The Somerset Herald.

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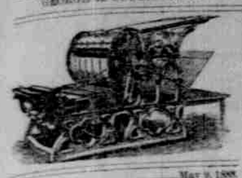

WEDNESDAY ..... May 9, 1888.

Buy your drugs at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Trusses a specialty at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Yesterday was one of the days when you could see the leaves and blossoms open.

Jack Hileman, of the Commissioners' office, wears the first straw hat of the season.

Oilcloth Trusses guaranteed for a period of three years not to break or rust, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

Experienced crosscut makers can secure a steady job by addressing James M. Cover, Jenner X Roads, Pa.

Eye-Glasses and Spectacles in all conceivable varieties and at all prices, of the celebrated "King" manufacturer, at Biesecker & Snyder's.

We have on hand a large number of good risk which we will sell in quantities to suit the purchaser. Prices very reasonable. Yard opposite the planing mill.

HOSANNOH BROS. & PARSON.

Persons contemplating going west will find it to their advantage to call on or address S. W. Pirking, Traveling Passenger Agent B. & O. R. R., Somerset, who will furnish them with all desired information. Can sell them to all points, and check baggage through to destination.

MEAT MARKET.—We have just added a new Refrigerator to our Meat Market, in which all meats can be kept cool and clean. Kettle beef, pork, &c., kept constantly on hand. Open daily. Parties buying meat can have it kept in the refrigerator until wanted.

ROSE DAVIS & CO.

Queensware and Glassware.

For the line of goods go to A. Benford & Son as they have the best line in town.

Found at Last.

That A. Benford & Son is the only firm in town that sells nine cakes of Grip Soap for 25 cents.

For Rent.

Comfortable offices on the first and second floors of the addition to Printing House Row. For particulars, inquire at this office.

Wanted

Immediately at the Glade House, Somerset, Penn., a first class cook, male or female. Liberal wages will be given to a competent person.

Oil and Gas.

Tell me get the oil, if you want it, without any extra charges. For an artistic shave or hair cut go to Kantner's Barber Shop. Plenty of clean towels and sharp razors always on hand.

Wanted for Cash.

One thousand tons of Rags, Bones and Iron; also old time boots and shoes for which the highest cash prices will be paid by CARNES & MOORE.

Johnstown Pa.

Wanted!

Hides, Furs, Bark. I will pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of hides, pelts and furs. I also want 500 cords of Rock Oak and Spice bark. 100 cords wanted at once.

H. G. CUNNINGHAM.

New Firm.

If you need a good Watch, Clock, or anything in the Jewelry line, go to Neff & Casebeer's. We also do all kinds of repairing promptly, and in the best workmanlike manner. Don't forget the place, No. 2, Casebeer's Block.

Wanted!

Dealers and all to know we have a full line of rakes, both hand and self dump, which we offer at prices to suit the times. Agents wanted to sell the Walker Rakes. Address

W. F. WALKER,
Somerset, Pa.

For Sale.

Eggs for hatching from prize winning S. C. Brown Leghorns, Bonny Strain. My breeding birds are from the yards of T. Lee and A. W. Adolph, Bridgeport, O., and are prize takers, also a few Poland Chinapigs. Breeders recorded in the O. P. C. R.

ROSS F. DAVIS,
Somerset, Pa.

Somerset Classis.

Members and others expecting to attend the annual sessions of Somerset Classis, to be held at the Beam Church, beginning on Wednesday, May 23, 1888, will please inform the undersigned at least five days before the meeting, so that all arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

I. N. BENDER, Pastor Ref.
Jenner X Roads, Pa.

The following letters and postals remain in the postoffice at Somerset, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office if not called for within ten days from this date, May 9th, 1888:

Bebel, Sam'l; Brachelenta, Peter; Christian, Albert; Cunningham, Miss Mary; Frederick, Lloyd; Flickner, Anthony; Grubb, Geo.; Hoskard, John A.; Immel, Mrs. Jno.; Lepe, David; Wilmer, Geo.; Walter, R. L.

J. K. COFFMAN, P. M.

Texan Ponies.

On account of the lateness of the season and the pasture being so poor, I did not have the Texan ponies which I have advertised to be on sale shipped to me at as early a date as I had first intended. The ponies were started from the ranche in New Mexico last week and will be at Rockwood on Friday, May 11th, where I will be pleased to have parties wishing to purchase call and examine them.

M. H. HARTZELL.

Latest Arrivals.

In carpets, a large lot of handsome and elegant coverings for framing pictures and, in connection, a large line of mouldings and a large lot of pictures very cheap. Hunt up your pictures that are lying around, getting dusty and soiled, and bring them to Fisher's Book Store to be framed. A beautiful line of frames just in.

The bright, glorious summer is at hand, and a prosperous year in store, therefore brighten up your homes by buying pictures and frames at Fisher's Book Store.

Confluence Items.

Farmers are planting corn. Some of them are through planting.

Some of the fruit has been killed by the late frost and snow. Apples are said not to have been injured as yet.

There is no sideshow the wheat crop will be very fine. Some of our farmers are not going to raise much wheat, owing to the small price it brings in the market. If we could sell one-half of the products of the land in England, as we would have to do if the tariff becomes a law, what would we be worth then? We sell nine-tenths of our products at home, when the laborer gets good pay for his labor, but chose our mines, mills and shops, and that will become of our home markets? Does the farmer want cheap laborers, such as in Europe, for his benefit, or well paid laborers, such as in America? Any sensible man can answer the question at once. Plenty of well paid laborers is a good home market, and that is what we want. Protection made it so.

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CONFLUENCE, Pa., May 5, 1888.

See Schell & Shivler's new advertisement.

A pension has been granted to John Lindemann, Meyersdale.

A pension has been granted to Andrew Werner, of New Baltimore.

Our friend Mr. Chas. H. Fisher was struck in the eye by a flying spark at Monday night's fire and, quite badly burned.

Our old friend Rudolph Kelley, of Allegheny township, paid the HERALD office a pleasant and profitable call Monday afternoon.

A horse dealer stopping at the Glade House was so prostrated on learning where the fire was, that he had to be carried from the burning building.

Somerset's leading clothier, Henry Hedley, has an important change in his large advertisement, to be found on the second page of this issue. It will pay you to give him a call.

Plant sunflowers if there is any place about your house where water is thrown out, and likely to become malarious. This plant has the power of absorbing malaria and purifying the atmosphere.

The licenses of Martin Grube, distiller; George Lagle, brewer, and the Keystone Bottling Works, at Huntingdon, expired on Monday. There is now not one licensed place, wholesale or retail, within the limits of Huntingdon county.

Mr. Hez. Zimmerman was one of the heaviest losers in Monday night's fire. His trunk containing notes worth five hundred dollars, a collection of old coins and other valuables was consumed, together with his entire wardrobe. His loss will reach $1,000.

Frank Calhoun, aged eighteen, of Conemaugh township, Indiana county, cut down a tree some days ago. When it was about to fall, Calhoun started to run. His foot caught in a root and he plunged forward, his head striking a stone, crushing his skull and caused his death in a few minutes.

Ex-County Commissioner Dumbauld started east last Wednesday with a drove of splendid draft horses, that he had bought up in different points in the county. Among the lot was a large iron gray, that was as handsome a piece of horseflesh as was ever seen in the county. He was raised by Mr. Wm. Hanna, "Uncle Billy," of Milford Township.

The HERALD congratulates itself that "congratulations are always in order," for while a little late in the day, we wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to our esteemed fellow-townsman, H. L. Baer, Esq., who was united in marriage to Miss Annie Schall on the evening of April 29th, at the residence of the bride's brother in Norristown, Pa. Mrs. Baer has many warm friends in Somerset who will welcome her as a prominent addition to our local society.

Since our last report marriage licenses have been granted to the following named persons:

Joseph and Mary J. Walker, both of Stonycreek Twp.

Nolon H. Sanner and Jennie M. Vanskiele, both of Ursina.

Newton B. Wilson and Ella Brant, both of Stonycreek Twp.

Harvey L. Griffith, of Meyersdale, and Linda Cupp, of Somerset Twp.

As an evidence that advertising in the HERALD'S local columns pays, in last week's issue we announced the loss of a pocketbook "containing valuable papers and a quantity of money," $130, that had been dropped on a public road by one of Somerset county's most prominent citizens, on the 26th of April. The HERALD was mailed Wednesday morning, and early Thursday morning an honest citizen from Quemahoning township handed us the lost pocketbook with all its contents to be returned to its owner.

Take one day in the cellar to throw out and carry away all dirt, rotten wood, decaying vegetables and other accumulations that have gathered there; brush down cobwebs, and with a bucket of lime give the walls and ceiling a good whitewash. No matter if you do not understand the business; no matter if you have not got a whitewash brush; take an old broom and spread it on thick. It will sweeten up the air in the cellar, the parlor and the bed chamber, and it will save your family from the affliction of fever, diphtheria and other diseases.

Possibly the saddest and most distressing accident that has occurred in Somerset for years, happened last Saturday evening just before dark when Mary, the little two-and-a-half year old daughter of George Witt, and grand-daughter of J. J. Tice, escaped her mother's attention and went into the yard in the rear of the house, where some men had been engaged making fence. She had only been gone about twenty minutes, when her mother started in search of her and was horrified to find the child in a post-hole, dead. The poor little thing had fallen into the hole head foremost and was drowned in a few inches of water that collected in the bottom.

The competitive examination for the naval cadetship appointment for this district, took place at Somerset Wednesday. The physical examination was conducted by the Board of Pension Examining Surgeons at the office of Dr. Brubaker. Prof. J. A. Berkey, Prof. N. G. Keim, and Capt. W. H. Sanner conducted the competitive examination, in the new school building. Five applicants had written. Mr. Scull that they would compete for the prize, but only three showed up for examination. They were, Alexander K. Hamilton, Johnstown; Daniel H. Rauch, Jennerstown, and Mullin Wayne, Altoona. They all passed the physical examination and underwent the examination as to their mental qualifications. The board reported to Mr. Scull that Mr. A. K. Hamilton had stood first best in the examination, and he will therefore receive the appointment. He will have to report at the Naval Academy for examination on the 15th of the present month.

While leaning over the show case in one of our principal groceries the other day making a selection of "mild Lynchburg" tobies, a dirty little hand, holding a penny between its fingers was extended up the side of the glass to the grocer, and a babyish voice piped out, "Please give me a cigarette." "Do you want it for yourself?" asked the grocer, who had evidently been studying the bill recently introduced into the U. S. Senate, prohibiting the sale of cigarettes to minors under 16 years of age in the District of Columbia, and believed with Senator Stewart that cigarettes are "destroying more youth than any one thing that is affecting the prosperity of the country. "No, sir," replied the child, who was so small that the grocer could not see him on the other side of the counter, "I want it for my big brother." He got the cigarette and departed, no doubt to inhale its smoke on the nearest store-box, and lay the foundation for a lung and throat disease. The number of cigarettes annually consumed in the United States shows the wide prevalence of the habit. 1,200,000,000 are annually manufactured, and 50,000,000 more are imported, without taking into account the number made by smokers themselves. This gives about fifty cigarettes to every male inhabitant. The great proportion of these are consumed by children and growing boys, who find no warning in the deaths that are annually reported from excessive cigarette smoking.

"What do you suppose the annual tobacco trade of Somerset amounts to?" inquired our grocer friend, without paying further attention to the cigarette incident. "I'll tell you. I've canvassed the matter carefully and based all of my estimates at the lowest possible figure, and find that in the town of Somerset not less than $25,000 is paid for tobacco every year."

"Why, that's more money than our people annually pay for bread?" was suggested.

"Yes, about one-third more," continued the wise groceryman, "and that's something for our good people to think about."

GLADE HOUSE IN RUINS.

NARROW ESCAPE OF THE OCCUPANTS.

The Most Disastrous Fire Since '76.

Somerset people rest uneasy at this season of the year, for thrice in the month of May have they seen their town almost entirely destroyed by fire. Last night's blaze was twenty-four hour's ahead of time, however, as the ninth day of the month has always witnessed the former big conflagrations. It was a few minutes before one o'clock this Tuesday morning, when Landlord Winters, of the Glade House, awoke to find his bedchamber filled with smoke, and upon opening the door discovered the dining-room on the opposite side of the hall a seething mass of flames. The ex-Sheriff at once sounded the gong hanging in the hall to awaken the sleepers on the three floors above, and hastily dressing himself paid a visit to all of the sleeping apartments of his house to see that all the boarders were up and prepared to escape. He was compelled to break open the door to a number of rooms, the sleeping occupants of which made narrow escapes with their lives. Meanwhile the cry of "fire!" was taken up by two or three men who chanced to be on the street, and they aroused the sleeping town. In a remarkably short time almost the entire population was collected in the public square, to stand helplessly by and watch one of the largest and best built country hotel properties in Western Pennsylvania licked up by the flames. He who would have predicted anything short of the destruction of the entire business portion of the town, would have been regarded as a chattering idiot, when the flames were seen leaping from the windows of the tavern and communicating with the Casebeer block on the opposite side alley.

The fight on the hotel building was abandoned early in the action as the flames had gained too great headway to be successfully combatted before their discovery. Very little of the household furniture was saved, and only a few of the boarders were fortunate enough to carry their baggage out with them. The last man was hardly out of the building when the heavy gravel roof fell in, bearing all the interior walls under it, and a few minutes afterward the outer walls crumbled to the ground.

Dozens of brave fellows mounted to the roof of the Casebeer building and they made one of the most daring and desperate fights against fire ever witnessed by our people. Think for a moment of window glass in buildings on the opposite side of the square, breaking into thousands of pieces from the intense heat, and compare it with the fearful heat endured in the face of the burning buildings. It is owing altogether to their persistent and untiring efforts that this large and well-built structure was saved from total destruction. The building is left, however, in a very dilapidated condition; the end next the hotel, containing the large and elegant store-room of Frease & Kooser is a complete wreck. All of the wood-work is charred and burned. In fact the store-room occupied by Frease & Kooser will have to be almost entirely rebuilt. The rooms over the store were occupied by the family of Major Alexander Stutzman and they are in as complete a state of wreckage as if they had experienced an earthquake. The Major succeeded in saving most of his household goods. The cornice and roof on the east end of the building is all burned away.

The large frame warehouse in the rear of Frease & Kooser's store—heavily stocked with provisions and farming implements—was consumed with all its contents, almost before anyone knew that the flames had extended to it. The escape of the Disciples' Meeting House, must be regarded as miraculous, when it is remembered that an immense barn stands between it and the hotel and connected by sheds with the hotel. It was a good fight the men made, who saved the church and barn from the embrace of the flames.

Mr. Winters is satisfied that the fire was the work of an incendiary, as it broke out in the dining room where there had been no fire of any description during the day or evening. Just before retiring for the night he had inspected the entire house, and he is thoroughly convinced that the fire could not have originated in any other way. Many other persons, who were early at the fire, are inclined to this belief and are satisfied that the veranda and halls were saturated with coal oil.

Fortunately for the property owners residing on the square between the Glade and Somerset Houses, not a breath of air was blowing and all the flames shot skyward, the only danger being from flying sparks setting fire to the many stables and outbuildings. Many of the residents, however, took the precaution to arrange their household effects for a hasty flight, while all of the merchants on the square removed their valuable goods.

The "Glade House" was rebuilt by Josiah Brant, Esq., after the destructive fire of 1872, and cost in the neighborhood of $30,000. Next to the Somerset House it was the largest hotel building in the county, and was one of the most substantially built and conveniently appointed hostelries in this section of the State. It contained fifty rooms, all of which were handsomely furnished by its owner, Mr. William J. Highbotham, who purchased it from Mr. Brant in April, 1884, and who conducted it from that time until the first of last April, when he leased the property to ex-Sheriff John Winters.

Mr. Highbotham had an insurance of $10,000 on the building and furniture, which will cover a little more than half his loss. Mr. H. arrived in town on the noon train, from his home at Confluence, in response to a telegram apprising him of his loss. In response to an inquiry he said that if he could make satisfactory arrangements he would rebuild the hotel property this summer.

Sheriff Winters' loss is about $2,000 on personal property, all of which he had insured up until the time he took charge of the hotel, when he unfortunately permitted it to expire.

The Casebeer Block is one of Somerset's largest and finest buildings, containing the large general store of Frease & Kooser, jewelry store and gents' furnishing store of Neff & Casebeer, residence of Mr. Wm. B. Frease, and rooms occupied by Major Stutzman and family. Frease & Kooser estimate their loss on stock at $2,000. They carry an insurance of $8,000, partly covering the large stock of goods carried at this season of the year.

Casebeer & Neff's loss will be small as the only damage sustained was caused by the hasty removal of goods.

Mr. Frease and Major Stutzman both suffer considerable loss from the removal of household effects. The building, owned by the heirs of Absalom Casebeer, is badly wrecked and it will require a large part of the insurance, $8,000 to put it in repair.

Fire Notes.

A night policemen might be a good thing after all.

The "bucket line" was a trifle late in forming, but it "got there" all the same.

Quite a number of the Glade House people were compelled to escape in their night clothes.

We heard of several citizens this morning who demanded ten dollars a head for helping a neighbor guard his house.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the men who fought and conquered the flames on the Casebeer building.

Park Kooser is very enthusiastic in his praise of the many people who assisted in saving their stock. It was brave work.

The Italian barber, "Antony," managed to save most of his shop furniture. He was looking for a new location this morning.

The flames prevented Jake Winters from escaping by the stairway of the hotel and he was compelled to drop from the first balcony into a blanket held by four stalwart men.

The telegraph pole standing at Casebeer's corner was a beautiful sight, all aflame from the ground to the top. Fortunately when the cross pieces were burned off and the red-hot wires dropped to earth nobody was hurt.

THE SOUTH PENN.

Meeting of the Stockholders to be Held To-Day.

The Pittsburgh *Chronicle-Telegraph* of Tuesday said the Pittsburgh stockholders received notice that a meeting of the stock and bond holders of the South Pennsylvania Company had been called for May 9th, at the office of F. L. Stetson, in New York. The meeting will be held "for such business as may come up, including business of special importance." The call is signed by F. L. Stetson, secretary of the reorganization committee. It was originally expected that this meeting would be held on the 20th of last month, but things were not ready, and it was postponed. The significance of this call is apparent. It shows that the differences are at an end between the stockholders, and the men who form the South Penn pool propose to build the road.

The meeting is called to consider the compromise agreement drawn up by Andrew Carnegie and signed by Carnegie, the Vanderbilts, Hostetter, Bagaley, and others. Mr. Carnegie objected to the agreement as drawn up by the Vanderbilts, and he was asked to prepare a scheme which would be agreeable to him. He did this, and the others signed it at once. This agreement was to the effect that the stockholders should reorganize the company, should at once pay in a 20 per cent. assessment, and that $10,000,000 of bonds should be issued. The sale of bonds and the assessment would bring in $13,000,000 which would easily finish the road. No water was to be put into the securities and they were to be gilt-edge in every way.

This agreement was put into the hands of Bangs & Stetson, the attorneys for the company, and signatures for $13,700,000 of stock out of $15,000,000 were obtained, the signers pledging themselves to furnish the cash required. About two-thirds of the proposed issue of bonds were subscribed for by the Vanderbilts, Hostetter, Carnegie, and Bagaley. At the meeting on Wednesday of next week it is expected that the outlines of the plans of reorganization will be made to put the road in the hands of contractors as soon as the legal preliminaries have been arranged. The Reading Railroad Company has been arranging for the building of the South Penn, and much of Austin Corbin's success in getting the refunding scheme through was due to the good prospects for the South Penn.

The Philadelphia *Record* of Saturday says: The revival of the South Penn scheme has caused the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to push its suit against the New York stockholders of the former corporation, asking for an injunction to restrain the defendants from exercising their full prerogatives as stockholders, alleging that such rights were relinquished by an agreement which had been made between the plaintiffs and defendants. An examiner will soon be appointed who will take testimony in this city and New York. Should the result be adverse to the South Penn stockholders they would be compelled to dispose of their stock.

CAN IT BE SQUELCHED?

The Pittsburgh *Dispatch* of Monday says: Mr. Ralph Bagaley, one of the most prominent Pittsburgh capitalists identified with the South Pennsylvania Railroad project, both in its original form and in connection with its reorganization, departed yesterday for New York, where he will, with the Vanderbilts and certain Pennsylvania stockholders of the road, confer on Wednesday for the purpose of effecting a final reorganization of the company, upon the terms recently published in the *Dispatch*. It is quite possible, however, that his departure for the East was hastened a day or two by reason of the fact that on Friday last the Pennsylvania Railroad Company very quietly instituted and filed a replication in the suit against the stockholders of the proposed new line, in New York. The South Penn people will, however, go ahead, it is said, and will hold a meeting in New York Wednesday to elect officers and make a permanent organization preparatory to giving out the contracts for work on the line.

Officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company look upon the revival of the South Penn scheme as a violation of the agreement made in the summer of 1885. The Vanderbilts and other New York subscribers of the South Penn at the time promised to sell their stock to the Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania has never relieved them from that promise. That was, that in order to put an end to the demoralization resulting from the actual competition of the West Shore with the New York Central, and the threatened competition of the South Pennsylvania with the Pennsylvania Railroad, the two stronger lines would swallow up the weaker. In the case of the New York Central and the West Shore, this was accomplished, but the proposed amalgamation in this state was defeated by the courts. The Pennsylvania people hold that, notwithstanding this prohibition, the Vanderbilts are morally bound to do all they can to carry out the main idea involved in the compromise. It is expected by the Pennsylvania officials that the suit now pending in New York will be sufficient to protect the interests of the company in the case.

The Pennsylvania asks for an injunction to prohibit the South Penn subscribers living in New York from parting with their securities or doing anything to interfere with the consummation of the agreement to sell to the Pennsylvania. In effect, the Pennsylvania, having been forbidden by the courts of this State to purchase the South Penn's securities, asks the courts of New York to forbid the stockholders selling to anybody else, or going ahead with the construction of the road. Should a decision be given in favor of the Pennsylvania, the South Penn enterprise will have to be abandoned.

An examiner will be appointed at once to take testimony, and hearings will begin within two weeks. They will be held in Philadelphia, and also in New York.

Some of the larger stockholders of the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company are large shippers over the Pennsylvania Railroad, the main line of which they propose to parallel. There is a suspicion that they are using the new enterprise as a club to force preferential rates on their shipments. They have broken out frequently during the last two years with threats of soon completing the construction of the new line, but they do not begin.—*Phila. Record.*

A Relic of George Washington.

A few days ago, while plowing a field, John Story, of Dunbar, Fayette County, Pa., unearthed a button covered with rust and of immense size. Thinking that he had turned up a relic of Revolutionary days, he placed the button in acids, and when the rust had been eaten away it was found that it was indeed a relic, and he has placed a price of $10,000 on his find. The button is about an inch and half in diameter, made of copper, and has the initials of George Washington, "G. W.," within a circle in the centre, bounded on the outside in a large circle with the words "Long Live the President." Outside of this last circle, or ring, is a complete chain of the thirteen original States, with the first letter of each State inclosed in one of the thirteen links. The button is at present in the possession of William Harrington of Dunbar.

Washington Letter.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, D. C. May 7, 1888.

The talk about the exciting encounter between Senators Ingalls and Voorhees, in the Senate last week, has subsided somewhat, but is still discussed more or less in and about the Capitol. The general verdict is that the affair was the most noteworthy incident of legislative proceedings known since war times. The universal opinion is that no man was ever more mercilessly annihilated than was Voorhees by the Senator from Kansas. The Indiana Senator has not been in his seat in the Senate since the day of the encounter. The Republican National League of this city, composed of some of the leading Republicans living at the Capital, have agreed to tender to Senator Ingalls a public reception, "in token of the League's admiration for the honorable gentleman." Not to be outdone, the Indiana Democratic Association, chiefly composed of department clerks appointed through the influence of Voorhees, have adopted resolutions thanking him for "his masterly arraignment and exposure of Senator Ingalls," and tendering him a public reception as a tribute of admiration. In the language of Puck, "What fools these mortals be!"

The Tariff debate in the House drags its weary length along. The first two speeches in behalf of the Mills bill, by Messrs. Mills and McMillen, and the first two against it, by Messrs. Kelley and Boroughs, were well worth listening to, as the speakers were all members of the Ways and Means Committee and were more or less familiar with the intricate subject of tariff legislation. Some of the speeches since delivered, especially those on the Republican side, have also been powerful efforts; but as a rule they have not been remarkable for brilliancy or inherent merit. Four of the brainiest men are yet to speak—Carlisle and Breckenridge, of Kentucky, on the Democratic side, and McKinley and Reed on the Republican side. The understanding now is that these four will close the general debate—probably next week.

The tariff discussion has completely shut out all other legislation, if being impossible to secure consideration for any other measure. The Democratic leaders have become somewhat alarmed at the existing condition of things, and the probabilities are that they will call a caucus of the Democratic Congressmen some time this week to consider the situation. There is a possibility that the legislative appropriation bill will be considered before the final conclusion of the general tariff debate, but nothing definite can be said regarding the matter at this time.

There is an exceedingly large number of private bills in Committee and on the calendar, the consideration of which by the House seems absolutely out of the question. The Senate has passed six private bills to every one which has been enacted in the House. There is a proposition pending before the House Committee on Rules, providing for the appointment of a joint Committee of three Senators and three Representatives, to sit during the recess of Congress, for the purpose of devising, if possible, some means by which Congress may be relieved from the consideration of private bills. Under the present condition of things these latter measures are a constant hindrance and menace to needed general legislation.

Mrs. Secretary Vilas is not enjoying good health. In a short time she will go to Atlantic City to make a prolonged stay.

Mr. Blaine left Rome on March 20th for Nice, going by easy stages; the last two hundred miles having been traversed in an open carriage. He may now be said to be on his way home, and the chances are that he will be in America within the coming sixty days.

The United Labor party meets in National Convention on the 15th inst., in Cincinnati, and on the same day and at the same place the National Convention of the Union Labor party also meets. The probabilities are that they will merge. Congressman Henry Smith, of Wisconsin, is mentioned as the probable joint nominee for the Presidency.

The House Committee on Elections has unanimously reported in favor of the sitting member, who is a Republican, in the contested election case of Lynch vs. Vandever. The latter's majority was only 35.

The two Congressional Naval Committees will go to Norfolk some day this week, on the "Dispatch." Senator Cameron, who is Chairman of the Senate Committee, will accompany the party.

The extradition treaty is shelved till next December; the fisheries treaty is temporarily pigeon-holed, and the Chinese treaty is now being discussed in executive session.

A life-size bust of Garabaldi has been placed in one of the halls of the upper lobby of the Senate. It was made in Italy to the order of the Garabaldi Association of this city, composed of American citizens of Italian birth, by whom it was presented to the Senate.

Now that Senator Quay has returned from his visit to Beaver, whither he went immediately after the State Convention, he will make an early effort to get his Maimed Soldiers' and Prisoner-of-War pension bills through the Senate.

Indiana has two favorite sons—Harrison and Gresham. The latter has been adopted by Illinois, however. As the latter State has 44 votes in the National Convention, while Indiana has only 30, I think I would rather be an adopted than a natural son—wouldn't you?

Congressman Scull has recovered from the severe injury to his foot, from which he suffered a week ago, and is now attending to his duties with his usual diligence and assiduity.

The new Catholic University, the corner stone of which will be laid in this city on the 24th instant, will be one of the finest institutions of learning in America. It will be inaugurated with the largest endowment fund ever possessed by an American college at its inception.

The last issue of Chairman Cooper's paper, the Media *American*, contains a strong editorial "leader" suggesting Senator Cameron for the Presidential nomination. And where could we find a better candidate?

There is a young lady here who is the very counterpart of Mrs. Cleveland; and, to make the likeness all the more striking, she has as her constant companion a monster yellow St. Bernard dog, exactly like the one owned by the President's wife. Hundreds of people are daily fooled by the counterfeit presentment.

Sixteen States have now held their State Conventions, and chosen their delegates-at-large to Chicago. Thus far Senators Quay, of Pennsylvania, and Hoar, of Massachusetts, are the only Senators who have been chosen as delegates.

Legislation in the Senate has been considerably blocked of late, owing to the fact that two or three measures which stand at the head of the calendar, have aroused a good deal of antagonism and discussion. These are the Chase International Copyright bill, the Palmer Bureau of Criminal Industry bill and one or two other measures. The chances are that the decks will be cleared for action this week.

All of the twenty-eight districts of Pennsylvania have now chosen delegates to Chicago but the 26th, 22d, 23d, 24th and 25th. The first named—your district—has elected one delegate, but not the other. It has not yet been decided whether the delegation will go to Chicago in a body, or whether each man will shift for himself. The former course will probably be pursued, and steps to that end will probably be taken in a few days.

The Pittsburgh *Penny Press* says: "The South Penn railway crawls out of its hole and shrieks 'I'm going to be built!' and then slides back again."

MARRIED.

WALKER—MILLER.—At the Reformed Parsonage in Somerset, on Tuesday, May 1, 1888, by Rev. Hiram King, Mr. Joseph Walker and Miss Mary J. Miller, both of Somerset County, Pa.

DIED.

LUDY.—On Monday, April 30, 1888, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Noah Gohn, Mrs. Eva Ludy, aged 73 years, 9 months and 13 days.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

GONDER.—On Tuesday, May 1, 1888, at the residence of Mr. Frederick Gonder, Beckie Jane, infant daughter of Freeman Gonder, aged 4 months.

Thus in a few short months death has removed both wife and daughter, laying waste a once happy home.

RULE TO ACCEPT OR REFUSE.

To John Manner, residing in Johnstown, Cambria County, Pa.:

You are hereby notified to appear at an Orphans' Court to be held at Somerset on Monday, the 28th day of May, next, to accept or refuse to take the real estate of Isaac Ashbery, deceased, of Jenner Township, Somerset County, Penn'a, at the appraised valuation, or show cause why the same should not be sold.

Sheriff's Office, Somerset, April 18, '88. } R. S. McMILLEN, Sheriff.

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WHEREAS, The Honorable WILLIAM J. BAER, President Judge of the several Courts of Common Pleas of the several counties composing the 24th Judicial District, and Justice of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the said District, and SAMUEL WALKER and OLIVER P. SHAVER, Esq's., Judges of the Courts of Common Pleas and Justices of the Courts of Oyer and Terminer and General Jail Delivery, for the trial of all capital and other offenders in the County of Somerset, have issued their precepts, and to me directed, for holding a Court of Common Pleas and General Quarter Sessions of the Peace and General Jail Delivery, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer at Somerset, on

MONDAY, MAY. 28, 1888.

Notice is hereby given to all the Justices of the Peace, Coroner and Constables within the said County of Somerset, that they be then and there in their proper persons with their rolls, records, inquisitions, examinations and other remembrances, to do those things which to their office and in that behalf appertain to be done, and also they who will prosecute against the prisoners that are or shall be in the jail of Somerset County, t he then and there to prosecute against them, as shall be just.

Sheriff's Office, May 4, '88. } R. S. McMILLEN, Sheriff.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry writs of Fi. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Somerset, Co. Pa. I will expose to public sale at the Court House in Somerset Borough at 1 o'clock p. m. on

FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1888,

All the right, title, interest and claim of Christian C. Meyers, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: A certain tract of land situate in Shade Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of Gideon Berkeypile, James Berkeypile, Widow Umberger and D. & J. Stump, containing 200 acres more or less, having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, large bank barn and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution as the property of Christian C. Meyers, at the suit of C. M. Miller's use.

— ALSO —

All the right, title interest and claim of Mary Miller and Abraham A. Miller, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: A certain lot of ground situate in Summit Mills, Summit Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lots of E. Miller, Gideon Wheeling and Simon Phillippi, containing 1½ acres more or less, having thereon erected a two story frame dwelling house, stable and other outbuildings, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution as the property of Mary Miller and Abraham A. Miller, at the suit of Jacob Bauman's use.

— ALSO —

All the right, title interest and claim of James Kimble, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: A certain lot of ground situate in Black Township, Somerset County, Pa., near the Rockwood railway station, adjoining lands of Harry Marker, Snyder & Evans, and others, containing one acre more or less, having thereon erected a one-story frame dwelling house, with appurtenances.

Taken in execution as the property of James Kimble, at the suit of Jacob Dillon, use of J. P. Griswall, Arch Livengood, Noah Fritz and Hiram A. Baker.

— ALSO —

All the right, title interest and claim of Andrew Bowlin of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: Two certain lots of ground situate in the Borough of Confluence, Somerset County, Pa., known on the plan of the town as lots Nos. 4 and 5 in block No. 3 adjoining lot No. 3 on the West, an alley on the East, Logan Place on the North and an alley on the South, having thereon erected a one and a half story dwelling house, and stable, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution as the property of Andrew Bowlin at the suit of W. H. Koontz, Attorney for the proprietors of the town of Confluence.

— ALSO —

All the right, title, interest and claim of Thos. W. Crow, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: A certain tract of land situate in Lower Turkeyfoot Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining lands of Mary De H. Upton, Catharine Coughenour, and Casselman river, containing 2½ acres and 17 perches more or less, having thereon erected a two-story frame dwelling house and stable, with the appurtenances.

Taken in execution as the property of Thomas W. Crow, at the suit of C. S. Coughenour.

— ALSO —

All the right, title, interest and claim of Mary R. Peterman, of, in and to the following described real estate, viz: A certain lot of ground situate in the Bor