The Somerset Herald.

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TO-DAY Uncle Sam is over 111,000 square miles bigger than he was a few days ago.

SPAIN may be disappointed, but she should think of the disappointment of France when Germany demanded two provinces and $1,000,000,000 in cash.

THERE are in the Philippines a few islands. Some estimates say 1,400, and some 2,000. But Uncle Sam has got them all, and the next census will find out for him the exact number.

FOR all the purposes of practical legislation a Republican majority of one in the next Congress would have been just as good as twenty or more. Speaker Reed could have done the rest.

A CONVERSATION by telephone has been carried on over a distance of nineteen hundred miles. At the beginning of the century such a feat would have been jeered as wilder than a fairy tale.

IT SEEMS to be a foregone conclusion that State Chairman John P. Elkin is to be the Attorney General of the incoming State administration, and surely no more fit appointment could be made.

SPAIN might as well have given in with a good grace at first. She could have atoned for many faults by a sensible submission, but a perception of mistakes was never one of her conspicuous merits.

EXPANSION looks differently according to the point of view. Those merchants and others who are criticising the Government for attempting to reach out for more business are generally very anxious to increase their own trade.

IT IS a great deal too late to object to the retention of the captured islands. we have got them, and we must hold on to them until they are civilized enough for self government, by which time they will probably want to become a part of this glorious Republic.

DEFEAT has so demoralized the Free Silver party that its leaders and advisers want to throw it into involuntary bankruptcy. They are restrained, however, by the fear that in its present condition it will not pay the average Free Silver percentage—40c on the dollar.

OF COURSE Admiral Dewey advises that all the Philippines be retained, and he adds that "Any other arrangement will lead to no end of trouble." Dewey is on the ground, and his advice as a practical man will command general attention.

THE primitive idea of justice among the Cubans is shown by the suggestion that the soldiers accused of rioting there should have a number selected by lot from their regiment for execution. So somebody is executed, and the disorders avenged, it does not seem to them to be particularly material whether the guilty or the innocent suffer.

JUDGE James Gay Gordon, of the Philadelphia bench, has resigned his official position, it is said, to avoid impeachment by the Legislature. Judge Gordon was a prominent candidate for the nomination for Governor when Jenks was nominated. Governor Hastings has appointed Henry J. McCarthy, a Democrat, to succeed Judge Gordon.

THE appointment of Hon. C. W. Stone as Secretary of the Commonwealth under Governor W. A. Stone is being advocated by many of the Republican papers of the State. The appointment would be a most excellent one, and would meet with the hearty approbation of a vast majority of the Republican voters of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA has adopted the referendum by popular vote. Under its provisions if any law is passed by the Legisature objectionable to the people a petition may be circulated, and if five per cent. of the voters sign it, the act must be submitted to the people for ratification before it is spread upon the statute books. It is the first time it has been tried in this country, although well known in Switzerland, and its working will be watched with interest. A complication in the present instance is that while there is a Populist Governor, the Republicans have the necessary two thirds in the Legislature to pass any measure over his veto. Politics ought to be exciting in that State during the next year or so.

UNLESS the present arrangements are changed, the Republican caucus for the nomination of a candidate for United States Senator will be held on the evening of the second day of the meeting of the Legislature. The first ballot for Senator will be taken separately in the two Houses on the afternoon of January 17th, and at noon on the 18th a joint meeting of both Houses will be held to compare the vote. The friends of Senator Quay are confident that he will have a large majority in the caucus and claim that even should Magee, Finn and Martin combine with the Democrats and Wanamakerites Quay will still have a majority, and that in any event his re-election is assured. They only concede Wanamaker the control of eight votes. Martin, Mage and Flinn have all publicly stated that they will go into the caucus and will be governed by its decision.

THE Johnstown Tribune and its Altoona namesake are calling upon the Republicans of this congressional district "to formulate some plan to make a congressional nomination other than the one now in vogue," but neither suggests a new plan. It is suggested that the Republican County Chairmen of the four counties get together and devise some plan; or that after getting together the Chairmen appoint a committee, to consist of a certain number of Republicans from each county, who shall formulate a set of rules to be submitted to the different county conventions for approval. If men of the intelligence and wide political experience of the editors of the two leading Republican dailies in the district are unable to devise a more satisfactory system than the one now in vogue, we opine that a meeting such as they suggest would be barren of results. The HERALD is not devotedly attached to the conferree system, but we seriously question whether, in a district composed as this one is, it can be greatly improved upon. We are open to conviction, however, and will be pleased to hear from our cotemporaries in the district on the matter.

ONE reason why Bryan says silver is still an issue is that his political future, if he is to have any, depends on the silver agitation. The first speech made by him in Congress which attracted any attention was on silver, and, of course, if there had been no silver in the Chicago convention he could not have got the candidacy. Still there is a chance for him in the Populist party if that organization keeps out of the political potters' field until 1900. Bryan is a Populist rather than a Democrat. He stumped the West for Weaver, the Populist presidential candidate, in 1892, he was always very friendly to the Populists, and the Populist spirit which seized the Democracy in 1896 is what got him the nomination in that year. He would not have to make much of an adjustment in his political program to qualify him for membership in the Populist party. The Populists could do worse than to nominate him in 1900. He would undoubtedly make a stronger run than Wharton Barker, whom the Populists have already put up. His chances for getting the Democratic nomination in 1900 are faint, but the base money elements will have a ticket in the canvass, and he would be as good a man to head it as could be got.

Guffey and Wanamaker.

Philadelphia Inquirer.

Colonel James M. Guffey, head of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania, is a full fledged candidate for United States Senator.

It must be apparent to Mr. Wanamaker that Colonel Guffey is not going to take his followers into the Wanacratic camp, but that little fact probably does not disturb the Wanacrats in the slightest. All that they have to do is to go over to the Guffey camp, where they really belong.

The Wanamaker campaign was opposed to the election of Stone, was directed towards the election of Democrats to the Legislature and resulted in the loss to the McKinley administration of half a dozen Congressmen. After such a showing it would be as misleading as were his speeches for the head of this movement against the Republican party still to pose as a Republican.

It is to be hoped that the Wanacrats will join hands with Colonel Guffey and vote for him, if only to show to the people of Pennsylvania how exceedingly weak they are.

McCarthy Appointed.

Governor Hastings on Friday announced the appointment of Henry J. McCarthy, (Dem.) of Philadelphia, to succeed James Gay Gordon, judge of the common pleas court of Philadelphia, whose resignation created a sensation throughout the State. Judge McCarthy was a judge of the superior court of Pennsylvania as it was originally construed, having been appointed by Governor Hastings as the Democratic member of that body. He failed, however, to secure the endorsement of his party for the regular nomination, and was forced to retire.

Governor Hastings has made more judicial appointments than any of his predecessors. He has appointed altogether 18 common pleas judges, five of these to fill vacancies on the bench in Philadelphia created by death and resignation.

Colonel Stone's Plum Tree.

It would be tedious, says the Johnstown Tribune, to go over a full list of the rich gifts at the disposal of Col. W. A. Stone within two years of his inauguration as Governor of Pennsylvania, for it has been figured out that there are 287 offices, the salaries ranging from $1,000 to $24,000 a year, to be filled by the new Executive in that time, not to count the places which he may be called upon to fill by the accident of death, resignation, or from other causes.

Governor Stone's very first shake of the fruit tree will bring down some exceedingly juicy plums. The first and most important appointment will be Secretary of the Commonwealth, which office, according to the latest report of the Auditor-General, was worth $22,800 last year, but the fees of the next Secretary will be much greater, for several reasons, than Mr. Martin's were, and the new Governor's chief Cabinet officer may not be disappointed to find an annual income of from $25,000 to $25,000 in his Christmas stocking. The Attorney-Generalship was worth $18,000 last year, while Insurance-Commissioner Lambert was paid over $8,000 in salary and fees and the Banking-Commissionership was worth more than $9,000 last year to Colonel Gilkeson.

In addition to these there are fifteen places at the direct and immediate disposal of Governor Stone which aggregate more than $50,000 per annum in salaries. Because of contemplated changes in a number of State and county offices it is said that the incoming Executive will have more patronage at his disposal than has fallen to the lot of any previous Governor of this great Commonwealth.

The Suits Against Quay.

PHILADELPHIA, November 28.—United States Senator Quay, his son, Richard R. Quay, and former State Treasurer Haywood did not plead to-day to the five indictments charging them with conspiracy and the unlawful use of state funds in the People's bank. They did not even appear in court, but their lawyers, Rufus E. Shapley and A. S. L. Shields, went before Judge Finletter and presented demurrers to four of the indictments and a motion to quash the fifth. There was a lengthy argument and the court reserved its decision. Should this, when announced, be unfavorable to the defendants they will be arraigned to plead and the date of the trial will be definitely fixed.

To Pay Pensions in a Lump.

Circular letters are being sent out from Washington to pensioners all over the United States with a view to ascertain their wishes in regard to the paying of their pensions in lump sums, ranging from $3,000 to $10,000, instead of monthly sums as is now the case. In the event of favorable replies, Congress will this winter pass such a law. The object to be attained by this, will, it is claimed, be a benefit to both the Government and the pensioner, as it will enable the old soldier to make investments or go into some business for himself, and will save the Government enormous sums in the way of clerk hire, etc., and eventually do away with the whole clerical force in the Pension Department.

In the Storm King's Grasp.

The severest storm of the present season prevailed Saturday night and Sunday along the Middle Atlantic and New England coast. Heavy snow fell in New York, New England, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Twenty lives were lost in and around Boston. Most of the fatalities were caused by the wrecking and sinking of thirty barges and schooners in the harbor. At New York all of the out-bound vessels were obliged to return to port and anchor.

Swallow to be Ignored.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Nov. 25.—There is little chance that Dr. S. C. Swallow will be given additional notoriety by another trial of the suit brought against him two years ago by Captain Delaney, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds. The Superior Court has granted Dr. Swallow a new trial, but nobody is willing to press the charges against him. Ex-Auditor General Mylin and ex-State Treasurer Haywood have retired from the Board of Public Buildings and Grounds, for which Captain Delaney was acting, since the former trial, and Governor Hastings will soon retire.

The new members of the Board have no desire to take up the quarrel of their predecessors with Dr. Swallow, and the suits against him will be dropped.

Spain Accepts American Terms.

Says She Yields to Superior Force and to Prevent Hostilities.

DETAILS WILL BE COMPLETED BY DECEMBER 10TH.

PARIS, Nov. 28.—Spain has accepted the United States' offer of $20,000,000, and at a joint session of the peace commissioners this afternoon consented without condition to relinquish Cuba and to cede Porto Rico, the island of Guam in the Ladrones, and the Philippine islands. The document presenting this acceptance contained only 300 words.

Spain's reply in substance continued by declaring that the United States has offered, as a kind of compensation to Spain, something very inadequate to the sacrifices the latter country makes at this moment, and she feels therefore that the United States' proposals cannot be considered just and equitable.

Spain has, however, exhausted all the resources of diplomacy in an attempt to justify her attitude. Seeing that an acceptance of the proposal made to Spain is a necessary condition to a continuance of negotiations, and seeing that the resources of Spain are not such as to enable her to re-enter upon war, she is prepared in her desire to avoid bloodshed, and from considerations of humanity and patriotism, to submit to the conditions of the conquering nation, however harsh they may be. She is, therefore, ready to accept the proposals of the American commission, as presented at the last sitting.

The reading and the translation of the document occupied less than five minutes.

Having embodied in the treaty articles all the protocol questions, the two commissions will now enter upon friendly negotiations regarding the matters suggested in the American ultimatum a week ago, matters subsidiary and incidental to the principal provisions, which must form part of the peace treaty as finally signed. These include the religious freedom of the Caroline Islands, as agreed to 12 years ago, the release of political prisoners now held by Spain in connection with the insurrection in Cuba and the Philippines; the taking over of the island of Kusaie or Uralan, in the Carolines, for a telegraphic and naval station; cable station rights at other points in Spain's jurisdiction, and the renewal of certain treaties, previously in force between the United States and Spain, which may have lapsed or been violated by war.

Seventy Lives Lost.

BOSTON, November 28.—It is known definitely to-night that more than seventy lives have been lost in the wrecks of tugs, schooners and coal barges during the storm of Saturday night and Sunday morning, and if the steamer Portland has also gone down, as now seems possible, the list of casualties will rise to 140, with over 100 vessels of all descriptions ashore, two score of them total wrecks and an unknown number probably beneath the waves of Massachusetts bay. There is scarcely a bay, harbor or inlet from the Penobscot to New London that has not on its shores the bones of some staunch craft, while along Massachusetts bay, and especially Boston harbor, the beaches are piled high with the wreckage of schooners and coal barges. The record, although hourly lengthening, is still incomplete, for that ocean grave yard of Cape Cod is still to be heard from, and as it has never yet failed to give up some grim tale at such a time, it probably will not be found lacking on such an occasion.

Teachers Get Paupers' Pay.

Dr. N. C. Schaeffer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, on Thursday made public the advance sheets of his annual report for the last fiscal year. He reports a marked increase in the number and size of the libraries established and maintained in connection with the public schools.

The Doctor also reports that the new law for the distribution of the public school fund is a success. The increase in the amount received under the new basis of distributing the fund was in districts in which the average per school was, and still is, lower than the district that suffered a decrease. He is unable to tell, however, the effects upon the length of the term and salaries paid to the teachers. Encouraging reports have been received from many of the districts in the State, and Doctor Schaeffer promises full returns in his next annual report.

He says that in a large number of counties the teachers receive less pay per year than it would cost the county officials to keep the same teachers in their almshouses. He quotes figures obtained from superintendents throughout the State to disprove the assertions often made that fifty per cent. of those who enter the primary grade remain less than two years. He says that teachers should know more than they teach, and makes a strong argument in favor of scientific temperance instruction.

His Blood Saved Him.

J. M. Wingate, a young sportsman of Greene Briar, Center county, had a novel yet thrilling experience the other day while hunting in the neighborhood of the Bear Meadows. Wingate, with several others, was camping in that locality, hunting deer. Tuesday, after standing on a crossing all day without seeing any game, he started for camp about 4 o'clock. He was following a trail from the top of the ridge to the lower lands, when suddenly he stepped into a bear trap hidden beneath a covering of leaves, and the ponderous steel jaws closed on his right ankle, tearing the flesh badly, without breaking the bone. The shock and sudden pain caused the man to swoon. When he came to his senses he was horrified to see not 20 feet away a monster she bear sitting on her haunches and curiously handling the hunter's gun.

Wingate attempted to free himself from the trap, but the springs were so powerful he could not budge them, and in addition every move of his was watched by the bear in such a threatening manner that he feared every moment he would be attacked. Suddenly he made a spring and was 10 feet up a tree before the bear realized what was going on. Then, with a deep growl, she plunged for the man.

The blood from Wingate's wounded ankle trickled down, and this saved his life. The old bear licked the blood from the tree trunk, which being a barked slippery elm, became as slippery as glass, and when brain finally tried to climb it she could not. In her rage and fury the bear worked so hard that the tree trunk was covered with a lather which was finally coated on her body, and in half an hour she was so exhausted and so covered with the elm lather that she rolled over and could not regain her feet.

Wingate, seeing the bear's dilemma, slid down the tree, and by lying full length was able to reach his gun, when it was but the work of a moment to send a bullet from the 45 caliber Winchester into the beast's brain. The bear killed, Wingate tried to release himself. For at least a half hour he pounded the trap with stones in an attempt to break it, and more dead than alive, attracted the attention of companions who were returning to camp by another trail and who came to his rescue. When released from the trap Wingate had to be carried into camp, though his injuries are not regarded as very serious. The bear was dragged in, and when dressed weighed 350 pounds, the largest one killed in those parts thus far this season.

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.

Three Negroes Lynched.

MERIDIAN, Miss., Nov. 27.—Three negroes were lynched last night four miles west of Meridian, Newton county. Farmers were said to be on the trail of others implicated in an assault upon a white man, who came to Meridian on Friday from Newton county. After transacting his business, he left for home and camped near Oakatubee river, four miles west of the city. While breaking camp yesterday a hog came up and got into his provisions, and he drove it off. At this juncture a negro came up and told the white man the hog belonged to him. The farmer hitched up his team, started toward home, and did his best to avoid trouble, but the negro was bent on a row, and was shortly joined by four others. They chased the white man across Oakatubee river, firing repeated volleys, one load of which lodged in one of his arms, producing a painful wound.

After crossing the river the blacks gave up the chase, and the white man went to his home and notified his friends and neighbors. Last night a dozen or more white men boarded the Alabama and Vicksburg train at Chunkey and got off at Lost Gap, six miles west of Meridian, with the avowed purpose of killing the negroes implicated in the assault. The man who was assaulted recognized the blacks and the white men started to hunt them down. Sheriff Reed and posse returned to-night from the scene of the trouble, bringing with them three negro prisoners. Early in the day a frightened negro reported to the Sheriff that a mob of white men were shooting into negro houses and threatening to kill every negro in the community. He said they fired over 100 shots into the house of the ringleader of Saturday's trouble. The sheriff organized a posse and started for the scene, but on arrival could find no trace of the white men nor any corpses. However, the three negroes concerned in yesterday's affair had "disappeared," and it is said the Newton county mob had taken them in charge. The three negroes arrested were relatives of the rioters, and the sheriff took them in for safe keeping until the trouble subsides.

Ten thousand demons gnawing at one's vitals couldn't be much worse than the tortures of itching piles. Yet there's a cure. Doan's Ointment never fails.

Novel Point of Law.

SUISUN, Cal., November 26.—Superior Judge Buckles, of Solano county, has just decided an interesting case, involving the question as to whether a person can acquire property as the direct result of his own crime. The decision is in the affirmative.

Louis, Frank, Arthur, Thomas and Susie Belew were brothers and sister. Louis and Susie were unmarried and each possessed estates in their own right. The father and mother were both dead. Frank, who was without funds, was separated from his family. He murdered Louis and Susie, with no apparent motive except to succeed to a portion of their estates. He pleaded guilty and was hanged.

The petition for the distribution of the estates of Susie and Louis Belew asked that the estates be distributed in equal shares to the surviving brothers and to the estate of Frank Belew.

One of the brothers filed objection to any distribution being made to the estate of Frank Belew, on the ground that he, having murdered his brother and sister, could not succeed to any of the estates left by them. To this objection a general demurrer was interposed, which was sustained, Judge Buckles declaring that unless the court can change the code of civil procedure the estates of Louis and Susie Belew must be distributed in equal parts to the estate of the murderer, Frank Belew, and the two surviving brothers.

Political Notes.

A Kansas City paper says an off year in Pennsylvania is a year in which the Republican party rolls up a plurality of about 125,000.

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They are saying in New York that Theodore Roosevelt ten years ago announced his determination to become Governor, United States Senator and President.

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The total vote at the late election was 970,518—the heaviest vote ever cast for Governor in this State. Stone had 478,534; Jenks, 358 130; Swallow, 133,404. Stone's plurality, 120,400.

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Senator Platt has said that either Chauncey M. Depew, Stewart L. Woodford or Sereno L. Payne would be "satisfactory" to him as Senator from New York to succeed Murphy.

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If the Democrats can be persuaded to be agreeable, and if twenty-eight Republican Assemblymen can be induced to refuse support to the caucus nominee, General W. H. Koontz, of Somerset county, will be the fusion candidate for Speaker of the House.—Raftsman's Journal.

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Because Trickett, Democratic candidate for Superior Judge, managed to get on all the State tickets, it was assumed by his supporters that he had an absolutely sure grip on one of the seats; and although he had the call, he missed his election by a long distance. The Allegheny Porter ran a few thousands behind his colleague, the Philadelphia Porter, but the former's majority over Trickett, in the two counties of Philadelphia and Allegheny alone is nearly 112,000.

War and Newspapers.

Many people honestly believe the war made a money harvest for the newspapers, but they are woefully mistaken. The Cosmopolitan has been making some investigation along this line, and this is what it learned:

Should a war reported as this has been continue two years it would bankrupt the resources of every first-class newspaper in New York city. Every newspaper of the first class has run so far behind since the outbreak of the war. To one newspaper at least the war has meant an added expense of more than $3,000 a day—about $1,000,000 a year—enough to eliminate all the profits of the most profitable newspaper in America—which at the present is undoubtedly the New York Herald. Three thousand dollars per day has been the extra cost of gathering war news for the New York Journal. That sum perhaps represents a maximum. Other newspapers have spent in proportion their available capital. For a newspaper, as for a nation, war has no reward save glory. It hurts the commercial end of the newspaper as of the nation—advertisements diminishing—and it adds greatly to the expense.

Fed 6000 of the Poor.

DENVER, Nov. 25.—A dinner was given yesterday by Simon Guggenheim, the millionaire smelter man, of Colorado, to those of Denver's population who could not furnish themselves with a first-class dinner.

The purpose of the spread is believed in Denver to be to celebrate Mr. Guggenheim's marriage to Miss Olga Hirsch, of New York, at the Waldorf Astoria, which took place yesterday. In his happy moments he can boast of perhaps the largest number of invited guests that ever sat down to a wedding feast in this country.

Arrangements were made by contract to supply a dinner for 6,000 people. Twenty tables, each forty five feet in length, were erected in the Coliseum Hall, one of the largest auditoriums in the city. Here a corps of 110 helpers, including fifty five waiters, distributed the food.

Some of the items of food supply required were: Turkey, 2 tons; potatoes, 2,800 pounds; bread, 1,900 loaves; celery, 700 bunches; pickles, 40 gallons; mince pies, 1,100; apples, 18 barrels; ice cream, 90 gallons; prepared coffee, 350 gallons and

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

Official Programs of the Sessions to be Held at Ursina and Hooversville.

Following are the official programs for the Farmers' Institutes to be held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture at Ursina, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 13th, 14th and 15th, and at Hooversville on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 15th, 16th and 17th:

Order of Business at Ursina.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 13TH.

Call to order at 1:30 o'clock.

1. Music.
2. Prayer.
3. Opening Remarks.
4. The Farmer's Orchard—O. P. Shaver, Friedens, Pa.
5. Treatment for Non-Productive Orchards—S. B. Heiges, York, Pa.
6. Fruit-Growing for Profit—George Kemp, Harnedsville, Pa.

TUESDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 7 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Successful Bee-Keeping—Caldwell Younkin, Confluence, Pa.
3. Can the Farm be made Pay, and How?—Albert Eicher, Fort Hill, Pa.
4. Home-Making and Housekeeping—Mrs. Jane Thompson, Ursina, Pa.
5. Recitation—Miss Millie Coughnar.
6. Recitation—Claude Zimmerman.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 14TH.

Call to order at 9 o'clock.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Queries.
3. Good Roads—Calvin Coughnar, Dumas, Pa.
4. The Waste from Stable and Barn-Yard—Prof. Wm. Frear, State College, Pa.
5. Farm Buildings and Fences—Henry Witt, Ursina, Pa.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Call to order at 1:30 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Diversified Farming.—S. B. Heiges, York, Pa.
3. Live Stock for Profit—John F. Younkin, Turkeyfoot, Pa.
4. Corn and Wheat Culture—Harrison Rush, Ursina, Pa.
5. Advantages of Thorough Drainage—O. P. Shaver, Friedens, Pa.
6. How Shall We Increase the Efficiency of Our Public Schools?—Miss Ada Coder, Ursina, Pa.
7. Recitation—Miss Myrtle Sellers, Ursina, Pa.
8. Recitation—Wilber Davis, Ursina, Pa.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 7 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Drainage—Geo. Beitzel Harnedsville, Pa.
3. The Most Profitable Stock for the Farmer—Arnold Kuhlman, Ursina, Pa.
4. Wheat, Flour and Bread—Prof. Wm. Frear, State College, Pa.
5. Make the Home Attractive—Miss Bertha Davis, Ursina, Pa.
6. Recitation—Miss Corma Forsythe, Ursina, Pa.
7. Recitation—Frank Coder, Ursina Pa.
8. Recitation—Miss Mary Kuhlman, Ursina, Pa.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 15TH.

Call to order at 9 o'clock.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Queries.
3. How to Keep Farm Animals Healthy—Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian, Harrisburg, Pa.
4. Improvement of Soils—Hiram Frantz, Confluence, Pa.
5. Geological and Chemical Character of Soils—S. B. Heiges, York, Pa.

Order of Business at Hooversville.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 15TH.

1. Music, followed by Prayer.
2. Address of Welcome—Rev. C. M. Wachter, Hooversville, Pa.
3. Response—Prof. Wm. Frear, State College, Pa.
4. Prevention and Cure of Disease in Animals—Dr. Leonard Pearson, State Veterinarian, Harrisburg, Pa.
5. General Farming—Benjamin Bowman, Hooversville, Pa.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 7 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Berries and Other Fruit—Jonathan W. Blough, Hooversville Pa.
3. Farmer's Small Fruit Garden.—O. P. Shaver, Friedens, Pa.
4. Clover Crops in Our Rotations—Prof. Wm. Frear, State College, Pa.
5. Recitation—Samuel Miller, Hooversville, Pa.
6. Recitation—Miss Cora Hamer—Hooversville, Pa.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 16TH.

Call to order at 9 o'clock.

1. Opening Exercises.
2. Queries.
3. Soil Improvement the Key Note of Agriculture—R. S. Seeds, Birmingham, Pa.
4. Maple Sugar—John Koontz, Reitz, Pa.
5. Truck Farming—Nathaniel Blough, Hooversville, Pa.
6. Milk Fever and Garget of Cows—Dr. Leonard Pearson.
7. Recitation—Chas. Geisel, Hooversville, Pa.
8. Recitation—Miss Vida Lehman, Hooversville, Pa.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Call to order at 1:30 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Lime and its Uses—Prof. Wm. Frear, State College, Pa.
3. How to Raise Potatoes—John R. Miller, Hooversville.
4. Does the Average Farm Dairy Pay—O. P. Shaver, Friedens, Pa.
5. Recitation—William Gindlesperger, Hooversville, Pa.
6. Recitation—Miss Emma Hoover, Hooversville, Pa.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Call to order at 7 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Sunshine and Shadow on the Farm—R. S. Seeds, Birmingham, Pa.
3. Bees and Bee Keeping—M. D. Reel, Buckstown, Pa.
4. Tuberculosis of Cattle—Dr. Leonard Pearson.
5. The Relation of the Farmer to the Public School—Prof. J. C. Speicher, Meyersdale, Pa.
6. Recitation—Forest Noel, Hooversville, Pa.
7. Recitation—Miss Florence Berkey, Hooversville, Pa.

SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17TH.

Call to order at 7 o'clock.

1. Queries.
2. Corn Culture—J. C. Huston, Hooversville, Pa.
3. The Principles of Stock Feeding—Prof. Wm. Frear.
4. Lameness in Horses and Horse Shoeing—Dr. Leonard Pearson.
5. Closing Remarks by Members of the Institute.

Killed Himself When Rejected.

LAPORTE, Pa., Nov. 24.—Because his sweetheart dismissed him for another, Andrew J. Boyle, aged 24 years, of Hillsgrove, Sullivan County, went into the woods and killed himself with a pistol. A note by his side stated: "There's one person, a woman, who will know why I killed myself."

Boyle was missing for a week, and yesterday hunters near Hillsgrove found his body. He was lying as though asleep, his head on his right arm. He had bared his breast and a bullet wound above the heart showed the cause of death. A bullet had also passed through his left hand, probably as he held his shirt apart for the fatal shot. It is said that the young lady in the case, who dismissed Boyle in a moment of pique, and who was really much in love with him, is almost beside herself with grief over the fact that she was in a measure responsible for his end.

VERY PRETTY ROW AMONG DEMOCRATS.

Cordonites Seek to Overthrow Colonel Guffey's Leadership

AND HELP WANAMAKER.

Representative Fow, of Peculiar Memory and Author of Queer Bills, Leads the Fight, But He Gets Cold Comfort From the Straight-out Democracy.

(Special Correspondence.)

Harrisburg, Nov. 29.—There is a pretty row on in the Democratic party in Pennsylvania. It is all over the opposition of the Gordonites to the continuance of the leadership of Colonel James M. Guffey and to the desire of the friends of Judge Gorden to help out the Wanamaker combination in their plans to advance the political interests of the Philadelphia millionaire and his Republican associates.

That Wanamaker has given up all hope of being elected to the United States senate is now apparent. His managers, while still in touch with the Democrats, are trotting out C. W. Stone and John Dalzell for United States senator, to divide the Republican vote. Meanwhile Mr. Guffey is getting in his fine work lining up the Democrats. Mr. Guffey has never been known to enter into any business or political deal without expecting a full return for any expenditures that might be made. It is well known to outsiders that in the last three weeks of the state campaign the Democratic managers made up a pool and put up individual collaterals upon which $100,000 was raised to be spent in certain counties to elect Democratic members of the legislature. The present United States senate stands 44 to 46 against the Republican party, and with visions of Democratic control of the senate before them the Guffeyites were very liberal in their expenditures. The Democratic machine had never handled such great rolls of cash, and with their allies in the Wanamaker organization they succeeded in unexpected quarters.

Guffey, now having engineered and financed the Democratic campaign, believes that he is entitled to the honor of the Democratic caucus nomination for United States senator. The Gordon-Mutchler combine has, however, trotted out Chauncey F. Black as a candidate for United States senator, and are fighting Guffey at every point. Guffey believes the Democratic party should stand by its colors and place a strong man, a good Democrat, in the field for the speakership of the house of representatives.

IN FAVOR OF GUFFEY.

The officers of the Democratic state organization are of the same mind, as was evidenced by an address to the Democratic members-elect issued by Secretary Van Dyke, of the Democratic state committee, who indignantly presents the idea that the Democratic members shall be used to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the Wanamaker Republicans. He comes out squarely in favor of Colonel Guffey for United States senator, calls attention to his record as a valiant fighter for his party and the self denying manner in which he has always given his time, money and services to the party.

The most conspicuous advocate of coalition with the Wanamakerites in the legislature by the Democrats is Representative John H. Fow, author of the "Fow bill," and other iniquitous measures that have brought denunciations upon his head from almost every county in the commonwealth. Fow, whose Democracy has frequently been questioned, and who was, through a deal, on both the Republican and Democratic tickets, has met with many turndowns from Democrats who decline to enter into negotiations with the selfish Wanamaker-Van Valkenberg-Blankenburg cohorts.

It is safe to predict that Colonel Guffey will win out his fight.

Meanwhile the Republicans are quietly canvassing among their number in the interest of the several Republican aspirants for the speakership, Voorhees of Philadelphia, Bliss of Delaware, McClain of Lancaster, Marshall and Hosack of Allegheny, and the others. There is no question that the Republican caucus nominee will be elected by practically the full party vote.

Representative Frank G. Harris, who has just been triumphantly re-elected from Clearfield county, and who was here a few days ago, has come out flat-footed in favor of the re-election of United States Senator Quay. He says: "I take my re-election to mean that the people of my county desire the return of Colonel Quay to the United States senate. I was known throughout the fight that has just closed as a Quay man, and while the county went for Jenks, I was elected on the Republican ticket. I shall certainly vote for Senator Quay in the Republican caucus, and in so doing I shall represent the expressed wishes of a majority of my constituents."

The fight against the re-election of Mr. Harris was certainly one of the most bitter waged in any district in the state. Immense sums of money were spent to defeat him. His success under the circumstances was marvelous.

An important series of pictures of Pope Leo X III., from the only photographs taken in many years, will shortly be published in Harper's Weekly. Another interesting announcement is that Mr. Caspar Whitney has returned from the Hawaiian Islands, and has again taken up the department of Amateur Sport in the Weekly.

Big Fire At San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 22.—The Baldwin hotel, one of the largest hotels in the city caught fire about 3 o'clock this morning and was totally destroyed. When the flames broke out there were 800 persons in the hotel, guests and employes, of whom five are reported to have lost their lives. The heroism of one man, who succeeded in saving three women, resulted in his own death. His name was A. J. White. He was a large stockholder of the Mutual Electric company, of Chicago. He occupied a room on the fifth floor and while endeavoring to save himself with the aid of a rope, he was appealed to by three women to rescue them. The financial loss is estimated at from $1,500,000 to $2,000,000.

Blew Him Through a Tree.

Hamilton, O., Nov. 24.—At 9 o'clock last night, five miles south of Hamilton, the locomotive boiler of a north bound freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway blew up, wrecking 23 cars. Brakeman Harry Metz was blown through a tree and badly bruised, but crawled to the rear and flagged an incoming passenger train, saving many lives.

COURT PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS, The Hon. JACOB H. LONGNECKER, President Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the several counties composing the 18th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the said District, and D. J. HORNER and GEORGE J. BLACK, Esq'rs., Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the County of Somerset, have issued their precepts, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer at Somerset, on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1898,

NOTICE is hereby given to all the Justices of the Peace, the Coroner and Constables within the said county of Somerset, that they be then and there in their proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office and in that behalf appertain to be done, and also they who will prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Somerset County, to be then and there to prosecute against them as shall be just.

M. H. HARTZELL,
Sheriff.

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PUBLIC SALE

—OF—

Valuable Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., to the undersigned directed, there will be exposed to sale by public outcry, on

Thursday, December 8, '98,

At 1 o'clock P. M.,

at the meat market of A. L. Miller, in the borough of Meyersdale, Pa., the following described real estate, late the property of Gillian L. Miller, dec'd:

No. 1. A certain lot of ground situate in the borough of Meyersdale, Somerset county, Pa., bounded as follows: Fronting on Main street on the south 66 feet, on the east by lot of A. F. Welshonse, on the west by an alley and extending back of equal width 165 feet to Dale street on the north, having thereon erected a two-story frame

Dwelling House; a Billiard Hall

25x65 feet, shoemaker shop, stable and other outbuildings, this being the late homestead of Gillian L. Miller, dec'd.

No. 2. A certain lot of ground situate as aforesaid, bounded as follows: Fronting on Main street on the south 66 feet, and extending back of equal width 165 feet to Dale street on the north, on the east by an alley and on west by property of Johnson Collins, having thereon erected a stable.

No. 3. A certain lot of ground situate as aforesaid, bounded as follows: On north by Pennsylvania street, on the south by North street, on the east by property of J. F. Strauss, and on the west by an alley, being 66 feet by 165, known as the Stacer property, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house, &c.

No. 4. A certain lot of ground situate as aforesaid, bounded as follows: On north by North street and the south by Dale and Grant streets, on the east by property of Mrs. Stacer and on the west by Grant street, having thereon erected a new two-story frame dwelling-house, well finished, stable and other out-buildings, now occupied by A. L. Miller.

No. 5. A certain slaughterhouse lot situate as aforesaid, and bounded as follows: On the north and northeast by Dale street, on the east and southeast by Meadow street, on the west by Flaugherty creek, having th