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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.

—West's liver pills cure liver complaint.

—Read J. T. Nusbaum & Son's advertisement in another column.

—Garden seeds, fresh and pure, at Durling's drug store.

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

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

—FOR SALE.—Eight shares of the Capital stock of the 1st National Bank of Lehighton. For further particulars apply at the ADVOCATE office.

—Just opened another large assortment of ladies, misses and children fancy gaiters, walking shoes and slippers, at astonishingly low prices, at J. T. Nusbaum & Son's.

—A choice lot of Clover seed, and a lot of Michigan White Pine Shingles and Flooring, just received, and for sale cheap for cash, at J. L. Gabel's hardware store. 19—3.

—New and elegant assorted stock of wall paper, just received at Dolon's Mauch Chunk at prices defying competition. Paper hanging a specialty.

—Watches put in first class order at Dolon's, Mauch Chunk.

—For beautiful designs in wall papers, fancy stationery, &c., call on E. F. Luckenback, near the Broadway house, Mauch Chunk. Lowest prices in Carbon County.

—Read the advertisement of Daniel Wieand, carriage-maker, in another column of to-days paper.

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 don't you forget it. Store in the Post-office building.

—Jonas Sondhein, Mauch Chunk, is offering an immense assortment of boots, shoes and gaiters at very low prices: men's gaiters $1.00 and men's shoes only 75 cents.

—Don't put money in your mouth. A man has just died of blood poisoning produced by that practice. 'Tis better to invest a portion of it with David Ebbert, and enjoy a ride behind one of his handsome teams, that will prove an effective remedy against blood-poisoning.

—We are pleased to welcome the Pittston *Evening Press*. It is published by our old friend James T. Lutton, at 10 cents per week. It ought to succeed.

—Lewis Weiss is now receiving and opening a new and elegant stock of hats, caps, boots and shoes for spring and summer wear, which he is prepared to sell at unprecedently low prices. He respectfully invites an inspection of his stock feeling assured that he can give full satisfaction.

—The Popular Western Ticket Agent, B. O'Brian, will be at this office next Wednesday night. If you intend to go west, call and see him, he will send you right, cheap and quick.

—Pimples and blotches on the face can be removed by rubbing with camphor milk. It costs only 25 cents per bottle. 21-24

—There having been recently some excitement in Weissport about mad-dogs, the authorities of that borough have ordered the owners of canines to muzzle their pets. It alway looks extremely unfair to strip a dog of his bark in this foul manner, and no one can really blame the most amiable dog thus dealt with for being mad.

—The Emery Wheel works have been idle a portion of this week, awaiting the arrival of a certain grade of emery used in the wheels now being turned out at the works. In the meantime Supt. Wills paid a flying business trip to Philadelphia, "taking in" the "dog show."

—TO FARMERS AND OTHERS.—Wm. Butler, at the Lime Kilns, nearly opposite the Mansion House, Mauch Chunk, is prepared to supply farmers and others with a pure article of Lime, for agricultural and whitewashing purposes for cash. This lime is warranted to be just what it is represented and to give perfect satisfaction.

—The choir of Zion's Reformed church, under the leadership of Prof. H. A. Kline, are now rehearsing and will in the course of a few weeks introduce H. M. S. Pinafore in this borough. From the talent engaged in the getting up of this piece we bespeak for it a success equal to any achieved by our neighboring towns.

—On Wednesday morning of last week, Miss Hensinger, daughter of Mr. Hensinger of Slatington, died under circumstances peculiarly sad and distressing, of quinsy. She was a member of the late Rev. Mr. Erb's class of catechumens, and on the Sunday previous to her death came forward with the others for confirmation and communion, though she was then already slightly ill. After the services the malady quickly assumed a serious form, and rapidly progressed from bad to worse until death ended her sufferings as above stated. She was amiable and greatly beloved young lady, and her sudden demise was a matter of great surprise and sincere lament to her many friends.

—The iron interests of Pennsylvania are growing more prosperous daily.

—Our young friend, Prof. W. E. Smith, of Berwick, formerly principal our borough schools, has been in town during the past few days visiting among his old friends. The professor returns to Berwick to-day, preparatory to opening a summer school in that place on Monday next. He is loud in praise of the people of Berwick as a kind and hospitable people.

—The Thomas Iron Company at Hokendauqua are filling stack No. 4 preparatory to lighting up. This will put six stacks of the company in operation—five at Hokendauqua, and one at Lockridge, near Alburtis.

—Samuel M. Cortright, of Mauch Chunk, has retired from the storekeeping firm of McDowell, Cortright & Co., at Slatington.

—The survivors of the Ninth Penna. Cavalry will hold their annual reunion in Allentown on June 6th.

—Mr. Jacob Wert, for many years a resident of Slatington, died in said place on Monday of last week, of general debility, at the age of 73 years.

—The Easton National banks have over a million dollars on deposit.

—Any person fishing on Sunday makes himself liable to a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

—The prospect for abundant labor in the Lehigh Valley is checking emigration to the West.

—The spring term of the Allentown Female College commenced on Monday last with an increased number of scholars.

—The examination of the present graduating class of the Keystone Normal School, at Kutztown, will commence on the 2nd of June next.

—If you stop at Jonas Sondhein's, Mauch Chunk, you will find his place fully stocked with new and elegant spring and summer clothing, which he is selling at the very lowest prices. First clothing store above the Mansion House.

—There were 87,662 tons of coal shipped over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for the week ending 19th inst., making a total shipment for the season of 1,278,883 tons; an increase of 54,348 tons as compared with same time last year.

—Our young friend Harry E. Sweeney, of Drifton, was at home here on Tuesday afternoon with his parents, and left Wednesday morning for New York city, where he expects to remain for the next six weeks. We hope he will realize all that he expects from his visit.

—A POPULAR SONG.—The minstrel and concert troupes are all singing Will L. Thompson's new Song and Chorus, "*Golden Years are passing by.*" There is now such mania for this beautiful piece, that dealers can scarcely get them fast enough to supply the demand. Every lover of a pretty song will want this piece. Send 35 cents to the publishers, W. L. Thompson & Co., East Liverpool, Ohio.

—James Gallagher was shot dead by Wm. Scott, in a quarrel about the ownership of an axe, at Archibald, Pa., on Saturday. Scott, who is in custody, says he did the deed in self-defence.

—Mr. Oboo S. Keiser, for the past 11 years bartender of the Broadway House, Mauch Chunk, will to-day open a wholesale liquor house in the borough of Slatington. Mr. K. is a young gentleman of sterling business abilities, and we bespeak for him a prosperous business in his new enterprise.

—Patrick Connolly, convicted in December last of manslaughter, in killing John McCarty, at Mount Carbon, in 1874, was sentenced at Pottsville, Tuesday, to eighteen months' solitary imprisonment and the payment of a fine of $5 and costs.

—James Bunnell, aged 65 years, a farmer, in comfortable circumstances, living near Stroudsburg, Monroe county, hanged himself Tuesday morning.

—78,570 tons of coal were shipped over the L. & S. Railroad for the week ending 18th inst., making for the season to date 1,050,040 tons, an increase of 545,967 tons as compared with the same time last year.

—F. J. Brobst, has recently taken the "Carbon House," in this borough. Mr. B, is from Lehigh county, and for a number of years has been in the hotel business, and persons patronizing this hotel can rest assured that they will receive the most polite attention.

A GOOD WATCHMAKER AT LEHIGHTON.—Mr. J. H. Campbell, who for many years was employed in the jewelry establishment of Mr. Charles S. Massey, in this city, is now located at Lehighton, where he has opened a shop, and is doing all kinds of repairing to clocks and watches. Mr. Campbell is a careful and experienced workman, and in the comparatively short time he has been at Lehighton, he has established a good custom. We can recommend him to the people up the valley, and feel confident he will give satisfaction as to price and work.—*Allentown Chronicle and News*, Saturday, 21st April.

—Frank Leh, convicted on four charges of burglary, at Allentown, was sentenced on Monday night to thirteen years and six months' imprisonment and the payment of $1,400 fine.

—Thomas Elphison, aged 65 years died Tuesday in Pittston, from the effects of a beating received a few days ago from Michael McAndrews and his wife. All were drunk at the time.

—Henry Creitz was crushed to death in the Blue Mountain Slate Quarry, near Allentown, on Monday, by the falling of a heavy rock. He leaves a wife and several children.

—Daniel Moyer, doorkeeper at a concert in Gibraltar, near Reading, last Saturday, was knocked down stairs during a disturbance, by Albert Brown, and died of his injuries Tuesday morning.

—As three children of Oliver Stout were going to bed, at Penobscot, near Wilkesbarre, on Monday night, a coal oil lamp exploded, setting fire to their clothing. Two of them died Tuesday, and the other was not expected to recover.

—Owing to a dispute in regard to the number of working hours, the drivers and runners at the Henry colliery near Wilkesbarre, struck Tuesday, thereby throwing about 400 miners and laborers out of employment. The strikers were discharged Tuesday. Their places have been filled, and operations resumed.

—Don't forget to read the advertisement of E. H. Hohl, watchmaker and jeweler, Dollenmayer's old stand. Mr. H. comes from Easton, where he was employed in the establishment of Walter Hammon, who does all the L. V. Railroaders' work in that section, having been appointed by Mr. Kensey to that position, and by whom and Rev. J. Lindermuth, Wm. Shultz, Mayor of Easton, Wm. Kellogg, of the L. V. R. R. and C. Somers, L. V. R. R. Detective, he is well recommended as a practical watchmaker.

—W. A. Graver, who recently procured a situation at Ashley, Luzerne county, removed his family there on Tuesday.

—Behler & Kresge are putting a restaurant in the basement of the Fort Allen House; and they are otherwise putting the house and grounds in "apple-pie order" for the summer business.

—Mrs. Guth's millinery establishment, on White street, Weissport, is now resplendant with the spring and summer styles of fashionable millinery, that enterprising lady having just returned from Philadelphia with a full line of goods adapted to the tastes of her patrons. See advertisement.

—The case of T. W. Steigerwalt against the Susquehanna Mutual Fire Insurance Co., for damages to his property by fire, was settled on Thursday by the company agreeing to pay him $1,125, to be paid as follows:—$400 in three months, $365 50 in five months and the balance in seven months. Thus ended this long and vexatious case, in favor of Mr. Steigerwalt at last.

—Rev. I. W. Yeakel removed on Thursday from Weissport to his new ministerial charge in Ashland, Schuylkill county.

—The Council has decided to use about $1800 in the hands of the Treasurer to liquidate that amount of the outstanding borough bonds.

—We are under obligations to Mr. A. J. Marsh for late copies of Minnesota papers.

—The pupils of our public schools are now being examined, and the school term will close a week from Monday.

Big Creek Items.

—The fine weather of the past week has given the grass a start.

—Considerable potatoes have been planted during the past few days.

—Decoration day, May 30, comes on Friday this year, and will be the next legal holiday.

—The wages of railroad employes have been reduced, now let the fares be put down and traveling will increase in proportion.

—The whitewashing season has arrived—now for the brush.

—Trees will soon put forth their leaves—next bloom, then bear.

—May parties will soon be in order.

—So far but few potato bugs have made their appearance.

—See financial statement of Franklin town ship in another column.

—While on a business trip to Lehighton on Saturday last, I noticed that the clothing store of T. D. Clauss was again open, and Mr. C. busy at work behind the counter attending to the wants of his customers, which I was very much pleased to see.

—Dr. MacCreary and L. E. Wills, of Weissport, were at this place on Monday.

—Teachers and others who are forming libraries, should not overlook the inducement offered them by the editor of this paper in an advertisement which appears on the 4th page. Chambers' Encyclopedia is a work that should be in every library.

—Mr. Paul Boyer has made one trip with his boat to Philadelphia this season.

—Mrs. Hill, of Newark, N. J., was at this place Saturday looking after her farm, which she purchased about a year ago from David Prince. She returned home same evening.

—Mr. Lewis N. Kemerer, of this place, shot a large fish-hawk on Friday of last week. It measured 5½ feet across the wings.

—The Harrisburg *Patriot* gives the following warning to those who are in the habit of carrying concealed weapons: "For the information of parties carrying concealed deadly weapons, which are frequently found on the persons of men searched at the Mayor's office, we will state that the State Law of 1876 imposes a fine of not more than $50 and imprisonment for six months." This may not be known to a number of young gentlemen in this place who are in the habit of carrying revolvers. A word to the wise, &c.

—Mr. David Dreisbach, of this place, lately purchased a horse of Charles Straup, of Lehigh Gap. Consideration $60.

—Mr. C. A. Buck has rented the farm of Mrs. Hill for the season, and begins work at once.

—On May 1st the tax on tobacco will be reduced from 24 to 16 cents per pound.

—The prospect of better times is putting new life into all classes of people.

—This is the season of the year when advertising pays. Every man who is doing business should speak out through the ADVOCATE, and let the people know where they are and what they have to sell.

—Counterfeit trade dollars are around.

—The Big Creek was considerably swollen by the rains of last week.

—Quite a number of planks on the bridge over the Big Creek, at Daniel Krum's are in very poor condition, and should be replaced before an accident happens.

—But little farm work was done last week on account of the rain.

—Dr. German, of Lehighton, was at this place on Wednesday on professional business.

—Prof. J. F. Snyder gave us a friendly call on Wednesday.

—Mrs. Jno. Smith is very ill at the present writing. She is attended by Dr. German, under whose skill I hope she may soon be restored.

—A lightning rod agent was at this place on Wednesday.

—Miss Kate Wagner opened a select school in the Maria Furnace school house on Tuesday of this week.

—Mr. Benjamin Shoenberger, of this place, lately found a bunch of keys. The owner can have them by calling at the residence of Mr. S.

—Bleeding of a wound, in man or beast, can be stopped by a mixture of wheat flour and common salt, in equal parts, bound on with a cloth.

—Rubbing the hands with a slice of raw potato will remove vegetable stains.

—The greater part of the schools in Franklin and Towamensing townships have already been promised or engaged for next winter.

—The conference of the Evangelical Association will be held in the Weissport church, this (Saturday) at 2 p. m., and on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by the Presiding Elder. REVERE.

From the County Seat.

PREPARING FOR SUMMER.—The Mansion House, and in fact, all the hotels, are preparing for the summer business, and private residences are being garnished and grounds and groves trimmed. The walls around the handsome premises of Mrs. Belford are being repaired and added to, and E. M. Mulhearn, Esq. is having a mountain wall built in the rear of his premies. T. J. Fister is contractor for the latter work. These operations impart to the County Seat an animated, busy and cheerful aspect, and makes one half forget the poltical volcanoes that slumber in the bosoms of the "Switzerlanders of America," and dream of the flowery side of life, where universal Peace and Fraternity are singing a requiem at the grave of Strife.

—SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.—Albin Stolle, Esq., has been appointed, under the provisions of the law, Sealer of Weights and Measures for this county, he having been commissioned on Wednesday, and the oath of office administered. His headquarters will be in Mauch Chunk, and he will enter upon the duties of his office forthwith. Mr. Stolle will no doubt fill the position with ability and fidelity; and as the authorities have decided to have such an officer in Carbon county, it is believed here by many that the appointment of Mr. Stolle is a well-timed one. The term of the office is three years.

THE COURTS.—The civil docket has kept the Court engaged up to this writing, but civil cases are always of more interest to those engaged in them than to the outside breathing world. They grow out of the *ex parte* opinions of individuals as to their rights and privileges under the intricate provisions of the law, and are the fat oysters which are eaten by the lawyers, leaving the shells for the clients to dream over. Few disinterested persons have attended the sessions of the Courts this week.

—IN GENERAL.—The "Haymakers" are fitting up the banqueting hall of the Mansion House, for their entertainment next Tuesday evening. The "Haymakers" is one of the most brilliant and entertaining cantatas put on the stage in this country; and as the proceeds of the entertainment are to be given to the poor, a large house will no doubt greet the performance.

—Mr. Obie S. Keiser, for several years employed at the Broadway House, removed from here on Thursday to Slatington, where he goes into business on his own account. He carries with him the best wishes of numerous friends for his success.

—Daniel Sheridan has fitted up his restaurant, on Susquehanna street, in a most tasteful style. C. H. Hummel painted the signs on Thursday. The place is named "Sheridan's Headquarters."

—The Court refused to grant a restaurant license to do business in the Odd Fellows' Hall, to Leopold Reiss on the grounds that there are enough of restaurants in Mauch Chunk to accommodate the public. The Court has been petitioned to recind the action.

—There are only four prisoners in the county jail. At this rate, the county will not save enough, this year, by the economic reduction in the price for boarding prisoners to pay the salary of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, much less the bonded debt. Economy! Economy! where art thou?

—The Democratic Club-room, in Oak Hall will be ready for occupancy next week.

Another Spring Arrival.

E. H. Snyder, having just returned from New York city, is now opening another immense line of the latest and most fashionable designs in ladies dress goods, notions and general dry goods, to which he invites the especial attention of the ladies of Lehighton and vicinity. The prices of goods at this store will be found to be fully as low as goods of like quality can be obtained elsewhere.

East Penn Dots

—Predictions of more snow.

—J. S. Webb and Emanuel Clauss passed through this place on Saturday last, subpœnaing witnesses for court.

—Church on Sunday at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m.

—Eggs sell at 12 cents per dozen; butter, 20 cents per pound.

—Our farmers are busily engaged now in plowing and sowing oats.

—The remains of two children of Lafayette Freyman, of Tannersville, formerly of this place, were interred in the Ben Salem Cemetery on Monday. The remains were followed to the grave by a large concourse of relatives and friends. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community.

—A child, aged 4 years, 8 months, 11 days, of Joseph Grier, of Lehighton, was interred in the same cemetery on Tuesday.

—A large concourse of relatives and friends followed the remains of the young wife, Mrs. Emaline Druckenmiller to their last resting-place on Thursday of last week. She was a daughter of Mr. Stephen Louchnore.

—The spelling-bee on Monday evening, at the Lizard Creek school house, was largely attended.

—Mr. J. A. Nothstein has returned from the West, and he brings no encouragement for others to go. We welcome him home again.

—John Gresley moved to Stein's Corner, Lehigh Co., last Tuesday. Levi Guldner will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Gresley.

—Lizard Creek school closed on Wednesday of last week, which closed the school term in our district.

—Wm. Fenstermacher, of Laury's, visited some of his friends in East Penn last Sunday.

—Owen Smith and a few of his friends were on a visit to Nathan Kolb, last Sunday.

—Mrs. Jacob Zeigler, of West Penn, died on Friday last. She was buried on Monday in the stone church cemetery. Mrs. Zeigler was a sister of Henry Nothstein, late of your borough, now of Kansas.

—Isaac Dauber, of the East Penn Mills, is doing a flourishing business. He says he can "Go it alone."

—The paupers are trying to support themselves since the poor directors have agreed to rent a house for them. When they heard of it they used some hard words, and swore they could support themselves.

—Elias George is busy making railroad ties and car lumber on the tract of land he bought from the Albright farm.

—P. J. Kistler has employed three men to clear the ground on the Holschoe farm, which he bought this winter. There are some improvements needed, which no doubt Mr. K, will make.

—The Kansas fever has died out with us—some had to pay "big doctor bills" before they were cured.

UNCLE SAM.

Towamensing Brevities.

—The weather has been quite favorable for spring work these last few days.

—Grass butter will soon be edging its way on our tables.

—Advertising may deplete a tradesman's stock, but it never runs down his credit.

—I am in receipt of a letter from James Driesbach, formerly of this place, but now of Hollyrood, Ellsworth co., Kansas, bearing date April 14. He states in the letter that times are good at that place, and that they havn't had any rain since September last.

—Farmers are busily engaged in sowing oats this week.

—Mr. John D. Long, of Slatington, was at this place on a visit on Monday last.

—Allen Buck, who has been confined to the house for some time, is now able to walk around the house on crutches.

—Miss Lillie S. Seidel, of this place, left for Allentown on Tuesday last, where she intends to complete the remainder of her term in learning the millinery trade. We wish her success.

—The Lutherians will hold the preparatory services at the Jerusalem church, at Trachsville, on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be administered by the Rev. Mr. Strauss, minister in charge.

—Mr. Reuben Leves of this place, who has been sick for several weeks, is now again able to do an ordinary day's work. Mr. L was thought by some persons to have the tobacco consumption.

—The photographer, Mr. Stuffle, who lately resided at Kresgeville, removed his studio to Weissport, where he is doing a flourishing business. Mr. S, is a good artist and does well whereever located.

—The house and barn of Charles Christman, of Wild Creek Kettle, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday last. Whether insured or not I was unable to learn.

—Mr. William Lovett who lately moved to Tulleytown, returned to this place on Tuesday last and will remain a few weeks; in the mean time he will saw a number of fence posts, which he intends to send to the farm at Tulleytown. MERCURY

Packerton Ripples.

—Dr. Boylon met with a painful but not serious accident this week, in making a coupling his finger was caught by one of the links and the flesh torn from the bone. Dr. De Young dressed it and our veteran Dr. continues work—"What signifies such a trifle," he says, "to an old soldier."

—One of our young Benedicts—not a resident of Packerton, however—visited his fair one somewhere in Jersey, but if rumor is correct he was not successful in inducing her to migrate to this State.

—F. P. Lentz, has been in charge of the telegraph department here at night, during the absence of the regular operator.

—Mr. L. W. Schoonover of Perth Amboy, in charge of the blacksmith department there, was visiting his friends here. He looks well, and says the climate agrees with him.

—Rev. Mr. Pickop will preach a sermon to the young, next Sabbath morning, in the M. E. church here.

—James Barton, machinist for the L. V. RR. Co., here, will remove to Tamaqua, having secured a good position there. A good citizen, he will be missed here.

—The usual visit of one of our school directors with Easter eggs, to be followed with oranges, made our little ones glad. Some of our people think it points to a second term. Perhaps the thing will boom soon.

—The prediction as to another snow storm, was verified the other day. We submit now, and will not take issue again with our friend David.

—We think there has been enough said against T. D. Clauss, in the several papers, he is now attempting to regain his feet. Let one and all give him a helping hand. There has been a subject of abuse. ANON.

Serious Mine Accident.

The Hazleton *Sentinel* gives the following account of a mine accident in that vicinity: on Tuesday afternoon a serious accident occurred at the Upper Mines of A. Pardee & Co., occasioned by the explosion of fire-damp, in which two miners, named Henry Hugo and Jacob Fey, were severely, if not fatally burned. From what we can learn the two men were engaged in mining coal in a breast. It is supposed the gas or fire damp had accumulated overhead. They fired a shot and retired to crosheadings for safety. A fall of coal occurred, which it is supposed, scattered the fire damp, or gas, and it was driven to where the men were, and coming in contact with their lamps, exploded, forcing the men out to the gangway. Hugo had three ribs broken and was severely burned. He is in a critical condition. Fey had a leg broken and was severely burned. They both have families. Hugo resides at Sugarloaf and Fey lives at the Mines. They are being cared for by Drs. Casselberry and Longshore.

—Lehighton M. E. church, Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor — To-morrow (Sunday), at 10:30 a. m. Subject—"Healing Leaves;" 2 p. m., Sunday school; 6:30 p. m., young men's prayer meeting; 7:30 p. m., children's church, subject—"The Children of Jesus." All are welcome.

—Do not fail to read our interesting correspondence of Sampan life in China.

Ministerial and S. S. Conventions

Programme of the Allentown District Ministerial Convention, of the Evangelical Association, to be held in the Evangelical Church, at Slatington, Lehigh county, Pa., commencing on Monday evening, May 26th, 1879, at 7:30 P. M., and continuing until Wednesday noon, the 28th:

1. Sermon on the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, by .....Francis Hoffman
2. Is Man Immortal by Creation or Preservation? by .....W. K. Wieand
3. The Inspiration of the Holy Scriptures, by .....D. Yingst
4. Liberal Christianity, and its relation to our Church, by .....B. J. Smoyer
5. Is the Second Advent of Christ pre or post Millennial, by .....H. Stetzel
6. Distinction between Matter and Spirit, by .....J. K. Seyfrit
7. The Internal and External Evidences of our Adoption, by .....E. Butz
8. Is a Preacher justifiable to use Personalities in the Pulpit? by .B. H. Miller
9. The Elements of Success in the Evangelical Association, (general subject opened), by .....Geo. T. Haines

The Sunday School Convention will commence on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock and continue until Thursday evening, the 29th, the following is the order of exercises:

1. Sunday School Organization, by James Bowman
2. The Pastor in the Sunday School, by J. C. Bliem
3. The Superintendent in the Sunday School, by .....C. H. Baker
4. The Teacher in the Sunday School, by .....P. Wannamaker
5. The Scholars in the Sunday School, by .....Wm. Craig
6. The Infants in the Sunday School, by .....Clarence Weiss
7. The Parents in the Sunday School, by .....J. M. Rinker
8. The Visitor in the Sunday School, by .....W. C. Weiss
9. The Work and Aim of the Sunday School, by .....H. D. Shultz
10. The Duty of the Church to the Sunday School, by .....D. Lentz

A grand Children's Meeting will be held on Thursday evening, May 29th, at 7:30 P. M., to be addressed by H. D. Shultz, B. J. Smoyer, C. K. Fehr and D. Lentz.

Each School in the District is entitled to One Delegate, who is urgently requested to attend the Convention.

Delegates should report to Rev. J. C. Bliem, Slatington, Lehigh county, Penn'a, before the 21st day of May.

The Coal Trade.

The anthracite coal trade is in the same unsettled condition that it has been reported weekly for the past month or two. The rumors of efforts on the part of the coal producers to combine and control the market are frequent, and one is no sooner shown to have little or any truth in it than a new one, or an old one in a new guise, is started to take its place, each succeeding another in rapid succession. The acknowledged facts of the trade are anomalous and entirely inexplicable in any logical way. The demand for coal is quite active, and sales are pretty generally a good way ahead of delivery. Ordinarily this condition of affairs would stiffen and advance the prices of coal in the open market, but the actual fact shows up to the present generally lower prices. This indicates some countervailing influence not natural to the trade itself. Higher prices than are now realized for fuel could be had for the asking if the market presents its true condition. Whenever buyers are weeks in advance in purchasing their supply of coal then has come the period precedent in the market for an advance of prices. And higher prices would now be uncomplainingly paid. A good many persons in the trade are of opinion that the influences that now tend to steadily sink prices on an active demand for coal is traceable to speculations in the stocks of several of the coal carrying companies, and the officers and managing men of two or three of the New York companies are being charged with going "long" or selling "short" their own stocks. This, if true, is criminal, though the penalty is not specified in the code. It is easy to make charges, but it is difficult, except by some such presumption as intimated, to account for the anomalous fact of declining prices attending on an active demand in the market. There is probably a competition among the carrying companies to keep up a full tonnage as against their rivals that would induce low transportation charges, and so keep down the price of coal, but it is not supposed that the losing prices on coal could or would be so long continued for such an object as they have been. The losses on coal must, however, soon find an end. There are evidences of this latter fact daily more apparent, and several prominent and influential men, both in and out of the trade, during the last ten days have been exerting their influence with the several large parties in the trade to come to some rational conclusions and do something that will save the trade from the general bankruptcy that is now threatened.—*Ledger*, Monday.

OBITUARY.

General John A. Dix died at his residence in New York city, at about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night, in the 81st year of his age. This venerable man has long been a prominent figure in American history, and as soldier, lawyer, United States Senator, Cabinet Minister, diplomat, Governor of a great Commonwealth, officer of the richest, and most powerful Church corporation in the country, orator and author, his name was a familiar word to his fellow-citizens in all parts of the United States.

About five weeks ago General Dix was attacked by a painful disease. His spirits did not desert him, and he entertained until very recently a strong belief in his early recovery. A week ago last Saturday, however, while endeavoring to sit up in bed, his arm slipped from under him, and the fall backward which resulted, while it would probably have been unimportant in the case of a younger man, was sufficient to fracture his collar-bone. The shock and pain were too much for his already sadly exhausted system, and he lost all hope of recovery. He began to sink rapidly, and last Saturday morning he became unconscious, remaining in that condition with but short intervals of partial consciousness until his death. On Friday evening he sent for Bishop Potter, who remained with him for some time, and he also dictated a farewell message to be sent by telegraph to his daughter, Mrs. Walsh who lives in Japan. His other daughter, Mrs. Blake, and his son the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, Rector of Trinity Church, has been with him almost constantly since his illness became alarming.

John Adams Dix was born at Boscawen, N. H., July 24, 1798. During the war of 1812-'15 he served on the northern frontier, with the rank of Ensign and as Adjutant of a batallion. About 1828 he commenced the practice of the law, at Cooperstown, N. Y., and became identified with the Democratic party. In 1830 he was appointed Adjutant General of the state of New York, and in 1833, Secretary of State and Superintendent of Common Schools. In 1842, he was elected to the Assembly, and in 1845 he was chosen to fill a vacancy in the United States Senate, caused by the election of Silas Wright as Governor. On the slavery question he was considered the exponent of the free soil section of the Democratic party in New York, whose candidate he was for Governor in 1848, but was defeated. In 1853 he was appointed by President Pierce Assistant Treasurer of the United States at New York, but soon resigned. On December 10, Howell Cobb resigned his post as Secretary of the Treasury in President Buchanan's Cabinet to join the fortunes of his State—Georgia—in the secession movement, and on the 15th of January, in 1861, General Dix was appointed to the Secretaryship. In this position it was his fortune to issue an order in connection with which it is possible his name is more widely known than from any other of his many public acts, viz: "If any one attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot."

Upon the accession of Mr. Lincoln to the Presidency, Secretary Dix was succeeded in the Treasury Department by Hon. Salmon P. Chase, and, at the breaking out of the civil war, the ex-Secretary was appointed Major General in the New York militia, and on May 16, 1861, he was commissioned Major General U. S. Volunteers. Four days afterward a mass meeting of citizens of New York was held in Union Square, at which General Dix presided, to express their determination to uphold the authority of the Government. The meeting was opened with prayer by the venerable Dr. Spear of the Brick Church, after which General Dix made an address, the closing sentence of which created intense enthusiasm. He said: "Let us remember that nothing could be so disastrous, so humiliating and so disreputable to us all as to see the common Government overthrown, or its legitimate authority successfully resisted. Let us then rally with one heart to its support. I believe it will act with all the moderation and forebearance consistent with the preservation of the great interests confided to it. There is no choice left but to acquiesce in its surrender to revolutionary leaders, or to give it the means it needs for defense, for self-preservation, and for the assertion of its authority, holding it responsible for their legitimate use. Fellow citizens, we stand before the statue of the Father of his country. The flag of the Union which floats over it hung above him when he presided over the Convention by which the Constitution was framed. The great work of his life has been rejected, and the banner by which his labors were consecrated has been trampled in the dust. If the inanimate bronze in which the sculptor has shaped his image could be changed to the living form which led the armies of the revolution to victory, he would command us in the name of the hosts and patriots and political martyrs who have gone before, to strike for the defense of the Union and the Constitution."

Soon after receiving his commission General Dix was placed in the command of the Department of Maryland, with headquarters at Baltimore. In June 1862 he was transferred to Fortres Monroe. In July 1863 he was stationed in New York, and was military commander during the draft riots. He commanded the department of the East during 1864-5. In September 1866 he was appointed U. S. Minister to France, and held the position until 1868, when he resigned and returned to New York. In 1872 he was nominated by the republicans for Governor of New York and elected by a very large majority. He was renominated in 1874, but was defeated by Mr. Tilden, and since then he has not held any prominent political position.

General Dix being in possession of an ample estate, has always devoted much attention to literature and art. For some time he conducted the *Northern Light*, a literary journal published at Albany; and he was for many years one of the regents of the University of the State of New York, a position which he resigned in 1878, owing to advanced age and more pressing occupations. He was the author of a very fine translation of the old Latin hymn, "Dies Iræ." "Resources of the City of New York" 1837; "Decisions of the Superintendent of Common Schools of New York" 1837; "A winter in Madeira" 1851; "A summer in Spain and Florence," 1855; and two volumes of "Speeches," 1864. For several years past he has been Registrar of the corporation of Trinity church, of which his son the Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix is the rector, and in this position has had charge of the vast real estate and other temporal interests of that wealthy corporation. He was re-elected to the position of registrar at the Easter election held last week.

HOW TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

Many hundred thousand dollars are annually expended by ladies, for "artificial" appliances to hide the shrunken and wasted form, or the sallow skin, blotches, or liver spots, which are due to female weakness, dyspepsia, torpid liver, and constipation, If a small per cent. of this sum were invested in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, ladies would soon *really* be what they now seem to be. It readily corrects those weaknesses and diseases upon which debility and emaciation depends. It cures dyspepsia by toning up the system, and when used in connection with Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets, speedily overcomes all irregularities of the liver and bowels. No "bloom of youth," no "beautifier of the complexion," can impart such permanent beauty of the face and form as Dr. Pierce's health-giving Favorite Prescription.

NEWS GOSSIP.

—A neighber informs us that his wife never knew a quiet night until the doctor prescribed Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup for her little one.

Gen. Rosser, chief engineer of the North ern Pacific Railroad, says that the migrating negroes who take employment under him will work less than is required on Southern plantations, and get more pay. The 500 already hired will, if they desire, be enabled to establish themselves as farmers on the line.

The *Observatore Romano* publishes a Latin brief, wherein the Pope enjoins that, to the prayer "Blessed be the holy Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary," be added the words "Mother of God," and that to whoever devoutly recites these additional words will be conceded 300 days' indulgence.

—Life needs safeguards, not only on the ocean, and on the land, and among the busy marts of commerce, but in the household protections are needed against that most dreaded of all evils, Consumption, arising from a slight cold, neglected. The best passport to safety, is Dr. Haas' Expectorant.

Wednesday morning, about ten o'clock, the "night shift" men in No. 10 colliery of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company, at Sugar Notch, were warned by breaking and cracking noises that the mine or part of it was about to cave in. They immediately sent a boy, named John Clark, to the face of the east gangway, where six men were at work, to notify them of what was happening between their gangway and the opening. These men, however with the messenger, were cut off by the caving of the mine, all the others escaping. The names of the imprisoned men are Edward Price, Charles Hawkins, James Greene, Patrick Greene, Barney Riley and William Kinney and the boy, John Clark. They were buried in the safest part of the mine, and two hundred men were at once set digging for their release, it being calculated that it would be necessary to dig to a depth of only 20 feet. Nothing further has been reported concerning the disaster.

Leadville, the new Eldorado in Colorado, is built exclusively of wood, and a prediction is current in the city that it will soon be burnt in order to let the carpenters and lumberers build it over again. Two attempts have already been made to burn it; a guest of the Grand Hotel, coming up from dinner, found some shavings in a blaze under his bed, and a lot of boxes and kindling in the rear of a restaurant were lighted, but extinguished by the cook, who happened to step out that way. Still new houses are daily run up as if by magic.

A meeting was called in Eureka, Cal., to express disapprobation of Senator Comin's course in the Legislature, but before it had been called to order the Senator himself walked in, took the platform, and made a brief speech in defense of his acts. Then he went down among the audience, shook his fists in the faces of men who had started the movement against him, drew a revolver and dared any to present the resolutions. The meeting was formerly adjourned.

MISERABLENESS.

The most wonderful and marvelous success, in cases where persons are sick or pining away from a condition of miserableness, that no one knows what ails them, (profitable patients for doctors,) is obtained by the use of Hop Bitters. They begin to cure from the first dose and keep it up until perfect health and strength is restored. Whoever is afflicted in this way need not suffer, when they can get Hop Bitters. See "Truths" and "Proverbs" in another column.

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U. S. 10-40's		called	
U. S. Currency, 6's	123½	bid	124½ asked
U. S. 5's 1881, new	101½	bid	102½ asked
U. S. 4½'s new	103½	bid	104½ asked
U. S. 4's new	103½	bid	104½ asked
Pennsylvania R. R.	54½	bid	54¾ asked
Phila & Reading R. R.	14½	bid	14¾ asked
Lehigh Valley R. R.	54½	bid	54¾ asked
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