e Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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...man must feel envious of the "Kiss-...g".

...y bronze cannon, captured in Cuba, ...e cast into church bells at Silesia, ...any.

...ing the fiscal year June 30, there ...d 10,700 applications of all kinds for ...ts.

...e captured Spanish warship Reina ...edes has been appraised at $73,000 ...special board.

...drew Carnegie, who is in Scotland, ...ffered to give East Liverpool, O., a ...lic library, costing $50,000.

...retary Long will present to Admi...wey, on the east front of the capi...n the presence of the President and ...itizens of Washington, the sword ...d him by Congress.

...t having any Republican party, nor ...any Senator Quay, to hold responsi...r their troubles, the Korean calami...ies charge the drouth prevailing ...t country up to the newly intro...d trolley cars.

...ile Mrs. C. H. Bussom, of South ...mspori, Pa., was wheeling a baby ...ge Friday, a large snake coiled ...around her ankle and was ready to ...e when she thrust her parasol into ...uth, tore the snake loose and ran for ...life.

...loss of the skin, horrible plague. ...everybody afflicted in one way or ...her. Only one sale, never failing ...Dan's Ointment. At any drug ...25 cents.

...istant General Stewart said it would ...upwards of $12,000 to ship three reg...ts to Pittsburg and there, are no ...s available to meet this expense, so ...the scheme to have the State pay for ...ging the Tenth Pennsylvania from ...Francisco will probably be aban...d.

...ustale W. C. Evans died quite sud...y at his place of business in Everett ...Saturday evening last, aged 67 years. ...ased was a well-known Republican ...er in Bedford county, and for eight ...ths suffered the tortures of Libby, ...n, Savannah and other Southern ...ons.

...the War Department in Washing...the transport Senator, carrying the ...bers of the Tenth Pennsylvania Regi...on their way home from the Phil...nes, is expected in San Francisco ...t the 1st of August. It is stated that ...en furlough will not need to report ...San Francisco to be mustered out.

...quiry was recently made at the State ...rtment in regard to the grave of ...n Paul Jones, the great naval hero of ...olutionary days, who died in Paris, ...1792. He was buried there with the ...st honors by the French Govern...t. The city authorities have been ...ble to discover the whereabouts of the ...e.

...ne of the Magwump newspapers ...an exchange are kicking because ...census enumerators appointed for ...sylvania were not selected by Mug...ps. Why should they be permitted ...ect any political place in this State? ...ey have been an element of discord ...re for the past five years, and they ...e done their utmost to break up the ...y, with no success whatever.

...ndent McKinley is said to have the ...memory of any man ever in politics, ...excepting Blaine. He never forgets ...e, rarely a name. Recently he was ...ed by a man who, recognizing him ...his pictures, bowed. They met at the ...White House reception. "I'm glad ...et you again," said the President. ...did? When before?" "On Penn...nia avenue, at 5:30 last Tuesday ...noon."

...is suggested that if Dr. N. C. Schaef...resigns the office of State Superintend...of Schools, to accept the principal...of the Kutztown Normal, to which ...was unanimously elected last Satur..., then Dr. Geo. H. Hanchar, who fail...in election to the Kutztown prin...ship, after having held it for six or ...n years, as Dr. Schaeffer's successor, ...uld be appointed State Superintend...t.

...new ruling of interest is being en...ed at the Prothonotary's office. A ...nt power of attorney stamp must go ...every note left in that office for entry, ...wise it will not be accepted by the ...thonotary. The Prothonotary cannot ...ive a note for entry unless it is prop...stamped under a penalty of a heavy .... It has been decided that a note ...be stamped when it is drawn up ...not when entered.

...n account of insufficient appropria...s by the Legislature, the Trustees of ...Pennsylvania State College have ...compelled, along with other meas...s of retrenchment, to discontinue for ...present the twelve-weeks Winter Lec...s on Agriculture and the Cheese-...king Course. The Creamery Course ...be given as heretofore, beginning ...uary 31, and the work of the regular ...years' course and of the special, one-...r course, will go on as usual. Special ...rts will also be made to increase the ...ency of the Correspondence Courses ...Agriculture.

...word from Bedford says that John Mil...a wealthy farmer of Indiana, who had ...visiting his brother near Cessna, ...eight miles from Bedford, commit...suicide Friday evening. He placed ...muzzle of a double-barrelled shotgun ...st his abdomen and pulled the trig...with his foot. The heavy charge of ...tore a large hole through his body, ...ing him instantly. When his trunk ...opened $2,300 were found in it. He ...a sufferer from stomach trouble, and ...believed his mind was temporarily ...balanced when he took his life.

...is probable that measures will be ...n by the State authorities to pre...a further spread of the smallpox ...the counties which have been affected. ...spatch from Harrisburg says that ...W. A. Shoe has been petitioned by ...State board of health to agree to an ...propriation of $5,000 to stamp out the ...pox in Allegheny, Clearfield, Cam...a and Westmoreland counties. The ...ey may be taken out of the emergen...fund of the board with the consent of ...treasurer and auditor general. The ...rmer will call the attention of these ...ials to the petition when they return ...Harrisburg, and it is thought the mon...will be appropriated.

...ere are two ways of talking over a ...phone. When the bell rings, some...dy jerk down the receiver, place it to ...ear, turn their back or side to the ...phone and yell "Hello!" to the oppo...wall or out of the window or down ...the door. If you want the party at ...other end of the line to hear your re...rks, talk into the telephone, in a com...nt way and in an ordinary tone ...voice. The fellow who yells at the ...top of his voice, to the annoyance of his ...bors, is—well, it isn't necessary. ...ess the telephone is out of order, ...r every-day voice can be heard just ...distinctly three squares or three miles ...can three feet away.

...ecently Dr. George W. Ludwig, of ...nsburg, Pa., obtained a rule on ...e Medical Council of this State requir...it to show cause why it should not ...e him a license to practice medicine ...surgery in this State. Mr. Ludwig ...graduate of the Maryland Universi...Baltimore, and holds a license grant...him by the Board of Medical Exam...rs of Maryland. The contention of ...Pennsylvania Medical Council was ...at the medical law of the State of Mary...d fails to meet the demands of medical ...w of the State of Pennsylvania, and ...dge Simonton, in an opinion handed ...n at Harrisburg last week, sustains ...e Pennsylvania Council. There were ...half a dozen cases before the Board.

Rev. Henry N. Cameron has returned from a two weeks' visit with friends at Delaware, Ohio.

Mrs. A. G. Beukhart, of Philadelphia, is a guest at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lambert.

Mrs. Abner McKinley and her sister—Miss Ella Endsley—left last week for Atlantic City, where they will spend several weeks.

Mrs. Frank Cunningham, of McKeesport, is visiting at the home of her husband's parents—Mr. and Mrs. Elias Cunningham—on Patriot street.

Prof. O. O. Saylor, who is employed as a teacher in the public schools of New York City, is spending his vacation at the home of his mother, in Somerset township.

Hon. Porter S. Newmeyer and family, of Connellsville, are guests at the Highland Inn. They drove here in a handsome trap drawn by a pair of spirited horses.

Col. H. H. Kuhn, of Johnstown, last week received two very pretty gifts from the grand commandery of the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania as an evidence of appreciation of his service as grand commander—a pair of shoulder straps and a jewel.

Miss Mabel McKinley favored the congregation at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning with two solos, and we are told that she has promised to sing one or more numbers for that congregation every Sunday morning while she remains in Somerset.

Dr. Evan Scott, of Tiffin, Ill., is visiting his former friends in this county, spending most of his time at the home of his venerable mother in New Centreville. He is a brother of Attorney John R. Scott. This is the first visit he has made to his former home in ten years.

Rev. Kuhlman, who several years since was pastor of the Lutheran churches at Bakersville and Lavansville, recently sustained the loss of his residence and all of its contents by a cyclone in Nebraska. The members of his former charges are making up a purse for his relief.

Dr. P. F. Shaffer has a force of mechanics at work remodeling the storeroom at the corner of Main Cross and Patriot streets, recently vacated by Davis' Millinery Store. When the repairs have been completed the Doctor will open a drug store, having his business office in the rear.

Isaac Neimiller, a civil war veteran, died at his late residence in Black township, Friday night, from consumption. He is survived by his wife and a number of children. He was sixty six years old. Interment was made in the Sanner Church cemetery. A large number of his old comrades attended the obsequies.

One of the proudest men about town at present is Mr. M. L. Shaffer, of the Commercial Hotel, who learned last week that his only son—Master Charles E. Shaffer—had successfully passed the final examination at the High School of Baltimore, Md., and was promoted to the Baltimore College, a still higher institution of learning maintained in connection with the common school system of that State.

A movement is on foot to secure improved mail facilities for the people living between Rockwood and Johnstown, along the Somerset & Cambria branch of the B. & O. The Postoffice Department will be asked to place two postal clerks on the S. & C., which will give every intervening post office between the points named the benefit of two additional mails daily, one north and one south bound.

There was general disappointment when the postoffice was removed to its present quarters that the new fixtures were not ready to be placed in position. The fixtures received were not in accordance with the specifications and all have been returned to the manufacturer. A new outfit will be here in the course of the next two weeks, when Somerset will have one of the best-equipped postoffices in the country.

The Somerset County Telephone Company has a force of men at work extending the line from this place to Bakersville. It is probable that the line will also be extended to Jenners during the next month or two. President John traveled over the territory between here and Jenners Monday with a view to locating the proposed extension. The residents of Jenners are reported to be quite anxious to have 'phone communication with the county seat.

Captain and Mrs. C. E. Tayman and Mrs. Web. Parker, with their grandmother, Mrs. Tayman, drove over here from Somerset Tuesday and remained until Thursday as guests of Mrs. Parker's father, Captain W. M. Jordan. Capt. Tayman, who is home on a furlough, took part in the Santiago campaign and will return next month to Havana to join his command, the Twenty-fourth Regiment, United States Infantry.—Mt. Pleasant Journal.

The local school board has decided to guard against smallpox, and with this object in view has instructed Principal Seibert to enforce the provisions of the Act of Assembly of June 18, 1895, which reads as follows: "All principals or other persons in charge of schools as aforesaid, are hereby required to refuse the admission of any child to the schools under their charge or supervision, except upon a certificate signed by a physician, setting forth that such child has been successfully vaccinated, or that it has previously had smallpox."

Regular adjourned court convened at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The most important business at this session will be the application of Samuel Peter Meyers, convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Michael Carney and John Lenhart, for a new trial. Counsel for defendant sought to secure a postponement of argument shortly after court convened, but were unsuccessful at that time. In case the application is argued and refused it is probable that Meyers will be sentenced to death to-day, otherwise sentence will be postponed until the regular term of court in September.

Josiah F. Bittner, a well-known citizen of Garrett, died Thursday evening from neuralgia of the heart, after an illness of only a few hours. Deceased was a one-legged civil war veteran, having submitted to the amputation of his limb, which had been shattered by a rebel bullet, shortly after the cessation of hostilities between the North and South. Mr. Bittner was engaged in the mercantile business for a number of years, retiring some ten years ago. He was a devout member of the Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, one son and five daughters, one of the latter being the wife of Mr. A. W. Bauman, B. & O. Agent at this place.

Hon. A. J. Colborn, "the Bald Eagle of Somerset," is spending a few days in Connellsville and Dawson visiting relatives. He took in the circus yesterday, not for publication but as a matter of good faith. "Ajax" Colborn was a member of the House of Representatives of the State from 1879 to 1882, serving through four successive Legislatures and being the Republican leader of the House during the closing years of his service. He was chairman of the committee which investigated the Connellsville hospital scandal in the early 80's. Though he long since retired from active participation in politics, he still takes a lively interest and is a partisan vigorous as ever.—Connellsville Courier.

Mr. W. H. H. Baker, of Middlecreek township, has been notified by Insurance Commissioner Durham to report "on the hill," in Harrisburg, on August 1st, when he will be assigned to duty in that department at a comfortable salary. He will succeed Mr. Edward B. Rankin, of Bellefonte, whose sister is the wife of ex-Governor Hastings. This is the first appointment in any of the State Departments secured by an applicant from Somerset county during the past twenty years, and the HERALD is pleased to note that it has been given to a stalwart young Republican. Mr. Baker is intelligent, capable and industrious, and his numerous friends will be glad to learn of his good fortune.

WORK DELAYED.

All Bids for Proposed Sewer System Exceed Appropriation Voted by Citizens of the Borough.

NEW PROPOSALS ASKED FOR.

The bids—five in all—for the construction of Somerset's proposed sewer system were opened at a meeting of council held last Wednesday afternoon. The bids ranged from $25,000 to $27,000 in round numbers, the lowest being that of the Greenville Construction Company, of Greenville, Ohio.

The members of council and Engineer Haring, it is needless to add, were disappointed when they found that none of the bids were less than the appropriation—$20,000—and that they are powerless to enter into a contract for the construction of that portion of the work for which they had advertised for proposals.

After learning that the funds at their disposal would not carry the work contemplated to completion the members of council held several informal meetings for the purpose of further discussing the situation, and, if possible, to devise some plan whereby a start on the proposed work should not be indefinitely postponed. With this object in view they consulted with Engineer Haring who agreed to make a few alterations in his specifications, which will materially lessen the cost of the work without interfering with the efficiency of the system; and they also directed the engineer to make an estimate of the probable cost of constructing the outlets for the proposed system, which he has accordingly done and for which council has already received a lump sum bid.

The most expensive section of the proposed work is the laying of sewer pipes from the borough line to the proposed outlet some 2000 feet south of town. This, however, can be done, and in addition the following intercepting lines can be constructed with the funds now available for sewer purposes: from the south borough line to the intersection of Pleasant and Catherine streets, (one square north of Michael Kifer's residence); from the south borough line to the intersection of Main and East streets, (D. J. Horner's residence;) from the south borough line to the intersection of Main Cross and Union streets, (First National Bank corner); from the south borough line to the intersection of West and North streets, (S. Shirers' residence); from the south borough line to the intersection of 2d alley and Union streets (Water-Pumping Station.)

The above lines, if completed, will form the skeleton to which every lateral contemplated in the system devised by Engineer Haring can be connected at comparatively insignificant cost, and it is believed by the Engineer and members of council that all laterals can be immediately carried to completion if an additional appropriation is authorized before the intercepting lines named above have been laid.

In case only the outlet and intercepting pipes are put down only those citizens who reside and have their business houses on Main Cross street, a few on Pleasant, East, West, and Patriot streets, will be in position to tap the pipes, while a vast majority of the citizens will be compelled to either wait until laterals have been laid by the municipality, or to lay them at the expense of abutting property holders under the supervision of the borough engineer. While a majority of the householders will be temporarily deprived of tapping the sewer system, (unless done at individual expense) there is no good reason why council should not take annually from the general fund of the borough an amount sufficient to construct laterals on at least one of the streets running east and west from end to end, and, if this is done, it will require only eight or nine years to provide sewers for the accomodation of more than ninety-five per cent. of the improved properties in the corporate limits and for more than ninety-five per cent. of the entire population of the town.

In view of the foregoing, which is the view taken by members of council, it is clearly manifest that the best, most prudent and wisest course for the citizens to take is to authorize an additional appropriation large enough to carry the sewer system devised by Engineer Haring to the extreme limit demanded by the present requirements of the town and thus avoid the future construction of laterals, all of which council feels safe in saying can be accomplished with an additional appropriation of $7,000 or $8,000.

The members of council are perfectly satisfied with the sewer system devised by Engineer Haring, which has been approved by one of the highest authorities on sanitary engineering in the world, and they feel that it cannot be improved upon.

To those persons who have felt disposed to criticise the action of council and the engineer's plans, it is only necessary to say that few if any of them, have inspected the plans and specifications, while on the other hand they have gained their information from those who have antagonized the contemplated public improvement from its inception and have ever since been actively engaged in disseminating false information in regard to the same.

In regard to the matter of providing outlets for cellar and surface drainage Somerset is most advantageously situated, but the engineer and members of council have not lost sight of the fact that drainage of this character will have to be provided for in a limited number of instances, but it can be done and properly done comparatively trifling cost.

Should an additional appropriation be refused and council determine to construct the main outlets mentioned it will give the people of Somerset not only the nucleus of a splendid sewer system but will place the town in a better sanitary condition than it has been for many years, and will provide immediate relief for all those who have for years and are at present complaining of the foul excrescences that flood the gutters and water courses in various sections.

At a meeting of council Monday afternoon a resolution was adopted directing that sealed proposals be received for the construction of the main outlet and all intercepting sewers.

Ligonier to Somerset.

Talk continues in interested quarters about the proposed railroad between Ligonier and Somerset, connecting with the Ligonier Valley at the former place, says a Greensburg taxpayer.

The Byers-Allen Company is now extending the Ligonier Valley Railroad seven miles from Ligonier out to where the lumber-mills are being erected. The improvements being made by these Eastern capitalists will cost $250,000. It is generally agreed that they would not be putting in this amount of money just to get at the lumber in that section of the county. Byers and the Allens are wealthy, and they are backed by men of money from New York and Pittsburg. The capitalists see that a railroad tapping that rich mountainous country would yield big dividends, it is said, and there will be money forthcoming to push the line clear to Somerset, virtually making that place thirty-five miles nearer Pittsburg.

It is said the Pennsylvania would interest itself in such a project in order to obtain access to certain parts of Somerset County which it cannot reach by means of its lines entering from the north.

In the territory between Ligonier and Somerset there are said to be rich deposits of blue rock, fire clay, white sand, and a stone from which an excellent quality of paint can be manufactured. In addition there is a fine growth of timber. The road would be a rather expensive one to construct, but it is said that it will soon pay for itself.

The Kansas City Star thinks the marvel of the age is, not the return of Dreyfus to France, but that neither the New York Journal nor the New York World were responsible for his rescue.

NEW PUBLIC INSTITUTION.

Corner Stone of Somerset County Hospital Laid.

The corner-stone of the Somerset County Hospital was laid with appropriate ceremonies at the County Home, at one o'clock Saturday afternoon, in the presence of several hundred people. Director Adam S. Miller acted as chairman. After Scriptural reading by Elder Silas Hoover, Rev. D. P. K. Lavan offered prayer. Director M. Shumaker read a comprehensive history of the County Home from its inception, and Mrs. Mae Biesecker read a history of the Children's Aid Society, which was followed by an address by Director Jacob W. Peck, who is the president of the Board. Mr. Peck's oration had been carefully prepared and bristled with interesting data and information. He was heartily congratulated by all present at the conclusion of his effort. Rev. Lavan and L. C. Colborn, Esq., were called upon, and both responded with remarks suitable to the occasion. A feature of the exercises was the singing by a choir under the leadership of Prof. James Hetzel.

A copy of the Laws and Regulations of the State Board of Charities, Laws and Regulations of the State Committee on Lunacy, Directory of the Almshouses and Charitable Institutions of the Commonwealth, the several reports of the Directors of the Poor of Somerset County, a photograph of the late Isaac Hugus, Esq., author of the Act of Assembly creating the County Home, historical data of the County of Somerset, copies of all the county papers, and fractional coins of the United States, all wrapped in a beautiful new silk American flag, were deposited in the excavation chiseled in the stone for that purpose.

After the masons had placed the stone in position under the direction of Architect W. H. Stoddard, refreshments were served by the Steward and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. William Ream.

The new hospital building will be built of brick 48x96 feet and will be two stories high. It will be equipped with all modern appliances and when completed will compare favorably with any similar institution in the State. It is expected that the hospital building will be finished throughout by November 1st, when all of the chronic insane from this county now being cared for at State institutions will return and be cared for at the County Hospital.

The contract price for the new building is $12,162, and the Poor Directors estimate that this sum will be received from the State within the course of five years and that the inmates of the County Hospital will be as carefully looked after and cared for as they have been at State Institutions. The local Poor Board has received over $2,000 since January 1st for maintaining the chronic insane provided for at the County Home at the present time, and their action in erecting a hospital which is intended to provide for all who are now and may hereafter become a charge on the county, will be commended by all thoughtful persons who are interested in this praiseworthy work.

Local Notes.

Rev. G. T. Eddy, of Missouri, will lead the prayer meeting Wednesday evening, July 19th, in the Presbyterian church. All are invited to be present.

The annual picnic at Friedens', will be held in Snyder's grove, Saturday, August 19th. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to be present.

"Chickens are coming home to roost" with startling rapidity in the coop of the "compare notes" bosses. That was a hard jolt they got at Rockwood the other day.

Old soldiers throughout the county will be pleased to learn of the good fortune of Comrade Levi Lsese, of Berlin, who was recently granted a pension of $50 per month.

A number of Pittsburg people are rusticating on farms near Bakersville. There is no more delightful place in the county than the region around Bakersville, and nowhere are more hospitable people to be found.

Regular services will be held in the Somerset Reformed church next Sabbath morning, and in the Lavansville church at 2 o'clock p. m. Children's Day Services will be held in the Somerset church at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

The Houtzdale, Clearfield County Journal, which was started by John F. Farrel several years ago as the Houtzdale Advance, went out of existence last week, the subscription list, good will, etc., being purchased by the Citizen. The proprietors of the Journal, Messrs. J. W. Read and Albert Markle will remove their plant to Windber, and there publish a paper.

Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson College, whom Governor Stone made State Librarian, may get further advancement. It is reported that Dr. Reed is likely to be appointed State Superintendent of Public Instruction, when Dr. N. C. Schaeffer resigns the position to become principal of the Kutztown State Normal School.

The 14th annual reunion of the Lutherans of the county will be held at Markleton, Tuesday, August 1st. Arrangements have been made with the B. & O. to run special excursion trains and to sell excursion tickets for regular trains to Markleton on that day. The committee in charge of the arrangements believe that the crowd in attendance will be larger than heretofore, as the place selected for the reunion is one of the most attractive in the county. Refreshments can be had on the grounds. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. W. L. Seabrook, of Winchester, Va., Missionary W. M. Beck, of Monrovia, Liberia, W. H. Ruppel and J. C. Speicher. An interesting musical program has also been arranged for.

From all sections of the county come gratifying reports of splendid crops. Hay was never finer or more prolific and the crop already harvested is an enormous one. Last week's protracted rainfall interfered with the making of thousands of tons of hay that had been cut, but it is believed that most, if not all of it, has been saved and will be harvested this week. Many farmers have harvested their wheat and those who were prevented from doing so last week are now busily engaged storing it away. The wheat crop is a magnificent one. An immense acreage throughout the county is planted with potatoes and the yield promises to be an unusually large one. Oats and corn are both looking fine. The harvest throughout the county has never promised better than this season.

The Prohibition County Convention was held in the court house Monday afternoon and was in marked contrast with the recent Democratic and Republican conventions, at both of which more or less red fire was burned. The attendance at the Prohibition Convention was so small as to escape attention except on the part of a few cold-water men. The following county ticket was nominated: Sheriff, Job M. Flannigan, Confluence; Prothonotary, George H. Hocking, Meyersdale; Register and Recorder, C. D. Spangler, Stonycreek; Treasurer, I. G. Jones, Somerset borough; Commissioner, Alex. Grof, Meyersdale; Auditor, R. P. Collins, Berlin; Poor House Director, Wm. Gustin, Somerset borough; Coroner, John J. Brallier, Berlin; County Surveyor, Robert M. Walker, Berlin. The following delegates to the State Convention, which meets in Philadelphia July 21st, were elected: Rev. M. L. Young, I. G. Jones, J. O. Stoner and Wm. Oats; alternates: J. C. Wetmiller, Prof. J. C. Speicher, Pembroke Thompson and Oliver Meyers. Fred Grof and C. F. Zimmerman were elected members of the State Central Committee. Alex. B. Grof was elected County Chairman and E. R. Floto Secretary.

WANTED—A good girl for general house work. Must be a good cook; good wages and a good place. Address

GEORGE W. KEMP,
Harnedsville, Pa.

BIG COAL DEAL.

Reading Iron Company Buys 9,000 Acres in Somerset, Quemahoning and Lincoln Townships.

JUDGE BAER'S ENTERPRISE.

Three or four weeks ago the HERALD announced that Judge Baer had concluded an immense coal deal, the details of which he did not wish made public at that time. Since then the Judge and his son-in-law—A. L. G. Hay, Esq.—have been actively employed in examining titles and procuring deeds for a large number of tracts of coal lands in Somerset, Lincoln and Quemahoning townships, embracing in all some 9,000 acres, which Judge Baer has sold to the Reading Iron Company, of which George F. Baer, of Reading, is President.

Mr. George F. Baer last week gave out the following statement in Philadelphia concerning the purchase:

"The Reading Iron Company is a large consumer of bituminous coal and coke at its various rolling mills and blast furnaces. It was thought prudent to secure an adequate supply of fuel for its work, to purchase coal lands. In looking around, we concluded to buy a block of coal lands in Somerset county. The aggregate acreage will probably be nine thousand acres. The lands are on the line of the Baltimore & Ohio's branch from Rockwood to Johnstown.

"Judge William Baer, my brother, owned a tract of coal land included in the sale, and he was the active representative of the Reading Iron Company in purchasing the lands. There were more than fifty individual sellers, Judge Baer being the largest individual holding. The plot secured embraces practically the whole coal field on the right and left of the railroad, with the excention of the lands owned by the Listie Coal Company, and a block of several thousand acres which I myself own and still retain.

"On the recently acquired property there has hitherto been no mining, but a number of operations exist in the country adjacent. The quality of the coal is well known in the market. The property contains five workable veins, known in the geological reports of the State as Beds A, B, C, D, and E. The Berwind-White Company are the principal coal shippers over the Pennsylvania system, and they are carrying on extensive mining operations in Somerset county, about fifteen miles north of the newly acquired property of the Iron Company; they are mining Bed B. The Reading Iron Company is now opening Bed D, known in the Clearfield region as the 'Moshannon' and and Bed C1, known in Somerset as the 'Listie.'

"Our ground is near Mostoller Station, on the Somerset & Cambria Branch. The distance from these new mines to Reading is 277 miles. The traffic will be over the B. & O. system to Cherry Run, a distance of 129 miles, and from Cherry Run over the Western Maryland and Reading systems to Reading, a distance of 148 miles.

"The Reading Iron Company proposes to mine coal for its own use alone, and does not expect, for years to come, to mine all the veins it has secured. The country is one of the finest agricultural districts in the United States, and nothing but the mining rights has been purchased. Only where it was necessary for practical operations did we buy the surface.

"I myself," concluded President Baer, "have been for a number of years making private investments in this field, and I bought the coal property adjoining my lands because it could be acquired at what I consider a very low price. I did not sell any of my own lands to the Company," he concluded, smiling.

Public Sale of Driving and Draft Horses

At Somerset, Pa., Monday, July 24, 1899, beginning at 1 o'clock P. M. sharp. At the stock yards. One car load of 24 head of western horses from the ranch of Corbin Morris, of near Pierre, South Dakota. These horses are well bred and worth the attention of farmers and others in need of horses. They are all sound and range from four to six years old and weigh from 1000 to 1400 lbs. They are bred from Shires, Percherons and Cleveland Bays.

Several spans of fine drivers bred from Cleveland Bays and Kentucky Whips. These horses have all been driven and are well mated. Terms made known on day of sale.

ESKENS & Co.,
Wm. Powell, Pierre, South Dakota.
Auctioneer.

Annual Reformed Reunion.

The Annual Reunion of the Reformed people of Somerset county will be held this year at the usual place, Rockwood, on Thursday, August 17, next. The Committee of arrangements is endeavoring to secure good speakers, ample railroad accommodations, etc. It is expected that the occasion will be fully equal to, if not surpass those of former years. Music will be furnished by the Frostburg, Md., Band of thirty pieces.

E. S. HASSLER,
Ch'm of Com.

Lutheran Young People's Convention.

The Central Luther League of the Somerset County Conference will meet in convention in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, at Lavansville, July 27th and 28th.

This League embraces all young people's societies of the Lutheran churches, irrespective of names, within the bounds of the Somerset County Conference, and each society is requested to send three delegates to the convention. Those coming by railroad will be met at Somerset station, Thursday, 27th, upon the arrival of the 3 p. m. and 5 p. m trains. Notice of all intending to attend should be sent to Rev. C. F. Gebhart, Lavansville, Pa., not later than the 24th inst.

The program prepared is an interesting one. Two sessions will be held, viz: Thursday evening and Friday morning.

Mount Moriah Mention.

The Horner Lutheran Church, which has been closed for the past six months, undergoing needed repairs, will be reopened with appropriate ceremonies on next Sunday morning, July 23d.

Henry McClelland and family, of Johnstown, are visiting in this neighborhood, where they have many friends.

P. C. Maurer, who is well up in the seventies, is still a very vigorous and busy man; when not engaged in attending to his farm duties he occupies his time hunting woodchucks, which have become very numerous in this region and are an aggravating nuisance. During the past six weeks he has killed a score or more.

The Horner Church Sunday School will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, August 12th, in Muller Grove. These picnics are always attended by large crowds of people, and the crowd in attendance this season will not prove an exception to the rule. X.

School Teachers Elected for Paint township.

The School Directors of Paint township held an all-day session Saturday at Knuff's Hotel, in Scalp Level, and elected teachers for the coming term. They are as follows: Windber—Grade 8, Joseph Shaffer; Grade 7, Charles Brubaker; Grade 6, Will Hoffman; Grade 5 J. G. Begley; Grade 4, Mr. Coffroth; Grade 3, Miss Clare Murphy, of Johnstown; Grade 2, Miss Shultz, of Somerset; Grade 1, Miss Shaffner.

In the ungraded schools of the township the teachers were elected as follows: Cross Roads, Mr. Beabes; Seese, Mr. Miller; Morningland, Mr. Gahagen; Shaffer, Mr. Murphy; Clear Spring, Mr. Weaver; Ashtola, Mr. Penrod; Flat Rock, Mahlon Brubaker; Eureka, Mr. Nagle; Border, Mr. Saylor; Custer, Mr. Pugh; Berkey's, George Custer; Hoffman, Mr. Hoffman.

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Killed the "Missing Link."

Upon the question whether his victim was brute or human depends A. H. Bower's guilt or innocence of the crime of murder, says a dispatch from Bonesteel, S. D. Bower was one of the owners of a small show. Among the attractions was a creature of seemingly a higher form of animal life than a monkey and lower than a man. Bower called the animal the "Missing Link," and laid great stress on the alleged fact that no one was able to say whether it belonged to the human or the brute creation. He now avers that the animal was a monkey. In a scuffle with it the showman became angry, and, seizing a heavy club, dealt his antagonist a blow from the effects of which it died. The local authorities placed Bower under arrest on a charge of murder. His lawyers set up the defense that their client did not take the life of a human being, but the magistrate bound him over to the grand jury.

Lutherans at Idlewild.

There is every indication that the annual picnic and reunion of the Lutherans of Western Pennsylvania, to be held at Idlewild on July 20th, will be one of the largest and most enjoyable events of the season. Excursion trains will be run over the P. R. R. from all points within reasonable distance, returning at a convenient hour, thus making it a most desirable day's outing. An interesting program has been arranged for the occasion, and noted speakers will be present. Idlewild was never more beautiful, and never presented so many attractive features as this year. The lakes, groves and lawns were never so pretty and the new and romantic woodland lake is a source of never-ending pleasure to excursionists. This reunion will be a rare occasion for a visit to Idlewild and a day of rest.

Farmer Brutally Beaten.

Word from Windber says Adam Yost, the farmer living about three miles northeast of Windber who was waylaid Friday night of last week and brutally beaten by three men whom he recognized as Lawrence Grush, Aaron Sesse, and Daniel Yonkers, will probably recover.

The men were hiding behind trees, and, jumping out suddenly, they pulled Yost from his horse and began beating him; he pleaded for mercy and offered his pocketbook, but the assailants said they didn't want money and were going to kill him. Getting tired beating him, they left the old man, covered with cuts and bruises, lying in the road, where he was found by members of his family.

Warrants were issued for the assailants on Monday by Justice Sell and they were arrested by Constable Hayes. The defendants were held in $800 bail each for a hearing pending the recovery of their victim.

Altoona papers say that Mrs. Annie Ingram, a middle-aged woman with two small children, called at the Mayor's office Thursday morning and asked for assistance to reach Rockwood, Somerset county. She said she came from Mechanicsburg, and that her husband had died about six months ago, leaving her in destitute circumstances. She said she had a sister in Rockwood, who would assist her when she reached there. The woman and her two children were furnished with transportation as far as Johnstown.

Survey of Pennsylvania will Require About Fifteen Years' Work.

An important meeting of the State Survey Commission was held in Pittsburg Saturday afternoon, its object being the adoption of plans for the topographical and geological survey of the entire State. The meeting, which took place at the Seventh-avenue Hotel, was attended by H. M. Wilson, of Washington, Chief Geographer of the United States Survey. The State Commissioners, all of whom were present, are Former-Assemblyman George M. McKnees, of Kittanning, Chairman; Fred D. Barker, of Ebensburg, Secretary, and Simon Harold, of Beaver Falls.

What a great undertaking the topographical survey of the whole State is may be gauged from the fact that the maps are required to show every house in city and country; every road and path, the size, shape and height of every hill and mountain, every valley, stream, lake and pond, by means of contour lines. The start will be made in Erie county because of the United States Lake Survey, upon which the new work can be based. From there operations will be extended into Fayette county, thence to Westmoreland, Armstrong and Allegheny counties.

The last Legislature made an appropriation of $40,000 for the work on the part of the State, and the National Government is expected to contribute a like amount. This will only be enough for a beginning, however. It is estimated the work will require fifteen years, and expenditures will be made at the rate of some $20,000 annually.

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Orphans' Court Sale

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Valuable Real Estate

Pursuant to the orders and decrees of the several Orphans' Courts of Bedford, Cambria and Somerset counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, will be sold at public sale, at the Court House, in Somerset, Pennsylvania, on

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 1899,

at 2 o'clock P. M.,

the following described real estate, late of Jonathan Glunt, of the township of Logan, in the county of Blair and State of Pennsylvania, deceased, to-wit:

No. 1. The one undivided twenty-sixth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of John Faith, beginning at a corner of tract in the name of Henry Rhodes, thence north 25½ degrees east 48 perches to post, thence north 86¼ degrees west 46 perches to stones, thence north 29 degrees east 109 perches to post, thence north 3½ degrees west 40 perches to corner of tract in name of James May, thence north 86½ degrees west 365 perches to a post, thence south 3½ degrees west 160 perches to a chestnut, thence north 86½ degrees west 83 to stones, thence south 3½ degrees west 41 perches to stones, thence south 86½ degrees east — perches to place of beginning, containing 449 acres and allowance, of which about 300 acres are situate in Somerset County and the remainder in Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

No. 2. The one undivided twenty-sixth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of James May, beginning at corner of tract in the name of John Faith, thence north 3½ degrees east 266 perches to stones, thence north 86½ degrees west 365 perches to post, thence south 3½ degrees west 206 perches to post, thence south 86½ degrees east 365 perches to the place of beginning, containing 449 acres and 37 perches and allowance, of which about 289 acres and 37 perches are situate in Somerset County and the remainder in Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

No. 3. The one undivided twenty-sixth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of Simon Geyer, beginning at a post on line of John Faith, thence north 29 degrees east 590 perches to stones, thence south 86½ degrees east — perches, thence north 30 degrees east 116 perches to Township line (West Twp. Clair and Union) thence north 3½ degrees east — perches to corner of tract in name of Peter Counce, thence north 86½ degrees west 193 perches to public road leading to Johnstown on line of tract in name of Hugh Barclay, thence south 3½ degrees west 510 perches to the place of beginning, containing 400 acres and allowance, of which about 60 acres are situate in Somerset County and the remainder in Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

No. 4. The one undivided twenty-sixth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of Peter Counce, beginning at stones corner of tract in the name of John Greer, thence north 3½ degrees east 352 perches to corner of tract in name of John Dalton, thence north 86½ degrees west 193 perches to line of tract in name of Daniel Clark, thence south 3½ degrees west 352 perches to corner of tract in name of John Greer, thence south 86½ degrees east 193 perches to the place of beginning, containing 400 acres and 90 perches and allowance, of which 150 acres and 90 perches are situate in Somerset County, and 250 acres situate in Cambria County, and 100 acres in Bedford County, Pennsylvania.

(All of said tracts of land are situate in Ogle Township, Somerset County, Adams Township, Cambria County, and West St. Clair and Union Townships, Bedford County. Originally surveyed on Warrants dated September 18, 1794, containing 5222 acres and 65 perches net, or 5268 acres and 96 perches with the usual allowance.)

No. 5. The one undivided eighth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of "John Inskeep," situated in Ogle Township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, containing 455½ acres and allowance.

No. 6. The one undivided eighth part of a tract of land warranted in the name of "Thomas Barton," situated in Ogle township, Somerset county, Pennsylvania, containing 455½ acres and allowance.

No. 7. The one undivided eighth part of a tract of land warranted in the