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Local and Personal.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers to the CARBON ADVOCATE will take special notice that our terms are one dollar a year *strictly* in advance, if not so paid $1.25 will be charged in every instance. Subscribers getting their papers by mail will refer to the direction tabs on their papers and note the date, and remit accordingly.

—Trim your trees and vines.

—West's liver pills cure liver complaint.

—A Lehigh county iron firm has a large contract from China.

—Employees in the Meadville Railroad shops are working ten hours a day.

—The Allentown Iron Company is busy with an order for 1,200 tons of pig iron.

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

—Anna Dickinson lectures at Easton the 25th.

—Iron last week experienced another advance in price.

—St. Luke's Hospital, at South Bethlehem is over-crowded.

—Parties going west can get tickets from Bert. Seuboldt, L. V. R. R. depot. 16—42

—Hon. J. G. Zern will please accept our thanks for Legislative favors.

—The ore beds in the neighborhood of the Lehigh Mountain are all being operated at present.

—Lewis Weiss, at the post office store, has reduced the prices of his winter stock of boots and shoes.

—At Danville and Bloomsburg furnaces are being fired up and miners are being put to work in the mines.

—You can find everything in the drug line at the store of C. W. Lentz, Weissport, fresh, pure and cheap.

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

—Do you know the fact that Lewis Weiss is selling his stock of winter boots and shoes at a great reduction.

—Those of our subscribers contemplating a change of residence should promptly inform us so that their papers can be mailed to their new address.

—The best and cheapest boots and shoes to be found in town are at Lewis Weiss', post office building.

—Wall Paper at and below Cost at C. W. Lentz's Drug and Fancy store, Weissport.

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

—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.

—P. V. Wyckoff, a commission merchant of New York, was found drowned in the Lehigh river at Bethlehem, Pa., Wednesday morning.

—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.

—Louis Murray and James Mulherran were killed and two other men were injured, one seriously, by the premature ignition of a blast in the Pottsville Shaft Colliery of the Reading Coal and Iron Company, Wednesday afternoon.

—The president of the Reading Railroad Company gives notice that shipments of anthracite coal to Elizabethport, Port Johnson and South Amboy will be discontinued as there is sufficient coal on hand for the several places named to occupy the entire week in its shipment.

—Daniel Graver, of the Bee Hive Store, will dispose of the remainder of his winter stock of dress goods, dry goods, &c., at cost, commencing to-day (Saturday) and continuing until April 1st. If you wish to secure best barigains call early.

H. H. Peters announces to his friends and the citizens in general that he is now receiving and opening his spring stock of cloths, cassimeres, vestings and suitings, and that he is prepared to make up all classes of clothing at prices never before heard of in this section. "Perfect fits and Lowest prices," is the motto of this house, and you don't you forget it. Store in the Post-office building.

—E. H. Snyder has just returned from New York, with a large stock of spring styles of dress and dry goods, among which is a splendid assortment of black and colored silks, of choicest patterns, for ladies' spring wear. Our lady friends will do well to call early and inspect these goods which are offering at prices lower than ever before sold for in this locality.

—Last night and to-day are exactly of the same length, within the two belts around the globe, known as the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn—that is, the day and night are twelve hours long. This occurs but twice a year, in what is called the spring or vernal equinox, and again in September or the autumnal equinox. To-day at noon the sun varies 14° north of the equatorial line, and enters the zodiacal constellation Aries. Look out for squalls!

—The attention of our readers is called to a finely written and thoughtful, moral essay on our first page, entitled the "Voyage of Life," by Rev. I. W. Yeakel. In fact we take this opportunity againto remind them, though perhaps unnecessarily, that the first and fourth pages of the ADVOCATE is not a "patent outside," but is edited and printed in Lehighton, and the articles are written or selected with a special reference to the local tastes of its patrons. And there also will be found the brief but well-timed Pennsylvania Dutch letters by Pit Knokworsht and others; so don't forget to read the articles on the outside pages.

—As an indication that business is reviving in this section, we may state that our Job Printing department during the past week has been run at almost its full capacity. This may not be pleasant news to Emanuel Mellancholy and Josephus, who should now try to snake a bill through the Legislature compelling the people to give their job printing to the two offices run in Mauch Chunk over two years. We are doing Job Printing at very lowest prices. Orders by mail will receive prompt attention. An order received from Drifton Monday at noon was done same afternoon and sent home by half-past five train. "Prompt, cheap and reliable," is our motto.

—We had about four inches of snow last Monday, in which to celebrate St. Patrick's day.

—Farmers are beginning to look at their plows, turn them over, examine into their condition.

—Charles Thompson, aged 17, was crushed to death in the hoisting gin of the Brookside Colliery, in Schuylkill county, Monday.

—Anthony Devitt, a defaulting tax collector of Shenandoah, was sentenced Monday to one year's imprisonment and the payment of the costs of his trial.

—Rev. D. B. Albright left for his new charge at Meyerstown, on Wednesday afternoon. He takes with him the best wishes of our people for his future prosperity.

—The Easton *Argus* says that at least a thousand people will emigrate from Northampton county to the West during the present year.

—There are eleven school slate factories being operated near Slatington, with an average producing capacity of about twenty-five hundred slates in ten hours.

—The No. 8 furnace of the Crane Iron Works was put in blast a few days ago.—The No. 6 furnace will soon be blown out, as the lining is nearly burnt through.

—There will be a good chance for laboring men to get work in the country this season, as so many farmers and men who have heretofore been doing farm labor are going West.

—The receipts of coal at Perth Amboy for the week ending March 8 were 21,333 tons, and the shipments 14,616 tons, leaving a stock on hand of 116,936 tons.

—Start Right.—If you are going West, don't fail to call at this office on Wednesday evening, and learn all particulars as to routes, fares, &c., from the popular and reliable Western Ticket Agent, B. O'Brian.

—There was shipped over the L. V. R. R. for the week ending the 15th inst., 95,957 tons of anthacite coal, a decrease for the season as compared with same time last year of 56,492 tons.

—HORSES, COWS & POULTRY—Feed them well, and give them German Horse and Cow Powder to digest and assimilate what they eat. 17-26

—The Lutheran church at Catasauqua is to be furnished with a new bell, the old one being cracked. It is being cast in Allentown, will weigh 1100 pounds, and cost $275. The bell is a present from a wealthy citizen to the congregation.

—County Commissioner, J. J. Gallagher, Deputy Sheriff, F. P. Semmel, and Oscar Arner, of Weissport, took the prisoners recently sentenced to the Eastern Penitentiary for complicity in the Lehigh Valley freight car robberies to that institution on Wednesday morning last. The prisoners were John Fritchman, three years; Henry Solt, two years, and W. C. Fredirici, three years.

—AMERICAN WINES.—But few persons are aware of the great amount of Grapes raised in New Jersey. Alfred Speer is known to be the largest Wine grower east of the Rocky Mountains. His Port Grape Wine is the best, and is considered by physicians and chemists as the best wine to be procured. It is ordered to London and Paris, where it is becoming very popular among the wealthy families.—For sale by druggests.

—Philip Hess and Peter Frederick were crushed to death by a fall of roof rock, in the Exeter Colliery, at Pittston, on Friday night of last week. Walter Smiles was killed in the Pennsylvania Company's shaft, at the same place, on Saturday, by a fall of coal.

—Constable H. P. Levan, of Franklin, arrested Wm. H. Boyer, of Weissport, on Saturday evening last, charged with furnishing tools to Frank Wood in the Mauch Chunk jail to assist him in his attempted escape from that institution. He was held in $500 bail by Esq. Boyer for his appearance at court.

—Mr. Wm. D. Harrington has been in our employ since Jan. 1, 1879; we have on all occasions found him truthful and attentive to our interests. This much we state in justice to him, (he being comparatively a stranger in this county,) and in refutation of the charges made against him by two of the Mauch Chunk papers last week, in regard to the Klotz-Lynn libel case.

H. V. MORTIMER,
Proprietor CARBON ADVOCATE.

—With the snow which fell at Allentown on Sunday night, there was found, half an inch deep in some places, a substance resembling sulphur. It had the color and smell of sulphur, and a small quantity of it scraped together and set on fire burned readily, emitting sulphuric fumes. It is possible that this may be a warning to the people of Allentown on account of their wickedness. Better repent, or there may be a second Sodom and Gomorrah.

—Prof. J. P. Rowland, of Parryville, will open a Normal Institute in that borough, on May 19th, for the preparation of young men for the profession of teaching and for improvement of those already engaged as teachers. For terms and other information, see advertisement in another column of to-day's ADVOCATE.

—Love and false promises are inseparably interlinked. Truth and Cupid are as repellent as water and oil. Why, a portrait poet tells us that Love is mendacious even in slumber. "Love lies dreaming," you know, after taking an airing in one of David Ebbert's handsome rigs, which he turns out at low prices at his livery on North street, this borough.

—Hon. Wm. M. Rapsher, on Wednesday, as attorney for the Lehigh Building and Loan Association, executed a deed to J. T. McDaniel, for the Nathan Mosser property in Mahoning valley containing fifteen acres and improvements, the price paid being $442 cash. The property certainly was sold cheap. Persons who have money to invest find the present an excellent time to buy real estate.

—On Sunday an eight year old son of Wm. Kerchner, deceased, of Macungie, while playing with his brother, fell and broke his left arm. A year ago a son of the same family fell from the loft in the barn, fracturing his thigh bone. The family is visited by numerous afflictions. Wm. Kerchner, the father, died three weeks ago of cancer.

—Mrs. W. C. Frederici, whose husband was sentenced to the Penitentiary on Saturday, on a charge of receiving stolen goods, knowing the same to have been stolen, from the L. V. RR., robbers, has closed the Franklin House which was kept by her husband, and stored the furniture. She has five small children, and probably no income.

—A LITERARY REVOLUTION. *Chamber's Cyclopedia of English Literature*, in the new Acme Edition, is meeting with such extraordinary sale that the publishers, to make it still more popular have further reduced the prices. Purchasers ordering before April 30th, will get the eight volumes complete, in paper, for $1 75; cloth, $2 50; half morrocco, gilt top, for $3 29. Sample volumes sent post-paid for 30 cents, 45 cents, 65 cents and 90 cents. This is not only one of the choicest works in the language, but really wonderful in its low price. Specimen pages and terms to clubs will be sent free on request by the publishers, the American Book Exchange, 34 Beekman St., N. Y.

—The water has been turned into the Lehigh Canal, and on Wednesday the large number of boats in the vicinity of the Weissport boat-yard were fully afloat, the canal having a full head of water on, and the boatmen were actively engaged in putting the boats in order for the spring and summer work. In that vicinity everything was wearing an exceedingly lively and stirring appearance. A large freight business is expected to be done by the canal this season, and a number of new boats have been added to the different lines. W. C. Weiss, Esq., is actively getting ready the New York and Philadelphia lines, and expects to begin to send the loaded boats on their missions about the first of April.

—Messrs. Wm. Behler and Dan. Kresge, of Franklin, have leased the Fort Allen House, owned and now run by Mr. Joseph Feist, Mr. Behler formerly kept the Franklin House. The new proprietors will take possession of the Fort Allen House the first of April. The house has something of a history, being erected 22 years ago by the late Edward Weiss, on the site of the fortification, after which it is named, built to defend the early settlers of Weissport against the Indians. The house is four stories high, is built of brick, after the Elizabethian style of architecture, and contains 32 rooms. Mr. Feist expresses an intention not to go into business of any kind, involving capital, at present.

—William Miner, of the Fort Allen Foundry, was during the early part of the week, looking for additional help—moulders—their foundry being driven at its fullest capacity. The kinds of work which it is now doing requires skillful workmen, who have had experience on fine iron castings. This fact and the opening of the canal gives Weissport a cheerful business outlook.

—The "sulphur shower" in the Lehigh Valley is explained by Dr. Erwin, of Mauch Chunk, and Mr. Rau, of Bethlehem, to be simply pollen, from a species of pine found in Southern or New Jersey forests. This pollen was caught up by the wind and deposited as it came in contact with a snowstorm in the valley. The nature of the deposit is proved by microscopic examination.

—Says the Allentown *Democrat*: A Weisenburg farmer lost a quantity of meat from his premises a few nights ago, and, suspecting a certain neighbor, he next morning went to him and demanded his property, at the same time making known the fact that if (he farmer) could not produce a grain of corn from each piece he would not claim it. The guilty party produced the meat, and, presto! after a little probing, out flopped the grain of corn to the utter astonishment of the thief. Each piece in turn was thus manipulated, fully establishing the right of the farmer to his property. The cunning Granger, it seems, had inserted the corn the more readily, in the event of such an emergency, to prove his claim. Not caring to waste time by coming to Court the farmer declined to prosecute the thief.

—The Lehigh Presbytery will meet at Stroudsburg, on April 15, in Rev. R. W. Wallace's Church. The Presbytery comprises 43 ministers, 42 churches, 4 licentiates three candidates, and represents 4,847 communicants and 4,469, Sunday school scholars. On the 14th of April a Sunday-school Convention will be held prior to the meeting of Presbytery.

—After years of patient study of the art and practical personal experience, Mr. E. F. Luckenback, fresco painter and interior decorator, of Mauch Chunk, has established a reputation second to none in this section. He has recently stocked his store with all the latest and most elegant designs of wall and ceiling papers; and it will pay the admirers of the beautiful to visit his store and examine the various rich designs in interior decorations he has on exhibition.

—Hon. Allen Craig will please accept our thanks for Legislative documents.

Receiver Appointed.

A dispatch from Scranton to the New York *Times* of Tuesday is as follows:

"The Pennsylvania Anthracite Coal Company, the most extensive private mining company in the Lackawanna region, has gone into the hands of a receiver, with $800,000 liabilities. This company was incorporated in 1864, as the Lackawanna Coal and Iron Company, the name being changed in 1875. It owns 1400 acres of mining land near this city, and holds a lease of 550 more This property is bonded for $1,000,000. The company for two years has been greatly embarrassed by the state of the coal market, and, being in default of the interest on its bonds, a receiver was appointed. R. T. McCabe, treasurer of the company, is the receiver. The company's breakers have a capacity of 400,000 tons of coal a year, and 600 hands find work in its mines. To these employees the company owes $20,000. The product of its mines were furnished to the Delaware and Lackawanna Railroad Company at prices based on the rate at tidewater. The receiver has authority to go on with the mines. Much comment has been created in the coal regions by the recent diversion of the product of two very large private mining companies from Lehigh Valley markets to others. The collieries at Forty Fort, formerly operated by J. H. Swoyer, the well known Lehigh operator, are now worked in the interest of the Delaware and Lackawanna. The product of these mines is 1500 tons a day. The Butler Colliery, at Pittston, which furnished its coal to the Lehigh Valley to the amount of 200,000 tons a year, now ships its coal over the Erie Railway, by way of Carbondale."

Clearing his Conscience.

A young man living in a neighboring village wrote, in substance a note to a lady in this borough a few days ago, which illustrates how the commission of a crime preys upon the quickened conscience. The note says:—"I have long been under conviction of mind about something I must confess. About twelve years or more ago, when I was but a little boy, while in Lehighton, I saw a boy with some plums. I thought they were peaches. I asked him where he got them, and he told me, pointing to trees belonging to you, near the depot. I saw that I could easily steal some of them; so I went and filled my pockets with the fruit, and while so doing was chased away by some boys older than myself. On my way home, I eat some of them; the remainder I threw away. Although so many years have passed since then, the act still remains fresh in my mind, and haunts my conscience. I pray that you will forgive me the act, and I believe that God will also. Enclosed find 25 cents, which please accept in payment for the fruit."

There is a curious coincidence in the note as written. The body of the letter shows that it was written at a time different from that at which it was signed by the writer, probably just a year ago, and during this lapse of time, his handwriting has very much improved. The name of the lady is written in the same improved hand, and the memoral 12, designating the number of years, is changed from eleven. The day of the month is not given in the caption. It is dated "March, 1879," and the "1879" is written in the same improved hand of the address and signature. This is a warning to boys who steal their neighbor's fruit in the fruit season.

Local elections were held Monday in many towns of Maine. The Republicans and Hard Money Democrats carried Belfast; the Republicans, Bangor; the Greenbackers and Democrats, Biddeford. In Augusta the Republicans secured a majority of the Council, but there was no choice of Mayor.

Our Parryville Budget.

—Last week all was joy and sunshine; the warbles of spring birds, the balmy atmosphere and the genial sunrays all declared the exit of old Winter, and the advent of lovely Spring. This week, how changed! A medley of snow, slush and squalls recall most forcibly the poetical expression, "Winter lingers in the lap of Spring." A week ago, your correspondent was so wrapted with the appearance of gentle Spring as to indite to her something like the following:

GENTLE SPRING.

We greet thy coming, gentle Spring,
And trust thou'rt come to stay;
Ethereal mildness thou dost bring,
And gentle warmth of May.

Thy advent bids the bluebirds sing,
Bids Nature all be gay,
And I my mite of mirth will bring,
While thou dost rule the day.

Old Winter stern, with hoary head,
Has disappeared at last,
His brother Boreas, too, has sped—
I'm glad their reign has past.

Jack Frost no more shall bite our toes,
Since thou dost reign supreme;
He'll pinch no more the baby's nose,
But all anew will seem.

With breath of May the flowers will come,
Their fragrance fill the air.
Anon the wings of bees will hum
Beneath the solar glare.

And next the "month of roses"—June—
Will dawn 'neath azure sky,
The last and lovel'est!—Ah, too soon,
Spring's damsels pass us by!

Should Winter take a backward turn,
To linger on thy lap,
Pray, bid him quickly home return
To take a nine-months' nap.

We've had enough of ice and snow—
Enough of Frosty John—
To satisfy an Esquimaux;
So, bid him quick, begone!

Asunder snap the icy bands
That bind him still to us;
And bid him haste to polar lands
Without ado or fuss.

All hail! fair Spring, with April showers!
All hail! thy breath of May!
Thrice welcome! Goddess of the Flow'rs,
We greet thy gentle sway!

But now, what shall we sing? Nothing!—We are so disgusted with the "Old Man's" return that we will pass him by unheeded, and let him severely alone, in the firm belief that he will soon go into winter-quarters in a higher latitude. "But why," you may ask, "does our Parryville correspondent, who ought to know better, inflict so much bad poetry on us, when he knows that its fate is likely to be our waste basket?" [We have sealed it—"Gush," and commend it the readers of the ADVOCATE.—ED.]

—Be it known unto you, Mr. Editor, that in these latter days, when items are scarce as whortleberries, when nothing happens, naught transpires but all is inactivity, we feel *warranted* in sending you, as a make shift, even such matter as the foregoing. If you have any anathemas to pronounce upon us for the infliction, please do so in the "Knokworsht" dialect, and we shall be able to stand it.

—Our works are still in *statu quo*,
Though rumors fill the air;
We fear that Spring will come and go
Ere they be in repair.

—Rev. E. Butz preached his first sermon in the Evangelical church here, on Sabbath evening, to a large congregation. We are informed that he commenced his labors for the Master, in this circuit, some twenty years ago.

—John Detmoyer, one of our Parryville boys, departs for Colorado this week, to join his brother Tony who left here about a year ago.

—The latest thing out, rather, the latest thing in, is our new orchestra, composed of a quartette of ladies and gentlemen. The instruments consist of an organ, violin, concordia and cornet. We say they are the latest thing in because we have not heard them *out* yet. We suggest a serenade in our honor, so that we may be afforded an opportunity to judge of the music. It will be good, of course.

—We learn that Thos. Strump of Coaldale, expects to remove his family here about the 1st of April, to occupy the old home again, after an absence of seven or eight years.

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Mahoning Twinklings.

—Beautiful snow visited us again on Sunday night.

—A very interesting sermon was preached by Rev. Wilson Wehr, in the English language, last Sunday evening.

—J. B. Mertzler spent last Sunday at Kresgeville, Monroe Co.

—I am glad to say that Miss Annette Berger, who has been sick for some time, is able to attend school again.

—Nathan Rex was confined to the house the fore part of this week with diphtheria, but I am pleased to announce that he is able to be about again.

—David Mosser and James Asher were important witnesses in the Beck and Gumbert scratching case.

—Miss Lizzie Musselman and Mr. Williams were visiting Thomas Musselman on Sunday last.

—Griffith Ebert had his fingers badly burned last Tuesday morning.

—T. M. Ballier was on a visit to Lehighton on Saturday last.

—An owl has been frequently visiting one of our neighbor's chicken-coops. One evening last week, while the children were playing in the yard, they noticed a black spot in the orchard, which they imagined to be the owl. They immediately made it known to their father and the servant. The latter, seizing the gun, hurried to the place, took aim and fired. He ran to the spot to pick up his prey. But, lo! instead of an owl it was a cow—!

—D. D. Kistler, was confined to the house the fore part of this week with sick headache.

—Some of the party that went to Kansas a few weeks ago are back already. They say there are hundreds of people there that are out of employment and still more are arriving every day.

Yours, etc., BEN CLOUD.

Big Creek Items.

—Now prepare to plant and graft fruit trees

—The great moving day is not far distant.

—An their fall of snow on Sunday night.

—Rye looks promising. With favorable weather a good harvest may be expected.

—Mr. Solomon Weaver, of this place, says he expects to leave for Nebraska in the early part of April.

—The indications are that our boatmen will have a more profitable year than last.

—A number of our farmers would go West, could they dispose of their farms.

—The wife of Mr. Reuben Serfass, of this place, died of dropsy on Friday morning last week, about six o'clock. Deceased was a daughter of Jacob Zeigenfuss, from whose residence the funeral took place, on Monday, at 10 o'clock A. M. Interment in St. Paul's church. The services were in German, Rev. J. S. Erb, of Slatington. Deceased was aged 32 years, 7 months and 23 days.

—Rev. Samuel Brown preached in the Salt's church on Sunday morning for the last time. The rev. gentleman will start West in a few weeks. We wish him a safe journey and success in his new field of ministerial labors.

Yours, etc., BUTZES.

Wentherly Items.

—Messrs. Thirloway and McGuigan have been heard from. Ther passed Cheyenne on Sunday, 16th inst. All well.

—Godlieb Smith, reported injured on the railroad last week, is improving.

—A bevy of young girls left this place during the week for Philadelphia, where they expect to hire as servants.

—The silver wedding of Mr. Ed. Harleman and wife was celebrated on the evening of the 18th inst. The invited guests—some eighty or more—were made happy. Music, dancing and refreshments in profusion.

—The household effects of Mrs. M. E. Dinkey have been shipped to Braddocks, Penna., where she intends to make her home.

—Mr. J. T. Brist has sold out his grocery stock on Carbon street, and will hereafter give his entire attention to the butcher business. Frank White will run the grocery department.

—T. L. Berner and John Donovan have taken Greeley's advice, and started West during the week. The former for Montana and the latter for Eureka, Nev. ROCKWAY.

From the County Seat.

ALL QUIET ON THE LEHIGH.—The Canal has been filled with water this week preparatory for the spring and summer coal freight business; but even this has caused very little ripple at the County Seat. Everything is, in fact, quiet, quiet—a gentle, breathing lull after the storm of last week. It does not take much to stir up Mauch Chunch from its foundations; even to make the little creek that meanders under the residences of many of our "best citizens" murmur and grumble in unwonted tones. A special session of the Court before which a newspaper libel case, and that of several thieves who made the Lehigh Valley Railroad freight cars last fall the base of operations, was sufficient to thoroughly stir up this borough, and this week comes the reaction. A prominent lawyer and politician, in order to counteract this calm, and at the same time rival N. Y. in the matter of pedestrianism, proposes to get up a "walking match." The effort is to array Mauch Chunk borough against East Mauch Chunk for the championship and "gate money." Mr. Laudy Gallegher, of the former borough, and John Brocker, Esq., of the latter place, are to be the contestants. The place selected for the "gate" is Maxheimer's Garden, and the walkists are to make 500 miles in six consecutive hours. The betting is two to one on Brocker, and three to one that both men "come to time." The route of this masterly pedestrian effort will be "blue west."

A PARTY OF FESTIVE "OLD BACHELORS"—Last Monday being the birth-day of one of their number, some of the "old bachelors" of Mauch Chunk appropriated the soap-house on West Broadway, and in the evening celebrated the natal-day of their "languishing" brother by a feast, general jollification and ball. First of all came the supper, around which eighteen couples seated themselves; after which the merry party engaged in the "mazy light fantastic." We neglected to say that no ladies were invited or admitted. Two young ladies, at an early hour, went to the door, but found written upon it: "Ladies—if you should happen within a hundred rods of the soap-house to-night, please stop!"

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sheriff Rauslenbush has now fully recovered, and though weak, has been out attending to business, at his office.

—Flora, a nine-years old daughter of Mr. J. S. Ross, and pupil in Miss Lizzie Fister's class in the public school, while "jumping rope" near the school building fell, striking her head upon the sidewalk. She did not appear to be seriously hurt at first, but on attempting to ascend the flight of steps to the class-room she fainted, and had to be carried home. She was unconscious during the afternoon and night, but was better on Thursday morning.

—Mrs. L. S. Gerring, of Bethlehem, has during the week been on a visit to her father, Mr. Leonard Yeager.

—The clerk of the weather put a "wet blanket" upon St. Patrick's Day: nevertheless Capt. Cullum formed and marched his parade through the principal streets. The patriotic sons of the Emerald Isle spent the remainder of the day under cover, by far the better place to celebrate on such a day as Monday was.

—The Phoenix Band went to Weissport on Wednesday evening and serenaded the newly wedded couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. McMullen. Returning, they called at Lehighton and paid their compliments to Prothonotary Thos. Komerer. They returned home happy by the 11 o'clock train.

—The Commissioners, at their last meeting ordered the release of George Freeby from jail, and exonerated George Boyle, of Lansford, from the payment of certain taxes assessed in 1878. commissioner Gallagher reported the bridge at Lehigh Tannery in good condition.

—The prisoners in Carbon county jail, henceforth are to receive but 37½ cents worth per day of "grub" and attention—so said the Court last week.

—Mr. Robert S. Calvin has taken the agency, for this portion of the State, of Le Clerg's Nursery of Rochester, New York, for the sale of fruit and ornamental trees and shrubbery. Mr. Calvin will start out in search of customers soon, but his headquarters will be at Mauch Chunk

—The Switch-Back Railroad, which has been leased by Mr. J. S. Wribirt & Co., will be opened to public travel on or about the first of May. This arrangement adds another attraction to the Mansion House as a summer resort hotel.

—There are only two men in jail here now.

—The editorial in the *Morgan* last week advertising your correspondent as a "What-is-It," we understand crept into its columns through the "indiscretion" of the "new office boy." We embrace this opportunity to brand him as *another* I which is "giving him as good as he sends," as the boy said when he kicked the ass.

—Mr. Abe Stroh, whose inventive genius is ever on the alert for something new, has discovered a new pharmaceutical compound which he calls "Stroh's Detergent.' To use a plain expression, it is a remedy for stinking feet. It will do all that he claims, it will prove a God-send to Mauch Chunk and vicinity. He is putting up the article and canvassing for it. SWITZER.

Towamensing Brevities.

—R. F. Hofford, will please accept thanks for favors received.

—Roads are in a bad condition.

—The blue-birds have made their appearance.

—Nearly all of our schools in this township will close on or before the 8th of April.

—Crows have been flying northward in great numbers during the past two weeks, which is a sign of an early spring.

—Mr. D. Dreisbach of this place will move on Mrs. H. Snyder's farm on Monday next.

—Harvey Sherry, of this place removed to Lehighton on Friday of last week. Mr. S. works in the blacksmith shop at Packerton.

—W. Klotz, of Pine Run has invented a bracket-saw which he claims will excel all others.

—Rev. S. Brown, a live preacher of the Evangelical Association who will leave for Kansas in a short time, paid his friends at this place a farewell visit. We wish him a safe journey.

—Rev. E. Butz the new pastor of the Evangelical church of Parryville district, officiated for the first time at the upper Big Creek meeting house on Sunday last. His text was the 1st Cor., 1st. chapt., from the 1st to the 3rd verse, from which he preached a very interesting sermon.

—A certain young man who has long chewed tobacco without any loss to himself—He always begged it.

—Lewis Christman of near Trachsville will remove to Lehighton in a few weeks where he intends to keep a saloon.

—Rudolph Serfass, engineer on the Lehigh Valley Railroad is paying his parents and friends of this place a flying visit.

—Thomas Lerver, jr., of this place intends to erect a new house for himself this Spring. MERCURY.

Appointments.

The following are the appointments of ministers for Lehigh District made by the M. E. Conference:

J. F. Chaplain, P. E.—Allentown, W. L. McDowell; Bangor, R. Morley; Bethel, D. L. Unangst; Bethlehem, M. A. Day; Boyerstown, to be supplied; Bristol, J. Cunningham; Catasauqua, D. M. Young; Cherry Valley, J. Bickerston; Chapman to be supplied by T. C. Bache; Conshohocken, W. W. Johnson; Cresson, Hamburg and Port Clinton, G. A. Wolf; Delaware Water Gap, H. B. Mauger; Doylestown, S. Howell; East Mauch Chunk, W. R. Machael; Easton, E. H. Hoffman; East Stroudsburg, J. R. Neill; Friedensville, to be supplied; Gilberton, Mahanoy Plane, J. W. Bradley; Girardville, J. Bawden; Glendon, Rauteville, G. W. North; Lahaska, J. W. Rudolph; Langhorne, M. H. Sisty; Lansdale, W. H. Smith; Lehighton, J. C. Miller; Mahanoy City, G. Oram; Mauch Chunk, T. M. Griffith; Montgomery Square, to be supplied; Morrisville, J. R. Merrill; Neshaminy, O. N. Cook; Nesquehoning, S. N. Reisener; New Hope, A. Johnson; Newtown, L. B. Brown; Norristown-DeKalb st., T. W. Simpers; Oak Street, J. Dyson; Haws' Avenue, H. F. Isett; North Wales, T. A. Gilbert; Packerton, W. H. Pickop; Parryville, G. L. Schaffer; Port Carbon, E. L. Martin; Portland, T. T. Mutchler; Pottstown, J. S. Cook; Reading, Ebenezer, W. C. Best; St. Peter's, W. J. Mills; Convent, L. B. Hoffman; Richborough, E. E. Darrise; Richmond, E. Townsend; Shenandoah, W. P. Howell; South Easton, J. Pastorfield; St. Clair, A. L. Urban; Springville, F. Illman; Stroudsburg, W. H. Elliot; Tamaqua, J. F. Meredith; Tannersville, L. M. Hobbs; Tobyhanna, A. J. Collom; Tullytown, G. Alcorn; Yardleyville, C. Hudson.

A Tax Collector Attempts Suicide.

On Thursday of last week, Mr. Dennis Hunsicker, a tax collector for a number of years, of Washington township, Lehigh county, was taken into custody by constable J. C. Hankey, of the same township, charged on oath of Alexander Peter, treasurer of the school district of said township, with converting to his own use one hundred dollars of the money he had collected for taxes. The accused was taken before Alderman John Sepp, at Allentown, for a hearing, who held him in the sum of $800 for his appearance at Court. Mr. Hunsicker is a farmer by occupation, and as far as known always bore the reputation of being fair and square in his dealing with his fellow-men.

On Saturday morning last, Mr. Hunsicker hitched his horse to a spring wagon loaded with grain, which he brought to Kern's Mill, in Lower Slatington, and on his arrival at home, about 1 o'clock, P. M., he attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself in his barn, and would undoubtedly have accomplished his purpose had not the rope broken or loosened at the critical moment. A short time previous, it is said Mr. David Peter visited Hunsicker to settle some private business, the latter being indebted to the former to the amount of several hundred dollars. After all was arranged Hunsicker informed the inmates of the house that he wished to go out a short time. He at once left the house and proceeded towards the barn, which he entered. Not returning for some time Mrs. Hunsicker became alarmed at his long absence and went in search for him. Upon reaching the barn door, she looked into it, and was almost horror stricken to see her husband dangling from a rope fastened to the top round of the ladder leading to the loft. She first endeavored to rescue him, but as she could only about touch his feet, she was unable to lift him and loosen the rope around his neck. She then ran to the door of the barn and screamed for help. Meanwhile the rope tore and Hunsicker fell heavily to the floor, striking upon his back and head. He was at once carried to the house in an unconscious condition, in which he remained up to about 8 P. M., when medical aid was summoned. Dr. R. W. Young responded, and after a critical examination of the patient, the doctor came to the conclusion that the fall upon the head produced concussion of the brain. At last accounts Hunsicker is reported as being recovering slowly. Financial trouble is the reason assigned for the suicidal attempt. His arrest for being short in his tax money, occasioned him considerable mental worriment, and created a feeling of distrust among several of his creditors, who since then, it is said, have been pushing him for their money. Mr. Hunsicker, some eighteen or twenty years ago, conducted the old Kern's Hotel, at this place, and is well known in the upper end of the county. *Slatington News.*

The Speakers of the House.

St. Paul *Pioneer-Press*: There have been twenty-nine Speakers of the House of Representatives, and forty-five Congresses. The first Speaker, Frederick A. Muhlenberg, and the last, Samuel J. Randall, were both from Pennsylvania. Henry Clay of Kentucky saw the longest service—twelve years—having been reelected six times. Andrew Stevenson of Virginia, who was Speaker during Jackson's Administration, comes next in length of service, having been four times elected. Nathaniel Macon of North Carolina, who was Speaker when Jefferson was President. Schuyler Colfax, and James G. Blaine were each three times elected. Jonathan Dayton of New Jersey, Joseph Varnum of Massachusetts, John W. Taylor of New York, James K. Polk of Tennessee, Lyon Boyd of Kentucky, and Samuel J. Randall, were each reelected to a second term. Jonathan Trumbull of Connecticut, Theodore Sedgewick of Massachusetts, Loudon Cheaves of South Carolina, Philip Barbour of Virginia, John Bell of Tennessee, R. M. T. Hunter of Virginia, John White of Kentucky, John W. Jones of Virginia, John W. Davis of Indiana, Robert C. Winthrop of Massachusetts, Howell Cobb of Georgia, Nathaniel B. Banks of Massachusetts, James L. Orr of South Carolina, William Remington of New Jersey, Galusha A. Grow of Pennsyvania, Theodore M. Pomeroy of New York, Michael C. Kerr of Indiana, were each elected Speaker once, but some of them served for only a part of a Congress. Massachusetts and Virginia have each had four Speakers. Virginia has had the chair for fourteen years, and Massachusetts for ten years. Kentucky has given the House three Speakers, whose combined terms have extended over eighteen years! Indiana and Pennsylvania have each had the Speakership three times also; and New York, and New Jersey, and Tennessee twice. The other Speakers have come from North Carolina, Georgia, Maine, and Connecticut. The Northern States have supplied sixteen Speakers and the Southern States thirteen; the South has occupied the chair fifty years to the North's forty-four.

NEWS GOSSIP.

"Facts are stubborn things," and so are coughs and colds, but the latter will invariably yield to Dr. Bull's Cough syrup, which costs but 25 cents.

Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines, notwithstanding her 71 years, has long, dark, and abundant hair, falling below her waist. She says that an aunt lived to the age of 115, and she proposes to imitate her example.

The Library Magazine for March will be ready on the 28th—not dated in advance, as is the custom—its contents being mainly from the foreign publications of same date, thus giving what is newest in the literary world. $1.00 a year, or 10 cents a number. American Book Exchange, 55 Beekman St., N. Y.

To experiment is an extravagance illy afforded in these hard times, hence you should use Hand' Expectorant, first, last and all the time, and not try all the cough syrups and pectoral humbugs that are advertised. It sells at 25 and 50 cents a bottle.

Congressman-elect Murch, of Maine, announces that he will introduce at the extra session of Congress a joint resolution, declaring eight hours a legal day's work for all laborers and mechanics employed by the Government. A similar resolution passed the House in May, 1878, but failed in the Senate.

Charles and William Gessley and Ambrose Rubright, boys, stole a ride on a coal train from Auburn to Hamburg, in Schuylkill county, on Saturday. They jumped off the train while in motion, at Hamburg, and Charles Gessley was killed. The others were injured, Rubright seriously.

The voice of reform is heard through the land, and speaks of the "good time coming." So too the spirit of reform is working in the nurseries of the land to banish those dangerous Opium and Morphia preparations, and establish useful and harmless remedies, of which Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup is acknowledged as the very best for all the disorders of babyhood and early childhood. Price 25 cents a bottle.

A gilded-tongued rascal goes from house to house in Connecticut, telling the owners of sewing machines that the Government is about to have an enormous quantity of clothing made in families throughout New England, and offering for 25 cents to make a slight alteration in each machine to adapt it to the expected work.

The first Chinaman who settled in San Francisco is said to have arrived there in 1847, and the news which he sent home as to gold discovery speedily brought a number of his friends. By 1852, 3,000 to 4,000 had arrived. A company was then formed by Chinamen to aid emigration, and was followed by the establishment of several other companies. The Chinese population in San Francisco is about 30,000, of whom 2,000 are women, 7,000 are servants, and 5,000 cigar makers. The rest are divided up among various occupations.

Contested Seats in Congress.

A Washington dispatch of the 19th inst., says: There will probably be at least twelve contested election cases in the Forty-sixth Congress.

On the 11th of December last ex Gov. Curtin of Pennsylvania served a notice of contest on L. H. Yokum, Greenback Republican from the Twentieth