WALLER.

An application has been made for a new mail route between Unityville and Central, passing through the northern part of this township with a post office near the Pine Grove school house. This would make a direct route and it seems to be approved by all as a much achievement of a great success. The needed line not only for its directness public has reason to thank them for but for the establishment of intermediate post offices as well.

Sickness is prevailing to an alarming degree in this section, but not many dangerously ill as yet. Great care should be given to the laws of health profit of \$260, the total receipts being at this season and thus save doctor

but they are again very bad. Miss. Dillie, daughter of Samuel Hartman died on Saturday March 7, choirs in town, and did all the work of 1891, at the age of 18 years 9 months organization. No one can have any and 6 days. The funeral which was conception of the amount of labor and at this place on Monday was very larg- patience that is required to get up an ly attended. Rev. S. P. Boone preach- amateur entertainment but those who ed a very able and appropriate sermon have had the same experience. Mr. from Rev. 14 chapter 13 verse. The L. S. Wintersteen consented to act as deceased was a member of the Meth- musical director, and the preparation F. Savits, Jordan Williams. odist church and was always a regular of the singing was conducted by him, attendant, not only at church but at assisted by Mr. Auman. Upon these Sunday school as well. She had a two the greatest labor and responsilarge circle of friends who sympathize bility rested and it is only necessary to with the bereaved family in this their say that the Opera House was filled time of deep sorrow and affliction. both nights with delighted spectators These words of the poet seem so appropriate we cannot forbear them:

"Tell my friends, who now are weeping. Thinking that my life is done, That in Christ I'm only sleeping, And my life is just begun.

"I, my prison have deserted, Left this tenement of clay, And my freedom have asserted, To a life in endless day.

"While you sing, I may not hear you, Deaf to every earthly strain, Yet if my spirit can be near you, I will join in the refrain."

THE LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. HARRISBURG, March 8, 1891.

EDITORS COLUMBIAN: With your permission I will speak a few words to my constituents, in regard to the legislation taking place in the Legislature. Very little of a general of interest to the general public, except the Mine Commission, the so since the Altoona Encampment of bill requiring school directors to be sworn, after amendment, so as not to lose the State appropriation was killed, but, has since been resurrected; that part of it relating to swearing them. Appropriations to the amount of about eighteen million have been asked for, and when it is remembered that the revenues of the State are only about eleven millions, it is readily to be seen that somebody will get left. Tinkering with the school aw seems in order. Bills not only for the swearing of directors, but calesthenics, state convention of directors, &c., &c., are numerous. The tax laws as framed by the majority of Commission, as reported from the Committee of Ways and Means has been put on the House Calendar, for first reading 9th, and second 11th inst., and for third reading and final passage, if it reaches that point, the week after. The vote to give it especial place on the calendar was emphatic. The Road Commission Bill has been been greatly amended and may pass the House. Of the eighty to one hundred copies of the bill sent out by me, not more than half a dozen have been heard from. What the people want they should ask for. Ballot reform is progressing and will likely become a law. A constitutional convention will hkely be called.

Attention by bill is called to our poor and poor house accommodations, and may become a law, but I think not. I trust our people will look more closely after legislation in the near future than in the past. Corporations have their reporters here looking after their interests and every bill examined to see if it affects them. Where are the people? What is most needed is attention on the part of those desiring good government and whole E. M. TEWKSBURY,

The Park Sisters enthuastically received at Newport, R. I.

It is safe to say no musical organiza-ever gave such unqualified delight to a thoroughly appreciative audience. Every number was encored with great made a host of friends.—Newport gems of the evening.—Plainfield (N. (R. I.) Daily Observer.

QUEEN ESTHER-

Those who participated in the presentation of the Cantata of Queen Esther at the Opera House last Thursday and Friday evenings, have just cause for self congratulation on the affording a most delightful entertainment. The Cantata was given under the auspices of Trinity Reformed Church, and it is a pleasure to record the fact that the result has been a net

Rev. W. T. Auman was the origin-There was a great deal of hauling ator of this presentation, as a means done last week owing to the solid roads for raising money to pay off an old church debt. He readily secured the assistance of members of nearly all the to show how well they did their work.

The cantata contains no very diffi cult music, but it is full of pretty solos, duets, quartettes and choruses. The solos of Mordecai's sister, (Miss Vida Miller,) of the Prophetess, (Mrs. L. S. Wintersteen.) of the King, (Mr. L. S. Wintersteen,) of Haman, (Mr. A. N Yost,) of Mordecai, (Rev. W. T. Auman,) of Hegai, (Mr. Oval, Yetter,) of the High Priest (Mr. S. M'Killip) and of the attendants, were all well sung. The Queen, Miss Annie Miller, and Zerish, Miss Ella Fox, were the bright particular stars of the evening. Their singing was fully up to their usual high standard, and their acting was excellent. Both were the recipients of handsome floral gifts, and were called before the curtain by the applauding audience. The voice of Mr. Auman was well adapted to the part of Mordecai and he sang and acted with much spirit, though he was suffering both nights with a difficulty in character, has thus far been enacted his throat. He has a delightful tenor voice. The duets by Esther and the King, by the King and Haman, the Amended Brook's License, or rather quartette by the guards. Messrs. Col-Corrected High License law, and a ley, Bidleman, Brady, and White, and few others. The bill forbidding the the quartette by Mordecai's sister, sale of liquor or giving it away, on Zerish, Mordecai and Hegai, were Memorial Day, failed in the House, well rendered. The latter is one likely to pass both houses, especially choruses are all pretty but the best of Trust ye in the Lord, the G. A. R. have endorsed it. The the finale in which the melody of Old Hundred is carried by the tenors, while the other voices sing an ac-

> companiment. The action all through was good. When the Queen entered the presence of the King unbidden, not knowing but that death awaited her, and fell at his feet, there was a strong dramatic situation. And again, when Haman parted with his wife and child, and was led out to be hanged while the death knell sounded, it was well acted and was truly pathetic.

> The choruses by the boys and girls were well worthy of special mention. The costumes of the leading characters were procured in Philadelphia, and were very rich. Those of the choruses were provided by themselves They were very attractive and appropriate. That of the high Priest was made by Mr. M'Killip, and followed closely after the dress of that official as described in the Bible, and as seen in pictures. It was well got-

> Miss Maude Runyan presided at the piano and led the orchestra. Her skillful playing was a great assistance to the singers, and held them up to the proper tones without a flat from beginning to end. The orchestra also did its part well and discoursed sweet music between the acts. But we have gone more into detail than we intended, although too much cannot be said of the excellence of the production. It was the best entertainment of the kind ever given in this town, and the frequent encores showed that it

was fully appreciated. The names of the participants are crowded out this week for want of space. They will appear next week.

The Park Sisters at Plainfield, N. J.

A more pleasing entertainment than the one given by the Park Sisters has not been heard in this city for a long this place. time. Each member of the Quartette is an artist and whether in solo, duet or quartette they secured for themselves hearty applause and approbation enthusiasm. The Park Sisters have The Concert Quartette was one of the

The twenty fourth annual election of officers of Friendship Fire Company No. 1, of Bloomsburg, was held on Thursday evening, March 5th, at their rooms in the Town Hall. The WILKES BARRE, March 8.—Another officers for the ensuing year are as fol-

President Remington Rishel, secretary, A. V. Hower; assistant secretary, H. day. G. Housel; Treasurer W. H. Gilmore, Foreman, William Webb; 1st. Assistant Foreman, B. F. Savits; and Assistant, Irven Housel; Trustees, B. F. Donohue, now presiding elder of the Savits, Jordon Williams, Joseph Danville District of the Methodist case for many months, and when it Hazeltine, L. Benshoff, John Fox; Church. He was arrested Saturday, was placed in his hands he informed Directors, H. G. Housel, William Kelley, A. Wintersteen, W. Wolf, Robert Penman; Janitor, Jacob Stiner; Pipemen, H. G. Housel, W. Boice, M. W. Boynton, Jacob Stiner; Investigating Committee, Samuel Brocheys, Jacob Stiner, Robert Penman; Engin-Chief of Police, A. Wintersteen: As- | ance. sistants, H. G. Housel, W. Boice, B.

W. H. Gilmore the official Treasurer of the Friendship Fire Co. was reelected. He fills the Bill,

There was a very hot contest for the janitorship, but it was not Winty him by threats and coercion. enough to defeat the Independent candidate.

Notice our dignified President. He says "They are after me." "Peter was not in it.

The twenty fourth annual ball was a

A Meeting of the Directors will be held at their meeting room on Friday evening March, 13th. at 7.30.

You may talk Az. much as you please about his "fish stories" Hower we going to get a better secre-

Somebody said "Slide, Kelley," and

All we need to complete our Fire apparatus is a new jumper, and we hope to have one in the near future. H. G. H.

LIGHT STREET.

Rev. Whitney has gone to attend for appearance at court. the M. E. Conference which convenes

at Sunbury. Rev. C L. Sones was in attendance at the Evangelical conference which met at Berwick.

E. D. Hagenbuch Auctioneer of town has been assisting J. S. Williams of Bloomsburg.

G. M. Lockard filled his ice house but I learn the Senate has a bill of the gems of the Cantata. The on Friday and Saturday of last week,

getting ice 4 inches thick. of illness.

Mrs. B. A. White is on the sick list Silas Young gave a dinner party to

friends in town on Saturday last. John Rank is able to be out again. H. S. Marr and J. D. Terwilliger are camping on the Hoffman timber

THE LIGHT TURNED ON-

tract in Centre, cutting ties.

On Tuesday evening the machinery of the Electric Light Works was started, and the arc lights turned on. The incandescent machinery was not started. It was the intention to turn on the light at 7:30, but owing to the fact that arrangements had not been made with the insurance companies, it was 8:45 when the first lamp began to emit light. The street was made brilliant from the Normal School to Scott-town hill, and crowds of people were on the street to see the illumination. Arc lights have been put in by following persons: I. W. McKelvy, J. G. Wells, W. H. Brooke & Co., Exchange Hotel, I. Maier, Moyer Bros., J. S. Blue, L. Gross, L. T. Sharpless, H. W. Sloan, Lowenberg's, Phillips, and others will follow. Nearly all the other places of business have the incandescent.

VICINITY OF TAURUS.

Some of our neighbors who were out on a fox chase last Saturday, did not succeed very well; for they reescaped with the fox they were chas-

The late snow has turned to water that makes plenty of mud. At present the weather is very changeable and disagreeable.

There are several sick in this place, One or two cases of the fever.

The supper at the Coles Creek Valley Church last Saturday night was quite a success.

Vendues in this valley are every day occurrences this month. We notice that THE COLUMBIAN does nice job printing on sale bills.

There has been so much in the papers of late concerning this case, that ter will be investigated. we print the following dispatches in

WILKES BARRE, March 8 .- Another and sensational feature in the case against H. E. Sutherland, of Hazleton, seen to-day with reference to the President, Albert Rawlings, vice charged with sending indecent matter Sutherland-Donohue scandal in which through the mails, came to light yester- he is involved. He said the \$4000

> charged with sending through the mails for the defraying of the expense of the printed circulars libeling Rev. John investigation. February 28, in Hazleton by Deputy United States Marshal Barring and had no funds to spend in making the brought to this city.

note for \$10,000 to Rev. John Dona- Some money was raised to pay the dehue, \$4000 of which was assigned to tectives, and it is to refund this and Marshal Barring, and on Tuesday the pay other costs that the \$4000 was to eer, C. C. Kesty, 1st. Assistant, Chas. case was practically withdrawn, and he Savits, and Assistant, M. W. Boynton; was discharged on his own recogniz-

Yesterday, Hon. John Lynch, attorney for Mr. Sutherland, made an application to Judge Woodward, sitting On the contrary, from the moment of in chambers, for a rule to open this his arrest the latter implored the offijudgment for \$10,000, on the ground cers to keep the matter quiet, and offthat the note had been extorted from ered to settle at any expense.

MR. SUTHERLAND'S STORY.

In support of this Mr. Sutherland made affidavit to an extraordinary story, which, if true, makes the whole case look very much like a conspiracy grand success. Thanks to the pat- to blackmail. His story, under oath, is substantially as follows: On Saturday, February 28, the arrests were made. Marshal Barring and Detec- long time endeavoring to ascertain tive James O'Brien went down to their source. Having been put to Hazleton armed with a warrant. They arrested Sutherland and George was discovered, a civil suit was insti-Mane, editor of the Sentinel, in the tuted, and this was settled for \$10,000. evening, allowing them no time to From the character of some of the communicate with friends, but dragged circulars sent out by Sutherland, the them off to the train. In utter defiance of the law they refused to allow should settle for so small a sum. The them to enter bail at Hazleton. Both dispatches sent from Wilkesbarre are Sutherland and Maue demanded to be intended to create sympathy for Suthtaken before United States Commis- erland, but from his own confession sioner Hill, at Hazleton, and stated that they were ready to enjer bail to position of Rev. S. W. Sears in the any amount for a further hearing case, we confidently believe that when

> thing of the kind. The two men were hustled off to the station and put on character and reputation are such as board a train. They were separated and not allowed to see each other

Barring stuck close to Sutherland. In going to the station Mr. Sutherland had met C. W. Kline, a prominent Hazelton attorney, and told him he was under arrest. Mr. Kline stated that he would telegraph to John Lynch fined to the house by a recent attack to meet Mr. Sutherland at Wilkes-Barre to lip in this community with such unand look after his interests. Barring iversal sorrow. Doctor Swisher the and O, Brien heard this, and Sutherland never got a chance to see Mr. Lynch.

At the Wilkes-Barre station they were taken away separately. George Maue was escorted at once to Commissioner Hahn's office, where he was to settle. But very different was the that complained but little no one knew and told him that he would be sent to the penitentiary for many years, all his property taken from him, and his fam-

ily ruined and disgraced for life. Then Commissioner Hahn and Detective James O'Brien came around to Barring's residence. The poor old man's fears were again worked on, and a man of extraordinary clear head his having reduced him to a sufficiently opinion and judgment was sought in desperate condition, he was allowed to most of our transactions out side of go. He was taken to the Luzerne House and registered as Mr. Williams, never appealed to in vain for any of Williamsport. He stayed there until Monday morning, and all day Sunday, and Sunday night. Barring watched him, keeping him under his thumb, allowing him to communicate with no

On Monday morning Rev. Samuel ported that some one else killed and Sears, of Bloomsburg, arrived on the scene. He was an intimate friend of ings of the poor. This being the class prosecution, enlarged on the fearful it mattered not whether he received a consequences of a conviction, and urged sutherland to settle.

land was told that for \$10,000 the whole matter could be hushed up and We notice in the Mountain Echo settled, the prosecution would be a good report of the public school of dropped, and nothing would ever become known to the public.

The pressure was enormous. The poor old man, half sick. terrified out of his life, and utterly without friends or advice, yielded and signed the

Upon hearing this testimony Judge Woodward immediately granted a rule

FRIENDSHIP FIRE COMPANY NOTES. THE DONOHUE-SUTHERLAND CASE. to show cause why the judgment should not be opened, and, made it returnable March 18, when the whole mat-

> WILKES-BARRE, March 9 .- Deputy United States Marshal Barring was assigned to him in the judgment note Sutherland, as already reported, was was to be held by him merely in trust

> Detectives have been at work in the Mr. Donohue that the Government investigation and Mr. Donohue and On Monday he gave a judgment his friends would have to meet them. be devoted.

He states, too, that a large part of Mr. Sutherland's affidavit is false; that no pressure was brought to bear on Sutherland to induce him to settle,

Mr. Sears was sent for at his request and merely helped in the arrangement of terms with Mr. Donohue.

The suggestion that the arrest of Sutherland was for blackmailing purposes is simply absurd. For years Mr. Donohue has been persecuted by these circulars, and he has been for a great expense, when the guilty party only surprise is that Mr. Donohue he is entitled to none. As to the all the facts become known, Mr. Sears' But Barring refused to allow any action will be found to have been such as merits no condemnation. His before any of the allegations against nim are believed.

DR. T.J. SWISHER.

DEAD.

Never has this word passed from lip friend of the friendless, the man of strong frame and powerful intellect who so recently still moved and direct-

ed among us is no more. He had been a sufferer from a severe pain in the head for many years which gradually grew worse, so much admitted to bail for a further appear-ance on the following Tuesday. There was no testimony taken. Nothing could be secured from Mr. Maue, and Thursday he suffered very much from no attempt was made to induce him his head and heart. Being a man treatment of Mr. Sutherland He was but himself what he did suffer. Fritaken by Marshal Barring from the day at 1.30 a. m. of the same week he train to the residence of Mr. Barring, was taken worse so much so that he on South Main Street, and up to a never railied but gradually failed unthird floor room. Here Barring en-larged upon the enormity of his crime, o'clock he passed away from all earthly things to the world beyond.

Doctor Swisher was born in Jersey town June, 12th 1836. Died March 1st. 1891. From the above named place he practiced medicine nearly 29 years continuously excepting a few weeks being unable to labor. He was his medical skill and his purse was worthy object.

He was also a man of strong will out his charity had no bounds, and he cheerfully assisted those that honestly differed with him. Ostentation was unknown to his nature. Many could testify with the writer to his kindly attention towards relieving the suffer-Sutherland's, but he sided with the that will miss his medical aid most as worthy recompense. He was always cheerful, ready to aid them at all times Then the final act began. Suther- excuses being unknown to him. He was in the strongest sense of the term an upright man and loved his fellow men. His sympathies were easily touched and his charities were generous; in all enterprise that were intended to benefit the community in band and an indulgent father but by for the same; he also feels grateful to many who enjoyed the hospitality of the public for their very liberal patronhis cheerful home.

PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Fox returned to Philadelphia last Saturday.

John Beaver, of Beaver township, was in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Richmond visited friends in

town on Tuesday. Hon. C. R. Buckalew has returned from Washington and is confined to

the house by rheumatism. Judge Elwell and wife, and daughter. Mrs. N. U. Funk, are sojourning at Elmira, New York.

Nathan Driesbach of Vancamp returned from Altoona last week, where he had a very pleasant trip.

W. S. Rishton has completed his second year at the College of Pharmacy at Philadelphia. He returned home on Tuesday.

J. J. Brower Esq., went to Missouri on Monday. Mrs. Brower is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lingle at Bellefonte during his absence.

Rev. P. A. Heilman, pastor of the Lutheran church, goes to Hazleton next week to assist Rev. J. Wagner in

special Lenten Services. Miles Albertson of Waycross, Georgia visited his relatives here last week. He returned on Monday. Mr. Albertson formerly lived at Rhorsburg, and moved south about ten years ago,

Hear the Park Sisters at the Normal School on Friday night.

where he has prospered.

The Park Sisters Instrumental Quartette, of Boston, will give a concert at the Normal School on Friday evening of this week. They will be assisted by a first class dramatic reader, and the entire performance will be a rare treat.

The Park Sisters are so well known in the United States and Europe that they need no recommendation. They never fail to please. They are all recognized artists, and we predict for the people of Bloomsburg and vicinity one of the most enjoyable evenings they have ever spent.

The New York Tribune in reporting one of their concerts says: The Park Sisters gave one of their popular concerts Monday evening. The en-tire concert was received with rapturous applause as they appeared in entitle him to a full and fair hearing their different selections. They are all true artists and deserve all the applause the delighted audience gave them. Tickits at Dentler's.

> The Hazleton Sentinel, of the 3rd inst., devoted some space to discussing the existence of an oil belt in Luzerne County, and says that three eminent geologists say that if you were to start on a line beginning at Butler County and run throug the counties of Armstrong, Jefferson, Clearfield, Centre, the lower corner of Union, the upper of Snyder, Northumberland, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Wayne you can find the peculiar geological formation that reveals the presence of oil. At least a dozen oil men are now prospecting in the vicinity of Scotch Valley, Columbia county, and overtures are alleged to have been made to several farmers for "privileges," which means the right to bore and the right to all minerals, oils or gases discovered on their lands. These are things which have never been reserved by the corporations owning land in the coal regions. They always reserve the right to mine all coal or other minerals found beneath the property they conveyed in deed, but oils and gases were not thought of at that time.

> Saved from the Wreck, a most entertaining drama will be presented by the pupils of our High school, the proceeds will be devoted to the purchasing of books for the High School Library. It is absolutely necessary that the pupils shall have the use of a Library, in which can be found useful works of reference to assist them in their studies, The drama is being rehearsed under the supervision of Prof. Harkins and will be highly enjoyed by those who will see it. At the request of many friends the Prof. will produce the Drama at Orangeville on Friday evening March 13th, and at the Bloomsburg Opera House on Friday evening March the 20th, where we trust our citizens will give the boys and girls a good recep-

A CARD OF THANKS.

The undersigned, in behalf of Trinity Reformed Church, desires to express his warm appreciation of the services rendered in the production of which he dwelt he was foremost. Not Queen Esther, by all those who so only will he be missed as a kind hus- kindly assisted, and to return thanks

deministration and

REV. W. T. AUMAN.