Society Meetings.

MINITO CASTLE, No. 74, 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 Gagnes, S. K. C.; Sam. R. Gilman, R. K. R.-S.

GNADEN HUTTEN LODGE, No. 686, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Reber's Hall. H. Kostenbader, N.G.; N. R. 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 100.

—Lehigh Valley Railroad 34.

—Lehigh Coal & Navigation 14¼.

—West's liver pills cure sick headache.

—Philadelphia and Reading Railroad 12¼.

—Sunday School Christmas trees are in order.

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

—The Albertis furnaces are in full blast, and are making good iron.

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

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

—Read our advertising columns, then proceed to the purchase of your holiday goods

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

—A fine brick residence is at present being erected in Walnutport, near the railroad station.

—A new flooring is being laid on the Lehigh bridge between this place and Weissport. It was much needed.

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

—Better commence practicing writing eighteen hundred and seventy-ei—nine, so as to be all ready when the time comes.

—The directors of the Lehigh Valley Railroad on Tuesday of last week declared a quarly dividend of one per cent.

—Martin Birgin, who was sentenced to be hung at Pottsville last Wednesday, has been respited until January 14th.

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

—A man residing in Reading, who lost his sight serving as a soldier during the rebellion receives a monthly pension of $72.

—The revival services are still continued in the Evangelical church, and quite a number of inquirers are at the anxious seat.

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

—There will be three eclipses next year—two of the sun and one of the moon—but none of them will be visable in this part of the world.

—The Lehigh Valley railroad company is replacing the old smoke-stacks on its engines with new ones, to be of one thickness, and not spreading at the top.

—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.

—F. P. Fawcett, the barber, has raised his dwelling and shop, put a new roof on and newly weather-boarded it, and now, when nicely painted 'twill look very neat.

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

—John Kruse, an employe at Packerton, had his hand caught in a cog-wheel Tuesday, and badly mashed. Dr. J. G. Zern, Wednesday amputated two of the fingers.

—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.

—"Where shall we find rest?" asks a religious weekly. My dear sir, the very best place to find rest and plenty of it, is to become clerk in a dry goods store that doesn't advertise.

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

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

—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.

—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.

—Charles, son of Manasses Acker, of Mackeretown, was engaged falling timber one day last week, when a tree fell suddenly, striking Acker and badly breaking his leg above the knee. Dr. J. G. Zern reduced the fracture, and the patient is doing well.

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

—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. Oberholtzer'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

—H. M. S. PINAFORE—three gems from this popular opera, now all the rage at the Boston Museum. "I'm called Little Buttercup," "When I was a Lad," "Chorus of Sailors," Quartette, "Lo, a Star Shone in the East," "Les Adieux," Nocturne, Home and "Adriens." Polka Majourka Talexy, —music worth $1.25,—are found in the interesting musical journal, the "SCOOP," the December number of which has been received. Send 10 cts. (stamps taken) to John F. Perry & Co., Publishers, 338 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

—Next Wednesday will be Christmas day, and we embrace this opportunity of wishing all our patrons and friends a very MERRY CHRISTMAS!

—The Philadelphia and Reading R. R. Co., offer holiday excursion tickets at reduced rates. See advertisement in another column.

—A number of arrests have been made hereabouts during the past few days of persons charged with picking and stealing coal on the L. V. R. R.

—No. 2 furnace of the Bethlehem iron company last week yielded 430 tons of Bessemer iron. Only one furnace, specially built, for the purpose, produces spiegeleisen.

—The Carbon iron company, whose works are located at Parryville, will at its next meeting act upon a proposition to lease or sell a part, or the whole, of the real estate of the company. So reported.

—If you have occasion to visit Mauch Chunk, or any other place on the line of the L. & S. Railroad, buy your ticket before entering the cars or it will cost you five extra, *i. e.* fifteen cents to Mauch Chunk.

—We learn that all our Sunday Schools are making extraordinary efforts to give the children connected therewith a happy Christmas. The several entertainments will occur on Christmas eve or Christmas night.

—The Cammilla Urso concert, at the Mansion House, Mauch Chunk, on the evening of the 16th inst., under the auspices of the Athenæum, was a decided success. The house was well filled and the performance excellent.

—One hundred thousand tons of Scranton coal were sold at auction by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, in New York, Wednesday, at prices from 60 to 82 cents lower than in November.

—J. B. Nicholson, P. G. S., I. O. O. F., will visit Lehighton sometime during January, for the purpose of organizing a Rebecca Degree Lodge, and delivering a free lecture on Odd Fellowship. Due notice will be given of time and place.

—Wm. Appleman, who attempted to wreck a train on the Erie Railway, near Shohola, on the 24th ult., pleaded guilty at Milford, Pike county, on Tuesday, and was sentenced Wednesday to ten years' imprisonment.

—Iron ore is now selling at $2.25 per ton in the mining sections of Lehigh county. Before the panic the same ore cost the furnaces $6 per ton, but at that time pig iron was worth from $40 to $42, whereas now it is down to $17.50.

—The body of Catharine Kochert, aged about 80 years, was found floating in the Schuylkill canal at Reading Tuesday. She left home Monday evening, and no trace of her could be found until to-day. She being weak-minded, it is supposed she went to the water and jumped in.

—If you have borrowed this paper, read carefully and return it to the owner, and then send one dollar to this office and get one of your own for 52 weeks—it is less than *two cents per week!* Try the CARBON ADVOCATE for 1879. It will make a nice New Year's Gift in the family.

—It is well to have faith in everything, but you want to carefully examine the inside of a chestnut before you trust altogether to appearances, but you may always trust to the appearance of David Ebbert's teams—outside and inside. His teams are always the lowest in the county.

—Rev. C. K. Fehr, P. E., of the Allentown district, will preach in the Evangelical church, of this borough, this (Saturday) evening at 7:30 o'clock, and to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Communion services at 3 o'clock p. m. Sunday. All are cordially invited to attend.

—F. P. Longstreet and P. J. Meehan, Esqs., are working very earnestly for their client, Charles Sharpe, one of the condemned Mollies, in order to save his life. With the new evidence in their possession, they feel confident of obtaining a pardon for him, or at least a commutation of the death sentence.

—Go to Dan. Graver's Bee Hive Store, to purchase finest articles of ladies' dress goods and groceries for the Holidays. Prices astonishingly low for cash.

—The United Companies of New Jersey announce a quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent, payable at the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Philadelphia, on the 10th day of January, 1879. The transfer books of the company closed on the 20th of December and will reopen January 2, 1879.

—Thomas M. Weaver, has recently opened on the Blue Mountain, at the Lehigh Gap, a mammoth vein of granite. Thomas says he will now be able to furnish "all the world and the rest of mankind" with granite stones for steel furnace works, &c., at tumble-down prices. His post office address is Packerton, Pa.

—In returning from Mauch Chunk, last Saturday, Carl Miller's team ran into Gen. Raworth's team, upsetting the wagon and spilling George and his wife into the road, badly hurting the latter in the lower extremeties. Persons should be more careful driving along the mountain road—it is simply a wonder there are not more accidents of this kind.

—The lecture of Rev. B. T. Vincent, in the school hall, on Tuesday evening last, was, so far as the lecture was concerned, a decided success—the few present expressed the most entire satisfaction, but financially the affair was a decided failure. The amount realized not being sufficient to pay actual expenses. This is not right. The talent engaged was the best and the object laudable.

—The parsonage of the Evangelical Congregation, of Weissport, was visited on the evening of the 16th in the shape of a surprise party by the members of the church and others. The large delegation had their baskets well filled with the necessaries of life, with which they presented their pastor, the Rev. J. K. Seyfreit, and his family. This dear people know how to reveal their love and generosity to their preacher who labors among them. God bless them. *

—Two more Mollie Maguire arrests were made at Springfield, Illinois, a few days ago on a requisition from Governor Hartranft, for the murder of Michael Durkin, at St. Clair, Schuylkill County, in January, 1865. The names of the murderers are Michael Merrick, a miner and school director, and Michael Goffaghan, a mine inspector. The testimony shows that Durkin was shot by Merrick, and that Goffaghan finished the job by knocking out his brains with a heavy weight.

—The average time of the closing of the canal at this place by freezing for the ten years ending 1848, was November 28; for the next 10 years, Nov. 30; the following decade, Dec. 1, and the last nine years, Dec. 3. The earliest closing was Nov. 25, 1845, and the latest on Christmas, 1829, the year of the opening of the canal to commerce. In 1841, the year of the memorable freshet, navigation continued until Dec. 17th. The present year there has been no ice on the canal, and from present looks navigation may remain open until after New Year.—*Allentown Democrat.*

—Rampagious small boys stoning the telegraph wires cost England $50,000 last year.

Contested Election.

PETITION FILED, NOT ACCORDING TO LAW.—On the 5th inst., a petition, contesting the election of Charles Meondsen, for Associate Judge, was placed in the hands of Hon. S. S. Dreher, President-Judge, at Stroudsburg, and filed in the Prothonotary's office of this county, on the 7th inst.

The petition sets forth and alleges illegal votes polled for Mr. Meendsen as follows:

East Penn, 10; Lehigh, 8; Lower Towamensing, 48; Towamensing, 20; Lausanne, 3; Packerton, 2; Parryville, 6; Penn Forest, 2; Weissport; 12; also, 1 lunatic in Lower Towamensing, and a number of paupers.

The petition is signed by the following persons:

E. M. Mulhearn,	Charles Scheubel,
E. B. Albright,	J. H. Hyndman,
H. Brelsford,	Robert R. Beahm,
J. O. Kline,	Jas. H. Handwerk,
W. H. Stroh,	Wm. Butler,
Wm. C. Morris,	L. Flentje,
Albin Stolle,	Elias Shick,
Amos Stroh,	Samuel B. Heist,
Geo. W. Bertsch,	George F. Painter,
Jacob Sauber,	Gabriel Schinke,
John Miner,	O. F. Lippencott.
Jacob Sendel,	Z. B. Breiz,

The alleged facts are sworn to as true to the best of knowledge and belief, by the following named petitioners:

George F. Painter,	Gabriel Shinke,
J. O. Kline,	Albin Stolle,

Amos Stroh.

On the back of the document is the following endorsement in the handwriting of Judge Dreher:

December 5th, 1878—The within petition was presented to me at Chambers, but I decline to act in the matter, because the affidavit is not in conformity to the Act of Assembly.

Signed, SAM'L S. DREHER, President Judge.

What these proceedings will amount to remains to be seen. We, says the *Carbon Democrat*, venture to guess that it will prove a very small fizzle.

McDonnell and Sharpe Respited.

James McDonnell and Charles Sharpe, Molly Maguires, were respited on last Monday until the 14th of January by Governor Hartranft, who had issued warrants for their execution at Mauch Chunk on the 18th inst. At the last meeting of the Board of Pardons an application for the commutation of McDonnell's death sentence to imprisonment for life was adversely considered, and subsequently writs of error in his and Sharpe's case were refused by the Supreme Court. Sharpe's counsel had meanwhile made an appeal to Judge Dreher, who sentenced both culprits, and he prepared a communication which was forwarded to the Governor, stating that if the after discovered evidence in favor of Sharpe had been before the Court in the present form at the argument for a new trial he would have continued the case to afford the defendant an opportunity to sumbit the testimony, and if the case was in his control he would do so now. The only way, he says, is for an appeal to the Governor for a respite, so that Sharpe can bring his case again before the Board of Pardons. McDonnell and Sharpe were convicted of the murder of George K. Smith in 1863, and both owe the verdict to the testimony of self-confessed murderers, who swore that the accused had confessed their connection with the crime. The new testimony conflicts materially with that on which a verdict of murder in the first degree was based in the Sharpe case. As the men are under sentence of death for the same crime Governor Hartranft has respited both. The probabilities now are that Sharpe will go to prison for life.

Weatherly Items.

—The address delivered by Grand Sire Nicholson in the interests of I. O. O. F., was not only interesting but likewise instructive.

—Monroe Steigerwalt is nursing a very sore hand, which was accidentally scalded.

—Aaron Bitting, after several weeks illness, has so far recovered that he can be about, but is not yet able to attend to his work.

DARING ROBBERY.—During last night burglars entered the tailoring establishment of Joseph Verzi, in the basement of the Gillert House, and carried off some $300 worth of clothing, jewelry, &c. Mr. Verzi has employed competent officers who will use every means to ferrit out the guilty parties. Amongst the goods stolen were five expensive suite, made to order ready for delivery before Christmas.

"TRYING TO MAKE THEM HAPPY."—All the different Sunday schools of the town will have Christmas entertainments for the benefit of the children

The Presbyterian will be on Tuesday evening, while the others will come off on Christmas night.

In connection with the usual distribution of gifts, candies, etc., the M. E. School promises new features. The singing will be in charge of the pastor, and will be unquestionably good. ROCKAWAY.

End of the Coal Combination.

Messrs. Dickson and Gowen, the Committee of the Board of Control, have written a letter to J. H. Swoyer, Chairman of the Committee of the Lehigh Valley Operators, in reply to Mr. Swoyer's letter, which we published last week, in which he stated that the committee had no power to make more than a temporary arrangement before January 1. The position taken by Messrs. Dickson and Gowen is still maintained—namely, that no negotiations can be carried on until Mr. Swoyer's committee obtain the requisite power to represent authoritively the Lehigh Valley Coal Company. When this authority is secured the committee of the Board of Control is prepared to consider any proposition for the formation of a new combination for 1879, provided the matter can be settled before December 27; and should the Lehigh Valley committee, when clothed with the proper power, desire an extension of the time allowed for the conclusion of a definite agreement it would readily be granted. This letter is regarded among coal men as a virtual end of negotiation looking to a harmonious result.

More Crookedness.

Tax Collector Howard Mellick, of Phillipsburg, N. J., was arrested Saturday morning on a warrant sworn out by the Mayor, charging him with altering and obliterating a "duplicate" of $5,000 on which a tax of $70 had been paid. The "duplicate" in question for the above amount was all right at the time the tax was paid and the receipt given therefor, but now there are no traces of anything to show that it is all right. Mr. Mellick gave bail in the sum of $1,000 for his appearance at Court. It is alleged that ex-Tax Collector Jesse F. Carhart made a settlement with the Citizens' Committee Friday evening at Mr. Dumont's office. Mr. Carhart a short time ago gave back several hundred dollars worth of coupons, and he still was indebted to the town in the sum of $1,200, for which a mortgage was given on his property.

Allentown Rolling Mill.

It is a frequent gratulation to our citizens that despite the depression in the furnace business and consequent dearth of orders, the Allentown Rolling Mill is enabled to keep going with a force of some 700 men, and that the hands are making very fair wages. Puddlers earn as high as $2.80 a day, helpers $1.50 to $1.60, and ordinary laborers from $1 to $1.10. In other years, or at least the last few, the mill at about this season always stood idle, but with it in operation now the recent stoppage of several of the furnaces of the Allentown Iron Company is not making itself so largely felt in that section of the city as would otherwise have been the case.—*Allentown Democrat.*

From the County Seat.

CHRISTMAS STORY FOR THE ADVOCATE.—Miss Sihanna Sinbad, of this borough, a few days ago showed your correspondent the manuscript of a story, which she says she has written expressly for the ADVOCATE. She asked me to read it, punctuate it, and put a head on it. The story, I found, is one in which the writer with three other young ladies, her cousins, makes a visit from this borough to an uncle in the Perkiomen valley, twenty years ago, to spend the Christmas holidays. I suggested that "Vinegar and Salt for Four," would be an appropriate title, but she objected, and I substituted "We All Go for Temperance Up Here, a True Story, by Sihanna Sinbad," which she accepted. I took the opportunity to add that I thought she would not be able, after its publication, to continue the life of single-blessedness which she had always apparently so much enjoyed; and she retaliated by intimating that, like all would-be newspaper men, I always got above my business, as she had not asked me to criticise the story at all. I took the insinuation in good part, however, as Miss Si. has been the best friend I have found in town.

N. Y. SHARPERS TRYING IT ON CHUNKERS.—In the last two weeks several parties here have received letters from one Jones, of New York, who was in search of a long-lost cousin, and proposing to assist him (or them), for the letters were lithograph copies, in drawing a large prize from a jewelry lottery in New York city. He asked them to act as agents for him, and he sent them a ticket, the full value of which was $5, which he gave them, in consideration of their showing the prize. One of the parties so addressed answered the proposition, and received the following letter in reply, this also being a lithograph copy:

DEAR SIR:—Your letter received. The drawing takes place to-day. I have so arranged that your ticket will draw a prize. As soon as you receive and exhibit it let me know how many tickets you think you can sell and I will send them to you.

Yours Respty Henry P. Jones.

P. S. The notice of drawing will be sent to you by W. P. McCall who has charge of shipping all prizes. Should you write to him after you receive your prize don't mention anything about our understanding. H. P. J.

W. P. McCall has not been heard from, but a New York paper says the firm are under arrest.

A COOL COAL THIEF.—For some time detectives have been on the track of thieves who have been stealing coal along the line of the L. V. R.R., and on Monday Constable Geo. Painter was furnished with warrants for the arrest of six men, and he succeeded in apprehending four of them all of Lehighton and lodged them in jail. Having made several unsuccessful attempts to find one of them, he received a short note on Tuesday morning, of which this is an exact copy: "Lehighton, Pa., *Mr. George Beatcr.* Cowstable, in care of Pat. Summer, Scout, Mauch Chunk, Pa.—Dear Sir.—I am dare & U are heer. Yesterday i will be heer & to-morrow U was dare. Yours trody, E—— B——."

SHORT LEASE OF LIFE.—Sheriff Raudenbush, on the 16th inst., received a notice from Governor Hartranft, that Sharpe and McDonnell had been respited until the 14th of January, 1879, when their execution will probably take place. In the meantime, P. J. Meehan and F. P. Longstreet, Esqs., as counsel, will make another effort in behalf of Sharpe.

Packerton Ripples.

—T. B. Morris paid a flying visit to New York Wednesday on business.

—Thomas J. Harleman has moved into one of J. Dolon's fine houses on Lehigh avenue.

—E. B. Brown, Esq., makes daily visits to Packerton shops. He is improving rapidly.

—Our friend Oscar paid a visit to Mud Run a few evenings ago. Dr. Boylon says the evening was pleasantly passed in dancing and other amusements.

—The coal trade is rather dull. All are wondering whether it shall be combination or not, who knows, and whether he is willing to tell is the question now—but I guess he won't.

—The shooting of two elks in the Park of Hon. Asa Packer, on Tuesday, caused some excitement. They are to be served on Christmas, for the benefit of those who are fond of elk meat.

—John Kruse, of Rickertsville, employed in the machine shop at Packerton, while cleaning off one of the machines Tuesday evening had his hand caught in the cogs, and the two middle fingers crushed off.

—Some of the residents of Summer Hill are agitating the matter of building a pair of steps in order to make it more convenient in getting up and down the Hill. Come, doctor, they are all waiting for you.

—We were at Weatherly over Sunday and attended Presbyterian church, morning and evening. The church has lately been repaired—the services were conducted by a minister from New Jersey—there is some talk of calling him to Weatherly. The choir of this church is as good as any in the county. An anthem in the morning and a chant in the evening was sweetly rendered.

—The meeting of the Packerton Christian Association was well attended on Friday evening last. Select Reading by Ida McKelvey—subject, "Nobody's child," well rendered—"For his Mother's sake," by Mrs. Andrew Elliot, excellent. Love and Latin by John L. Beers—"No Seats in Heaven," by the Rev. Pickup. N. F. Beers gave an interesting sketch of Robert E. Lee; John L. Beers of General Z. Taylor. The exercises were concluded by the Rev. Pickup—subject, "The Battle of New Orleans," by Geo. H. Baker. Quite an interest is manifested. The exercises for next meeting will be entertaining and instructive.

—The ADVOCATE looks well and is a credit to the editor and to the county. Long may she be issued. AXON.

Fashionable Wedding.

A brilliant reception was given on Wednesday evening, 11th inst., by Colonel Hoyt, Governor-elect, and Mrs. Hoyt at their residence in Wilkes-Barre in honor of the marriage of their neice, Miss Mary Loveland, to Lieutenant Hamen Dowd, of the Third United States artillery. Distinguished guests were present from Philadelphia, New York and other cities. Thursday at noon the nuptials were celebrated at the First Presbyterian Church, Rev. F. B. Hodge officiating. The bride was given away by Governor Hoyt. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. William Dowd, President of the Bank of North America, of New York. After a wedding breakfast, the newly married pair departed on a brief bridal trip South. They will settle at Fort Schuyler, near New York, at which place Lieutenant Dowd is stationed.

Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—A great many places are idle this week on account of the late rains.

—We are happy to state that J. J. Roberts is on the recovery.

—The Song Bird Troupe, wish to return their thanks to the kind people of Weatherly, for the many compliments paid to them since their last visit to that place.

—J. D. M. Curley, was made happy on Friday last, by the birth of a daughter.

—Past Grand Sire Nicholson, thinks himself one of the Song Birds, by having his name so often associated with the troupe, and says he is most happy to meet with them on all occasions.

—The teachers of the M. E. Sunday school have decided, as being the only religious body in town, to have a Christmas tree in their church on Christmas day.

—E. B. Ely is away from home on important business.

—They say that pork and chicken thieves are plentiful in the mining regions.

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Mahoning Twinklings.

—Monday was a cold day.

—The farmers are busily engaged hauling coal for the winter.

—D. A. K. and J. C. expect to spend Christmas on the other side of the Blue Mountain.

—A. S. Miller is taking music lessons of D. Nothstein.

—The Pleasant Corner *Smocle* Band was out again, on Monday night.

—Allen Fritz left for Calftown last week.

—A. Kistler and N. Ballist were out hunting on the Blue Mountain last week, and captured two rabbits and one wild turkey, the latter weighed 10½ pounds.

—The singing school at Centre Square is practicing for their Christmas entertainment.

—N. Garber shot 11 muskrats last week. RIPPATH.

Complimentary.

The following are a few of the many favorable notices we have received from our brethren of the Press, on the improved appearance of the CARBON ADVOCATE, and for which kindly mention we feel thankful, and trust that they may, one and all, reap an abundant harvest and be able to ENLARGE their own papers if they have the desire to do so:

The CARBON ADVOCATE makes it appearance in regular city style this week. It is well filled with interesting reading matter, neatly printed, and from the amount of local advertising that appear in its columns it seems to be well patronized by the Lehightonians and others of the county. We have spent happy days and nights within the corporate limits of Lehighton years ago, the memory of which is the cause of our having an interest in knowing what is taking place there from time to time. Therefore, if the ADVOCATE is at all times a welcome visitor to us some nine hundred miles away, it certainly ought to be more so to those near its home, and who are directly benefitted by its influence in advocating all and every enterprise which has made Lehighton a place of which her citizens may well be proud. That Bro. Morthimer may be amply rewarded for the improvement he has made by enlarging his paper, is our wish.—*Stark County (Ind.) Ledger.*

PRINTERS' INK AT LEHIGHTON.—The CARBON ADVOCATE published at Lehighton has just been enlarged by adding two columns to each page, and it now compares favorably with the average newspapers published in the interior of the State. The business men of Lehighton duly appreciate the importance of having a live local paper, and they sustain it by liberally advertising. This accounts for the fact that Lehighton is gradually becoming a place of business importance and gathering a large share of the Carbon County trade. We congratulate the publisher, Mr. Morthimer, and the people of Lehighton generally, upon the entire success of the ADVOCATE.—*Carbon County Democrat.*

Our contemporary, the CARBON ADVOCATE, always a spicy and interesting sheet, edited by that genial Knight of the Quill, H. V. Morthimer, came to our table, last Saturday, enlarged. It was a twenty-four column paper but has now thirty-two columns. Morthimer is lucky in being able to make improvements in times like these.—*Parker's Tri-Weekly Record.*

ENLARGED.—The CARBON ADVOCATE, published at Lehighton, by Mr. H. V. Morthimer, appeared on Saturday last, enlarged to a thirty-two column paper, and very much improved in appearance. The paper has been successful in building up a large trade, and is well conducted. We wish Mr. M. additional success.—*Catasauqua Dispatch.*

The CARBON ADVOCATE, published by H. V. Morthimer, at Lehighton, Pa., comes to us this week enlarged and beautified. The ADVOCATE is an interesting and well conducted paper, and its publisher has our best wishes for his success.—*Catasauqua Valley Record.*

The CARBON ADVOCATE, published at Lehighton, Pa., came to us last Saturday, enlarged from six to an eight column sheet. The improvement is an excellent one, and was made to give additional reading to the ADVOCATE subscribers.—*Dover (N. J.) Index.*

The CARBON ADVOCATE, published by H. V. Morthimer, at Lehighton, Carbon Co., has been enlarged to an eight column paper. It presents a neat appearance.—*Jeffersonian,* Stroudsburg.

The CARBON ADVOCATE of Lehighton has been enlarged to eight columns. This is an evidence of success that we are pleased to note.—*Mountain Beacon.*

The Week of Prayer.

The programme for 1879:—The Executive Committee of the Evangelical Alliance of the United States makes the following suggestions for the observance of the Week of Prayer, subject to such alterations as local circumstances may render desirable. The Alliance is now so widely extended as to include in its membership Christians in all nations, and the first week in January, 1879, will be observed in all Christian countries and at missionary stations in heathen lands.

For the Sabbath, January 5, as a subject for the pulpit—"Christian Union."

Monday, January 6—Thanksgiving for the blessings of the year passed and prayer for their continuance.

Tuesday, January 7—Prayer for the Church of Christ—its ministers, its growth in grace and its enlargement.

Wednesday, January 8—Christian education; the family; the young; colleges, seminaries of learning, Sunday and other schools; Christian associations of young men and of young women.

Thursday, January 9—For nations, rulers and people; for peace and religious liberty on the earth.

Friday, January 10—The press; for a blessing on publishers, editors and authors; the cause of temperance and other social reforms.

Saturday, January 11—Home and foreign missions and the conversion of the world.

On Sabbath evening, January 12, it is suggested that public union prayer meetings be held for prayer, praise and the presentation of the object and work of the Evangelical Alliance.

This year, for the second time, the Evangelical Alliance does not designate a special day in its prayer week for the Jews. This is gross neglect. A sincere prayer, from sincere Christian hearts, that God may strengthen the Jewish race to be loyal in His service, can do no harm. The minds of many in our churches seem just now to be turned, with great hope and desire, toward the Week of Prayer. The old idea of it as a time of prayer for the manifestation of the Holy Spirit to the Church and to the world, and the old belief that a blessing will follow it upon the Church and the world—these seem to be in a measure revived of late, to the great joy of a few who are jealous for the kingdom of their Lord. Some see in this a disposition to come back to the original meaning and object of the Week of Prayer. The church is certainly looking with unusual interest and hope toward those few days early in the new year, when Christians will "with one accord in one place," here and there throughout the world, call upon the Lord their God.

Jack Kehoe Hung.

The execution of John Kehoe took place Wednesday morning in the jail yard at half past ten o'clock, at Pottsville. The last night of the prisoner on earth was spent in quiet repose and meditation. Prison officials were with him until about 11 o'clock, when he expressed a desire to retire, and they left him. He fell asleep and remained so four or five hours. At six o'clock he was called by an under-keeper, and arose and dressed himself. His wife and sister and spiritual advisers arrived shortly after. Two masses were celebrated in his cell, after which he partook of a light breakfast with his wife. The time remaining to him was spent altogether in prayer.

The procession moved from the prison into the yard at 10:20 o'clock. Kehoe was supported on either side by the priests. He walked up the steps of the scaffold without betraying any emotion. When the clergymen had left him, the Sheriff asked if he had anything to say why the sentence of the law should not be passed upon him. He walked to the front of the scaffold and, in a clear and distinct voice, said: "I am not guilty of the murder of Langdon. I never saw the crime committed." The noose was then adjusted, without Kehoe manifesting any signs of trepidation, and a few moments later the trap was sprung. His death was easy.

The body was taken in charge by the wife and friends of Kehoe, and will be interred in Tamaqua to-day (Friday.) There was no excitement in town.

Obituary.

Anna Maria Horn, widow of Abraham Horn, died at the residence of her son, A. W. Horn, on Lehigh street, this borough, on Thursday night. Deceased was born on the 30th of March, 1789, in Bethlehem township, Northampton county, and with her husband moved to this place on the 30th of March, 1840. She was an affectionate parent, a warm friend, and devoted christian. The funeral will take place on Monday next at one o'clock. Services in Trinity Lutheran church. Interment in Gnaden Huetten Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

The Coal Trade.

If we accept the words of the parties to the present coal combination as veritable and true that compact is virtually at an end. The Lehigh Valley Company will take no action on a new combination until the present one has expired, and the present combination will not wait longer than the 27th instant. A few weeks ago, when serious disagreement first showed itself in the combination, complaints of injustice and unfairness to some of the parties in the combination were presented as the grounds for their dissent to renewing the arrangement for another year. The allotment was complained of as unequal and oppressive, giving unduly to some while it withheld from others what they were justly entitled to. This, if true, was a well grounded complaint, and, if fairly presented by the complaining party without commanding redress, would afford sufficient reason for withdrawing from the combination. No one joining in the effort to effect an arrangement thereby committed himself, nor did he in any way become endangered of being outvoted to his prejudice, for no majority principle is acknowledged in the combination. The whole project contemplates a unity of action. Any one party being dissatisfied with any provision or requirements agreed upon by the other parties, by adhering to his dissent resolves the combination to individual competing parties. Hence there is no danger, if an agreement for the control of the trade for 1879 is desired, in giving a full attendance for consultation of all the parties in interest. The holding aloof, therefore, from a full and free conference may be fairly presumed to be personal indisposition to join in rather than to any difficulty in the business that might not be reasoned away and the arrangement effected. This being the fact, there will probably be no fuller meeting of the parties to the combination at the next appointed period, on the 27th instant, than there has been at any time in the recent past. Indeed it is almost certain that on that date the purpose of abandoning all efforts to effect any united action, for 1879 will be announced, after which the further discussion of the subject will probably cease. It has been suggested that if the principle of unlimited production of coal should be incorporated in an arrangement for 1879, as unlimited price of coal is now a feature of the present combination, it might command the favor of all the several parties. That is, if it shall be permitted to every operator in any number of days designated by the combination to produce as much coal as desired, which, it is presumed, would be as much as they could sell at satisfactory prices, all the parties might accept it. Such a feature would seem to take from the combination policy much of its objectionable monopoly character, making the traffic as free as possible to hold any control of the trade at all. But to this, under fuller consideration, objections are interposed by the coal operators that such unlimited production would advance the cost of mining and the cost of shipment upon themselves. For the ten or twenty days allowed to working each operator would naturally desire to put into market the greatest possible amount of coal, and the competition would quicken the demand for miners and for vessels to transport the product of their labor, and this increased demand would naturally tend to put up the wages of the one and the freight charges of the other, materially encroaching upon the profits that would attend the otherwise cheaper production of coal were the operators allowed to work steadily along, taking twenty-six days to produce the amount they might, under a limit of time, try to produce in fifteen or twenty days. So it is seen this policy, that had its plausible side when first presented, seems to have its difficulties, and which, on further consideration, may prove insuperable, defeating any arrangement at all. In all its aspects the future of the coal trade is gloomy, and in the present it is demoralized in the extreme. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company is reported to have stocked at Perth Amboy 80,000 tons of coal, with a capacity there for 200,000 tons, which, with the present slackened demand, they will probably fill by the end of the year. All the carrying companies have pretty large stocks of coal, and especially of the free burning coals. Orders for coal are few, as is naturally the case when prices are on the downward course. Demand is ever most active when buyers fear steadily higher prices. When they hope for lower prices, as most consumers now do with an abandonment of the combination, orders are deferred to the last moment, and the least possible amount of coal is consumed. As tending to aggravate matters in this regard, a rumor was current here on Saturday that at the next auction sale of Scranton coal at New York 150,000 tons would be offered. We have seen no confirmation of this report, but if true, and a determinaction is made to really *sell* that amount in the present condition of the market very low figures may be calculated upon.—*Ledger, 16th inst.*

The following table shows the quantity of coal shipped over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending Dec. 14, 1878, and for the year as compared the same time last year.

Regions From:	Week	Year
Wyoming	16,268 11	30,078 09
Hazleton	33,723 04	76,072 19
Upper Lehigh		
Beaver Meadow	8 227 17	17 942 01
Mahanoy	9,758 00	26,057 06
Mauch Chunk		
Port Delaware		
Total	65,947 12	150,941 1
Last Year	92,320 11	194,309 00
Increase		
Decrease	26,372 19	43,094 05

REPORT OF COAL transported over Lehigh & Susquehanna Division, Central R. R. of New Jersey, for 5 days ending Dec. 12, 1878

Shipped from:	Total week.	To date
Wyoming	13,098 13	801,5 7 13
" Everhart C. Co.	1,050 04	33,271 00
" " Sun C. Co.		42,574 07
" " D. & H. C. Co.	145 17	842 15
Upper Lehigh	1,054 05	181,5,0 13
" " M.S.K.&Co.	2,175 10	77,351 03
Beaver Meadow	7,647 09	253,462 10
Mauch Chunk	11,047 14	436,325 03
Drifton	6,052 17	2 32 2 18
Council Ridge	1,374 10	92,675 17
L. V. R. R. Packerton	143 15	6,691 16
Hazardville	2 4 12	295 07
Smith & Co	474 08	68,799 16
Total	57,883 13	7,246,0 4 19
Previously reported	2,164,131 06	.... ..
Total to date	2,222,014 19	.... ..
Same time last year	2,78,,991 00	.... ..
Increase		.... ..
Decrease	541,086 01	.... ..

"What are you going to do about it?"

Because the penalties of physiological laws are not executed speedily, some fancy they are void. But when the system breaks down, and almost hopeless complications arise, which the family physician, by reason of his limited experience, fails to relieve, the pertinency of the above inquiry is apparent. Many remedies have been specially prepared for these cases, and many physicians are bidding for their patronage. As before making a purchase of land, a "search" is required, and the title carefully examined, so invalids should carefully investigate the claims of any physician offering to treat chronic diseases. Dr. Pierce's Family Medicines are well known, and have effected many cures where eminent physicians have failed, yet to accommodate surgical and complicated cases, and those desirous of being restored speedily, Dr. Pierce has erected an elegant sanitarium, at a cost of nearly half a million dollars. No institution in the world off