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The next three months are the finest of the year for driving one of J. B. Holderbaum's Buggies or Road Wagons.

Terrible plagues, those itching, pestiferous diseases of the skin. Put an end to them. Doan's Ointment cures. At any drug store.

Harvest Home Buggies, Carriages, Surreys now on sale at Holderbaum's Repos itory back of the Hardware Store.

Charles N. Cleaver, a printer and newspaper man of Belford, committed suicide in Philadelphia Thursday night, having been found dead in his bed at Harris' Hotel.

No need to fear sudden attacks of cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhœa, summer complaint of any sort if you have Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry in the medicine chest.

The Cambria County Commissioners offer a reward of $300 for the arrest and conviction of the burglar or burglars who looted the vault in the County Treasurer's office last Sunday morning. Up to the present time, so far as known, there has been no clue discovered.

The Director of the Census has decided that Tax Assessors shall not be appointed as Enumerators, but has not yet decided what territory shall constitute enumeration districts, and it is therefore uncertain as yet whether there will be an Enumerator for each election district, or each township and ward, or how the enumeration districts will be constituted.

The three candidates on the State Republican ticket are sons of ministers, and the fact is being commented upon with much interest by the State papers. The Deputy State Treasurer, James S. Beaver, is also a minister's son, his father being at present a prominent member of the Pittsburg Conference of the Methodist Church.

The United States Secret Service has discovered a new counterfeit $2 Treasury note of the series of 1891, check letter D; Lyons, Register; Roberts, Treasurer; Vertrail, McPherson. The seal is dark red instead of pink, and the parallel ruling is poor, as is most of the lathe work. There is a fairly-deceptive photo-etched portrait, and the silk fiber distributed through the genuine paper has been closely imitated.

Leaves of many trees in this locality, says the Johnstown Tribune, are dying and falling in great numbers, similar to what takes place late in the autumn season. Some of the trees, although apparently still alive, are almost entirely devoid of foliage, and present the appearance of being dead. The early browning and falling of the leaves is attributed by some to the protracted intervals between rainfall and the periods of intensely warm weather.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania cannot be responsible for the cost of sending the Tenth Regiment and other national military organizations to New York for the purpose of participating in the welcome of Admiral Dewey on September 30. If the plan for having the Fighting Tenth present at the reception is carried out it will have to be at the cost of the regiment or their friends. Many hope that the plan may be carried through by subscriptions.

A Cumberland, Md., dispatch says: When the engine of passenger train No. 6 over the West Virginia Central Railroad pulled into the station at 6:20 Wednesday morning it was thickly covered with an oily substance. The engineer stated that when his train passed Shaw station it came in contact with a swarm of bees three miles wide. The insects settled along the tracks until the sight presented by the wheels passed over them was sickening.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent of the Military Academy, the President has directed the summary dismissal from the service of the United States of Cadet Phillip F. Smith, of the third class, "for harassing and annoying fourth-class man." Smith is from Nebraska. He had just returned to the academy from a year's suspension for hazing, when he was detected hazing Ulysses S. Grant, 3d, and he was summarily ordered to return home.

A London dispatch says the agent there of William Waldorf Astor confirms a report that an English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of Mr. Astor's American property, the amount offered being $150,000,000. New Yorkers, however, will not believe that Mr. Astor has any notion of selling the property, which brings him in a big fortune every year in rents. He might sell parts of it, they say, but not all.

The names of a number of the dining cars on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad are to be changed. Hitherto, with several exceptions, however, Roman generals were complimented, but the management has decided to give some free advertising to the prominent hotels along the line. When all the changes are made the diners will be known as follows: Waldorf-Astoria, Savoy, Netherlands, Manhattan, Imperial, Raleigh, Walton, Holland, Carrollton, Brunswick, Massasoit and Brevoort.

Mr. James McGregor, Sr., of Indiana, has been appointed Food Commission Agent of the district comprising Indiana, Armstrong, Cambria, Westmoreland, Somerset, and Fayette counties. The appointment was made by Major Levi Wells, Pure Food and Dairy Commissioner. Mr. McGregor will go to work immediately, and his duties will require him to visit each store in the district during the year. His expenses are paid and he will receive a salary of $1,200 per year. The position may be held for several years.

While the sons of John Evans, who resides in Cambria township about three miles west of Ebensburg, were taking a swim in Blacklick Creek, near their home, several days ago, they were very much surprised and badly scared by a large black bear which made his way out of the laurel on the bank of the stream and seemed to be revolving in his mind whether or not it would be proper for him to join the lads in their sport. But the boys were not anxious for Bruin's company and scooted off for home, while the bear made off in the opposite direction.

William H. Slicer, aged 76, died at his home in Meyersdale, Wednesday. He was one of the pioneer hotel men of the town, having removed there from Grantsville, Md., about twenty-five years ago and started the hotel now known as the Slicer House. Besides his widow he is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Nathaniel Slicer and John H. Slicer, both proprietors of hotels at Meyersdale; Mrs. William G. Shafenberg, of McKeesport, Pa.; Mrs. J. B. Wyland, of Grantsville, Md.; Mrs. William Zimmerman and Miss Theresa Slicer, of Meyersdale.

The Westmoreland County Commissioners have given up the idea of putting short-term prisoners to work on the public roads, having figured it out that the cost of transportation and guards would be more than the receipts, and hereafter all convicts sentenced to less than a year will be confined in the county jail. Westmoreland's contract for the keeping of her short-term prisoners in the Allegheny County Workhouse, at Claremont, has expired, and, as Allegheny needed the room for her own prisoners, the contract could not be renewed. Westmoreland County paid $2 per week on each of her criminals incarcerated at Claremont, and for years the courts sent about eighty prisoners annually to that prison and about one hundred were continually doing time in the workhouse. Westmoreland may soon erect a workhouse of its own.

Miss Marion Love, of Sharon, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. George H. Love, in this place.

Mrs. Webster B. Parker has returned from a ten days' visit at the home of Mr. Ross Parker, in Bellefonte, Pa.

Mr. William Baker, of Somerset township, accompanied the Somerset veterans who left for Philadelphia Monday.

Miss Alice Scull, of Irwin, Westmoreland county, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Biesecker.

Mrs. Charles Brown, of Baltimore, Md., is a guest at the Patriot street residence of her relatives—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Cook.

Mrs. McKelvey, of Youngstown, Ohio, is a guest at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. James McKelvey, on Patriot street.

Miss Charlotte C. Hulme, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carothers at their Patriot Street residence.

Jacob Friedline has returned to his Lavansville home after a three weeks visit to his son Samuel, who resides at Dixon, Ill.

Mr. John O. Rauch last week sold a timber tract of some 700 acres located in Jenner township to W. W. Dempsey, of Johnstown.

Mr. and Mrs. Skeggs, of Pittsburg, and Miss Brough, of Mt. Pleasant, spent last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Brough, at Bakersville.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carothers entertained a small party of friends Friday evening in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Furst, of Lock Haven.

A Cumberland dispatch says that Elmer E. Brangher and Miss Carpenter, both of Kingwood, this county, were married in that city Saturday.

One of Somerset's most charming young ladies, Miss Mary M. Patton, and Mr. Harry E. Wainwright, of Pittsburg, have announced their engagement.

Parker, eldest son of Mr. James B. Saylor, will depart in a few days for Gettysburg, Pa., where he will enter upon a course of study in Pennsylvania College.

A. Bruce Coffroth, Esq., of Lincoln, Neb., arrived in town Sunday evening, and will remain for a week or ten days as the guest of his father, General A. H. Coffroth.

Miss May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Scott, of Ursina, returned Monday morning to West Chester, where she will resume her studies in the State Normal at that place.

Mr. Thomas Boswell, president of the Merchants' Coal Company, one of the largest mining companies in the Elk Lick region, is spending a few days at the Highland Inn.

Mrs. Abner McKinley gave a euchre party Friday evening for a number of lady friends. In this instance the first prize was won by the best player, an exception to the rule.

The many Somerset friends of Mr. E. E. Patton, B. & O. City Passenger Agent at Washington, D. C., will be glad to learn that he is rapidly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. George Washington Banford and his sister Miss Myra entertained a large company last Thursday evening at progressive euchre and dancing. Music was furnished by the Concert Orchestra.

Mrs. Edith K. Linton and her sister, Miss Floy Knepper, have returned home after three months' absence, during which time they visited with friends and relatives in Oklahoma and Nebraska.

Dr. Kimmell Rauch, of Jennertown, who recently graduated from the Eclectic Medical College in Cincinnati, has opened an office in Meyersdale for the practice of his profession.

Mr. William H. Trimpey and Miss Mary E. Sechler, both of Kingwood, this county, were united in marriage on Thursday, August 31st, at the Lutheran parsonage at Glade, Rev. A. B. Miller officiating.

Mr. Curtis R. Bruner, of Bakersville, and Miss Sadie G. Jacobs, of Jennertown, were united in marriage on Sunday, August, 27th, at the Lutheran parsonage in Lavansville, Rev. C. F. Gebhart officiating.

George Herbert Smith, Esq., of Rochester, New York, arrived in town several days ago and will remain for two or three weeks at the residence of his father-in-law, Mr. Jonas M. Cook. His wife and child came here early in August.

Veterans Alex H. Huston, John C. Pile and Henry F. Barnett, of Somerset, and John Eichor, of Fort Hill, took the train Monday morning bound for Philadelphia, where they expect to meet many of their old comrades at the Grand Army Encampment.

The Listie Coal Company is at the present time shipping anywhere from 25 to 30 car-loads of coal daily. Miners are given steady employment, and many of them are making from $60 to $120 per month. The next pay-day, September 16th, will be a large one.

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah H. Pisel left Monday morning for Philadelphia where they will visit during the Grand Army Encampment as guests of their relatives Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Benkhart. They expect to visit friends in Washington before returning home.

David Ankeny, who formerly resided on the farm two miles south of town now owned by Valentine Hay, Esq., died Saturday last at his late residence in Ligonier, aged 83 years. He leaves a wife, three daughters and a son. Mr. Ankeny removed to Westmoreland county about twenty five years ago.

Will Sanner, the efficient and obliging clerk in the local post office, has been confined to his home for the past week by sickness. His condition showed marked improvement yesterday, and it is probable that he will resume his duties next week. During his absence Miss Hattie Connelly is assisting Assistant Postmaster Frank Sanner handle the mail.

Mr. Park Y. Kimmel, of Pittsburg, spent Sunday and Monday at the home of his father, J. O. Kimmel, on Union street. The younger Mr. Kimmel is an employe of the Passenger Department of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and spends much of his time in traveling for that great corporation, his duties calling him frequently to New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Louisville.

Mr. N. Bruce Heckler, was in town Friday carrying his left arm, which was greatly swollen and badly bruised, in a sling. Mr. Heckler is employed at a lumber mill near Pinkerton, and a few days ago was struck by a flying piece of timber. Fortunately, the timber glanced off his arm, otherwise it must have cost him his life, as it passed entirely through a two-inch upright plank a few feet back of where he was standing.

Ernest Koontz, brown as a berry after sixteen months' campaigning with the Tenth Regiment in the Philippines, arrived in town Saturday afternoon, and will remain for a few days as a guest at the home of his uncle, W. H. Sanner. Private Koontz was a member of the Greensburg Company, and while not a Somerseter by birth, he is a "Frosty Son of Thunder" to all intents and purposes. He resided here for a number of years and will be kept busy regaling his friends with stories of army life among the Tagals.

Mr. Eugene McKelvey, who for the past year has acceptably filled a responsible position with the First National Bank, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by the Board of Directors, at a meeting held Saturday evening. Mr. McKelvey will leave in a few days for Saltsburg, Pa., where he will enter the Kiskiminitas Academy. Eugene is a bright boy, and if nothing unforeseen occurs to interfere with his present plans, he will take a college course upon completing his academic studies. It is needless to add that the officers of the bank were reluctant to part with his services.

Mr. Lewis T. Krebs returned yesterday from a ten days' outing along the banks of the Cheat River.

The new furniture and fixtures for the postoffice have been received and will be placed in position before the close of the week.

After spending six weeks at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine Hay on Main street, Mrs. Joseph R. Nutt returned last week to her home in Akron, O.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Beaghley Lucinda, Good Cyrus, Handlar Carrie, Shaffer J. J., Wheeler Preston J.

Elder William Mullendore, formerly pastor of the local Christian Church, but more recently of Terre Haute, Ind., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Christian Church, at Washington, Pa., and will take charge of the work on the last Sunday of this month, the 24th inst.

Dr. John B. Critchfield, son of ex Senator N. B. Critchfield of Jenner township, has decided to locate in Davidsville. He now has charge of the practice of Dr. P. L. Swank, who is taking his first vacation in ten or twelve years. Dr. Swank has not yet decided where he will locate.

The engagement is announced of Mr. George S. Harrison, assistant cashier of the Somerset County National Bank, and Miss Mirah L. Ross, daughter of Mr. Robert Ross, the well known Addison merchant. Miss Ross has been a frequent visitor in Somerset and is greatly admired by all who have met her.

Mrs. Samuel Hoover and two daughters, of Sabetha, Kansas, arrived in town Monday afternoon and went directly to the residence of the former's brother-in-law, ex Sheriff Edward Hoover, where they will remain for several weeks. Mr. Hoover, who came east with them, went on to Philadelphia to attend the Grand Army Reunion, but will return to Somerset later in the week.

The Odd Fellows' Reunion and Band Carnival at Salisbury on Saturday attracted an immense throng of people from all sections of the county. Four bands supplied excellent music throughout the day and evening. The occasion is declared by all who attended to have been one of the most delightful ever held in the ancient village.

Aaron Emerick, a former resident of Northampton township, died at the Memorial Hospital, Johnstown, at an early hour Monday morning. He had been a sufferer for a long time with pulmonary trouble and was taken to the hospital ten days ago for treatment. He was forty-five years of age. The remains were taken to Glencoe for interment.

Rev. H. K. Pendleton, aged seventy-five years, President Emeritus of Bethany College, an institution of learning under the auspices of the Christian Church, at Bethany, W. Va., which a number of Somerset students have attended, died at the home of his daughter in Bethany, Friday night, of the infirmities of old age. He was President of Bethany College for many years.

The hundreds of friends throughout the county of Hon. E. D. Miller, of Rockwood, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home in that place suffering from a complication of physical disorders that so far has baffled the skill of the attending physicians. On Saturday it was reported that his life was despaired of, but later reports from his bedside are of a more encouraging nature, and it is now said that the chances are in favor of his ultimate restoration to good health.

The Bakersville Sunday School had an ideal day and an ideal grove in which to hold their annual picnic last Saturday. Fully 2,500 people were present and enjoyed the festivities, perhaps ideally, too. Rev. C. F. Gebhart, the pastor of the congregation, delivered a brief address of welcome, which was followed by addresses by W. H. Ruppel and Chas. F. Uhl, Jr., both of Somerset. Music was furnished by the Rockwood band. Somerset, Rockwood and New Centreville were well represented.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan C. Lichty, of Brown county, Kansas, arrived here Monday evening and will remain for some time as guests of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Miller. Mr. Lichty, is a son of the late Joseph C. Lichty, of Milford township, and is one of the present Commissioners of Brown county. His place on famous Pennsylvania Avenue, near Sabetha, is said to be one of the finest in the Sunflower State. He removed to Kansas twenty-nine years ago and this is his first return visit to his former home.

At high noon August 22d, Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Olinger, and Harry M. Cook were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents in Meyersdale. Rev. John H. Knepper, pastor of the Main street Brethren Church, officiating. Only the immediate relatives of the happy young couple were present. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left on a wedding tour which will include a visit to the Thousand Isles and various points in Canada along the St. Lawrence river.

On Saturday, August 26th, many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. Lawrence Croyle, near Mishler, in Conemaugh township, the day being the thirty-fourth anniversary of his birth, and in view of the fact that he has been for the past nine years an invalid from a bronchial affection, presented him and his family with many useful articles, several who could not be present sending him donations of money, amounting in all to between $18 and $20. For this great kindness Mr. Croyle and his family return hearty thanks to the generous donors.

Dr. Ed Lowe, a Philippine veteran, spent Sunday and Monday with Somerset friends. The Doctor formerly practiced his profession in this place, and left many friends here when he removed to Mt. Pleasant. He went to the war with the Mt. Pleasant boys, and throughout his enlistment discharged the duties of Hospital Steward. He is warm in his praises of "Soldier Joe" Levy, who, he declares, was the hardest-worked and most useful, as well as one of the most popular members of the Tenth. He is authority for the statement that "Soldier Joe's" services were so much in demand that General McArthur more than once asked that he be sent to his headquarters to help the Regulars out with their work.

The members of the Tenth Regiment brought a number of pet monkeys from Manila which they naturally value very highly, although Howard Cromwell says they can be purchased for a dime each anywhere in the Philippines. One of the pets owned by Corporal Ingham, of Company C, was stolen the day the regiment arrived in Pittsburg and was traced by detectives to Rockwood, where it was recovered. Henry Ritchey and Charles Saylor, both of Pittsburg, who were charged with stealing the monkey, were arrested, but were discharged after it was returned to the city. It is reported that when Howard Cromwell and "Joe" Levy saw the little animal at Rockwood on their way to Somerset, they immediately recognized him as their old friend and comrade "Aguinaldo."

Mr. D. R. Zimmerman returned from his North Dakota ranch ten days ago, since when he has been confined to his Union Street residence suffering from a number of ugly bruises and cuts sustained by falling from the top of a cattle car. He was en route to Chicago with a number of carloads of stock and when about 200 miles west of that city went to make a personal inspection of the cattle, the train being at a standstill at the time. In some unaccountable way he fell between two cars, but retained sufficient presence of mind to drag his body from the track just before the train got under way again. He was discovered by some of the trainmen and placed upon the train and taken to Chicago, where he turned his cattle over to a broker before coming to his home. His physician hopes to have him up and about in a few days.

HEROES WELCOMED.

Magnificent Reception of Somerset's Two Members of the Gallant Tenth Regiment.

TOWN DECORATED IN THEIR HONOR.

One of the most notable demonstrations ever witnessed in this town took place last Wednesday afternoon in honor of Somerset's two members of the Fighting Tenth Regiment.

An expectant throng surged around the railroad station awaiting the arrival of the overdue 5:02 train from Rockwood and when it finally appeared at 5:30 o'clock and Joseph Levy—"Soldier Joe"—and Corporal Howard Cromwell were seen upon the platform of the rear coach, cheers burst from the throats of 1,500 men, women and children, steam whistles screamed shrill blasts, hundreds of horns tooted loudly, and strings of cow bells clanged a vociferous welcome to the young heroes.

And yet it was not remarkable that these two young sons of Somerset should have received such a noisy and demonstrative reception upon their return home after sixteen months' absence, fighting for the stars and stripes, first against the Spaniards and then against the Philippine insurgents, beneath a tropical sun in the rice swamps of a distant island of the Pacific, yet eagerly, and without the consent of their parents, impelled only by the highest and most patriotic motives, they had left their homes at the call of their country and now they had returned, browned and hardened, and in the enjoyment of excellent health—notwithstanding Cromwell brought with him a chunk of Spanish lead received in the night attack at Malate, where he was wounded three times—for they had aided in "enlarging the map of the United States and extended the jurisdiction of American liberty."

Before the train came to a standstill there was a grand rush for the platform upon which the two young soldiers, dressed in their field uniforms, stood smiling. They were hugged, kissed and squeezed in turn by their hundreds of friends, but were finally carried away by the members of the reception committee and placed in a carriage in waiting. General A. H. Coffroth insisted that his should be the honor of escorting the soldier boys to the public square and the carriage in which he conveyed them was gorgeously decorated with flowers and flags.

As soon as the boys were comfortably seated in General Coffroth's vehicle, the procession, headed by Mayor Pisel, L. C. Colborn, Esq., and Policeman Davis, mounted on chargers, started up Patriot street.

The procession was made up as follows:

Carriage containing veterans Cromwell and Levy and General Coffroth.

G. A. R. veterans.

Spanish War veterans.

Sipe's Juvenile Band.

Somerset Drum Corps.

Citizens in carriages.

Patriot street was lined with people waving flags and cheering a cordial welcome to the soldier boys, who were kept busy raising their hats and acknowledging the salutations of their friends.

Many of those who witnessed the home-coming of the Philippine heroes were so overcome with emotion that tears trickled down their cheeks.

Nearly every residence and business house in town was gaily decorated with flags and bunting and the scene presented was that of a national fete day. All of the business houses were closed between the hours of five and six, and when the procession filed into the public square the entire population of the town appeared to have assembled there.

As soon as Cromwell and Levy had dismounted from their carriage they were conducted to the top of the steps in front of the Hotel Vannear. Their appearance was the signal for loud and prolonged cheers.

Captain W. H. Sanner, chairman of the reception committee, expressed the feelings of the great crowd when he addressed the young soldiers, saying: "The people of Somerset have congregated for the purpose of extending their most cordial and heartfelt welcome to you, comrades Cromwell and Levy, and to bear evidence of our high appreciation of the great honor you have reflected not only upon yourselves, but upon the town of Somerset. We have watched your career with ever increasing interest, our prayers have been offered in your behalf, and now that you have returned to your homes safe and well, we want to publicly acknowledge how proud we are of you, and express our admiration of your heroic conduct. I now have the pleasure of introducing Rev. Hiram King, who has been selected by a committee of your fellow townsmen, to address you on this occasion."

During the brief period Captain Sanner was speaking the crowd continued to cheer, and when he finished, veteran "Billy" Hochstetler, the hero of Saylor's Creek, no longer able to control his pent-up feelings, proposed that "three more cheers be given for the soldiers from the Philippines," and they were given with a hearty good will.

Rev. King spoke feelingly of the motives prompting the volunteer soldiers to leave their homes and journey to the far-off islands of the Pacific to do battle in defense of the flag and for the amelioration of down-trodden humanity. Continuing, he said that the soldiers of the Tenth have been the recipients of almost one continuous ovation since they entered the Golden Gate, but that he felt that no welcome would so touch their hearts as the welcome home extended to them by their friends and neighbors. Few young men, he said, have enjoyed such distinctions as have been freely and generously bestowed on you. You have been welcomed home by the President, who tendered you the gratitude of the Nation, and by the Governor of the Commonwealth who expressed the great honor you have brought to Pennsylvania by encountering the dangers, sufferings and privations of a soldier's life in the fever infested tropics, but I feel that the gladdest welcome to your ears will be those coming from your former daily associates, your friends who welcome you with all their hearts.

Corporal Cromwell stepped forward to reply but his voice was too full of emotion to proceed. After vainly struggling to swallow the lump that occupied his throat he managed to say that he "was glad to get back to dear old Somerset. Every kindness and every attention," he said, "was showered upon us at San Francisco and other points coming across the continent to Pittsburg, where on Monday we were given perhaps the most glorious welcome home ever tendered a regiment of soldiers, but the happiest moment of my life is now, when I feel that I am back in this dear old town. I thought of it often, in fact every hour while I was gone, and it is impossible for me to tell you how glad I am to be safely back in the dear old place. As you all see I am suffering from a heavy cold and it is impossible for me to say any more, so I will have to call upon my comrade "Joe" Levy to finish my speech."

"Soldier Joe" gave his trousers a couple of jerks and then said: "I have not prepared a speech of my own and I don't propose to finish Howard Cromwell's. It never occurred to me that the people of Somerset would give us such a reception on our return home, and I can not find words to tell you how happy you have made us. Like Howard, I think Somerset is the grandest place on earth, and I am only too glad to get back."

No sooner had "Soldier Joe" withdrawn into the hotel office than the great crowd made a break for the young soldiers and during the following hour they were kept busy shaking hands with their friends.

BRILLIANT BANQUET.

At 9:30 o'clock Wednesday evening one of the most brilliant banquets ever given in Somerset was tendered Messrs. Levy and Cromwell at the Hotel Vannear. Notwithstanding the banquet was hastily arranged—owing to the failure of the young soldier boys to return on an earlier train and the abandonment of the former plans made for their entertainment—it was a complete and unqualified success and will forever remain as a bright spot in the minds of the two young volunteer soldiers in whose honor it was given. The banquet was attended by more than 100 of the best known citizens of the town, all appearing in full evening dress, and was a happy culmination of the day. While the guests were assembling in the spacious hotel parlors the guests of honor were besieged by groups of their friends who plied them with all sorts of questions regarding their army experiences and by those who sought to gain their opinion of the President's expansion policy—to which both Levy and Cromwell are firmly committed, at least until the insurgents have been subdued. Corporal Cromwell was accompanied by his mother and sister, and by his venerable grandfather—Major John M. Holderbaum—and a glance at the face of any one of them was all that was needed to convince the observer that it was the happiest and proudest day of their lives. Private Levy was accompanied by his father—Abraham Levy, of Ursina—and by the daughters of Mr. A. J. Hileman, with whose family he made his home for a number of years prior to his enlistment. The elder Levy beamed like a new blown rose at every mention of his son's name and declared that his cup of happiness was overflowing.

Corporal Cromwell and his mother, Private Levy and Miss Alice Hileman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scull, occupied seats at the principal table, the two latter named gentlemen composing the banquet committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. F. Gebhart. The banquet was elaborate and while the courses were being served delightful music was furnished by the Somerset Orchestra, who never played more exquisitely than on this occasion.

At the conclusion of the feast Toastmaster C. W. Walker rapped for order and in a short address extended cordial greetings to the guests of the evening. He then called upon Rev. F. P. Saylor to speak upon "Expansion." Mr. Saylor's address was a gem, leaving no doubt of his position on the great problem that promises to become a foremost political question in the coming Presidential election. He is a firm believer in expansion and the reasons he advanced for his convictions were admirably stated and aroused a responsive chord in the hearts of many of those who heard him.

Captain C. J. Harrison responded to "The Ladies" in his usual felicitous manner, and H. L. Baer, Esq., excited his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm by his comprehensive and eloquent tribute to the "American Citizen." L. C. Colborn, Esq., was the last speaker on the regular program, and his remarks on "The Hispanio-American War," were timely and were well received.

Private Levy entertained the company for perhaps ten minutes with a delightful and laughable description of the Philippine ladies and some of their customs and characteristics, and Corporal Cromwell described minutely the sensations he experienced when he was pinked by Mauser bullets, and incidentally the difference in the arms used by the Americans and the Spanish and Filipinos. The addresses were all of a high order.

The following ladies and gentlemen were present:

Corporal Howard C. Cromwell and mother, Joseph Levy and Miss Laura Hileman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Walker, Rev. and Mrs. Hiram King, Rev. C. F. Gebhart and daughter, Rev. D. K. Lavan, Rev. F. P. Saylor and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Scull and Mrs. W. F. Joyce, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Holderbaum and Mrs. George M. Holderbaum, Mr. Edward Megahan and Miss Darl Holderbaum, Mr. and Mrs. George R. Scull and Miss Louise Scull, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Harrison, George S. Harrison, John H. Beerits, George W. Benford, L. M. Phillips and Mrs. Ella B. Newlin, George H. Love, James Hartzell and sister, Miss Ada Cover, Miss Jessie Davis, Eugene Cook, C. A. Sifford, Miss Clara Martin, Mrs. J. H. Sifford, James M. Cover, Geo. H. Smith, Miss Bertha Cook, C. F. Uhl, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James McKelvey, Mrs. George McKelvey, George J. Krebs, Jas. B. Holderbaum, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Black, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Colborn, Harvey M. Berkley, Mrs. John Marsden, Miss Helen Schrock, H. L. Baer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Baer, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. G. Hay, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Schell, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Shaver, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Biesecker, Miss Alice Scull, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Knepper, Miss Harriet Imhoff, Capt. and Mrs. Wm. M. Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lowry, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Swank, W. P. Kooser, Major John M. Holderbaum, the Misses Hileman, Robert Beerits, Miss Hartman.

TERRIBLE LEAP TO DEATH.

A Former Hooversville Man Killed at the Punxsutawney Fair Grounds.

Aeronaut Nory A. Crissey, while making a balloon ascension at the Punxsutawney Fair Grounds last Wednesday, fell a thousand feet and was dashed to pieces on the earth below.

Crissey was about twenty-eight years old and was employed as an electrician by the Johnson Company at Johnstown. He aspired to be an aeronaut and received instructions from Ed Fredricy, the well-known balloonist of that city.

Some time since Harvey Barclay, of Johnstown, who manages Mr. Fredricy and a large number of other aeronauts, received a request from the Punxsutawney people for four ascensions of what is known as the "cannon" type. For this purpose a sheet-iron tube about twelve feet high is used. It is so arranged that the parachute is stuffed into the top of the cannon and the balloonist follows it head first. About the middle of the cannon a small opening permitted the balloonist to release the cannon, which swung around so that the balloonist would shoot out feet foremost. Neither Mr. Fredericy nor Mr. Crissey was familiar with this device. The Punxsutawney people, however, having seen the feat performed by Ida Leroy, demanded it, and Manager Barclay arranged to gratify them. He wrote to Miss Leroy at Mt Vernon, O., and obtained one of the cannons, with a letter of instructions.

On Monday morning, says the Johnstown Tribune, Fredriey and Crissey took the cannon to Punxsutawney, and the latter agreed to make the initial trip in it, which took place at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. He rose without mishap to a height of about one thousand feet, then prepared to descend. From below there seemed to be no hesitation in Crissey's movements and the people cheered him loudly. He was seen to attach the parachute, a large tube, to his belt, preparatory to making the descent. Just as he made the jump from the balloon his belt broke. He was seen to make a grasp at it, but missed, and with one faint scream he shot to the earth like a stone, his body half turning as he fell, the head striking the ground with a shock that was heard by every person in the enclosure. His neck was broken, as were nearly all his bones, and his flesh was bruised and battered. It is possible that he died before he reached the earth.

Mr. Crissey was unmarried, and is survived by his parents and three sisters. Miss Mary, one of the sisters, is employed by Love, Sunshine & Co. The family moved to Johnstown from Hooversville several years ago.

Give the Children a Drink

called Grain-O. It is a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it because when properly prepared it tastes like the finest coffee but is free from all its injurious properties. Grain-O aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder, and children, as well as adults, can drink it with great benefit. Costs about ¼ as much as coffee. 15 and 25c.

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Death of a Young Woman.

On August 31st at the home of her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fisher, Cordia Ellen, beloved daughter of Martin and Margaret Fisher, aged 20 years, 7 months and 25 days. Deceased was a faithful and exemplary member of Will's Evangelical Lutheran Church. We mourn our loss in her death, but are not without hope, believing that heaven has been the gainer. Funeral services were held at her late residence and interment was made in the Somerset Lutheran cemetery, Rev. J. Welch, her pastor, officiating.

Soon Will Open.

The oyster season will open Friday, Sept 1st. For the finest and largest oysters, you should go to the White Palace Restaurant, where you can get oysters by the pint, quart or gallon or put up in every style at the restaurant. Don't fail to call and try them and you will call again, at Cook & Beerits Block.

Still More Counterfeiting.

The Secret Service has unearthed another band of counterfeiters and secured a large quantity of bogus bills, which are so cleverly executed that the average person would never suspect them of being spurious. Things of great value are always selected by counterfeiters for imitation, notably the celebrated Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which have many imitators but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The Bitters set things right in the stomach, and when the stomach is in good order it makes good blood and plenty of it. In this manner the Bitters get at the seat of strength and vitality, and restore vigor to the weak and debilitated. Beware of counterfeits when buying.

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Death of Pembrooke Thompson.

Pembrooke Thompson, a well-known citizen of Stoyestown, died at his late residence in that village at 9:45 o'clock Monday night, August 28th, after a protracted sickness with pulmonary trouble. Deceased was about 45 years of age and was born in Stoyestown. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thompson. He was a shoemaker by trade, and in addition to working at his trade conducted a small grocery store. Mr. Thompson was married a number of years ago to Miss Jane Bender, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bender, at present residents of Johnstown. He is survived by his wife, three sons and one daughter. He is also survived by two brothers and one sister. Deceased was a highly esteemed citizen of the county. He was an active worker in the Stoyestown Methodist Church.

LOST.—On day of John Robinson's circus, in tent, a fine black silk umbrella, with Dresden handle, gold knob and band, initials E. C. P. on knob. It was a highly-prized gift, and finder will please leave same at Postoffice and receive reward.

MRS. EMILY C. PETTCORD.

Withdrawal of Through Sleeping-Car Service between Pittsburg and Atlantic City.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that the through sleeping-car service between Pittsburg and Atlantic City on train No. 6, leaving Pittsburg at 7:05 p. m., and returning on train leaving Atlantic City at 8:40 p. m., will be discontinued.

The sleeping car will leave Pittsburg on its last trip east-bound on Sunday, September 10, and returning, will leave Atlantic City on its last trip west-bound, Monday, September 11.

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OPPORTUNITIES for early fall. We think it a first-class idea to call and examine our New Fall Goods, which are coming in daily. Now would be a splendid time before the busy season starts in. More time to look, larger variety to choose from and at the same time, better attention, as there is no rush to contend with. An excellent chance to make comparisons.

Stylish Dress Goods for Fall. A beautiful display of the most fashionable weaves and latest effects, at prices we are sure will meet with your approval. All the most popular and needed fabrics of the season. We have Plaids, Scotch and English Suitings, Cheviots, Tweeds and many others, with beautiful color combinations. These styles will surely please all tastes. Prices ranging from 12½ cents and upwards. Crepons 45c, 50c and upwards.

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Fall Coats —AND— Tailor Made Suits

Received large variety in this special department. Also Capes, Collarettes and Fascinators, all for early Fall and Cold Weather.

Millinery Dep't.

We are preparing for our Fall Opening in Millinery. Many new things will be displayed. The most interesting to the public will be how cheap we sell these reliable goods.

Dress Making Department.

Our Modiste has returned from the eastern cities after spending a full month getting the newest designs and styles, and we can promise best work and latest styles.

We advise an early call if you wish to have your outfit before middle of season. Any suggestions we offer in this branch of our business may be of some help to you in deciding upon what style you wish. Our Modiste will be pleased to point out little items that will be of interest.

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