The Carbon Advocate.

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LEHIGHTON, PA.:
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Grant has a stud of thirty-eight horses on his farm at Whitehaven, Mo., besides sixty-six horses belonging to other parties. Eight of the President's horses are to be entered at the approaching St. Louis Fair.

In the case of Tilton vs. Beecher the answer of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, denying the charges brought, was received in New York Monday, and served upon the plaintiff.

Postmaster General Jewell has cancelled the contract for the penknives usually presented to the clerks of his department at New Year's. The knives were necessary when quills were used for writing, but have not been needed since the introduction of steel pens, though the custom of presenting them has been continued.

A party of experienced hunters and miners is to start from Bismarck, Dakoto, for the Black Hills, in about thirty days. It is said the party "not only know the color of gold and the habits of Indians," but will be "sharp enough to evade the military." Once in the hills, they expect to be able to live as the Indians do; consequently they will not encumber themselves with what they consider unnecessary supplies.

The Survey of the northern boundary of the United States, which has been going on for two years past, has been completed. It was conducted by a joint engineering Commission, representing England and the United States, and having a strong military escort. This survey was provided for by the Treaty of Washington. A portion of the American party have already arrived at Bismark, in Dakota Territory on their return home.

The Washington creditors of Jay Cooke & Co., are very anxious to gain some information about the situation of the insolvent estate, and are taking measures to try to compell the trustee to make a statement of the condition of the assets, so that they may know what they have to expect in the way of a dividend, if anything. It is nearly a year since the Cookes failed, and as yet the creditors havs been vouch safed nothing of a satisfactory character as to their prospect of receiving a dividend, or have they been premitted to have information which will afford them grounds for making a reasonable conclusion of their own upon the subject. There is a feeling that less secrecy should be observed, and it is proposed to make a strong effort to get at the truth of the matter.

Our Friend in Time of Need.

The Chicago Tribune says few people know how deeply indebted the United States is to Russia for kindly services during the war. It has often been vaguely whispered that Russian influence prevented the armed interference of France, and perhaps England, in behalf of the South. We are enabled to lay before our readers trustworthy information never before published, in support of the truth of the rumor.

When Gov. Curtin, on the eve of his return to this country, went, in his capacity as Minister to Russia, to take formal leave of the Emperor, the latter closed the conversation substantially in these words: "I wish, sir, that you would upon your return, express my hearty thanks to the American people for the reception they have given my son, the Grand Duke Alexis." This, it will be remembered was shortly after Gen. Grant had refused to return Alexis's call, and the latter had left Washington in disgust. Gov. Curtin noticed the Emperor's failure to send thanks to the Government as well as the people. He supposed, however, that it was a slip of the tongue until the Empress bade him farewell in almost precisely the same words. "I shall be happy," said he, "to carry your Majesty's thanks to my Government and people." "I sent my thanks, sir," said the Empress, "to the people—and only to the people."

Gov. Curtin afterwards complained of the slight that had thus been publicly put upon the Government he represented. He was invited by Gortchakoff a conference on the subject. Three books were brought in from the archives of the Foreign Office. The first contained an autograph letter from Napoleon III. asking Russia to join with England and France in breaking up the Federal blockade, and guaranteeing the independence of the Confederacy. The letter asserted that England had already promised her co-operation, which was probably a lie. The second book contained the Emperor's reply. He flatly declined the alliance proposed by Napoleon, and declared that, in the event of any European interference in the war, Russia would actively aid the North.

The third book had within it copies of the sealed orders given to the Russian Admiral who, as our readers will remember, brought the fleet into New York harbor during the war. The orders directed him to proceed at once, with his whole available force, to New York city; to remain at anchorage there for some time; and in the event of European interference with the blockade, to put himself and his whole force at the command of the Cabinet at Washington, and promise abundant and speedy reinforcements.

While Gov. Curtin stared, dumbfounded, at these unexpected proofs of Russia's steadfast fidelity to the Union cause, Gortchakoff said to him: "Perhaps you can appreciate now, sir, why the Emperor and Empress sent their thanks to the people who have honored the Grand Duke Alexis and not the Government that has insulted him. We saved your country, and now your President insults our representative. It is too much." Curtin quite agreed with him, and the interview ended.

[Written for THE CARBON ADVOCATE.]

A Trip to the Clouds by Marcutio.

I have had the pleasure of taking a trip in a balloon, and shall never regret it. We left "terra firma" the other morning about 6 o'clock. It was a sight to see the thousands of upturned faces intently gazing upon us as we took our æriea flight. I noted many of my most affectionate creditors in the crowd, and waved them a fond adieu. The earth seemed fast fading away, and I felt happy, for, "after years of toil," I could proudly say, I was "up in life." In this train of thought, I looked down over the edge of the basket, and there—in the surging mass below—was my tailor waving his bill high in the air, exasperated beyond measure, I threw out a bag of ballast and "ballasted the ropes" of that tailor forever. The balloon now shot upwards with fearful rapidity, and I could feel the blood tingle in every vein; a glance at the thermometer showed that the temperature was 90° below zero—in the shade, and we were at least 20 miles above the earth, but did not retain this attitude very long, for we had forgotten our overcoats Soon we could glance downward and note the curious phenomena below, for oceans seemed seas, seas seemed lakes, lakes seemed rivers, and.....Here I fairly chuckled with joy, for we were right over Lehighton, the view was sublime, Weissport was near at hand, and Packerton and Mauch Chunk were in plain view, how beautiful were the mountains, and what a tiny thread seemed the Lehigh, the long trains at Packerton lookad like nut shells filled with coal. I was much disappointed at not being able to drop a few despatches to "The Advocate," but the æronaut in charge seemed to think they would make too large a hole in the roof, and might possibly dispatch the Editor in chief. How I longed to stop at "The Valley House" and shake the hand of its worthy host, but it could not be, I did drop a lock of my hair, but regretted to see that it brained a cat which was sleeping sweetly in the garden of D. Ebberts' Esq., at this moment we struck "the eastern current," and Lehighton and its beautiful school house was no longer to be seen. "Pull the valve rope" shouted my companion in a voice of terror, before I could possibly comply, O! horror!! the balloon exploded, down, down I went right on the floor. For I had been dreaming, and instead of falling out of a balloon, I had tumbled out of bed.

MARCUTIO.

Phila., Sept. 7.

Paragraphic.

What's in a name? "Swears & Dams" is the sign of a legal firm in St. Louis.

Important new discoveries of salt springs have been made in the valley of the Saginaw.

The foreign resident population of Paris is made up as follows, 4,000 Americans, 7,000 Englishmen, 47,000 Germans, 32,000 Belgians, and 12,000 Swiss.

Out of the fifty-four young men appointed cadets at West Point and examined during the past week, only twenty-two passed the examination and were admitted.

At a recent Cape May juvenile ball two Philadelphia misses exhibited between them $25,000 worth of diamonds. They were sisters, and their mother used to take in washing.

A California temperance association limits the beverages of its members to wine, beer and cider, "except when laboring under a sense of discouragement, and then whiskey will be allowed.

A delicate lady who went to the White Sulphur Springs on a matress was so restored to health that she married a man worth $200,000. The waters of those springs, then, are wealth-giving as well as health-giving, it would seem.

Philadelphia, Sept. 9—A despatch from Jeffersonville, Ind., states that a child resembling Charlie Ross is in charge there. A photograph of the boy has been sent to Constable Smith, who sent the information.

A shower of white toads took place in Larimer county, Col. The shower embraced a strip of country half a mile wide and several miles in length. From a distance the frogs, as they bounced along the ground, looked for all the world like hail stones. After the shower the frogs hopped about over the country in droves of ten thousand.

A woman was placed on trial in the Chester (Pa.) court, last week, charged with disturbing a religious meeting by riotously eating peanuts. The evidence for the prosecution was that, although she was repeatedly requested to desist, she made a loud noise by munching, and crushing the shells with her hands, declaring to the deacon that she should eat peanuts whenever she wanted to. The woman was discharged.

Judge Basil Hamilton, the Kalamazoo centenarin, has just died at the advanced aged of 103 years, preserving his faculties clear to the last. He was one of a family of twenty-three children. Six of his elder brothers fought the British under the leadership of Washington. The old man himself had known the Father of his Country, had voted for his second term, and had voted for every President ever since. He was married at 19, in the year 1790, eloping with a girl of 16, with whom he had lived until the year 1857. They twain were man and wife for sixty-seven years. During those years of uninterrupted happiness they had sixteen children, of whom eight are still living. There are also eighty-one grand children and a number of great-grandchildren. As nearly as can be estimated the fruit of the clandestine union of Basil Hamilton and Martha Stillwell was 220 souls. Born March 15, 1771, he was older than the republic. Washington was farming at Mount Vernon; Jefferson was 28 years of age, George III. was on the English throne; Nelson was a midshipman; the future Duke of Wellington was a baby in arms; Robert Burns was a school boy; Walter Scott and Murat were not born; Mary Antoinette, at 16, was barely foreshadowing that exquisite beauty which was one of the agents preparing for the over throw of the old regime; Napoleon was an infant, and Lafyette was studying in Paris.

—"Jock," said a farmer to one of his workers one Sunday, after the return of the latter from church, "whaur was the text to-day?" "I dinna ken," answered Jock; I was ower lang in gaun in." "What was the end o't then?" "I dinna ken; I came yot afor it was dune." "What did the minister say aboot the middle o't then?" said the master, angrily, determined to have an answer of some sort. "I dinna ken, maister," replied Jock; "I sleepit a' the time."

—A free lecture delivered recently in Troy, is said by a local journal to have been "worth the price of admission."

POLITICAL.

TO the Democracy of Carbon county,

FOR ASSEMBLY,

A. J. DURLING, of the Borough of Lehighton. At the earnest solicitation of many friends I have consented to let my name go before the approaching Democratic Delegate Convention, as a candidate for the office of Assembly. Should I be honored with a nomination and election, it will be my sincere endeavor to fulfill the duties of the office with fidelity and to the best of my ability. A. J. DURLING.

Sept. 5, 1874-te

A CARD.

Lehighton, Pa., Sept. 2d, 1874.

To E H SNYDER, Esq.,

DEAR SIR,—We the undersigned, Voters of the Borough of Lehighton, respectfully ask you to become a candidate for the nomination of Representative in the State Legislature at the next Democratic County Convention,

T D Clauss,	Joseph Obert,
Francis Stocker,	Willoughby Wert,
Frank Shively,	M Heilman,
Z H Long,	Samuel Graver,
W H Benninger,	Jonathan Seidle,
Clinton Bretney,	Josiah Semmel,
Val Schwartz,	Daniel Clauss,
Charles Yenser,	S Kreidenweis,
D Heberling,	Fred E Miller,
Joseph Horn,	John Miller,
John T Nusbaum,	Jacob Walter,
Peter Heim,	Edward Paetzel,
Fred Dreher,	Wm Waterbor,
Fred Leuckel,	Wm Miller,
H German,	D H Long,
Phaon Clauss,	Frank Leibenguth,
Wm Warner,	Jacob DeFrehn,
Daniel Rex,	John A Obert,
John Peters,	J Brong.

Lehighton, Pa., Sept. 4, 1874.

To T D CLAUSS, and others.

GENTLEMEN,—In response to your very flattering invitation, I respectfully state that I consent to let my name go before the Democratic Nominating Convention as a candidate for Representative. If nominated and elected, I pledge a faithful performance of the duties of the office.

Very truly yours,
E. H. SNYDER.

ESTATE NOTICE.

Estate of Robert Phifer, late of Parryville, Carbon County, Pa., dec'd, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those having claims will present them without delay in proper order for settlement.

MARY A. PHIFER, Parryville,
J. G. ZERN, Weissport,
Aug. 22, 1874-w6 Admrs.