Society Meetings.

INFINITO CASTLE, No. 73, 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 Gagnas, S. K. C.; Sam. R. Gilbert, S. K. R. S.

BRADEN RUFFED LODGE, No. 686, 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. 231, 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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—Read Tilghman Arner's new advertisement in another column.
—Hon. Allen Craig will please accept our thanks for public documents received.
—Deeply interesting revivival meetings have been held in M. E. church here during this week.
—If you want a fashionable hat or capcall at T. D. Clauss', and buy one for a small
—Work has been resumed at the Lehighton Stove Works, after a stoppage of about four weeks for repairs.
—If you want shoats, call on Geo. M. Rex, at the Exchange Hotel. He has got a splendid lot of Jersey Whites. Cheap for cash.
—You can buy the cheapest and best clothing and underware, at the store of F. Schmidt, Weissport.
—Overcoats, latest styles and best material, for a small amount of ready cash, at H. H. Peters', Post office building, Lehighton.
—Mrs. Davis and her child, one year old, were burned to death at Hyde Park, (Scranton), on Monday night, by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.
—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.
—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.
—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.
—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.
—Hon. Allen Craig, member of the State Senate, from this district, has been appointed upon the following important committees in that body:—Local and Judiciary, Canals and Inland Navigation, Agriculture, and New Counties and County Seats.
—Rev. James A. Little, the versatile and eloquent pastor of Hokendauqua Church, has accepted an engagement to lecture at Shenandoah next Monday night, in the Opera House, for the benefit of the Shenandoah Methodist Episcopal Church. Rev. J. Pastorfield, pastor.
—Rev. Moses Dissinger will lecture in the Evangelical Church, of this place, on Saturday evening, February 8th, 1879. This will be the last time, in all probability, that he will lecture or preach in this neighborhood, as he proposes to leave for the West in the latter part of February.
—GERMAN HORSE AND COW POWDER.—It should be the aim of every owner of horses and cows to make them as handsome and useful as possible. The German Horse and Cow Powder makes fat, muscle and milk. Price, 15 cents per lb. 9-12
—On the evening of Thursday last week, Charles A. Ruhe, one of Allentown's oldest and most respected citizens, departed this life at the advanced age of 85 years. Deceased was a veteran of the war of 1812.
—The increase in the circulation of the CARBON ADVOCATE, since its enlargement, is highly gratifying to us. During the past nine weeks we have added upwards of 200 new names to our list, independent of the renewal of all our old subscribers, whose subscriptions expired during that period. This gives us fully as large a circulation as any paper in the county, and still names are coming in daily, so that there is no doubt we shall soon be able to claim for the ADVOCATE not only an equality with, but a superiority over, all our cotemporaries in the county. Advertisers will do well to remember this fact.
—On the 1st of January, 1874, Harrison Koehler of Chestnut Hill, Monroe County, Pa., killed a duck for his New Year's dinner. In cleaning it his wife found in its stomach forty small pieces of mineral. They were bright and yellow, and weighed nearly an ounce. Her husband took them to a minerologist connected with the Lehigh Institute in Bethlehem, who pronounced the mineral pure gold. The feeding places of the duck had been on creeks that run through Mr. Koehler's farm. He killed a flock of twenty ducks from which this one had been selected, but found no more gold. Since that time the farm has been prospected from one end to the other, and Saturday last a gentleman reported that some boys who were gathering water cresses along one of Mr. Koehler's creeks had found several specimens of gold ore in the bottom of the creek.
—A boy who will run away from the paternal roof when the mercury is dancing around zero, and when the snow is so deep that young men cannot take their sweethearts out sleigh-riding, is not very likely to ever attain to the position of President of the United States, and yet some boys will do so. The postmaster at Weissport recieved a postal card on Monday, from the father of a runaway boy named Fred. Stultz, which was placed in the hands of Constable C. H. McDaniels. The father expresses the opinion that the boy may be in this vicinity, and describes the boy as being pug-nosed, freckled faced; has a scar across one eyebrow, a short neck and thick lips. He wore a suit of dark brown cassimere and black telescope hat. He took away with him a revolver, a silver watch, and a small, brass-nailed hand-trunk. He is 15 years old, and his father, Wm. H. Stultz, lives at No. 227 2d street, Easton.
—Washington's Birthday will be the next legal holiday.
—The Reading Fire Insurance Company has declared a dividend of 24 per cent. on its capital stock.
—At eight o'clock Tuesday morning, the thermometer stood at 16° below zero in this borough. Decidedly cool.
—The Crane Iron works of Catasauqua have made a reduction of five per cent. on wages of their employees.
—An addition has just been made to the Stemton Car Works, with a view of providing additional manufacturing facilities.
—A boy named James McMullin, was burned to death on Saturday night, at Tamaqua, by his clothes taking fire from a stove.
—The engineer of the Bethlehem Water Works, Charles Rickert, was found dead in the engine-room on Saturday evening last. It is supposed that he died of heart disease.
—Miss Sophia Kemper, aged 112 years, died at Easton, about 2 o'clock on Sunday last. She was a daughter of Col. Kemper, of the Revolutionary War.
—The Governor on the 20th inst. issued warrants for the hanging, on March 18th, of Alexander B. Sayre, of Philadelphia and Hezekiah Shafer, of Franklin county, both convicted of wife murder.
—The Young America Band, of Weissport, equipped with their instruments, were out on a sleigh-ride on last Tuesday. Indications are that they had a high (hat) old time.
—The Scranton trust Company and Savings Bank, at Scranton, resolved Tuesday to go into liquidation. Depositors and stockholders, it is said, are fully secured, and will all be paid at an early day.
—At Pottsville, in the dwelling of George Koch, Monday, lay two of his children, who had just succumbed to diphtheria, and a little distance away two more so ill with it that recovery is hardly hoped for.
—The bankrupt firm of Bennett, Phelps & Co., of Wilkesbarre, with the two partners George S. Bennett and J. C. Phelps, file an inventory of assets amounting to about $650,000. Of the liabilities no inventory is made.
—A. O. Greenwald, Editor of the Stroudsburgh *Democrat*, was convicted at the late term of the Monroe county court of an assault and battery on W. H. Reinhart, the publisher of the *Farmer's Advocate*, and fined $10.
—Have you taken your lady love sleigh-riding yet? If you have not you should see to it at once. David Ebbert is always ready to supply his handsome cutters at low figures. Large sleighs for sleighing parties at nominal rates. Go in now.
—An engineer crops is now surveying a route for the extension of the Bath railroad from its present terminus at the Wind Gap to a junction with the Delaware & Western at the Delaware Water Gap. The route will take in Penn Argyl, Bangor and other slate shipping points.
—The Beechwood Colliery, in Schuylkill county, which was closed for the winter, by President Gowen, when the miners struck for their back wages, will resume next Monday, and continue for the winter, the men having asked to be taken back to work. They will be paid their back wages in two weeks.
—Luckenbach's retail prices are but a trifle above the lowest wholesale prices of Philadelphia and New York. His stock of stationery of every variety is excellent. He has also a splendid assortment of wall paper, from the very finest down to the cheapest. Just step in and look at his goods. His store is a few doors below the Broadway House, Mauch Chunk
—Edward Kelchner, who resided near Bowmansville, an employee, on repairs, at Parryville, of the L. and S. Railroad, was taken suddenly sick with cramps on Saturday, and before he could be conveyed home, by his fellow-workmen, he expired. He leaves a wife and three children. His funeral was solemnized and the remains interred at the Towamensing Lutheran Reformed church on Tuesday.
—On the 15th inst., the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Montrose (narrow guage) Railway Company was held, and the following officers elected; President, James I. Blakeslee; Treasurer, William H. Cooper; Secretary, Charles L. Brown; Engineer, Felix Ansart, Jr; Directors Robert Klotz, Charles O. Skeer, S. D. Thomas, H. K. Sherman, C. M. Gere, Wm. J. Mulford, Samuel Stark, E. F. Palen, Benjamin F. Blakeslee, Sylvester Tyler, Samuel H. Sayre and Azar Lathrop.
—On the 20th inst., Hugh Johnston and his wife were riding in a sleigh, between Rittersville and Catasauqua, Lehigh county, when she remarked to her husband that she was getting cold. He covered her up with the robes and left her in that position until they arrived at their home, in Catasauqua. Great was his astonishment and grief when the sleigh stopped, for he found that his wife was a corpse, sitting by his side. Mr. Johnston said he spoke several times to her on the way home, but received no answer. He thought she was cold and did not care to speak, and so he did not feel any alarm. A coroner's inquest returned a verdict of heart disease.

Auditor's Report.

The Auditors have nearly or quite completed their labors on the County Commissioners' Annual Statement. When completed, it will be the duty of the Auditors to file their report among the papers of the Court of Common Pleas, and then says Purdon's Digest: "It shall be the duty of the Commissioners of each county to publish annually, once a week, for four successive weeks, in the month of February, a full and accurate statement of all receipts and expenditures of the preceeding year, in one or more of the newspapers *printed* in the county, and if no newspaper be published in such county, then in at least fifty printed hand-bills to be set up in the most public places in the county."

Bank Directors' Election.

The Annual election for Directors of the National Banks in Lehighton and Mauch Chunk, was held on Tuesday of last week, and resulted as follows:

First National, Lehighton—Daniel Olewine, B. F. Hofford, P. J. Kistler, A. J. Durling, J. G. Zern, Dennis Bauman, Thos. Kemerer. At the re-organization of the new Board, on the 15th inst., Daniel Olewine was elected president, and W. W. Bowman, cashier. Recently the bank declared a dividend of 2 per cent.

First National, Mauch Chunk—A. W. Leisenring, Daniel Bertsch, Wm. Butler, Allen Craig, A. A. Douglas, Wm. Lilly, Wm. B. Mack, Manus McGinty, George Ruddle, John L. Stedman, A. W. Butler, Amos Reigel, J. W. Heberling. These are the same gentlemen who composed the old Board, and they re-elected A. W. Leisenring, president, and A. W. Butler cashier. A semi-annual dividend of three per cent. was declared.

Second National, Mauch Chunk—Charles Albright, Christopher Curran, John C. Dolen, Solomon Dreisbach, Thomas L. Foster, Thomas Kemerer, Samuel Harleman, Wm. H. Staub, Leonard Yeager. At a subsequent day the board met and elected Chas. Albright, president, and Thos. L. Foster, cashier. This bank declared a semi-annual dividend of two per cent.

OUR INDUSTRIES, No. 2.

Slaughting and Curing Meat.

That which is of the most importance to every community, whether large or small, is to know whether or not they are making progress in developing the resources which nature has placed within their reach. It is a consoling thought to any community to know that it has within itself the elements of life—the means of self-support if isolated from the remainder of the world, but without contemplating such a contingency. Such an assurance, however, in the United States, belongs to certain favorably loated agricultural districts. It is one of the principles that cements the bond of union in this country that each community is dependent upon the other to a greater or less degree, and that neither can attain to the highest degree of progress and prosperity without the other.

That which principally drew the present large number of people to the Lehigh Valley and the adjacent territory is its rich mineral deposits, chiefly anthracite coal which, in the economy of the industries of this country, has become one of the indispensible necessities.

Once here, and although largely dependent upon mining and the collateral industries which it has called into existence, the first question is a social one—how we can best economize the elements upon which we depend for life, health and strength? Only a limited portion of the hilly, rock-bound soil is adapted to agriculture, and hence a large portion of the alimentary necessities must be brought from such localities as make a specialty of producing them. The next question arises, how can they be obtained, brought and dispensed to the greatest advantage to the consumer? If they are procured in the rawest possible manner directly from the hand of the producer, and here prepared to be consumed, the community will reap a double advantage, first, in the matter of the price of the articles; and second, in having the labor wrought here.

In our purpose to glance at the material industries of this portion of the valley we last week took the Emery Wheel Co. as a subject, which is an example of the manufacturing industries; and now this week, as one of the social industries, we have selected Joseph Obert's slaughtering and meet curing establishment, located in this borough.

That Mr. Obert is a man of sterling enterprise and unflinching business qualities the history of his efforts abundantly testify. After having battled with the difficulties and prejudices which every business pioneer is called upon to combat, in June, 1875, the fire-fiend sat him down just where he commenced. Phœnix-like, however, in three months, in time for his winter business, he erected on the site of the old wooden buildings a fire-proof brick block, the front end of which, containing the honey-combed tiers of smokehouses, is five stories high. The block is 60x90 feet, built on the most improved method, and containing all the latest conveniences, which science and personal experience have suggested for slaughtering the live animal, dressing, handling, cutting, salting, packing, smoking, and storing the cured meat, for keeping warm in winter and cold in summer. For the latter purpose, the building is provided with two ice-houses, extending from garret to basement, and so constructed as to throw their arctic breezes into the pickling and packing-room. There are other departments, for cutting up the meat by improved machinery and making it into sausages, balognies and pudding, and for rendering lard; the building is furnished with steam power and hot water from an engine and boiler in the lower story. In the rear of the building, reminding one of the stories of the old French Bastile from which no voice of complaint ever reached the outside world, is the place where the living porcine, unmindful of the terrible fate that awaits him within, enters the building, and over this entrance, in swine lingo, should be written the warning injunction, "Those who enter here never return." For, as the Irishman would say, his pigship, wends his way up an easy incline plane to the top story, and in a short time after finds himself piecemeal in the hands of the retail butcher, coolly salted down in the basement, or elongated into a hundred feet or more of sausage.

In the architectural design of the building special reference was had to lighting and ventillation, and the floors are so constructed as to throw all the blood and debris from the different rooms to a common centre, from whence it is immediatedly carted to the Flats and converted into fertilizers. In this way the establishment is always kept neat and as cleanly as a thrifty housewife's buttery, a matter to which Mr. Obert gives the most scrupulous and conscientious attention. The water-supply is carried from a monster well under the engine-room by pipes connecting a steam force-pump to a large reservoir in the top of the building, from whence supply pipes convey it to every apartment. The water supply is further augmented by a hillside spring, the sparkling waters from which are carried into the building by pipes, and also into the proprietor's residence in front on Bank street.

The barn and other adjacent buildings are also of brick, and fire-proof. In the smokehouse, the fires are made of the wood of the hickory-tree, and the closest attention given to this smoke-curing process. Mr. Obert purchases his hogs with the utmost care, and they are shipped to him by rail. He has slaughtered between two and three hundred thousands pounds of pork, and some beef, this season, and he will slaughter a great deal more yet, nearly all of which is supplied to the consumer or to the retail trade in the Lehigh Valley. The present price of a net dressed hog is six cents per pound. He has done a larger business this year than last, and his trade shows a steady yearly increase. His meats are always of the best quality, and cured in the most careful manner. The establishment is located directly in the rear of the First National Bank building, also the property of Mr. Obert.

Bible Questions.

The following is the result of the examination in 100 question of Bible History, held in the Evangelical church, Weissport, on the 1st of January, 1879:

William Craig, one error; C. S. Weiss, one error; Emma Whitehead, two errors; Mrs. Annie E. Smawley, two errors and one omission; Laura Kline, perfect; Mattie Lesh, perfect; Emma Arner, perfect; Ida Zimmerman, three errors and one omission; Cora Becker, three errors and two incomplete; Carrie R. Weiss, perfect; Lizzie Ash, three errors and two incomplete; Annie E. Craig, two errors and two incomplete; Amanda Yeakel, two errors; Morris W. Arner, perfect; Wesley Fatzinger, perfect; Mrs. J. J. Koch, three errors; Wm. B. Romig, two omissions; Mary Levan, one error; Mrs. W. W. Bowman, perfect; Jennie A. Weiss, perfect; Mary A. Barr, perfect; Ida Seem, one error; W. C. Weiss, perfect; Robt. L. Sweeney, perfect; Bern. P. Voght, perfect; Harriet Romig, one error and one incomplete; Ellen Miner, one incomplete; Laura Reed, perfect; Mary Reed, perfect; Geo. D. Miner, perfect; Frank Koons, perfect; Rev. J. K. Seyfert, two errors and one incomplete; Wm. Becker, perfect; W. W. Bowman, one error; Jeremiah Seyfert, one error; Rebecca Dimmick, one error; Nathan Solt, four errors, three incomplete and two omissions.

From the County Seat.

COURT DOINGS.—The peculiarity about last week's term of the Court of Quarter Sessions and Oyer and Terminer is that very little was accomplished—very little progress was made, and consequently Judge Dreher has set the second Monday in March as the day on which an extra term of these Courts will be commenced. There are twenty or more cases which are docketed to this extra term, and the court will issue a *venire* for a special petit jury. The reason why so few trials were had, lies in the fact that Tuesday and Wednesday were wholly consumed in wrangling over the misnomer issue in the libel case. The Penn Forest rape case, which was brought up at the Thursday evening session, consumed that and the whole of next day and evening sessions. This was by far the most entraneing indictment on the docket, and the auditorium was crowded with both sexes during its progress. The prosecutrix, Caroline Brown, is, or would be under more favorable circumstances, a handsome little brunette, whose face indicates that she is not ever eighteen. She was married to Brown, her husband, who sat by her side during the trial, when she was only fifteen years old, and, if appearances are not deceptive, he is three times her own age. For counsel, to assist District Attorney Siewers, she had engaged Hon. W. M. Rapsher. The defendant, Reuben Serfass, is probably forty-five, has a family, and, besides being mixed up in the recent railroad robberies, is also bald-headed (not an inconvenient defect for a man who contemplates rebelling against "home rule," as Reuben is alleged to have done in this case.) As counsel, the services of Gen. Charles Albright and Hon. A. Craig had been secured by the defendant. It being a case of Oyer and Terminer, defendant's mouth was closed, but the only witness who knew the whole truth against him was the prosecutrix, and she was a novice in making herself understood in English; and when she went on the stand, it became necessary for the court to have an interpreter, and for this duty, the court commissioned the well-known Pennsylvania Dutch author, Pit Swifflebrenner; and, if a digression is permissible, we would say that the way that Pit can sling court English into Pine Swamp Dutch, and then snatch said Dutch back into court English is a caution. The facts in the case in brief are, that last June, Reuben Serfass engaged Mrs. Brown to assist his wife in her household duties. A few days after, he sent his wife on a visit to her father, where she remained one night; and it was during this night that the rape was alleged to have been committed. When the wife returned next day, she brought with her two female friends, who found the quondum assistant housekeeper engaged in making bread and other household affairs. But Mrs. Serfass, having an inkling that some "crookedness" had been going on during her absence, immediately switched the little brunette off the Serfass track in a most summary manner, who at once caused the husband's arrest on a charge of rape, as one witness testified she said, "not because she had anything against Reuben, but to spite Mrs. Serfass for chasing her away from the house." The defense put on the stand numerous witnesses to prove that the prosecutrix was immensely peculiar "for ways that are dark and for tricks that are vain," and after defendant's counsel had stripped her of every vestige of those charms which lure the imagination of man into pleasant dreams about "fair woman," the case was given to the jury, who returned a verdict of "not guilty." But the evidence was quite conclusive that Mrs. Serfass' head, when she concluded to dispense with the further services of her assistant, would have centred the bead in a spirit level.

The libel case, which had been set for Friday afternoon, was not reached until Saturday afternoon, when Hon. Lin Bartholomew, of Pottsville, officiated for the defense. There were three separate indictments pending against Josephus Lynn. Mr. Bartholomew, desired to have the cases continued, as he was not prepared on such short notice to do justice to his client. Commonwealth argued that, Major Klotz had been falsely accused by the defendant, of robbing a Catholic church while an officer in the U. S. Army, in Mexico; that the charge hung over his head in public opinion, and that the Court should give him the earliest opportunity to vindicate himself. It was decided that the case should be at once proceeded with, when counsel for defense made a motion to quash the indictment on the grounds of informalities in issuing, signing, and serving the *venire* for the grand and petit jurors, and further setting forth that as the panel of petit jurors had been exhausted, the Court could by law, neither carry over the panel to Monday, nor try a case in the quarter sessions Court with a traverse jury. The entire afternoon was taken up by counsel in arguing, and these abstract issues; and at its conclusion, Judge Dreher decided not to quash the warrants for the cause set forth, but to continue the case to the extra term in March, this decision gave entire satisfaction to the defense.

SCARCE.—Material out of which interesting news items can be made is exceedingly scarce and precious just now. The local papers sadly feel this paucity of live topics. Nothwithstanding the hanging and the courts last week, the *Coal Gazette*, probably for lack of a better topic, devoted its second editorial to the discussion of "Kidney Difficulties." I have really not had time to read the article, but it no doubt contains some sound advice to men who are short in the element of "backbone."

MINOR TOPICS.—Capt. Smithers, son-in-law to Col. Amos Stroh, took the train on Saturday afternoon for New Bedford, Mass., where he will ship for another whaling voyage in the North Pacific. He returned some weeks ago from a two-years voyage to the same quarter.

Thermometer from 12 to 16 below zero on Tuesday morning.

The County Commissioners, on Tuesday, discharged from the county jail Michael Boyle, who was indicted, pleaded guilty and sentenced to pay cost for assualting his sister, at the late term of court.

Paul Blask, a young man, who was convicted at the instigation of Polly Kemerer, at the Oct. term, of fornication and bastardy, and committed on execution, has been released under the insolvent debtor's act.

At the recent Sheriff's sales, about twenty parcels of land were sold.

Mercantile Appraiser Calvin is actively engaged upon his assessment.

District Attorney Siewers, as attorney for the commonwealth, very rarely fails to send his man to the wall, when once he gets him thoroughly inveigled in the meshes of the law, but he was forced to "take water" on the newspaper libel and the Pine Swamp rape cases, although in each he was assisted by other able counsel. The one out-generaled him on a running skirmish, and the other cleaned him out on a square hand-to-hand combat.

The conferring of the Rebecca degree by Braden Hunsten Lodge, I. O. O. F., of this borough, will take place on the evening of Feb. 4, instead of Jan. 28, as announced in our last issue. The reason of the change is that the Grand Sire J. B. Nicholson, cannot be present at the time first published.

Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—J. D. McCurley buried an infant daughter on Thursday last.
—Thos. North buried a little son on Sunday afternoon, aged four years.
—John Wear, Mine Superintendent for Chas. F. Shoener, has been seriously ill for several days, but is pronounced by the family to be somewhat better to-day.
—Geo. H. Rowe has taken the Mixel butchering premises, and has commenced selling meat in and around this neighborhood. We hope Mr. Rowe will succeed in the business.
—Rail roading and mining are hard avocations to be followed up for a living during these terrible snowy times, especially for small boys.
—Some of the roads in Packer township are still completely blocked up with snow, which is in many places from six to seven feet deep. Messrs. Bittner and Dinnean have allowed their fences to be taken down and public highways made through their land.
—All our young men came home from Court last week pretty well filled with law points. The bar faculty of Mauch Chunk will be a small affair with them when they finish their studies.
—It is rumored that there will be five tickets in the field for the coming election. We will give the names of the various parties as given to us by those who claim to know all about it.—First, the right wing Greenbackers; second, the left wing Greenbackers; third, the Independents; fourth, the Democrats; fifth, the Republicans. What a fat beast Banks township has become, that there shall be such a contention for the picking of the bones. We would suggest to nominate the tickets, and that instead of having any election to throw those tickets into a hat, and let every man draw for the office. Such a course will give much better satisfaction than has been given of late to many citizens.
—It is rumored that several agents from the Schuylkill mining region are hovering around in our neighborhood using their utmost endeavors to form a combination with the miners of the Lehigh region to regulate the production of coal, and the prices of labor for the coming season. How much truth is in the rumor we are unable to say, but if such is the case, we hope the miners of this region will have sense enough to mind their own business, and do their own work in that respect independent of Schuylkill men.
Jan. 22. OBSERVER.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Sleighing parties are all the rage.
—It was very cold during the first part of this week.
—Tax collectors appear to be the only busy men around.
—The young hostler at J. T. McDaniel's is a jolly good fellow, and attends well to his business.
—The time approaches for township office seekers to put in an appearance. I have not heard of any yet.
—Dan says cold must be very slow, or he would never catch it as easily as he does.
—There will be a raffle for a large hog at Jac. Mantz's hotel, this (Saturday) evening.
—A question for the East Penn Literary Society—Is a rooster's knowledge of daybreak the result of observation?
—J. T. McDanniel has been in attendance at court during the past week.
—D. D. Kistler was at Allentown this week, visiting a sick brother.
—Chas. H. Seidle has erected an ice house on his premises.
—John Miller, butcher, of Centre Square, will be the occupant of the church property for the next three years.
—James Flemming, of Centre Square, is quite an expert in stuffing and preserving birds, small animals, &c
—Wilson Frantz while in the act of shutting McDaniel's shed door slipped, and landed on a plank about ten feet away, causing considerable pain at the extremity of his back-bone.
—Emma Garber was on a visit to friends at West Penn last week.
—The sleighing party that went out for pleasure last Saturday night, didn't think it much of a pleasure while picking themselves out of an immense snow drift.
—A. S. Miller made a short trip to West Penn last week. RED CLOUD.

Big Creek Items.

—The sleigh bells ring out merrily.
—The ice houses here are now filled.
—Take care of your horses during the cold weather.
—The Big Creek in some places is frozen over thick and fast.
—The skating is not first-class in this neighborhood.
—Frozen feet are quite numerous since the commencement of the cold snap.
—Fractional currency has become very scarce.
—Snow is a good protection to the winter grain.
—A raid was recently made on the hen-coop of Jacob Kreiser, and a number of his finest fowls were taken off.
—Potatoes stowed in cellars have been more or less frozen.
—The thermometer indicated 12° below zero on Sunday morning last, and 20° below zero on Tuesday morning.
—Its about time the aspirants for office speak out. Election almost here and no candidates in the field.
—Thomas J. Solt, teacher of the Solt's school, had 60 scholars in attendance during the past week.
—H. T. Smawley, teacher at Maria Furnace, gave his pupils a sleigh ride Tuesday of last week.
—The foot bridge at J. J. Kemerer's which was carried off by the late freshet, has not yet been rebuilt. REVERE.

Not A Flattering Opinion.

The correspondent of the Hazleton *Daily Sentinel*, himself a resident of this county and a candidate at the recent election for an official position, writing to that paper from Mauch Chunk, under date of the 16th inst., discourses in the following spicy language upon the morality and intelligence of Carbon county people and jurors in particular:

"A witness who don't know what county she lives in, is the feature since last night; one who brings an action of rape against a neighboring man of family from pine swamp, Penn Forest township. Her husband is also present during the proceedings, and has the mortification—if he has anything—of hearing his wife, a young woman of 19 years, who has been married to him four years, almost admits upon the stand that he told her she might be a party to criminal intercourse with other men, and now she is before the court a prosecutrix in a relative case. It is not a lack of morality so much that afflicts this county as a want of intelligence, more visible at every term of court by the exhibition of jurors in whose hands during the past few years—now sat to contemplate—rested the fate of some charged with crime whose penalty was death, and they died, and heroes brings the following "rounder," whether true or false we know not, but our informant is reliable; A gentleman from the county of Columbia, this State, and one who has filled positions of honor and trust in this State, a lawyer and a leading member of the Democratic party, said in one of the public offices in Mauch Chunk that Charles Parrish, of Wilkesbarre, said that he (Parrish) knew that Thos. P. Fisher was as innocent of the murder of Morgan Powell as he (Parrish) was, and that if he had been at home at the time he would himself have waited on the Governor to stay the execution. Whether this is so or not, it will not be forgotten that Thomas P. Fisher was charged—was promiscuously charged—by the workingmen of this region, at the end of the strike in 1875, with having made contracts and bargains in relation thereto with Parrish and the L. and W.-B. Co. foreign to the wish and welfare of the men. We have a right to make this story public. If it is not true it can be denied."

—A very lively interest has been excited in Cincinnati by the appearance of 75,000 in bright silver halves of old date. One theory was that the money was debased coin of Jackson's time, another that it was stolen money. It proves to be the saving of the Rappist Society of Beaver county, Pa., which had the cash buried in 1861, and has just concluded that it is safe to dig it up. The loss in interest by the prudence of the association is about $100,000.

The Courts.

Com. vs. Reuben Serfass: rape on the person of Caroline Brown. Defense pleads not guilty, proves that prosecutrix is a woman of ill-repute, and unworthy of credence; verdict, not guilty.

Com. vs. Joseph Hollang; larceny and store-breaking, 2 indictments; verdict, not guilty.

Com. vs. Geo. Hipper and John Biley; store breaking and larceny; verdict, guilty, and sentenced to 3 years and 9 months in the Penitentiary.

Com. vs. Samuel Barnes, store-breaking and larceny; verdict, guilty and sentenced to 2 years and six months in the penitentiary.

Petition of Robert P. Black, to be discharged under insolvent debtors act; hearing on the petition fixed for April 14.

Order of court to pay costs in the matter of laying out boundary lines of the borough of East Mauch Chunk.

Christy Miller, indicted for selling liquor without license, called, and recognizance defaulted.

Two indictments against Granville Hunts and George Freeby for larceny of coal were called, to which they plead guilty, and were sentenced to pay fines of $10 and to 60 days in jail. And for the same offense Edward Focht pleaded guilty in one count, and was sentenced to fine of $5 and costs and 30 days in jail.

The Grand Jury found true bills against the following persons who were implicated in the recent Lehigh Valley Railroad robberies: J. H. Houser, John and Joseph Fritchman, Frank Wood, Reuben Serfass, Henry Solt, and W. C. Fredericl.

The Court this week has been engaged on miscellaneous civil actions, and adjourned on Thursday at noon.

ORPHAN'S COURT.

Petition of Winfield S. Scott to have C. A. Rex appointed his guardian; petition granted, and bond approved and filed.

Petition of W. W. Scott to have C. A. Rex appointed guardian for Gertrude E., Mary Amos S., Elizabeth A., and Amelia B. Scott; petition granted, and bond approved and filed.

Direction of Court to make allowance for support and education of minor children of Stephen Frombeiser.

Petition of Mary Klusey, asking the Court to order John Brighton, guardian for her minor child, to render assistance and support for the child. Hearing fixed for March 10.

Auditor's report of the first and final account of Wm. Reed, guardian of minor children of Lawrence Iyer, confirmed nisi.

First and final account of Elmira Yeager, executrix of Benj. Yeager; motion of creditors, by Jas. S. Lesse, that John Kline, be appointed auditor to distribute funds in hands of executrix.

Report of John Brighton, guardian on citation. Confirmed nisi.

Packerton Ripples.

—Misses Maria Harleman and Bertha Smith, of Weatherly, are visiting their relative of this place.
—The little folks, under the care of Philip Carroll, enjoyed a pleasant sleigh ride to Lehigh Gap on Tuesday.
—Engineer Vansouter came near receiving severe injuries at the Coal Dump on Monday, by the falling of a heavy bar of iron.
—The infant daughter of John Mullen was buried last week. The sympathy of the community are with the parents in their grief.
—Quite a pleasant surprise party at Lyman McDaniel's the other evening. A select few from Lehighton and this place—music and dancing were indulged in.
—P. A. Andrews, our merchant, in view of the hard times and scarcity of money has been compelled to refuse credit; he has made a great reduction in the price of his goods, and sells exclusively for cash.
—The Packerton Christian Association met on Friday evening Jan. 10th, L. L. Babcock in the chair; minutes of last meeting read and approved. The committee, Misses Clara Harleman, Rose Burns and Clara Zimmerman, presented the programme for the evening: Reading of the Bible by Mrs. W. L. Stiles, contents—Editorial, "Important truths for wives;" "Bo Frank," by M.; "Minding her mother," by R. R.; "Seventy-five cents," by W. M.; "Wit and Humor," by H.; select reading, "Maud Muller," by Ida McKelvey; "A stage coach incident," by Sadie Barton; "A Doctor's Troubles," by John L. Beers; "The Polish Boy," by Horace Haydt, Principal of Packerton schools; "Modern Cain," by Rev. Pickop; The Voyage of Life, by Mrs. Andrew Elliot; by request Horace Haydt read the "Ghost," eliciting much applause. The programme for next meeting, Jan. 24th, is complete and promises to be interesting, affording an evening of instruction and enjoyment.
—Copies of the *Dictator*, a new paper published by Patrick Ford, of New York, are circulating here. To some it may seem sensational. The Grant movement—If the political horroscope, as here given, is correct—an effort will be made to make him President, at all hazards. There are those who profess to believe that our only salvation is in the election of this Hero for the third time to the highest position in our gift. Some men, accredited with good sense, ask for a prolongation of life that they may vote for this great and good man; is there no other man in this great Republic able to guide the Ship of State? such fulsome laudation of one man is not in accord with our teachings, and the sooner stopped the better for our credit as a people. Gen. Grant deserved honor for what he has done as a soldier, and a grateful people rewarded him. A little of the good sense displayed by the statesmen and patriots of by gone days may save this Republic the danger of disruption. ANON.

Weatherly Items.

—Not less than six sled loads, principally women, passed this place on Thursday last (visiting day), for the district poor house.
—W. W. Buck, confined to his house for a month past or longer, and very ill for the past week, is now reported improving.
—Rumor says that George W. Keiser, our genial landlord of the Gilbert House, is soon to take possession of a hotel in Allentown. We regret to lose friend Keiser. As a hotel keeper, he has lived up nearer to the laws than any other man in town.
—Several door keys have been found upon the streets. The owners thereof can recover them by calling at the postoffice.
—If we are not misinformed, our town will soon have another barbershop. Several young men, anxious to learn the trade, propose to shave, cut hair, etc., for nothing. Those having work of this kind, will do well by holding off for a week.
—If coming events cast their shadows before them, the casual observer may see something in a recent action of our School Board. ROCHAWAY.

I. O. O. F.

Odd Fellows' Endowment Association, of Pennsylvania, organized on November 1st, last, held its first annual meeting in Pittsburgh, Tuesday and elected the following Managers: For three years—Aug. Pfaff, Philadelphia; S. B. Boyer, Sunbury; Joseph E. McCabe, Beaver; A. H. Cowdy, Erie; Wm. F. Dickson, Meadville, and John A. Myler, Alfred Slack, J. Elton, John W. Haney, Pittsburgh. Two years—J. M. Driesbach, Mauch Chunk; Henry C. Best, Westmoreland; Isaac Lytle, Washington; William A. Stone, Charles Rhue, E. T. Hudspeth, Martin Bashert, John Fritsley, Pittsburgh. One year—M. S. Watson, Pittston; A. T. James, Tioga; J. H. Fulmer, Oil City; George Spurrier, Lancaster; Theo. Cornman, Carlisle; A. J. Cooke, Greene; W. E. Mayer, Mercer; Fred. Beckert, Allegheny.

The Association now has a membership of 438, representing 104 Lodges, located in 27 counties. The managers elected John Myler President, S. B. Boyer, Vice; Henry Steurnagle, Secretary, and John H. Elton, Treasurer. There has been one death in the Association up to date.

—We are under obligations to Hon. J. G. Zern for valuable Legislative documents, and from them we glean the information that he has been appointed upon the House Standing Committees as follows:—Constitutional Reform, Judiciary (General), Insurance, Federal Relations; and that his colleague, Hon. Michael Cassidy is on Geological Survey, Education and Manufacturing.

The Coal Trade.

We have no special change to report in the anthracite coal trade during the past week. The outlook generally is good for the season, and, indeed, is much better than was hoped for a month ago. The feeling of parties in the trade is more harmonious. There is less disposition among them "to throw bricks" one at another. Each seems disposed to advance his own interests as directly and as largely as possible, without any special effort to injure his neighbor. This is a good deal gained, as nothing so much furthers legitimate business as close and undivided attention, and each in the coal trade giving all his time to his own affairs will be more sure to prosper than if he abstracts a portion of it to the prejudice of competitors. The severe weather within the last fortnight has quickened the demand for coal and tended very materially to reduce the stock of coal on hand, for which there is a continued good demand at satisfactory prices. The retail dealers are pretty well employed in the delivery of old stocks, the snow obstruction to transportation on the railroads aiding them in this regard. Notwithstanding this temporary interference the movement of coal from the mines to the larger markets for consumation is unusually large for the season; indeed, we are informed that the Lehigh Navigation Company and its connections are doing a larger business than at any corresponding time in the past. We have a like report from the Reading Railroad and its connections, which are doing a very large winter tonnage. The new business which this company now has, of sending Schuylkill coal by the Bound Brook route to Port Johnson and the Eastern