The Somerset Herald.

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DAY SET FOR MEYERS' HANGING.

Governor Designates Thursday, January 11th, for the Execution of the Murderers of Michael Carney and John Lenhart.

CONDEMNED MAN DEEPLY MOVED.

Thursday morning Sheriff Hartzell received from the executive department at Harrisburg a large, official envelope containing the death warrant for Samuel Meyers, twice convicted of murder in the first degree, for the killing of Michael Carney and John Lenhart, at Somerset, on September 20, 1898. After reading over the instrument, which designated Thursday, January 11, 1900, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m., as the time for execution, the Sheriff proceeded to immediately discharge the duties resting upon him, and accompanied by several newspaper reporters went to the cell of the condemned man, in order to read the fateful document to him.

Meyers was leaning against his cell when the Sheriff and reporters entered, and when they bade him a pleasant good morning, his listless expression gave way to a smile of recognition.

"I have sad news this morning for you, Sam," said the Sheriff, as he removed the official document from the envelope. "The Governor has issued your death warrant and I will have to read it to you. Come you walk out into the light."

While the Sheriff was adjusting his glasses Meyers stepped across the corridor and with his back against the prison wall and one foot resting on a chair, looked over the Sheriff's shoulder as the document was read. When the trying ordeal was almost half finished the condemned man's foot dropped from the chair with a resounding jerk, but he quickly replaced it and stood like a graven image until after the Sheriff had folded up the warrant and put it back to replace it in the envelope, when, turning to those around him, he said: "It's a nice thing when you can see in your heart that this is all on account of lies."

After a moment's silence he asked the Sheriff to lend him 10 cents, saying that he wished to write several letters and did not have money to buy postage stamps. He was given the money.

As soon as the visitors were about to depart Meyers said, "I have been here just one hundred and four days," speaking in a tone that convinced all who heard him that he had counted the minutes, hours and days ever since his imprisonment began. He had made a miscount, however, as four hundred and seven days elapsed between the time he was brought to jail and the reading of the death warrant.

Sheriff Hartzell will retire from office on the first Monday of January, and it will devolve upon his successor, Sheriff James B. Saylor, to execute the murderer.

It is not likely that any further effort will be made to save Meyers' life, as the time for making an appeal to the Supreme Court has passed, and the few friends he has remaining have evinced no disposition to carry his case before the board of pardons.

Tailor-made Jackets.

The handsomest line of Tailor-made Jackets is at my store.

MRS. A. E. UHL.

Chew Ax Handle Plug. Biggest made.

A bay horse was stolen last Sunday night from the barn of William Friedline, near Stoystown.

Divine services will be held in the Lutheran church at Somerset next Sunday in the morning. At Lavansville at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Buy a dimes worth of Ax Handle, biggest Plug made to-day.

Mary Ogle Young, wife of Harry S. Young, died at her home in Johnstown, Pa., of a stroke Monday morning, from cancer of the stomach. Mrs. Young was born in this place Nov. 1, 1856, and was a daughter of Robert and Louisa Marshall, deceased.

Ax Handle Plug is going to be the greatest seller on earth because you get such a big piece of good tobacco for ten cents.

Harrison Barclay, the Greensburg soldier and member of the Tenth regiment who was severely wounded in the battle of Malolos, has recovered sufficiently to be brought home. The operation performed in the San Francisco hospital was successful, and within the past week the soldier has been able to sit up in bed.

"Little Colds" neglected—thousands of lives sacrificed every year. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup cures little colds—cures big colds too, down to the very verge of consumption.

Adam Keener, of York, Pa., who on Thursday night during the progress of a revival meeting created a scene by publicly confessing to having set fire to his barn on two different occasions, Friday paid over to a local insurance company agent $261.11, the amount paid him in settlement of the losses. The insurance companies agreed not to have Keener arrested.

Four cows belonging to Charles Scheidler, a farmer, residing near Lackawaxen, Pike county, got into the orchard and ate so many frosted apples that they became intoxicated. They staggered around in the field for some time and three of them were finally secured in a stable, where they lay down to sleep off their jags just like human beings in a case of that kind. The fourth cow held down a certain spot in the pasture field for two days and a night before she sobered up. A local veterinary surgeon pronounced the case drunkenness.

Edward Lowman, the telegraph operator at Garway, Cambria county, was hurt by an old army musket Saturday afternoon when the weapon exploded, tearing his left hand in shreds. He was alone at the time and trains were near the tower awaiting orders to move. With almost superhuman courage Mr. Lowman, after sending word of the accident to Tyrone, remained at his post, sending and receiving messages and dispatching trains until relief arrived from that town. When the relief operator arrived, Mr. Lowman was put on a special engine and carried to Hastings, where Dr. D. S. Rice amputated the mangled hand four inches above the wrist.

There has been a great deal of joking about the odd name of the place where Sir William White's English troops have been doing battle. As a matter of fact, says the Philadelphia Press, Ladysmith did get its name from a woman. She was the wife of Gen. Sir Harry Smith, whose marriage, by the way, was one of the romances of the Peninsular war. At that time two young British officers in a Spanish town, which had just been occupied by an English force, were surprised by a visit from two very young and beautiful Spanish girls of the better class. These fair callers begged protection in the alarming circumstances in which they had been placed by the occupation of the rougher soldiery. Their request was, of course, gallantly granted, and in a short time one of the officers, Capt. Smith, found himself desperately in love. In due time he married the woman whom he had protected. The marriage proved a happy one.

Don't fail to see "Imogene" at the Opera House, Friday night.

Dr. H. F. Marsden left Friday for his former home, Towanda, Pa., where he will visit for a week or ten days.

George Direly has purchased Charles Weimer's West Street residence, but will not secure possession until April 1st next.

Mrs. L. C. Colborn left Saturday morning for a brief visit at the home of her son John A. Colborn, in Washington, D. C. She was accompanied by her daughter Eleanor.

Mr. Frank Fluck, the well-known civil engineer and surveyor, has been permanently employed by the Reading Iron and Coal Company as engineer of their coal operations at Mostollar Station.

Mr. Dorsey Griffith, lineman for the Somerset County Telephone Company, and Mrs. Kate Clark, of Johnstown, were married yesterday in Johnstown, Rev. W. A. Shipman officiating. They will reside in this place.

Mr. Martin L. Shaffer, proprietor of the "White Palace Restaurant," and Miss Clara Keefer were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at the Lutheran parsonage, Shanksville, by Rev. M. S. Romig. Mr. Shaffer is now receiving the congratulations of his many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert E. Beachy, of Johnstown, former residents of this place, have gone to Philadelphia, where they will remain for some time at the residence of the latter's father, Mr. John J. Hoffman. Mr. Beachy will spend the winter at Lakewood, N. J., among the pines, in the hope of benefiting his health.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Benford, who have resided in the State of Iowa for the past thirty-one years, are here on an extended visit to friends and old acquaintances. During their stay in Somerset they will be the guests of Mrs. Frank B. Countryman, Mrs. Benford's sister. This is the first time the two ladies have met in thirty years.

Mr. Charles H. Trent, of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting at the residence of his venerable mother, on Main street. Mr. Trent, who is engaged in supplying bank and office furniture at the capital of the Badger State, makes an annual pilgrimage to his old Somerset home, which was delayed this year on account of a rush of business.

Samuel H. Dull, a well known citizen of Meyersdale, died at his late residence in that place Monday morning, aged 65 years. Several months ago he was stricken with paralysis. He leaves a family of grown children. Mr. Dull formerly resided at New Centerville, where he followed the trade of wagon-maker. He removed to Meyersdale about twenty years ago. He was a member of the Disciple Church.

Dr. U. M. Musser, of Berlin, who was committed to jail at September term of court in default of bail to keep the peace, was released on his own recognizance Thursday afternoon. On Friday he "bowled up" with whisky and that night would have perished from cold had not kindly-disposed persons, who discovered him asleep in the court house yard, informed the police officer, who locked him up for the night. Saturday morning he was recommitted to jail.

Between 150 and 200 young people attended an old-fashioned corn-husking at Edward Kimmell's, near Friedens, last Thursday night. After all the corn—200 bushels—had been husked, the barn floor was cleared, and all hands turned their attention to dancing, music being furnished by the Mostollar Orchestra. Mr. Kimmell feels grateful to his many friends for their kind assistance, while the guests present declare that they never had a more enjoyable time in their lives.

R. G. Hostetler, the hustling young carpenter of Trent, recently completed a new schoolhouse in Milford township, which has met with such general approval that he has been given the contract to erect another at Milford Station. He also recently finished an addition to A. B. Brugh's barn, at Trent, and last week superintended the removal of a dwelling-house at Garrett to a point 120 feet distant, and placing it on a foundation seven feet high. The house removed was the oldest in Garrett, and many persons predicted that Mr. Hostetler's effort would result in failure. During the past year Mr. Hostetler has superintended the removal of possibly a dozen dwelling-houses and barns in this and Fayette counties.

Henry and John T. Pritts, sons of old "Bill" Pritts, were given a hearing last Wednesday afternoon before United States Commissioner L. D. Beall, at Uniontown, on a charge of "moonshining." The witnesses were the three officers who participated in the arrest. The defendants were held in $1,000 bail for trial at the May session of the United States District Court at Pittsburg. George A. Pritts, a brother of old "Bill's," and George A. Adams are the bondsmen. George A. Pritts stated that his brother was shot in the leg while resisting arrest and a physician was called in to extract the ball. His wounds are not dangerous, so that the reading public may expect to hear of old "Bill" resuming business in a short time.

Alfred Evans, aged about 60 years, died at his late residence in Rockwood Thursday morning, November 2d, from a complication of diseases. He was confined to his bed for a long time. Deceased was a native of Bedford county, but removed to this county about 1871, since when he had been a resident of Rockwood. He was married to a daughter of the late David Younkin, of Milford township. He is survived by his wife and two daughters, the Misses Blanche and Emma. The funeral took place Friday afternoon, when interment was made in the Lutheran cemetery at New Centerville. Deceased served as Justice of the Peace of Rockwood for a long term of years. He was a man of great force of character and a high order of ability and enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him.

Mrs. Sidney Frost, aged about forty-three years, died last Tuesday night at the residence of her brother, John Snyder, on Main street. She came here from her late home, Huntington, West Va., about six weeks ago, suffering from a fatal malady, in order that her last hours might be spent with her aged mother and with her only brother, and in the hope that a change of scene might prolong her days. The remains were taken to Huntington for interment. Mrs. Frost was a granddaughter of Father Heyer, a Lutheran minister and missionary who was one of the pioneer preachers of that denomination in this county. She accompanied him to India when a young girl and remained with him while he served as a missionary in that distant land. Returning to America she married Mr. M. Frost, a newspaper writer and publisher of Cumberland, Md., and to them were born three children, two of whom survive. The eldest daughter died only a few months ago.

A prospectus of the coming County Teachers' Institute appears elsewhere. An innovation this year will be the exaction of a small admission fee to the several sessions from all save teachers, directors and representatives of the press. Superintendent Pritts has been prevailed upon to try this experiment as a means of rendering the institute of greater value to those whom it is meant to benefit. Heretofore the court room in which the sessions of institute are held has been found entirely too small to accommodate all who desired to attend, and as a result so much confusion ensued that the work of the instructors, brought here at great expense, has been interfered with and in some cases rendered ineffective. It is thought that this means of regulating admission will retard attendance on the part of only the very young and will meet with the hearty approval of all who have given the subject any attention. The money made in this way will be turned over to the Children's Aid Society, a deserving local charity that has done much to relieve orphaned and destitute children.

GLESSNER MURDER NO LONGER A MYSTERY.

Harry Weller and Milton Sheets, Aged 18 and 19 Years Respectively, Confess That They Committed the Crime.

MAKE CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS.

Sheets Put on a Bold Front, but Finally Weakened When He Learned That Weller Made a Clean Breast of it.

The mystery surrounding the murder of Augustus Glessner, who was found in a dying condition on the public road a mile and a half from Berlin on Sunday morning, October 29th, has been cleared up.

Harry Weller, aged eighteen, has made a full confession, admitting that he was an accessory before the fact, but he places the blame for the foul deed on Milton Sheets.

Milton Sheets, aged nineteen, has also made a full confession, but claims that he was lead into the awful crime by young Weller.

Both of the self-confessed criminals are in the county jail, where they are not permitted to communicate with one another.

Young Weller had been under surveillance by detective James Egan, of Pittsburg, who was employed by the county authorities to ferret out the murderers of Glessner, for more than a week. Yesterday morning Egan interviewed several of Weller's young companions with the result that Reed Marshall agreed to pump Weller.

Marshall not only succeeded in getting Weller to make a full confession, but induced him to visit the scene of the tragedy and recovered the bludgeon that had caused Glessner's death. After securing a confession from Weller, Marshall took him before Justice of the Peace Robert Heffley, when it was decided to bring him here to jail. Egan soon learned that Marshall had secured a confession from Weller implicating Milton Sheets, who was employed as a toby roller at Bob Cober's cigar factory in this place, and he telephoned Sheriff Hartzell to place Sheets under arrest before starting for Somerset.

Sheets was arrested by Deputy-Sheriff Postlethwaite about seven o'clock. He was with a crowd of men and boys on the streets waiting for the election news, when the officer told him that he was wanted.

Sheets asked what offense he was charged with and when told by the officer that he did not know what the charge was, he quietly accompanied him to the the county jail where he was locked up.

Justice Heffley and Reed Marshall arrived at the jail with young Weller about 8:30 o'clock. The prisoner, a pleasant-faced lad, frankly repeated the confession he had made to Marshall and Heffley. He said that he was inIvely's restaurant on the night of the murder when Glessner entered. While Glessner was eating Sheets came in, and asked him to go along and follow Glessner and take his money. Weller then described how they had followed their victim out of town, Sheets stopping at Brubaker's barn to get something with which to strike Glessner and finding only an empty beer bottle; also, how they had taken a round-about way coming onto the road ahead of Glessner, and how Sheets had concealed himself when Glessner passed. Continuing he said that he had asked Sheets whether he meant to hit Glessner with the bottle, and that he had taken the bottle from him and thrown it away. Sheets, Weller said, stopped at the house of Jere. Swartzendruber, where he secured a stick of fire wood. After this Weller claims that he refused to go any further, but waited about four hundred yards from where Glessner was assaulted until Sheets returned. He says that Sheets took a five dollar bill, two silver dollars and a lot of small change from Glessner, and that he gave him two dollars. According to Weller they then hastily made their way back to Berlin through the woods and graveyard, arriving home after mid night. The following morning when the news of Glessner's murder became noised abroad Weller says that he went to Sheets and asked him, "how can you hold up your head so high after what you did last night," and that Sheets threw his arms around his waist before answering: "I'm breaking you in young; the old s— of a b— ought to have been killed long ago." Weller also said that Sheets told him that after striking Glessner twice he had rolled his body from the road.

Weller spoke with entire freedom and without hesitation, and after he had told his story of the mid night tragedy went quietly with the Sheriff to the upper corridor of the jail where he was locked up.

His confession was made in the presence of the District Attorney, Sheriff Hartzell, Detective Egan, Squire Heffley and at least ten other persons.

Weller's statement is confirmed by the fact that he conducted Marshall to the exact spot where the beer bottle was recovered, and further by the fact that he aided in recovering the piece of firewood.

After Weller had been locked up Sheriff Hartzell, Deputy Sheriff Baker, Detective Egan and a representative of the HERALD visited the cell occupied by Sheets. Sheets was in bed, but at the request of the Sheriff he came out into the lighted corridor, where he seated himself in the only chair. After a few preliminaries, Egan asked him, "How often did you hit Glessner?"

"I didn't hit him at all," promptly responded the prisoner.

Egan then told him that Weller had made a clean breast of the murder and that he might as well tell the truth. Sheets dropped his head, which is covered by a heavy shock of hair, worn in the style of football players, and appeared to be in deep meditation for a few moments, and when Egan again addressed him he said, "I only hit him once."

Sheets said that Weller came to him in Diveley's restaurant, where Glessner was eating cheese and crackers, and asked him if he had seen Glessner's wad of money. Sheets replied that he had not, when Weller remarked, "He's got a good bit; let's hit him." Sheets corroborated Weller's story in regard to their having followed Glessner around the streets of Berlin, but denied that he had stopped at Brubaker's stable, where Weller says he secured a beer bottle. He also denied that they had got ahead of Glessner on the road, but admitted getting a stick of firewood at Swartzendruber's and afterwards sneaking up behind Glessner and striking him over the head. He was greatly agitated when he reached this point of his statement, claiming that when he struck Glessner Weller was about twenty feet away and that he did not know whether Weller had struck Glessner or not. He claims that they got only $4 and that they made an even divide. He also said that he had thrown Glessner's pocketbook away.

Sheets' statement of the happenings of the evening preceding the murder does not accord in a number of particulars with statements made by Weller in his confession.

The residents of Berlin were not acquainted with the fact that Weller had made a confession until he was well on his way to jail, but it is reported that great excitement followed when it was learned what he had done. Weller's parents, who enjoy the respect and esteem of all their neighbors, it is said did not learn of their boy's arrest until after he was lodged in jail.

Sheets is also a native of Berlin, his parents being highly respected residents of that place. For a year past he has worked in Somerset. He left here for Berlin about eight o'clock on the night of the murder. Sheets was tried in the criminal court about a year ago on a charge of stealing cigars from his employer, Chas. C. Shafer, of this place.

Since the murder of Glessner Sheets has been in Somerset, and although his name was used in connection with the crime, few persons who knew him thought him guilty of the awful deed to which he has confessed.

Somerset County Teachers' Institute.

The forty-third annual session of the Somerset County Teachers' Institute will be held in the Court House during the week beginning Monday, December 4, 1899.

Below is given a list of the talent engaged for both day and evening sessions. The talent engaged is of the very best, and assures the teachers a full week of beneficial instruction.

On Monday evening Dr. Thomas McClary will lecture on the "Mission of Mirth."

On Tuesday evening "The House that Jack Built" will be the subject of a lecture by Dr. Ward Beecher Pickard.

On Wednesday evening the Ariel Ladies' Quartette will give a concert. They will be assisted by Karl Germain, (Magician.)

On Thursday evening Dr. Ferdinand Iglehart will lecture on "Brawn and Bread."

The day instructors consist of Dr. W. W. Black, Champaign, Ill., Dr. Henry Houck, Deputy State Superintendent, Dr. F. H. Green, West Chester, Dr. A. E. Maltby, Slippery Rock, Pa., Dr. Theo. B. Noss, California, Pa., and Prof. C. C. Case, Gustavus, Ohio.

Owing to the limited seating capacity of the court-room we are compelled to issue tickets, which the general public will be obliged to procure in order to gain admission to the sessions of the Institute. Teachers, Directors, and the Press will be admitted free of charge.

The tickets will be placed in the hands of the officers of the Childrens' Aid Society, who will sell them at five cents for each half-day session. The proceeds derived from the sale of these tickets will be given to the Society to aid them in their work.

This arrangement has been made somewhat reluctantly, as nothing would give us more pleasure than to admit all who might wish to attend, had we but room to accommodate them. Heretofore many teachers were unable to attend the sessions regularly on account of the great crowd in attendance, and we feel it a duty incumbent upon us to give the teachers the full benefit of the Institute.

E. E. PRITTS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rayman Seriously Injured in a Runaway.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rayman, who live near Shanksville, were seriously injured in a runaway accident last Thursday afternoon, while on their way to Brotherton with some marketing. They were driving a three-year-old mare, which became unmanageable, and threw them from the vehicle in which they were riding with terrible force. Mr. Rayman sustained a number of cuts and bruises on the head, and a cut on one leg, which exposed the bone. His right thumb was crushed and bruised, and he was otherwise painfully injured. Mrs. Rayman's jaw was broken, her nose mashed until the bones protruded, and a number of her teeth were loosened. She also sustained a number of bruises on her back, and it was feared that she had sustained internal injuries which may yet result in death. Mr. and Mrs. Rayman were both so badly injured that they were unable to give an account of the accident. The runaway took place near the Flamm schoolhouse, and was witnessed by a number of persons, who ran to the assistance of the unfortunate couple and carried them back to their home. Later, Dr. John Garman, of Berlin, was called in to attend to their injuries. It required about twenty-five stitches to sew up Mr. Rayman's wounds. Mr. Rayman is one of the leading farmers of Stonycreek township, and his many friends throughout the county will be pained to learn of his misfortune.

Output of the Klondike.

No one will ever know exactly how much gold was taken from the Klondike fields the past season. Since the English Government imposed a royalty, the miners have adopted all sorts of ruses to evade the law. It is rather difficult to dodge taxes, but it is more difficult to dodge a bad cold and the grip at this time of year. When the system is weakened by such attacks, and the blood becomes thin and impoverished, the best medicine to take is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This remedy builds up the system. Besides regulating digestion, it overcomes constipation. It is good for the kidneys and liver, too, stimulating these organs into the proper performance of their functions. Nothing is so good for malaria.

Exhibit No. 5—Telegram.

PHILADELPHIA, October 27.
(Delayed in transmission.)

J. A. BERKEY—

"My Dear Chairman:" Arrangements were made Oct. 21st to have Barnett, Penrose, Elkin and McCarrell address a Republican meeting at Somerset on evening of Nov. 2, under auspices of Lincoln Club. No thought of making any change in these arrangements was ever entertained. You got badly bowled up in your exhibits. Please do not publish further exhibits without first "comparing notes" with Kountz, Ken-doll und sell onner mon os Ich si nauma nau vergesse—Koozaire—(Excuse French.)

Yours for 1900,
REEDER.

Millinery Opening.

Mrs. Lou Cohen, the leading milliner of Johnstown, will have an opening of Fall and Winter Millinery, latest foreign importations, at the Somerset House on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 14th and 15th.

Stock Company at Opera House.

"Imogene, or the Witch's Secret," a four-act drama, will be produced at the Opera House, Friday night, by the Somerset Stock Company, under the management of Mr. C. D. Casebeer. The drama is based on a strong plot, with plenty of comedy running through it. Pleasing specialties by the following well-known local artists will be introduced. Herbert Lambert will sing his latest "coon" songs. C. E. Pile will interrupt the proceedings with Irish songs and dances. The "Casino Quartette"—Messrs. Sanner, Kantner, Swank and Lambert—will be heard in some of their popular successes. Instrumental music will be furnished by the Somerset Concert Orchestra, which alone will be well worth the price of admission. Tickets can be had at Neff & Casebeer's. Admission, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Shocking Accident.

Clara, the ten-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hixson, of Emmaville, Fulton County, was the victim a few days ago of one of the most heartrending accidents imaginable, and probably the first of its kind to occur.

Mr. Hixson owns and operates a steam grist mill at Emmaville. An iron shaft about two inches in diameter and several feet long, which connects the engine with the mill proper, crosses a path leading to and from the mill. Clara was passing under the shaft when in some manner her hair, which was plaited, caught and wrapped around the shaft, running at the rate of several hundred revolutions a minute. Almost instantly the child was whirled around in the air and thrown several feet away. She jumped up and ran around a moment or two as if crazy. Her father, who witnessed the accident, ran and caught the child up in his arms, when he discovered that the entire scalp was torn from her head, one ear was severed, and the skin of the larger part of the face and nose terribly lacerated.

The attending physicians say the case is without a parallel so far as they know. Though the child is conscious, the pain is so great that she is not expected to recover.

It Was a "Corker."

Republican Meeting Under Auspices of the Lincoln Club Greatest Ever Held in the County.

RED FIRES BURNED AND BANDS PLAYED.

Court House Would Not Accommodate One-Fourth of the Enthusiastic Republicans Who Turned Out.

PENROSE, ELKIN AND McCARRELL SPOKE.

The Lincoln Club, which has been a thorn in the flesh of certain conspicuous party disorganizers and self-seeking politicians, added another feather to its cap Thursday evening when it conducted the largest and most enthusiastic Republican meeting ever held in Somerset county.

It was a great night for Stalwart Republicanism; for the kind of Republicanism that loyally and earnestly supports duly nominated candidates; for the kind of Republicanism that fights boldly and honestly, and that abhors a secret enemy with a knife up his sleeve for candidates other than his own choosing; the kind of Republicanism that despises the paltroons who, in the hope of winning favor, debase themselves and crawl on their bellies before party leaders whom they have denounced and traduced and whose poisoned fangs sting with vicious malignity when their duplicity is exposed.

For months past the recognized leaders of the "fakirs" and the "fake" journals, have in season and out of season denounced Hon. Boies Penrose, United States Senator from the State of Pennsylvania, as the "arch-enemy" of the Republican party; they have held up to public scorn Attorney-General John P. Elkin, of the State of Pennsylvania, as one of the signers of the so-called "infamous" indemnity bond, while State Senator Samuel J. McCarrell has been the subject of their vilification and abuse ever since he introduced in the Legislature of the State the so-called "iniquitous McCarrell bill."

Is it conceivable that honest men, acting in good faith with the people whom they claim to represent and speak for, could have the effrontery to invite the three distinguished State Republican leaders named to address a meeting held under their auspices? We think not. While it must now be clearly manifest to every intelligent voter in the county who thinks and acts for himself that the "holier-than-thou" professions of the self-seeking and ambitious "fake" leaders and "fake" journal have been the gauziest kind of a sham, and that they would debase and stultify their manhood in order to ride into power.

The Lincoln Club, a member of the Pennsylvania State League of Republican Clubs, created and organized for the purpose of advocating the great principles of the Republican party, when it saw duly nominated Republican candidates for State and County offices assailed by a treacherous and secret enemy, the issue clouded by false alarms and an unholy attempt made to belittle the heroic services of one of Pennsylvania's gallant defenders, followed the path of duty, and if it succeeded—as it unquestionably did—in destroying the hypocritical disguise behind which the enemies of the Republican party were hiding, the Club has a right to feel that its vigilance was rewarded.

Several hundred active Republicans from far-off districts arrived in town early Thursday and spent the day with their county-seat friends. The Berlin band put in an appearance at three o'clock, and from then until dusk entertained the crowd with their best music. At six o'clock a special train from the north arrived, bringing several hundred Stalwart Republican voters and the Friedens band, and at 7:30 o'clock a special train from the south, carrying the pent up enthusiasm of Salisbury, Elk Lick, Meyersdale, Summit, Berlin, Brothersvalley, Stonycreek, Rockwood, Black, Milford, Middlecreek, and Upper and Lower Turkeyfoot townships, six hundred strong, arrived, and, headed by the Meyersdale band and the Somerset drum corps, fell into line and marched up to the public square, where they helped to swell the cheering thousands already assembled. The streets leading from the railroad station up to the public square were brilliant with the glare of hundreds of red lights, while a storm of Roman candles and rockets illuminated the sky. The roar of giant crackers and the blare of trumpets filled the air with ear-splitting blasts, while cheers for the "Lincoln Club" and "Stalwart Republicanism" were shouted from several thousand pair of vigorous Republican lungs.

Senator Penrose, Attorney-General Elkin and Senator McCarrell enjoyed the scene from the balcony of the Hotel Vannear, and all declared that never before had they witnessed such enthusiasm, or beheld so large a crowd of voters in a town of the size of Somerset.

While the scenes described were being enacted on the streets hundreds of ladies and gentlemen, anxious to hear the "spellbinders" discuss the issues of the campaign, made their way to the court house and thirty minutes before the meeting was called to order every available inch of space in the large court room was occupied. Hundreds, yea, thousands of Republican voters who were unable to gain admission to the court house, thronged the streets and cheered the boys who kindled a huge bonfire in front of the soldiers' monument.

Hon. William H. Sanner presided at the meeting, and upon taking the chair made a few felicitious remarks, stating that one of the tenets of the Lincoln Club is exacting loyalty to duly nominated candidates of the Republican party, and non-interference at Republican primaries, where every member is at liberty to exercise the right of individual choice. This statement was greeted with a round of applause, satisfying evidence that the Republican voters present heartily approved the Club's position on that particular point.

Senator Penrose was warmly greeted when he arose to speak. He said that during his trip across the state from Philadelphia he was reminded of a former visit he paid Somerset three years ago, when evidences of poverty and starvation were to be seen all along the route, while now every mill and factory is crowded with skilled labor at good wages, and the change in scene gave rise to the question: "Has the Republican party kept its pledges." The Senator was interrupted by jolly "Doc" Daynes, who lead the applause following hundreds of affirmative responses to his query. With the exception of a brief reference to the foul attacks made by the Democratic and insurgent press on Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett, which he hotly denounced, Senator Penrose spoke entirely on National issues and the future possibilities of the American Republic.

Attorney-General Elkin, whose boyish, smiling face looks like the "peach" that he is, captured the vast audience with one of his inimitable Irish stories, after he had paid a graceful compliment to the Somerset county youths he had known as school mates at the Indiana Normal. He said that it was a great pleasure to address such an intelligent audience as he saw before him; that he liked enthusiastic Republicans, the fellows who are always working for the good of the party and for Republican candidates, but that he had no sympathy for the class claiming to be Republicans who were always candidates for office and never willing to do anything for Republican supremacy, except to make an occasional stump speech. "That kind of campaigning," he said, "never has or will win Republican victories. It is the enthusiastic, horn-blowing, hard-working party workers who keep the spirit of Republicanism alive, and who are satisfied to get an office if they can, but who are loyal Republicans even when they can't." Mr. Elkin then entered upon a discussion of State issues, citing facts and figures from the official records disproving the charges made by the Democratic and insurgent orators and press. He pointed out that when the Democrats had control of the State government in 1890 they had appropriated only $300,000 to the public schools and contrasted their action with that of the Republicans who since coming into power steadily increased the public school appropriations until in 1895 it reached the magnificent sum of $5,500,000. He commended Governor Stone for cutting $1,000,000 from the school appropriation, declaring that his action was both prudent and wise when he was confronted with the alternative of creating a state deficit, and when the purpose—supplying free text books—of the additional appropriation of $500,000 annually for four years had been accomplished.

Mr. Elkin quoted a statement attributed to Mr. Cressy, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, that "when Gov. Pattison left the executive chair there was a balance in favor of the people of $5,500,000." Commenting on it he said:

"The term of Gov. Pattison closed in January, 1885. The books of the state treasurer show that on the 1st of January, 1885, the total balance in the general fund of the state treasurer at that time was $2,988.44. At that particular time we owed in unpaid school appropriations and obligations outstanding more than $3,000,000, so that if all the available funds in the state treasury at the time Gov. Pattison retired from office had been applied to the payment of the obligations of the state there would have been a deficit of several hundred thousand dollars."

Mr. Elkin then proceeded to show that as a result of Democratic control of national affairs the market value of the securities of corporations taxed by the state had declined and as a consequence the state received less revenue from them. As a result of McKinley's election, however, values and assessed valuations have come up and already the state treasury deficit has been decreased more than $1,000,000 as the direct result of Republican control of our national policy.

"I hold in my hand the report of the state treasurer for the year 1898, which tells the whole story. Here it is: Educational, $6,831,436; charitable institutions; $843,800; indigent insane, $717,700; penitentiaries and reformatories, $302,583.70; departments, $652,135; judiciary, $609,841; legislature, $7,350; interest on public debt, $269,371.50; compensation to fiscal agent, $4,000; public printing and binding, $308,365; national guard, $350,000; miscellaneous, $226,720; new capitol building, $275,000; quarterly assignment to sinking fund, $100,000; 1 per centum tax on premiums of foreign insurance companies returned to cities and boroughs, $70,000; total, $11,628,302.70.

"It will be observed that more than 60 per cent of our net revenue in 1898 was paid out for educational purposes.

"The state under a Republican administration not only extends aid to our common schools, but sets apart a large amount of its revenues for such worthy purposes as aiding the Cornplanter Indians, normal schools, orphans' schools, schools for teaching the deaf and dumb, institutions for instruction of the blind, training schools for the feeble minded, museums and schools of industrial art, and some of the great universities of the state, of which we are so proud.

"Our charity extends to the children's aid societies, the asylums for indigent widows, societies for the protection of children from cruelty, societies for the improvement of wayfarers' lodges, humane societies, homes for aged and infirm women, homes for colored women and children, homes for destitute and friendless children, homes for ladies of the G. A. R., homes for soldiers and sailors, as well as the great hospitals located in every section of the state, which care for the unfortunate and afflicted, who have not sufficient means to properly care for themselves. In addition to this it will be noticed that we expended in 1898 $717,700 to care for the insane people of the state. Our penitentiaries and reformatories cost us $302,583.70."

Senator McCarrell followed with an address that evoked great enthusiasm. He hotly denounced Col. Barnett's traducers and then took up state issues not touched upon by Attorney-General Elkin, pointing out, among other acts of liberality by the Republican party, the fact that three-fourths of the state tax collected in the various counties is returned to the counties.

The meeting was a "howling" success from start to finish. The speeches were scholarly, brilliant and convincing. Every period was punctuated by enthusiastic applause, and at the close three hearty cheers were given for McKinley and for the Republican ticket.

The court-room was tastily decorated with flags and portraits of Lincoln, McKinley, Quay, Penrose, and Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett.

The unavoidable absence of Lieutenant-Colonel Barnett was a great disappointment to many of those who had hoped to meet and hear the gallant commander of the Tenth Regiment. Colonel Barnett had promised the Lincoln Club to attend the meeting, but at the last moment telegraphed from Williamsport, where he spoke Wednesday night, that the engagement made for him by the State committee to address a meeting at Lewisburg, Thursday evening, would have to stand.

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