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GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

NESDAY ..... ly 5, 1899.

s Sarah S. Scull, of Pittsburg, is ing with Somerset relatives.

. F. G. Parker, of Johnstown, spent Fourth with Somerset relatives.

uel Cushing, of Washington, D. C., ted at the McKinley residence.

s Mabel McKinley entertained a party at progressive euchre last ing.

W. Picking, of Chicago, is spending a brief vacation at the family resi- e on Patriot street.

s. William F. Joyce, of Philadelphia, siding at the home of her relatives, and Mrs. R. S. Scull.

Senator Quay left his farm on Thurs- for several weeks' sojourn at St. Lu- Florida, with a party of friends.

r. and Mrs. Thomas McCutcheon and ly, of Allegheny, are at the High- Inn, where they will remain during and August.

s. Paul H. Gaither and daughter, ly, of Greensburg, are visiting at the dence of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Davis, in this place.

nes F. West, a clerk in the Adjutant eral's office, Washington, D. C., is ding a few days at the residence of and Mrs. L. C. Colborn.

Wilson Knepper, who has been a dent of the state of Indiana for a num- of years, is visiting at the home of his nts, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Knepper, in place.

er, Ira Kimmell, who has spent the year in traveling in the far west, was itor at the home of his mother, Mrs. riet Kimmel, in this place, several s last week.

r. W. G. Knepper and wife, of near ville, Somerset County, are guests their son-in law and daughter, Mr. Mrs. Calvin M. Ankeny, of Roxbury. y came down in a carriage.

r. Luman E. Miller and Miss Ida K. gle, both of Stonycreek township, e united in marriage on Friday, June at the Lutheran parsonage in Frie- , Rev. J. J. Welch, officiating.

rs. Frances Baer Fry and daughter, Philadelphia, arrived in town last ing and will remain for several ks visiting at the home of the form- and Mrs. Annie Baer.

r. John A. Colborn, of the Adjutant eral's office, Washington, D. C., ar- d here Saturday evening and will re- in until after the Fourth at the home is parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Col- n.

r. Joseph A. Rhoads, of near Jenner- n, and Miss Martha Beamer, of ner, were united in marriage at the rmel Church parsonage in Jenner- n, Friday evening, June 23d, by . S. C. Long.

William Gibson, Superintendent of the sburg Division of the B. & O., and E. Smith, Division Passenger Agent of same company, spent Sunday at the rland Inn. Mr. Gibson was accom- ied by his wife.

harles O. Scull, general agent of the ted States Fidelity Trust and Guar- ty Company, of Baltimore, arrived in n Saturday and remained over the rth at the home of his parents, Mr. Mrs. Edward Scull.

, J. H. Gardner and wife, of Stoyes- n, accompanied by the former's sister s Sidney Gardner—and Miss Bertha tner, of Somerset, recently had an yable vacation. They visited Wash- n, Baltimore and Old Point Com-

utenant and Mrs. Charles E. Tay- are paying a short visit to relatives and at Lavansville. Since his re- from Cuba Lieutenant Tayman has el extensively throughout the ted States on business for the War artment.

The following Somerset countians were mbers of the class graduated from the fornia State Normal last week: W. Ault, Berlin; David S. Boucher, dle; Martha J. Moore, Trent, and Ross Snyder, Trent. The class was com- sed of 100 members.

Miss Winnie Knepper, one of the most cessful and best-liked of the local ool corps of teachers, returned home day evening from California, Pa., ere she had been since the close of the blic school term taking a special course instruction at the State Normal.

Mrs. Zoe G. Ogle, her daughter Miss lie, and son Andrew Jackson, are ding at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. n G. Ogle, on Union street. Mrs. is the widow of the late Lieutenant xander Ogle, U. S. A., who died at sburg eight years ago. Since the th of her husband Mrs. Ogle and fam- have resided at Ohio.

Somerset is to be honored later in the son by the President and Mrs. McKin- , who will spend a week or ten days at residence of the former's brother, Abner McKinley. No definite time been fixed for the President's visit, the distinguished guests will prob- y come here during the latter part of gust or early in September.

Miss Carrie M., daughter of Mr. and s. Wm. H. Miller, of Quemahoning nship, and Miss Gertrude, daughter Mr. and Mrs. John M. Topper, of New timore, have returned from St. Xa- ers Academy, Greensburg, where they taken special courses of instruction cal and instrumental music, to their es.

W. J. Woy, who for two terms past has d the position of assistant principal of borough public schools, has accepted principalship of the schools of Chad- , Ill., and left for his new field of la- last week. Mr. Woy was one of most popular teachers of the local ps and his departure will be regretted all who are interested in the progress our home schools.

The following named young ladies and dents from this county were mem- s of the class graduated from the In- na State Normal School last week: s Mildred E Garman, Berlin; Miss ie Kimmel, Berlin; Miss Ella Stein, kwood; Francis O. Holsopple, Hills ro; H. Andrew Loraditch, Pocahontas; iel W. Miller, Lambertsville; Lewis Shaffer, Hooversville.

obert S. Murphy was indorsed last k by the Cambria county Republicans Judge of the Superior Court. The del- tes to the State Convention were in- cted to vote for him and do all in their er to bring about his nomination. It admitted that his chances largely de- d upon Judge W. D. Porter's getting Supreme Court nomination, thus mak- two vacancies on the Superior Court ch.

notable visitor at present in town is r. Charles L. Loos, who is the guest of and Mrs. F. J. Kooser. Rev. Loos s a resident of Somerset many years when he was pastor of the Disciple rch and is well known to a few of the er citizens. He left here in 1856, going Bethany, West Va., where he filled the ir of Professor of Greek and Latin in College at that place for several years, fore accepting the Presidency of the tucky University, at Lexington, a ition which he still fills.

he many friends and supporters of n S. Shafer, who has been nominated the Republicans for the important e of Register and Recorder, will be ased to learn that he has secured em- yment in that office, entering upon duties as assistant clerk Monday rning. The business in the Register d Recorder's office has experienced a nderful growth during the past two ars and Register and Recorder James Cover has been obliged to employ ree clerks to assist him in keeping the rk up to date.

Two trains, consisting of ten coaches each, crowded with Johnstown people, passed through here Sunday morning on the way to Cumberland.

The corner-stone of the new Somerset County Hospital will be laid on Saturday, 15th inst., at 1 p. m. Poor Director Jacob Peck will deliver the address.

The Westmoreland Democratic County Convention, at Greensburg, last week, nominated Judge Lucian W. Doty for President Judge to succeed himself.

At a meeting of the Directors of the First National Bank, Friday evening, the sum of $3,000 was added to the surplus, making the surplus fund of that institution $40,000.

Children's Day Services will be held in the Lavansville Reformed Church at 10o'clock next Sunday morning. Divine services in the Somerset church the same evening.

Farmers have been busy the past ten days harvesting hay. The crop is an unprecedentedly large one. This week the wheat crop will be harvested in many sections of the county.

Elsewhere in this issue of the HERALD will be found an advertisement by the County Commissioners asking for proposals for the erection of stone abutments for two proposed county bridges.

Jesse Griffith, aged fifty-six years, died Friday evening last at the old Griffith homestead in Jenner township. He was a son of the late William C. Griffith and had been a confirmed invalid all his life.

The postoffice will not be removed to its new and more commodious quarters until the latter part of this week. The delay was occasioned by misshipment of the new furniture and fixtures from the factory at Baltimore.

Judging from the number of applications received for specifications for Somerset's proposed system of sewers by Secretary Meyers, there will be a great many contractors present at the public letting on the 12th inst.

Register and Recorder James M. Cover last week recorded two mortgages given by the B. & O. R. R. Co. to two New York Trust Companies, the combined value of which is considerably over $160,000,000. The internal revenue stamps on the two instruments cost $69,000.

The Sunday School of Samuel's Lutheran church, will hold a picnic in the grove adjoining the church, near Lavansville, on Saturday, August 26th. Refreshments of all kinds will be served on the grounds. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The large woolen mills of J. W. Rigg, Son & Co., at Terra Alta, West Va., were totally destroyed by fire last Tuesday night, involving a loss of $90,000. Mr. T. J. Picking, a son-in-law of Mr. Riggs, is a member of the firm. His many Somerset county friends will be sorry to learn of the disaster.

County Treasurer Winters has secured a lease of the Lewis Brehm property on Main Cross street, and as soon as the storeroom has been repaired and placed in proper condition he will open a tobacco and stationery store. The site is an excellent one, and Mr. Winters' friends will join us in wishing him unbounded success.

People in the country who are annoyed by flies should remember that clusters of the fragrant clover, which grows abundantly by nearly every roadside, if hung in a room and left to dry and shed its faint fragrant perfume through the air, will drive away more flies than sticky saucers of molasses and other fly-traps and fly-paper can ever collect.

Jonathan Schrock's barn, three miles north of Rockwood, was set on fire by a bolt of lightning between eight and nine o'clock last Wednesday night. The family had not retired, and discovering the flames almost as soon as they broke out, they were able to save the wagons and farming machinery. The barn was totally destroyed. Insurance $700.

The defeat of the "compare notes" "bosses" was so overwhelming and crushing that the "fake" organ couldn't muster up the courage to print the returns, although its owners and associate editors had three full days in which to digest the figures. The people have a large supply of similar "stingers" in pickle for the arrogant "bosses" who selected a ticket for them to support.

Females will be obliged to confess during the taking of the coming 12th census. The new law says that women who refuse to tell their age or indulge in any inaccurate statements thereof, shall, on conviction, be fined $100, as shall all other persons refusing to reply to questions or making false statements. The old-style answer, "22 and upwards," won't go this time.

During the storm on Wednesday night the residence of John Gumbert, near Pine Hill, was struck by a bolt of lightning which stripped off about half of the roof, knocked a chimney to pieces and shattered some of the siding. A fire started but the family managed to put it out. Fortunately none of the members of the family were hurt. The building is insured in the Co-operative Insurance Company, Berlin.—Berlin Record.

Judge Bell, of Blair county, uttered a protest against unnecessary bridge building by the county commissioners in court on Monday a week. Last year the county expended $27,622 for bridges, and the court holds that this is too much, and that the law imposes no obligation upon the county to build bridges over rivulets and creeks where the construction can be easily done by townships and boroughs.

The borough water bonds, $20,000, bearing 5 4 per cent. interest., were refunded at 4 per cent. Saturday, the two home banks taking the entire issue. The last of the issue of water bonds will be paid on or before April 1, 1911, after which the revenue derived from the water works will probably be devoted to making permanent public improvements in other directions. The net revenue derived from the water works at present is in the neighborhood of $1,000 annually, and new patrons are being added every few days.

The many friends of Rev. J. J. Welch will be distressed to learn of a serious accident he met with last Saturday afternoon while returning from a pastoral visit in the vicinity of Stoyestown to his home in Friedens. When within a short distance of Friedens, the horse he was driving became unmanageable, and, turning suddenly in the shafts, upset the buggy, throwing the venerable minister violently to the ground. He was assisted to his home and Dr. J. S. Louther was sent for. The Doctor says that his patient sustained no fractures, but is seriously bruised along his spinal column in the region of the kidneys, and he is apprehensive that internal injuries may yet develop. Reverend Welch has been pastor of the Friedens Lutheran charge for a period of twenty-five years and enjoys the love and friendship of all his parishioners, as well as the esteem of all who know him.

William Hauger, one of the most highly esteemed residents of the county, died at his home near Beachdale, Brothersvalley township, at 11 o'clock last Tuesday night, aged 74 years, 10 months and 17 days. Death resulted from enlargement of the liver, from which he had suffered for three months. Mr. Hauger was the very likeness of vigorous health up until he was stricken with the fatal malady. He stood full six feet in height and was of heroic mould. A man of sterling integrity and genial disposition he was the friend of all who knew him. Mr. Hauger was an ardent and uncompromising Republican since the formation of the party. He is survived by his second wife, to whom he was married about a year ago, and by the following children: Henry, of Brothersvalley township; George, of Milford township; John, of Garrett; Mrs. Abner Rhoads, of Brothersvalley township; and Mrs. Edward Baldwin, of Somerset borough. The funeral took place on Saturday, interment being made in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, Berlin.

OFFICIAL RETURNS

Of the Republican Primary Election Held Saturday, June 24, 1899

DISTRICTS	Sheriff. James B. Saylor.	Sheriff. Frank B. Black.	Sheriff. Josiah L. Berkey.	Pro. M. D. Reel.	Pro. T. G. Emert.	R. & R. John S. Shafer.	R. & R. Jacob G. Kimmell.	Treas. Freeman J. Hoffman.	Treas. Peter Dommith.	Commissioner. Jacob Koontz.	Commissioner. Zach. Snyder.	Commissioner. D. B. Brougher.	Commissioner. W. N. Moser.	Commissioner. Lafayette Weyl.	Auditor. Charles H. Schrock.	Auditor. Samuel H. Snyder.	Auditor. Jonathan J. Weller.	Auditor. John A. Brant.	P. H. D. John G. Grimes.	Cor. Wm. A. Glessner.	Cor. S. W. Young.	Cor. Dr. Chas. V. Levergood.	Sur. Wm. M. Schrock.	Delegates. Frederick Rowe.	Delegates. Edward Boover.	Delegates. John H. Horner.	COMMITTEEMEN.
Addison	23	80		26	76	56	48	72	83	29	30	64	73	11	20	24	5	75	77	25	78	105	106	23	83	75	7	Chas. Risheberger.
Allegheny	39	34	1	38	34	37	37	37	36	35	36	36	38	1	36	36	5	37	36	36	37	74	74	37	37	36	3	Jacob S. Spatcher.
Berlin Borough	59	48		54	31	57	49	56	49	52	53	49	49	2	52	54	5	47	50	58	48	109	106	51	53	55	2	Frank Zorn.
Benson Borough	28	14		24	21	31	18	26	19	28	24	18	17	3	25	28	5	18	17	24	24	42	44	21	26	18	1	Charles Spangler.
Brothersvalley	154	159	1	142	147	155	156	153	157	127	125	153	150	6	121	130	18	137	136	142	142	286	288	130	161	108	1	H. Hentz.
Black	57	44	1	48	74	81	44	55	70	33	63	57	52	3	50	45	31	60	58	59	67	122	123	43	59	77	6	H. H. Sterner.
Conemaugh	106	61	3	124	55	114	69	104	78	153	92	65	49	19	85	96	21	67	47	104	58	167	173	78	108	54	9	Joseph J. Lehman.
Confluence Borough	41	83	1	48	84	86	67	44	81	52	52	52	51	2	45	51	12	77	74	49	82	126	130	51	57	74	7	W. M. Black.
Casselman Borough	14	11		8	17	12	12	10	13	9	8	13	10	1	7	8	8	10	8	8	17	23	23	9	10	15	1	(Tie.)
Elk Lick No. 1	84	160	3	66	109	82	152	78	154	50	40	149	150	8	61	85	53	121	123	83	146	226	228	87	95	13	1	J. W. Davis.
Elk Lick No. 2	15	2		15	2	16	1	15	1	15	12	4	5		12	16	3	1	2	15	2	17	17	15	17	0	3	H. A. Christner.
Fairhope	23	38	1	28	33	42	11	34	27	22	31	23	23		23	27	12	19	21	33	33	51	50	40	42	9	1	Eli Poorbaugh.
Greenville	43	64		49	58	63	43	53	55	49	41	60	63		43	56	33	37	40	50	57	107	109	50	47	57	3	W. H. Yutzy.
Hooversville Borough	33	10	6	36	17	41	10	42	10	45	18	6	9	7	27	29	4	22	17	30	23	53	53	16	27	28	2	R. S. Shaffer.
Jefferson	99	46	4	81	73	84	70	62	91	78	64	68	74	10	59	64	13	62	70	58	94	148	146	69	88	62	6	John Selsa.
Jenertown Borough	4	8	2	4	8	10	4	7	7	8	8	7	7		4	8	3	9	9	7	7	13	14	3	5	9	1	David L. Witt.
Jenner	177	120	11	168	140	169	143	168	138	155	140	138	155	18	133	142	34	141	150	153	158	310	311	133	152	161	167	Freeman Gonder.
Larimer	31	32		27	37	31	32	28	36	24	27	39	37	1	27	31	5	31	30	31	32	64	66	30	30	34	3	J. F. Smith.
Lower Turkeyfoot	59	42	1	55	34	62	37	60	37	60	37	44	41	1	59	59	3	43	41	57	44	100	100	56	49	46	4	John Edmunson.
Lincoln	85	22	6	76	93	113	57	79	91	60	68	71	78	27	74	50	25	65	118	55	116	187	179	53	95	84	10	H. H. Hay.
Meyersdale Borough	119	242	1	172	188	208	155	156	205	111	128	227	219	13	96	175	187	122	111	193	162	264	264	300	194	90	13	Wm. Rowe.
Mild creek	54	78	1	58	77	85	74	49	84	50	53	79	82	2	47	56	14	68	78	50	84	133	132	46	59	49	3	T. M. Saylor.
Milford	74	31	4	69	85	60	98	61	113	60	60	71	78	14	68	65	30	88	83	54	93	136	134	46	61	112	9	E. E. Moore.
New Baltimore Borough	4	2		4	2	4	2	4	2	4	4	1	1		4	4		2	2	4	2	4	4	4	4	2	2	Wm. Kelley.
Northampton	36	34	1	29	43	26	46	32	43	30	30	36	46		27	26	7	36	40	31	40	72	72	31	34	43	3	A. W. Poorbaugh.
New Centreville Borough	10	7		12	11	18	4	10	14	16	16	5	9		10	13	7	8	8	13	16	21	22	8	13	14	1	Leroy Scott.
Ogle	92	14	2	87	20	90	18	91	15	91	91	11	14	1	93	98	1	10	12	96	11	105	108	92	84	9	10	S. G. Whittaker.
Paint No. 1	55	32	6	54	36	48	46	42	48	34	39	42	43	3	49	45	7	31	33	48	22	87	91	51	50	35	4	Wm. Penrod.
Paint No. 2	155	316		180	297	165	305	124	336	182	129	259	301	38	148	134	75	279	253	193	304	470	474	277	276	172	20	J. H. Shaffer.
Quemahoning No. 1	96	72	3	115	63	105	72	107	70	112	89	63	73	8	112	96	11	57	68	104	72	174	176	89	95	79	8	W. L. Barnhart.
Quemahoning No. 2	18	13	1	9	25	11	21	18	14	23	4	15	14	3	5	12	4	26	17	14	18	28	30	3	7	26	2	S. H. Meyers.
Rockwood Forough	77	51	3	63	73	99	37	70	60	59	105	43	34	21	71	79	22	44	40	76	68	134	134	56	62	78	6	John W. King.
Salisbury Borough	76	61	1	71	68	80	58	70	68	58	60	55	85	3	63	70	18	57	59	69	63	138	136	75	71	62	6	R. S. Johnson.
Shade	110	81	4	140	49	87	104	101	83	111	75	75	80	10	99	92	6	81	88	108	84	183	184	90	104	88	9	R. W. McGregor.
Somerset Borough	232	60	22	208	154	276	86	221	193	191	200	126	108	83	193	191	46	121	136	198	161	354	349	202	248	122	14	Daniel E. Keller.
Somerset	520	117	20	400	232	495	198	445	218	402	352	197	186	136	402	350	63	190	254	386	264	640	647	377	469	221	24	James Winters.
Somerfield Borough	5	9	3	4	11	6	10	3	13	5	4	10	12		3	5	2	10	8	4	12	14	16	4	8	9	1	J. W. Endsley.
Southampton	25	31		22	33	22	33	22	34	21	22	34	32		22	22		35	33	22	36	43	51	22	22	35	3	W. B. Kennell.
Stonycreek	260	79	6	229	121	122	228	215	132	221	150	110	162	30	171	156	55	154	173	256	85	326	340	155	201	162	18	Joseph Walker.
Stoyestown Borough	31	23	2	36	19	34	24	23	18	28	26	17	25		30	30	7	21	18	30	23	53	54	29	31	23	3	Robert W. Spangler.
Summit	184	131	33	179	135	225	100	160	156	137	145	158	139	22	122	161	24	115	127	205	114	320	323	210	182	109	11	George R. Witt.
Upper Turkeyfoot	93	100	1	89	108	111	87	73	124	64	89	116	100	8	85	87	15	96	103	84	116	192	197	91	95	102	10	Wm. Zufall.
Ursina Borough	26	25		25	26	26	26	25	26	24	26	23	26	2	24	23	2	24	23	24	24	50	51	25	26	24	2	Albert Critchfield.
Wellersburg	10	2	1	8	3	9	4	5	8	10	9	3	4		9	9	2	3	9	10	3	13	12	7	10	4	3	A. H. Long.
Totals	3872	2709	191	3407	3126	4068	2805	3223	3261	3265	2883	2902	3039	502	2849	3040	1077	2760	2742	3248	3127	5825	5946	3278	3604	2910	313	

RETURN JUDGES MEET.

J. A. Berkey, Esq., Elected Chairman of the County Committee, a Large Majority of Whom are Stalwart Republicans.

THE WINNERS AT THE JUNE PRIMARIES DULY DECLARED THE PARTY NOMINEES.

Rule 16 of the Rules governing Republican Primary Elections in Somerset County, provides, among other things, that: "The judges of election of the several precints shall assemble in convention in the Court House, in the Borough of Somerset, on the Tuesday following the election, at 1 o'clock p. m., at which convention the Chairman of the County Committee shall preside, and after the convention shall have organized, the judges shall produce the returns from their respective precincts which shall be opened and counted, and the candidate having the highest number of votes for any office shall be the nominee of the party for such office," and then follow provisions for deciding contests in case of allegation of fraud, etc., etc.

It will be seen from the above that the primary object of the convention is the counting of the returns of the primary and declaring the result, and then the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention, including the election of a Chairman for the ensuing year, an executive committee, etc.

In accordance with the provisions of the above quoted rule the return judges met in convention on Tuesday of last week. The convention was called to order by Chairman Berkley. The roll-call proceeded without interruption until the name of S. K. Hochsteler, who had been elected Committeeman by the Stalwart voters of Greenville township, was called, when Mr. Ed Leonard, of Meyersdale, stepped forward with a proxy for Mr. Hochsteler, and it might be wise to remark in passing that the proxy was in the handwriting of an aspirant for the Chairmanship, and was so wonderfully and fearfully worded and drawn as to cast suspicion on its genuineness. Mr. Leonard was quietly requested to withhold the Greenville return until the regularity of his credentials could be passed upon, when J. G. Ogle, Esq., who was present with a proxy, the regularity of which had not been passed upon, sprang to his feet and in his usual dizzy manner began to fire off daylight pyrotechnics in his most impressive and inimitable style. As he was not a member of the convention at the time and had no more right to a vote in it than the great original pebble chewer himself, Chairman Berkley declined to recognize him and paid no attention to his wild and at times grossly insulting vaporings.

When New Centreville was reached and the name of Committeeman S. H. Boyd, who had been elected by the Stalwart voters of that borough, was called, J. A. Berkey responded with the announcement that he had Mr. Boyd's proxy. J. R. Scott, Esq., who held the proxy of the New Baltimore Committeeman, and, therefore, was on a par with Mr. Ogle so far as a right to the floor was concerned, was on his feet in a flash, and singling Mr. Boyd out of the audience called upon him to come forward and take his seat in the convention and play the part of a man. Mr. Boyd came forward slowly and reluctantly, and just as reluctantly Mr. Berkey surrendered his proxy. Mr. Boyd did not have the Glade postoffice in his clothes, which may in a degree account for the incomprehensible attitude of Mr. J. A. Berkey in asking for a seat and a vote in a body before which he was a candidate.

Before New Baltimore was reached Committeeman Ross, who was just across the street from the court house, was sent for to make his return in person and when he appeared the large crowd in the court room, not understanding the situation and thinking that Ross had turned up inopportunely and unexpectedly and that the tables in the New Centreville case had been turned on Scott, cheered, laughed and yelled for several minutes. At this juncture Assemblyman Koontz, whose experience in legislative bodies should certainly have taught him that he had no more right to demand recognition from the Chairman than would that other gallant insurgent chief, Aguinaldo, if he should happen into the United States Senate or the House of Parliament, from the presiding officer of either of those bodies, injected himself into the proceedings; but he was no sooner on his feet than Scott blew his siren to its full capacity and the disconcerted and discomfitted Assemblyman was obliged to take his seat and to be heard only by proxy through his eloquent law partner during the remainder of the proceedings. Like his friend Assemblyman Koontz, F. J. Kooser, who boasts that he "bends the knee to no man or set of men," seemed for the moment to have forgotten all the parliamentary law he ever knew and insisted on being heard, thus insidiously attempting to interrupt and interfere with the regular proceedings. Whether he proposed to give the audience a free exhibition of the grapevine twist as a practical test of "bending the knee" or not will never be known, for Lawyer Scott once more loosened up his throttle, blew his siren, and brother Kooser was forced to take a seat and reserve his remarks for the next annual "compare notes meeting."

The completion of the roll call disclosed that out of the forty-four Committeemen forty-three were present in person, the only absentee being Hochstetler, of Greenville, whose proxy was held by Ed Leonard, of "compare notes" fame. At their request it was agreed that Mr. Scott should be allowed to represent the New Baltimore and Mr. Ogle the Somerset Committeeman.

On motion, E. D. Miller, of Rockwood, and Jerome Stuffs, of Jenner, were elected Vice Presidents; J. C. Deitz, of Somerset, and C. R. McMillen, of Addison, Secretaries, and the chair named A. C. Holbert and L. C. Colborn, Esq's, as tellers.

Upon the completion of the organization Chairman Berkley directed that the canvass of the vote proceed. This announcement brought the orator of the day quickly to his feet, and for the twentieth time the convention was interrupted and was compelled to submit to another dose of eloquence from Assemblyman Koontz's irrepressible law partner. Mr. Ogle insisted that a chairman of the County County Committee must be elected instanter; talked about dictation, high treason and various other crimes and misdemeanors, and displayed his utter lack of knowledge of the rules—the law governing such conventions—generally. When mildly informed that the law provided and declared the mode of procedure he, amid a shout of derision, moved that the law be suspended. He was finally corked by some of his friends, and the canvass of the returns proceeded in an orderly and regular manner.

Owing to the closeness of the vote for County Treasurer, as reported by the unofficial returns, there being a difference of only 38 votes between the two contestants, Mr. Hoffman's friends very properly asked that the various tally sheets be cast up on the Treasurer question, and the result compared with the figures on the return sheets. In order that this could be properly and satisfactorily done it was absolutely necessary that every Committeeman remain until after the official vote was computed in order that any discrepancy that might be detected could be corrected. As it was almost six o'clock when the last return had been tabulated, and it would require hours before the tellers could compute their tables, Chairman Berkley announced a recess until ten o'clock the following morning, when the official result would be declared and other necessary business transacted.

Shortly after the recess had been announced, but after the Chairman and most of the officers had left the room, Assemblyman Koontz's law partner and several more of the "head men" again introduced their revolutionary tactics, and, inducing Vice Chairman Stuffs to return to his chair, proceeded to elect J. A. Berkey, Esq., Chairman of the County Committee. The candidate had been placed in nomination and a vote was about to be taken, when, no doubt recalling a somewhat similar incident, when the insurgents and Democrats attempted to depose Speaker Farr and elect Ward R. Bliss, and the disastrous and humiliating results of that effort, Assemblyman Koontz signaled for a halt in the proceedings, and after "comparing notes" with F. J. Kooser, J. A. Berkey and one or two lesser insurgent chiefs, he once more pulled the trap and his gallant fugleman landed on his feet and delivered himself, in part, as follows:

> We are justified in going ahead and electing a Chairman, but in view of the fact that we met with an unjust decision in the Harker affair, and upon legal advice, I move that we wait until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning at 10 a. m., and meet with the balance of the committee. Inasmuch as Harvey M. Berkley has deserted his post he is an archcontroller of the party and the tool of his boss, George R. Scull. But we will defer action and meet them in the morning, when they will find us as firm as the rock of Gibraltar when the waves of the Atlantic and Mediterranean beat against it. Such tyrannical action and arbitrary ruling have never been seen.

The speaker burnt much more red fire and indulged in many other scurrilous, unprovoked remarks, but the above is the gist of them.

After this latest pyrotechnic display the handcuffs and bails and chains were once more carefully replaced on the Committeemen who it was feared might escape during the recess and, heavily guarded, they were marched to their hotel, where they were placed under lock and key till morning.

The convention reassembled at ten o'clock Wednesday morning when Chairmain Berkley, in accordance with the rules and precedents, announced the official vote and declared the successful candidates the nominees of the party. He then announced that the next business before the convention was the election of a Chairman of the County Committee to serve during the ensuing year. J. A. Berkey and H. M. Berkley were placed in nomination, and Chairman Berkley called Chairman pro tem. Lowry to preside while the vote was being taken, and it was then perhaps that the most remarkable, inexcusable and flagrant violation of the rules and of common etiquette and decency was attempted when Assemblyman Koontz's law partner, in his most tragic manner and insolent tone, ordered Mr. Lowry to leave the chair, declaring that he had no right to it. Of course no attention was paid to this uncalled for interruption and the Secretary proceeded with the roll-call, the vote resulting: J. A. Berkey, 26; H. M. Berkley, 18. J. G. Ogle, Esq., was elected Chairman pro tem., and A. Evans, Rockwood, J. H. Shaffer, Windber, and V. M. Black, Confluence, members of the Executive Committee, without opposition, and the convention then adjourned.

The rules of the party provide that the outgoing committee shall elect officers for the new committee, and thus it comes to pass that J. A. Berkey is elected Chairman of a committee composed largely of Stalwart Republicans, and to conduct the campaign of a set of candidates almost every one of whom he opposed bitterly, and some of whom he pursued with venomous malignity. His term of office, however, will be of brief duration, one year at the most, and possibly a much less time. At variance with a large majority of the committee, an overwhelming majority of the Republican voters of the county, the State administration and the State Republican organization, he can not accomplish good and will be powerless to do harm. His election was brought about by means the most despicable and which must bring the blush of shame to every person cognizant of them or who assisted in bringing it about. Committeemen were bought for a price to betray their constituents and vote contrary to their sentiments, and were brought to Somerset under guard, where they were deprived of their liberties and treated as the merest chattels. There is not a citizen of Somerset who will not for years recall with feelings of humiliation and shame the scenes witnessed on our streets last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, when Republican Committeemen, supposed to be representative men of their several precincts, were marched about the town, to and from their hotel, under guard and surveillance such as only persons charged with heinous crime, and jurors on murder trials, are made to endure. How this sight must have wrung the tender heart of Assemblyman Koontz, who has lost no public opportunity since the war to declare the abolition of slavery, to thus see his white brethren enslaved and in bondage can only be surmised. That a like disgraceful scene will ever be repeated here we do not believe, for the sentiment of the people of the county has been so aroused by this last effort that not only will the committeeman who sells his vote, but the man who purchases it, be made a byword and derision throughout the length and breadth of the county. Notice has and will be served on owners, bidders and buyers that the sale of committeemen will no longer be tolerated and that the title of the next County Chairman will not be allowed to be acquired by purchase.

Rodger Davis' Alleged Great Discovery.

Roger Davis, the well-known Johnstown artist and expert photographer, has achieved a discovery which will bring him and the city he loves so well much enduring fame, and will, at the same time, make him independently wealthy, if all his plans succeed. In brief, Mr. Davis has practically perfected a method by which the natural colors found in any scene can be exactly reproduced. The details of the discovery, says the Johnstown Democrat, are known only to Mr. Davis, but friends of his in this city have been informed in a general way of the vital points of his discovery.

The Democrat some time since announced Mr. Davis's return from Japan. It now develops that he went to Japan to study certain peculiar methods of art work in vogue among the refined Japs. His discovery is said to be based on some things he learned while on the island. Mr. Davis will secure a copyright on his discovery, and in all probability a company of Johnstown business men will be formed to exploit his secret.

Mr. Davis has been working on color photography for many years, in addition to pursuing the art work at Scalp Level which gave a neighborhood fame. His discovery, it is said, does not depend upon the machinery for taking photographs, but concerns a peculiar development of the photographs after the scene or object pictured has been transferred to paper from the plate.

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