Society Meetings.

MINITO CASTLE, No. 78, A. O. K. OF THE M. C 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, in Reber's Hall, Lehighton, at 7:30 o'clock P. M. John Ongens, S. K. C.; Sam. R. Gilham, S. K. R. S.

BRADEN RUTTER LODGE, No. 606, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Reber's Hall. H. Kostenbader, N. G.; N. B. Reber, Secretary.

LEHIGHTON LODGE, No. 234, K. of P., meets on Friday evenings, in Reber's Hall, at 7:30 o'clock. W. H. Bachman, C.C.; L. A. Miller, K. of R. and S.

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—Gold 100¾.

—Lehigh Valley Railroad 34¼.

—Lehigh Coal & Navigation 14¼.

—West's liver pills cure dyspepsia.

—Philadelphia and Reading Railroad 11¼.

—A slight snow in this section last Sunday night.

—The 21st of this month will be the shortest day of the year.

—Chew JACKSON'S BEST Sweet Navy Tobacco. 7—50.

—OYSTERS, fresh every day, at A. K. Miller's, at bottom prices.

—Read Tilghman Arner's new advertisement in another column.

—You can get fresh fish every day at A. K. Miller's saloon, at lowest cash prices.

—The prisoners in the Easton jail had an apple dumpling dinner on Thanksgiving day.

—Country vendues will soon be in order. Get your sale bills printed at the ADVOCATE office.

—If you want a fashionable hat or cap, call at T. D. Clauss', and buy one for a small amount of money.

—"Old Dan Gardner," the well-known circus clown, is lying very ill at his home in Philadelphia.

—You can buy the cheapest and best clothing and underware, at the store of F. Schmidt, Weissport.

—The Third Brigade of the Pennsylvania National Guard was reviewed, Friday of last week, at Scranton by Governor Hartranft.

—Overcoats, latest styles and best material, for a small amount of ready cash, at H. H. Peters', Post office building, Lehighton.

—Another new and elegant stock of fall and winter cloths and suitings at H. H. Peters, Post office building. Good fits, low prices and satisfaction guaranteed always.

—Blankets and Buffalo Robes very cheap for cash, at Gabel's Hardware store, Lehighton.

—The employees in the school slate factory at Treichler's Station, on the L. & S. railroad, are on a strike because of a reduction of 20 per cent, on their wages.

—If you want shirts, neck wear, or any other article in gent's furnishing goods, call on T. D. Clauss, and he will supply you at extraordinary low prices.

—Every description of plain and fancy Job Printing at "knock down" prices at the office of the CARBON ADVOCATE. Send along your orders.

—The question of what shall be done with tramps in agitating the people everywhere. It is rather an expensive tax on the public to confine them in the poor house and jail.

—Before purchasing your Christmas presents, call on E. F. Luckenbach, near the Broadway House, Mauch Chunk, and examine his elegant assortment of latest novelties.

—We got in the early part of the week, what our people have been wishing for for some time, a good soaking rain, and now the good housewives are happy for the wells are all filled with water.

—For boots, shoes or rubbers, of the finest makes, call on T. D. Clauss. You will find an immense stock to select from, at lower prices than ever before offered.

—On last Monday the Hazleton *Daily Sentinel* was reduced in price to one cent per copy. At one cent per copy the *Sentinel* should be found in the house of every family in Hazleton and its surroundings.

—The Allentown Rolling Mill is just now enjoying a gratifying season of prosperity. They have orders that will keep them busy for two months straight along, and possibly they may be able to keep in operation all winter.

—One morning last week on Michael Moran, of Slatington, going to his pig-sty he found that his two fine shoats had been killed during the night and the bodies thrown into the alley by some low scoundrels.

—All medicines warranted fresh, genuine and unadulterated at the People's Drug and Family Medicine store. A. J. Durling, Proprietor.

—Do you need a fall and winter suit of clothes, made up in the latest and most durable manner? then go to T. D. Clauss, the merchant tailor, on Bank street, and be "fitted." Prices lower than ever.

—Clocks and Watches carefully repaired, and work warranted, at lowest cash rates, at Hageman's cheap cash store, opposite public square, Weissport. 44-13.

—The large and enterprising Sabbath school of the Hokendauqua church, are preparing for their Christmas Eve concert, which is always crowded and enjoyable. This school numbers between three and four hundred.

—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.

—CAMPHOR MILK—Dr. Oberheltzer's Liniment has been tested by thousands, and has proved to be of the highest value to the community. It has effected many cures in Rheumatism, Sores, Swellings, Sprains and Frosted Feet, and many persons recommend it for Cuts, Galls and Swelling in horses. It costs 25 cents, at Durlings. 1-4

—We have introduced two new features in the ADVOCATE this week: A Farmers' column, and a Pennsylvania Dutch letter. The letter will be highly enjoyed by our German friends—it is rich, rare and spicy. "Pit Knokworshd" will, no doubt, be anxiously looked for each week by old and young.

—The employes of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company have held a series of meetings during the last fortnight and signed papers demanding of the company wages on the $2.50 basis for the next year, without a sliding scale. The interpretation of this is that there will be a strike unless their demands are agreed to.

—There will be a free chicken soup lunch at the saloon of W. A. Peters, this (Saturday) night, and don't you forget it.

—Gus. Hinkle is putting up a new porch to his residence on Second street, and otherwise improving it.

—Lewis Weiss, post office building, has just received another lot of boots, shoes and gaiters, which he offers at very low prices.

—William Howells was killed by a descending cage in the Nottingham Colliery, near Plymouth, Luzerne county, on Monday afternoon.

—*Evening Bulletin* is the title of a neatly printed little sheet, 12x20, just started in Hazleton. It is chock full of interesting matter, and is supplied at one cent per copy.

—Rev. Mr. Pickup, of Packerton, will preach in the M. E. Church, of this borough, to-morrow (Sunday) morning at 10:30 o'clock, and the Pastor Rev. G. Oram at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited.

—Charles Froelich, on the corner of Iron and Second street, will sell his house and lot on very reasonable terms, if application is made soon; also a piece of farming land, in Mahoning Valley, about 13 acres.

—A number of our young men have been making enquiry of us as to whether the Lyceum is to be re-organized this winter or not. We do not know, perhaps Prof. F. K. Bernd will take steps in the matter.

—There wrs a resumption of coal-mining in the Schuylkill region last Monday to fill the quota of 286,250 tons, that region's proportion of the additional allotment of 1,000,000 tons for the present season. The prospect is against a renewal of the coal combination in 1879.

—The miners and laborers employed in the Buck Ridge Colliery of May, Audenried & Co., at Shamokin, struck Monday, the miners demanding an advance of five cents on each wagon and the laborers an advance of fifty cents per week. The strike throws out of employment about 200 men and boys.

—While the mine rails were being lowered into the Delaware and Hudson mine, at Plymouth, Luzerne county, on Monday evening, one of them became detached and fell to the bottom of the shaft, fatally injuring Edward Pierson and seriously injuring John Martin and two boys. Pierson died in a few hours.

—The rain storm of Monday and Tuesday last caused the water in the Lehigh to raise some 12 feet above low water mark; for some time much anxiety was felt by our people for our sister borough of Weissport, but we are pleased to state those fears were not realized; for several hours the water rose at the rate of about 12 inches per hour, but at an early hour Wednesday morning it began to recede, and all fears were dispelled.

—A girl's diary was found in her desk after her death, in Chapman, Pa., and much trouble is likely to come of it. She kept in it an account of her daily life, including the smallest incidents. Such entries as, "—— came home from church with me, and kissed me at the gate," and "Went riding with ——; he hugged me a good deal," are common. It would not matter if all the names given were those of bachelors, for she was a pretty girl, and it was no disgrace for them to kiss and hug her if they got the chance; but such is not the case. Several of the men are husbands. Nevertheless David Ebbert continues to hire his elegant teams at lowest prices. Livery on North street.

—T. D. CLAUSS, Esq.—This gentleman is rapidly gaining in popularity as the leading merchant tailor in the Lehigh Valley, and his success in drawing first-class customers to his establishment at Lehighton goes for to give our neighboring borough an excellent reputation for business generally. The secret of Mr. Clauss' success is first-class goods, skilful make up and the lowest cash prices—quite as low as the lowest of Philadelphia or New York. And the enterprising example of Mr. Clauss is followed by other business men of Lehighton, and notwithstanding the much talk about hard times, they all seem to command reasonable success and a gradual approach to prosperity.
—*Carbon County Democrat.*

Thief Caught.

Granville Heintz was before H. A Beltz, Esq., on Wednesday, charged with stealing a large variety of articles, comprising clothing, small sums of money, etc., from the employes of the Lehighton Stove Works. He was committed to jail in default of $500 bail to answer the several charges preferred against him. For quite a number of months past the men at the Stove Works have been complaining of having their working clothing, etc., stolen, but up till the present time had been unable to catch the galooting thief.

A Talk by Rev. B. T. Vincent.

A course of lectures having been determined upon by Prof. F. K. Bernd, Principal of our schools, for the benefit of the High School, we have much pleasure in announcing the first of the course to take place, in the Public School Hall, in this borough, on Tuesday evening next, Dec. 17th, at 7:15 o'clock, upon which occasion Rev. B. T. Vincent, of Mauch Chunk, will give our people "A Talk on Looking 'Round." From the well-known reputation of the Rev. gentleman, we have no hesitation in promising our citizens a rich treat on this occasion. Admission, adults, 20 cents, pupils of the schools 10 cents. The proceeds are to be devoted to the High School. Let there be a full house.

East Penn Literary Society.

The society was called to order by the president and then followed reading of the minutes and the election of officers, which were as follows: Pres., W. A. Greenawald; vice-President, A. S. Steigerwalt; Secretary, J. A. Othstein; Corresponding Secretary, J. S. Steigerwald; Treasurer, G. A. Dreibelbies; Critic, W. J. Williams; Editor, James Steigerwald. The society arranged a programme for this week and next week—the programme for this week is as follows: Question for debate, Resolved, "That the Indians were more cruelly treated by the whites than the Negroes," affirmative, J. A. Nothstein, J. S. Steigerwald; negative, W. G. Greenawald, G. A. Dreibelbies. Declaimists, T. Rehrig and W. J. Williams; essayists, Misses C. R. Steigerwald and S. J. Haberman; select readers, A. S. Steigerwald and J. O. Smith. Programme for next Friday will be as follows: Question for debate, Resolved, "That the teacher is of more benefit to a community than the preacher," affirmative, A. S. Steigerwalt and J. A. Nothstein; negative, W. J. Williams and T. Rehrig. Declaimists, G. A. Dreibelbies and O. N. Heintzleman; essayists, W. A. Greenawald and Alveira Steigerwald; select readers, Miss C. S. Steigerwald and Francis Steigerwald.

The subject last Friday was fairly discussed on both sides, and was decided in favor of the negative. SECRETARY.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Jack Frost paid us a visit last Monday morning.

—Game is plenty in this valley.

—A. Balliet and Nathan Garber were out hunting Monday, and captured two rabbits and one snipe.

—Ed. Horn proposes going west after Christmas.

—Emma Mantz, of Schuylkill county, has been visiting friends in the valley.

—G. Mertz and W. Gombert captured a large raccoon last Saturday.

—Shooting matches are now in order, and quite a number are taking place through the valley. UNCLE SAM.

PERSONAL.—Should this meet the eye of the individual who created a disturbance in church last Sunday by his continued coughing, he will confer a favor on the congregation by procuring a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, which will cure him.

The Coal Combination.

After the meeting of the Board of Control of the coal combination, last Thursday, the representatives of the Lehigh Valley interests retired, and a discussion on the formation of a combination for the year 1879 was participated in by the representatives of the other companies. At this conference a letter from J. H. Swoyer, the chairman of the committee of the Lehigh Valley operators, to the committee appointed by the other interests in the combination, was read. In it the statement was made that the coal operators shipping over the Lehigh Valley Railroad considered the allotmen of tonnage for 1878 unsatisfactory to the Lehigh Valley interest, and resolved that the present arrangement should cease on December 31 next. They expressed the opinion that some arrangement should be made for the government of the trade for the year 1879, so that the production of coal should be restricted to the demand upon an equitable basis, satisfactory to all parties in interest. They retained their committee for the purpose of negotiating and arranging for temporary stoppages after January 1, 1879, pending negotiations for a permanent arrangement. In concluding his note Mr. Swoyer expressed the hope that an early day might be appointed for both committees to meet and regulate the tonnage for January.

On December 5 a reply was sent to the communication by Messrs. Dickson and Gowan, in which they stated that after a full conference with those whom they represented they had come to the conclusion that any arrangement for 1879 should be concluded before the end of the present year, and expressed their willingness to meet the committee appointed by the Lehigh Valley operators at any time before December 27, provided that the latter had proper authority to represent the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, as well as the other Lehigh Valley operators.

The following is the reply of the committee of Lehigh operators to the proposition of Messr. Dickson and Gowan, representing the Board of Control of the anthracite coal companies:

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Messrs. Dickson and Gowan:—We were appointed a committee only for the purpose of managing a temporary stoppage to sustain trade pending definite negotiations in January and afterwards for an arrangement for 1879. If you insist that a permanent arrangement must be made before January 1, 1879, we, as a committee, have no authority and no business necessary to occupy your time further.

If I am wrong in this construction of your letter and you do not make it a condition that an arrangemens shall be concluded before the 1st of January, please advise me.
(Signed) J. H. SWOYER, Chairman.

From the County Seat.

A GREAT MUSICAL EVENT IN MAUCH CHUNK.—For a week past, a great topic of interest in town is the promised appearance of "America's Favorite Violinist," Madame Camilla Urso, in a grand concert on Monday evening, 16th inst., in the large dining hall of the Mansion House. For those unfamiliar with her reputation, we will say that Camilla Urso as a lady performer on the violin, who has become one of the greatest musical celebrities of the age. Her name is familiar all over this country and in Europe; and wherever she goes there seems to be but one result—the most unbounded admiration and applause. She performed in San Francisco before an audience numbering over fifteen thousand people, and the musical people of the city gave her a serenade at the Occidental Hotel, accompanied by hundreds of the most prominent citizens. In London she performed with such success that the Royal Society of Musicians, the Duke of Edinburgh presiding, the Duchess of Buccleuh and many members of the Royal Family sent requests for her to play again. In Paris and the other principal cities of France her success was unexampled. Last month she gave a concert at Music Hall, Boston, before an audience numbering over three thousand people. The N. Y. *Times* says, "we have no hesitation in placing her among the foremost of the living violinists." Besides this remarkable artiste, Miss Ivy Wanderforde, soprano, W. C. Tower, tenor, I. F. Rudolphsen, baritone, and Herr Bermo Scherek, pianist, are announced. These persons are very highly praised, and the Philadelphia *Press* says, "Rudolphsen has a baritone voice which we have never heard excelled," while Tower, says the *Montreal Herald*, "has a magnificent tenor voice of great power and compass, and under excellent cultivation."

This concert is given under the management of the local literary society of this place, the Athenæum; and through an exceptionally fortunate chain of circumstances, they are enabled to offer tickets at fifty cents, with reserved chair without extra charge. For many people in and around Mauch Chunk, this is probably the one opportunity of a life time to hear the far-famed Camilla Urso.

Why cannot the many music-loving people of Lehighton and neighborhood get up a party and come up on Monday evening? The concert will begin about eight and will probably be over by ten, and we doubt whether our people in this region will ever again have as favorable an opportunity. It will doubtless be worth the entire price of admission to hear her play the "Last Rose of Summer," a piece she is said always to reserve for the final encore.

STARTLING RUMOR.—While the water was leaping and foaming over the dams in the Lehigh, on Tuesday afternoon, and the rain was still descending, a startling rumor was circulated that there was a serious danger of Dreishbach's dam breaking, which is located between Mauch Chunk and Summit Hill, and holds back a large body of water. If this dam subsevres no public good, it might be disposed of, before some serious disaster from that source does happen. During Tuesday night much uneasiness was felt here on account of the freshet.

COUNCIL MEETING.—At the council meeting on Saturday evening, moneys amounting to $92.50 were received from different sources, and bills amounting to about $300 were ordered paid. The salary of the keeper of the lock-up was fixed at $5 per month; and three lamps were ordered to be placed in the market house; delinquents on account of the Susquehanna street drain were notified that all bills remaining unpaid after the 16th inst., will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection. The cost of lighting the streets in both wards for the month of November was $88 25.

A WAR VETERAN REWARDED.—Patrick Gallagher, of East Mauch Chunk, who served during the late war in Co. E, 28th Reg. and afterwards in Co. C., 116th Reg., has just received a pension certificate. He will be allowed a back pension at the rate of $3 per month from July 1865, to Oct. 1878, amounting to $495, which will be remitted in a short time. From now forward he will draw $10 per month. It is said that Pat. was a good and faithful soldier, and all who know him rejoice at his being thus rewarded.

COAL OPERATORS CONSULTATION.—A number of prominent coal operators, among whom was President Delano, of the Middle Lehigh Coal Co., J. F. Hitch, also of that company, and James S. Coxe, ex-president Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., held a consultation at the Mansion House here on Monday evening. It is believed that some arrangement will be made to protect the coal trade after the expiration of the combination.

THE COURTS.—The courts will convene on the 13th of January. The criminal docket is unusually large, among which is a prospect of the rather famous Klotz-Lynn newspaper libel suit. The defendant in this case, it is understood, has secured the services of Hon. Frank W. Hughes, of Pottsville, while several wealthy citizens of Mauch Chunk have volunteered the sinews of war, if needed, to fight the case to the bitter end. It is believed by the wiseacres, however, that the suit will never come to issue. So that those who expect a peep behind the scene-politic next month are likely to be disappointed.

A SINGULAR COINCIDENCE.—Last Sunday morning while P. J. Murray, shoe dealer, and whose store was recently broken into and robbed, was taking a walk around the Mauch Chunk mountain road, he stopped to rest, near Packerton, and while sitting on a stone, his attention was called to a shoe protruding from under a rock. An investigation revealed, to his astonishment, eight pairs of the shoes recently stolen from his store. They were very little impaired.

MINOR MATTERS.—Register and Recorder Philips has executed his bonds in the sum of $11,000 for his new term of office.

A poor man, destitute, applied to Burgess King recently for employment. On investigation, it was found that his family consisted of two dogs and himself. Recollecting that the Council kept the dogs muzzled all the past summer, it was decided to furnish the poor man work, and thus help the good cause along.

Rev. B. T. Vincent will deliver a lecture in Lehighton next Tuesday evening.

—St. Marks church here contributed about $20 in cash, besides the Thanksgiving offering in gooseries, during last month, for the support of St. Luke's Hospital.

The approaching holidays promise many entertaining features, not the least will be a sacred concert, under the choral committee, of the St. Mark's church, which will be lead by Dr. Erwin and Wm. C. Morris, Esq.

The freshet flooded several cellars in which merchandise was stored, causing much annoyance, and some damage.

The quarterly conference of St. Paul's M. E. church, held on Saturday, shows that congregation to be in a flourishing condition.

The Lutheran church of East Mauch Chunk is nearly completed. The contract to make the furniture, which will be of polished black walnut, has been awarded to Messrs. Ritter & Beck, of South Bethlehem.

Simon Meister, the well-known brewer, has disposed of his business here, and moved to Jeddo.

When the freshet, on Tuesday evening seriously threatened the residences of those residing on the line of the towpath, Col. J. S. Wibert generously opened the Mansion House to all thus imminently threatened. One or more families, of mothers and their children accepted of his charitable hospitality until danger was over.

The roll of the bar of Carbon county contains the names of sixteen practising lawyers.

Weatherly Items.

—Pay day to-day—Happy those who have something coming.

—Isaac Harleman, reported suffering from a stroke of palsy, in the early part of the week, is again able to be around.

—The children of the M. E. Sunday school are practising for their customary Christmas entertainment, which is generally very good.

—Paul Horn, lately residing in the Oil Regions and more recently in Weatherly, has now settled down in Eckley.

—The managers of the Poor House expect to slaughter a hog, that competent judges say will tip the beam at 700 pounds. A fine animal he is.

—John Donovan talks of leaving soon for Eureka city, Nevada, where he has friends urging him to come.

—During the storm, Geo. Hartz, the switch tender at Black Creek Junction, became alarmed at the rapid rise of the streams surrounding his dwelling, had a portion of his home and effects removed to a more secure place. George had no doubt cause for alarm.

—The Weatherly Cornet Band have, at an expense of $300 secured an entire new set of instruments. "The Sweet After While," will now be rendered in sweeter strains than ever.

—The scenery surrounding Weatherly on Wednesday after the rain was indeed picturesque and beautiful to behold. While there was scarcely any snow visible in the town proper, the surrounding mountains were covered from two to four inches in depth. Imagine snow capped mountains, trees crystalized, streams and rivulets filled to overflowing, with long coal trains literally covered with snow moving slowly through the valley beneath.

—On Sunday last while two sons of Sam'l Gangwere were out hunting, one of them attempting to shoot a pheasant shot his younger brother severely in the head and face. Another warning to those who have no regard for the Sabbath.

Yours, ROCKAWAY.

Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—J. J. Carter and wife left town last week for Philadelphia.

—David Gerhart shot a fine deer on the Broad Mountain one day last week.

—All the low grounds in the Quakake Valley, were pretty well inundated on Tuesday last by the heavy rains.

—Mrs. Bergen, mother of John Bergen, died on Sunday last, at the residence of her son. She is said to be 79 years of age.

—The Odd Fellows purpose having an oyster supper on the evening of the 24th inst. The young folks are anticipating a good time.

—Mrs. Bergen's funeral took place on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Her remains were taken to St. Mary's Catholic cemetery.

—Monday last was turnbook day at the company's store. It is very amusing to see the anxiety of many ladies. It would appear to a stranger, as if things were given away.

—The mine bosses are using every precaution against miners going into the mines in a state of intoxication. We highly commend them for attending to so important a duty.

—T. K. Williams & Son's store was entered and robbed on Monday night of about one hundred dollars worth of goods, consisting of boots, hats, caps, shirts, stockings and tobacco. The burglars tried to break open the money drawer, but failed. No clue, as yet can be found who they are.

—John Trevaskis celebrated his 50th birthday on Sunday last, surrounded by his family of twelve children, two grand children, two sons-in-laws, his wife's father, and two cousins, making twenty-one in the party. During the day a party of children, who were his pupils when he taught at Beaver Meadow, brought to him several little presents as tokens of their respect for him. A very happy time was experienced by all.

Dec. 11. OBSERVER.

East Penn Dots.

—Snow on Monday.

—Heavy rain on Tuesday.

—Farmers are now engaged in slaughtering hogs.

—The public schools are largely attended in this district.

—The last we heard of Uncle Sam was that he had commenced business in Mahoning Valley.

—There will be a grand raffle for a writing desk valued at $15. Tickets, 15 cents; by James Smith.

—W. A. Greenawalt and J. S. Steigerwalt were so lucky as to find a pocket knife on Saturday evening, on their usual tramp.

—The congregation of the Bensalem church was highly pleased with the sermon preached to them by Rev. Freeman on Sunday last.

—As I have learned, Dennis Nothstein again opened a singing school at the brick church on Sunday last, and there will be singing school on Sunday the 15th inst., at 2 p. m.

—Charles Dreher is working for Joseph Moyer, clearing new land, and he receives 2½ cents a day and board. Better than nothing these hard times.

—Some people of this vicinity wanted to have the question discussed; "The Rod should be abolished in our Public Schools." A meeting was held on last Wednesday at the school house No. 4, and the debate was opened on the affirmative by J. A. Nothstein, and on the negative by T. W. Smith. The question was well and fairly discussed on both sides, and the judges were dismissed without giving their decision, because it was a tight fit on both sides.

PARRIN.

Packerton Rippies.

—Johnny's goat was taken to safer quarters Tuesday night.

—Excellent music can be heard almost every evening at our friend Lyman McDaniels.

—The Packerton M. E. Church at the last Quarterly Conference made a good report: liquidating all indebtedness.

—A letter received from Samuel McMurtri, Colorado, says that he will visit his friends in the East some time next year.

—The high water caused great uneasiness on the part of the residents on Lehigh avenue. Children were sent to safe places. No one slept during the entire night of Tuesday, the height here is greater than '69.

Christian Kibler, resident of Upper Mauch Chunk, and under the employ of Charles Langhammer as car fixer, was knocked down by the pusher and received severe injuries on his arm. It was thought amputation would be necessary, but after examination it was deemed possible the arm could be saved.

—The meeting of the Packerton Christian Association held on Friday, Nov. 29, was quite interesting. The Rev. Mr. Pickup read from Tennyson's Poems—"The May Queen." John L. Beers read "The Fast Mail," showing the rapid strides of our country from the slow stage-coach to the Lightning Express. Mrs. W. L. Stiles read the Budget. Remarks relative to an increased effort upon the part of all of the members in behalf of the association were made by Mr. Bohn, Stiles and Babcock. Miss Clara Harleman, Rosetta Burns and Carrie Zimmerman were appointed a committee to arrange programme for each meeting night.

—Mr. Alfred Raudenbush has been heard from; he likes the country, and is improving in health. ASON.

Luzerne County News.

General happenings—Hunter's luck—Local.

CARBON ADVOCATE:—I congratulate you on the fair appearance of your paper in its enlarged form, and with you success in the future. In the past year many papers have made their exit; but, as you say, you will endeavor to make it the best local paper in the State. It does not need any recommendation, only the reading of a copy to convince the reader of its worthiness.

Since the new quota was given by the Board of Control, the Central Railroad employes are kept busy, and it is hoped it will continue until the end of the year. The L. V. Company have thrown off one coal train since Monday last.

The mountains around us are entirely snow capped, but when the sun comes out it soon melts into nothing, and before nightfall the ground is again covered with snow.

Your correspondent had occasion to attend the Sunday schools of the Methodist and Presbyterian congregations of this place—one is held on Sunday morning, and the other in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brong, of this place, were called to Weissport on Saturday last, as Mrs. Brong's mother was very sick.

The woods around here are being scoured every day by valient hunters in search of game. On Saturday last Mr. James Donnelly, of this place, had the luck to kill a fine doe. Mr. Donnelly has the praise of being the best hunter in the place. Many persons are seen daily coming home with two or three rabbits—the result of a couple of hours sport.

Col. Olliver's Powder Mill, at Laurel Run, on the Central road, is working full time. Mr. Olliver has his works connected with his residence in Wilkes-Barre by a telephone line.

Frank Kennedy, the accommodating operator and agent, at Solomon's Gap, is spending a few days with his parents. Anthony McDonnell fills his post at present.

H. M. Leonard, the weigh master's assistant spent Sunday with his parents, at White Haven.

It is rumored that the planes of the C. R. R. of N. J., will work steady from now until Christmas.

The busiest and most accommodating gentleman in the place, is A. C. Stout, the Despatcher of the Central Company.

I see Layfayette Wildoner, of Mauch Chunk, is employed on the L. V. R. R., at this place; he now fills the place of the late Moses Coyle. Layfayette has been idle for some time, and is a deserving young man.

I do not wish to weary your readers, so will close, by wishing you success to your enterprise. EXCHANGE.

Mountain Top, Dec. 10th

Complimentary—Suggestion.

MR. EDITOR.—I congratulate you upon the enlargement of your paper. Taking the times into consideration it is a sign of unusual prosperity, and speaks well for the future prospects of the no more *little* CARBON ADVOCATE—but "THE CARBON ADVOCATE" of thirty-two columns, (25 x 37.) Hurrah! I feel proud of it, because I know it can't be beat. Carbon ahead! Where is there another county in the State that publishes a paper, wholly in the county, of the above size for $1.00 subscription, if there is one, I don't know it. Excuse me, Mr. Editor, but the second number of the enlarged size made me quite enthusiastic. Why it took me all Saturday afternoon and Sunday after church to read it, and then I hadn't touched the President's Message yet, and by the by, ain't that a big thing? Well, the old woman's scolding about my monopolising the paper, and threatens she will take a couple dozen eggs and a chicken or two to trade them off to Morthimer, for the paper for herself, she wasn't agoing to wait until the news was stale, just for my accommodation—nary time—So I let her have the paper, and postponed the reading of the Message; not that I wanted to deprive you of the eggs and chicken roast, but to keep peace in the family. Never mind, friend Morthimer, we may send you a chicken roast anyhow. Now the wife and I were talking about the matter, and says the wife, "I wish he would put something in his paper about chickens and cows and pigs and such like," and I agreed that perhaps a Farmers' column would prove interesting to some of our farmers; and, by the by, it would'nt be a bad idea to try to get up a Farmer's Club, and I throw out this suggestion to your different township correspondents, who might do a great deal to stir up the matter. I think we could run the thing without any cost, and it might be of great benefit to all. The out door work is over, and now would be the time to square up the old year's affairs, and make full and more intelligent preparations to begin the New Year aright.

FARMER ALLEIGHT.

Mahoning, Dec. 9, 1878.

FRIEND MORTHIMER:—As regular as Monday night comes, that regular do I go to the Post Office to get the ADVOCATE, and you can rest assured that if any one appreciates the value of the ADVOCATE, in furnishing reliable news of what transpires in the county, it is myself. And lo, to-night, when I went to the Post Office and got my mail, I thought where is the ADVOCATE. Imagine my surprise when I found an enlarged ADVOCATE, it's new dress, its neat appearance, and its enormous amount of reading matter, for only $1 per year! well, Mr. Morthimer, as I cannot find words to express my appreciation of your valuable paper, therefore please find enclosed one dollar ($1), for which please send me the ADVOCATE one year beginning with Volume VII.

I am well at present, and am happy to inform you that the ADVOCATE comes regularly. Trusting that it may grow and prosper, as a tree planted on the waters edge.

I am, truly yours,
ALVIN J. MARSH.

Stillwater, Minn., Dec. 2, 1878.

Big Creek Items.

—Not quite two weeks until Christmas.

—Farmers clubs — Broken pitch fork handles.

—One month's school has been taught in this township.

—The Sunday schools are getting ready for Christmas.

—J. P. Rowland will please accept thanks for favors received.

—John Gildner expects to leave for Kansas early in March.

—Fire and overcoats were in demand last week—this week the umbrella.

—John W. Krum left for Kansas on Wednesday evening of last week, via L. V. R.R.

—The water will be taken out of the canal on the 14th of this months. So says the Easton *Dispatch*.

—A few weeks ago the Solt's church had a narrow escape from destruction by fire, caused by a bad flue.

—Our postmaster, P. J. Kistler, is very attentive to the duties of his office. Always obliging and courteous.

—Lewis W. Krum, of Harding, Luzerne county, was home to his parents, who reside at this place, last week.

—Joel Buck and wife, of Danielsville, Northampton county, were on a visit on Saturday and Sunday to their son, C. A., who resides at this place.

—Rev. A. Bartholomew preached in the St. Paul's church on Sunday last. He had a very large audience. His sermon was well delivered and well received.

—Wm. Boyer purchased a horse for $60 on Saturday last at the vendue of John Gildner; J. J. Kemerer purchased threshing machine. The cows sold, brought a high price for this time of the year.

—Harrison Snyder, of this place, a much esteemed citizen was buried on Thursday of last week at the Snyder's cemetery, near Lehigh Gap; a large concourse of people followed him to his last resting place.

—I am indebted to I. Z. Bagenstose, principal of the North Weissport schools, for the following report of the number of pupils enrolled: No. 1, I. Z. Bagenstose, 51; No. 2, Miss M. A. Schofield, 27; Infant, Jennie Weiss, 76. Total, 144.

—The first copy of the 7th volume of the CARBON ADVOCATE came to as week before last enlarged to the size of the Philadelphia *Times*—32 columns—It is ably edited and neatly gotten up, and is brim full of good reading matter for all classes, and its low price places it within the reach of all—No better investment of a dollar can be made, (that is all it costs). No family should be without it.

Dec. 12. REVERE.

The Coal Trade.

The anthracite coal trade has reached a position in its affairs of which little is necessary to be said. The combination formed last spring, under terms which were tacitly assented to by all the parties to the compact, is now about to expire, and, so far as we have outward sign, is not to be renewed for the next year. The total output of anthracite coal for the calendar year is 18 millions of tons, and the filling up of that quantity will keep all the several parties in the trade employed to the end of the year. That the conditions of the combination, notwithstanding their half-hearted support, have done much to put the trade in its present generally wholesome condition is admitted. There have been at times complaints of injustice to individuals and to localities through the operations of the combination, but, on the whole, the trade is decidedly better than at any time within the last three or four years, and if the right spirit throughout all the parties could be brought to bear on the consideration of an amended compact for 1879, the present confessed improvement of the trade could be, and, we have no doubt would be confirmed, if not further improved. But that just now does not seem probable. The tone assumed by nearly all "the high contracting parties" lacks all evidence of that conservative spirit from which any hope can be extracted of reconciling differing opinions. Up to within the last few weeks all the seven parties to the combination, save, perhaps, one, were professedly in accord on its chief terms and conditions, and the probabilities of an amended combination for next year were hoped for and generally expected. It is widely different now, so far as we may judge from the avowals made by the respective parties themselves. The relative members at this date for and against combination are nearly reversed from what they were a month since. Now five or six of the seven parties composing the combination say "let it expire by its own limitation," and expire it is likely to do. Each of those so avowing now claim to have yielded to the combination during the current year more in profits than the combination gave back to them in advantages. There is scarcely one of all the parties that does not assume for its particular company capacities and advantages that, in a free fight for the trade of the open market, will not enable it to come out at the end of the next year better off than the best of its competitors. It is apparent that all of these cannot be right as to the result, and it is highly probable that each of all of them will realize the fact that all of them will be greatly mistaken. It is barely possible that this game of brag is assumed, and is intended to be used hereafter as a make-weight in making the most for itself should a combination at the last be determined upon. At this moment, however, this possibility is not a probability. A break is confidently looked for. About the only means now apparent for effecting a different result is for those individuals who are interested in the several companies to exert their influence on their respective company officers. The effects of the general impression that the combination will not be renewed is probably best told in the very general decline in the prices of the stocks of the coal carrying companies. They are all down, both here and in the New York market.—*Ledger*, Monday.

The following table shows the quantity of coal shipped over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Dec. 7, 1878, and for the year as compared the same time last year.

Regions From:	Week.	Year
Wyoming	19,818 18	
Hazleton	42,459 15	
Upper Lehigh		
Beaver Meadow	11,714 04	
Mahanoy	10,941 06	
Mauch Chunk		
Port Delaware		
Total	84,887 03	
Last Year	104,318 19	
Increase		
Decrease	19,421 00	

RECEIPTS OF COAL transported over Lehigh & Susquehanna Division, Central R. R. of New Jersey, for 5 days ending Dec. 6 1878

Shipped from:	Total week.	To date
Wyoming	26,411 17	838,869 10
" Everhart C. Co.	1,463 04	31,513 16
" " Susq. C. Co.		42,574 07
" " D. & H. C. Co.		697 18
Upper Lehigh	1,798 06	187,576 02
" M.S.K.&Co.	1,392 17	75,396 03
Beaver Meadow	4,050 17	248,973 01
Mauch Chunk	4,735 08	397,177 19
Cross Creek	4,898 13	119,154 02
Council Ridge	493 13	91,304 07
L. V. R. R. Packerton	225 18	6,558 11
Hazardville		9,989 15
Smith & Co	519 00	66,722 10
Total	45,932 12	2,184,121 06
Previously reported	2,158,787 14	.... ..
Total to date	2,204,121 06	.... ..
Same time last year	2,725,382 18	.... ..
Increase		.... ..
Decrease	521,261 12	

NEWS GOSSIP.

An explosion occurred in the Briar Hill Furance at Youngstown, Ohio, Friday afternoon of last week, which threw the blast among the workmen, seriously injuring four of them, one, it is believed, fatally.

Michael Gorman, a Philadelphian, 21 years of age, was killed by a railroad train, near Huntington, Pa., Wednesday morning. The same train killed Theodore Keith, night watchman at Union Furnace, thirteen miles from Huntington.

The action of the Camden Court in the case of Benjamin Hunter, sentenced to death for the murder of John M. Armstrong, was unanimously affirmed by the Court of Errors and Appeals at Trenton, N. J., on Saturday.

No family can afford to be without a bottle of Dr. Haas' Expectorant, as there is often occasion to use it at night, and if you have it handy, you have the means to check and cure, what probably, would be a disastrous cold.

In the Delaware County Court Friday of last week, O. F. Gaines, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg, was acquitted of the charge of allowing O. F. Bullard, ex-Representative, to escape from his custody last winter.

The latest constitutional conundrum propounded to the federal Supreme Court is this:—Can a soldier found guilty of murder by a court martial, but whose sentence was unexecuted, be again tried by a State court under the fifth amendment to the United States constitution?

Two brothers named Neal, and a young man named Steffin, quarrelled at Notch