e Somerset Herald.

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NESDAY June 21, 1899.

ldren's Day Exercises will be held e United Evangelical Church next y evening.

H. Bann Philson, of Berlin, has ted the agency of the New York Insurance Company for this county.

festival advertised for Lichty's rch on Saturday last was postponed count of rain. It will be held next day evening.

sed till return of president" is d on the door of State Bank, a pri- concern at Monte Vista, Col. The dent is D. Mabee.

, Henry N. Cameron left yesterday ing for her former home, Delaware, where she will visit with relatives ng the coming ten weeks.

s Hallie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogle, entertained a large company progressive euchre last Friday night, nor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert G. Furst, ck Haven, Pa.

, David T. Barkley and Miss Zoura er, both of near Lavansville, were d in marriage on Sunday, June 18th, residence of the officiating minis- Rev. Robert T. Hull, in Jefferson ship.

s. Christiana Groff, aged 87 years, ed at her late residence in Berlin, ee o'clock Sunday afternoon, June Her husband, Frederick Groff, years ago She was the mother of A. Groff.

gineer James S. Haring and wife leave Friday for Atlantic City. They t to be absent from Somerset for weeks. Mr Haring will attend the nual Convention of Sanitary and l Engineers which meets in Atlantic next week.

r. Albert H. Hemminger, of Trent, Miss Lizzie M. Miller, of Edie, were ied in marriage at the Lutheran par- ge in Lavansville, Thursday, June Rev. C. F. Gebhart officiating. popular young couple have the best hes of their host of friends for a y future.

ary, the twelve-year-old son of Mar- Lepley, of Brothersvalley township, found by the roadside near Berlin Thursday evening in an unconscious dition. He was unable to tell what happened, but it was evident that he been thrown from a horse. He was ved to the home of his parents, re he is reported to be in a dangerous dition, having suffered a contusion of skull and internal injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley left e last Thursday evening for shington D. C., where they joined President and Mrs McKinley's party, ich left the National Capital Friday ht for Holyoke, Mass. The visit of Presidential party to New England at s time is for the purpose of witnessing graduation of the President's niece— ss Grace McKinley—from Smith Col- e, at Holyoke. It is announced t Miss Grace McKinley will make her re home with her distinguished de, her parents having died a number years ago. Miss McKinley has been quent visitor at the Somerset home of r uncle Abner.

Fisher's Book Store was last week re- ved to the splendid new quarters pro- ded for it by the proprietor—Mr. Chas. Fisher—on the east side of Main Cross et, just south of the public square. e many patrons of Fisher's Book Store ll soon find its new location, where ey will receive the cordial welcome ways to be had there. It will continue be headquarters for teachers, school rectors, book-lovers and all others who r years past have availed themselves of its attractive surroundings. The new me of Fisher's Book Store is much re commodious than the old quarters, d it is certainly one of the best adapted d handsomely finished business rooms town. It is needless for us to enter to a detailed description of it, since erybody who comes to Somerset will st Fisher's and personally inspect the ilding, from the magnificent swell ps front to the embossed steel ceiling, fore they return home.

A unique procession passing through e principal streets of this town Friday ternoon attracted general attention and as photographed at different points by tographer Weibley. The procession nsisted of a string of farm wagons all aded with new harvesting machinery om the Johnson Harvesting Machine Company, of Batavia, N. Y., and was nder the direction of Mr. E. J. Weighley, the local representative of that firm. n addition to two carloads of reapers, nders, mowers, rakes and hay tedders, Mr. Weighley was compelled to secure welve additional machines from the Pittsburg depository of the company. After the machinery had been loaded on e wagons at the railroad station, the procession moved to the Hotel Vannear, here all hands took dinner as the guests f Mr. Weighley. After dinner cigars ere handed around by the popular host, hen the teams, which had been fed at Mr. Weighley's expense, were again hoked up and the procession passed down Main street.

The announcement of the death of Cap- ain Adam Grimm, who passed from arth last Thursday, has occasioned sin- ere sorrow throughout the county. The Captain was 77 years of age, and although he had been in ill health for a long time his death was unexpected and came as a severe shock to the members of his household. Captain Grimm recruited Company B, One Hundred and Thirty- second Regiment for the Civil War, and according to the testimony of his surviving comrades he was a valiant and fear- less soldier, beloved by all the members of his command. He was also a veteran in the army of King Emanuel, having been a member of the Lutheran Church for almost half a century, and died in the faith in which he had lived. Many years ago he was elected to the office of County Treasurer by the Republicans of the county and served for a period of three years. He was a man of sterling integrity and his many excellent traits of character won him the friendship of all with whom he came in contact. In the absence of his pastor, Rev. L. W. Fleck, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Welch, of Friedens. Interment was made Saturday morning in the cemetery at Lambertsvilile.

The work of construction on a system of public sewers for this town will likely go under way within the next six weeks. At a special meeting of council Saturday evening a resolution was unanimously adopted authorizing the publication of a notice to contractors in the Engineering News and in the Engineering Record that sealed proposals will be received by the president of council up until 2 o'clock p. m., on Wednesday, July 12th, for the completion of specified portions of a sewer system devised and planned and according to specifications written by Engineer James S. Haring. Engineer Haring has submitted estimates of cost for the construction of sewers covering the entire town corporation, also covering specified portions of the town, including all, with a few isolated exceptions, properties on which buildings have been erected. He says that in his opinion sewers can be constructed to meet the present requirements of the people with the money voted for that purpose at a special election held last fall, and at all events they can be constructed with a further appropriation of a few additional thousands of dollars. The members of council are encouraged by the reports of the engineer to believe that a sewer service can be given nearly all of the property holders with the money at their disposal, and that future extensions can be made at comparatively insignificant cost.

THE BOSSES' SLATED TICKET.

They Issue Cards Containing the Names of the Boss Dictated Candidates So That the People Can Vote "Intelligently."

They Abandon Open "McKinley League" Meetings and Hold Dark Lantern Conferences.

Afraid to Fight in the Open They Effect Secret Organizations and Issue Lying, Libelous and Unsigned Circulars.

It Remains for the Republican Voters of the County to Say Whether They will do Their Own Voting, or Whether S. U. Shober, Geo. F. Kimmell, J. A. Berkey and a Few Other "Bosses" Shall do it For Them.

The Herald Has an Abiding Faith in the Intelligence, Patriotism and Good Common Sense of the Republican Voters of Somerset County.

The primary campaign which will close on Saturday will go down into history as the most remarkable, in many respects, ever conducted in Somerset county. From the time of the organization of the Republican party down to the year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine it had been the unbroken custom for a primary election to be held in the Spring of each year, at which the voters, each exercising his right as a Republican and an American freeman, selected candidates for the various offices to be filled at the ensuing fall election.

This year a few self-constituted, arrogant "bosses," chief among them being S. U. Shober, George F. Kimmell and J. A. Berkey, filled with vanity, and puffed up in their own conceit by a little temporary power which the voters in an unthinking moment had given them, foolishly concluded that these voters had surrendered their dearest rights into their hands—that they were the Republican party of Somerset county—and that all they had to do was to call a secret meeting of a few of their lesser and fellow-"bosses," "compare notes," announce their ticket, and the people, the foolish, ignorant people, after a few lessons on "intelligent voting," by that scholarly statesman and eminent jurist, Ex-Associate Judge D. J. Horner, and a few able assistants, would kindly vote it, and ever after return thanks to them for having slated a ticket, "learning" them how to vote it, and thereby saving them the untold trouble and annoyance of selecting their own candidates, and making their own choice of "rulers whom they wished to rule over them."

With this thought in view, at the outstart of the campaign they sent to their few chosen friends the following invitation to the now famous "compare notes" meeting:

SOMERSET, PA., April 25, 1899.

DEAR SIR:—

After a consultation with a number of our friends it has been thought it would be well for us to compare notes on Tuesday evening next at the office of J. A. Berkey, Esq., as to political matters in the county. That will be the date of the school directors' convention for the election of a county superintendent. There will be present a representative gathering from all over the county. Be sure to come. Come to that office not later than 8 o'clock. Remember the date—Tuesday evening, May 2d, next.

Very truly yours,

S. A. Kendall,	Chas. F. Cook,
S. U. Shober,	C. J. Harrison,
H. F. Barron,	J. A. Lambert,
J. G. Ogle,	D. J. Horner,
W. H. Koontz,	A. F. Dickey,
	F. J. Kooser.

The wording and signatures of the above will bear close inspection. It will be observed that nothing is said about the organization of a "McKinley League," the "Seven Months School Term," "Extravagant State Expenditures," or other matters which the signers are now professing to be so deeply interested in, but "it has been thought it would be well for us to *compare notes as to political matters in the county.*" In other words, "We must force all candidates from the field, by threats or otherwise, save one that we may select for each office. We must do this quietly and secretly, for we have been crying against 'ring rule' and 'bossism' so successfully that we dare not let the people know that we are doing just what we have all these years been charging others with doing."

As to the names, no comments need be made: S. U. Shober, H. F. Barron, D. J. Horner, W. H. Koontz, F. J. Kooser—and then "Blanche," "Tray" "Sweetheart," and the balance of the little fellows. "It has been thought it would be well for us to compare notes as to political matters in the county.—Remember the date." How simple, how innocent! and yet how impressive!

How, in response to the invitation above quoted, the self constituted "bosses" and their invited guests met and compelled certain announced candidates to quit the field, and endorsed others; how a "committee," composed of F. J. Kooser, Geo. F. Kimmell and Ed. Leonard, waited upon candidates for Prothonotary N. E. Berkey and B. K. Pullin and "persuaded" them to retire from the race; how another "committee" of sub-"bosses," headed by S. U. Shober, decided that "Joe" Horner and P. J. Bowman would not dare run for Commissioner this year, but must give way to W. N. Moser and U. D. Braugher, "boss" Shober's men, and how the entire ticket agreed upon was finally "endorsed" by the "bosses" is a twice-told tale.

How secret meetings were held by these self same "bosses," notably the one at Jenners, where "Danny" Horner and a few others undertook "to learn the people how to vote intelligently," and how the voters resented this presumptuous affront on the part of the "bosses," and how, in order to allay the well-founded suspicions of the people, Messrs. Koontz and Kooser, under the guise of a "McKinley League" meeting, held an open meeting in the interests of the ticket they helped dictate, most of our readers are familiar with.

Not satisfied with all of their various methods of instructing the people, and for fear they might be still too ignorant to "vote intelligently," the bosses" have had printed thousands of cards containing the names of all the candidates who were slated or "endorsed" by them which are now being sown broadcast throughout the county. In addition to this they have apparently abandoned the frank manner of Messrs. Koontz and Kooser of holding meetings in the open, and have been holding secret meetings in schoolhouses, barns and out of the way places, where pickets are thrown out to watch the approach of any but "friends," and on the danger signal being given lights are instantly doused. A new and peculiar method of "learning the voters how to vote intelligently."

Along with all this thousands of lying and malicious circulars attacking the characters of some of the regularly announced candidates, who "refuse to bow the knee" to the "bosses," and misrepresenting and misstating facts in regard to others have been circulated through the mails and otherwise in a mad effort to nominate the "boss" dictated ticket.

Following is a copy of the card referred to containing the names of the candidates of the "bosses." In order that the people might be able "to vote intelligently" it should be headed: "Ticket of the Bosses:—The following named candidates for the various offices were selected by J. A. Berkey, S. U. Shober, and Geo. F. Kimmell, ably assisted by F. J. Kooser, S. A. Kendall, Ed. Leonard and a few others at a 'compare notes' meeting, held at Somerset, Pa., on May 2, 1899. Instructions as to how to vote the following ticket intelligently have been and will be given by 'Danny' Horner and others, free of charge":

For Sheriff,
FRANK B. BLACK.
For Prothonotary,
JOHN G. EMERT.
For Register and Recorder,
JACOB G. KIMMEL.
For Treasurer,
PETER DUMBAULD.
For Commissioner,
U. D. BRAUCHER,
W. N. MOSER.
For Coroner,
Dr. C. F. LIVENGOOD.
For County Surveyor,
WM. M. SCHROCK.
For Poor Director,
W. W. YOUNG.
For Auditor,
J. C. GNAGY,
JOHN A. BRANT.
For Delegat to State Convention,
D. J. HORNER,
J. R. BOOSE.

Whether the Republicans of the county will measure up to the standard of intelligence the "bosses" have set for them, and will vote the above ticket which they have kindly selected for them, or whether they will resent and repudiate this arrogant and insolent dictation on the part of the "bosses" and will select their candidates from the following list of straight Republicans, all and each of whom are candidates of their own free will and accord, who "bow the knee to no man or set of men," who owe allegiance to no "boss" or set of "bosses," and who, if nominated and elected, will endeavor to discharge the duties of their various positions honorably, conscientiously and in the best interests of the taxpayers of the county, is for them to decide:

Sheriff,
JAMES B. SAYLOR.
JOSIAH L. BERKEY.
Prothonotary,
M. D. REEL.
Register and Recorder,
JOHN S. SHAFER.
Treasurer,
FREEMAN J. HOFFMAN.
County Commissioner,
JACOB KOONTZ,
ZACH. SNYDER.
JOSIAH WOY.
Auditor,
CHAS. H. SCHMUCKER,
SAMUEL M. SAYLOR,
JONATHAN J. WELLER.
Poor Director,
WM. J. GLESSNER.
Delegates,
FRED ROWE,
EDWARD HOOVER.
Coroner,
Dr. CHAS. H. LIVENGOOD.
County Surveyor,
WM. M. SCHROCK.

The HERALD has an abiding faith in the intelligence, patriotism and good common sense of the Republican voters of Somerset county, and contemplates with absolute serenity the result of this most remarkable and novel of all primary campaigns in the history of Somerset county politics.

DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

Exciting Scene in the Convention—Charges of Fraud and Ballot-box Stuffing Made.

John Wagaman, of Northampton township, and C. C. Lichliter, of Salisbury borough, were nominated for County Commissioner and County Auditor respectively at the Democratic primary Saturday.

The primary was one of the most fiercely fought in the history of local Democratic politics and the vote between Wagaman and his next highest competitor, Joseph B. Miller, of Jefferson township, was so close that the result was not definitely known until Monday morning when returns were received from all the districts. Wagaman's majority is 66. Lichliter had no opposition.

Charges of fraud and ballot-box stuffing filled the air Sunday and Monday morning, but the red fire was not burnt until the convention met Monday afternoon. W. H. Hay, of Meyersdale, was elected Chairman of the convention and everything moved along without a jar until a motion was offered admitting A. L. G. Hay, Esq., to the floor of the convention as a substitute for a delegate from Meyersdale. The motion was opposed on the grounds that the rules do not provide for the admission of substitute delegates and the vote following resulted in a tie. The Chairman, who had the deciding vote, voted in favor of admitting his son as a substitute for the Meyersdale absentee, and Mr. Hay was given a seat among the delegates.

The canvass of the vote proceeded quietly until Somerset borough was reached. Substitute-Delegate Hay entered a vigorous protest against the admission of the vote, and read an affidavit signed by ten or twelve Democratic voters of Somerset borough, who affirmed that they had cast their votes for John Wagaman, whereas only eight votes were returned for him by the election board. Mr. Hay also attacked the legality of the vote returned from a number of other districts. Excitement was at fever heat when County Chairman Chas. F. Uhl, Jr., took the floor and asked Mr. Hay not to press his resolution. Mr. Uhl's remarks were conciliatory. He pointed out that Hay's friends had secured the nomination of their favorite and the result of the resolution, if pressed, would be a contest in the courts. He deplored the conditions confronting the convention and asked that wise counsel might prevail. He was followed by Gen. Coffrota, who spoke along the same lines. Hay said he would not press his resolution, but gave notice that criminal prosecutions would be brought against election officers whom he named and denounced.

Before the convention adjourned Mr. Hay renewed his attack on the alleged fraud practiced at the election, specifying a large number of districts, and offered a resolution denouncing the same. The HERALD learns that the election officers of one of the districts named in the resolution notified the Democratic Chairman that if the resolutions were made public he would immediately bring a prosecution for libel.

The following nominations were made by the convention:

Sheriff—Edward Nicklow, of Addison township.

Prothonotary—Joseph Levy, with the Tenth Pa. Vol., at Manila.

Register and Recorder—Howard E. Cromwell, with the Tenth Pa. Vol., at Manila.

Treasurer—Alfred Knepp, of Larimer township.

Poor Director—N. B. Poorbaugh, of Northampton township.

An Aged Lady Gone to Rest.

On Saturday morning June 10th, Mrs. Eve Barron, aged 85 years, 8 months and days, died at the home of her son J. A. Barron, near Lavansville, and was buried on Monday the 12th at Samuel's church, with which she united about 62 years ago and was a faithful member of it ever since.

Mrs. Barron, whose maiden name was Friedline, was one of those gentle spirits whom everybody loved. When she united with the Church she gave her heart to Christ, and walked with God all through her long life. The pastor could not only count on her presence in the sanctuary at all regular services when health permitted, but on her support both cheerful and liberal of all objects of the Church. And as a result of her godly life, all her family of 9 children were members of the church, as well as many of her 43 grandchildren, while her 60 great grandchildren are being brought up in the fear and nurture of her God. While she has gone to rest, surely "her works do follow her."

A. B. MILLER, Glade, Pa.

A blessing alike to young and old; Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry; nature's specific for dysentery, diarrhœa and summer complaint.

A FEW WORDS, TAXPAYERS.

Koontz and Snyder Promise Many Reforms if Nominated for County Commissioners.

PLEDGES MADE TO BE KEPT.

Taxpayers have been deceived so frequently in the past by candidates who pledged themselves to do certain things in case they were successful, only to forget or violate their pledges as soon as they were warm in office, that we hesitate to say anything to influence their votes. However, the pledges we herewith make are not made for the purpose of breaking, and will be fully lived up to in every respect.

We pledge ourselves if elected to the office of County Commissioner to let bridge contracts, and all other contracts involving the expenditure of any considerable amount of money, to the lowest bidder. We pledge ourselves to reduce county expenditures wherever it can be safely done. We pledge ourselves to curtail the expenses about the public buildings, to see that the county pays no more for its electric light service than private individuals pay for a similar service. We pledge ourselves not to issue interest-bearing orders. We pledge ourselves not to reduce the valuation of real estate or improved property for favored individuals or friends, and we solemnly pledge ourselves to perform the duties of County Commissioner at a cost to the taxpayers not exceeding $600 each annually.

We served in the Union Army during the civil war in defense of our common country, and we now propose, if the Republican voters are willing, to serve three years in the interest of the taxpayers of our native county.

It is needless for us to point out how county expenditures have been increased, and unnecessarily increased, during the past ten years. How the work in the Commissioners' office has been neglected; how contracts for county bridges, involving the expenditure of large sums of money, have all been let in secret; how thousands of dollars wrung from the taxpayers have been squandered on tin boxes and other unnecessary and useless furniture for the court house; how interest-bearing orders have been outstanding for years when the Treasury is full of money; how valuations have been reduced for alleged political purposes; how valuations were only last year increased to the utmost limit, when the county was practically free of debt and there was no necessity for additional county revenue, and how the increase was partly removed when the scheme worked in the Commissioners' office was exposed.

Following are the figures taken from the various official reports of the County Auditors, showing how Commissioners' salaries have grown in 20 years:

1879—Commissioners' pay, $1068.00.
Clerk's pay, $500.
1880—Commissioners' pay, $1074.00.
Clerk's pay, $600.
1881—Commissioners' pay, $1065.00.
1882—Commissioners' pay, $1128.00.
1883—Commissioners' pay, $1248.00.
1884—Commissioners' pay, $1443.00.
1885—Commissioners' pay, $1527.00.
1886—Commissioners' pay, $1983.00.
Clerk's pay, $1000.
1887—Commissioners' pay, $2016.00.
1888—Commissioners' pay, $1674.00.
1889—Commissioners' pay, $1989.00.
1890—Commissioners' pay, $2310.57.
1891—Commissioners' pay, $2262.50.
1892—Commissioners' pay, $2409.00.
Traveling expenses, $173.10.
Electric light, $114.00.
1893—Commissioners' pay, $2502.50.
Traveling expenses, $232.78.
Tin boxes, Com. vault, $1,700.
1894—Commissioners' pay, $2474.50.
Traveling expenses, $198.03.
Clerk Emert, $780.00. Clerk Werner, $220.00. Tin boxes, $1381.22. Light and fuel, $457.63.
1895—Commissioners' pay, $2569.00.
Clerk Emert, $1,000. Clerk Werner, transcribing judgments, mortgages, unseated lands, $300. Electric light—court house and jail, $243.63.
1896—Commissioners' pay, $2614.00.
Clerk, $1,000. Traveling expenses, $249.04. Light, fuel and water, $970.04. Total expenditures, $90,748.24. Tin boxes, $1800.00.
1897—Commissioners' pay, $2948.50.
Traveling expenses, $94.50.
Clerk, $1000.00. Electric light, $420.16.
1898—Commissioners' pay, $2852.50.
Traveling expenses, $53.27.
Clerk, $1000.00. Electric light, $436.35.

We leave the matter with you—taxpayers—promising if successful to keep every pledge we have made and give to the people of Somerset County a prudent and economical management of the Commissioners' office if we receive a majority of the votes at the Republican primary election on Saturday, June 24, 1899.

Respectfully,
JACOB KOONTZ,
ZACH. SNYDER.

Local Notes.

In the readjustment of 298 postmasters' salaries in Pennsylvania 117 will be advanced and 17 decreased.

The finder of a pink sun umbrella, lost on the road near Somerset, will be suitably rewarded if the same is returned to this office.

Rev. Hiram King will conduct religious services in the Reformed church next Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and in the Lavansville church at 2 p. m.

There will be three eclipses of the sun this year and two of the moon. There were partial eclipses of the sun January 11th and June 8th, and the annular eclipse of the sun will take place December 2nd. There will be a total eclipse of the moon June 22d and a partial eclipse on December 16th. The only eclipse which can be observed here is last mentioned.

Poor Directors Shumaker and Miller are busy telling their friends how one feels in a railroad wreck. They left Pittsburg for home Friday morning after an official visit to Dixmont. When about nine miles from McKeesport their train collided with a lot of loaded coal cars standing on a sidetrack, the switch of which had been left open. The engineer and fireman saved their lives by jumping from the engine moving at a speed of thirty-five miles an hour, but the man at the switch was mangled and died before medical aid reached him. The engine, baggage and express cars were totally wrecked, while the passenger coaches were shattered and splintered. Outside of a bad shaking up none of the passengers were injured.

Mr. S. S. Forney, of Brothersvalley township, was informed on Saturday last by Internal Revenue Collector Fruit of his appointment to the position of U. S. Storekeeper and Gauger. Mr. B. D. Morgan, of Meyersdale, has also been notified by Collector Fruit that he will be appointed to a responsible position in the revenue service shortly after July 1st. Both appointees are Stalwart Republicans, popular and deserving members of the party, and were endorsed for appointment by Senator Penrose. Quite a number of other appointments in the revenue service, due this county, will be made between now and August 1st. The appointments are made possible under the recent change in the civil service rules made by order of President McKinley.

Political Notes.

The few betting men about town have been offering large amounts on Saylor, but have been unable to find any takers.

The slanders circulated against James B. Saylor have recoiled on the head of the gentleman they were intended to benefit.

Perhaps "Danny" will deliver the speech Assemblyman Koontz was expected to make against the extension of the school term in the State Convention.

It is rumored over about Meyersdale that certain representatives of bridge firms are taking an active part for certain candidates. They doubtless have their reasons for doing so.

Republicans are cautioned against believing statements that certain candidates have voluntarily withdrawn from the field. A few were kicked off the track at the "compare notes" meeting.

Hoover and Rowe will vote for majority rule and will loyally support the nominees of the State Convention. Can the same be said of Horner and Boose, who are casting reflections upon the Republican party.

The idea of sending D. J. Horner as a delegate to the State Convention on the ground that he will vote against extravagant State expenditures is simply preposterous in view of the record "Danny" has made at home.

Candidate Emert has this advantage over his competitor—in addition to having been "endorsed" by the "compare notes" "bosses"—He is receiving almost $100 a month from the taxpayers while he is making his canvass.

When the "compare notes" "bosses" come to fulfill their promises of position they will have numerous more pegs than holes. We have heard of at least four gentlemen who believe that they have a lead pipe cinch on the Commissioners' clerkship.

The violent and slanderous attacks made on James B. Saylor, candidate for Sheriff, have fallen harmless at his feet. Saylor has conducted his campaign honorably, has refrained from attacking the character of his competitors, and the great mass of Republican voters will say by their ballots which is most worthy of support.

"Joe" Davis, the Somerset township farmer, who went into the Elk Lick mining region for the purpose of disseminating false attacks on the character and integrity of James B. Saylor, candidate for Sheriff, admitted that he was repeating mere rumors, which he was doubtless paid to do. Four citizens of Summit township have testified to this under oath.

The committee of Meyersdale miners sent to Listie to inquire into the truth of the charges made against James B. Saylor, candidate for Sheriff, learned that every Republican miner at Listie—with two exceptions, denies the cowardly accusations brought against him. The Listie miners are for Saylor and the Meyersdale committee carried this cheering news to their comrades.

It is a matter of regret that Assemblyman Koontz did not stand as a candidate for delegate instead of entering his ubiquitous shadow, who has run the gamut of county offices on the score of his Republicanism, and who is now heartily opposed to the Republican principle of majority rule. Horner and Boose attended the "compare notes" meeting and were parties to dictating a slate for Republicans to vote.

A comparison of the records of Ex-Sheriff Hoover and Ex-Associate Judge, Ex-Prothonotary, Ex-Register and Recorder, Ex-Commissioners' Clerk, Ex-Revenue Storekeeper Horner is interesting. The former retired from office with the good will and hearty approval of every taxpayer in the county. The latter, who should have amassed a large fortune while he was in office by the grace of Republicans votes, is now willing to bite the hand that fed him.

From almost every district in the county come reports of secret political caucuses held by "members of the executive committee" appointed at the "compare notes" caucus, where plans are secretly laid for controlling Republican votes. At a meeting held last week in the Walnut Hill School House, between Stoyestown and Jenners, sentinels were placed on the road to watch the approach of farmers and taxpayers who might be passing along the public highway, and when any such appeared the light in the building was promptly extinguished until after they had passed and were out of sight. Members of the "executive committee" seem to be ashamed of their secret plotting against Republican candidates.

The county has been flooded from one end to the other with circulars calling upon Republicans to vote for D. J. Horner and J. R. Boose for Delegates to the State Convention, on the ground that "a vote for Horner and Boose is a vote against past mismanagement and a vote for a better future of the Republican party in Pennsylvania." In view of Mr. Horner's past record, it would seem that he is the proper candidate to place on the above hypercritical platform.

During the five years "Danny" was on the bench he drew $4,500 from the State Treasury for his services, more than twice as much as was received by any other Associate Judge in the State, with the exception of his colleague—Associate Judge Black—who last year received $1,098.20 for his services and mileage. Associate Judges Shaver, Walker, McMillen and others were content to receive from $300 to $400 annually for precisely similar services. Talk about "Danny" Horner voting "against past mismanagement." Bosh!

The statement of the "bosses" that Assemblymen Koontz and Kendall "opposed the seven months school term in the educational committee, on the floor of the House, and by their votes as the legislative record shows," is balderdash and can not be proven by the record. If Mr. Koontz opposed the school bill, or "dodged," the legislative record does not so record him. The record simply gives the total vote and does not designate how the members voted, and it was doubtless for this reason that Assemblyman Koontz provided himself with a certified copy of the journal in order to convince doubting ones that he had voted against the bill. He did not appear against the bill before the Committee on Education and he did not speak against the measure when it was before the House, nor did he ask the Governor to veto it when it had passed finally. If Assemblyman Koontz possesses the peerless power of oratory his friends accord him, why did he not voice the earnest protest of his constituents when he had the opportunity, and why does he now go around the county making schoolhouse addresses, which should have been made on the floor of the House at Harrisburg. Will his bosom friend Horner deliver his Koontz's speech, against the school bill in the State Convention?

A letter received by Mr. John Beck, of Fairhope township, from his son, Thomas J., who is a member of the Sixth U. S. Regulars, will prove interesting to many of our readers: The letter, which was written on May 28, on board the transport Sheridan, one day out from Honolulu, is as follows. "We left San Francisco on the 22d and are due at Honolulu to-morrow, where we will remain for a day before proceeding to Manila. The entire trip will occupy about 34 days. I was dreadfully seasick for four or five days, but am now in good shape. Our ship is heavily stocked and we have barely enough room to move about. Presume we will be rushed right into the firing line as soon as we arrive at Manila. Ever since the Sixth made the gallant charge in front of Santiago it has been known as the 'Regiment of the Iron Front.' When I was at Fort Hunter I went over the ground where grandfather Beck fought against the Mexicans, and by the way they are still a treacherous lot of people. Four of our men were killed in a row at San Antonio."

Liberties of the People Threatened

By Oath-Bound Secret Political Organization Formed by Political Upstarts.

"McKINLEY LEAGUER" SOUNDS THE WARNING.

"Why doesn't the HERALD ventilate the McKinley League?" inquired a prominent member of the semi-secret political order recently organized in this town.

Not being an initiated member of the that all the information he had been able League, the reporter was obliged to admit to gather of its objects, aims and methods came from those who had been duped into attending the Somerset meeting and were heartily disgusted with what they heard and saw there.

"Well, I want to tell you," continued the McKinley Leaguer, "that the League is closely allied to, if not identical with, the oath-bound band a lot of political upstarts of Somerset started out to form a few years since, but which failed to develop a county organization until a short time ago. This oath-bound society had concocted the most damnable conspiracy against the freedom of the people of Somerset county that could be conceived in the brains of men. Its object was not only to gain control of all the county offices, but of the judiciary; to fill the jury wheel with men of its choosing, and to name all appointive officers at the disposal of the court, and minor county officials.

"The first step was the appointment of one, two, three, four or five 'head-men'—a position equivalent to that of member of the executive committee of the McKinley League—for each election district, as its population and political complexion might demand. To the 'head-man'—or member of the executive committee—was to be given the privilege of naming all the road and bridge viewers, all names to be placed in the jury wheel, all Constables, Assessors, Tax collectors and township officers, in case vacancies should occur. By this means it was proposed to have every district in the county welded into a compact body, which should be presided over by a controlling dictator, here in Somerset, who, with the aid of one or two unscrupulous assistants, would carry the scheme to full fruition.

"As I said before, if the conspirators who for a number of years have been seeking to secure control of all the county offices, and who have now undeniably secured full control of the Independent organization of the county, are permitted to carry out their scheme, the voters of Somerset county will be a mere body of vassals in the hands of a few cunning men, who will deprive them of every liberty and privilege to which they are entitled under the law.

"This may sound like mere clap-trap, and many well-disposed persons may say that it is the idle creation of individual fancy, but to all such I would say that it is not a matter of fancy at all, but, on the other hand, is an absolute fact, and that the intrigue not only contemplates accomplishing the devilish purposes I have enumerated, but includes the control of the county court, the elevation of one of its members to the position of President Judge, and the retirement of old, experienced political leaders to private life.

"It is an alluring scheme, hatched in the brains of two or three political upstarts, who have wormed their way into the confidences of the leaders of the Independent Republican organization, and who have already laid their plans to run the knife into every man who stands in the way of defeating their selfish ambition. Political, business, or social ties cut no figure in their calculations. They have outlined and adopted a course, and will trample under their feet the men who have been innocently duped into assisting them to sharpen their treacherous knives.

"The facts as I have given them to you are known to a large number of the intelligent Republican voters of the county who, like myself, have refused to be longer identified with an organization the sole object of which is to accomplish the selfish purposes of a handful of unscrupulous would-be leaders who are willing to betray their political associates, and who seek to place their heels on the necks of the free and liberty-loving voters of the county. I was rocked in a Republican cradle and claim to be as good a Republican to-day as any living man; I have consistently opposed what I construed to be 'bossism,' and I can not, neither will I, submit to having the men who met in secret in this town, as pre arranged by three or four political upstarts, dictate for whom I shall vote by handing me a card labeled 'Anti-Quay,' 'Anti-Scull,' and 'Anti-Boss,' whereas it should be labeled 'Anti-Republican,' 'Anti-Principle,' and 'Anti-The-People.'

"The day of dissolution of what has been known as the Independent Republican organization in this county is near at hand. The signs are multiplying, and hundreds of voters who have heretofore been identified with Independents have withdrawn from that organization for the very excellent reason that it has fallen into the hands of dictatorial and selfish bosses who are simply fighting for their personal ends, and who have forsaken every object the Independents sought to obtain, both in county and State."

Fine Stock for Sale.

P Heffley informs us that he has 12 head of horses and mares for sale, three, four and five-year-olds, Hambletonians, Wilks, Nutwoods and Bellmonts. Among them are saddlers, single drivers, safe for family purposes, and the finest lot he has ever raised suitable for track purposes Also, one Kentucky brood mare due to foal in July; one of her colts when a suckling sold for $250.00. He offers the above stock at low prices considering the breeding. Time given if desired.

Mr. Heffley also has a fine lot of full blood Berkshire pigs, registered stock, not akin, which we will sell at $4.00 each, either sex, if taken soon. These are certainly low prices. He also has a fine lot of Cotswool lambs of imported ram weighing over 300 pounds, and out of ewes weighing 250 pounds. He claims his lambs will weigh 250 pounds and upwards per pair by October.

An Editor's Appeal.

A Mississippi editor makes this appeal to delinquent subscribers: "Fish down into your pockets and dig up dust, the editor is hungry and the paper 'bout to bust. We've trusted you for several months, and did it with a smile, so just return the compliment and trust us for a while. Our wife she needs some stockings and the baby needs a dress; Jimmy needs some breeches, and so do Kate and Bess. Pud is on the hog train and Peggy sick with grief, and—good gosh almighty, can't you give a man relief. Shell out those nickels and turn loose the dimes, turn 'em loose and whistle and we'll have better times; there will be fewer patches on the bosom of our pants, and we'd make the paper better if we had half a chance. Don't give us that old story, long gone to seed, 'bout taking more family papers than the family want to read; but help to feed the printer, and he'll help our town to grow, and thus escape the sulphur in the regions down below.'

Candidates and Friends

Should not fail to call at the White Palace Restaurant for meals, lunches, soups, fresh oysters, pies, cakes, sandwiches, ice cream, ice-cold drinks, etc. Quick service, best and cheapest. Cook & Beerits building. Open all night.

J. W. PISEL,
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Teachers Wanted.

The Meyersdale School Board will receive applications for the following teachers to, and including, July, 17, 1899. 1 Principal, 1 Assistant Principal, 1 Grammar, 8 Intermediate, and 2 Primary. Term 8 months. Wages same as last year. By order of the Board.

U. M. HOUSER,
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If your neighbor is prosperous, let him prosper. Don't grunt, growl or grumble. Say a good word for him and let it go at that. Don't be a kicker. Your turn will come. No one man is the whole show. If you see the town is moving along nicely, feel good about it. Help things along. Shove a little. Push. Try and get some of the benefit yourself. Don't stand around like a chilly old cadaver. Don't waste your time feeling sore because some fellow has a little more sand and sense than you have. Do a little hustling yourself. If you can say a good word, say it like a prince. If you are full of bile and disposed to say something mean, keep your mouth shut. Don't be a kicker. No man ever got rich or happy minding everybody's business but his own. No man ever helped himself up permanently by kicking his neighbor down. Give a kind word. Give it liberally. It won't cost you a cent and you may want one yourself some day. You may have thousands to day and next year be without the price of a shave. So don't be a kicker. You can't afford it. It won't pay. There's nothing in it. If you want to throw something at somebody, throw cologne or roses. Don't throw brickbats or mud. Don't be a kicker. If you must kick, go around behind the barn and take a good kick at yourself. For if you feel that way, you're the man that needs the kicking. But whatever you do, don't be a kicker.

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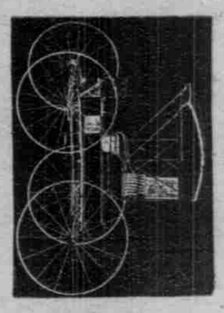

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset county, Pennsylvania, to me directed, there will be exposed to sale at the Court House, in Somerset borough, on

Friday, July 14, 1899,
AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

the following described real estate, to wit:

All the right title, interest, claim and demand of E. G. Friedline, of, in and to all that certain lot of ground situate in Somerset borough, Somerset county, Pa., bounded on the north by lot of George F. Kimmel, east by lot of Charles Weimer and George F. Kimmel, south by Patriot street, west by Water Alley, said lot fronts 31 feet on Patriot street and extends back of same width 115 feet to lot of George F. Kimmel, being the same lot conveyed by Samuel J. Bowser and wife to Geary E. Friedline, by deed dated 23d Nov., 1887, recorded in Deed Book, Vol. 92, page 689, &c.

Taken in execution and to be sold as the property of E. G. Friedline, at the suit of Milton Meyers' use et. al.

Terms:

NOTICE—All persons purchasing at the above sale will please take notice that 10 per cent. of the purchase money must be paid when property is knocked down; otherwise it will again be exposed to sale at the risk of the first purchaser. The residue of the purchase money must be paid on or before the day of confirmation, viz: Thursday, Sept. 28, 1899. No deed will be acknowledged until the purchase money is paid in full.

M. H. BARTZELL,
Sheriff's office, Sheriff.
June 21, 1899.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Margaret C. Bush, late of