

The Somerset Herald.  
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The Allegheny Lutheran Synod is in session at this time. The synod is held at this time. The synod is held at this time. The synod is held at this time.

Mr. C. A. Bowman, of Johnstown, is a member of her mother, Mrs. Jefferson Roads, in this place. The new board of pension examining surgeons will hold their first meeting today at the office of Dr. J. W. Carothers.

Somerset's oldest inhabitant, Mr. Philip Gilbert, now past eighty-seven years of age, is critically ill at his home on Main street.

Miss Lydia Hunsicker and Mary Kauffman, of Chambersburg, Pa., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Woods, of our hotel.

Mr. Charles O. Scull, of Baltimore, Md., arrived in town Monday evening and will remain for a few days at the home of his father, Hon. Edward Scull.

Word comes from Ligonier that J. A. Berkey, Esq., of this place, is making extensive plans for a new factory for that town, and is seeking a franchise.

Eta, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Link, died at the home of her parents in Hooversville, on Tuesday, 5th inst., from pneumonia.

Among the students enrolled at the West Chester Normal school we find the names of N. T. Boose, Rockwood, J. C. Burroughs, Fort Hill, and Edgar S. Scott, Ursina.

The many friends and customers of J. D. Williams, the McKeesport shirt manufacturer, will be pleased to learn of his untimely death, which resulted recently from Bright's disease.

### SOMERSET COAL FIELDS.

## GREAT ACTIVITY MANIFESTED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.

Scalp Level and the adjacent territory is the scene of undoubtedly the greatest activity in Somerset county and the country generally. The coal fields of this region and in the character of the people, who for more than a hundred years have followed the peaceful pursuit of farming, are rapidly becoming a mining region.

The Hun, the Slav and the Austrian are already there in considerable numbers, and the number of foreigners who are steadily increasing within the period mentioned ten thousand Europeans will make their homes along the valley of Paint creek, for a half-century a favorite resort of artists and poets, and the unsurpassed beauty of the landscape.

The young farmers of that region, who for so long a time have been content to follow in the footsteps of their fathers, with hard labor and unrelenting energy opening before them, and farming, so profitably followed by the denizens of that region, will gradually become a secondary consideration, as has been the case in every other mining region.

The tranquility of Sculp has been disturbed throughout the summer, and for months past the roads leading to that remote country town have been crowded with teams hauling machinery and goods to the new coal fields. Everything is bustle and hurry and all of the people seem to be imbued with the idea that a new era has already dawned.

With a large increase in our population the county expenditures will grow in many directions, but in none more rapidly than in the increased coal business.

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### Baker Fortunes a Myth.

The Pittsburgh Sunday Dispatch says: Attorney H. S. Storer, of this city, counsel engaged by the Baker heirs' association to go to Philadelphia and investigate the reports concerning the immense fortune said to belong to the estate of Jacob Baker, died in 1850.

While refusing to discuss the matter before reporting to the association, from hints to various heirs living in Wilkesburg the fabulous fortune of \$300,000 has gone unmentioned, and it is said there was no foundation in fact for the story concerning Jacob Baker's dealings with the city of Philadelphia, and the property supposed to have been left to him.

Attorneys F. R. Stoner and H. M. Ewing, of this city, who represented the Association of Baker Heirs in its investigation after millions of property supposed to have been left in Philadelphia by Peter Baker, on a 90-year lease, returned home last week with the report that they expected in a morning paper, did not state that the investigation was simply a farce.

Their claim to have found the lease which Attorney Price reported. This lease, Mr. Ewing says, is one made July 15, 1787, by William Laidlaw, a French nobleman to Sarah Baker. It was only a small piece of ground, 25 by 65 feet, in Philadelphia, and the lease further provided that in case Laidlaw died, the lease should be in trust for Mrs. Baker, her heirs, Julian Baker, her son, and her son, John Baker.

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### Politicians.

There are few things more idiotic than the abuse that is heaped on a class of people who take an interest in public affairs, and endeavor to make their views effective by laboring to have those who agree with them give effect to their view through the ballot box. They are called "politicians," and are abused without stint to be judged in this way, but by the penny-a-liner of the press to the pompous and self-important officeholder, who clings to a position he gained in all probability through the exertions and influence of the very class he affects to despise.

There are the Business Men, a term very popular nowadays; they are a most useful class of citizens; but it would be easy to point out that many of them are no more remarkable for integrity and unselfishness than the active politicians are. There are any number of people who are ready and willing to do a generous and unselfish action. We say this with a full knowledge of the bitter hostility that has been aroused against them as a class; but also with a knowledge of the facts that will sustain our statement.

And yet the press teems with abuse of this class of citizens, and the pulpit echoes and accentuates it. From one end of the nation to the other, the politician is held up to the contempt of the community until some well disposed people are really induced to believe that a politician is a very bad man and unworthy of the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

A little serious reflection ought to convince any intelligent man that such an impression is totally false. If a man takes an interest in public affairs, and his brother to have the voters who agree with him turn out and vote their preference at the elections, and busies himself in seeing that the issues there decided are really set forth before the people, he is a politician. There is in this any reason for regarding him as an unworthy man or one of the delusions of the day.

IN P-U-S-H WE TRUST  
A Motto of a Little Man who Remains Successful.  
A young boy once applied for a job as office boy. When asked for the profession of his father, he replied "I am the son of a P-U-S-H."

It is a legend that has in it a force undeniable. It is that aggressive, progressive, permanent force that has brought the wholesale grocery of W. E. Calkins, of Seventh Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., into such wide and favorable notice. Have you ever had dealings with this house?

My Stock of Dress Goods, Monday, Nov. 8, 1897, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Consisting of plain and fancy Silks, Cashmeres, Henriettes, Serges and Novelties, is exceptionally large and complete, and the large sales made has not yet broken my stock at any point. We quote:

28 inch Dress Plaids, 1 to 12-12  
Belt 15 to 75  
Novelties from 10 to \$1.25.  
Cashmeres and Serges, 10c up.  
All-wool Suitings, 25c, 29c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.  
Tacon Flannels and Flannellets from 40c up.  
Red Calicoes, 4cts.  
Lancaster Gingham and Simpson Prints, 5cts.

### B. & B. DRY GOODS

extra inducement and claim the attention of all Dainty Dressers. Not one old Garment of any kind in our Cloak department. Don't be worried with old wraps.

new things to wear. Seek the newest styles. We pride ourselves on the fit of our Ladies' Wraps. The rapidity with which they have been going out speaks more for their general make-up than we could say in columns.

Winter Woolens, Flannel Skirts, Hosiery and Underwear. Best Table 5-4, 12-1-2C. Special for two Weeks, and two weeks only.

Good weight White Outing Flannel, per yd, 3-3-4c. Unbleached Canton Flannels, per yd, 3-3-4c. Good Dark Calico, per yard, 3-3-4c. Ladies' Skirt Patterns, 16c. 25 pair Boys' Knee Pants, 19c. 60 pair Boys' Knee Pants, 44c.

Respectfully yours, Shepherd and Kaykendall. Valuable Real Estate. The virtuous of an order of sale issued out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset county, Pa., for the sale of the premises in Lincoln township, Somerset, to us, directors, will appear on the premises in Lincoln township, Somerset county, Pa., on Saturday, October 23, 1897, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

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