The Somerset Herald.

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Bauman's cakes and pies are the best. Delivered at your home.

The miners at Listie were granted an increase of pay last week, and the nice thing about it was that the advance was given voluntarily by the management without its having been asked by the men.

A friend calls our attention to the fact that at this time last year a majority of Somerset county people had their garden patches planted with vegetables, whereas the weather conditions this spring have prevented work of this character.

Lieut. John M. Elliott, intelligence officer of the Baltimore, has forwarded to the Navy department the following report of Spanish casualties in the naval battle of Manila: Killed, 167; wounded, 214; total, 381.

It was authoritatively announced Saturday that the Cambria Steel company will make improvements to its big works during the coming summer which will cost about $300,000. The pay-roll Saturday for two weeks amounted to $175,000, the largest in the history of the company.

Eczema, scald head, hives, itchiness of the skin of any sort, instantly relieved, permanently cured. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

Armstrong county Republican primary candidates are very active at the present time in their campaign, and especially so by means of circular letters. One of them was so busy last week, however, that he overlooked the important matter of inserting the letter, and sent out a great number of empty envelopes. Fifty such envelopes were received at one postoffice alone.

A contemporary, that claims to know, thus describes the latest headgear for women: "The new spring bonnet is said to be a stunner. It will have a cowcumber in front, a tail board behind, a flower garden on top, with a bunch of grass on the other side. The whole will be elaborately landed together with crushed ribbons and topped off with a very abundant millinery bill."

Col. John M. Bowman, editor of the Everett Republican, a veteran newspaper man who was at one time editor of the Johnstown Weekly Tribune, died at his home in Everett, Bedford county, Friday morning, aged 72 years. Colonel Bowman's death occurred at the home of his son-in-law, John C. Chamberlain. He had been ill for several years but was able the greater part of that time to personally direct the work on his paper, The Republican, which he founded.

A person with a considerable amount of spare time on his hands has collected the following list of words which may be spelled forward and backward—p alindrome, as they are called in learned language: Anna, bab, bib, bob, bub, civic, dad, deed, deified, dewed, did, ecce, eve, ewe, ere, gog, gig, gag, level, madam, mom, otto, pap, peep, pip, pop, nun, redder, refer, repaper, reviver, rotator, sees, sers, tot, tif, toot, tot, and tut.

Tio Clearfield county commissioners are charged with having purchased 12,000 miles of transportation over a local railroad at a cost of $240, last year, and with having made trips at the expense of the county to Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Huntingdon, Altoona, Pittsburg and other places. There are some Clearfield county people who object to such an expenditure of money, and they propose to prevent a like expense this year, if possible.

Mr. M. A. Bauman has secured the services of a first-class professional baker and has started a delivery wagon on daily rounds about town. Parties desiring well baked bread, cakes, pies, etc., will get them from Bauman's.

Tillie, wife of Alfred E. Barron, died at her late residence near Lavansville, on Sunday, March 26th, of consumption, aged 31 years. Deceased was an affectionate wife, a kind neighbor and a friend of all who learned to know her. She is survived by her husband, three daughters and one son. She led an exemplary Christian life, and when the trying hour came said: "It is not hard to die." Her pastor, Rev. Gebhart, officiated at the funeral. Interment was made in the Lavansville Lutheran cemetery.

At an early hour last Sunday morning two sheep belonging to Miss Laura Widmyer were killed and five badly wounded by three large dogs that were taken into the woods in the vicinity of Schpan Springs, by a half dozen young men who were after raccoons. The Auditors of Conemaugh township, have been notified of the killing of the two sheep and they are expected to pay for them. The names of the young men are known, and it is likely they will be called upon to answer a charge of cruelty to animals.

The employes of the Berwind-White Coal Company, at Windber, about fifteen hundred men, are much gratified over a voluntary raise in wages, dating from March 1st, amounting to eight per cent. The prices paid for labor in the Company's mines where machines are used show the raise is as follows: Loading in rooms, 2½ cents per ton; in entries, 2½ cents; for cutting in rooms, 4½ cents per ton; in entries, 5½ cents; for scrapping in rooms, ½ cents; in entries, 4½ cents. The miners's and spraggers' wages are by the day, and will be affected accordingly. The raise is based on the present scale price of forty-five cents per ton for pick mining, prevailing in the Central Pennsylvania District.

A new ruling of the pension department at Washington provides that hereafter a widow cannot receive a pension unless she marries the man "prior to or during the military or naval service of the veteran on account of whose service the pension is asked or claimed." In other words, a woman who marries a veteran after he has performed the service for which he may claim a pension cannot herself obtain a pension on his back. The new law further provides that in the future the widow in order to get a pension must have lived from the time of the marriage with the veteran until the time of his death, which will shut off divorced women from claiming pensions as they now do.

A neighboring county woman whose husband died recently sent the following communication to a local paper: "Mr. Editor, I desire to thank the friends and neighbors most heartily in this manner for the united aid and co operation during the illness and death of my late husband who escaped from me by the hand of death on Friday last while eating breakfast. To the friends, and all who contributed so willingly towards making the last moments and funeral of my husband a success, I desire to remember them kindly, hoping these few lines will find them enjoying the same blessing. I have a good milch cow and roan gelding horse, eight years old, which I will sell cheap. God moves in mysterious way his wonders to perform. He plants his footsteps on the sea and rides upon the storm,' also a black and white shoat very low."

The four April issues of The Youth's Companion will contain a number of the special articles and stories engaged last year for the 1899 volume. In the issue for the week of April 6th will appear "The Food in Number Three," in which Homer Greene recalls an instance of the heroism of miners. The issue for the week of April 13th will contain Sir Clements Markham's article with the fascinating title, "Opportunities for Young Explorers," and the first instalment of Charles Adam's story of "A Boys' Foxhunt." Hon. Carroll D. Wright's article, "Where Living is Cheapest," will appear in the issue for the week of April 20th, and in that for April 27th Surgeon-General Wyman will describe the United States quarantine service in an article entitled, "Maritime Quarantine."

The first strawberries of the season were in market Saturday and sold rapidly at 50 cents per box.

More Easter flowers were sold this season than ever before. The displays at Black's and Benford's were notable.

Nellie Elizabeth, the 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McAllister, of near Listie, died Tuesday night, March, 28th.

John Beerits arrived home from Gettysburg College last week and will spend the Easter vacation at the family residence on Main street.

Prof. C. N. Love, of Punxsutawney, Indiana county, has been spending a few days with Rockwood friends, making his headquarters at the Haines House.

Mr. Abram Musser, who has been a resident of this place for the past twenty years, left Monday for Berlin, where he will spend his declining years with his children who reside in Brothersvalley township.

Mr. Royal O. Miller, eldest son of Hon. W. H. Miller, of Quemahoning township, recently returned from State College where he took a thorough course in scientific dairying. He proposes establishing a dairy somewhere in the county and at present is looking for an available site.

The salary of Somerset's postmaster will be $1,800, after July 1st. The receipts of the office during the past year have been about $1,000 in excess of the receipts of the year preceding, the gross receipts being over $6,000. Last year showed a heavier increase than any previous year in the history of the postoffice.

Colonel John M. Bowman, editor of the Everett Republican, whose death is announced elsewhere, was one of the oldest newspaper writers in the State. He was not only a veteran in the service, but was one of the most fluent and entertaining writers for the Pennsylvania country press. His death will prove a serious loss to the Republican as well as to the people of Bedford county.

The Rockwood Cornet Band came to town Saturday afternoon and remained over night at the Hotel Vannear. During their visit the band serenaded a number of private citizens and gave a concert on the public square. The members of the band presented a fine appearance in their new uniforms, blue cloth with red trimmings, while the music they played was of a high order and well rendered.

A Meyersdale dispatch published in yesterday's Pittsburg Times, says that an electric railway will be constructed between that place and Salisbury. The Company, which is composed principally of home people, will come into possession of the Meyersdale electric light plant, and will also put in a plant for lighting purposes and a system of water works at Salisbury.

The westbound B. & O. "flyer," with two engines, ran into an open switch at Sand Patch Friday evening and struck the engine of a freight train. One of the passenger locomotives turned over, but none of the locomotives were damaged to any great extent. Passenger engineer Haggerty had an ankle broken. No others were injured. It is reported that the switch was left open by the section man.

Messrs. W. W. Livingston, of Salix, E. F. Shaulis and Arthur O. Barclay, of Bakersville, and H. H. Miller, of Edie, arrived home last week from Cincinnati, where they had been attending lectures at the Eclectic Medical Institution. Among those who will receive their sheepskins from that institution on May 9th are Kimmel Rauch, Charles and Edward Bittner and Dr. Yoder, all of this county.

Mr. Jacob Truby, of Clarion County, has leased the Highland Inn and will give it his personal supervision, he and several members of his family having arrived here last week. Mr. Truby is a practical hotel man of large experience and we hope to see him have the Inn filled with guests throughout the season. The Inn will be formally opened to the public at an early day.

Doctor Daniel Shaffer, notice of whose death appeared in last week's HERALD, was called to Westmoreland county on the preceding Wednesday to treat a patient. He was sick at the time, but responded to the summons. When he returned to the home of his son-in-law, Rev. Robt. T. Hull, in Jefferson township, on the following Friday, he took to his bed and lingered until 9 o'clock Saturday night, when he expired.

Mr. William Walter, who for several years past has had charge of the farm machinery department of James B. Holderbaum's establishment, left Monday morning for Greensburg, where he has accepted a similar position under ex-Sheriff Seanor, who is the largest dealer in agricultural machinery in Westmoreland county. Mr. Walter has a thorough knowledge of the business. The best wishes of his many friends will follow him to his new field of labor.

Col. Thomas B. Searight, the oldest in active practice of the lawyers of the Fayette county bar, and one of the best-known citizens of Western Pennsylvania, died Monday morning at his late residence in Uniontown, aged 72 years. He was the author of "A History of the National Road," which deals largely with incidents connected with that former great artery of commerce in Fayette and Somerset counties.

Mr. Wilson Schrock, the well-known young liveryman of this place, and Miss Cynthia Penrod, daughter of the late Norman B. Penrod, of Somerset township, were united in marriage on Thursday evening, at the residence of the bride's brother in-law, Mr. Robert Hochstetler, in Johnstown. A wedding supper followed the ceremony. Rev. A. J. Bird, of the United Evangelical Church, officiated. The young couple will make their home in Somerset.

The executive committee of the Grand Army of the Republic Association met at Rockwood last Friday to determine a time and place for holding the next county encampment. Rockwood was selected as the place, and August 24th as the time. J. D. Miller, of Rockwood, was appointed to make all necessary home arrangements, and to procure music. Dr. H. C. McKinley and J. J. Zorn were appointed a committee to procure speakers and to arrange the program. Any information desired in regard to the encampment can be had from the gentlemen named.

The Meyersdale and Somerset Ministerial Associations held a joint convention at Rockwood Monday afternoon. Rev. J. H. Knepper, of Meyersdale, was elected chairman, and Rev. C. F. Gebhart, of Lavansville, secretary. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dailey, of Somerset. Papers were read by Revs. Balliet, of Rockwood, and King, of Somerset, both of which furnished food for lively debate by the other ministers present. It was resolved to hold joint meetings quarterly hereafter, the next one to be held at Rockwood on the first Monday in July.

The Lafayette College Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs entertained an appreciative audience Saturday night at the Opera House, and judging from the cordiality with which the performers responded to the numerous encores we take it that the young students were pleased with their reception. While each number on the program was rendered in a creditable manner the greatest meed of praise is due to Messrs. Alexander, Jones and Wood, the soloists, the last named having given an exceptionally artistic performance on the violin. Mr. Alexander's negro dialect number was so cleverly executed that he was compelled to respond to three encores before his audience would permit the regular program to proceed. Mr. Jones' ballad singing won popular favor. The glees were all of the usual rollicking order. The College boys spent Sunday at the Hotel Vannear and left Monday morning for Cumberland where they gave a performance that evening.

ADMIRAL PICKING'S FLAG FLIES ON WABASH.

Interesting Formalities Attending Transfer of Boston Navy Yard to a Somerseter.

The Boston Sunday Herald of March 26th published a two column illustrated article descriptive of the formal transfer of command of the Navy Yard at that place from Rear Admiral Howison to Commodore (now Rear Admiral) Picking, from which we take the following extracts, which will be read with interest by Admiral Picking's many Somerset friends:

With all the pomp and dignity due an officer of his rank, Rear Admiral Henry Lycurgus Howison was relieved of the command of the Charlestown Navy Yard at 10 o'clock yesterday morning by Commodore Henry F. Picking.

According to orders issued by Admiral Howison some days ago, the officers of the station assembled at the commandant's office in full dress uniform. There were about 60 officers of the station present, both commissioned and warrant officers, and they presented a picturesque and imposing spectacle lined up in front of the commandant's office. They wore frock coats, plain blue trousers, chapeau and plain black leather sword belts and swords. The warrant officers wore their service caps.

A few minutes before 10 o'clock Commodore Picking, the new commandant of the station, sauntered down to Admiral Howison's office, accompanied by an orderly. He wore his uniform under his long military cape and his service cap instead of a chapeau. He was expected to arrive at the main gate in the admiral's carriage, but came through the side gate instead. The marine battalion, headed by the red-coated band of the station, was drawn up in front of the commandant's office. It was commanded by Col. Percival C. Pope. The men were attired in topcoats, owing to the sharp weather. There were about 200 men in the battalion, and their presence added greatly to the spectacle, which was quite imposing.

Commodore Picking was received by Admiral Howison. The marine drum corps gave a ruffle of the drums, the band struck up a march, the battalion presented arms, and the admiral was saluted by the officers of the station. The party then passed into the commandant's office, where the formality of turning over the papers and command took place. The papers being all ready this formality occupied but little time. As Admiral Howison stepped outside of his office, the battalion of marines presented arms and the drummers gave two ruffles on the drums, and then the band played a couple of bars of a national air. At a signal the two starred flag of Admiral Howison came down from the mizzenmast of the receiving ship Wabash and a salute of 13 guns was fired from the battery. After this the broad pennant of Commodore Picking, which was in stops at the truck of mainmast on the Wabash, was broken out and saluted with 11 guns.

As soon as the ceremony was over Admiral Howison, after shaking hands and saluting Commodore Picking proceeded immediately to his house, escorted by the marine battalion.

Commodore Picking goes to Washington at once, as he is to take the examination for rear admiral under the new naval personnel bill. Upon his return, the two-starred flag of his new rank, will be flown on the Wabash, instead of his pennant, and will be formally saluted.

The ceremony was one of the most picturesque seen at the yard in years, and everything combined to make it successful and enjoyable to all concerned. The ladies of the station and heads of departments watched the proceedings with lively interest.

Commodore Picking, the new commandant, becomes a rear admiral under the new personnel bill, and will receive his commission in a few days. He was formerly in command of the receiving ship Wabash at this station, and is well and favorably known to all connected with the station.

There is much satisfaction expressed at the yard that he is the successor of Admiral Howison, even though Admiral Howison's departure is much regretted.

EYES, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.

A Rare Opportunity.—Dr. Sadler at the Somerset House.

Dr. Sadler the well known Oculist and Aurist of Pittsburg, has now a partner, which fact will enable him to visit the places distant from their home office (804 Penn Ave., Pittsburg), and thus greatly decrease the expense to the many who need their skill. Through their vast experience and thorough knowledge of the latest discoveries relating to diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, they are enabled to give to all the most skilful and successful treatment, and within the reach of everybody.

Dr. Sadler will be at the Somerset House, Somerset, Wednesday p. m. April 12 and Thursday April 13.

A Great Sugar Season.

A Pittsburg Sunday paper says the maple sugar season throughout western Pennsylvania has been a disappointment to those engaged in the manufacture of that article, and cites as a reason for the shortness of the crop the rough winter and numerous severe frosts. The writer of the article referred to is entirely mistaken, as we learn after interviewing a number of the largest maple sugar producers in this county that the output has been unusually large, and that conditions for the manufacture of maple sugar were never more favorable. Many sugar camps are still in lively operation and if the present state of weather continues for ten days or two weeks the season will not close until after that time. A Jefferson township farmer, who is the owner of a modest sugar grove, informs us that he has made between 6,000 and 7,000 pounds of sugar, and claims that this has been the best season the sugar manufacturers of the county have experienced in a decade. While the gross output of maple sugar and molasses this season may not break the record it is certainly a top-notcher and will cut a Somerset county farmers to the extent of at least $100,000

There was a dearth of one gallon and half-gallon tin cans, used for preserving maple molasses, two weeks after the season opened and during the last few weeks dealers in cans have been compelled to turn down "rush" orders for thousands, owing to their inability to secure them from the manufacturers. The three largest dealers in Somerset exhausted their supply of cans two weeks ago, after having disposed of more than ever before in a single season.

Husband Cemetery Association.

The stockholders of the Husband Cemetery Association recently purchased four acres of ground lying immediately west of the cemetery, and are now engaged in dividing the ground into suitable squares, which will be offered for sale at exceedingly low prices. The location is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful about town, and lots should find ready purchasers. All the profits arising from the sale of lots will be sacredly set aside for improving and beautifying the grounds; not one cent will be used for personal gain. These grounds are for all denominations and the public alike, without restriction or favor. Two roads will lead to the grounds, one on the east and the other on the west. The plot of the lots can be seen at the office of W. M. Schrock, Secretary of the Association.

Crossed Eyes.

Dr. O. W. Sadler, the Pittsburg Eye and Ear specialist will be at the Somerset House, Somerset, Wednesday p. m. April 12 and Thursday April 13. He has straightened several hundred cases of cross eyes—Why not yours?

Try Bauman's bread and you will eat no other.

ON THE FIRING LINE.

"Soldier Joe" Describes Brilliant Charge of the Tenth Regiment.

A RAIN OF BULLETS.

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 19, 1899.

I am just in from the firing line where I had been for two weeks and as the mail goes out on the 21st will write a few lines. You have doubtless read before this full particulars of the trouble we have been "up against." There is no telling whether it is all over, but the Filipinos have been licked so badly that one is lead to think that they have had quite enough of "trumpus," as they call it.

The racket started on the night of the 4th and there are different stories as to what caused it, but from the best information to be had it seems that the insurgents ventured to cross the picket line of the Nebraska regiment, when they were fired upon. *It was accidental*, to be sure, but developments all go to show that the insurgents were well prepared for trouble, and were really itching for it, as it took only one shot to start the ball rolling all along the twenty miles of line we are holding.

Our outposts were fired upon at 9:30 and thirty minutes afterwards three companies of the regiment, with Colonel Hawkins at their head, were there and the fighting was on so far as the "Fighting Tenth" was concerned, and it never let up until we pushed the natives so far back into the country that nothing but a sharpshooter or two have since been seen in front of our line. The first fire on our outposts was so heavy that we could no longer hold them, and fell back. The Colonel then threw out a skirmish line, and twice during the night the insurgents advanced on it, but the reception they received was so hot that they retreated. Our boys kept them at bay until morning when the Utah battery was requested to throw a few shells among them and stir them up. After this the regiment advanced and the insurgents took refuge in a Chinese hospital surrounded by a solid stone wall. They evidently thought they were safe here, as a clean level field lay between their position and ours. But they were fooled. The Colonel ordered a charge and the men gave their warwhoop as they started forward on a run. The insurgents were completely unnerved, but they stood their ground until the boys got close to the wall, when they retreated. Our line was established along the road at the hospital and a rest was taken until after dinner when another start was made. Immediately in front of the hospital there is a hill sloping gradually upward for at least a half-mile. On the summit of the hill stands a large white church and a cemetery enclosed by a substantial stone wall. Here the insurgents made another stand, and had they had any but American soldiers to fight against it would have been impossible to dislodge them. The Utah battery, as brave a body of men as ever wore the blue and who understand their business, and the "Fighting Tenth" went after that church, and in less than an hour it was in their possession with hardly a Filipino, except dead ones, in sight. Our men went up that hill at a run, yelling and shooting, and when they got within two hundred yards of the place, the Filipinos took to their heels and scampered off in every direction, apparently almost scared to death at the American method of fighting. They had been accustomed to fighting with the Spaniards, when, after exchanging a few shots, they would lie down for a nap, get up and fire another shot or two and then another nap. Our men never gave them a chance to take a nap and this it appears is what they don't understand.

The position we took in four hours that day is the same position the Spaniards secured after eight years of fighting. Our boys were very tired after this all night and all day fight, but they did their work nobly. There never was a prettier fight than the one made for possession of this hill, especially when it is remembered that our boys had everything against them, position, numbers and knowledge of the country. We had one man killed and seven wounded, but the next morning we buried forty-two insurgents found at the church.

I pitied a Lieutenant-Colonel of the insurgents, who was killed in the fight. When his men started to run he tried so hard to get behind the walls of the church, but it seems that all of our men got a "bead" on him at the same instant and just as he was entering the gate, where safety would have been his, he fell, shot in several places. Some of the boys rushed up anxious to secure his sword as a trophy, but Major Bell, of the Engineer Corps who came up just then, was recognized by the dying Filipino officer, who requested the Major to see that his sword, watch, and a few other articles were sent to his wife. The Major took everything and promised to send them as requested. This seemed to give the poor fellow great relief and he asked everybody to go away and let him die in peace. Every man walked away, and it was all over in a few minutes. Afterwards his body was thrown into the trench with the other dead.

Some of the poor devils presented terrible sights. Our Springfields tear a hole in a man that you can see through every time. It is an awful weapon. Some think it inhuman because it seldom fails to kill. The Mauser bullet makes a small hole and unless it strikes a vital spot is rarely ever fatal. The Filipinos use a Remington with brass bullets, which are dangerous on account of the brass being poisonous, but they do not seem to have many of them. Two of our men were shot through the abdomen, but both are getting along nicely and will likely recover.

John Kessler, of Ursina, was shot through the thumb, but he was out on the firing line again next day. Howard Cromwell went out but was ordered back by the Colonel, who feared that his leg would not hold out. Howard felt sore about it, but it was much better for him. The Colonel would not let me go out the night the fight started, but I got out in time next morning to see the charge up the hills and got a few shots myself at the Filipinos. I have been out ever since without a shave and sometimes without enough water to wash. But we are all living well and are enjoying good health. Chickens were plentiful for a time, but the supply is now exhausted and there will not be a chance to get more until another advance is made.

Our line is over twenty miles long with hardly more than 12,000 men to hold it, so that to advance and thereby lengthen our line would weaken it considerably. I do not think it will be done until reinforcements arrive. I have suffered no damage, except the loss of a small piece of the stock of my gun, which a Mauser carried away, and several good hard scares. I don't care how often a fellow hears bullets whizzing around him he must naturally feel a little bit nervous.

I was sent to the front with ammunition, and had just arrived at the cemetery when the Utah battery was met by a body of insurgents. Three of their men were wounded just in front of me. A bullet hit the wagon beside which I was walking, and the Lord only knows how many came close to me, as I was right in the line of fire. A little farther on I got among a lot of bamboo shacks that were burning, the bullets whistling over my head all the while. It was the hottest place I ever got into. Still farther on we got in line of the insurgent fire on our regiment, but got through all right to the Chinese hospital, where I was told by the Adjutant to keep the ammunition. If I had my choice I would greatly prefer hereafter to be on the firing line to taking charge of ammunition.

A remarkable thing about the Filipinos is that all of their defensive points are churches or cemeteries, all of which have some sort of a stone wall surrounding them. It seems like an awful thing to shell churches and cemeteries, but it is the only way you can defeat them. The shells that passed through the big white church before mentioned unearthed several skeletons. A skull and cross-bones were the first objects to attract my attention when I reached the church door.

The natives have been led into this trouble by smarter men, who held out the promise that several European nations would aid them, and God only knows what else, but they see their mistake now.

JOE.

Scientific Adjustment of Glasses.

Fitting glasses is a science. The common belief that everybody can fit glasses has been the cause of irreparable damage to all those whose eye troubles were out of the ordinary line, thus requiring a skilful and scientific examination, which can be had only at the hands of a specialist who has made the diseases of eyes a life study.

Dr. Sadler of Pittsburg, the most eminent specialist for diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat will be at the Somerset House, Somerset, Wednesday p. m. April 12 and Thursday April 13. The reputation he enjoys guarantees to all those afflicted with diseases of the above mentioned kind, the most thorough scientific treatment possible.

The Decadence of April 1st as "Settle Day."

No better evidence of the decadence of "settle day" can be pointed to than last Saturday. For many years the first day of April was universally accepted by the people of this county, as well as many other Pennsylvania counties populated largely by citizens of German extraction, as the time when all payments due on real estate and interest bearing accounts should be paid, or satisfactorily "settled." Men from all sections of the county were accustomed to visit Somerset on that day either to pay or receive money, and in a majority of cases those having money to pay brought it concealed about their clothing, and those who received it carried it in the same way to their homes to hide in some secret place until an investment could be found.

Twenty years ago, in fact it is safe to say that at a much later date, thousands of Somerset county citizens did not own their farms or homes unincumbered, and it was customary for the parties of both the first and second part to come to the county seat when a payment was to be made, not only to pay and receive the money due but to see that the receipts were recorded. Hundreds of those having payments to meet were short, possibly from $10 to $500, and their misfortune was the opportunity of the "curbstone" broker, who made up the deficiency when good security was offered at a high rate of interest.

Every public office, store room and lawyer's office was crowded on these occasions by persons earnestly engaged in transacting business, which to them was of great importance. A man who had a payment of $500 to meet might have probably two-thirds of the amount in gold and silver coin, a few dollars in currency and would be obliged to deal with a "curb-stone" Shylock to make up the shortage. Many hours were often consumed in transactions of this character.

For some unaccountable reason all transactions of the character mentioned were so arranged that the annual settlement would come on April 1st. No matter whether the sale of a farm was made in June or December, the payments were invariably arranged so that they would become due on that day—so it requires no stretch of imagination to believe that 1,000 or 2,000 out-of-town people came to Somerset on April 1st.

Since then, or to be more correct, since National Banks have become a prominent factor in the business of the county, new methods have been introduced and the people have not been slow to avail themselves of them. Transactions that formerly consumed hours are now disposed of with a few strokes of the pen, and in hundreds of instances the parties concerned trust their checks to the mails instead of making long and tiresome journeys to the county seat. In a very few cases to-day when real estate is conveyed it is stipulated that the annual payments shall fall due on the first day of April; but, on the other hand, payments are invariably made to fall due annually after the date of the sale. Instead of April first being generally accepted by the people of the county as "settle day," they now look upon the day when money owing by or due them, no matter when it comes, as the time when it shall be paid and receipted for.

The crowd on the streets last Saturday was very small when compared with the gatherings that collected in Somerset on the first day of April in years past, but at the same time the volume of business transacted through the two National Banks was very large.

Does Coffee Agree With You.

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to go back to coffee." It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strengthening substance of pure grains. Get a package to-day from your grocer, follow the directions in making it and you will have a delicious and healthful table beverage for old and young. 15c. and 25c.

Big Output of the Berwind-White Company.

Superintendent J. S. Cunningham, of the Berwind-White Coal Mining company, Windber, says that all records were broken at the close of the month of March.

"The total output of the mines in January," said Mr. Cunningham, "was 4,000 cars. February was not only a short month, but the month of the big blizzard, so that the output was small and therefore not to be compared to January. In March, however, the big record in January was smashed, the output reaching 5,500 cars. But even this big record will be smashed, for the capacity of the mines is to be gradually increased."

Creamery Promoters.

The Pennsylvania State College authorities are sending out to the farmers of the State a warning against "creamery promoters." These promoters endeavor to get the farmers to put their money into these schemes without regard to whether there is sufficient paying field for the new enterprise, and in most instances the money put into these enterprises is eventually sunk. The expert of the State College declares: "In order for a creamery association to be successful, it is necessary, above all things, to have the milk from three hundred to five hundred cows guaranteed to the creamery for nine months in the year. A creamery to handle this amount of milk can be built and equipped for from $1,800 to $2,200. The price usually asked by promoters is from $2,700 to $4,000." It would be well for farmers to give heed to this advice and before going into these schemes communicate with the State College or the Dairy Division of the Agricultural Department at Washington, from whom they can get desired and much valuable information, which may save them money.—York Dispatch.

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SMALLPOX SCARE.

Cases Reported at Hooversville and Felix.

Drs. Statler and Tomb of the Johnstown board of health visited Hooversville Friday for the purpose of investigating the alleged smallpox cases there. The Johnstown Democrat says: "They found one very serious case, and half a dozen mild ones. The disease is rampant in the home of Samuel Gindlesperger, where six mild cases exist. Peter Boyer is in a very serious condition. Dr. Barlott of Hooversville, who is attending physician, diagnosed the case as smallpox and the houses are placarded and hung with red flags. The town authorities are exercising every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. The council met a few nights ago and appointed the following board of health: Dr. I. C. Barlott, president; John Hamer, secretary; E. K. Ober, A. L. Livingston and Hiram J. Meyers. J. W. Stanton is the health officer. Boyer, the most serious case, is a mass of black scabs and pit marks are already visible."

County Medical Inspector Dr. Henry Garey, of Berlin, spent several days last week in Ogle township investigating the alleged smallpox cases in that district. He reports that he found the Seese family—the father and nine children—all down with some kind of a skin disease, but he does not believe they are suffering from smallpox. The Doctor made arrangements, however, to have the house quarantined. On the occasion of a former visit to Ogle township the Doctor submitted a report to the State Board of Health and was directed to make another investigation, as the officers of that body did not coincide with his diagnosis. He now says that the State Board is satisfied with the diagnosis he made. The Doctor visited Hooversville Saturday. There appears to be no doubt that there are several well-defined cases of smallpox in that town.

Future of the Bicycle.

It is agreed by all bicycle manufacturers that the 1899 models represent the perfect wheel. Improvement seems to be impossible. Precisely the same thing is true of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It represents the limits of science in overcoming disease, and it is impossible to make a better medicine for the stomach, liver, kidneys and blood. A few doses of the Bitters will start weak, nervous and bloodless people on the road to strength. A regular course of treatment will bring back the pink to the cheeks and sparkle to the eye. Sleep will come naturally, and it will be refreshing and healthful. Dyspepsia, indigestion and constipation will be completely banished, and the blessings of true health bestowed. Never take a substitute for this perfect remedy.

TOWN COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Engineer Employed to Devise Plans For Public Sewers.

At the regular meeting of Council held Thursday evening, bills for fuel, police service, engineer at water works and extra labor at water works were approved.

President Frease appointed the following committees:

Water—Messrs. Welfley, Love and Kifer.

Streets—Messrs. Ruppel, Scull and Ogle.

Finance—Messrs. Scull, Welfley and Ruppel.

Purchasing—Messrs. Ogle, Love and Kifer.

The second important step looking toward the construction of a system of public sewers was taken Friday afternoon at a special meeting of the Council, when by a unanimous vote of all the proposition of Mr. James S. Haring, of Pittsburg, to devise a sewer system and superintend the construction of the same, and to establish borough grade lines, was accepted. Mr. Haring was one of ten or twelve engineers who submitted proposals for this work, and while his bid was neither the highest or lowest, Council deemed it prudent under all the circumstances to award him the contract. Mr. Haring is a sanitary engineer of large experience and comes highly recommended by municipalities for which he has done work similar to what he will be expected to do here. He will probably come to Somerset this week and it is expected that he will begin the preliminary survey at an early day. The members of Council are determined to push the work to completion as rapidly as possible.

Her Experience.

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And Now They are Married.

Mr. Henry Landis, of Berlin, and Miss Sue Croner, of Shanksville, were united in marriage on Sunday, April 2 1, at the Brethren parsonage, Meyersdale, Rev. John H. Knepper officiating.

Mr. Archie Benford, of Lavansville, and Miss Annie Barclay, of Bakersville, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Saturday last, Rev. C. F. Gebhart, of Lavansville, officiating.

Mr. Ellsworth J. Lambert and Miss Bertha Book, both of near Lambertsville, were united in marriage on Saturday, March 31st, at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens, Rev. J. J. Welch officiating.

Mr. Charles W. Coleman, of near Friedens, and Miss Maud B. Lambert, of Lambertsville, were married on Sunday, April 2 1. The ceremony took place at the Lutheran parsonage in Friedens and was performed by Rev. J. J. Welch.

Mr. James Zimmerman, of Stoyestown, and Miss Adela Shaffer, of Hooversville, were united in marriage Thursday evening, at the United Evangelical parsonage, Johnstown, Rev. A. J. Bird officiating. The young couple will make their home in that city.

At the residence of Mr. C. C. Streng, in Meyersdale, on Thursday evening, March 30th, Mr. Emanuel M. Bowser, of that place, and Miss Tracy A. Hoffman, of Berlin, were united in the bonds of wedlock, Rev. J. H. Knepper, of the Brethren Church, officiating.

Free Delivery for Somerset.

On and after March 24th, I will run a delivery wagon every day except Sunday, and supply my customers at their homes with Pisel's home-made bread, yeast, pies, cakes, ice cream, oysters, &c. Give your order to the agent on the wagon or leave it at the White Palace Restaurant in the Cook & Beerits block

Somerset Normal School

Will open April 24 and continue in session 9 weeks. It is the aim to give all in attendance the best things within reach. Teachers:—D. W. Seibert, W. J. Woy.

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Estate of Reuben M. Linton, late of Somerset borough, deceased.

Letters testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned by the proper authority, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same to present them duly authenticated for settlement, on or before Saturday, the 20th day of May, 1899, at the late residence of Oliver Knepper, dec'd, in said borough.

EDITH K. LINTON,
Administratrix of Reuben M. Linton, dec'd.

Orphans' Court Sale
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate

The undersigned trustee, appointed by the Orphans' Court of Bedford county, Pa., to sell the real estate of Lewis Whisker, late of Napier township, Bedford county, post partition, will expose at public sale all of the real estate of decedent, viz:

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, '99,
at 1 o'clock P. M.,

in Shade township, Somerset county, Pa., about a mile from Central City, she will offer a farm containing 209 ac