e Somerset Herald.

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e Baker-man-Thropp libel suit, tried week at Bedford, resulted in a verdict r defendant.

e late John McGovern, of Lancaster, e estate valued at $80,000, nearly all which goes to his only daughter, Mrs. ney.

phe Reily, treasurer of Bedford y, died at the Presbyterian hospital Philadelphia Tuesday evening. He here in Napier township, about two s out of Schellsburg, in 1841.

special primary to nominate a Re- can candidate for Judge to succeed y Mostrat was held in Fayette ty Thursday. Ex-Judge Nathaniel w was the only candidate on the

e forty years Dr. Fowler's Extract of d Strawberry has been curing sum- complaint, dysentery, diarrhoea, ly flux, pain in the stomach, and it never yet failed to do everything med for it.

e Children's Aid Society would like d homes for four little girls, aged 3 ths, 4 and 5 years respectively; for a boy aged 7 years. Applications uld be addressed to M. S. Biesecker, ency, Somerset, Pa.

e of the shortest wills ever recorded kins county was that written by ate Dorothy Pittenger, of Antrim nship, which was recorded last week Recorder Kennedy. It reads: "Ara- Pittenger is to have everything after s death." The signature follows in sh and German.

old soldier in a Michigan town, had a leg amputated ten years ago, buried in a coffin in the cemetery held funeral services over it at which kept profusely. Ever since then, all ugh the summer months he has placed ers each week upon the grave.

complaint having been made of the increase in soldier and sailor letters erly addressed to Philippine ts, the postoffice authorities at Wash- ton have requested the senders of ers to place on the envelope the name the company and regiment, or name of ed to which the soldier or sailor is ached.

ne months ago D. D. Lore, a Kansas who is a bookkeeper in one of the rtments at Washington, met with an dent which necessitated the amputa- of his right hand. During the period his novalescence he practiced writing his left hand by way of passing the and attained such proficiency that n his recovery he was reinstated in position.

Secretary of State Sherman says when he was in the Cabinet a prom- man applied personally to him for icular post in China. The Secretary ed that he always wanted to appoint who spoke the language of the coun- to which they were sent. "Now, you ose, I presume, speak Chinese," he ded. "Certainly I do," answered applicant; "ask me something in nese and I'll reply." It is needless add that Mr. Sherman accepted the peaker's word without putting him the test.

n. Jno. Miller, of Shenango township, rence county, Pa., played the part of ervine Thursday in saving the life of r child. The child and a cat were ying near an open well, when the ther thought she heard her child ream, and, looking out, saw the cat ping into the well. She ran to the rk and saw her child struggling in the ter at the bottom, sixteen feet below. thout hesitation, she bravely climbed w the slippery wall of the well and ed her child. It was unconscious en rescued, but soon revived. The which had so strangely followed the ld was drowned.

party of bee hunters was out on ed Hill in Springfield township last nday afternoon and a tree was being down. While some of the party were the tree sawing off a limb, a rope hav- been tied farther up the tree to facili- the operation. In letting the branch w the rope broke and the limb came shing down and crushed the life out of nk Geary and badly injured Casper mick. Dr. McCuen of Normalville s summoned and the life of the injur- man will likely be saved. Geary was w Sellion, Somerset county and was en to his home for interment. He was married. Schmuck is an old soldier had a wife and grown family.—Con- sville Courier.

e old adage that "lightning never kes twice in the same place," is not rely correct, as Mr. James Graham, of allied township, Clearfield county, s testify. The barn on the farm on ich he lives has twice been struck by ning and burned down, and just late- the electric current came close to re- ting the same performance, but devist- from its intended course far enough strike the granary, tearing it to pieces killing nine hogs, which had taken ter there from the storm. Tradition that a tree standing on that spot ever a barn was built there, was ck and torn to pieces by lightning. must be that some lightning conduct- metallic deposits make that particular a target for the bolts of Jupiter.

Isaac Nelson, of Kantner, Somerset nty, and a Miss Berket, daughter of . and Mrs. Cyrus Berket, of Boone nship, Somerset county, were married few days ago at Cumberland, Md., says Johnstown Democrat. The groom is well-known resident of Kantner who passed his 80th milestone. He has n a widower three years. The bride only 18 years of age. Despite the vast difference in their ages the parents of the ride had no objections to the match, and for the wedding has been as happy as weddings should be. Mr. and Mrs. Nel- n have gone to housekeeping in Boone ith the bride's parents. They were ten- ered a lively serenade by their friends. is understood that Mr. Nelson is a pen- ioner, and it is thus possible that his ride of to-day along in the middle of the ent century will still be carried upon the ks of the pension office as three revolu- nary widows are now being carried.

County Commissioners in Pennsylva- a have found the present year a notable on from its instructive lesson as to the sponsibilities of their functions, says e Philadelphia Press. The office of Commissioner had always been an easy- going, undisturbed one, until of late ap- peals to the courts have been made in Berks, McKean and now Bradford coun- ties to compel Commissioners to return money to the taxpayers that had been taken out extravagantly or without due authority. Singularly, the cases have generally been decided against the pub- lic officials. The most recent case in Bradford county was an impressive one. In the building of a new court house the Commissioners were charged with mak- ing such unauthorized additions and al- terations, and allowing such excesses for traveling and other expenses that Judge Archbald filed an opinion surcharging the reckless officials with the aggregate sum of $37,179. The law of April, 1895, provides that those responsible for any great public work in building may make incidental changes with propriety. No important work of the kind can be prose- cuted with such absolute perfection as to escape reasonable alterations. But ma- terial variations, which affect the charac- ter of the building to be done or serious- ly increase the price to be paid for it, cannot be sanctioned. County Commis- sioners generally, and especially those in York county, who are now spreading themselves in the erection of a costly new court house, would do well to study the lessons of the year. The accustomed way of Democratic officialdom in York county would not be healthy if applied to the present big project and afterward passed upon by an investigation.

Mrs. Clara Thomas, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Krebs, on Main street.

Rev. George C. Muller, of Barnsboro, Cambria county, is spending his annual vacation on his farm three miles west of town.

Mayor John S. Hitchman, of Mt. Pleasant, and his sister, Miss Alice, of Markleton, spent Monday with Somerset friends.

Mr. S. F. Picking, of Chicago, who was called here last week by the death of his distinguished brother, Rear Admiral Picking, returned home yesterday.

Private Charles Faust, of the Tenth Regiment, is visiting at his former home in Lavansville. Private Faust was a member of the Mt. Pleasant company.

The name of Hon. George F. Bear is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Congress to succeed Hon. Daniel Ermentrout, of Berks county, who died very suddenly Saturday night.

Mr. D. B. Zimmerman, who was recently severely injured by falling from a cattle car on the way from North Dakota to Chicago, has about recovered. He left here Friday evening for his western ranch.

Edward J. Hudson, a well-known citizen of Meyersdale, died suddenly Friday evening, aged about fifty-two years. He was a former Burgess of the Metropolis. He is survived by his wife and two children, a son and a daughter.

John Beerits left Monday for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he will take a course of instruction in the Eastman National Business College. Mr. Beerits graduated last June from Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, carrying off second honor in a large class.

Mr. Jonas M. Cook, accompanied by his daughter Alice, left last week for Hillside, Wisconsin, where Miss Cook will enter a young ladies' seminary. Mr. Cook will visit St. Paul, Minneapolis, Chicago, and other Western cities, before returning to Somerset.

Miss Sadie Stein, who recently returned from New York, where she took a special course of instruction in the art of dressingmaking, has accepted a position with Messrs. Parker & Phillips, and will hereafter have charge of the dressmaking department of that popular establishment.

Sergeant Edward S. Forney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel S. Forney, Superintendent and Matron of the Somerset County Hospital, after seven years' service in the regular army, has returned to his former home, Berlin, this county. Sergeant Forney was with the artillery in Cuba.

Elizabeth, wife of Jacob Musser, died at her late residence in Brothersvalley township, at an early hour Friday morning, aged seventy-four years. Deceased had been in poor health ever since she was attacked by grip almost a year ago. She is survived by her husband and four children.

Mr. C. N. Boyd, wife and daughter, of Butler, Pa., have been spending ten days at Markleton, the guests of Mrs. Boyd's father, Dr. John M. Barnett. Mr. Boyd was formerly engaged in the drug business in this place, and he spent a few hours between trains Saturday with his Somerset friends.

Mrs. Ella Keffer, teacher of the primary grade in the borough public schools, returned last week from a visit to Johnstown, Latrobe and other points in Western Pennsylvania, where she spent two weeks in inquiring into the methods employed in the schools of similar grade, with a view to improving the school under her charge.

Misses Louise Colborn, Leora Scott, Virgie Vogle and Clara Kimmel have returned to Bethany, West Va., where they will resume their studies in the college at that place. Russel Love and his sister, Myra, have gone to Washington, Pa., where the former will enter Washington and Jefferson College and the latter the Washington Seminary. George Heffley and John Holderbaum have returned to college at Delaware, Ohio.

Miss Jessie B. Hawkins, of Washington, Pa., daughter of the late Colonel Alexander L. Hawkins, of the Tenth Regiment, was a guest at the Vannear yesterday, having driven over the mountain from Ligonier in company with Mr. Robert Darrah, of Beaver, Pa. Mr. Darrah is a grandson of the late Daniel Weyand, of this place, and during the past few years has had charge of large bodies of timber and mineral lands in this county belonging to the Weyand estate.

The Pittsburg Conference of the United Evangelical Association, in session at Conemaugh last week, elected Rev. D. P. K. Lavan, of this place, Presiding Elder, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of J. W. Domer. Rev. Lavan's new duties will probably require him to remove from Somerset, where he has been stationed for the past several years, and where he is extremely popular, not only as a minister of the gospel, but as a good citizen and a genial gentleman. His many friends will sincerely regret his departure.

Jacob Crissey, of near Friedens, was in town last Saturday, when he transferred the ownership of the coal underlying his farm to Judge Baer. Mr. Crissey is eighty-eight years of age, but thousands of men, twenty years younger, look older than he does. When asked to what influence he accredited his vigorous health and longevity, he replied that he had worn out twenty-five axes and fifteen mattocks in cutting and grubbing on his farm, and that he believed that he had made not less than one thousand ax and pick handles, all of which he had used himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley and their daughter, Miss Mabel, left here Saturday evening for the Pacific slope, whither Mr. McKinley goes on important legal business at San Francisco. They will make the trip across the continent and back to Somerset in a magnificent Pullman car, equipped with a drawing room, which is furnished with a library and piano, dining room, state rooms and baths, and will enjoy every comfort that railroad ingenuity has provided for luxurious travel. Stops will be made at Canton, Chicago, Denver, Manitou Springs and other places of interest, as the members of the party may desire. Three weeks will be consumed in the trip.

John S. Rush, of Confluence, Wash. Linginfield, of Draketown, Samuel H. Glessner, of Berlin, and George W. Saylor, of Somerset, have successfully passed the examination and been accepted as members of the volunteer army now being recruited for service in the Philippines. All of the boys named are now at Camp Meade. Frank P. Saylor, Jr., son of A. J. Saylor, of Somerset township, and Philip Rhoads, Jr., son of Philip Rhoads, of Somerset township, left here Monday for Connellsville, for the purpose of offering their services to Captain H. L. Bishop, the recruiting officer at that place. It is probable that all of the boys named will be assigned to the same company.

Mr. H. H. Ringler, of Dixon, Ill., is spending a month among friends and relatives in this county. Mr. Ringler was born and raised near Stoyestown, where he resided with his parents—Mr. and Mrs. George Ringler—who lived on what is now known as the Fryburg farm, near the old toll gate, until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted as a private under Captain Grimm, of Company G, One Hundred and Forty second Regiment, Pa. Volunteers. About six years after his return from the War Mr. Ringler went West, and after rusticating for some time finally settled down in the Mississippi Valley, or the "New England Illinois," as it is often called. It is some twenty years since Mr. Ringler last visited the old homestead, and during this time some of the members of the Ringler family have passed away, while the surviving ones are widely scattered.

Forty-six cases are set for trial at next week's session of Quarter Sessions Court. A majority of them are for minor offenses and it is therefore believed that the calendar will be disposed of early in the week.

Charles R. Naltway, the Apache Indian, who formerly did farm work in Quemahoning and Stonycreek townships, has enlisted in the regular army, and will soon be on his way to the Philippines. Naltway attended the Indian School at Carlisle.

While the apple crop throughout the county is not as large as in former years there will be abundance of that wholesome fruit harvested. Trees of certain varieties, notably the Northern Spy, are almost barren of fruit, while trees of other equally choice varieties were never more productive than this season.

The first information for violation of the game law of 1897 in this county was lodged last week against Garfield Younkin, of Lower Turkeyfoot township, the the charge being shooting a gray squirrel out of season. The case was tried before Esquire G. G. Grof, of Confluence, who imposed a fine of $10 and costs. One half of the fine was forwarded to the County Treasury.

Citizens residing on East Main street have petitioned the Board of Health to take immediate steps to abate the alleged nuisance created by property owners living on the same street who are charged with depositing household sewage into the public gutters. The agent of the Board of Health says that unless the ordinance governing such cases is adhered to he will be obliged to close all sewer and drain pipes in the vicinity mentioned.

Mr. M. L. Shaffer, who is popularly known as "Mart," and who was connected with the Commercial Hotel for a number of years, last week purchased the White Palace Restaurant from Mr. J. Willis Pisel, and on Friday morning took possession of that well-known eating house. Mr. Shaffer will not only keep the White Palace up to its present high standard, but will make every effort to increase its popularity with the general public.

Mrs. Catherine Shaver, aged 78 years, 5 months and 18 days, died Saturday, September 9th, at the residence of her son-in-law, Associate Judge Aaron F. Dickey, in Somerset township. She leaves three children, Mrs. Aaron F. Dickey, Mrs. John Spangler, and Charles I. Shaver, to mourn her death. Deceased was a faithful and devoted member of the Friedens Lutheran church from her early youth and was highly respected by all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. J. Welch.

There does not seem to be any law to prevent cattle from running on the public roads, unless they are suffering from some disease. But all the owner of lands is required to do is to make fences so as to confine his own cattle. No matter how poor his fence may be, if it restrains his own from going out; and if any cattle, horses, sheep, hogs or goats break into his enclosure he is entitled to damages from the owner as regulated by act of assembly. Swine are not allowed to run at large at any time. Cattle running at large and annoying or trespassing, having no owner or visible owner, should be taken up and disposed of under the law relating to strays.

Farmers are busy cutting corn. The crop is the largest ever grown in the county, many farmers claiming that they will have anywhere from one hundred to two hundred bushels of ear corn to the acre; in fact General Coffroth claims that he will harvest not less than four hundred bushels to the acre. Western farmers who are visiting in the county at the present time express surprise at the immense acreage devoted to growing corn, where twenty five years ago it was believed it could not be profitably cultivated owing to the high altitude and consequent early frosts. They admit that Somerset county soil will produce as much corn to the acre as Kansas and Nebraska, but claim that it requires almost double the amount of labor to procure a good crop here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey M. Berkley have have taken possession of their new residence on Patriot street, upon which mechanics have been working for the past six months. The building is one of the handsomest about town and is complete in every detail. The interior is finished throughout with hard wood, quarter-sawed oak predominating, although the parlor is finished in white maple and the library in cherry. Parquetry flooring has been used in all of the first floor rooms, and the dining room is wainscoted in beautiful quarter-sawed oak panels five feet high. The finish throughout is severely plain, even the stairway, which is one of the most attractive features of the building. Plate and leaded glass have been utilized to advantage by the architect, while tile floors in the vestibule and bathroom add to the general effect of comfort and permanency. Mr. Berkley has introduced a device, new in Somerset, for supplying soft water throughout his residence by means of a small automatic force-pump, operated by the hard town water, which forces cistern water into the pipes. Contractor S. G. Braucher had charge of the work, which is pronounced by competent judges to be perfect in every respect.

Mr. Edward M. Shaulis, who left this county seventeen years ago to seek his fortune in the West, is making a visit to his old home and the friends of his youth. He is a son of the late "Tice" Shaulis, of Somerset township, and last Thursday he participated in a family reunion at the old homestead in honor of the eighty-fifth anniversary of his mother's birth. The old lady is enjoying remarkably good health, considering her advanced years. After leaving Somerset county Mr. Shaulis located at Hardy, Nebraska, where he followed farming for a period of twelve years, and while others were engaged in "calamity howling" he continued steadily at work, with the result that he not only paid for the farm on which he lived, but purchased another valuable farm close by. Five years ago he disposed of his farms to his sons and took up his residence in Hastings Neb., where he owns a handsome dwelling and a large feed and livery barn. Just before coming East he leased his barn, and hereafter will lead a retired life. Mr. Shaulis is an ardent Republican and declares that the "Pops" will be given a knock-out blow in Nebraska at the next Presidential election. Mr. Shaulis was a member of the Sixty-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers, (Hon. Harry White's regiment,) and served until the close of the Civil War. He will remain in the county for several weeks before returning to what he calls "God's country."

The borough public schools were opened Monday morning. The attendance was not as large as usual on the first day of school owing to the fact that many parents had neglected to have their children vaccinated, and they were therefore refused admission, the board of directors having passed a resolution requiring every pupil to present a certificate from the family physician setting forth that the resolution of the board had been complied with. Many parents we are told do not believe in vaccination and positively refuse to permit their children to be vaccinated, and in support of their position advance the argument that if vaccination is a good thing for the children it should be an equally good thing for the teachers, alleging that only one member of the corps of teachers has been vaccinated within seven years. The legislature has by legal enactment placed it in the power of school boards to compel vaccination of all children in the public schools of the commonwealth, the State Board of Health has recommended it as a necessary measure to prevent the spread of small-pox, which last winter was an epidemic in certan sections of the state, and it would seem that there is no good reason why the local school board should not be upheld by every citizen for the action they have taken.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Of Rev. J. J. Welch's Pastorate at Friedens will be Celebrated by His Friends.

The many friends of Rev. J. J. Welch, the venerable pastor of the Friedens charge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, have made arrangements to celebrate the Silver (25th) Anniversary of his pastorate on Thursday, September 28th, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. The following program has been arranged by the committee, Hon. O. P. Shaver, Harrison Bender and Ed. L. Spangler:

Music.
Scripture Lesson, Rev. C. F. Gephart.
Prayer, Rev. P. Bergstresser, D. D.
Addresses on the work of Rev. J. J. Welch:
(a) In Allegheny Synod, Rev. M. E. Young, Ph. D.
(b) In Somerset County Conference, Rev. E. S. Johnston.
(c) In Stoyestown Charge, Rev. L. N. Fleck.
(d) In Shanksville Congregation, Rev. M. S. Romig.
(e) In Friedens Charge, Jacob S. Miller.
(f) In Somerset County Lutheran Sunday school Association, W. H. Ruppel.
Compliments, Rev. D. Stuart Hoover.
Other Addresses.
Luncheon.
Greetings.

When Rev. Welch was called to Friedens twenty-five years ago he was given the Friedens and Stoyestown charges, consisting of five congregations. Subsequently the charges were sub-divided, and he ministered to the Friedens, Wills and Shanksville congregations. Still later Shanksville was created a separate charge and Rev. Welch continued to preach for the Friedens and Wills congregations.

During his long pastorate Rev. Welch has endeared himself not only to the people of his own denomination, but to all who have learned to know him. A christian gentleman, an exemplary citizen and a kind and considerate neighbor, he has exerted an influence in the communities in which he has labored so long and faithfully that will be felt long after he has ceased to labor.

The anniversary on the 28th will be non-sectarian, and the HERALD has been requested to extend a cordial invitation to all of Rev. Welch's many friends to be present.

Matthews—Endsley.

Mr. Henry Matthews and Miss Catherine Endsley, of Washington, D. C., were quietly married at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the summer home of the bride's relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Henry N. Cameron, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the bride was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr. Abner McKinley. It was expected that the President would perform this pleasant duty, as the bride is a great favorite of his, but at the last moment he found that he would be detained in Washington by official business and his brother was substituted. The ushers were Mr. A. S. Cushing, of Washington, Mr. R. C. Smith, of Philadelphia, Mr. Edward Harban, of Washington, and Mr. Hermanus L. Baer, Jr., of Somerset. Mrs. Abner McKinley played the wedding march from "Midsummer Night's Dream," as the bridal party entered the parlor, which had been decorated with exquisite taste with native ferns. Col. W. H. Brown, of New York, was best man, and the bride's niece, Miss Mabel McKinley, was the maid of honor. The bridal gown was a white organdie over white satin, trimmed with Brussels lace, with a demi train. A wedding dinner was served immediately following the ceremony and at six o'clock the bride and groom took a carriage for Rockwood where they took the east-bound Duquesne Limited. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews will be at home in Washington after October 1st. The bride is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Endsley, and is a general favorite in Somerset social circles. The groom is engaged in banking and real estate business.

October Century.

In *The Century* for October announcement will be made of the names of the three winners of the prizes offered for the best poem, essay and story submitted in competition by American college graduates of 1898. Last year all the prizes were won by the alumnae of Eastern women's colleges; this year's winners are Westerners, and only one of them is a woman.

The prize poem, entitled "A Hill-Prayer," is by Miss Marion Wildman, of Norwalk, Ohio, B. A., 1898, of the College for Women of Western Reserve University, at Cleveland, Ohio.

The prize essay, entitled "The Poetry of Blake: An Opinion," is by Mr. Henry Justin Smith, of Chicago, B. A., 1898, of the University of Chicago.

The prize story, entitled "Only the Master Shall Praise," is by John M. Oskison, of Vinita, Indian Territory, B. A. 1898, of Leland Stanford Jr. University, at Palo Alto, California.

Perhaps the most interesting item in connection with this year's competition is the fact that the prize story-writer is by birth part Indian.

The competition will occur again next year.

A Dewey Number.

McClure's Magazine for October will be a special Dewey number; and in order that it may be abroad to meet the Admiral at his return home from Manila, it will be published on September 27th, three days earlier than the usual time of issue. It will have a special Dewey cover, drawn by C. L. Hinton and C. D. Graves, and beautifully printed in colors. It will open with a fine Dewey portrait, and an article by Governor Theodore Roosevelt, explaining from the author's personal knowledge as Assistant Secretary of the Navy at the time, how Dewey came to be assigned to command the Asiatic Squadron, and what the Navy Department hoped for from him in giving him that command.

Another Dewey feature will be an article by Joseph L. Stickney, describing the Admiral as Mr. Stickney saw him and talked with him almost daily during his recent homeward voyage through the Mediterranean, and giving passages from his conversations regarding the transactions at Manila, and many other matters of great interest. Mr. Stickney was formerly in the navy himself; he is now a staff correspondent of the Chicago Record, and he stood beside Dewey on the bridge of the Olympia throughout the fight at Manila Bay. He has long enjoyed the Admiral's fullest confidence, and in these conversations the latter expressed himself with great frankness.

Both Governor Roosevelt's and Mr. Stickney's article will be very fully illustrated from recent photographs. The illustrations will comprise portraits of Dewey and all his officers; views of life aboard the Olympia during her homeward voyage, and pictures of various interesting scenes connected with the ship and her heroic commander.

Wanted Quarrymen.

Ten experienced quarrymen to work in the Beaver Valley. $2.50 per day and steady work for first-class men. Address
CLYDESDALE STONE CO.,
Bayard St. & Preble Ave., Allegheny, Pa.

The Gus Sun Rising Minstrels.

At the Opera House, Friday evening, Sept. 22d. Traveling in a palatial Pullman car, 35 people strong, presenting the most novel and elaborate street parade ever offered in minstrelsy.

Wanted.

An active, reliable man to travel and sell goods; permanent employment; expenses and salary. For terms and particulars address the R. G. Chase Co., 1430 S. Penn Square. Philadelphia, Pa., or J. F. Lewis, Somerset House, Somerset, Pa.

ASSIGNED TO PULPITS.

Appointments Made by the Pittsburg United Evangelical Conference.

The Annual Conference of the United Evangelical Church, which had been in session at Conemaugh, Cambria county, since the middle of last week, closed Monday morning. The following assignments were made in the Allegheny, Franklin and Somerset districts:

Allegheny District.—D. P. K. Lavan, Presiding Elder; Armstrong, J. A. Shaffer; Brookville, G. W. Finnacy; Cherrytree, J. H. Booser; DuBois, C. D. Slagle and supply; Indiana, F. J. Strayer; Johnstown—Willow Street, A. J. Bird; Bedford Street, P. D. Steelsmith; Derby Street, G. C. McDowell; Grove Avenue, F. W. Ware; Fairfield Avenue, J. W. Domer; Mechanisburg, H. M. Cook; Marchand, W. H. Cramer; Portage, D. R. Miller; Troutville, G. W. Imboden; Worthville and Heathville, J. L. Mull, and Westover, A. F. Berkey; William Houpt and M. H. Shannon, members of Mechanicsburg Quarterly Conference; J. Ream, member of Troutville Quarterly Conference; S. M. Weaver and M. L. Weaver, members of the Willow Street Quarterly Conference; L. E. Baumgardner, member of Indiana Quarterly Conference; Theodore Bach, member of Fairfield Avenue Quarterly Conference.

Franklin District.—J. J. Carmany, Presiding Elder; Alum Bank, J. G. Wise; Barkeyville, David Berkey; Clarendon, S. H. Barlett; Crawford and Conneaut Mission, A. B. Day; Dempseytown, J. C. Powell; Franklin, A. J. Beale and supply; Hawthorne, A. C. Miller and supply; Lickingville, B. F. Feit; McKean, H. W. Yard; Oil City, A. C. Mock; Red Bank Mission, D. M. Baumgardner; Shenango, S. V. Carmany; Salem, M. E. Borger; Venango, Samuel Milliron; E. Beatty, member of Dempseytown Quarterly Conference; G. W. Cupp, member of Venango Quarterly Conference; J. C. Hadlock, member of Crawford Quarterly Conference.

Somerset District.—J. Q. A. Curry, Presiding Elder; Bedford, D. J. Hershberger; Berlin, N. Frank Boyer; Conemaugh, F. M. Brickley; Cambria, Philson L. Berkey; Fairview, Samuel B. Rohland; Greensburg and Claridge, E. W. Rishel; Hyndman, W. W. Elrick; Indiana Creek, M. V. DeVaux; Jennertown, T. J. Barlett; Juniata, N. L. Miller; Ligonier, D. L. Yoder; Morgan, J. H. Wise; Mt. Pleasant, A. L. Burket; Salisbury and Rockwood, F. E. Hetrick; Scalp Level, S. M. Cousins; Somerset, John N. Garner; South Fork, F. D. Ellenberger; Pittsburg, F. W. Barlett; Frank P. Saylor, member of Somerset Quarterly Conference; W. A. Reininger, member of Hyndman Quarterly Conference; D. S. Poling, member of South Fork Quarterly Conference; C. H. H. Steward, member of Greensburg Quarterly Conference.

IS THIS ANOTHER FAKE?

Startling Proposition Made by a New Yorker to Baker Heirs.

A startling proposition has been made by a New York man to the Baker heirs of the United States. He has offered to produce the evidence that would secure the Baker estate to the heirs for a share of the proceeds. He did not ask for money; said he would not sell his papers, which included the original ninety-nine year lease so much talked about, a deed and a government grant, but would prove the ownership of 614 acres of valuable Philadelphia property for a proportionate share. He says:

"I will furnish them abundant proof that they are entitled to certain lands in Philadelphia, and will prove the same before any court; I ask for a share in the estate as my reward. I am not a Baker and would therefore have my pains for nothing. I hold in my possession (here he produced several old and faded papers) the key to the situation. I know where the property is and how it can be obtained. I don't want to sell my secret and will not for any amount of money, but I want an interest in what I secure for these people."

The Big Minstrel Co.

Manager Casebeer informs us that he has booked the Gus Sun Rising Minstrels at the Opera House for Friday evening, September 22. The company travels in its own $10,000 Pullman Palace car, and numbers thirty-five people, headed by the famous comedian, Henry J. Yorkey, assisted by an able corps of singers, dancers, musicians, acrobats, burlesquers, European novelties, and last, but not least, Mr. Gus Sun, the wizard who has astonished two continents with his wonderful joggling and balancing. The engagement promises to be a record breaker, and a program of unusual merit. Seats on sale at Neff & Casebeer's Jewelry Store Wednesday morning, September 20th. Admission 25, 35 and 50 cents.

He Has a Mouth For Pie.

MULVANE, Kan., Sept. 16.—A dainty proposition in pie, measuring four feet nine inches long, two feet wide and an even twelve inches high, was presented to Private Arthur Philips, who returned home to-day after serving a year in the Philippines with the famous Tenth Pennsylvania Regiment. The hungry and homesick boy wrote from the trenches near Manila that he would give a month's pay for "a wedge of mother's pie." A local baker volunteered to bake the giant pie, and it proved to be the chief feature of the great street demonstration given in honor of Philips' safe return.

The Fighting 142d.

"The Fighting Tenth comes from a fighting section of the country," said an old veteran to a Connellsville newspaper man. The One Hundred and Forty-second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, recruited in this section of Pennsylvania and mustered into the United States service in August, 1862, under command of Col. R. P. Cummins, went into the field with 935 officers and men. The records of the War Department show that the regiment suffered a loss in the Battle of the Wilderness of 25 officers and 522 men killed or died of wounds. Disease carried off 98 more, and two officers and 152 men were captured. Total loss 809 out of 935. There were but two other regiments in the service that suffered more severely than the famous One Hundred and Forty-second."

This regiment was made up of three companies from Somerset county and one each from Fayette, Westmoreland, Mercer, Union, Monroe, Venango and Luzerne. It was commanded by Col. Robert P. Cummins, of Somerset county. Company H, the Fayette county company, was recruited at Connellsville and was commanded by Capt. J. M. Dushane, who lives there yet to tell the horrors of Libby Prison life. The regiment first engaged in action at Fredericksburg, where 250 out of 532 men were stricken down in a single hour. It fought at Gettysburg on the 1st and 3d of July with conspicuous bravery, losing 141 killed and 84 missing. From the spring of 1864 until the close of the war the regiment saw fierce and frequent fighting and met with the severe losses referred to by the veteran whose words were quoted above.

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 has many imitators but no equals for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, nervousness and general debility. The Bitters sets 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.

Went Too Far.

A decision has been handed down by Judge Love, of the Centre county, Pa., court, involving the question as to whether a sheriff, in making or attempting to make an arrest, may take or destroy private property of innocent third parties and avoid liability therefor.

In this case an action of trespass was brought by the owner of the house against the sheriff and his deputies to recover for the loss of the dwelling, which was destroyed by the sheriff and his deputies in an attempt to arrest W. R. Ettinger, who was charged with having killed Constable Barner on March 6, 1896. Ettinger, who was in the house with his wife and two children, kept the sheriff and deputies at bay with a pistol. After consultation by the sheriff with his counsel, it was determined that the only way to rout the occupants of the house and secure the arrest of Ettinger was to burn the building. A special deputy was sworn in to fire the building, the sheriff procured combustible material, and the building was fired and practically destroyed. The inmates were driven out by the flames and Ettinger shot and killed himself.

The court came to the conclusion that the sheriff had no right to destroy the property.

Allegheny Lutheran Synod.

The Allegheny Lutheran Synod will hold its fortieth annual convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Somerset, beginning September 28th and continuing until October 3d. Business relating to the Lutheran Church work of the General Synod, churches within the bounds of this district, will be transacted. The Synod embraces Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Clearfield, Huntingdon and Somerset counties, in which are located 59 city, town and country pastorates, 150 churches, 14,688 communicants, 142 Sunday Schools, 1950 teachers and officers, 13,909 scholars, 3,310 members of young peoples' societies. Sixty-one clergymen compose the Synod, and each pastorate is expected to send one delegate to the convention. The opening address will be delivered by the President of the Synod, Rev. E. S. Johnston, of Salisbury.

In Somerset county there are 51 Lutheran congregations with 4,950 members; 51 Sunday Schools with 667 officers and teachers and 4,263 scholars.

All sessions of the convention will be open to the public, and visitors are invited to attend.

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