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The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 1879.

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.

—Don't you forget the free Sour Kraut Lunch at Lewis Christman's saloon to-night (Saturday). All are welcome, and beer only five cents for a "big" glass.

—A little daughter of Michael Hoary, of Locust Gap, Pa., disappeared a few weeks ago, and was supposed to have been stolen by gypsies. Her body was found in the creek at Mount Carmel on Sunday.

—Lost, on Saturday last, a gold cuff button. The finder will be rewarded on leaving it with F. E. Whitney at the L. & S. Depot, Lehighton.

—List of unclaimed letters in the Packerton post-office, May 10, 1879: Penrose George, Richard Link, Christian Schmidt.
L. MCDANIEL, P. M.

—Pobo Poco Tribe, Imp. O. R. M. of Weissport, have received permission from Geo. Ruddle, Esq., to hold their pic nic, on the ground near the L. & S. depot, this borough, on July 4th.

—A number of house painters can secure work with Chas. H. Hummel, at Mauch Chunk. Wages $1.40 per day and prompt pay.

—A new counterfeit $5 note, on the National Bank of Pawling, N. Y., appeared in New York city Monday. It is altered from the Tumaqua and Hanover (Pa.) plate issues which circulated largely a few months ago.

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

—Parties going west can get tickets from Bert. Seabodlt, 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.

—At Allentown, Tuesday morning, a boy named Nagel tumbled from a wagon and was killed by a barrel of water falling upon him and crushing his head.

—The 132d annual meeting of the German Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent States will be held in Lebanon, commencing Trinity Sunday, June 8th.

—A convict by the name of Racker, who escaped from the Easton jail on the 11th of February, 1878, was last week recaptured at New Brunswick, New Jersey, and brought back to serve out his term.

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

—For cheap Farm Land in Carbon county, inquire at N. D. Cortright, Mauch Chunk. 24-37

—For the week ending May 9th the L. & S. railroad transported 104,308 tons of coal, making a total of 1,288,636 tons for the season to that date, an increase of 657,139 tons as compared with the same date last year.

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.

—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.

—The forest fires in Luzerne, Lackawanna Wayne and Pike counties, in this State, continued Monday, and an extensive conflagration on Pocono Mountain is reported, in addition to the previous fires. Near Pittston and Moosic, powder mills were threatened by the surrounding flames. In Pike county the fire penetrated Blooming Grove Park, devastating fifty acres of timber and destroying some deer. Fires are also burning on the mountains in Lebanon and Berks counties. Immense fires are raging in the Catskill Mountains, in New York, the flames being visible from the Hudson river at night. The burned district covers 7000 acres.

—Proposals will be received by W. M. Rapsher until Monday, May 19th, 1879, to paint the fair building of the Carbon County Industrial Society, at Lehighton and separate proposals will be received to white wash the fence around the entire grounds on both sides and the stands on the grounds. The work must be satisfactory or no pay.

—Archibald Dick, formerly of this place, but for the past two or three years resident in Hazleton, died at the home of his brother Charles Dick, in that borough, at about six o'clock on Sunday evening last. Deceased was very highly respected by a large circle of friends. His age was about 53 years.

—There were 100,986 tons of anthracite coal shipped over the Lehigh Valley railroad for the week ending May 10, making a total for the season of 1,555,208 tons. An increase of 32,843 tons as compared with last year.

—What are our patriotic citizens doing to properly commemorate our heroic dead, this year, at the approaching Decoration Day? Are they bestirring themselves as the occasion requires? If not, let it be remembered that the time draws near. A week from next Friday is the day. There are several reasons this year why the day should be made especially memorable at the graves of the heroes who laid down their lives at their country's shrine in the late war. After fourteen years of national peril, the glorious principles for which they died have triumphed, the dark clouds have been rent, and the rainbow of peace and prosperity once more spans our horizon. With thoughts like these let there be a special gathering at the resting-places of our honored heroes in this vicinity a week from Friday.

—We certainly take no pleasure in doing so, but feel it to be a painful duty rather, to call the attention of our Chief Burgess to the wretched condition, in many cases, of the sidewalks throughout our borough. Our neighbors around us, fired with a commendable spirit of improvement, are remodeling and repairing their old hard-time sidewalks. Why not a little of that spirit spread out in this direction? Surely none of them have boroughs more favored by nature than ours. But what signifies charming flower gardens, vernal foliage, and handsome ladies, when the pedestrian on the sidewalks dares not turn his head to look at them for fear of falling into a hole from which he only picks himself up to make off for the vender of salves and liniments? And then there are numerous instances of little stagnant pools of water which by and by will breed pestilence. It is hoped that Burgess Kuntz will take this matter very seriously to heart.

—The large and valuable iron mine near Fogelsville, known as Kramlich's ore bed, was last week re-started with a strong force of hands, and large quantities of the mineral are now again being raised and shipped to the Crane Furnaces at Catasauqua.

—The Legislature has passed the bill finally "to encourage the training and improvement of horses." It declares that the existing laws against racing, enacted in 1820, should not apply to agricultural societies offering premiums for trials of speed in horses—walking, trotting, and pacing—or to trials of speed in horses in any incorporated driving park. The act has been approved by the Governor, and is now a law. The trotting or racing at fairs is one of their principal attractions, is attended with no demoralizing effects, and is certainly a great stimulant to the cultivation of the highest breeds of the noble animal.

—The wife of D. D. Jones, a well known slate operator at Slatington, died on Thursday of last week, after a long suffering with inflammatory rheumatism.

—Don't fail to secure a ticket for the lecture at the Evangelical church, this borough, on the evening of the 30th inst., by Rev. James Bowman, of Allentown, subject —"My Soldier Life." Admission, 15 cents.

—On Friday evening, June 6th, a temperance meeting will be held in the Evangelical church, Weissport, upon which occasion, Rev. Mr. Wiest, of Schuylkill Haven, will deliver an address. Programme will be published in a few days.

—If you want a good mower or reaper, go to J. L. Gabel, Lehighton, agent for the Champion. Also Super-Phosphate of Lime at bottom prices.

—If you wanta nice smooth, easy shave, your hair cut or shampooing, go to Franz Roederer's Saloon, under the Exchange Hotel. He will fix you right, and don't you forget it.

—CENTENNIAL PREMIUM WINE.—Physicians have used Speer's Port Grape Wine of New Jersey and having applied to it the strictest test pronounce it a pure wine, and recommend it to the aged and infirm, and for general use, where wine is desirable, as the most reliable of wines, to be had. It received the highest award at the Centennial exhibition. Druggists sell it.

—Says Monday's *Ledger*: The future of the anthracite coal trade we think brightens a little. There is a fair demand for coal in the present and a near future promise of an advance in the prices of coal. The prices of some of the smallest sizes of coal were reduced very slightly after the auction sale of coal at New York, but with that exception there is no change in the situation. The production of coal, however, barely keeps pace with the demand by reason of one impediment or another at various places in the coal regions. The supply of coal thus lessening the orders for coal are more numerous and the demand for it more urgent. There is believed to be an existing demand for all the coal for which there is transportation facilities to put into the market. This, it is believed, will obviate the necessity of calling a half mouth's suspension, as has been hinted, or, indeed, of any suspension at all at this time.

—One of the school board inspectors asked a small pupil of what the surface of the earth consists, and was promptly answered, land and water. He varied the question slightly that the fact might be impressed on the boy's mind, and asked. "What, then, do land water make?" to which came the prompt response, "Mud." But it matters not to David Ebbert, he is always ready to furnish teams at low prices.

—E. H. Hohl, watchmaker and jeweler, South st., Lehighton, has just received a large variety of jewelry which he is offering at very low prices for cash; he also calls attention to those desiring watches or repairing to the following named railroad men, for whom he has done considerable work, who are fully able to speak for his ability as a workman and as to his moderate charges: Messrs. Wm. H. Kellog, W. Solliday, C. J. Somers, C. Miller, H. Mulnauf, P. Music, G. Lewis, A. C. McClays, Jac. Schock, C. H. Sweeney and Dr. W. G. M. Seiple.

Splinters from West Penn.

—Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

—Church on Sunday at 2 P. M.

—The farmers have finished sowing oats, and are now busily engaged making preparations to plant corn.

—Make the best of life, for it is short.

—Our creeks are very low, and millers are complaining of the scarcity of water.

—We noticed that our friend James Mantz is at home again, and we welcome his return.

—People of this place have organized a Sunday school, and we are happy to state the same because it is a good thing. Among the strangers present on last Sunday we noticed Messrs. J. A Nothstein and Tilghman Gubliner, of East Penn

—The good wife of Mr. Philip Ginder, presented him with a daughter, and he considers it a good gift.

—Mr. J. A. Nothstein, of East Penn, is a frequent visitor at this place, and we hope he will soon stay with us.

—Miss Jane Drizzle will soon leave this place, and go to her home in East Penn.

—Miss Sarah Walker, of Mauch Chunk, was visiting her friends at this place last week.
CHIPS.

M. E. Church Mite Society.

Lehighton, May 3.—The Mite Society met at the house of Mr. William Kemerer. Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor, president of the meeting. The following officers were unanimously elected for six months:

Mrs. Dr. Reber, President.
Mrs. J. P. Miller, Vice-President.
Mrs. F. P. Lonastreet, Secretary.
Mrs. Wm. Kemerer, Treasurer.

An executive committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Durling, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Lesh, Mrs. Wheatley, Mrs. F. P. Lentz and Mrs. Ada Kreamer.

The following ladies were appointed collectors—Mrs. Dan. Graver, Miss Olewine, Mrs. Van Liew and Mrs. Lesh.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to prepare books for the collectors.

A motion was made and carried, that the next meeting be held at the residence of Dr. N. H. Reber.

A motion was made and carried, that the money collected be paid to the pastor, to go toward parsonage expenses.

After prayer by brother Caffery, the meeting closed with singing of doxology and benediction. SECRETARY.

—It frequently happens that severe pain is very greatly relieved by thorough purgation. Use Dr. Bull's Baltimore Pills for this purpose. Price 25 cts.

An Important Railroad Lease.

The following circular, issued Wednesday evening to station agents and other employees of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, conveys information of an important lease of property which will greatly extend the lines and connections of the company.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING R. R. CO., office 227 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, May 14, 1879.—Circular.—The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company this day takes possession as lessees of the railroads, rolling stock, real estate, property, plant and traffic of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad Company.

The General Manager, Chief Engineer, General Freight Agent, Treasurer, and Comptroller will at once assume charge of such portions and details of the property and traffic of the said two Companies as pertain to their respective departments.

By order of the Board of Managers.
FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, President.

In compliance with the above order the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company took possession of the railroads of the North Pennsylvania Railroad Company and the Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad Company, under leases for nine hundred and ninety years. We are informed, says the Philadelphia *Ledger*, by the officers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company that the principal object in leasing these lines was to secure an independent outlet for coals by rail to the waters of New York Bay. The coal tonnage of the Reading Company destined for the waters of New York is from one million to one million and a half of tons, and, with proper facilities for its transportation and delivery, the volume of this traffic is, of course capable of great expansion in the future. With the new line in connection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey, the Reading Railroad Company will, in common with the other principal transporters and miners of coal, have its own line into New York and be no longer shut out of the market during the winter months. The present actual cash cost to the Reading Company for moving coal from Philadelphia to New York is 85 cents per ton; but by the new railroad and continuations of the present rail route it can readily be done for 50 cents per ton, which will amount to a cash saving of several hundred thousand dollars a year to the Company. We understand that it is the intention of the Reading Company to make its Ninth and Green street station the Philadelphia terminus of the leased lines, and it it is expected that the increased local passenger traffic to be secured by the change of station will add largely to the receipts of both roads. The terms of the leases provide for annual rentals, payable quarterly, sufficient in amount to pay the interest on the obligations of each of the two leased companies, and to give to the shareholders of each dividends of six per cent for the first two years, seven per cent. for the next two years, and eight per cent. for all subsequent years. It is expected that these rentals will be about $60,000 per annum more than the present traffic would justify; but it is believed that the change of terminus will at once add to the receipts of the line very much more than the above deficiency, and thus practically give to the Reading Railroad an outlet to New York for coal, without any additional cost whatever, except that of the trains engaged in hauling it, the wear and tear of roadway, and the moderate trackage payment to be made to the Central Railroad of New Jersey for the use of about twenty-five miles of its line, leaving the large amount of saving per annum on coal transportation to the credit of the Reading Railroad Company as its profit on the transportation. When we take into consideration the large deficits annually paid by some of our greatest companies as the result of the traffic upon the lines they have either built or leased in order to get a terminal outlet in New York, it will be considered greatly to the benefit of the Reading Railroad Company that it has been able to accomplish the same end, not only without loss, but with the strongest probability of actual gain.

Daring Attempted Burglary.

About one o'clock Monday night some of the members of the family of Thomas Kemerer, Esq., heard a suspicious noise in the entrance-way between their residence and the building next door below, belonging to Mrs. Granville Clauss, in the lower story of which is located the cigar manufactory and tobacconist store of Koch Brothers. Looking from the window of Mr. Kemerer's residence, three men were discovered in the act of prying off the shutters to one of the windows of the cigar store. The burglars finding that they were discovered, made a hasty retreat. Word was sent to William Koch, one of the proprietors, who lodges at the Exchange Hotel, and on arriving he found that if they had been unmolested for a short time longer, the burglars would have effected an entrance to the interior of the store. Two first-rate 1½-inch chisels were left behind by the thieves in their hasty exit. The chisels are sharp, bright, and show unmistakable evidence of having been recently used by some carpenter or builder. As an evidence that the theft had been preconcerted and the operators had a good idea of the building, the window attacked was the weakest point in the building, although perhaps the most exposed. A rear door would have furnished a far better shelter for operation; but this was probably known to one or more of them to be securely fastened with iron bolts and bars. It was a daring attempt at burglary; for in addition to its proximity to Mr. Kemerer's residence, the upper stories and rear of the building are used by Mrs. Clauss' family as a residence. There were at least five in the gang, two of whom were picketing the street while the others were doing the shop-lifting. It is believed that the gang are known, and a sharp eye, that seldom fails to single out its man, is shadowing them.

Sunday Services.

LEHIGHTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, Rev. B. J. Snoyer, pastor, Sunday May 18th—9 a. m., Prayer meeting; 10 a. m., German preaching; 1 p. m., Teachers meeting; 2 p. m., Sunday School; 6:30 p. m. Prayer and praise meeting; 7:30 English preaching. All are welcome.

LEHIGHTON M. E. CHURCH, Rev. J. C. Miller, pastor—Sunday, May 18.—10.30 a. m., subject, "The Prayer of Jabez;" 2 p. m., Sunday School; 6.30 p. m., Young Men's Prayer Meeting; 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Best Purchase and Worst Sale." All cordially invited.

East Pennsylvania Classis.

The East Pennsylvania Classis of the Reformed Church in the United States will meet in annual session, in Zion's Reformed Church of this place, on Monday, the 18th instant, at 2 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon will be preached in the evening by the President, Rev. D. Y. Heistler, of Easton, in the English language. As all the sessions and services are open and free to all, a good attendance is expected.

The sessions will continue till Friday or Saturday.

Two children of Frank Carroll, a farmer, living near Vandalia, Ill., perished Monday by the burning of a crib filled with corn husks, in which they were playing.

Mauch Chunk Notes.

—DEATH OF MRS. LENTZ.—Mary M., wife of Mr. Lafayette Lentz, died on Sunday morning last, at the age of 52 years. She was a woman of marked excellence, possessing all the Christian virtues, and widely known for her open-handed and munificent benevolence. She was highly respected, and her death is sincerely mourned by an extended circle of relatives and friends. All sympathize with the afflicted family in their bereavement. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Deceased was a daughter of the long since deceased John Schwartz, of Schwartz's Dam, above Catasauqua, and a sister to Mr. Christian Schwartz of Allentown, and of Mrs. Dr. H. De Young, of this borough. A large concourse composed of the prominent citizens of Mauch Chunk, followed the remains to the grave. The body was laid to rest in the Lehighton Cemetery: Rev. Edsall Ferrier performed the funeral rites.

A HORSE SWAP TROUBLE.—Edward Moyer, a boatman on the Lehigh Canal, on Wednesday, traded a horse for a mule with Alfred Shirey, of Franklin. The trade was made in the morning, and before night Shirey seems to have discovered that he was virtually cheated out of his mule in the trade—in other words the horse he had taken in exchange, was not so good a horse as he had estimated him to be; and so began to wish that he had his old friend, the mule, back again. Knowing that possession is nine points in the law, he procured the assistance of a neighbor, Frank Koch, and taking the horse, he started in pursuit of Moyer. He found the mule near Lock No. 3, and as Moyer was temporarily absent, Shirey exchanged the horse for the mule, and struck out for home. Moyer at once caused a warrant to be issued for the arrest of Shirey and Koch. It was placed in the hands of Constable Walker who arrested the parties and arraigned them before 'Squire Moser on Thursday morning. After a hearing, it appearing that there was a mutual agreement at the time of the swap, in case of dissatisfaction, the case was dismissed, Moyer being taxed for the cost.

SHOT IN JEST.—At an early hour, Saturday forenoon, Sebastian Hahn, familiarly known as "Dutch John," an employee of Hon. Robert Klotz, was spading up a piece of ground nearly in the rear of the American House. Ferdinand Wagner, the bartender at the latter establishment, was jesting with Hahn from one of the windows. Picking up a sporting rifle and aiming it at him, Wagner said: "John, I'll shot you." "Blaze away," returned John; and sure enough he did blaze away, the ball taking effect in Hahn's chest, inflicting what was at first feared a fatal wound. On account of the recumbent position in which he was standing the ball took a downward course, and at this writing the wounded man is in a fair way to recover. It is the old, old story. "Thought the gun was not loaded."

CURRENT TOPICS.—Hon. Robert Klotz returned home from Washington Wednesday night, in order to attend the funeral of Mrs. Lafayette Lentz.

—The Democratic Club was organized Saturday night, and the following officers were elected: President, E. R. Siewers; Secretary, John Kline; Treasurer, E. A. Scheets.

—Mr. Jos. Walker and Miss Mary Reichard were united in wedlock on Tuesday evening, Rev. Mr. Ferrier officiating.

—Rex Brothers are having the front of their store on Broadway remodeled.

—David Ruhf, of East Mauch Chunk, fell Tuesday night, inflicting so severe a wound on his right hand that he has since been under the care of Dr. Frick.

—E. R. Siewers, Esq., was married Thursday evening, to Miss Lizzie Yeager, at the Presbyterian church. They started immediately on a wedding tour to New England. On their return they will occupy the former residence of Gen. John D. Bertolette, on Broadway.

—In certain circles here the names of R. Q. Butler, Republican, and Elwin Bauer, Democrat, are prominently mentioned as candidates for the nomination for Prothonotary.

—Great anxiety has been felt here during the week in consequence of the serious illness of Judge Packer in Philadelphia.

—On the Republican side of the house, W. E. Frisbie, Esq., appears to be, at this writing, the most popular candidate for Sheriff, at the next convention. Mr. Frisbie is considered the strongest man in the party, and his nomination, therefore, a forgone conclusion.

Echoes from Beaver Meadow.

—Everything pertaining to horticulture or agriculture is badly needing rain.

—Mr. Jno. Martyn returned from Missouri on Thursday last. He looks well and gives very glowing accounts of South-eastern Missouri as a silver and lead mining region.

—Several of our citizens were at Mauch Chunk giving testimony to the Master of Chancery, Hon. W. M. Rapsher, in the equity case of the citizens of Banks township vs. School Board and Collectors.

—Some of the citizens of Banks are endeavoring to make an appeal from the auditor's settlement of the supervisors account, for the past year. Poor Banks! Poor Banks!

—Mr. John Wear is slowly recovering. His friends were happy in seeing him down stairs to-day. We hope he will again be restored to his family.

—Mr. Thomas Truan, an old resident of this place, who left here some five years ago to travel in Europe for his health, returned on Monday last. He looks well, and as if travelling suited him.

—The mines in this locality are still being run to their full capacity, showing a very great improvement in the coal business this year, over that of last, for the same period of time.

—Mr. Abraham VanHorn returned home from St. Luke's hospital on Tuesday last. He looks well, and is hopeful of being perfectly cured.

—The people of this place were very much excited on Tuesday morning, on hearing the news of the sad accident that happened to Samuel, son of Mr. Francis Wear, of Coleraine. He took his gun to shoot a pigeon for his father's dinner. The gun was a borrowed one, and shows evidence of being unfit for use. Samuel missed the pigeon the first time he fired, reloaded and fired again bursting the old blunderbuss into fragments, and badly burning his face and eyes, and, also cutting him severely on the forehead over the right eye. He can see some little out of his left eye, but grave doubts are entertained in regard to the restoration of his right eye.
May 14. OBSERVER.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—C. H. Seidel, of Centre Square, arrived from Philabelphia last week, with a large stock of spring and summer goods which he will sell at the lowest prices.

—T. M. Balliet introduced the straw hats in the Centre Square select school last Friday. I noticed since, that quite a number of the students followed his example.

—Messrs. Amandes Kistler and Nathan Balliet were at Slatington last Saturday, on special business.

—E. S. Hoppes started a singing school at the New Mahoning school house last Sunday evening, which was well attended. We hope a continuance may be the result.

—Miss Hannah Balliet, of this place, is visiting friends at Lehighton. We hope she will have a pleasant time.

—Messrs. A. S. Weber and T. M. Balliet, spent last Saturday and Sunday at Lehighton.

—Last Monday was one of the most pleasant and warm days that we have had this season.

—Frank Klingaman was out fishing last week; he caught fourteen nice suckers. Frank, try it again.

—Sarah Walker, of Mauch Chunk, who had been visiting friends here, returned home last Saturday.

—J. M. Kistler, who left for Ohio a short time ago, is at present located at Poplar, Crawford Co., Ohio. We had a letter from him the other day; he seems to be well pleased with that part of the country, and speaks highly of the crops.
DENCHTIAMUS.

Weissport Items.

—Business is brisk at the Planing Mills.

—Weissport never looked more charming in its vernal attire.

—The proprietors of the Fort Allen House report business very much improving.

—Mr. L. E. Wills has been away during the week, on business at Pittsburg.

—The school room is being prepared for the reception of Prof. Rowland's Normal Institution.

—The Keystone Band has re-organized again; this time with Prof. Venanda as instructor. The first lesson was taken under its new instructor on Tuesday evening. Would it not be better for all our musical talent to combine and form one good band? Remember the old maxim, "union is strength."

—During the week, Miner Brothers have put one of Lawrence's patent 18-ton Cupola's in the Fort Allen Foundry. In the meantime, the addition to the buildings has been pushed forward.

Mr. Daniel Angle, of Reading, who has been removing the cinders from the old forges in this vicinity, to be re-smelted, on Monday transferred all his teams to the Helmbeck forge at Little Gap. From thence the cinders are carted to the L. & S. R. R. depot at Lehigh Gap.

—Mrs. Edmond Kresge, of Pittston, who has been a sufferer from consumption, started on Tuesday of last week to visit her parents in Eldred township, Monroe County. On reaching Weissport, she found it necessary to stop on account of weakness and exhaustion. She put up at the Fort Allen House, one of the proprietors being her father-in-law. She grew worse, and on last Tuesday morning died. Deceased was a daughter of Anthony Gower, of Monroe county, was 28 years old, and leaves 3 children. She was taken to Monroe county for interment on Thursday morning.

Big Creek Items.

—John Weston, of Bowman's Station, was at this place on Thursday of last week looking after his farm. Mr. W. has just set out an orchard of young fruit trees.

—Deputy Sheriff Semmel, was at this place on business one day last week.

—Some of the soft or bituminous coal, at the Paint Mill, of this place, was taken to Lehighton on Thursday and Friday of last week, and from there sent by car to Slatington.

—Mr. Lewis J. Buck, of Danielsville, Northampton county, who taught the Pine Run school No. 2, the winter of 1878, was at this place on a visit over Sunday, the guest of W. E. Kemerer. Griffith Roberts accompanied him and staid with C. A. Buck.

—Rev. J. E. Freeman had his horse insured last week by W. E. Kemerer, Secretary of the Towamensing Horse Thief Detective Co., also John Radeline, whose horse was stolen a short time ago but broke away from his captors and returned home whereupon he thought wise to have him insured. We are authorized to say that the Company is in a flourishing condition, has nearly $300 in the treasury, and the business is managed upon an economical plan—the expenses for the last few years have not amounted to a single dollar.

—Straw hats have put in an appearance.

—The health of the people is comparatively good.

—Our peach crop will be a failure again this year as the frost has killed the buds—too bad I expected peaches of my own this year.

—Common sense in a tight place, is better than the gift of eloquence.

—Farmers are planting more potatoes this spring than they are generally in the habit of doing.

—The Evangelical cemetery, at this place should be looked after by the proper authorities.

—Mr. Edwin Koch and wife, of Hokendauqua, were at this place over Sunday, and attended the funeral of Mrs. John Smith. Mrs. Koch is a daughter of the deceased.

—Rev. E. Butz will have services in the Solt's church, at this place, on Sunday evening. Sunday School as usual at 2 p. m.

—Dept. Sheriff Semmel was at this place on Wednesday last, and this time hung up the bills for the sale of the Bass property, known as the old Paint Mill stand, which is to take place on the 26 h of this month.

—J. J. Kem rer, of this place, burned off a piece of new ground on Wednesday last, and in the evening the fire broke out into the woods and was not subdued until 10 o'clock at night

—Mr. Stelle, Sealer of Weights, was at this place on Wednesday morning, and examined the weights and measures of our store keepers.
RAVENS.

In and Around Jeanesville.

—The Tresckow minstrel troup, we are sorry to learn has become extinct owing to the fact of Mulley, the boss minstrel, leaving them.

—Our neighboring little village, Tresckow, has lost, by death, one of her oldest and most respected citizens, Adam Haglegantz. The funeral took place Thursday, and was the largest ever seen in that place. Tamaqua, Mahanoy City, Hazleton and all the surrounding villages were well represented at the funeral.

—The remains of Mrs. W. Jones from Audenried were interred here, in the Welsh cemetery, on Saturday.

—Fat men are commencing to complain of the warm weather.

—The mountain fires, north and south of our little village, brightens up the heavens brilliantly at night.

—The all pervading dust, accompanying the dry weather of the past few weeks, is a great annoyance to housekeepers.

—The paymaster of the L. V. R. R., made many happy faces along the line a few days ago.

—We had a very pleasant Sabbath day in the M. E. church in this place. It being quarterly meeting, we had a love-feast at 9 a. m., services at half past ten, sermon by Rev. J. W. Lackie, and in the evening by Rev. W. W. Evens, P. E., which were very good.

—The question among the women of our place is, have you commenced to clean house yet?

—Mr. George Scholley, of this place, has removed to Pottsville. He is a first-class moulder, and we have no doubt of his success.

—The very latest trouting. They went out on Friday, and came back on Saturday evening with each one. It's a fact.

—Wm. Male, the detective, (better known as the Scotch piper); meandered our streets two weeks to-day, and played a piece of music entitled, "He is to be found;" while in the act of playing the same tune, in a little village on the outskirts of Scranton, suddenly the piper ceased his music, and stepping from the crowd seized Braidy by the shoulder, and announced he was his prisoner. Now he can play a piece entitled "He is found," while on his voyage to Scotland.

—No 4 slope has resumed operations, and all are working full time.

—A raffle was held at Samuel Morton's house for a Happy Thought Cooking Stove, Wm. Guilds was the lucky man.

—The Sons of Temperance are anticipating holding their 14th anniversary on the 24 of June. They are to have a public entertainment in the evening, after which the members are to enjoy themselves by a sociable.

—A party of young people intend to visit the Drifton Division the coming Friday night. George feels very much disappointed because he can not go along.

—There was a temperance lecture in the Hall, on Wednesday evening, by Mr. Fitzwilliams, of New York. WELL WISHER.

Adjourned County Courts.

Before the Associate Judges.

Auditors distribution of funds in the hands of Hon. Wm. M. Rapsher, assignee of Daniel Grabner, confirmed absolutely.

First and final account of J. L. Gable, assignee of E. P. Semmel; Fred. Bertolette appointed auditor to examine and restate, if necessary, and distribute funds in hands of assignee.

Petition of Henrietta Walter to set aside proceedings and decree in divorce. Rule granted libellant to show cause why proceedings shall not be set aside.

Prayer of J. D. Bertolette for injunction against L. C. & N. Co., was denied.

Decoration Day.

Headquarters, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Pennsylvania. No. 1637 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, May 6, 1879.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 5.

I. In compliance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army, and General Orders No. 5 from National Head-quarters, as well as in accordance with national custom, Friday May 30th, will be observed as Memorial Day, when we will assemble to decorate the graves of our dead comrades and honor with fitting and appropriate ceremonies their memories, when we will not only lay upon their graves fragrant flowers and wreaths of laurel, but plant above them the flag which represents the National Unity in whose cause they died.

II. As year by year Decoration Day is more generally observed, the ceremonies become more elaborate. It is our duty however to see that the original purpose of the day is not forgotten, and that the ceremony be preserved in all its beauty and simplicity as far as possible, and to discountenance and oppose everything that tends to detract from the solemn significance of the day and its proper observance.

The associations of the day are too sad and its memories too sacred to permit it to be made a day of sport or festivities. It is requested that flags hoisted upon that day be at half-mast.

III. As we gather at the graves of those who are buried among kindred and friends, let us be reminded of the thousands who sleep their last sleep in unknown, unmarked and unguarded graves as they fell in the battle's track. And as we think of the sufferings of these, our dead comrades, and the sad and sorrowing homes throughout the land, let us renew our pledge "to care for those whom the dead have left to our care and protection." And may the memory of all these sacrifices incite us to a still purer and loftier patriotism, and to a more determined and earnest devotion to the institutions whose perpetuity was secured at such a cost, so that peace, good will and prosperity may forever prevail in our country.

IV. It is suggested that each post prepare a record of all soldiers buried within its limits, giving name, age, rank, company, date and cause of death of each, and that this record be preserved in some appropriate manner, and that the ceremonies of Decoration be made more impressive by the reading of it. Each year additional names will be added until the last veteran has been mustered out, when it can be handed down to posterity and be prized, it may be, as the roll of honor by the town or village to which it belongs. In this way the record of even the humblest comrade may be at least partially perpetuated, and his patriotic devotion and heroic deeds remembered.

V. The Reverend Clergy, Churches, Schools and Societies are requested to participate in a proper celebration of the day. Where there are Posts of the Grand Army located, it is expected that not a comrade's grave, no matter how secluded, will be undecorated, and where there are no representatives of our Order, it is trusted that others will kindly and tenderly perform these beautiful and touching rites to the memory of our country's dead.

By order of
GEO. LAWRENCE BROWN,
Department Commander.
J. M. VANDERSLICK,
Asst. Adj't General.

A Dog Story from Pike.

Of course there will be found no one of sufficient temerity to doubt the following dog yarn from our neighboring county of Pike. Pike is one of the smallest county's in the State, but the largest cannot beat her for "big stories." You may believe this one if you so wish:

Jacob Garrison owns a snug little farm in the mountains of Pike county, three miles from Milford, Pa. Two trout streams meander over it. The barnyard is alive with turkeys, ducks, and chickens, all under the active supervision of old Watch, the house dog. Watch is a collie, about 4 years old. He came to the farm a pup, and has developed into a dog of surprising sagacity. On Friday last, Mr. Garrison made some garden beds, and sowed onions, peas, and lettuce. At sundown, while seated in his house, he looked through the window and saw the turkeys, ducks, and chickens shuffling in his beds. The dog lay on the floor near the open door. "Halloo," said Garrison, "the chickens are in the garden."

The dog sped out around the house, and drove the fowls to the barnyard. On his return he overheard the two garrison boys disputing as to who should fill the wood box with fire wood. The dog listened for some moments, and, apparently disgusted with the wrangling, went out to the wood pile, seized a stick between his teeth, brought it into the house, and dropped it into the wood box. He kept at this work until the box was filled. Then, as the air was growing chilly, he gravely closed the door, cast a reproachful glance at the boys, stretched himself upon the floor and went to sleep.

A few minutes afterwards he overheard Mrs. Garrison say the chickens were in the kitchen In an instant he bounded down stairs, drove out the intruders, and closed the kitchen door. He has been taught no tricks, and unlike many men, seems to be actuated solely by the desire to make himself useful.

Towamensing Brevities.

—The weather has been quite warm so far this week.

—Considerable corn has been planted this week.

—Early breakfasts and late suppers are in fashion this spring.

—Mrs. C. Smith was buried at Jerusalem church, Trachsville, last Sabbath. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Strauss, minister in charge. Her age was 69 years, 4 months and 15 days. Mrs. Smith had 11 children, 60 grand-children and 9 great-grand-children.

—Peter Schabo disposed of his personal property at public sale on Saturday last.

—Messrs. A. Serfass and B. F. Rinker, of Parryville, were at this place on Sunday last, the guests of D. Dreisbach.

—Mr. J. E. Miller, of Aquachicola, visited his brother and friends at this place on Sunday last. Mr. M. is a brother to Robert Miller. Glad to see him.

—Mr. Chas. Dreisbach, of this place, one of the proprietors of Snyder & Dreisbach's liniment, has been to Monroe, county, with liniment, but found it very difficult to dispose of it as money is very tight in that county at present. MERCURY.

Weatherly Items.

—Ten days ago potatoes sold here as high as $2 per bushel now they move slowly at $1.25.

—Very destructive fires have been raging in the forests surrounding us for a week or longer. Not very favorable for a good whortleberry crop.

—We regret to hear that some of our boys, now among the gold hills, would rather be at home.

—After noticing the ejection of mail bags from car windows and doors, we no longer wonder why packages put up in paper boxes, are all broken in pieces and contents more or less damaged.

—Messrs. Kocher & Young have laid the foundation for a new building, adjoining Oak Hall, to be used by them as a meat market.

—Mr. David Kocher has commenced the erection of a new barn on his farm on the outskirts of this borough.

—Mrs. Williams, nee Miss Lizzie Musselman, of New Mahoning, will please accept the congratulations of an old friend in her new departure in life. May joy and happiness await her and husband. ROCKAWAY.

East Penn Dots.

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

—Our farmers are still busy planting corn.

—Weather—very dry and warm. We need rain badly.

—Owen Smith was in Lehighton last week.

—I am pleased to state that Charles Neff is able to be out again after a severe illness.

—I notice that J. A. Nothstein is steadily engaged at Packerton. I wish him success.

—Why is a cobbler like a king? Because he has his nose above his chin.

—A destructive fire occurred in the woods of Stephen and Reubeh Steigerwald, a few days ago, which destroyed a large tract of timber. UNCLE SAM.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Our Letter from Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10, 1879.

The session of the Cabinet yesterday was mainly devoted to discussing the affairs of the Indian Territory. Secretary McCrary presented several dispatches on the subject from Gen. Sheridan and Col. Smith, the latter now in immediate command of the forces in the territory. These were to the effect that a few so-called emigrants had eluded the vigilance of the Indian agents and the military and reached the disputed lands. They will be ejected just as soon as the military can catch up with them. Gen. Sheridan says that he will take command of the troops in person, if necessary, and will take such steps as will cause prompt ejection of all persons found in the territory. Gen. Pope will reach Leavenworth to-day, and go thence at once to the Indian territory to take personal command of the troops. The President gave it as his opinion