



Boom! Boom!! Boom!!!



That's the way Grant's guns thundered at Vicksburg and Lee's guns thundered at Fredericksburg.

The war is over long ago, but booming still wins.

Make this town and the country around it your battleground, and then boom!

If you boom loud enough, people will come from afar off to find out what's up.

This is the inside history of every town on earth that amounts to anything more than a hill of beans.

Booming may be done in many ways. A board of trade can do it. A commercial club or business men's club can do it. You can do it individually.

If you don't believe in this town, why do you live here? If you do believe in it, why don't you boom it?

Batteries in a battle boom together. If only one gun booms now and then it helps some, but when they all boom together something big is going to happen right off.

Now, suppose you who read this suggest through the columns of this paper some method of massing our boom batteries and making a noise that will bring people running into this town to go into business, start a factory, develop some of our natural resources.

N. B.—BOOM! BOOM!! BOOM!!!

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY.

Below will be found the names of the various county and district officials.

President Judge—Francis J. Kooser, Member of Congress—A. F. Cooper, Uniontown, Pa.

State Senator—William C. Miller, Bedford, Pa.

Members of Assembly—W. H. Floto, Meyersdale; A. W. Knepper.

Sheriff—Charles H. Weimer. Prothonotary—J. B. Gerhard. Register—Bert F. Landis.

Recorder—Norman E. Berkey. Clerk of Courts—F. A. Harsh.

Treasurer—Russell G. Walker. District Attorney—John S. Miller.

Coroner—Dr. H. S. Kimmell. Commissioners—Josiah Specht, Kantner; Rush S. McMillen, Rockwood; Hiram P. Hay, Berlin. Solicitor—Charles W. Walker.

Jury Commissioners—George J. Schrock, M. L. Weighley, Jenners. Directors of the Poor—J. F. Reiman, William W. Baker, J. C. Dietz, Listie.

Attorney for Directors, H. F. Yost. Superintendent of Schools—D. W. Seibert.

County Auditors—Jacob S. Miller, Friedens; W. H. H. Baker and Samuel A. Kretschman, Rockwood.

Chairmen Political Organizations—Jonas M. Cook, Republican; Alex B. Grof, Democratic; Fred Groff, Berlin, Prohibition.

PERSECUTION AKIN TO BRUTALITY.

In a recent issue of the Somerset Herald there appeared an item taken from the Philadelphia Record that was published for the purpose of making it appear that Hon. J. A. Berkey, Commissioner of Banking, either through carelessness or willful neglect, failed to attend either one of two meetings of the Committee of the House on Banking and Banks, said committee meetings having been called at Harrisburg, Feb. 24th, at 8 o'clock p. m., and Tuesday evening, March 2nd.

That Mr. Berkey was to appear at these meetings to confer with the committee, is a fact he does not attempt to deny. Neither does he deny that he failed to appear at those meetings, but there are good and sufficient reasons for his absence.

When the committee arranged for a meeting with Mr. Berkey on the evening of Feb. 24th, that date was selected as one convenient for him to be on hand. But owing to the sudden illness and death of Mrs. H. F. Barron, Mr. Berkey's only sister, he could not attend the meeting, as the beloved sister was buried on the afternoon of Feb. 24th.

After the committee had been apprised of the facts in the case, it was then arranged to hold a meeting with Mr. Berkey on the evening of March 2nd. But the heavy hand of death again interfered by snuffing out the life of another very dear friend of Mr. Berkey's. This time it was Dr. Theodore B. Noss, Principal of the State Normal School at California, Pa., whose funeral took place on the second date the aforesaid committee had arranged to meet with Mr. Berkey.

In speaking with Mr. Berkey on this subject, that gentleman had the following to say: "I knew Dr. Noss for 30 years, had been a student at the school while he was Principal, and have been a member of the Board of Trustees for 11 years during his incumbency. I felt it a duty to attend the funeral, as well as a necessity to be present at a meeting of the Board of Trustees called for the day of the funeral. The head of the school being deceased, it was necessary for the Trustees to make arrangement for the future of the school, and therefore it was impossible for me to attend another meeting at Harrisburg on the same day."

Mr. Berkey and his friends are charitable enough to believe that the Philadelphia Record people did not know the circumstances that kept the Commissioner of Banking away from the committee meetings referred to, but the Somerset Herald people did know the circumstances. It can only be construed as a piece of pure malice on their part to reproduce an article of that kind without setting forth the facts in the case, with which they were thoroughly familiar. But persecution seems to be the delight of the Herald people when dealing with those who refuse to take political orders from the old Scull family organ, hence the detestable tactics of the Herald in this instance will create no surprise. However, when the Herald goes so far as to pursue the objects of its malice while they are mourning over the death

of near and dear relatives and friends, it is pursuing its natural course so far as to be justly designated as persecution akin to brutality.

When persecution and malice of the most unjust kind, as in this instance, will follow a man to the very brink of a deceased sister's grave, it is time to call a halt.

If Mr. Berkey were to go to the Herald office and wreak personal violence upon the dirty coward who is the offender in this instance, the act would be applauded by hundreds of justice-loving people. Nobody but "Red Jersey Bob" and "Poland China Tim" Scull would be guilty of such persecution and brutality as we cite our readers to in this article. They, above all other men in Somerset county, are jealous and ill at ease when they see a good public office go to some one possessing too much manhood and intelligence to take political orders from the Herald office.

The old family organ has grown fat on grab, graft and greed, and the Scull family has reaped more in the shape of political and official emoluments than other family in Somerset county, and, furthermore, has rendered but little of value in exchange therefor.

We once heard General Koontz refer to "Tim" Scull as "the man without a conscience," and he might also have added without a conscience, for we opine that it is hard for a man without a conscience to have a conscience, and neither "Tim" nor "Bob" are likely to ever be accused of having much of the latter, at least.

IT SAVED HIS LEG.

"All thought I'd lose my leg," writes J. A. Swenson, Watertown, Wis. "Ten years of eczema, that 15 doctors could not cure, had at last laid me up. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured it sound and well." Infalible for Skin Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Boils, Fever Sores, Burns, Scalds, Cuts and Piles. 25c. at Elk Lick Pharmacy. 4-1

LIQUOR LICENSES.

All New Applicants Refused—All Old Ones Get License. The following liquor license news is contained in a news dispatch sent out from Somerset under date of March 15th:

On Saturday evening Judge F. J. Kooser took action on the license petitions, refusing all new applications for retail license, and granting all the old. The four retail licenses refused were George Lochrie, who made application for a license for a new hotel to be constructed between Boswell and Jenners No. 2, two prosperous mining towns in the northern part of the county; William M. Bowser, who applied for a license at Meyersdale; Francis L. O'Connor, who wanted a retail license for a hotel at Belmont, a coal town in Paint township, and Clarence F. Miller, who made application for a license for a new hotel in Windber.

Remonstrances were filed against granting license to Lochrie, Bowser and O'Connor, but no remonstrance was filed against Clarence F. Miller, of Windber. Brewers' licenses were granted to the Rockwood, Meyersdale and Windber Brewing Companies, and all the distillers' licenses were granted. The only petition in which the court filed an opinion was the application for bottler's license filed by John B. Hughes and Thomas Delehunt, of Windber. Judge Kooser set forth that such license will not likely prove detrimental to the morals of the citizens of Windber, and granted the license as prayed for.

Action was taken on the petitions about two weeks ago, and at that time there were several arguments regarding the new applicants. There were 85 applicants for retail license, three brewer's license, and five for distiller's license.

Simplicity in Spring Waists.

The new waists for practical wear are remarkable for their simplicity, and, indeed, this is the key-note of fashion, this spring. Novel features are, however, introduced in unexpected ways. One characteristic that will appeal to the woman who likes to make one model do the work of two, is the choice offered by the two styles of waistline. The short waist is especially liked for dressy wear, although some very practical frocks for shopping or business are made in this style. —The New Idea Woman's Magazine.

WHEN A MAN TELLS YOU it does not pay to advertise, he is simply admitting that he is conducting a business that is not worth advertising, a business conducted by a man unfit to do business, and a business which should be advertised for sale. tf

OVERRIDE VETO.

Somerset Council Grants Franchise of Main X Street to P. & M. Company—More Complications in Sight.

As many complications promise to arise in the struggle for a street railway franchise covering Main Cross Street as the Public Service Commissioners of New York have met with in their efforts to regulate the subway traffic of the Metropolis.

At a meeting of Council, Thursday night, the grant recently made to the Pennsylvania & Maryland company was passed over the Burgess' veto. As matters now stand, it would seem that the concern which first places its rails down will be in a position to dictate terms to its rival, so far as running cars on that street is concerned.

There is this satisfaction in the situation to the public, however, that one, or both of these companies, must move speedily to give Somerset an outlet by trolley.

Burgess Welfley's position that Council could not legally bestow a grant of the same street to two companies, it is understood, is to be submitted to the judgment of three disinterested attorneys. A more serious question, it is said, will be raised questioning the validity of the grant made to the Pennsylvania & Maryland corporation by a council taking the oath of office subsequent to the hour the veto was filed.

Officials of the Pennsylvania & Maryland, who were here on Friday, said that work on the projected Somerset-Boswell line will be underway in a few weeks.—Somerset Herald.

KILLS WOULD-BE SLAYER.

A merciless murderer is Appendicitis, with many victims. But Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by prevention. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Chills, Malaria, Headache and Indigestion. 25c. at Elk Lick Pharmacy. 4-1

How Liquor License Profits Somerset County.

Ex-Sheriff Begley, who went out of office about the first of the present year, has compiled some interesting statistics which ought to set the taxpayers of Somerset county to thinking. Among other interesting statistics compiled by Mr. Begley, are the following:

During Sheriff Begley's term of office, Somerset county paid for 22,868 days boarding for prisoners in the county jail, as follows: Intemperate prisoners..... 21,976 days. Temperate prisoners..... 892 "

Total abstainers..... 41 " The county paid for boarding these prisoners at the rate of 45 cents per day. Thus it will be seen that the county paid during Sheriff Begley's term of three years the sum of \$9,892.20 for boarding intemperate prisoners. For temperate prisoners, \$436.05, and for abstainers, \$18.45. The boarding of intemperate prisoners is only a small item compared with the cost placed on the county in the trials of intemperate prisoners, which is about six times more than the cost of boarding them, not saying anything of the cost of holding court, which is no small item each year.

The results of the liquor traffic in Somerset county costs the tax-payers at least two dollars for every dollar of revenue the county gets from the liquor dealers in license fees. Notwithstanding these facts, we still have men who ask what the county, state and nation would do for revenue if the liquor business should be outlawed.

SIMPLE REMEDY FOR LA GRIPPE.

La grippe coughs are dangerous, as they frequently develop into pneumonia. Foley's Honey and Tar not only stops the cough, but heals and strengthens the lungs, so that no serious results need be feared. The genuine Foley's Honey and Tar contains no harmful drugs, and is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Elk Lick Pharmacy, E. H. Miller, Prop. 4-1

Death of an Estimable Lady.

We were much pained last week to learn of the death of Mrs. Missouri Bauermaster, which occurred at her home in Brothersvalley township, Friday, the 5th inst. Deceased was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lentz, who resided in Elk Lick township for many years, but located in Brothersvalley township about 20 years ago. The deceased was aged nearly 45 years, and death was caused by dropsy of the heart. She is survived by her husband, and the following children, all at home and unmarried:

Lizzie, Annie, Claude, Elsie and Ira. She is also survived by her father, by one brother, Milton K. Lentz, of Somerset, and by the following sisters: Mrs. Clarence Hay and Mrs. B. Frank Suder, both of Brothersvalley township, and Mrs. L. A. Maust and Miss Anna L. Lentz, both of Garrett.

She was a consistent member of the Church of the Brethren. She was a kind neighbor, a loving wife, and an affectionate mother, respected by all who knew her.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pike church, at 2:30 o'clock, Sunday afternoon, obsequies being conducted by Elder Galen K. Walker, assisted by Elder W. G. Schrock.

Over-Cutting of Connecticut's Forests Indicates General Rate of Timber Consumption.

It has been estimated that the amount of wood annually consumed in the United States at the present time is twenty-three billion cubic feet. The growth of the forest is only seven billion feet. In other words, Americans all over the country are using more than three times as much wood as the forests are producing. The figures are based upon a large number of state and local reports collected by the government and upon actual measurements.

The State Forester of Connecticut, in a recent report, has given figures on growth and use for New Haven County, which give many more valuable details than are generally to be obtained, and will illustrate how the forest is being reduced by over-cutting. In this county a very careful study was made on each township of the amount of forest, the rate of growth, and the amount of timber used. For the year 1907 the timber used was 120,000 cords, in the form of cordwood, lumber, ties, poles, and piles. The annual growth on all types of forest land, including the trees standing on abandoned fields, for the year, reached a total of 70,000 cords. Thus the amount cut yearly exceeds the growth by 50,000 cords.

The amount of standing timber considered as merchantable and available for cutting within the next few years was found to be 1,200,000 cords. Each year the annual growth increases the supply on hand by 70,000 cords, while the use decreases it by 120,000. The net reduction is therefore 50,000 cords a year. If the cut and the growth remain at the present figures, the supply of merchantable timber will be exhausted in about twenty years. At the end of that time there will be a large amount of forest standing in the county, but it will be in tracts under forty years of age, containing wood below the most profitable size for cutting. Cordwood could still be cut, but supplies of the most profitable products, like ties and lumber, would be practically exhausted.

Connecticut's case illustrates what is meant when the exhaustion of the timber supply is spoken of. It does not mean that every tree will be cut and that the ground will be bare. It means, on the other hand, that year by year the people of the country are cutting more timber than the forest grows, and that within a comparatively short time the continued loss will have so reduced the forest that it will be difficult and expensive to obtain timber of useful size in sufficient quantity.

An Editor's Blissful Dream.

'Twas night, and the editor lay in bed And thought of the weary day That had just passed by—of his aching head

And the bills he had to pay. He watched the stars through the window peep,

And Cynthia's silver beams, Till his eyes grew tired and he fell asleep, And passed to the land of dreams.

He slept and dreamed till the morning broke,

And the day began its race, And the wife who lay by his side awoke And gazed on his placid face:

She looked and saw on his face a light Like the sun's first golden ray, That softly kisses the mountain's height

As the darkness fades away.

Then she nudged his arm—it was time to rise,

For the clock was striking seven— And asked, as he rubbed his sleepy eyes, "Did you dream you were in heaven?" "Oh, not quite that, my love," said he, "But it made my heart so glad: I dreamed that an advertiser came And gave me a full-page ad."

—Exchange.

WEDDING Invitations at THE STAR office. A nice new stock just received. tf.

CARBON PAPER for sale at THE STAR office. tf

The County Auditors claim to have discovered some very ugly "niggers" in the county "woodpile," the presence of which is charged to Joseph Specht, one of the present board of Commissioners, and Robert Augustine and Charles Zimmerman, who with Specht constituted the board of Commissioners that went out of office about the first of the year. If all, or even one-half of the allegations of the Auditors is true, a full investigation should at once be made by the proper authorities, and if intentional graft or rascality can be shown, the offenders should be punished to the full extent of the law.

ADVOCATES of a local option law are not surprised at the defeat of the Fair bill in the House, last Tuesday. No one expected it to pass. The vote for the bill, however, revealed the wide and growing sentiment throughout Pennsylvania in favor of a law that will permit the residents of the various counties to banish the saloon. The Anti-Saloon League has a big task before it, but that it will ultimately succeed in securing for the voters of Pennsylvania the right to decide this question for themselves, admits of no doubt. Local Option does not mean Prohibition, as the supporters of the saloon would have people believe, but it does mean that the voters of all counties shall have the privilege of saying whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquor shall be continued therein. The question appeals to every individual voter, and just so long as the politicians who shape legislation deny them the right of saying whether or not the saloon, which debauches our boys and fills the jails with criminals, shall go, the fight will continue.—Somerset Herald.

How Can They Combine Something They Haven't Got?

It would be a grand thing to have the new Philadelphia, Harrisburg and Pittsburg boulevard, proposed by Gov. Stuart, pass through Somerset county. Other routes are open to it, but it is believed that if our representatives, Messrs. Knepper and Floto, can be induced to lay aside their knitting for awhile, they might, by consolidating their influence, be able to bring such a pressure to bear on the project that it would just have to come through Somerset.—Turkeyfoot News.

We agree with our esteemed Confluence contemporary that Somerset county ought to have the proposed new highway mentioned, but how can Knepper and Floto combine their influence when they haven't got any more influence in our Assembly than a pair of pollywogs? Influence, indeed! It is the veriest folly to send men of the Knepper and Floto class to Harrisburg and expect them to have any influence there. It requires some ability and resourcefulness to wield influence in the Assembly of Pennsylvania, and Knepper and Floto have neither. Floto was a Democrat who came over into the Republican party solely for office, but when he and "Uncle Amos" went to Harrisburg with the primary purpose of disrupting the Republican organization, and the secondary purpose of bringing about some local option legislation, they soon demonstrated their utter lack of ability and influence, two very necessary commodities for legislators to possess.

THE LURID GLOW OF DOOM

was seen in the red face, hands and body of the little son of H. M. Adams, of Henrietta, Pa. His awful plight from eczema had, for five years, defied all remedies and baffled the best doctors, who said the poisoned blood had affected his lungs and, nothing could save him. "But," writes his mother, "seven bottles of Electric Bitters completely cured him." For Eruptions, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Sores and all Blood Disorders and Rheumatism, Electric Bitters is supreme. Only 50c. Guaranteed by Elk Lick Pharmacy. 4-1