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 Gaggas, S. R. C.; Sam. R. Gilham, e. K. R. S.

BADEN RUTTER LODGE, No. 686, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in Reber's Hall. H. Kostenbader, N. G.; N. S. Reber, Secretary.

LEHIGHTON LODGE, No. 224, 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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—Lehigh Valley Railroad 34½.

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—West's liver pills cure sick headache.

—Philadelphia and Reading Railroad 12.

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

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

—The "defalcation" of James W. Quick, the absconding treasurer of Pike county, amounts to $16,400.07.

—The Mount Carbon and Port Carbon Railroad Company announces a dividend of *six* per cent, payable to-day.

—The Schuylkill Valley Navigation and Railroad Company announces a dividend of *two and one-half* per cent, payable to-day.

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

—Edward Clark, an old citizen of Catasauqua, was killed by falling into a furnace at the Crane Iron Works Monday.

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

—Allentown has an indebtedness of $474,185,86. The total expenditures of the city for 1878 amounted to $44,627,91, and the income to $47,174,40.

—The February election is near at hand, and the people of the different townships and boroughs should look for the right men in the right places for local offices.

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

—The Evangelical Church at Slatington, which was so very badly damaged by the great October storm, has been repaired and refitted, and on Sunday last was rededicated with appropriate services.

—Last week a porker was slaughtered at the Carbon County Poor House the live weight of which was 906 pounds, and dressed, 755 pounds.

PHŒNIX PECTORAL has been in general use for fifteen years and nearly all who began to use it then continue its use yet. Price 25 cents. 5-8.

—We have now an "awful sufficiency" of the "delightful" snow for all practical purposes. It is lying around loosely to a depth of about 12 or 14 inches, most of which fell during Thursday forenoon.

—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.

—The attention of our readers is called to "Morley's" New York letter. Our correspondent is one of the most talented as well as spicy correspondent in that city, and his letters will no doubt prove highly interesting to our readers.

—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.

—Charles Parrish & Co.'s miners, who struck against a ten per cent. reduction in their wages, resumed work in the Wilkes-Barre mines Wednesday morning, and at Plymouth Thursday. The reduction will not take effect until the first of April.

—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.

—In Reading, on Saturday morning, Lizzie Mason, aged 6 years, was burned to death by her clothes taking fire from the stove during the temporary absence of her mother.

—The libel suit of Henry Becht against the Allentown *Republican*, has been decided in favor of the defendant, the prosecutor to pay the costs. Being unable to do this, Becht has been sent to jail for three months.

—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.

—Our young friend B. F. Williams, a typo of Mauch Chunk, has been and gone and done it. It took place on Saturday night last. The happy bride was Miss Belle Horn, of this borough. May their happiness find no ‖ on earth.

—Peter Herdic, of Williamsport, who failed for over $1,000,000 a year ago, has disappeared, and there is a rumor that he has gone to avoid a requisition from the Governor of New York. His friends, however, say he has only gone to Florida for his health.

—Free Gift to the Suffering.—A copy of "Medical Common Sense," a book of 144 pages, will be sent free to all suffering with Consumption, Asthma, Catarrh, &c., &c. See advertisement in another column. Address Dr. N. B. Wolfe, Cincinnati, Ohio.

—The debts of the Lehigh Valley Iron Company, at Coplay, are reported at $260,000. An execution for $50,000 has be taken by indorsers of the Company's notes, but they will withdraw it if the stockholders "act promptly." A plan is proposed for a compromise of the business debts at fifty cents on the dollar.

—Gnaden Huetten Lodge, No. 686, of this borough, will organize a Rebecca degree in connection with the order here, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 28, after which they will hold a grand sociable and re-union, to which they extend to ourself and better half a complimentary invitation, for which kind remembrance they will please accept our acknowledgements.

—The revival services in the Evangelical church, Weissport, are still in progress.

—The North Pennsylvania Railroad Co's annual report shows net earnings amounting to $573,061 23, an increase of $11,014 59 over 1877.

—Joseph Kehoe, an old resident of Mahanoy City, died on Sunday last, at 12:40, p. m. Mr. Kehoe was a native of Ireland, but has lived in this country 32 years. He was the father of Jack Kehoe, who was executed last month in Pottsville for the murder of Langdon. His death was caused by miner's consumption.

—NEW JERSEY WINE SENT TO EUROPE.—Mr. Speer (of New Jersey) the Great Wine Man's success has arisen from the strict purity and valuable properties of his wines for invalids and feeble persons, and his reputation extends around the world. His Port Grape Wine is now being ordered by families in London and Paris.

—Telephone communication has been established between John F. Zern of the Lehigh Valley Emery Wheel Co. and C. A. Hills, at the Weissport depot of the L. & S. R. R. It is said to be a source of much pleasure as well as a business convenience between the two parties.

—VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—This work is before us, and those who send five cents to James Vick, Rochester, N. Y., for it will not be disappointed. Instead of getting a cheap thing, as the price would seem to indicate, they will recive a very handsome work of 100 pages, and perhaps 500 illustrations—not cheap, but elegant illustrations, on the very best of calandered paper, and as a set-off to the whole, an elegant Colored Plate, that we would judge cost twice the price of the book.

—"Go to the old Nick," said an irate householder to the tenth man who had pulled the bell within a half-hour to inquire if he wanted "his sidewalk shoveled off." "Be gorra," said the Hibernian applicant, "I'm afeared he has no snow to shovel." He was engaged. But right here we may remind our young men that David Ebbert keeps a large lot of handsome cutters and handsome stepping horses, if they desire to take their wives and sweethearts for a sleigh ride while the snow lasts. Terms low.

—Solomon W. Roberts, who has been for twenty-two years chief engineer and general superintendent of the North Pennsylvania Railroad, has resigned as general superintendent. He remains in the service of the company, we understand, as its chief engineer, and continues to assist the president as heretofore. Albert H. Fracker has been appointed general superintendent of the North Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Fracker was with Mr. Roberts on the railroad between Pittsburg and Crestline about twenty-seven years ago, and he has been the master of transportation of the North Pennsylvania Railroad for more than twenty years.

—MUSIC NEARLY GIVEN AWAY.—We can heartily recommend our readers to send to the publishers of the "SCORE," a musical journal, the January number of which we are in receipt, and find it to contain 18 pages of fine pieces or 7 full selections for piano and voice. The popular song and chorus, "No Home but has a darling there;" the celebrated Habanera song from "Carmen," "Love the Vagrant," as sung by Mdlle. Minnie Hauk; "Scenes that are Brightest," from "Maritana;" the reply to "Whoa, Emma," entitled "Why Don't You Let Emma Alone," are to be found, besides a choice lot af reading matter, and portrait of Wilhelmj, the celebrated violinist. Copies are sent to any address on receipt of 10 cents in stamps. Subscription price, with two back numbers, $1.15. John F. Perry & Co., 538 Washington Street, Boston, Mass.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Lehighton post-office, January 16th: Lizzie Barthold, Michael Cosgrove, A. Foster, Emma S. Garber, Reuben Grow, Const. Haptner, Elias Laser, D. W. Newhard, Wm. Newhart, Nathan Rex, Ella Rex, Fayette J. Shoemaker, David Semmel, Melly Stephens. Persons calling for any of these letters will please "Advertised." H. H. PETERS, P.M.

East Penn Literary Society.

The society was called to order by the president. Then followed regular exercises and inauguration. The programme for next Friday is as follows: Subject for debate: Resolved, That a good character should be more highly prized than great riches. Debaters—Affirmative, G. R. Steigerwalt and Geo. A. Dreibelbies; Negative, A. S. Steigerwalt and Francis Steigerwalt. Select Readers, Sarah J. Haberman and Tilgh. Rehrig; Declaimists, O. M. Heintzleman and Alveria Steigerwalt.

Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—Henry Gerhard and Lydia Wetzel, both of Packer township, were joined together in the bonds of matrimony, on Saturday last.

—Mrs. John Bawden and daughter, are in town paying a visit to her parental home. She has been living at Ashley, near Wilkes-Barre, a little over a year.

—The mines are being worked more steadily so far this winter, than many of the miners anticipated some time ago.

—Sleigh riding is the order of both night and day during the past week, making business good at the hotels.

—As a sleighing party, all ladies, excepting the driver, from Humboldt, Luzerne county, were returning from Quakake, last night at half past ten o'clock, drove off the main road in Main street, at this place, opposite the road leading to the L. V. R. R. depot, upsetting the whole cargo, twelve in number, into a deep ravine hurting more or less many of the party, and badly smashing the sleigh. The kind people of this place, rushed to the scene of confusion giving timely aid to the badly scared party, sheltering them from a midnight's exposure, while conveyance was being procured from Hazleton to take them to their homes to receive the kind nursing of their friends.

—It is rumored that James Cole, of the Central Hotel, has taken the Quakake Valley Hotel, occupied at present by Mr. Peter Hartz, for one year; to take possession the first of March next. Mr. Cole is a very obliging and business going person for such a place. OBSERVER.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Sleighing is good throughout the valley.

—J. H. Arner visited Philadelphia last week.

—Protracted meetings in the Evangelical church commenced last week.

—Elvin Monts and sister and Miss Shoemaker were visiting friends in West Penn last Sunday.

—Alvena Krum has been visiting her relatives in this place.

—Alvena Benninghoff, of this place, is visiting friends in Lehigh county.

—What has become of Prof. Xander's singing school?

—Mr. Rudy says it must be awful for a man to be a stranger in a strange house, with a chew of tobacco in his mouth and no spittoon in sight.

—The last we heard of Uncle Sam, he had left for the west.

—We notice that Amandas Deihl has again made his appearance in this valley.

—Francis Brobst, while sawing ice on Musselman's dam last week, accidentally slipped and fell into the water; had the water been deep enough and Brobst not so large, he might have been drowned.

—E. H. thinks that the girls are prettier in the West than in the East. At least it looked so last Sunday.

—The pleasant Corner Snoot Band will not meet this week, on account of the absence of their teacher. RIDPATH.

—Babies are *the* institution and should be guarded from attacks of colic, flatulence, etc., by Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. Price 25 cents a bottle.

Manufacture of Emery Wheels.

The manufacture of the solid emery wheel (so-called), in this country, is one of very modern date. In the history and description of "The Great Industries of the United States," by Horace Greely and others, published in 1872, the manufacturing of emery wheels is not mentioned as one of the industries of this country. The utility, however, of crushed emery moulded and compressed into a solid wheel to be run by rapid machinery, for grinding away metals, was previously known, and their manufacture on a small scale had been tried. At the present time, to such a state of perfection has it been brought that the emery wheel is indispensible in the various processes of shaping hard metals into implements for man's use.

In the earlier arts, crushed or powdered emery, which was found in and imported from Turkey, was used by lapidaries in polishing gems, it being as hard as any of the precious stones, except the diamond. It was also used upon leather wheels, and cemented to cloth and paper, for giving a high polish to metals, etc. But, as might be expected, it was an expensive article of commerce, and for this reason, if no other, any project conceived of to shape it into ponderous wheels with a purpose to supercede both the time-honored file and grindstone in our iron and steel working shops, whould have subjected the projector to the suspicion of being a candidate for the mad-house.

But the progress of chemical and geological research, extending from the first of the present century to the present time, developed the fact that Turkish emery, a natural formation of alumina and iron, in its massive variety, was allied to corundum or adamantine spar, found in abundance in the mountains of Armenia, Hindoostan and in other parts of the Orient, which in its transparent form is the oriental sapphire, ruby, topaz and emerald. At a still more recent date corundum, of a superior quality, and in massive quantities, has been found in Chester county, Pennsylvania, and at other points in the Blue Ridge mountain—in West Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia and Alabama, some handsome specimens of which, richly studded with sapphire and ruby, are on the desk before us at this writing. Add to this the fact that our mountains contain unlimited quantities of quartz and other argillaceous formation adapted to the purpose, and the subtle American genius saw that, by the combined forces of mechanism and chemistry, an artificial grindstone could be made that would not only master any substance brought in contact with it except the diamond, but at a mere nominal cost.

These discoveries, coupled with the usefulness of the emery wheel, in the mechanical arts, has called into existence numerous factories in different sections of the country, engaged in making the wheels, and others in crushing and preparing the materal used. The wheels, by their shape, are adapted to the widest range of purposes as a tool in the machine shops and other establishments engaged in metal working. The cursory observer who watches the various processes of making these wheels will conclude that it is easy and simple, with the perfect machinery used for the purpose, forgetting that the compounding involves a thorough insight into chemistry and geology, combined with skill and experience in mechanics.

Like all new industries in which science and art are involved, making the wheels is one capable of continual improvement, and although some manufactures have attained to a high degree of perfection, new discoveries and improvements are daily being made.

Among the first companies of the country, and one which has made the greatest stride towards making a perfect wheel, is the "Lehigh Valley," whose works cover an extensive area of ground in Weissport. Through the past years of business stagnation, this company has held its own, doing a larger business in 1878 than in the previous year, and controls, by the superiority of its goods, a large and steadfast trade for the current year.

The company's charter is dated July 13, 1874, and the charter members were Amos W. Marsh, Isaac Butterfield, Dr. J. G. Zern, Weissport; Wm. Wagner, Hon. Wm. M. Rapsher, Lehighton; Gen. Wm. Lilly, A. W. Butler, W. R. Butler, Mauch Chunk. The first officers elected were Wm. Wagner, president; W. R. Butler, treasurer, and Wm. M. Rapsher, secretary. The present officers are Gen. Wm. Lilly, president; and L. E. Wills, secretary and treasurer. The Board of directors now are Gen. Wm. Lilly, Wm. H. Stroh, Wm. R. Butler, Wm. Wagner, Hons. Wm. M. Rapsher and J. G. Zern, and L. E. Wills.

Mr. L. E. Wills acts as superintendent of the works, giving the most minute attention to the manufacture of the wheels, commencing with the selection and procuring of the materials, some of which are a secret with this establishment, and extending to the mixing, the pressing, drying, testing, dressing with the diamond tool, inspecting and shipping them to the trade. With the co-operation of a board of directors composed of men of well-known business enterprise and sagacity, and with a corps of skilled and experienced workmen and perfected machinery, it would be impossible for the works not to turn out the highest grades of goods, and they do.

To the curious in mechanism, a few hours can be spent at the works with profit and pleasure, where Supt. Wills, or if he happens to be busy, the polite and obliging bookkeeper, Mr. John F. Zern, will explain the *modus operandi* of making and using the wheel after it is made.

The Mixing-room is a mineralogical and chemical laboratory, and contains the secrets of the company, by which the reputation of the concern has been made in the commercial world. The room in which the wheel is pressed contains a hydraulic machine, operated by a double force pump, capable, if desired of putting 1000 tons pressure in the cylinder of the hydraulic. Some idea of the immensity of this pressure may be formed when it is known that itwill force the water through the pores of an iron cylinder 6 inche, thick. The cylinder in use now is of gun-metal, and is a piece of the rifled Parrot gun, known as the "Swamp Angel," which was bursted on Morris Island in the bombardment of Charleston, S. C., on the 7th of April, 1863. The pressure required is in proportion to the size of the wheel being made.

After the wheel is dried, it is put in the tester, and run at a speed of 10,000 surface feet per minute. If it contains the least flaw this speed will burst it. It is then turned and dressed and is ready for use.

A GOOD ACCOUNT.—"To sum it up, six long years of bed-ridden sickness and suffering, costing $200 per year, total $1,200—all of which was stopped by three bottles of Hop Bitters, taken by my wife, who has done her own housework for a year since, without the loss of a day, and I want everybody to know it for their benefit."

tf. JOHN WEEKS, Butler, N. Y.

—A lady said to us, "Dr. Haas' Expectorant has done myself and family so much good, that I feel like urging everybody to use it. Please tell all poor sufferers to try it for their distressing coughs. All druggists in town sell it.

THE GALLOWS.

The Execution of Sharpe and McDonnell, at Mauch Chunk.

The execution of Chas. Sharpe and James McDonnell, in the Carbon county jail, on Tuesday last, impresses a solemn moral lesson. The lesson is the old but infallible one, that "the wages of sin are death," and that he who sheds the blood of his fellow man, like the wandering Jew, finds no rest; the hand of vengeance follows him continually, until he has paid the penalty pronounced by Omnipotence, "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Sharpe and McDonnell were arrested, charged with being accomplices in the murder of George K. Smith, at the Yorktown colliery, near Audenried, in 1863. They were members of a criminal organization in the coal regions then known as the "Buck Shots" or Mollie Maguires. They were tried at the April term of Court, last year, and, although ably defended by counsel, were convicted of murder in the first degree. The history of their trials is too well known to be repeated. Everything pointed to their guilt. After his arrest, McDonnell voluntarily turned State's evidence in the case in Schuylkill county, Commonwealth against Martin Birgin, in which he confessed complicity in the murder of Patrick Burns.

At the June term, P. J. Meehan and F. P. Longstreet, Esqrs., counsel for prisoners, made an effort to secure them a new trial, which Judge Dreher refused. Other efforts were made before the Board of Pardons and to take their cases to the Supreme Court, but without avail. After a considerable delay the Governor signed their death warrants, setting the execution for the 18th of December last, but their counsel claimed that new evidence had been discovered, and the Governor respited them until the 14th of January. About one week ago, their counsel again brought the cases to the notice of the Board of Pardons, but interference, after a review of all the evidence, was denied. Fathers Bunce and Heinan, the prisoners' spiritual advisers, paid them repeated visits, counseling them to prepare for death.

THE LAST NIGHT ON EARTH.

Sheriff Raudenbush, a man whose sympathies are as deep as are his convictions of right and duty, was unceasing in his attentions to the wants of the two unfortunate men. During Monday Sharpe had held several interviews with his wife, and the sheriff had telegraphed Mrs. McDonnell, at the request of her husband, to come on at once, but had received a telegram from Jno. W. Ryon, of Pottsville, that she could not get there until Tuesday morning. Monday evening the prisoners were cheerful, partook of a hearty supper, and during the night, as they were visited at intervals by the sheriff and his assistants, ready to administer to their wants, were found to be either engaged in devotion or peacefully sleeping. At an early hour on Tuesday morning two brothers of the condemned men, Jno. Sharpe and Peter McDonnell, and other relatives, and Fathers Bunce and Heinan visited the jail. The prisoners refused breakfast. They dressed themselves neatly, and with the priests engaged in religious devotions. By nine o'clock a large crowd had gathered around the jail, and the jurymen and representatives of the press were admitted.

It was known that the prisoners' counsel were in Harrisburg, pleading mercy for their client with the Governor, but P. J. Meehan, Esq., arrived by the 10:20 train hopeless and dejected.

THE EXECUTION.

At about 9:30 a. m. Fathers Bunce and Heinan entered the cells of the condemned and administered the last rites of the church to them. They both expressed themselves as being prepared to meet their God, and sent messages of love and consolation to their families and friends. They thanked the Sheriff and Warden Armbruster for their uniform kindness. At precisely 10:20 o'clock the sheriff announced that the hour appointed for the execution had arrived, and, consulting the priests, told them, if necessary, he would delay the execution till 2 o'clock. The reply of the priests was—"The prisoners are prepared and ready for execution." A brother of Sharpe and two of McDonnell's occupied positions at the foot of the gallows. At just 10:33, Sharpe accompanied by Rev. Bunce and McDonnell by Rev. Heinan emerged from their cells, and walked up the scaffold unsupported and with a firm, steady step, each holding a crucifix.

Arrived upon the scaffold, the sheriff asked Sharpe if he had anything to say:

Sharpe, reading from a paper, "I am going to meet my God. I declare before God I am as innocent of the murder of Smith as the child unborn. Had no lot nor part in the murder. I am sorry I left the church. I ask pardon of all, and give my life for my sins. McDonnell is innocent of the Smith murder. Thank God he is back again in the church."

McDonnell said: "Sharpe and I have been often together. He is as innocent of the crime as the babe unborn. I am innocent of any murder, except the one I confessed. I am sorry I left the Catholic church to join a secret organization."

They were then admonished by their spiritual advisers to kneel, and make an humble confession of their sins, and plead for mercy and forgiveness. After they rose from their knees, the priests saluted them with kisses, and with the sheriff took leave of the men.

Sharpe said he wanted to say one more word: "I give my sincere thanks to Sheriff Raudenbush, his wife and children, and to Warden Armbruster. They have all treated me decent since I have been here." McDonnell said: "And I say the same," and turning to one of his brothers said: "Give that man five dollars," pointing to Father Heinan. Father Heinan replied, "Never mind now, attend to your prayers." McDonnell's last words were—"O God to Thee I belong, living or dead. May God have mercy on my soul."

The arms and legs of the men were bound in the meantime, and the white caps drawn over their faces, when they were left alone on the scaffold, and at 10:42 the sheriff pulled the rope and the two men swung in midair.

TOO LATE.

As the Sheriff pulled the rope, springing the trap, simultaneously the bell at the prison door rang violently. "Go and stop that bell-ringing," said the Sheriff, addressing an assistant. In a minute, while the Sheriff still bent over to wind up the rope to the trap, an envelope was pushed into his hand. A representative of the ADVOCATE was standing by his side. He hurriedly opened the envelope, and found as follows:

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 14, 1879.

To J. W. Raudenbush, Esq., Sheriff of Carbon County, Mauch Chunk, Pa.

I have respited McDonnell and Sharpe until Monday the 20th inst. The reprieve will be forwarded by the next mail, and you will suspend execution of your present warrant on receipt of this telegram.

J. F. HARTRANFT.

"My God," said the Sheriff, sadly gazing at the suspended bodies of the two men, which were spinning around at the ends of the ropes, "this is a respite: but it is too late! Too bad, too bad!" The clamorous voices of the brothers of the two men raised the cry "murder! There's the murderer!" Father Bunce and Heinan took the excited calmorers by their shoulders, asking them to be silent, that the Sheriff was entirely blameless, and had only performed his duty. The bodies were placed in neat coffins and delivered to their friends.

The neck of both men were broken. Drs. DeYoung and Erwin, and Dr. Arnold, of Hazleton, were in attendance, and announced that McDonnell's pulse had ceased to beat in ten minutes, and the heart stopped in thirteen minutes. Sharpe's pulse beat five or six minutes, and his heart ceased its pulsation in eight minutes. McDonnell's body hung 27 and Sharpe's 32 minutes, when they were cut down.

The Sheriff's duty, on such occasions, at most, is a disagreeable one, and Sheriff Raudenbush, whose kindness of heart and humanity the unfortunate men with their last breadth extoled, feels deeply the unjust assertions made since by some that he hastened the execution on purpose. If any person is to blame, it is the Governor, or the prisoners's counsel, in not sending the despatch earlier. In fact, Sheriff Raudenbush has not received from Governor Hartranft, a legitimate respite, and if he had received the telegram in time, on it alone, he could only have delayed the execution till two o'clock, p. m. The comments of the daily press on this execution are uncharitable and untrue.

The Courts.

ORPHANS' COURT.

The Courts were convened by proclamation on Monday, January 13. His Honor Judge Dreher, with Asso. Judges Leonard and Meeadsen, on the bench.

Petition of Fred. Schubel for appointment of guardian. Thos. Kuebner appointed, and gave bonds in $1,500. Approved.

Estate of Peter Sherm: administrator's return of sale of real estate. Sale confirmed.

Estate of Fred. Schneebeli. Order of Court to executrix to sell real estate. Confirmed, Nisi.

The first and final account of Henry Boyer administrator of the estate of Aquilla Reed. Account confirmed Nisi.

First and final account of Wm S. Harpel, guardian of Elsie J. Weaver. Account confirmed.

First account of Elmina Yeager, executrix of the estate of Benjamin Yeager. Account confirmed.

First account of E. C. Wilson, administrator of the estate of Peter Steel. Account confirmed Nisi.

The first and final settlement of T. J and J. W. Heberling, executors of Daniel Heberling. Account confirmed Nisi.

The first and final account of Thos. Kemerer, administrator of Godlieb Nealey. Account confirmed Nisi.

Account of Margaret G. Davis and Wm. Goldsmith, administrator of the estate of Thomas G. Davis. Account confirmed Nisi.

Widow's appraisement in the matter of Alex. Robinson. Confirmed Nisi.

Account of Daniel Wentz, administrator of the estate of Wm. Peter. Confirmed, Nisi.

Supplemental of account of Wm. Goodstraw, administrator of the estate of Thomas G. Davis. Confirmed, Nisi.

The first and final account of Josiah W. Harlan and John W. Harlan, executors of the will of Margaret Harlan. Confirmed Nisi.

First and final account of Wm Kemerer, guardian of Amelia Shive. Confirmed, Nisi.

First and final account of Frank K. Harring, executor of the will of Wm. Strawa. Confirmed Nisi.

First and final account of Philip Drumheller, executor of the estate of Jacob George. Confirmed, Nisi.

Widow's appraisement of the estate of Wm Miller. Confirmed, Nisi.

First and final account of Mrs. Ann Campbell administratrix of the estate of Elizabeth Scott. Confirmed, Nisi.

First and final account of the administrators, Mrs. Fred. Newhouse of the estate of Fred. Schneebel.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

On Monday the jurors were called and sworn, and the following ligatures were appointed, John Stroh, Francis Stocker, James Walker, John Dugan, Tavern, saloon, and wholesale liquor licenses were granted to 37 applicants. Ten Constables were called and sworn, and the Court proceeded to the regular routine business.

Com. vs. Sarah Miller, selling liquor without a license. Sentenced to fine of $50 and costs.

Com. vs. Michael Judkins, Jr., to cats of injury; sentenced to pay costs of prosecution.

Opinion of the Court filed in the contested election of Chas. Svendsen.

Com. vs. Frank Munday; surety of the peace; sentenced to pay the costs.

Com. vs. Michael Boyle, assault and battery on Bridget Boyle; pleads guilty; sentenced to pay fine of $5 and costs.

The Grand Jury return true bills as follows: Geo. Freeling, assault; Frank Wood, larceny from cars, 5 cases; Reuben Sefoss, rape, Caroline Brower, misdemeanor; Geo. Hepner, John Hoenig, John Riley, Samuel Barnes, larceny, two cases.

Inquest on the bodies of Owen Gallagher and Benj. Griffith; Commissioners ordered to pay costs.

Order of the Court to lay out a highway in Towamensing township.

Report of viewers in the matter of laying out a public alley in the borough of Weatherly. Confirmed Nisi.

Report of viewers to lay out a road in Banks township. Confirmed Nisi.

Com. vs. Patrick Quinn; perjury; E. R. Siewers, prosecutor; Grand Jury labor mus the bill.

Joan Riley, Geo. Hepper, Joseph Hoolang plead guilty to larceny.

The case of libel, Commonwealth vs. Joe. Lynn, Robert Klotz, prosecutor, was brought before the court at the afternoon session of Tuesday. Gen. Chas. Albright, E. G. Fox, Esq., of Easton, and District Attorney Siewers, appeared for the commonwealth, and Hon. F. W. Hughes, of Pottsville, and P. J. Meehan, Esq., appeared as counsel for the defense.

The hon. gentleman, from Pottsville, immediately began a legal skirmish on the front that was alarming to the prosecution, as to the attendance and attaches of the court who he had hoped for a speedy progress of the case. He made a motion to quash, on the ground that no witness appeared on the indictment that the witnesses on the back of the warrant were sworn. After an argument of an hour, Judge Dreher overruled the motion.

Mr. Hughes then motioned to quash, on an affidavit filed by defendant, that his name was not Joe, but Josephus Lynn. Commonwealth moved to amend, which being overruled, the District Attorney in a replication, setting forth that the defendant was properly known as Joe, and not Josephus, to which the defense filed a demurrer, and a jury was impanelled to try this technicality, and witnesses were called from different parts of the county, all of whom swore that he is popularly called Joe, and not Joseph or Josephus. The commonwealth put in volumious evidence to prove that defendant has answered for years and has written his signature to legal documents, "Joe." Mr. Hughes plead that Joe was a nickname, and that a man cannot be indicted by his nickname.

Defense put in a number of letters and telegrams purporting to have been written by Robert Klotz and signed Robt. Rob. Bob, and R. Klotz addressed to C. B. Brockway, as evidence that the use of nick names are common. The prosecution objected, and the objections were sustained. The defense then put on the stand a number of expert witnesses to prove that abbreviation of proper names are equivalent to the full name, and that certain abbreviations are nicknames, while used even by the persons themselves.

The judge charged the jury that if they find that the defendant although he may have been christened Josephus, in after life if he prefers to adopt a different name, and uses it in business he may be indited by it. On the other hand if they find that the defendant used the name "Joe," to indicate an abbreviation, why then it is not his name. A man may, of his own accord, adopt a name different then the one by which he was christened. If the commonwealth failed to prove that the defendant had adopted the name "Joe" as his name, they must find a verdict for the defendant. If on the other hand they find he had adopted the name by his own acts, they must find for the commonwealth.

The case was given to the jury at 5:50 p. m., and their verdict was for defendant, acting forth that defendant's name is Josephus Lynn, and not Joe. Thus the indictment is quashed, and commonwealth bring a new indictment against Josephus Lynn. Grand jury find true bill. The case was called at the afternoon session of Thursday, but as certain "oral and documentary" evidence in behalf of defendent, had "fold their tents like the Arabs, and as silently stole away," and besides senior counsel had imparative business in Schuylkill county; and therefore defendant prayed that the case be continued, which the Court granted setting the case for Friday afternoon.

The Court then proceeded to the trial of the four young men implicated in the recent burglaries in Weatherly and Beaver Meadow, holding a night session, in order to retrieve, if possible, time lost by the execution on Tuesday, and the misnomer case.

The Reading Railroad.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company Monday afternoon, President Gowen read the annual report, which showed that the railroad receipts during the year were $11,530,592,80; total canal receipts, $1,010,337,39; receipts from steam colliers, $656,190,81, making the total receipts $13,236,121. Total expenses of railroad, $6,979,242,13; profits of steam colliers, $232,425,58; loss of Schuylkill and Susquehanna Canals, $278,609,36; loss in operations of Coal and Iron Company, $752,049,14. After the payment of interest, the cash deficit charged to profit and loss account is $824,950,94. The report alludes to the failure of renewing the compact between the coal companies, and enumerates, among the injuries to the company by the existence of the combination, the increase in the cost of mining, the decrease in traffic, accidents from mining, owing to the frequent suspensions, the idleness of miners leading to dissatisfaction, and the failure to realize increased prices commensurate with the restricted production. The consumption of the surplus coal on the market is mentioned as the principal benefit of the combination. The January interest was paid and the deficit overcome by issuing scrip to employees for three months wages due them, which were accepted, and virtually constitutes a loan to the company. The company does not intend to enter into any arrangement for a new coal compact without receiving practical assurances that it will be decidedly to its interests to do so, and that the proper safeguards shall surround such a movement.

Resolutions accepting the annual report and thanking the President and Board of Managers for their fidelity were adopted. The following gentlemen were unanimously elected to serve the ensuing year: President, Franklin B. Gowan; managers, H. Pratt McKean, A. E. Borie, J. B. Lippincott, John Ashhurst, Henry Lewis, J. V. Williamson; treasurer, Samuel Bradford; secretary, David J. Brown.

Mauch Chunk Notes.

NICKNAMES.—In the Klotz-Lynn libel trial, in which the defendant put in a plea in abatement on account of a misnomer in the indictment, brings out the fact that nearly or quite all of our citizens, at present or at some time in their lives have enjoyed the luxury of a nickname. Out of 25 or more persons called as witnesses on Wednesday, all of them had some time had a nickname, with the exception of two, one of whom said he could not remember when he was a boy. The following are the familiar nicknames common here: Aleck, Jake, Jack, Bill, Dick, Jim, Bob, Joe, Sam, Pete, Al, Mecuiy, Pud, Bricky, Nate, Lippy, Scissy, Shank, Nick, Mellow, Dan, Snipe, Jim, Pinky, Deaky, Dutchy, Lemon, Foldy, Fritzy, Bottle, Handy, Big John, Pit, Tom, Duke, Nobby, Mack, Pop, Barney, Hen. Pap, Dimon, Army and Silly. Now we would like to publish a catalogue of the names which our young ladies call each other by when they hold their little socials "on the sly." What a list, my Lord."

—The flutter, which the too late arrival of Gov. Hartranft's dispatch, respiting Sharpe and McDonnell, created on Tuesday, has died out, and Sheriff Raudenbush has the undivided sympathy of the people, who know that he would have staid the execution, if he had known or imagined that such a dispatch was in existence. The prisoners were executed before the dispatch reached the door of the jail.

—Inside the bar, on Tuesday afternoon at three of the recent Congressional candidates, Brockway, Albright and Klotz. In the Klotz-Lynn libel case, there in progress, Gen. Albright appeared as counsel for his late antegonist, Maj. Klotz. While Mr. Brockway took his seat to the right of his late Carbon county champion, Mr. Lynn.

—E. Mell Boyle, Esq., has not been in attendance at Court the most of this week, and in consequence has missed a great deal of fun, and some fees, perhaps.

—Louisa Bartholomew, daughter of E. D. Bartholomew, Esq., died on Tuesday morning, aged 7 years, at the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. Geddes, on Broadway, of diphtheria. Her funeral took place on Thursday, Rev. B. T. Vincent officiating.

—A young man named John Bron was injured by being run over by an engine of the L. & S. R. R., Nesquehoning branch, near the Landing, on Monday morning, while going to his work at the Hauto breaker. While endeavoring to get on the car, he fell, the car wheels running over and crushing both legs near the knee. He was attended by Drs. DeYoung and Leonard who amputated one of his legs, and it is thought that the other will have to be amputated.

—General Bertolette, recently injured by a fall on the ice in front of his residence, has recovered from his injuries sufficient to be at his post in court.

—Jesse K. Pryor, a well-known printer and newspaper man here, son-in-law of ex-Sheriff John Painter, died at his late residence on Broadway, Monday. He was a soldier in the late war, and for the past several years has been identified with the printing business here. He was 41 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children. He has been a victim to that inevitable destroyer of human hopes, consumption, with which he has been a great sufferer. He was interred on Wednesday afternoon, in Mauch Chunk cemetery, being followed to his last resting place by a large concourse of friends, Rev. Mr. Tolman officiating.

—Bernard McHugh, of Weissport, swore when called as witness in the libel case, that he did not know Joe or Josephus Lynn, nor never heard of him.

—Six story-writers contested for the prizes offered by the Athenaum for the best Christmas stories. The critics awarded the prizes to Misses Annie Hartman, and Lizzie Walter. The subject of the first story was "After many Days," and the other, "Little Walter." The stories were read at the American House, on Tuesday evening, by L. E. Klotz.

—The execution and the Courts have absorbed all other topics this week.

—The body of Charles Sharpe was buried at Wanamie, Luzerne county, and that of James McDonnell at Lourytown, Carbon county.

East Penn Dots.

—Have Faith.

—Onward is our aim.

—Church on Sunday at 10 a. m.

—Singing school on Sunday at 9 a. m.

—Eggs are selling here at 22 cts. per doz.

—Butter is selling at 20 cents per pound.

—Work at Ginder's Mill Stone Manufactory is dull.

—G. Peters and E. Freyman are hauling limestones from Stone mountain.

—Levi Frantz paid a visit to Jacob Ruch on Sunday last.

—J. O. Smith proposes to leave for Kansas the coming spring.

—Col. Ginder is an unwelcome visitor to the delinquent tax payer.

—John Smith is attending school. He expects to graduate at the Kutztown Normal school next summer.

—C. H. is still crossing the Alps, but expects shortly to stop his trips.

—Miss Jane Neff discoursed some sweet music at Harrison German's Sunday night.

—James Smith was unlucky last Sunday evening, while hitching up his team his horse tramped on his big toe, and he lost the nail.

—L. H. W., was unfortunate last Monday, he got a severe cut with his knife

—J. S. has a great deal to say about his sleigh ride on Sunday evening last.