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## NAME BAKER GO EASY ON GET-RICH-QUICK SCHEME NOW OUT

Visions of fortune mounting into millions of dollars which members of the Baker Heirs Genealogical Association may have had been given a severe jolt by the Pennsylvania Department of Internal Affairs.

Periodically, associations have been formed of members of Baker families who have believed in their ancestry could be traced to a Colonel Jacob Baker who served in the American army in the Revolutionary days. As each association is formed members are told that Colonel Baker had been given a grant of land in Philadelphia by the Government. The supposed site is that one which is now located City Hall, the Wanamaker and other large buildings in Central Philadelphia. The heirs are also told that accumulations from rentals have now amounted to approximately \$50,000,000. The value of the real estate is now \$300,000,000 and that now all that is necessary is that the heirs prove their claims and the amassed fortune can be distributed.

The latest association to be formed is the Baker Heirs Genealogical Association with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, and apparently the membership is rather extensive. One of the supposed descendants invited to join the association, F. P. Reed of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is apparently skeptical. In a letter addressed to Secretary of Internal Affairs James F. Woodward he made inquiry about the alleged Baker Estate and pointed out that the entrance fee to the association runs from \$10 to \$12. He stated that unless there was some good reason to believe that he would profit by joining the association he did not care to invest any money in the proposition.

In reply to his communication Secretary Woodward said: "I wish to inform you that for quite a number of years this department has been exceedingly troubled over an alleged 'Baker Estate' and so far as can be learned there is no such thing as a Baker Estate, and to us presents itself as a gigantic swindle which has gained such momentum that it seems entirely impossible to stop it. We have received and answered letters from all parts of the United States and Canada. A great deal of money to our knowledge has been collected by certain lawyers from alleged Baker heirs. We have found these lawyers before this department and warned them of their operations. They have been arrested, but seemingly have been able to escape by making settlements."

## STATE HEALTH DOCTOR WARNS ABOUT FEATURE REMODELING

"Quite recently a young woman decided that her nose was not as beautiful as she would like to have it. She visited a plastic surgeon who promised to mould it along classical lines for a certain price. She is now hopelessly disfigured and is suing the doctor for big damages. Much publicity has also been given to the disastrous effects of an operation for bow legs recently performed by one of these 'practitioners.' There is a moral to these stories. So says Dr. Theodore B. Appel, Secretary of Health, this week.

"The desire to appear attractive is a fundamental one. However, when it develops to such a magnitude as to resort to the lifting of faces, straightening of legs and indulging in other surgical varieties it is carrying the thing too far. Available records indicate that hundreds of permanent disfigurements have resulted from the foolish practice; and that at best, beautifying surgery is but a temporary expedient. Time waits for neither man nor woman; to try to stop it by removing fat and stretching skin is attempting the impossible and running a great risk also.

"During the war grim necessity developed marvelous technique on the part of comparatively few ethical surgeons in making over and repairing faces and bodies that had been victimized by shot and shell. But it is one thing to put a nose for example, on the face of a soldier who has had it shot away and quite another to run to the alleged beauty specialist and submit to practices not based on absolute necessity.

"While nature has not given everyone beauty of face and form, she has endowed all of us with reasoning intelligence and afforded us all the possibilities for real beauty. Indeed she has even done better than that. In no uncertain terms nature has said that by living according to fundamental health laws, old age as well as its appearance can be somewhat deferred.

"Loss of sleep, use of stimulating drugs, lack of exercise, improper food and worry are some of the things that make wrinkles and otherwise prematurely age people.

"Therefore be your own beauty specialist. Develop rosy cheeks by the exercise and fresh air method; possess clear bright eyes because of the vigor and vitality back of them. Live according to the laws laid down by nature and thus hold youth at least its allotted time. Don't force old age upon yourself and then expect a knife in the hands of a so-called 'surgeon' of the plastic nature to make you a child again. It can't be done!"

## STATE IS SUMMER RESORT FOR WISSECKERS' OF BIRDS

Observers of the state game commission report that apparently Pennsylvania has a wild life Chamber of Commerce which has been unusually successful in securing crowd conventions.

Always a favorite winter resort for the "wisecrackers" of the bird family, the favorite camping grounds this winter are teeming with uncrowned millions of the birds.

Crows each winter congregate in the same general locality in what are known to the commission as "flocks." There are more than a dozen large flocks in the state where the birds select each night apparently for company and municipal protection. Observers placed at such a roost near Harrisburg estimated that probably two million birds spent each night there.

Dr. George M. Sutton, state ornithologist, says that while the crows' food habits are not altogether bad he has many objectionable traits and during the winter in particular may be a serious enemy of game and small birds.

Dr. Sutton believes that the crows shoot, now so popular with marksmen,

are a good thing. Because of the crows' unusual intelligence and ability to perpetuate the race such killing is believed necessary to prevent them causing serious damage.

## ISSUE BULLETIN TO AID IN OBSERVING PENNSYLVANIA DAY

The Department of Public Instruction at Harrisburg has issued a bulletin containing a wealth of information on Pennsylvania's achievements and worth while contributions, in the interest of Pennsylvania Day, which will be observed March 2nd.

The last General Assembly enacted a law establishing March 4, or the nearest Friday as Pennsylvania day to be observed annually with exercises bearing on William Penn and the Commonwealth which has grown out of the colony he founded. This bulletin is intended to furnish suggestions for organizing programs for the observance of the day. Its contents however, embrace material showing the important place our Commonwealth holds in agriculture; education; history; industry; and various other activities.

The bulletin presents chronologically the aggregate of the contributions Pennsylvania has made to art, literature, music and science. The list of artists, authors, musicians and scientists is the most complete ever published. It also contains type programs for every school grade from kindergarten through high school. The material will make a distinctive contribution to the movement recently launched by the Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association to have Pennsylvania known the history, resources and achievements of our Commonwealth.

## YOU WALK OR RIDE, THE AIRPLANE RATES ARE SAME

That dropping sensation in the region of the stomach after your first long distance airplane ride may be caused by something you ate. It will not save you any money to change your mind about going home the same way.

Letters filed by the Gettysburg Flying Service Inc. with the Public Service Commission cover all the contingencies which may arise during cross country flights. One of the conditions very specifically set forth is that all fares are payable in advance and no refunds if the return trip is not taken.

There are very strict baggage rules as well, but they will not prevent a really modern feminine passenger. Baggage on short trips is limited to two pounds and on long ones to ten.

Weight limits apply not only to baggage but to passengers as well. If you weigh more than 150 pounds and don't want to pay all the expenses you will have to be careful about picking your traveling companions. Weight of passengers is limited to 350 pounds for two

## CITIES OF STATE GET 30,000 CARS OF FRUIT IN A YEAR

More than thirty thousand car loads of fruit are shipped to the cities of Pennsylvania markets each year says the bureau of markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in emphasizing the tremendous consuming power in the state. Those shipments include: 6658 cars of apples; 2709 cars of peaches; 7330 cars of grapes; 2959 cars of bananas (not including Philadelphia and Pittsburgh); 6449 cars of oranges; 1451 cars of grape fruit; 1181 cars of lemons; and 1645 cars of pears.

Of this vast supply of fruit Pennsylvania is the source of about 545 cars of apples, ninety-six cars of peaches and 192 cars of grapes, in addition to the large volume which is shipped from the state and vine yards by motor truck.

New York state and Washington supply more than two thirds of the apples, the southern states, chiefly Georgia and North Carolina over 65 per cent of the peaches and California about 77 per cent of the grapes.

The bananas come from Central America and half from Florida; and the grape fruit principally from Florida. About two thirds of the lemons and oranges are shipped from California and one third from Italy while the pears are supplied principally by California, Washington, New York and Oregon.

## PENNSYLVANIA PURCHASES MUCH MORE FOREST LANDS

The purchase of twenty thousand acres of land for state forest purposes by the Commonwealth at \$2.50 per acre has been announced by Secretary Charles E. Dorworth of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters. This purchase was approved at a recent meeting of the state forest commission.

The area is known as the Glatfelter land and is located in several townships of Potter county. It is bounded on three sides by state owned forest lands.

The trees growth comprises a vigorous stand of beech-birch-maple forest type 15 to 20 years old. Included in this area are several thousand acres on which are merchantable stands of beech and maple timber, many of the trees ranging from fourteen to twenty-four inches in diameter. The entire area is well watered and drains into Pine Creek and its tributaries. Numerous springs are scattered throughout the tract.

Purchases from the last appropriation

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total 55,000 acres. The commission also considered an offer for more than 3000 acres of land in Jefferson county and authorized the department to make a special examination of an additional one hundred thousand acres offered for sale to the Commonwealth in different parts of the state. The recent purchases of forest land in Potter county will place this county first among the other counties in the state in having the largest area included in state forests, the average of which is 181.14 acres.

## OTHER STATES JOIN US FOR BIG HIGHWAY MEET IN MARCH

The states of Maryland and West Virginia will send representatives to the annual conference and instruction meeting of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways which will be held in Harrisburg on March 12 to 14. Col. H. D. Willard, Jr., assistant chief engineer and division engineer of the Pennsylvania Department of Highways will be in attendance while the West Virginia Department will send the division engineers of Morgantown and Parkersburg to the conference. The attendance of these representatives was sought by the Pennsylvania Department of Highways to secure an interchange of ideas on highway construction and maintenance between Pennsylvania and its neighboring states.

The department of highways conference will have more than 500 men in attendance. The conference will have 3 main groups. The first group will comprise engineers and assistants in charge of construction projects. The second will be composed of chief inspectors in charge of contract work in the field. The third group will include maintenance men in charge of maintenance of all types of roads. Those in attendance will be representative of every section of the state.

## EXTEND REPORT FILING TIME

Auditor General Edward Martin said this week that domestic and foreign corporations, excluding banks trust companies and building and loan associations, will have until March 15th to file their annual reports to the state. The auditor general also stated that the extension of sixty days may be obtained by requesting it before March 15th.

The auditor general also stated that corporations of the first class incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania would not be required to file capital stock and corporate loans tax reports for the year 1927 or succeeding years. The provisions also apply to corporations which have not yet received their charters.

The auditor general has called to the attention of trust companies the fact that reports on shares and corporate loans as reports must be filed on or before February 28th in order to avoid a ten per cent penalty. The law contains no provisions for granting an extension of time for filing of reports of trust companies.

## P. R. E. ADOPTS PENNSYLVANIA STATE FOREST FIRE MANUAL

The Pennsylvania Railroad has recently adopted the Forest Fire Warden Manual of the Pennsylvania Department of Forests and Waters as the standard instructions for all of their maintenance men in handling fires along their rights of way.

The author of the manual, Chief Forest Fire Warden George H. Wirt, outlines the duties and responsibilities of Wardens; describes fire hazards; manner of protecting and best manner of execution; and instructions for estimating the amount of damage caused by forest fires. Special emphasis is placed on the need for organized protective fire fighting crews. Much more efficient work is accomplished by an organized crew that knows how to attack a fire than by inexperienced men.

There are at present within the state 400 forest fire wardens, 1400 of whom have organized crews.

During the past seven years forest fire equipment has been purchased by the department and distributed to the various wardens. The slogan carried throughout the entire manual is "No fire is out until the last spark is dead."

## FISH DISTRIBUTION MAY REACH RECORD IN STATE

From reports received at Harrisburg from the superintendents of the various hatcheries the distribution of trout for the year 1928 should be one of the largest in its history, N. R. Bueler, commissioner of fisheries said this week. The hatcheries are now filled with young fish totalling several million.

With the mild weather prevailing the board looks forward to a big distribution of pike perch. Practically all of these eggs are taken from Lake Champlain where a station is being operated at Swanton, Vermont, by the Pennsylvania Board of Fish Commissioners, the State of Vermont and the United States Bureau of Fisheries. This is one of the best fields in the country for pike perch.

The first fish to be shipped during the year is the minnow. The board distributes well over a million for stocking different streams and waters throughout the Commonwealth. Fishermen place too little attention to placing applications for this species of fish. It is believed, if they expect to keep up the fishing in various waters in their communities they should not neglect to apply for shipments of minnows as they furnish food for a great variety of fish. With the

## NEW QUADRANGLE MAP ENDS GEOLOGIC STUDY

Publication of a topographic map of the Blossburg triangle in Tioga and Lycoming counties by the bureau of topographic and geological survey in the Department of Internal Affairs during the past week fills the last gap in the topographic mapping of the Susquehanna Trail from the Maryland to the New York State line. The map also paves the way to the further development of a forested area and will aid materially in the laying out of new highways, railroads and transmission lines, and the protection of forests, game and water supplies.

The map shows the location and shape of every hill and valley. It is quadrangle, the position of every road and highway, the grade of every stream and the shape and size of every lake.

## HUGE GAINS RECORDED IN FIGHT ON WHITE PLAGUE

Less than one half as many deaths per 100,000 of the state's population resulted in 1927 from tuberculosis as occurred 20 years ago, according to the bureau of communicable diseases at Harrisburg, the State Department of Health.

Dr. Theo. H. Appel, secretary of health in commenting on the possible cause of this constantly decreasing death rate, said, "Everybody agrees that better housing, child welfare work and better milk supplies must have an effect in reducing tuberculosis in children. The state's work along these lines together with the hospitalization of active cases in the state and private sanatoria, its systematic elimination of contacts in the state clinic and the education of those who are found to be pre-tuberculous, has reduced the number of pure contact cases and has arrested the disease in many pre-tuberculous persons. All of this work has had its effect, and there is no doubt but that a steady decrease in deaths from this cause will be noted in the future."

## 1339 PROSECUTED FOR FOOD LAW VIOLATIONS

More than thirteen hundred prosecutions were ordered by the bureau of foods and chemistry, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture in 1927 for the violation of laws dealing with the sale of foods, fertilizers, feeding stuffs and other products.

The number of prosecutions was 100 less than in 1926 while the thirteen thousand samples of various products collected

## WELFARE DEPARTMENT MAPS OUT ITS FARM PROGRAMS

Like the farmer who already has his plans made for the coming spring, the Department of Welfare at Harrisburg has mapped out its program for the 3611 acres under cultivation at State institutions. The farm program at the institutions is directed from the department at Harrisburg.

Records kept of the crop yield at each of the institutions indicate that in each instance the per acre production has exceeded the general average for the county, in which they are located.

The institution farms at present have 1900 cows and 800 laying hens to supply part of the dietary needs of the inmates.

## CLINICS HELP FIGHT DISEASE

A final report was issued this week by the bureau of child health State Health Department, regarding the activities of its two health cars during the year 1927. These mobile clinics examined 742 children; 524 was the total number of dental cleanings made and 27,466 cavities were found. This work is directed toward the pre-school child in its home and in the school. All the defects are referred to the local physician for correction.

Dr. J. Bruce McCreery, chief of the bureau of child health, in remarking on this work said that the school clinic, conquering diphtheria and with more attention being directed toward the defects in the young child, school life is constantly meaning more to the children of the state in view of the added vitality and consequent resistance to disease.

## FIND LILLY MINER DEAD WITH BULLET IN TEMPLE

Shot through the right temple, the woman presumably self-inflicted, John Brown aged about 55 of Lilly, a well known miner and widower, was found dead in his home there last Wednesday. The supposed suicide victim lived alone and had been dead for some hours before the discovery was made. A small 22-caliber revolver was lying on the floor along side of the lifeless body.

A physician was summoned to the Brown home and pronounced the victim dead. An inquest was later held.

# FEBRUARY CLEARANCE SALE!

## Great Drastic Reductions on Quality, Seasonable Goods

### FINE SPRING WASH DRESSES

For Girls from 7 to 14 years. This lot includes pretty prints and plain colors, plaid suiting Dresses, in color combinations. Every dress well made and neatly trimmed. Many styles to choose from priced at \$1.50, \$1.00 and 75c.

Wool Plaid and Plain Dresses, your choice in the February Clearance Sale for only \$5.00.

Ladies' Wool Jersey Dresses, in colors and sizes, priced at from \$13.75 down to \$5.00.

One rack of Dresses for women and Misses, in black and colors, at \$5.00.

All Silk Crepe, Satin, Jersey, Wool Crepe and Charmen Dresses, out on one rack that come in blacks, navys, browns and the new spring shades and sell regularly for \$16.75, \$18.75 up to \$24.75, your choice at \$15.00 and \$10.75.

We will make this final close-out of all our high grade Dresses. If you are a regular customer here you know the wonderful selection of Dresses we always have. Priced at \$22.00, \$19.75 & \$16.75.

### COATS

One rack of Sports Coats, your choice at only \$5.00.

For this sale we have fur trimmed all wool Coats, that sold for \$29.75, \$35.00 and up to \$39.75, your choice for \$29.75, \$22.75 and \$19.75.

Venice Broadcloth, and Wool Plaid Coats, that sold regularly at \$49.50 and \$59.50, at \$39.75.

High grade Dress Coats, with luxurious fur collars, and cuffs. The newest styles and best quality cloths, at \$55.00 and \$49.75.

ALL SALES CASH AND FINAL ON REDUCED GOODS DURING THE FEBRUARY CLEARANCE SALE.

### CLEARANCE OF HATS

A special feature of the sale will be a clean-up of Winter Hats—velvets, felts, and combinations many that can be worn late in the coming season. \$1.00 AND \$2.00.

UNBLEACHED MUSLIN, in the Clearance at per yard 18c and 15c

Figured SILK CREPES, 40 inches wide, reduced to \$2.00 and \$1.50

COTTON and SILK CREPES, 36 inches wide, reduced to \$1.00 and 75c

SATINS, 54 inches wide, colors green, henna, Copen tan and brown, formerly \$4.50 per yard, reduced in the Clearance to \$3.00

GREEN SERGE, 50 inches in width, special in the sale per yard \$1.00

VELVETINE SUITING, 36 inches wide, navy and brown, on sale at per yard \$2.00

One lot of Children's SATINE BLOOMERS, at 4 pairs \$1

Ladies' and Children's CHAMOIS GLOVES, regularly 75c, at 45c

CHILDREN'S COATS, colors and sizes, at from \$2.25 \$8.00 down to \$5.00

MISSES' COATS, colors, in sizes 8 to 14, at from \$10.75 down to \$5.00

Ladies' and Misses' SWEATERS, colors and sizes, priced in the Clearance at \$1.00

3 Children's Coat and Cap Sets, tan, size 4 at \$2.00 only

PART LINEN CRASH \$1 at 8 yards for \$1

One lot of unbleached Muslin APRONS, ready made, 25c for

Ladies' STAMPED DRESSES, ready made, on sale at 25c

Odd lot of PACKAGE GOODS with FLOSS, at \$1.00, 75c, 50c, and 25c

HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c reduced to 10c and 5c

WOOL JERSEY, 50 inches in width, all colors, \$1.50 per yard

WOOL PLAIDS, \$2.00 56 inches wide at \$1.00

DRESS GINGHAMS, 32 inches wide, on sale \$1.00 at 4 yards for

Children's Wool Jersey DRESSES, sizes 6 to 10 years, on sale at \$2.00 \$1.00 and

Children's Wool Jersey Panty DRESSES, sizes 2 to 6 years, on sale at \$1.50

Boys' WASH SUITS, sizes 2 to 6 years, on sale 75c at

Boys' WASH SUITS, sizes 2 to 6 years formerly sold at \$1.50 and \$2.00, special now at \$1.50 and \$1.00

Children's ROMPERS, formerly \$1.50 to \$2.00, sizes 1 month to 4 years, on sale \$1.00 at \$1.50 and \$1.00

Children's ROMPERS, sizes 1 to 4 years, special at 25c 75c, 50c and 25c

Children's APRON DRESSES Gingham, Print and Plain, sizes 6 to 12 years, on sale 25c at

Ladies' KNIT DRAWERS, ankle length, extra special \$1 at 4 pairs for

One lot of Ladies' GAUGE VESTS, to close out at 10c each

Children's Muslin DRAWERS special in the Clearance 10c at

Children's Muslin and Knit PANTY WAISTS, special for 10c

Children's MUSLIN SLIPS, in sizes 6 to 10 years, on sale at 25c

Children's MUSLIN GOWNS, sizes 6 to 10 years, 25c on sale at

Ladies' MUSLIN AND BASTISTE GOWNS, on sale at \$1.50 and \$1.00

GIRLS' RUBBERIZED SLICKERS, rubberized frosted materials, corduroy collars, many colors, sizes 8 to 10, at \$1.00

\$1.50 Children's Cotton Jersey DRESSES, sizes 6 to 12, at \$1.00

Children's PANTY DRESSES formerly \$1.50 and \$2.00, in sizes 2 to 6, at \$1.50 and \$1.00

One lot of Ladies' and Misses' SWEATERS special \$1.00 at \$2.00 and

Ladies' Gingham HOUSE DRESSES, on sale \$1.25 at \$1.50 and \$1.00

Ladies' Print HOUSE DRESSES, on sale at \$2.00 \$3.00 to

Special in PRINT APRONS in the Clearance 35c at

Ladies' Chamois GLOVES, regularly \$1.00, on sale at 80c

Crepe de Chene Combinations extra values \$1.50 & \$2.00 value RAYON STEP-IN CHEMISE, on sale \$1.25 at

\$3.00 value RAYON GOWNS, lace trimmed, \$1.75 at

\$1.00 value RAYON STEP-INS, on sale 85c at

Children's OUTING GOWNS, sizes 2 to 10, 40c at

Ladies' OUTING GOWNS, in all sizes, special 90c at

Children's WOOL HOSE 25c

Ladies' WOOL HOSE, formerly \$1.50 to \$2.00, now \$1

Odd lot of CORSETS, in all sizes, at \$2, \$1, 50c and 25c

Ladies' White Lisle HOSE, special at 10c

Ladies' GOWNS, plain and lace trimmed, special \$1 for

Odd lot of BRASSIERES in the Clearance at 50c, 25c and 10c

SEAMED SHEETS, 80 x 90, special in the Clearance sale at 50c

STAMPED GOODS, special at 25c and 10c

LAUNDRY BAGS, 10c special at

One lot of LUNCH CLOTHS, 36 inches, special at 75c, 50c and 25c

Odd lot of NAPKINS, special in the Clearance at 25c 4 for

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