The Carbon Advocate.

H. V. MORTHIMER, ... EDITOR

LEHIGHTON, PA.:
SATURDAY MORNING FEB. 19, 1876.

—The President signed the Centennial Appropriation bill on Wednesday last, with a pen made from a quill from the wing of an American Eagle. Philadelphians are now happy!

—Owing to the exhaustion of the appropriation for the transportation of United States moneys, all persons forwarding legal tenders or fractional currency to the Treasury for redemption or exchange will be required to pay charges thereon. The charge on all sums under $500 is 12½ cents, and on $1000 and upwards 25 cents.

—Rev. Fredcrick Bell, pastor of the Primitive Methodist Church, of Brooklyn, has been deposed, on charges of very improper conduct. It is stated that Mr. Bell has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Independent Methodist Church, at a salary of $5000, and that he will bring suit for slander against some of the members of his old church.

—Petitions have been in circulation among our citizens during the past week, for allowing the Koons Farm, owned by the L. V. Co., to be cut from the borough, so that the company can built their new Locomotive Works thereon. The petitions have been very numerously signed, and they will be sent to the company to-day. We trust the effort to secure the location of the works here may prove successful.

—Says the Harrisburg Patriot: The continuance of warm weather has broke down the credit of some heavy dealers in coal in New York and other eastern cities. They cannot sell the coal they have contracted for and cannot pay for coal they are still bound by contract to receive. Even the shares of the coal carrying roads have dropped off a point or two, but poor people save much that the coal dealers loose. There is great comfort in that.

—A meeting of the puddlers and iron manufacturers of Pittsburg was held on Saturday, it being the date agreed on two months ago for a renewal of the conference regarding the price to be paid for boiling iron. The meeting was private, but it is understood to have resulted in an agreement to continue the mills in operation, and hold another conference on the 21st inst., when if a price is adopted, it shall date from the 14th, but if no fixed price is agreed upon, all the work done in the meantime shall be at $4 75 per ton.

—General Ord, commander of the Military Department of Texas, was before the House committee on Texas frontier troubles on Saturday, and gave an account of the cattle raids to which the country for a length of 500 miles and a breadth af 150 on the American side of the Rio Grande is subjected. The General says the region of these forays is separated from the river by an extensive belt of undergrowth forest or chapparal which forms a screen and shelter for the cattle thieves, and that the worst class of Mexicans living on the Texas side act as spies and informers for the raiders. The intelligence received from these dishonest Mexicans enables the thieves to avoid the route by which they might be intercepted on returning with their plunder. On the Mexican side, the raiding bands, which sometimes number from 100 to 150 men, are in league with the local authorities, Coreina being their recognized chief; hence every facility is given them for the disposal of their plunder, and the restoration of the stolen cattle is not thought of. General Ord thinks the Mexican Government powerless in the matter, and that, therefore, the only remedy is to increase the military force on the Rio Grande, and authorize him to send troops in pursuit of the marauders to the Mexican side, and deal summary punishment on them. He is of opinion that whatever opposition the local authorities might make to such action, the General Government of Mexico would offer none.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Harrisburg.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 17, 1876.

MR. EDITOR:—I see I found favor in your eyes last week, therefore, I venture to resume my pen. All the members availed themselves of the vacation to visit home, among them your obedient, and, as he rolled along the E. P. Road, within sight of the ever present Blue Ridge he thought, as no doubt hundreds of others have before him, what a noble dividing ridge. It and looks, as if it was the boundry beyond which all was conjecture, a kind of natural Chinese wall to keep hidden the unseen beyond. In this case it seemed also the barrier this side of which the bare earth was destitute of snow while its wondrous sides, visible for scores of miles, was covered with a coat of Winter's favorite garb, intimating that beyond its crest Winter reigned supreme.

The returned members, as they flock into the House, at this writing, seem merry as so many school boys after a vacation. All seem to feel that to work with a will they must go, and make up for lost time, which is impossible; but let them work with a will and they will yet make a good Winter's work of it. The one great question now seems to be "are you going back?" that is, can the "dear people" be persuaded to return their present members? It seems to be the general expectation that those who are here for their first term will be again the standard bearers of their party next fall. Common sense should dictate such a course for it requires one term "to set the hang of the barn," as they use to say in Ball-threshing times. The outgoing of the Treasury has not commenced the members to any extent, they will come in the spring, as if four hot days had been a stranger to the atmospheres of the rump, as much indicated in by the average Statesman, so that I am in hopes of being able hereafter to say that something has been done. And now I am done. NORMAC.

From the National Capital.

FROM OUR OWN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT.

Cave of the Winds.—Repeal of the Bankrupt Law.—Long Sessions and Meager Results.—Careless Legislation and False Economy.—Democrats Kicking in the Traces.—Investigation.—Probable Changes in the District Government.—Financial Question.—Pinchback.—May and December.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15, 1876.

The national House of Representatives is often facetiously called the "cave of the winds" by old *habitues* of the capital. The appropriateness of this designation would have been fully recognized by any one who from duty or a strange inclination listened to the debates of last week. About the only bill passed that deserves passing mention was the repeal of the bankrupt act of 1867. The House has now been in session over two months and nothing has yet been done to relieve the financial distress of the country or bring about a return of confidence among the business community. Valuable time has been frittered away in engineering petty schemes to make party capital and the interests of the people have been shamefully neglected. In their attempts to appear economical the Democrats of the House under the lead of Randall, Hickman and other party hacks have only succeeded in making themselves ridiculous. The so called retrenchment measures that have thus far been forced through by a party vote are so sweeping in their reductions and so carelessly drawn that they would seriously impair the efficiency of several branches of the public service and cause a waste or a loss of millions of the public funds, should they be adopted by the Senate. Though there might be an apparent saving to the Government in some of these bills, indirectly they would cause a large decrease in the public revenues, and with but little compensating benefit. They are choice samples of the false economy that often loses largely at the bung while attempting to save the sparse drippings at the spigot. There are some of the Democratic members who see these things in their true light and are becoming thoroughly disgusted with the line of policy to which their party has been driven, and I would not be surprised if there was an open revolt before long in the camp of the misguided.

The long talked of investigations are about to commence. The House committee on foreign affairs are going to investigate Minister Schenck and have requested the secretary of State to transmit to them any documents or correspondence on file in his department bearing on the alleged connection of General Schenck with the Emma mine affair or the Machado claim. It is not believed by those conversant with the inside history of these matters that the committee will be able to rake up anything that will reflect upon the character of General Schenck or show that he has in any manner used his official influence in an improper way. The late supervising architect of the Treasury, A. B. Mullett is to be investigated by the House Committee on public buildings and grounds in relation to his alleged complicity in the frauds perpetrated in the building of the Chicago Custom House. The House Committee on the Judiciary are investigating the celebrated Memphis and El Paso railroad affairs in which the fair fame of Gen Freemont has suffered somewhat during the last year or two. It is alleged that fraud, corruption and bribery of all sorts were used to secure the passage of the Memphis and El Paso bill, and a long array of witnesses who are alleged to have been paid money to aid in its passage have been summoned to appear before the Committee and tell what they know about it. Among the parties summoned to testify in the matter are several members of the present Congress, a number of lobbyists and a number of journalists.

One of the good results on the long discussion on the liability of the Government for the interest of the 3-65 bonds of the District of Columbia will probably be a change in the form of government of the District. The present mixed up condition of affairs is very unsatisfactory. The people of the District are powerless to make laws for their own government, and Congress has rather shirked the responsibility of taking matters into its own hands. The Senate Committee on the District of Columbia have been instructed to prepare a bill to meet exigencies of this anomalous condition of affairs and among other suggestions it has been proposed to turn over the control of the streets and avenues to the engineer corps or the army, the police to the war department, and the board of health to the Surgeon Generals office, and that all taxes levied and collected in the District shall be turned into the Treasury of the United States and the Government assume all the expenses of the District. It is almost too much to expect the inhabitants of the District to keep up, improve and beautify a Capital for the people of the United States and it would seem only right and proper for Congress to assume control and make it a national work.

Rumors have been again floating around of a quarrel between President Grant and Secretary Bristow in relation to the prosecution of the Whisker Frauds. There is no truth whatever in the reports, though there are certain parties who would delight to hear of a rupture between these distinguished personages and are continually predicting that it will soon come. The wish however is father to the thought and it is not probable that they will ever have an opportunity to gloat over any quarrel or misunderstanding in this direction. The relations between the President and Secretary Bristow are cordial and harmonious, and both fully unite in the policy expressed in the sentence "let no guilty man escape."

The financial question is looming up and bids fair to prove quite disastrous to party unity and for a time will almost obliterate party lines in Congress. Bivins made a speech in the House on financial affairs on Thursday last, in which he stated that the Republican party have thrown aside all minor differences and dissensions on the financial question and have gradually united their strength against inflation. While this is true to a certain extent it is not altogether correct as applied to the present Congress, but it is very certain that the Republican side of the House is much more united on the question than the Democratic majority, many of whom are rank inflationists, and others while professing to be hard money men are strongly in favor of the repeal of the specie resumption act of the last Congress. Hon. F. Hurd, of Ohio, has introduced a bill, which has been referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency, making all obligations, both public and private, payable in gold on and after Jan. 1st, 1877, unless otherwise provided by special contract. Since the introduction of the bill Mr. Hurd has received many letters from prominent business men of the country expressing their approval of his course, and endorsing the provisions of the bill. The financial question is evidently a very delicate one with many Congressmen and there is every indication that the subject will be approached with great caution and much deliberation, and it is not probable that any decided action will be taken in the matter until after a long and thorough discussion of the subject in all its various phases and aspects.

Pinchback's case will soon come up in the Senate, and Mr Morton has announced that when the matter is reached he shall ask the Senate to remain in session until it is disposed of. Thus far three Republican Senators are known to be opposed to Pinchback's admission, Edmunds and Morrill of Vermont, and Christiancy of Michigan. Pinchback counts upon a majority of five upon a full vote. Of course the Democrats will present a solid front in opposition to his admission and the result is doubtful.

On Thursday last, Senator Christiancy was married to a young lady employee of the Government Bureau, on engraving and printing. The bride is a fair young blonde of twenty summers, and the groom is, or was, a gay old widower of sixty-four winters. Mr. Christiancy's first wife has been dead nine months. The courtship which has ended so auspiciously was only of a few weeks duration.

The Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill passed the House substantially as reported from the Committee. On Tuesday the Fortification Appropriation bill passed the House without debate. This bill reduces the amount appropriated for fortifications, etc., from $5,-0,0,000 to $315,000. NOTUS.

Philadephia Letter.

PHILA., Pa., Feb. 16, 1876.

DEAR ADVOCATE:—St. Valentine's Day kept our postmen busy from early dawn until dewy eve. Many hearts went pit-a-pat when the ring of the carrier was heard, for of all days in the calender of love St. Valentine's is the brightest, that is, for those who receive handsome valentines with bleeding hearts and plenty of silt and verses. But it is often a day of anger and disgust for those who may receive a sly cut or thrust in the shape of some of the many colored documents prepared especially for hurting the feelings of recipients. On this account I fear the proper observance of the day is on the wane.

$7,000 has been paid for the privilege of selling pop corn at the Centennial grounds. Just think of it, why the man who pops the corn must be as brave as he who pops the question. There must be millions in it.

By way of a change (I) we are having a little mild weather. Old Zero has been good for nothing so far this winter. Monday night we had a regular mid-summer thunder storm. The lightning was exceedingly vivid, and the peals of thunder were terrific.

The soda water privilege brought $52.60 to the coffers of the Centennial board. Have not heard a word about peanuts as yet. Where's the Allentown man? he man who sold the luscious ground nuts at the fair; he would make a fortune if he could get the right to sell. I hope he may come to the front with his cry of "pop dem dis, and der the." "prace is or ought to have a show (I). I would be willing to act as judge for a few grosses of the honey beverage. We must do something for "Our Country," you know.

There will be a corner in tea if we have many more "Martha Washington tea parties." At present tea cups are trumps.

Come with me,
And take some tea,
For the cause of Liberty.

Wish you were here to assist me in opening my valentines. I fear the postmaster will want me to run a post office myself. Here comes a carrier with another bushel, and the cry is "more to come." It would indeed, be a labor of love if you only could assist, Yours truly,

MARCUTIO.

Pennsylvania Dutch.

Studietown, Feb. 15th, 1876.

Mr. Drucker,—Yetz will ich doch aw an kivel foll bohna supe our fressa wann net seller brief wo ear de lecht woch for mich in ebra roosiche sooty Carbon Advocate tseitung ni gadruckt ben. yusht about an uhrahr sammacht hut de im shteddel. De Nelly, my oily, de hetsacht over widder amool hears seila locha derwaya, se war yusht about gaskteilt we se es gasahna hut in schwartz un weis, dos so an uhrahr of dopich in an Englishe tseitung war, un on very same nwat we de tseitung aw kumma is, sin meo dos an outgend sooty mechboa on unser house kumma for dan brief su lesas un se wohra aw all sons immer un eavich soot gepleased dos ich amohl in de rumofers ni gaplichet bin. Dar Jow Handlor, un dar Fred Buffendhiffer un dar Pat Grashoo, un dar Jo Rickenbaugh un an sonsa lot fun sana hut never woller ich spt mod earn ons Koffeehouse zu sathouse gay un sea doder mear so leai crede dos ich hoger wot, un ich hon net oft so ga woller un no hut dar Doup Lushwick mich nogh petzahla woller un over do washt ich do sel wet, das is an fr iend un dasis an frier (selling for aller leit, ing sonderst, un fr iens, in only sechs un wet ich grutsch bessy (un ollewiel will ich doomoh widder my brief korts machen, ich will over dehts ea ding sawya I sin dumm derin bewunsich dons and Carbon Advocate tseitung, un sel is dos noch dum boh ich im sin der ony woch a reenter h alley, go over brief shrivn fun weay ollerlia sachh, un yetz huff ich aw dos a Peaceer mann shribet fo. de tseitung for so is dreck wolf al un gent all de nyechkste fun der consae nochbershoft un kosht yusht ean doller as vere, un ear yards sewirer seana, dos ear double dar ward gronya dana, wan ear my pref in shanay grosay pushtowa seana for ich hob noch ses tsu schreiba fon alerlia, ich hob aw an possalon for ollerlia nyechkse of so glang shtiker tsu machn, sua we se as dana in Englisha, un now ware as laner will tsu issa dar nins yusht eans fun my brief recht nit ever laser, un good neit g we ich as nashtwes du, un an monn dar seiver Pennsylvania deitsh shwetza dus, cons no aw laner, wan er sagh no ay mucat nim Sam Krishsha shtuffler un aw shreiva dut for de tseitung wo yusht en doller as yore kost nit all de nyechste, we gassat, un how will ich doch aw a por wart sawya fun wasa danna tsita. Ich beg for saltsto so due de leit eanra tea un coffe, un kohls, un house rent, un shtore soch all kawin kenna for wonnicher dos holb price, un awut so an protect on dos de shof ihre dar nider hengeht John gets nix out snoffa da for, as I on no nicher armer mon in dar Shtade ollerwile dar wer ive, un now kenna aw de leit sgana dos ich dar moon bine for se.

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

As is all recht tsu sawya penemmas we as kunst, wer suppose as kunt net, was don no.

Dar bloha hoosita gate rum unnen de klumer.

De letsht woch war an concert in dar shtod, dos an doller un a hower kost for ni.

Sower kraut un stpeck sanza o nunucht de eit weiver for we s as awer nit de yanga.

Dar sneshi deep is dar headt karis, as shind anyhow so, wann as aw net exactly wore is.

Wann de an eased husht, un braet tsu arm for an fog tsu kawfa, ei donn lus can hover t esse.

Mommey, mommey, was don secht de mommey. Ei secht se dochter, doh is as gonser klumba sawrtz hare im hood tsuat n gabeck.

De ener woch war an frew fun Bowmansville in Weissport, im mill merry shon by de misses Guth for goode tsu kosa, un as shi im later gesses eam reenter nonga w ssereva, un no dutrich act se s ea shea for in druvel grie.

Om Mondog un Dunshdog hots as garevet dos as wo ser on ivry aw cautfa is un oil dresseh worra a in dar glick un beenaw.

SAM KRISHSHASHTUFFLER.

Matters of Interest.

—The wife of Jules Phillips, of Lees Haven gave birth to her eighteenth child last week.

—A third rail is to be laid on the Erie road from Elmira to Buffalo, to allow cars of the N. Y. Road to use run through.

—Pendleton says Grant can have a third term nomination if he wants it. This opinion is formed from a tour through the south.

—Representative Schleicher, of Texas, is the largest man in Congress. They had to build a chair specially for his accompodation.

—A Hazleton clockmaker has constructed a fac simile of the great clock at Strasburg, one-third its size, with all its automatic figures.

—The rolling mill of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad company at Reading has been closed until next month, throwing 150 persons out of employment.

—A mother and her child in Luzerne county were found dead in a room last week. The mother had evidently crushed the life out of the little one in a paroxysm of pain.

—Judge Handley, of Luzerne, and Judge Livingston, of Lancaster, say the repeal of the local option law effectually wipes out all prosecutions under the old law.

—Col. Victor E. Piolette, of Bradford county, has obtained a contract to furnish 1,500,000 feet of lumber to be used in the construction of some of the centennial buildings.

—A horse backed on the track of the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg railroad near Danville recently, and the result was fourteen cars landed into the canal and the horse was killed.

—Last week Anthony Gannon and a few friends attended a ball in Schuylkill county. On the way home they had a drunken quarrel, and Gannon was fatally stabbed. He died on Saturday night. No arrests.

—The ladies of Wilkesbarre gave a centennial dinner and Lady Washington tea party, from which they realized $1,33, half of which is to be devoted to the monument fund and the rest to the ladies' pavilion at the centennial.

—Saml. Bogart convicted of killing his father-in-law, W. A. Kline, in Columbia county, has been fined $2 0 and sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. The Klines, who larree their father, were fined $10 each and sentenced to undergo an imprisonment of one year.

—Thomas M'Clure, of Nesquehoning, Carbon county, shot himself in the head with an old musket on Saturday. The top of his head was blown off, and the brains were scattered about the room. The suicide is attributed to despondency produced by protracted illness.

—At Belvidere, N. J., Tuesday, Patrick Ward, convicted of the murder of Peter Meiers, was sentenced to be hanged on the 4th of March next. J. M. Ritter, who murdered his two children in Hackettstown, was allowed to plead guilty of murder in the second degree on both indictments, and was sentenced on each to 20 years' imprisonment at hard labor, in the penitentiary. John Springtown, who killed his brother-in-law at Springtown, pleaded guilty of manslaughter, and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, at hard labor.

—Benjamin and Rachel Corter, are the names of a venerable couple of Lycoming county. The husband was born February 14, 1772, and the wife August 17, 1777. They were married at Williamsport, August 16, 1850, on the twenty-third birthday of the woman. The Northumberland Press says: One day last summer they walked a distance of six miles, three going and three returning, for the purpose of taking dinner with a daughter. The old lady can see to knit and sew almost as well as ever. They raised a family of twelve children, the oldest having nearly reached the age of seventy-five years. They have eighty-two grand seventy-five great-grand and twelve great-great-grand children.

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—The fall suits being gotten up by Laury & Peters, are fashionable and neat, while the price is within the reach of all.

—Mrs. S. E. Fatzinger is just receiving a splendid assortment of fall and winter millinery goods. Call and see them.

—Now is a good time to subscribe for the CARBON ADVOCATE. It is only $1.00 a year in advance, and gives you all the latest local and general news. Try it!

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—J. K. Ricket has still a few of those eligible lots in Rickertstown to dispose of. If you feel like securing a good home call and see him. He is also supplying flour, feed, lumber and coal at the lowest rates.

—ARE YOU TROUBLED with hoarseness or weak lungs, shortness of breath, or asthma? Thousands have been permanently cured by using Coxe's Wild Cherry and Seneka. For sale by every druggist & merchant in Lehigh, Northampton and Carbon Counties. 49-6m

—Now is the time to call at T. D. Clauss' Merchant Tailoring establishment to buy for cash. He will astonish you with the remarkably low figures he asks for really first-class made and fitting garments. He has also marked down prices in the boot, shoe, hat, cap and glove departments, to such low figures that it is impossible for you to see the goods and learn the price without making a purchase.

—ARE YOUR CHILDREN SUBJECT TO THAT dangerous foe of childhood—CROUP OR COUGHS? Coxe's Wild Cherry and Seneka has been thoroughly tested, and never known to fail of effecting a complete and speedy cure when administered in time. Keep a bottle in your house. For sale by C. W Lentz, druggist, Lehighton. 49-6m.

—Head Quarters for Boots, Shoes and Rubbers.—Messrs. Laury & Peters are now receiving and offering for sale one of the largest and best selected stocks of mens' kip and calf boots, womens' and children's gaiters, shoes and rubbers ever brought into Lehighton, at prices which defy competition. Remember, if you want to buy cheap for cash, now is the time, and Laury & Peters' the place!

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—Another new lot of groceries and provisions just received at Fatzinger's store, on Bank Street, which they are offering at remarkably low prices. All goods warranted of best quality.

—"My kingdom for a horse," so shouted old King Dick. But you can get a horse with a neat buggy from David Ebbert for a very small amount in greenbacks. Try.

—A large delegation of Lehigh Hook & Ladder Company, will visit Tamaqua, Monday evening next. Having accepted an invitation from Perseverance Steam and Hose Co., of that place, to participate at their ball on that evening.

—"Going off like hot cakes" the excellent corn brooms being manufactured by H. C. Levanway in the basement of the Valley House, in this borough. These brooms are fully equal to the very best made, and the price is lower than the same broom can be bought in Philadelphia. Try them and be convinced.

—Have you seen Brady's billiard table?

—Is Washington's birthday to be celebrated?

—The Centennial Exhibition opens on the 10th of May.

—The weather and politics are both decidedly mixed.

—Mr. Jacob Brong will receive our thanks for favors shown.

—Now we have a bran new Burgess, let us have some few miles of new sidewalks to match.

—The election in this borough on Tuesday last passed off quietly. Wednesday morning the usual number of disappointed candidates were to be seen on the streets.

—Our streets and in fact all the roads in this section are in a terrible bad state for travel.

—Hon. A. J. Durling was at home from Friday evening till Wednesday morning, when he returned to his duties at Harrisburg.

—The business of Z. H. Long has been disposed of to a gentleman named Mellose, of Mahanoy Plane, who is expected to take possession on or about the 1st of April.

—The revival services in the M. E. church are still continued, and quite a number of persons are on the anxious seat.

—Rumor says H. W. Beecher will lecture at Mauch Chunk some time during the month of May.

—Lost, on Saturday evening last, the cape of a child's overcoat, between the Lehighton Bakery and the M. E. Church, or on Iron street. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving it at this office.

—The Thomas Iron Company has over 100,000 tons of iron ore banked up at present.

—Thirty thousand young California salmon, averaging about 1 3-4 inches in length, were planted in the Bushkill at Easton last week.

—Mr. J. W. Nusbaum will open the store in Semmel's new building, about the middle of March, with an entire new stock of dress and dry goods, groceries, provisions, etc.

—Dr. Michael Thompson, of Summit Hill, died at his residence in that borough, on Wednesday evening last. He had been ill but a short time, and his death caused much sorrow among his many friends.

—F. P. Semmel has just received a lot of well seasoned firewood from the Packerton Shops, which he will sell very cheap. Also, hardware, lumber and coal in immense quantities at low prices.

—Mr. Edward Raber has leased the Northwestern Hotel, and will take possession on or about the 1st of April. Mr. R. comes from Franklin township and is well known to our people.

—Daniel Graver, at the Bee Hive Store, next to First National Bank, calls attention of the ladies to his new and handsome stock of dress and dry goods, carpets, oil cloths, groceries, provisions, queensware, &c., &c., all of which he is offering at the very lowest possible living prices. Call and examine goods.

—A new slate quarry is soon to be opened by Mr. Straup, of Bath. The indications are that a very fine quality of slate will be brought out. The quarry is a fourth of a mile from town.

—The next legal holiday will be Washington's Birthday, 22nd inst. The banks and public offices will remain closed on said day, and those having business to transact with them should attend to it the day previous.

—Mr. Phaon Clauss was surprised a day or so ago by finding an old cluck, which he had missed for some time, running around his barn with a brood of seven young chicks. In regard to this matter, "A Subscriber" has requested us to ask the School Board "If Mr. C. cannot have a nice warm apartment in the school house set apart for them (the chickens), as the weather as yet is too cold for them to run loose. The guano might be retained to pay for the accommodation?"

—"Leap Year!" said he as he threw himself indolently upon the lounge, "Oh, don't I wish I was a pretty, fascinating stunner of a girl! I'd have all my clothes cut after the "Domestic Fashion" and just heap the style on. And would'nt I pile on the duds and wear a big bustle! Oh, no. HI! OUCH!" and just here his father, as he led him out by the ear, said, "Young man, if you don't climb out'n this and make a big bustle in the neighborhood of that wood pile I'll fix you so's you could'nt wear a bustle for a month."

—Quite considerable excitement was manifested by our citizens Tuesday on learning that one of the School Directors, who has charge of the School building as janiter, had turned the basement into a chicken coop and one of the rooms on the second floor into a carpenter shop. Such a thing as a $40,-000 chicken coop had never before been heard of in this latitude—and was looked upon as decidedly a Centennial novelty—while the idea of converting the building into a carpenter shop had never been thought of. The building is insured for school purposes for some $20,-000; had a fire happened to break out and the building been destroyed where would the School Board have had to look for the insurance money in such a case? We are pleased to state that that the other members of the board took prompt action in the matter, and compelled the careless member to remove his chickens and carpenter tools from the building, and thoroughly clean up the premises.

From the County Seat.

Sunday was beautiful.

Monday not so full.

Tuesday very muddy.

Court opens on Monday, the 21st, to continue one week.

Hon. Victor Piolette was in town on Thursday of last week.

We are sorry to state Sheriff Breneiser still continues low.

Eddie, youngest son of D. G. Bertsch, is lying dangerously ill.

Scarcely any one knew that an election was held here on Tuesday, so quiet was the voting done.

We are informed that one O'Flaherty, a young lawyer, intends locating here for the practice of law.

Mr. Moses Rice, of Slatington, was in town on Tuesday, disposing of a patent of his own invention to some of our merchant tailors.

The wife of Mr. Abraham Bertsch has been confined to her room for several weeks by a fever, but we are glad to say she is recovering.

A habeas corpus hearing will be given Alex. Campbell to-day (Friday) before Judge Dreher. We understand no one but counsel will be admitted.

Miss Emma Beers, on Saturday last, in descending a stairway slipped and fell to the floor, sustaining a severely bruised hand.

Tilton's lecture on the "Problem of Life" was very good, and was listened to by one of the largest and best audiences Mauch Chunk can produce.

A few of our Mauch Chunk lads and lasses will entertain those liking fun on this Friday and Saturday evenings, at Rhoads' Hall. Proceeds for the benefit of the M. C. church.

Mr. Joe Kalbfus, law student, left on Thursday for Harrisburg, Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and Cincinnati, on a visit to his father at the latter place, and brother and friends at the former places.

Messrs. Hollinger and Sterritt, two wide-awake teachers of Mauch Chunk township, in their thirst for knowledge attended Tilton's lecture on Thursday night.

The Hamlin-Brodhead wedding, on Thursday of last week, was largely attended and the church snugly filled. The presents were numerous and handsome. The bridal party left with the 7:30 p. m. train for Philadelphia, Washington, &c.

Hons. Jas. A. Harvey and Jona. C. Fincher, the former of Buck Mountain and the latter of Hazleton, were in town on Saturday. They are looking well, and we should say that enacting laws agrees well with them.

James Kerrigan, who "squealed," was, on Saturday last, taken to Pottsville, by special train, to testify in the habeas corpus hearing of the five prisoners confined there. After his testimony, and without argument by counsel, Judge Pershing remanded the prisoners back to jail to await trial.

A very distressing circumstance occurred at Nesquehoning on Saturday last—the committing of suicide by Mr. Thomas McClure, by shooting himself through the head with a musket. His head was badly mangled. No cause is assigned other than melancholly. Justice Yeager held the inquest.

A Mr. Getzinger, of East M. Chunk, on Friday night of last week, was taken from his house and badly beaten and then robbed by a set of scoundrels, known, we understand, to Mr. G., but who is afraid to have them apprehended. He should be licked, if he knows who did the beating and is afraid to have them arrested.

We were misinformed, as reported in last week's issue, as to Mr. Samuel Shoemaker leaving in a very quiet way. We wish to correct it, and say that Mr. Shoemaker returned on Saturday evening all life. He has secured a position on the Penna. Central RR. as conductor or ticket collector. He will run between New York and Harrisburg. Sam will make a capital man for the position, and we wish him success.

Mr. Min. Brodhead some time ago circulated a petition among our prominent citizens for their signatures, and forwarded the same to Senator Burnett, at Harrisburg, asking for his appointment as Bank Assessor of this district. We are inclined to think that Min. will miss it, as Mackey has the distribution of these appointments, and that Fred. Bertolette, Esq., who is also looking after that little jou and who now holds an appointment from the Governor, will be the successful man.

There was no particular interest manifested at the election held on Tuesday, except as to the old veteran John Painter, whom some of his own party endeavored to defeat by putting forward one John Fraas, of Up. Mauch Chunk, an Independent Republican. It was reported, however, early in the forenoon that Fraas had withdrawn, which left the field clear for Pap. We are almost sure, with the aid of the Democrats, the Independent Republicans could have elected Mr. Fraas. The following are the officers elected:

Borough—Constable, John Painter; Assessor, Alfred Weyhenmeyer; Ass't Assessors, W. Butler and Jno. Wanke; Auditor, W. C. Morris.

First Ward—School Director, W. C. Morris, jr.; Council, J. H. Wilhelm; Judge of Elections, Thomas R. Crellin; Inspectors, J. M. Fister and John Brighton; Poor Director, R. Q. Butler; Poor Auditor, John P. Stegner.

Second Ward—Council, Peter Stahl; School Director, Chas. Culver; Judge of Election, — O'Neil.

Only one Democrat in the whole number, viz: John Brighton, and he was elected by a minority. Truly, no Democrats need apply in Mauch Chunk for office.

Fire Damp Explosion.

On Saturday afternoon last a terrible explosion occurred in the Exeter mine, belonging to the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, located at West Pittston, Luzerne county. The mine had been idle during the week on account of the suspension, and, though the fan which supplies fresh air to the chambers below had been kept going all the time, the quantity of air forced into the mines was not sufficient to expel all the foul air and prevent the accumulation of fire damp. The immediate cause of the explosion is not known, but sufficient knowledge has been gained to lead to the belief that one of the men below entered a chamber with a lighted lamp and that its sparks ignited the gas which had accumulated there. About twenty-five men had been engaged in the repair of tracks and gangways at the headings since the previous Monday, among the number being several miners, and on Saturday morning all went down to work as usual. About half-past two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, while the men were at work, the explosion occurred. The last report resounded through the subterranean passages and filled the breaker above the shaft with its ominous echoes. The force of the explosion was so great as to tear away hatince props, doors