbor, a kind friend, and his death is mourned by all who knew him.

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Henry Shaulis died at his late residence near Bakersville, on April 14th, aged 75 years. Death resulted from pneumonia. Mr. Shaulis was a good citizen, unassuming and respected by all who knew him. His first wife and a daughter preceded him to the grave, while his second wife, two sons and one daughter survive. He was a consistent christian, having been a member of the Lutheran Church for more than 50 years.

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Rev. L. R. Beacom, D. D., pastor of the Methodist Church at Kittanning, Pa., died Saturday, of heart failure, aged 73 years. He had retired the night before in his usual good health, and had been engaged in his pastoral work up until the day of his death. He is survived by his widow and five children. The latter are Dr. Charles, of Crescent City, Cal., Mrs. W. A. Edminston, of Brownsville, Pa.; Mrs. I. M. Newcomer, of Scottdale, Pa.; Mrs. R. W. Smith, of Bellevue, Pa., and Miss Etta, who lived at home. Rev. Beacom was formerly pastor of the Somerset Methodist Church, and his wife was a member of the well known Risinger family of this place. The funeral took place Monday at Brownsville.

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Henry Smith died at the home of his son-in-law—Levi Koontz—in Shade Township, Friday evening. He was eighty-five years of age and his death was caused by general weakness from his advanced years.

The deceased was born in Germany and resided there with his parents until he was about twenty-one years old, when he was married. He and his wife continued to live in Germany for several years, during which time two children were born to them. They are Hannah, wife of Jacob Yost, of Shade Township, and Henry, of Bedford County. The family then immigrated to America, locating in Shade Township. Here three more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. They are: Cal, wife of Levi Koontz, at whose home Mr. Smith died; Rebecca, wife of Silas Shaffer, of Bedford County, and Susan, wife of John Hitshew, Johnstown.

About twenty-five years ago Mr. Smith's first wife died, and he was married again to Hannah Spangler, who resided in Somerset Township. She with the children mentioned above, survives him. He is also survived by a brother—Fred Smith—of Friedens, and a sister.

Last August Mr. and Mrs. Smith were robbed at their home in Shade Township of about $200 by two burglars. William Gibbeon and George Yoder, both of Shade Township, were arrested for the crime. Mr. Yoder was acquitted at the September term of Somerset county court, but Gibbeon was found guilty and sentenced to serve three years and six months in the Western Penitentiary. Since the robbery Mr. and Mrs. Smith had made their home with Mr. and Mrs. Koontz.

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ADMINISTRATORS' NOTICE.

Estate of Eli Ogline, late of Lincoln township, Somerset county, Pa., dec'd.

Letters of administration on the above estate having