

Society Meetings.

MINISTO EASTERN, No. 78, A. O. E. OF THE M. O. ... SOCIETY MEETINGS ... DEMOCRATIC DELEGATE ELECTIONS TO-DAY ...

—Democrat delegate elections to-day (Saturday). County nominating Convention, at the Court House, Mauch Chunk, Monday. —For cheap dress and dry goods call at Dan. Graver's Bee Hive Store.

—The Kututown Agricultural Society leads off this year in this section with its Fair, the time fixed for it being Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th.

—A congregational meeting will be held in the 1st Presbyterian church, of this borough, on Wednesday evening, Sept. 11th at 7:30 o'clock. All are invited to be present as business of importance will be laid before the meeting.

—The stay law passed to enable debtors to bridge over the hard times, approved March 23d, 1877, will expire by limitation on the 23d of September. Like all similar laws, passed to meet special and exceptional cases, this has been an utter failure.

—Persons from different parts of this end of the county inform us that the chances for the nomination and election of our friend S. R. Gilman to the office of Register and Recorder, on the Republican ticket, every day grows brighter. Well, Sam, is a "jolly good fellow!"

—The Trinity Church Sunday School at Coplay has just been provided with a fine new cabinet organ and on Sunday next, September 8th, it is to be consecrated with appropriate exercises. All friends of good music and the Sunday School cause are invited.

—Lewis Zahn, of this borough, a brakeman on the L. V. R. R., on Monday evening in attempting to board his train near Allentown, fell and the cars passed over his hand. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, where the injured member was amputated above the wrist. He was brought home on the 8.40 p. m. train the same evening.

—It is stated by a telegram from Pottsville that from six draws collieries the average rate of coal during August was \$1.94, which justified a reduction of 19 per cent. in wages below the \$2.50 basis, but the Reading Coal and Iron Company has announced that they will make a reduction of only 10 per cent. below that basis.

—An act approved June 12th, 1878, extends the warrants of all tax collectors since, and including 1874, one year from date of approval. This will enable the collectors to collect the amount due them, if they will do it. The act also authorizes them to collect taxes from persons who have removed from their respective boroughs and townships.

—Have you seen the beautiful styles of ladies fall and winter dress goods at the Bee Hive Store? If not, call at once. Prices very low.

—The Republican Convention of Lehigh County met on Saturday. John Adams was nominated for State Senator, and Perry Wanamaker, Alexander Singmaster and J. M. Cassell for Assemblymen. It was resolved not to nominate a candidate for President Judge and not to endorse any independent candidate, "but to leave the matter entirely open to the judgment of the voters."

—WINE WITH CARE AT ENTERTAINMENTS. We take pleasure in directing the attention of the public to Speer's celebrated Port Grape Wine, a pure and unadulterated article upon which every one may implicitly rely. This wine is made at Speer's vineyards, Pottsville, Pa. It has a rich flavor, mellow juiciness, and brilliant color; and is not only an agreeable beverage, but highly beneficial in all its properties for invalids and aged persons.

—James Cochran, a married man about 25 years of age residing about one mile above McDaniel's hotel in Mahoning, was instantly killed by lightning during the storm on Tuesday night. He was lying on a bench in front of the kitchen stove, when the lightning struck the building and descending the chimney struck the unfortunate man. There were five other persons sleeping in the house at the time, but none of them were injured. It is always dangerous to sit or stand near a chimney or near the walls of a dwelling during a storm—the centre of the room being considered the safest place.

—If you want a fashionable hatter cap, call at T. D. Claus's, and buy one for a small amount of money. —Paul Kesze, Esq., the veteran Democrat of Towaunensing twp., was in town Thursday.

—Fresh Oysters, in every style, at P. T. Brady's. —Wages have been reduced again at some of the Valley Iron works, from 80 down to 70 and 65 cents per day.

—Get your prescriptions, and Family Recipes compounded, at A. J. Durling's Family Drug and Medicine Store. —One man was killed and two others were slightly injured by a fall of rock in the Exeter Colliery at Pittston, Tuesday morning.

—Points, oils, and varnishes very low at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk. Mixed paint all shades, to order. —Our young friend, J. F. Kressley, of Weatherly, passed through town Thursday, on his way to Mahoning Valley, to visit his friends.

—Super-phosphate of Lime, of superior quality, for sale low for cash, at J. L. Gabel's hardware store, opposite Square. 40-3w. —If you want a good fine set of Bugby Harness or a set of Heavy Team Harness for a low price, call on M. Florey, Weissport.

—If you want shirts, neck wear, or any other article in gentlemen's furnishing goods, call on T. D. Claus, and he will supply you at extraordinary low prices. —In Montgomery county Judge Ross has decided that the county is not bound to pay the costs of arrest and commitment under the new "railroad tramp" act.

—William Dougherty was killed and six other men were injured by an explosion of black damp in a new tunnel of the Stanton mine at Pittston, on Saturday morning. —For boots, shoes or rubbers, of the finest makes, call on T. D. Claus. You will find an immense stock to select from, at lower prices than ever before offered.

—All medicines warranted fresh, genuine and unadulterated at the People's Drug and Family Medicine store. A. J. Durling, Proprietor. —Augustus Reinhardt, aged 48, employed in Stewart & Co's wire mills, at South Easton, Pa., and his wife, were killed by the canal at that place Wednesday morning.

—Do you need a fall and winter suit of clothes, made up in the latest and most durable manner? Then go to T. D. Claus, the merchant tailor, on Bank street, and be "fitted." Prices lower than ever. —Two coal trains on the Reading Railroad collided between Alaska and Locust Gap, on Saturday afternoon, and 35 cars were demolished. Two men were killed and a third slightly injured.

—Clocks and Watches carefully repaired, and work warranted, at lowest cash rates, at Hageman's cheap cash store, opposite public square, Weissport. 30-12. —Special attention is invited to advertisement of Eureka Red Oil. County Rights for sale by P. J. Fitzgerald, 103 and 105 N. Fourth st. Philadelphia.

—The Chinese claim to have invented the telephone in the year 968, and David Ebert claims to have the most popular variety in the county. "Handsome terms and low prices," is his motto. —See cherubims in another column holding a bunch of grapes from which Speer's Port Grape Wine is made, that is so highly esteemed by the medical profession for the use of invalids, weakly persons, and the aged.

—Parents wishing their children to take thorough music lessons on piano, organ, violin, guitar, flute, or vocal music, should address Prof. Wm. P. Moran, Weissport, Pa. Particular attention given to string bands and glue clubs. Music arranged for all instruments very reasonable. Leave orders at this office or at the post office. —J. M. Fritzingher has removed into his new building, and is better than ever prepared to supply the public with finest quality of boots and shoes, at lowest prices for cash. Thankful for past favors, he asks a continuance thereof. Third door below Romig & Kofford's carriage shop. ang-24-w4.

Packerton Hipples.

—Mrs. C. Pridmore, of Middletown, New York, is visiting her brother, W. F. Broadhead.

—Miss Maimie Hammann of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Lizzie Martin.

—Miss Bertha Smith, of Weatherly, and Miss Sallie Fox, of Philadelphia, are visiting at W. L. Stiles.

—Mr. John McKelvey and family and Mr. Andrew Elliot, and family, have returned from the sea shore. All much improved in health.

—We are sorry to hear of the severe illness of Mrs. William Trythall.

—Mr. A. H. Bowman and family, and Mrs. M. W. Raudenbach and family, will leave for their new home in Kansas, about the first of October.

—John Downing contemplates a visit to the State of Michigan, with a view of locating permanently, if all things are agreeable.

—H. J. Bretney, of the Packerton Forwarding office, has entered into partnership for life, with a Miss Troxell of Lehigh county. The boys were all kindly remembered by Henry. May success attend him all through life be our wish.

—J. C. Dolan has commenced remodeling the property lately purchased, Josiah Sadel, of Mauch Chunk, will have charge of the work.

—Some evil disposed persons made a raid on the premises of Messrs. Hontz, Gould and Long, the other night, taking a large quantity of grapes, besides breaking and destroying the vines. Could the miscreants be found, they no doubt would be tendered a warm reception by these gentlemen.

—T. Deterline was severely squeezed by the cars the other day, at the car shops; he escaped with a broken collar bone.

Summit Hill and Vicinity. —While the mines are idle workmen are repairing the breakers and the tracks of the Navigation Company, and some men at least of the many idle find employment.

—Work at all the Panther Creek Valley collieries of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company stopped on the 24th ult., and the prospects are that resumption will not take place until September 15th.

—The new school house at Lansford is expected to be dedicated on September 13, and commence business on the 16th. A great time is looked for on the occasion of the dedication.

—Eli Moser and cousin of Coal Dale, in coming down the Hill Road to Lansford, on Sunday, 25th ult., were precipitated from their carriage to the ground, by the horse suddenly becoming frightened and running away. Mr. Moser's face was terribly skinned, but his companion escaped without any injury. The carriage was demolished by the runaway.

—Leonold Friedman, of Summit Hill, has been adjudged bankrupt on his own petition, and a list of his creditors filed in Judge Caldwell's court in Philadelphia, on Tuesday last week, shows liabilities to the amount of \$6,000. His principal creditors are: Morris Meyer, Chicago, \$2,387.50; Jacob Friedman, Philadelphia, \$1,500; General Berlietole is Mr. Friedman's attorney.

—Thomas Allen, one of the old residents of Lansford, died at his residence on Abbot street, Tuesday afternoon of last week after but a brief illness, of heart disease. He was taken suddenly ill with deep set chills during the night, though during the day they wore away and a fever set in. Towards afternoon his illness prostrated him and death came as above. Mr. Allen was an old man, well and favorably known in Lansford and vicinity, and a consistent member of the Welsh Congregational Church.—Tamaqua Courier.

Albrightville Items. —Hot—politics. —Down in the world—a miner. —Going down in the world—avalanches, cateracts and rockdrills. —Tax collectors are making their appearance almost daily. —Butter is very scarce at present.

—About 30 acres of land have been cleared and brought under a state of cultivation this season, in this neighborhood. —Mr. Samuel Meyer, of this place, has rented the Winter-Garden Distillery of Wm. Getz, which was formerly occupied by Mr. Timothy Serfass. Now the Winter-Garden pickers go in earnestly. Mr. Meyer pays 75 cents per hundred cash, while others pay only 60 to 70 cents per hundred.

—Mr. Edmund Kibler, proprietor of the well known Hunters' Hotel, about 4 miles from this place, has brought to my office a buck wheat stalk that measured 6 feet and 7 inches. If anyone at the lower end can beat this, I would like to hear of it. Next!

—Our worthy and efficient supervisor, W. H. Rauch of South Kitter, is busily engaged with his squad in getting the roads in a proper condition. This speaks well for Mr. Rauch. This is the second time that he has gone over the roads this season, and I do not hesitate in saying that the roads are now in a better condition than they were for the past five years. Why don't supervisors Adam Meekes do likewise? It would be a very beneficial thing to him another year.

The Fair and Festival. —Next Wednesday evening, at 6 o'clock, the doors will be open to the general public for the inauguration of the Great Fair and Feast Festival of Lehigh Hook and Ladder Co., and Citizens' Comet Band, for which extensive preparations have been in progress for some time, and judging from the encouragement given, so far, by the citizens generally and the ladies in particular it will be the grandest affair that has ever taken place in Lehigh. A committee visited a number of ladies on Wednesday soliciting donations of flowers, cakes, &c., and met with a liberal response; as it is impossible for them to visit all personally, they respectfully ask and invite all who may have any articles in the way of fancy work, statuary, &c., to place them in the hands of the committee for exhibition, properly labeled, and they will be taken care of, and returned after the Festival is over. Notice will be published of the best display and by whom exhibited. All such articles may be left at P. T. Brady's, where also the special Ladies Committee are invited to meet this (Friday) evening.

The contest for the lantern and cane is going on vigorously. And just here we would say, that the voting for these two articles will be closed at 10 o'clock on Saturday evening, at which time all the books must be in, as the votes will then be counted and the prizes presented to the successful candidates.

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From the County Seat. —SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—St. John's Lutheran Sunday School celebrated the first anniversary of the opening of its own rooms in the new church in Upper Mauch Chunk on Sunday afternoon. The large audience listened attentively to the address of the pastor, who is also the superintendent of the Sunday school. The officers reported 59 teachers and 275 scholars in regular attendance.

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Flooded Mines. —SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 4, 1878.—A terrible thunder storm, accompanied by lightning and rain, prevailed in this section last night and this morning, causing considerable havoc along the stream; culverts and bridges from where the river ran down the slope were torn from the embankments, and several families whose houses had been flooded narrowly escaped. The most destructive feature of the storm was the flooding of Fairlawn and Pine Brook mines this afternoon. The Pine Brook which runs near the mouth of the slope leading to Fairlawn colliery, broke from its bounds, and rising to a height of fifteen feet from its ordinary level, burst through the regular means of escape from the embankment and swept like a torrent into the mine, where about fifty men were at work. An immense lake which had collected on the flats near the colliery found vent in rushing into the slope, carrying driftwood and debris of all kinds in its wake and producing a thrilling scene. People ran from their houses in dismay and women and children wrung their hands in agony as they thought of the fate of their friends, 300 feet below the surface. The news spread like wildfire and hundreds were seen at the scene looking in helpless despair at the roaring flood that dashed into the mine.

The suspense was intensified when it was thought that there was no other means of escape for the imprisoned miners; but relief came at last. About a quarter of a mile from where the river ran down the slope a couple of miners emerged through a small hole in the grimy hillside, and bore the joyful tidings that they thought most of their companions would escape from the flood. They knew not what to do when they first found the mine filling so rapidly, and were unable to estimate the extent of the catastrophe; but they soon learned that escape by the slope, which formed the regular means of escape, was impossible. The rush of waters, bearing mine cars of railroad ties and lumber of various kinds through the dark channels of the mine, filled the minds of the men and boys with terror, and produced a panic, as they splashed to their arms in the treacherous current, that swept along with great velocity. At last some of the most experienced men in an opening communicating with the Pine Brook colliery of the Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company. Through this they managed to reach the mulway, from which they emerged. It took many hours to calm the fears of those having friends in Fairlawn mine, and rumors of the wildest nature were set afloat as to the number of lives lost.

The same cause to which the Fairlawn escape was due, carried down the slope and destruction into the adjacent Pine Brook colliery. The latter being on a lower level the flood, after traversing the other mine, rushed through the openings leading to Pine Brook and swept in the direction of what is known as the "dip," where a number of men were at work. They heard the roaring sound, and, not knowing what it was, grew very much alarmed. They were kept in suspense long. The dark, cold current soon reached them, and the scene which followed is indescribable. The panic-stricken miners cried out with fear and intensified terrors of the gloom.

A pump runner named Job Davis, working along in the "lower dip," heard the cries of his comrades with dismay and started up. The flood was upon him. He did not have time to snatch his coat and watch closely, but braced the swift current for dear life. His dog, which he kept in the mine, followed closely, but was swept away and at various times Davis had to grasp the jagged sides of the tunnel to prevent being swept off his feet. Another danger was presented in the rising of the railroad to the surface of the current, and rails were usually laid loosely in the mines, and these floated in the flood. Several times the men were forced to dive to escape some obstacle, and reach the foot of the mulway already alluded to. The most awful adventure of all was that of John B. Davis, who with two driver boys, named Toester and Pasold, and an old man named Bashe, struggled up to the slope where the flood was strongest. On several occasions he was almost overpowered by the obstacles striking against him on the swift current, but he stood bravely by his charge while struggling to escape a tangled mass of ties and driftwood.

Frankie Pasold was swept from his grasp and carried back in the darkness, where his cries for help were soon stifled in the water. Mr. Davis was powerless to render the poor boy any assistance, and he was lost. All the others, as far as can now be ascertained, made their escape.

The damage done to the Fairlawn mine, which is worked by Hoels & Sons, is great. It will not be in working order again for a long time.

The Pine Brook mine, although considerably damaged by the flood, can be placed in working order shortly.

Jermy's mine is also slightly flooded, and a number of accidents of a lesser nature are reported all round the city.

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THE PEOPLE. —We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions and sentiments expressed by our correspondents under this head. —The Packerton School Board. —EDITOR CARBON ADVOCATE.—DEAR SIR: "Alpha," the champion, is again to the front, with a witicism worthy a "Nevins"—'tis enough to silence "Anon". So say certain ones. How exasperating his prelude. He tells us that he is not disturbed, but it sleep stealthily. We would not wish it otherwise—certainly valuable information to the average taxpayer, that his rest remains undisturbed.

We pass over the uncertainty manifested—"I guess the directors, &c., &c." he is evidently a careful, and studied writer. We admire his effort; the defense of a faithful teacher is noble. But we fail to see the necessity; they certainly can stand on their own merits—there works are their defense. We wage no war upon the faithful teacher or director; what we have said in reference to the schools in general, has been from the result of our own observation and upon information from some of the citizens, and especially from two or more of those who were and are directors. We were given authority by one to use his name, and we confess we were surprised when informed of some things. One of the directors, early in the spring, informed us voluntarily—that an entire change would be made in the schools, (and I do not know that the citizens asked it), and when asked about it, after the selection had been made, he evaded a direct answer; intimating that he could do nothing alone; but remember, he said, "I will visit the schools every week, &c., &c." "Alpha," says that it is very difficult for directors to run a school district to please every one, and more difficult to get teachers to suit everyone, and considers it an offense for any one to complain. We admit the work of a teacher is difficult, and are as generous towards them as "Alpha," perhaps, and we feel assured that they receive as courteous treatment from the people at large as they do from directors.

He says that no attention will be paid (and I suppose he is authority) to complaints unless made direct to the Board, and actually denotes nearly a column of your paper to prove it. "Consistency thou art a jewel!" He says that we should come to the Board of Control, (better understood as Board of Directors), with complaints, and admits in his article a knowledge of complaints prior to the article in the Advocate. He opens a rich "vein of humor" when he refers to our knowledge of the advancement of the schools. We were never personal in our articles; but as he has adopted that line of attack, we would simply state that his assertion as to our child's attendance is false, also the one about punishment. We never did, nor did we ever have cause to thus complain. From the fact that our child was never punished in school, by any teachers, to our knowledge—a dream perhaps while enjoying "a good night's rest." "Alpha," says but one complaint was brought before the board last term, and that only "child's play." We do not know what he refers to, and do not dispute it; but if we are correctly informed, and we believe the parents, there was a case presented rather more serious than "child's play," the same parent made two complaints, and other complaints were made, perhaps not to a full board of directors, yet known to some. We would not have referred to them only in answer to "Alpha's" statement.

I have in my recollection a promise made by one of the directors and happily verified, much to the satisfaction of all concerned. He knew there was dissatisfaction, and out of the abundance of his heart, thus expressed himself. We think "Alpha" for his reference to our defeat for director; a wonderful success, when the means used are known. We feel consoled somewhat from the fact that we are not alone; others will be reminded of the "will of the majority," but "Alpha" didn't mean this for the other fellow what wasn't elected; but it is only another "vein of humor," better thus perhaps than to sit in council with those who were publicly denounced as ignorant and unfit, to be school directors. We remember the arguments used at the last election. But we do not think this controversy likely to edify your many readers, and do not propose to occupy space hereafter, unless "Alpha" desires. We are ready to meet any attack, "Alpha" may make.

We return our thanks, for the kind offer made to elevate us to the position of teacher. No, no, "Alpha," we feel satisfied since reading your article, that the interests of all are safe in your hand—"Thou art the man!" our teachers have a champion; our board of directors one who can direct and lead them; our taxpayers one whose word they must believe—Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end; the sum of all things desired is to be found in this. Adieu, "Alpha." —Packerston, Sept. 2. ANON.

Jack Kehoe & the Board of Pardon. —Notwithstanding the plausible arguments made before the Board of Pardons Tuesday night in favor of a commutation of the death sentence of Jack Kehoe to imprisonment for life, a decision adverse to the condemned was rendered Wednesday. Only two members of the Board (one less than the requirement) voted to grant the application of the once-individual Molly Maguire. One democrat and one republican voted for commutation, and one democrat and one republican voted for the action of the Board of Pardons which can withhold his signature to the death warrant as long as he pleases, and as he has expressed the opinion that Kehoe is innocent of the murder for which he was sentenced to be hanged, a belief prevails that he will bequeath the Kehoe legacy to his successor. Should he do this, the Molly King would never be executed, unless convicted of one of the other numerous murders in which he is implicated by testimony given at other Molly Maguire trials. The decision of the Board of Pardons was a surprise, a different result having been expected.

Among pardons recommended was that of Enoch Cooper, of Luzerne county, convicted of killing a Molly Maguire in that county, in April 1876, and sentenced to nine years in the Penitentiary. —The board again refused to favorably consider the application of ex-representative Bullard, Delaware county, for pardon. —It may surprise the general reader to learn that the coal production of China has already reached 3,000,000 tons annually, and is rapidly increasing. Of this production about 1,000,000 tons represent the output of the anthracite beds of the province of Shan-si. Speaking of this, the most extensive deposit of the empire, Baron Richthofen affirms that its area vastly exceeds that of the anthracite region of this country, and that no other coal-field in the world can be compared with it in the union of the most favorable conditions as regards position, quantity and quality. He pronounces the opinion that, in the near future, these deposits will rise immensely in importance.—Dyck's Magazine for September.

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