The Somerset Herald.

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WEDNESDAY October 4, 1899.

Thirty recruits enlisted by Lieutenant Bean for the Forty-sixth Regiment left Saturday for Framington, Mass.

The only remedy in the world that will always stop itchiness of the skin in any part of the body. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store, 50 cents.

Thos. F. Jenks, the Williamsport Custom Shirt maker, will be in town Friday, October 6th. Persons wishing good shirts will make no mistake in giving him their orders.

The annual reunion of the Army of the Potomac will be held in Pittsburg, October 10th 12th. The B. & O. will sell excursion tickets one fare for the round trip for this occasion.

To entitle a person otherwise qualified to vote, he must have paid a state or county tax within two years, and at least 10 days before the election. The last day for paying taxes, to secure the right to vote at the general election in November, will be the 6th of October.

All newspapers that publish the result of chancing off articles violate the law and make themselves liable to have their papers thrown out of the mail bags. All persons advertising and selling tickets of chance violate the laws of Pennsylvania and make themselves liable to fine and imprisonment.

Bedford's new reservoir, work on which was begun in April, 1898, was completed Monday, September 25. It has a capacity of 20,000,000 gallons. There will be a constant supply of pure water. This is the fourth reservoir that the town has built. The new reservoir cost $16,500. The town has spent $120,000 on its water works.

A curious coincidence is reported from Greensburg. James Farrall was taken to his apartment after being injured by falling from a freight train at Hillside. In the same hospital is Frank Wilson who was convalescing from typhoid fever. Farrall and Wilson were both tried for the murder of old Henry Bonnecke in Blair county and convicted.

Adolph W. Oppell, the postmaster at Hyndsville, Juniata county, who is under $20,000 and who was arrested on the charge of using canceled stamps, has brought suit against the Postoffice Department for $10,000 damages. He claims the charge was false and it injured him in his business. The alleged canceled stamps, he says, were merely damaged by water.

This region was visited Saturday night by an unusually severe frost, considering the season of the year. A few flakes of snow fell Saturday morning but they did not serve as an admonition to gardeners and as a result all kinds of garden truck and foliage plants were frozen black. A few shade trees, notably the walnuts about town, were completely denuded of leaves by frost.

Union county has the distinction of having the September courts suspended by order of Judge McClure, it appearing that there are no cases for trial in the Court of common pleas, few returns from Justices of the peace for minor offenses requiring immediate attention, no unfinished indictments, and the sheriff was directed to notify the jurymen summoned to appear that their attendance was not required.

Salisbury's crack band arrived here Saturday noon and that evening played a delightful concert on the public square. Probably five hundred people enjoyed the music and each number was followed by a round of applause. The Salisbury band enjoys an enviable reputation and is easily the best musical organization of its kind in the county. The band serenaded Assemblyman Koontz, F. J. Kooser and other private citizens during the afternoon.

In the case, in York county, in which William Ester, Mayersville, was charged with wilfully deserting his wife, the evidence revealed the fact that Mrs. Ester was a morphine fiend for a period of about fifteen years. Her weekly expenditure for it was 80 cents. Her husband said that his wife's condition became so intolerable that he could not live with her. Judge Stewart ruled that the desertion was justified and that he would not order the husband to pay any money to his wife in order to permit her to indulge in her craze for morphia.

Mrs. Kline, relict of the late Benjamin Kline, died at her home in Jenner township, on Wednesday, at an advanced age. The deceased was a daughter of 'Squire Abram Beam, late of Jenner township. Her husband died six years ago. The following children survive: Henry Kline, of Dale; Jacob, Joseph, William, and Frank, of Jenner township; Kate, wife of Henry Bruner; Minnie, wife of George Friedline, and Tillie, wife of Levi Friedline, also of Jenner township. Besides the above twenty-nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive. Mrs. Kline was a faithful member of the Reformed Church since girlhood.

We have often heard the old saying, "It is cheaper to move than to pay rent," but according to the following, this rule will not hold good: A decision recently handed down by the supreme court says that a landlord can compel his tenant to come to his office and pay his rent. He need not look up the tenant and ask: "How about that little matter?" but can sit down, sue and get judgment against him. A landlord telephoned his tenant last January and asked him to come around and pay his rent, but the tenant said "come and get it." More words passed, with the result that both engaged lawyers. It has just been decided in the landlord's favor, and it cost the lessee $26 to find this out.

George M. Winters, who was found guilty two weeks ago in the Bedford county court of selling liquor without a license, etc., got the following salty sentence: For selling liquor without a license, to pay a fine of $500, costs of prosecution, and be confined in the county jail for a period of three months; for selling liquor on Sunday, to pay a fine of $50, and be confined in the county jail for a period of twenty days, to be computed from the expiration of sentence in preceding count; for selling liquor to minors to pay a fine $50 and be confined in the county jail for a period of twenty days, to be computed from the expiration of sentence in preceding count, and for gambling, etc., to pay a fine of $5, costs of prosecution, and to be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of ten days, to be computed from the termination of sentence imposed in the charges of selling liquor. The docket costs in this case amount to $782 68.

The large store building of John T. and Theodore Ravenscraft, at Sand Patch, was badly damaged by an explosion of gunpowder about nine o'clock Friday morning. Adjoining the store building there is, or was prior to the explosion, a one-story warehouse, which contained, among other articles of merchandise, several packages of gunpowder, weighing probably three pounds in all. The can containing the powder were on a shelf immediately over a box containing several cases of matches, and it is conjectured that the matches were ignited by mice and the fire communicated to the powder, which resulted in an explosion. The roof of the warehouse was blown off and carried a distance of twenty feet, the building was splintered and broken and all of the window panes were shattered. Theodore Ravenscraft had been in the wareroom only a short time before, and together with several other men was in the storeroom when the explosion took place. Fire broke out immediately after the explosion, but the flames were quickly subdued by citizens who hurried to the scene. The loss will foot up several hundred dollars.

Rev. H. H. Flick, of Acident, Md., is visiting at his old home near Lavansville.

Mr. Marcellus Holbrook, of Springfield, Mo., is spending a few days with Somerset relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Carothers left Thursday for Clinton county, where they will remain for two weeks visiting with relatives.

Miss Rose Dennison has returned home after spending a month at the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Pickling, in Johnstown.

Silas Hechler, aged 62 years, died at his late residence in Middlecreek township, September 30th. Interment was made in the Lutheran Church cemetery at New Centreville.

Messrs. Arthur Barkley and Edward Shaulis, of Jefferson township, have returned to Cincinnati, where they will resume their studies at the Eclectic Medical College in that city.

Rev. John N. Garner is the new pastor of the local United Evangelical Church charge, having been appointed to succeed Rev. Lavan, recently appointed Presiding Elder. Mr. Garner preached here Sunday.

Mrs. Nancy Barret, aged ninety three years, died Monday at Wellsville, W Va. She was an original member of Bishop Campbell's Church of the Disciples. She raised to adult life eight adopted children.

Messrs. D. P. McAllister, Jacob C. Deitz and John C. Miller left last evening for Harrisburg, where they will represent the Lincoln Club at the convention of the League of Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania, to be held in that city to-day.

Rev. S. S. Stouffer and wife, of Fayette county, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Stouffer's parents—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Morrison—near Bakersville. Rev. Stouffer devoted several days last week to attending the Lutheran Synod in this place.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. Henry N. Cameron will be glad to learn that they will continue to reside here for at least another year, Rev. Cameron having been reassigned to the local Methodist Episcopal pastorate, at the Annual Conference.

Messrs. Simon and George J. Krebs left Monday morning for Washington for the purpose of witnessing the presentation by the President of the sword voted by Congress to Admiral Dewey. The senior Mr. Krebs will go to Baltimore and Philadelphia before returning home.

Miss Hallie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Ogle, left last evening in company with her relative, Mrs. Rebecca Hornsby, for Louisville, Ky., and after remaining for a few days in that city will go to Washington, D. C., where she will visit for several months at Mrs. Hornsby's residence.

Rev. A. J. Dunlap, of Tyrone, formerly pastor of the Shanksville Lutheran charge, was in town last week attending the sessions of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod. Rev. Dunlap was a "fighting parson" during the war of the rebellion and is mighty proud of his G. A. R button. His many Somerset friends were glad to greet him.

William Queer, of Wilson, West Va., and Mrs. Savilla Moon, of Mountain Lake Park, Md., are guests at the home of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McAlister, at Listie. They will remain in this county for three or four weeks, and after spending a few days at the McAlister home, will visit with relatives in Brothersvalley township.

Mr. M. D. Reel, the Republican nominee for Prothonotary, spent several days last week and is here again this week renewing his acquaintance with voters from various sections of the county, who have business with the court. He expresses the opinion that the vote polled throughout the county on November 7th will be larger than is usually the case in an "off" year and that the Republican majority will equal that of the last Gubernatorial election.

Messrs. C. S. and L. W. Vannear were in town for a few hours Saturday. Since they retired from the management of the hotel bearing their name the Vannears have been living in Jenner township, where they own a large body of timber land. It is probable that they will increase their efforts to get the timber into market, now that sawed lumber of all kinds commands nearly double the price it did six months ago.

Mrs. Uriah Rayman, aged forty-five years, died Thursday morning at her late residence, Brotherton, Brothersvalley township, from diabetes. She was a daughter of the late Ananias P. Miller, who removed from Brothersvalley township to the west a number of years ago. She is survived by her husband, the merchant at Brotherton. Deceased was an exemplary christian lady and her untimely death will be lamented by all who knew her.

When Amos Hoyle, the popular section foreman on the S. C., learned Saturday morning that his son John was among the volunteer soldiers recruited by Lieutenant Ross he visited that officer and asked to have the young man relieved from going to Manila on the grounds that he is a minor. Lieutenant Ross communicated the facts by wire to the War Department and that afternoon received word to have the elder Hoyle make affidavit that his son was under age and in case of his doing so to release the aspiring young soldier. Hoyle made the required affidavit and escorted his boy home.

Mr. E. W. Weimer, youngest son of the late John H. Weimer, and Miss Lulu Shafer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shafer, were united in marriage at 7:30 last Thursday evening at the Park Hotel, Johnstown, by Rev. Henry N Cameron, of the Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. Cameron was in Johnstown attending the sessions of the Pittsburg Conference, and as Miss Shafer is the organist of his church, the young couple decided to go to that city and have him perform the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Weimer returned to Somerset Friday and have gone to housekeeping in the pretty new residence erected by the groom on West street.

Second Lieutenant Moses R. Ross, of the Forty-sixth U. S. Volunteers, who opened a recruiting station at the Hotel Vannear ten days ago, has enlisted seven men up to date. He has had about twenty applications but the following named are the only ones who successfully passed the rigid physical examination: Howard Weaver, Listie; Charles J. Geist, Connellsville; John P. Glotfelty, Confluence; John W. Hoyle, Listie; James F. Davis, Listie; Irwin H Lowry, Meyersdale and Harry McCann, Listie. They will leave for Framington, Mass., as soon as their transportation arrives from Washington. Lieutenant Ross will remain at the Hotel Vannear for several days and probably for a week yet for the purpose of receiving applications and examining recruits for his regiment.

A wedding that was a surprise to all save the participants was solemnized at nine o'clock last Thursday morning at the Disciple parsonage, when Miss Eva Bauman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bauman, became the bride of Mr. John A. Colborn, only son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Colborn. The ceremony was performed by Elder Daily and was witnessed by only the immediate families of the bride and groom. The wedding had been set for the latter part of this month, but when Mr. Colborn learned that he could not secure leave of absence at that time from the Adjutant General's office, in Washington, where he fills a clerkship, the event was accordingly advanced. The bride and groom took the 10 o'clock train for the National Capital, where Mr. Colborn has secured a furnished house and everything ready to go to housekeeping. Upon their arrival at their new home they found a magnificent dinner set, among the many presents that had been sent by Mr. Colborn's Washington friends.

TIME AND MONEY

Wasted on Court Trials of Trivial Offenses Against the Law.

"LUTZ" PIPER GOES TO THE "PEN."

The average cost of holding court per day is $55, and this sum does not include the salary of the President Judge, the per diem charges of the Associate Judges, and the fees of the District Attorney. It can not, therefore, be other than a matter of regret to the taxpayers of the county that they are compelled to bear even a fraction of the expense created by the trial of criminal cases such as consumed the greater portion of the time of the court last week.

As an illustration of the needless expense imposed on the taxpayers of the county we cite the case in which a boarding-housekeeper lodged an information against one of her guests, charging him with defrauding her out of a bill of $2 20. The defendant was arrested almost three months ago, and in default of bail was committed to the county jail, where he remained an expense on the taxpayers of the county up until last Thursday, when he was placed on trial. He was promptly convicted and sentenced to pay a small fine, the costs of prosecution, and undergo thirty days' more confinement in jail. It is perhaps as needless to add that the defendant is penniless and without friends, otherwise he would have settled with his landlady before going to jail, as it is to state that he will be discharged upon serving his term of imprisonment under the insolvent law. At all events the taxpayers of the county will have to pay in the neighborhood of $100 for the satisfaction the landlady may derive from having made a determined effort to collect a board bill of $2 20. While we are not disposed to find fault with the landlady or the sworn officers of the law, we are compelled to denounce the system under which such an action can be brought into court, consuming the time of court and jury, as outrageous. With proper legislative enactment all but a half score of the fifty-odd cases calendared for trial last week could have been disposed of by Justices of the Peace, and the taxpayers thereby relieved of paying the expense of holding numerous sessions of court.

Of the cases tried last week that of the Commonwealth vs. Lewis Pifer, charged with aggravated assault and battery, on information of his wife, was the most serious. Some two or three months ago Pifer went to his suburban residence in Showmantown, adjoining Somerset, bowled up with whisky. His wife mildly rebuked him for violating a promise he had made not to drink another drop, whereupon her liege lord proceeded to demolish the household furniture, with startling results. In fact, there was not a whole article of furniture left in the house, not excepting the milk-crocks, when Lewis finished up the job, according to the averment of his wife. Housekeeping having been thus summarily disposed of, Mrs. Pifer sought employment as a domestic, entering the service of Mr. R. R. Roberts. Pifer visited his wife at the Roberts residence and promised to abstain from drinking and save his earnings, when, in case of his keeping his promise, his wife agreed to resume housekeeping with him about the time the bluebirds reappear next Spring. Lewis went to McKee's Rocks, near Pittsburg, where he secured employment at $3 per day, but, after laboring for a few weeks, his longing for the old domestic life became so strong that he concluded to return home. Arriving at Rockwood he swallowed several potions—probably "jerked lightning"—before continuing to Somerset. Arriving here on the 23 of September, he straightway sought his wife, who extended the index-finger of her right hand, declining to permit Lewis to caress a larger portion of her anatomy. This unexpected, cool reception chilled the ardor that had been burning in Lewis' bosom, and it seems that all of the "pizen" he could pour into his stomach during the ensuing forty-eight hours failed to rekindle the flame. Monday morning he was heard to indulge in threats against his wife's life, and the same day he endeavored to secure a revolver wherewith to carry his threats into execution. The subsequent proceedings are best told by the victim, Mrs. Pifer: "I arose about 6 o'clock Tuesday morning," testified Mrs. Pifer, "and went to the well and filled the teskettle with water. Returning to the kitchen I turned on the gasoline and was in the act of striking a match when Mr. Pifer came in, and, picking up a heavy oak chair, struck me, cutting a deep gash in my head. He struck me a number of times over the shoulders and body, and then left. I was confined to bed for several days. I had heard of his threats, and Monday 'swore my life' on him, but he was not arrested." Several witnesses were called who corroborated the prosecutrix's statement, before the defendant was permitted to take the stand. Lewis insisted on telling the whole story leading up to the assault, and, in spite of all the attorneys on both sides could do to keep him quiet, succeeded in making his statement to the court and jury. He alleged that he was consumed with jealousy, and, upon finding that his wife preferred the company of another to his, he decided to bid her good-by and commit suicide. It was, he solemnly declared, for the purpose of giving his wife good-by that prompted the visit to Roberts' kitchen. Instead of Mrs. Pifer's greeting him with tear-stained cheeks and moist eyes, as he had fondly hoped she would, he was greeted with taunting comments about his fancied rival and the legs of a chair the woman hurled in his face. He acted in self-defense throughout, according to his own statement of what took place that morning. The defendant's statements on cross-examination did not dovetail with his previous examination, and he was forced to admit that after quitting the Roberts premises he went to the home of his brother-in-law—"Pete" Miller—where he fired three shots into his cranium with suicidal intent. Fortunately, Lewis' marksmanship was bad, and the bullets lodged under the skin and were easily removed. From Miller's he went to the grove below town, and the same afternoon came back to town and gave himself up to the Sheriff. It required less than five minutes' time for the jury to arrive at a verdict of "guilty in manner and form as indicted," and Friday morning Lewis was called up for sentence. Judge Longenecker delivered a caustic lecture to the prisoner before sentencing him to "pay a fine of $10, the costs of prosecution, and to undergo two years' imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary." Lewis appeared to be unaffected when sentence was imposed, but he realized what it meant Sunday morning, when Sheriff Hartzell removed him from the jail to the "pen."

Dr. U. S. Musser, the well-known physician, whose vicious habits have apparently destroyed a bright and useful career and caused him to take a place, on more than one occasion, in the criminal dock, was found guilty of assault and battery, on information of W. J. Penn, a resident of Berlin. Musser had also lodged an information against Penn, charging him with a similar offense, and the jury, evidently thinking that the county should not pay for the trouble between the parties, imposed two thirds of the costs of prosecution upon Penn, and one-third upon Musser. The fight between the principals to the cross suit grew out of a kraut-cutter, which Musser had borrowed from a neighbor, and which Penn is alleged to have sought to borrow from Musser's wife. They got together at 5 o'clock one morning in the stable of Penn, where Musser alleged Penn assaulted him, and Penn alleged that Musser had opened hostilities, both claiming to have acted in self-defense. Musser was bound over in the sum of $1,000 to keep the peace, and, owing to his inability to procure bail, was sent to jail.

E. V. Babcock, the head of a big lumber firm doing business in Ogle township, was defendant in a case charging assault and battery, on information of a huckster named Kimmel, of Bedford county. From the evidence adduced it appeared that Mr. Babcock, who keeps a general store at his lumber camp, had made several purchases from Kimmel, and when the prosecutor undertook to dispose of the remainder of his produce to the regular customers of the Babcock store, the defendant ordered him off the lumber company's premises. A quarrel ensued, which the prosecutor declared was unprovoked, but which the defendant said was caused by Kimmel's making an effort to draw a revolver and calling him names not used in friendly conversation. At all events, Babcock dragged the huckster from his wagon and when the "mill" was over it was clearly apparent that the vendor of fruit and poultry had had the short end of the argument. The jury found the defendant guilty, and he was sentenced to pay a fine of $10 and costs of prosecution.

Another Ogle township case was one in which H. A. Troxall was prosecutor and a fourteen-year-old lad named Berkeybile the defendant. Defendant was charged with burning a blacksmith shop, and several witnesses for the Commonwealth testified that he had confessed to the crime alleged in their presence. Other witnesses averred that the defendant had a grudge against the owners of the blacksmith shop because his (defendant's) wages were paid to his father. The defendant declared that if he had set fire to the building he was unconscious of having done so, alleging that he was drunk at the time and that one Riffle had supplied him with the intoxicating liquor. His statement appears to have been accepted by the jury, since they returned a verdict of not guilty, and placed the costs of prosecution on the prosecutor.

The parties to the boarding-house case referred to in the introductory of this article were Mrs. Elizabeth McKendrick and Thomas McFee, both parties boiling from Windber. The defendant owed Mrs. McKendrick a balance of $4 20 when he left her house, but he left his mining tools and some clothing in the landlady's keeping, which he considered equivalent to the debt. His brother paid $2 of the $4 20 due Mrs. McKendrick, but she was determined to have the last penny coming to her if there was any way of getting it. McFee was convicted of intent to commit a fraud, but Mrs. McKendrick was put to the trouble of coming to court, and considerable expense, without recovering the coveted $2-William.

A case from Elk Lick developed the fact that it had been lodged in the wrong court, and instead of the prosecutor bringing an action in the criminal court, he should have sought redress in a civil suit. R. S. Garrett, superintendent of the Merchants' Coal Company, lodged an information against two young men named Statler and another named Millirron, charging them with malicious mischief. The prosecutor claimed that defendants had destroyed the usefulness of an icehouse of which his company claims to have a lease, while the defendants set up the plea that the ownership of the building was in them. The costs of the case were placed on the prosecutor.

A Paint township assault and battery case against Aaron Seese, Daniel Yonker and Lawrence Grush, on information of Adam Yost, brought a large number of witnesses to court, but the case was settled before being called for trial.

Albert Berkebile appeared as prosecutor in a case against Albert Riffle, charged with furnishing liquor to minors. The prosecutor is the father of the defendant mentioned above acquitted on a charge of arson, while the defendant was a witness for the Commonwealth in that trial. The jury returned a verdict of guilty and Riffle was sentenced to pay a fine of $10, the costs of prosecution and to undergo twenty days' imprisonment in the county jail.

Lutherans in Session.

On Thursday evening the opening sermon of the Allegheny Lutheran Synod, held in the Lutheran church, was delivered by the President, Rev. Johnstone, of Salisbury, after which the Synodical communion was observed by the members. About sixty-five clergymen were in attendance and about twenty lay delegates from as many different congregations were received as members of the Synod on presentation of their credentials.

It was formerly the custom for private parties to entertain the members of Synod at their homes, but of recent years this practice has been permitted to die out, and as a result the members of this year's session were obliged to seek entertainment at the local hotels. This was not on account of any lack of hospitality on the part of the people of Somerset, but was in accordance with the expressed desire of a number of the leading members of the Synod.

The Synod proper held its first session Friday evening. After a brief devotional service, Rev. B. S. Dice, the secretary, called the roll, when forty-six clergymen responded; others came in during the session. The reading of the President's annual report followed. From it was learned that one member of the Synod—Rev. J. R. Focht—had died during the year; ten clergymen had resigned their charges; four were received into the Synod; six were installed into vacant pastorates; two corner-stones for new churches had been laid—at Meyersdale and Scalp Level; two new churches were dedicated—at Elkton and Pleasant Valley; improvements had been made to a number of church edifices, and that vacancies exist in five charges.

Committees were appointed and reports heard, after which the question of reapportionment and collection of benevolent funds for the Synod was taken up and vigorously debated.

The work assigned to the various committees showed that the members exerted their best efforts to present them in good form and thus avoid unnecessary discussion.

Revs. B. B. Collins and L. N. Fleck, and Messrs. Wetzel, Colvin and Ramey were elected to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary.

Visitors representing church institutions were Dr. Luther Albert, of Philadelphia, for Pastors' Fund; Rev. H. H. Weber, of York, Church Extension; Dr. McKnight, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania College; Rev. A. S. Hartman, of Baltimore, Board of Home Missions; Rev. Warner, Selin's Grove, Susquehanna University; Rev. Campbell, Mechanicsburg, Irving College, and Dr. Keedy, Hagerstown, Kee Mar College.

Dr. L. B. Wolf, missionary in India, gave two excellent lectures on "India; Its People and the Mission Work There."

The next session of the Synod will be held in September, 1900, in the First Lutheran Church of Altoona.

A Great English Statesman's Secret.

The secret of a celebrated English statesman's long life was his systematic way of eating. Every bite of food was chewed thirty times before swallowing. The result was he naturally enjoyed good health. Most men and women bolt their food and eat things which were never intended to be eaten. They become costive, have a bad complexion, lose flesh, are irritable and nervous, and the first thing they know they are "played out." It is gratifying to know that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters cures stomach troubles. It is a purely vegetable medicine that has stood the test for many years. It cures cases which seem to be hopeless. Sufferers from any disorder of stomach, liver or bowels should try it.

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SILVER ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. J. J. Welch's Twenty-Fifth Year in the Friedens Lutheran Pastorate Appropriately Celebrated.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Rev. J. J. Welch's pastorate in the Friedens Lutheran charge was appropriately celebrated last Thursday. October 1st twenty-five years ago he preached his first sermon as pastor of the Friedens church. His charge at that time was composed of Friedens, Wills, Stoyestown, Horner and Hoffman congregations—a very large charge for one minister. Five years later it was deemed proper to divide the charge, and Rev. Welch continued to minister to the Friedens and Wills congregations. A short time thereafter the Shanksville congregation desired his services, and he became their pastor for several years. Thus did Father Welch minister to six congregations and it has been his pleasure to see three flourishing pastorates formed from the seed he nurtured.

Time has dealt gently with Father Welch. He bears the weight of sixty years with comparative ease, and notwithstanding the multifarious duties he is called upon to perform, he has learned to grow old gracefully. Not only as pastor, but as counselor and friend has he made an impress on the community in which he has lived so long and labored so unselfishly, and it was for these reasons that his friends decided to commemorate his twenty-fifth anniversary as pastor of the Friedens and Wills congregations in a fitting and substantial manner.

Thursday was an ideal autumnal day and representatives from the several congregations once served by Father Welch, as well as from churches of other denominations, gathered at the house of worship where his voice has strengthened and comforted his flock for so many years. The people of the entire community joined the throng in honor of him whom all had learned to esteem and respect and helped to make the occasion a memorable one.

At 10:30 o'clock, after the choir had rendered an appropriate anthem, the program published in a recent issue of the HERALD, was taken up. The addresses covered all that could be said in commendation of Father Welch's usefulness and activity during the years intervening between 1874 and 1899. An address not on the program was delivered by Dr. Richards, of the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, who had been delegated to present Father Welch with a purse containing more than $500 on behalf of his many friends. Father Welch was noticeably affected by the many kind words that had been said in his honor and was entirely unprepared to receive this generous testimonial, but he bravely conquered his emotions and in a few feeling words thanked all who had contributed to the pleasure of the occasion.

To the committee in charge of the arrangements and to the people of Friedens all who attended the anniversary are indebted for the generous hospitality shown them on last Thursday, a day that will forever linger in their memory.

Father Welch has handed us the following for publication:—

Card of Thanks.

As many of my kind friends who gave us such a substantial "lift" could not well be present on the day of our "Silver Anniversary"—celebrating our twenty-five years' service in the Friedens pastorate—I take this means of expressing my sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and all for their kindly act of beneficence, and trust that the generous donors may realize to the fullest extent the Scriptural declaration that it is even more blessed to give than to receive; and may the Giver of all good greatly enrich them with every temporal and spiritual blessing.

J. J. WELCH.

SPLENDID CONCERT PROMISED.

Concert Orchestra, Assisted by Leading Vocalists, Will Give an Entertainment Tuesday, Oct. 10th.

An entertainment under the auspices of the Concert Orchestra, will be given in the Opera House Tuesday evening, October 10th. Prof. Richard Cannon, one of the most popular tenors of Pittsburg, and Prof. James Hetzel, the well-known local baritone will participate, and Miss Helen Fisher will give several recitations, in addition to the numbers to be supplied by the orchestra. Every resident of Somerset has good reason to feel proud of the orchestra, for it is without doubt the finest musical organization we have ever had in town. The various musicians have all reached a high state of proficiency, but only after diligent work and at considerable personal sacrifice of time and money. During the summer months the orchestra has given a series of free concerts, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed by the public. We bespeak a crowded house for the orchestra next Tuesday evening. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents. Tickets will be placed on sale Monday morning at Neff & Casebeer's.

Give the Children a Drink

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October 6 is the last day for the payment of taxes in order to vote at the coming November election.

Blackjacked and Robbed.

Charles Hetzler was lodged in jail Sunday to answer a charge of highway robbery preferred by William Rice, of this place. Rice and Hetzler had been together Saturday evening when it is claimed that Rice exhibited a roll of money. About 9:30 o'clock he started for his home on Gravel Hill. Hetzler volunteered to go with him, saying that he would continue on to the Highland Inn. The two men started west on Main street, several people having seen them together passing the Somerset House. Shortly after they crossed West street and when beyond the glare of the electric street lamp Rice claims that Hetzler assaulted him with a blackjack, knocking him down and cutting several ugly gashes in his head. When he recovered himself his money, about $34 was gone, and so was Hetzler. It is claimed that several people living in the neighborhood witnessed the assault. Sunday morning Rice and two or three companions visited the house occupied by the Hetzler's on the Stoyestown road, a short distance north of town for the purpose of seeking an explanation of his conduct and to try and recover the missing money. The woman at the house said that Hetzler was sick in bed, but while she was parleying with Rice and his friends Hetzler was seen making his way for the woods back of the house. The party followed and soon overtook him. Hetzler declared that when he and Rice were traveling toward the Highland Inn Saturday evening they were both assaulted by two or three unknown men and that he got away as soon as he could. He denied that he had attacked Rice and relieved him of his money. Hetzler was induced to come to town and when he arrived here he was arrested on a warrant charging him with robbery and assault and battery and in default of bail was sent to jail. It is claimed that Hetzler's record is bad. He was released from jail only a short time ago.

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An Ordinance.

An ordinance authorizing the issue of Bonds by the Borough of Confluence for the purpose of building and installing an Electric Light Plant for public and commercial lighting of said borough.

Whereas under the provisions of the Act of Assembly relating to boroughs, approved April 3, 1851, (P. L. 320) and its several supplements, as well as the Act of Assembly approved 26th May, 1861, (P. L. 91) relating to electric lighting in boroughs, the said borough may under its corporate powers, supply such wants, and whereas the Act of Assembly approved April 30, 1874, (P. L. 65) and June 9, 1881, (P. L. 122) and their several supplements, confer the authority upon the several boroughs within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through their corporate officers to create an indebtedness for any lawful purpose not exceeding seven per centum of the amount of the last preceding assessed valuation of the taxable property therein taxable for county purposes.

Therefore, be it ordained by the town council of the borough of Confluence, and it is hereby ordained by the authority of the same that an ordinance with the provisions of the said several Acts of Assembly, that for the purpose of building and installing an Electric Light Plant for public and commercial lighting, in the said borough as the needs of the said borough of Confluence may require, the bonds of the said borough of Confluence to the amount of Five Thousand ($500.00) Dollars (the same with the indebtedness of the said borough already existing being within the seven per cent. limit fixed by law) shall be issued and negotiated at not less than their par value, in such manner as shall be deemed advantageous to the said borough and in accordance with the law relating to the increase of municipal indebtedness.

The proceeds of the said bonds, or as much thereof as may be needed, shall be applied to the building and installing of an Electric Light Plant for public and commercial lighting in the said borough of Confluence.

The said bonds, when issued, shall be known as Electric Light Bonds and shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum. But if after due advertisement thereof it be found that they can not be negotiated at such rate of interest or lower, then they the said bonds, may be issued at any rate of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum.

The said bonds shall be issued in denominations of not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars each, and the interest thereon shall be paid semi-annually on the first days of April and October of each year at the office of the Treasurer of the said borough in Confluence, Pa. The said bonds shall have the proper seal of the borough affixed thereto and together with the interest coupons thereto attached, shall be duly signed by the Burgess and be duly attested by the Secretary of the town council.

The said bonds shall be duly numbered and may be registered in the minute book of the town council in the name of the person or persons to whom they have been issued.

If the said bonds be so registered (which may be optional with the holders thereof) ownership thereof shall only pass by a proper assignment on the back thereof, duly attested by two witnesses, notice of such transfer to be given forthwith to the Treasurer of said borough of Confluence.

The said bonds shall be made redeemable and payable within Thirty Years from the date thereof, and they shall also contain a clause giving the said borough of Confluence the right to call in and redeem them at any time after a given period.

The town council of the borough shall levy each year a tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest on the bonds and to provide a sinking fund through which the said bonds may be redeemed and paid within the period set for their redemption.

And provided further that no bond shall be issued under the provisions of this ordinance until after the assent of the qualified electors of the borough of Confluence to the proposed increase of indebtedness shall have been given in the manner provided for by law.

Passed the 16th day of September, A. D. 1899.

FRED KOONTZ,
President Town Council.

Attest:—
ORVILLE FIKE,
Secretary Town Council.

The foregoing ordinance was submitted to B. A. Fichtner, Burgess, and by him vetoed.

At a meeting of the town council held on the 2d day of Oct. 1899, the said veto of the Burgess was duly considered and the ordinance was duly passed, notwithstanding his objection, by a vote of one more than a majority of the whole council.

FRED KOONTZ,
President.

Attest:—
ORVILLE FIKE, Secretary.

LEGAL NOTICE.

To Phenice Walter, of Davenport, Nebraska; Annie White, residence unknown; John Walter, residence unknown.

You are hereby notified that in pursuance of an Alias Writ of Partition issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., I will hold an inquest on the premises on the real estate of Wm. Hauger, dec'd, situate in Brothersvalley township, Somerset Co., Pa., on Saturday, the 18th day of November, 1899, when and where you can attend if you think proper.

M. H. HARTZELL,
Sheriff's Office, Sheriff.
Oct. 4, 1899.

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