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Most of the college students are home for the Easter vacation.

Miss Sara Milleisen is at home from LaSalle Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. for the easter vacation.

The Chamber of Commerce is getting in shape to do business, and will soon be incorporated. Mr. Yetter, the President, says that several propositions are already on hand for consideration.

School opened on Tuesday morning man Schad's House Committee on with a very large attendance. The Law and Order was able to do the buildings have all had a thorough job. The committee, in a brief cleaning, and several of the depart- meeting between two sessions of ments have moved into the new the House, took a vote upon the Science Hall.

Mrs. James P. Thornton died on was followed by diabetes, and gangrene finally resulted fatally. Her maiden name was Crawford, and ed against this effort to kill the bill she was born near White Hall, in 1840. She married Mr. Thornton in 1874, and has resided here since.

The funeral was held on Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. J. W. Diggles.

Every day brings something new to light in the new capitol invest gation. Thus far it has been made clear that the state has been robbed of several million dollars by Huston and Sanderson, the architect and contractor. It is believed that some others shared in this graft, and it is likely that their identity will be disclosed before the investigation closes.

"The Country Day by Day" is the title of a series of articles which appear each day in The Philadelphia Press. The series is a review of the present day conditions and is extremely valuable as giving new and interesting side lights of this great country of ours. If you order The Press served at your home seven days in the week you are sure of getting the best there is both as to news and other features.

Miss Nellie Conser, of Sunbury, who has been taking a course of instruction in the working of the block system on the Sunbury division, has finished her apprenticeship | death. and is now stationed in the tower at Shindel, near the western line of Snyder county, on the Lewistown division. It is said that Miss Conser is the first woman who has ever undertaken to master the intricate block system on the Pennsylvania

Judge Wheaton decided last week that a city has no right to spend money for entertainment, the decision being in the case to compel the City Controller, Goeringer, to pay over \$5000 which the Wilkes Barre city's donation for the centennial celebration. Georinger retused to pay, claiming that it was illegal, and that he might be charged with with a circulation of 600,000. In the sum, and the Court sustained

#### HOLY WEEK-

Special services are being held at several of the churches in town in commemoration of Holy Week. At St. Paul's P. E. Church there are services daily at 9.30 a. m. except Friday, when there will be three hours devotion from 12 to 3 er, was prominent in its history, o'clock, and service at 7.30 p. m. On Saturday there will be service The property of Mrs. William at 3 p. m. when parents are invited run nearly all the lines for miles Elwell on West Third street is for to present their children for baparound. He was a Justice of the

> as follows: Morning prayer at 6.30 probably did more business for the Holy Communion at 7.30, Service and sermon at 10.30; Children's man in the valley. But we cannot service at 3 p. m.; Evening prayer thus speak at length, of all the earand sermon at 7 p. m.

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#### CENTRAL EXAMINATIONS.

All pupils of the third and sixth ple. grades from the rural and village the mercantile business at schools in the county, are expected to meet with their teachers for examination next Saturday, March 30 at 8 o'clock. The examinations will be held at the same places as last year, and will be in charge of the teacher who is president of the

WM. W. EVANS.

Local Option Death-Blow

House Committee Reports Against It, Aiming to Kill.

Local option was knocked as The Spring term at the Normal nearly dead last Tuesday as Chair-Craven bill, without calling the roll or putting anybody upon official record, and agreed to report the Sunday, after an illness of about bill adversely to the House, which seven years. A paralytic stroke received the negative recommendation a little later.

were Cribbs, of Allegheny, and Osler, of Bedford, Republicans, and McGowan, of Berks, Democrat.

There were 14 other members of the committee present and presumably joining in the shouts of ayes and nays-Chairman Schad, Bluestone, Woodward and Mesta, all of Allegheny; Riebel, Ripp, Funston, Mumma and Curry, all of Philadel phia; Bentley, Washington, Cooper, Delaware, and McGowan, fellow-Democrats; Enright, of Northampton; O'Brien, Luzerne; and Flynn,

Mr. Craven on Friday offered a Koons, Sr., father of Judge Koons, resolution to place the bill upon the the Dodsons, Elias and Thomas, calendar, and action was taken were among the prominent early by the House on Monday night, settlers of New Columbus and viwhen the resolution was defeated, cinity. Mrs. Joseph Remaly is and local option was killed for this about the only survivor of the aged session.

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In the death of both the heads of this family, Mr. Chapin, on March 26th and Mrs. Chapin, three days previous, both of whom, though at this writing, not yet buried, will both be buried on the same day, recalls many pathetic scenes, and historic incidents of the first families who settled in New Columbus and

Mr. Chapin was 87 years old and Mrs. Chapin 82. The latter was a daughter of Androus Fellows, of Cambra, who was the first white child born in Huntington township. The Chapin family was a highly respected and prominent family, and also highly influential. Mr. Chapin served a term or two in the legislature in the early sixties, and has since held almost continuously, the office of Justice of the Peace, which office he still held at the time of his

So far as I remember, there survive a son and daughter, Alfred Chapin, an attorney at Wilkes-Barre and Mrs. I. J. Jamison, of New Columbus. In his early life Mr. Chapin engaged n the mercantile business, and since then has always lived in New Columbus. The death of these people removes about the last land marks, though not altogether the earliest settlers of that community.

New Columbus is situated on the

old Berwick Turnpike, which is over \$5000 which the Wilkes-Barre crossed at that place by a branch of the old State Road, leading from Van Camp to Shickshinny. The surrounding country is somewhat broken and hilly, and highly fertile and productive. In its early history, New Columbus was a promiaround, until the advent of railroads creek Valley, which rendered the town and vicinity rather isolated, and diverted the bulk of the busi-

The early settlers of New Columbus and vicinity, have long ago disappeared. John Koons, its foundand highly intelligent in his day. He was a surveyor, and probably Peace at one time, also Associate On Easter there will be services Judge of Luzerne county, and people, in his day, than any other

The death of the Chapin family was the occasion for writing this sketch, in which we embody many then thrown into the river or some historical points, that should be preserved, before passing into oblivion and lost forever, that may be of interest and value to many peo-

when a young man. And a little later came Edwin Holmes, a native of Connecticut. Freas and Adison place, about the year 1856 or so. cessor was Samuel Bogert, some of whose family arose to positions of prominence. The first tailor was a The mystery surrounding the Mr. Clewell, who was succeeded by finding of the body was unraveled William Ruckel, and after Ruckel came Joseph Remaly. The educa tional spirit was quite active among the citizens of this town, and about the year 1852 established a higher bloody deed. grade school in the upper story of S. Woods' store.

Wesley Wirt, then of Cambra, but later on removed to Bloomsburg, was the pioneer teacher of the higher grades of the community. Later the New Columbus Academy was According to her reported con-

topher Bowman, a pioneer of the vicinity, was prominent in that day. His family, so far as we recollect, consisted of one son, Thomas, the first husband of Mrs. Benjamin Young, of Van Camp, and sister of Mrs. Chapin, now deceased and a number of daughters. Mrs. Peter Emory, Mrs. William Emory, Mrs Charles Emory, and later Mrs. Hugh McBride and Mrs. Samuel Hebrews eat "Matzso" or unleav-

Benjamin Stevens, Hugh Lockard, George Larish, John Brittain. Fletcher and Washington Bowman, James Ramsey, John Boston, Daniel R. Williams, the Tucker family, George Mack, John Yaple, John people of New Columbus.

All local newspaper publishers knowing to have readers among the friends herein mentioned are at liberty to copy this article, in whole or in part as they would think would interest their readers.

J. C. WENNER. Bloomsburg, Pa. Benton, Pa., March 27th, 1907.

Murdered at Wilkes-Barre.

Receding waters of the Susquehanna River laid bare last Saturday fifteen miles south of Sunbury, a burlap bag containing the nude and headless body of a man. Ten bul-let marks and five ugly knife stabs indicate the manner of the man's death, but as there was nothing by which the identity of the victim could be established, Coroner Decher, of Shamokin, hal a mystery on his bands that rivaled the famous Guldensuppe murder that for a time baffled the detective force of New York.

Andrew Ziegler, a farmer, near Georgetown, in the lower end of Northumberland County, found the bag with its gruesome burden oppo ite McKee's Falls. He rowed over to one of the islands that dot the river to do some work, and while on his vay back noticed an object lodged on a bar, and rowing to the sack, tossed it to land, unaware of the character of his find. The bag was sewed at both ends with strong cord, and when the farmer cut the string he uttered an exclamation of horror.

In making a closer examination Mr. Ziegler discovered that the bag was smeared with blood, indicating that the murder victim had been placed in the sack soon after the commission of the crime and thrown into the water. Though the body was only partly decomposed, it was not difficult to see that the large hands and brawny arms and legs of the murdered man proved that he had been of the laboring class, and probably had worked in the mines.

Coroner Decher directed Justice Bubb, of Georgetown, to have the nent business centre for miles body embalmed, and it will remain up the river, and up the Fishingheld and a verdict of murder was returned by the jury, which had the bullet and knife wounds as the ness to Shickshinny and to Benton. only evidence to determine the manner of the man's death.

Search was begun at once to learn if there were any missing men in the towns along the Susquehanna River and its tributaries. The river had remained above its normal height since the rains of the early part of the week, and it is believed by some of the men in the investigation that the body was washed from some point far above the place where it lodged on the bank. That it had been in the water some days is evident, though the theory is advanced that possibly the body might have been kept for several days by the murderers, tributary stream while the flood was in progress, in which case the bag, with its burden, micht have been carried a hundred miles or more. But the blood on the bag James S. Woods, also engaged in seems to dispose of this explana-

Police in many cities were notified and asked to aid in the hunt for clues. It is the belief of the Brown of Mifflin, also embarked in Coroner and others investigating the mercantile business at this the case that the crime is one of the numerous murders of the Black The earliest blacksmith of this place | Hand Society. The many wounds was Thomas Bender, and his suc- indicate that the victim was attacked by several men, possibly a dozen, and was quickly killed.

on Monday.

The dead man was identified as Michael Kropaski, of Wilkes-Barre and an associate is charged with the

The conscience-stricken wife of the accused murderer, it is alleged, told in detail the story of the horrible crime perpetrated in their Wilkes-Barre home on Friday night

fession, after the crime was commit-But other figures loom up before ted, the body was secreted in the us, whom we cannot pass by. Chris- cellar of their home until the following Sunday morning, when it was cast adrift in a small creek.

#### THE PASSOVER.

The Jewish Feast Comes This Month.

The Jewish feast of Passover will be observed on Friday, the 29th. This is the occasion when all good Creveling, all of whom are deceased. ened bread. The bread is made in many cities, out Philadelphia and Pittsburg turn out the largest supplies, it being estimated that from these cities alone nearly 2,000,000 pounds of "Matzso" are shipped each year. The Passover is one of the most sacred of Jewish festivities and all members of the Orthodox Jewish church eat only unleavened

Rev. E. B. Bailey, the new pastor of the Evangelical church, offi ciated for the first on Sunday, and made an excellent impression. He is said to be a vocalist of more than ordinary merit.

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