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The Carbon Advocate.

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Local and Personal.

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—The Berks County almshouse has 503 inmates.

—August is the month dreaded by hay fever victims.

—Seven of the nine furnaces in Allentown are in blast now.

—The furnaces in the Lehigh valley are nearly all in blast now.

—Iron rails are $5 a ton higher than at this this time last year.

—The people of Bethlehem want a public market established in their brough.

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

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

—After the oats harvest comes seeding time, and then the fall of "the scar and yellow leaf."

—Allen Craig, Esq., of the Mauch Chunk bar, has been suggested for judge of Luzerne county.

—If you want to vote next election you should see that your name is placed on the registry list.

—The No. 3 furnace of the Coplay iron works is being rapidly gotten in readiness for putting in blast.

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

—The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company will erect a new pier at Perth Amboy. It will cost something like $100,000.

—The tramps will probably desert this commonwealth by the fifteenth of August. The commonwealth will probably survive.

—Don't seek shelter under a tree during a thunder storm. It is better to take a good drenching than to run the risk of being struck by lightning.

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

—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.

—In Nebraska there is a laconic epitaph over the grave of a citizen recently deceased —"He Twisted a Mule's Tail." But David Ebbert still hires out teams at lowest prices at his popular livery on North street, this borough.

—Farmers have been selling potatoes on our streets during the week at 50 cents per bushel.

—300 boxes West's Vegetable Liver Pills, for sale at Darling's Drug Store. 20 cents per box. 6.

—If you want a 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.

—Brisk operations are conducted at present in the shops of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company in Reading. All the hands work ten hours a day, and all the departments are full. Every fire in the blacksmith shop and every furnace in the steam forge is in blast. The building of two new passenger engines has been ordered. Three pusher coal-dust engines for the coal region are being put on the stocks.

—NEW ARRIVAL.—H. H. Peters, the tailor, has just returned from the city, with another large and elegant stock of summer goods, comprising cloths, cassimeres, and suitings, of latest and most fashionable designs, for mens' youth's and children's wear, which he is prepared to make up in the latest and most durable style at prices as low as actually defy competition. Call and examine goods and learn prices before you buy elsewhere. No trouble to show goods at this establishment.

—A Camp Meeting of the Allentown District, ast Pennsylvania Conference of the Evangelical Methodists, will be held in the Furnaces Woods at Emaus, commencing on Sunday next and continuing throughout the week. The meeting will be under the supervision of Rev. C. K. Fehr, Presiding Elder.

—The managers of the Fair Grounds at Easton have decided to hold a fair this fall, the first in eight or ten years, and have fixed upon the 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th of September as the time.

—NEW GOODS.—T. D. Clauss, agent, respectfully announces to his friends and the public generally, that he has just returned from the city of New York with a new and elegant assortment of cloths, cassimeres and suitings, suitable for the present season, which he is prepared to make up in the latest fashion and most durable manner at very extraordinary low prices for cash. An early inspection of goods and examination of prices is invited. Perfect fits and full satisfaction guaranteed always.

—Mr. David Thomas, of Catasauqua, has been appointed by Governor Hoyt one of the commissioners to inquire into the advisability of establishing State industrial schools, such as is proposed by the bill introduced in the State Legislature last winter by Senator Holben. The full committee consists of Hon. Evan Holben, of Allentown, Hon. Geo. V. Lawrence, of Washington Co., Hon. C. H. Paulson, of Pittsburgh, Hon. Thomas St. Clair, of Indiana Co., Hon. Ames H. Mylin, of Lancaster; Frederick Prime, Philadelphia; Eckley B. Coxe, Luzerne; James Park, Jr., Pittsburgh; David Thomas, Lehigh, and Peter L. Weimer, Lebanon. The committee is a most excellent one, and if they will report favorably on the project Senator Holben's bill can be got through the next Legislature without trouble.

—An advertisement which appeared in last week's ADVOCATE, cautioning persons not to make contracts with Mrs. Mary Ann Zimmerman, and signed Reuben Zimmerman should have been Gideon Zimmerman, of Franklin. The mistake occurred in the hands of the compositor, and we make this correction in justice to Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Zimmerman, with an expression of deep regret that the error in name should have occurred. The advertisement appears this week with name corrected.

—Seventy five hands have been taken on at the Pittston knitting mill.

—A $45,000 school house with six months school!

—The Dickson Manufacturing Company, at Scranton, are busy with orders.

—Lehightonians pay a school and building tax of 20 mills for six months school.

—A special from Pottstown says: "The Glasgow Iron Company of that place have increased their peddlers wages from $3,75 to $4 per ton. The change is to take place August 11. There is great rejoicing among the men.

—The Mountain Grove Camp Meeting will commence next Wednesday, August 6th and continue until the 14th inst. Remember there will be no admission on Sunday.

—The Rev. E. A. Bauer delivered a memorial sermon on the death of Dr. Arnold, in the Christ's Lutheran Church last evening, which was well received and duly appreciated by the congregation.—*Hazleton Daily Bulletin.*

—Our friend Mr. Fred Schmidt, of Selbersville formerly of Weissport, was in town Monday. He informs us that he expects to return to this county next spring, and take up his residence on Bank street, in one of his homes near the M. E. Church.

—We are a great town, we sport a $15,000 school house and hereafter glory in a six months' term of school.

—Sunday last, Elwin Shingler, of Mahoning township, killed a black snake about 1½ yards in length, from which he took 54 young ones, 49 of which he secured and placed in a bottle of alcohol, the other fourteen he cut up in opening the old one. There is a decided crowd of them in that bottle.

—E. H. Hohl, the popular young watchmaker and jeweler, for some time past located in this borough, has removed to Mauch Chunk, a few doors above the Mansion House, on Susquehanna street, where he will be pleased to meet all his old friends and all the new ones who may desire to patronize him. Watches at very low prices. All work guaranteed at lowest prices for cash.

—Mr. John S. Miller, the baker, of Weissport, will have charge of the boarding house at Bowmansville Camp-meeting. He will furnish boarding at the following reasonable rates: Season tickets (Monday till Saturday) $2,75; Day tickets, 75 cents; Meal tickets, 30 cents.

—The district camp meeting of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ will this year be held at Seemsville, Northampton county, about four miles from Seighfried's Bridge, commencing on the 28th of August and continuing until September 5th.

—Miss Barwell and Mrs. McKaig, of Philadelphia, are visiting with us for a few weeks during the heated term.

—As we are to have but six months' school for our children. Would it not be well for the directors to rent the school building for a summer hotel, or in rooms to suit small families? Come, gentlemen, do not let the building rot for want of use.

—Mr. A. S. Miller, who has been attending the school at Centre Square for the last few years has been admitted into the graduating class of the Keystone State Normal School.

—A black bear and cub were seen on the Broad mountain, near Pottsville, a few days since. Bear tracks have frequently been seen in different parts of the country.

—Dr. W. A. Cortright, the popular young dentist of Mauch Chunk, was in town Thursday, accompanied by his father, N. D. Cortright, Esq. See the Doctor's card in another column.

—In order to secure great bargains in summer clothing, go to Jonas Sondheim, first clothing store above the Mansion House, Mauch Chunk, as he is selling off his entire stock at 25 per cent. below cost, in order to make room for the fall trade. Call at once and see for yourselves.

—Just received another lot of new and elegant designs in wall paper, stationery, and useful articles generally, at E. F. Lockenbach's, two doors below the Broadway House, Mauch Chunk. First-class printing and calcimining at reasonable figures, and work guaranteed.

—On Sunday morning last a prize fight between Peter Dolman and Terrence Flynn, both miners living at Mahanoy city, was witnessed by quite a large crowd at Locust Mountain near Mahanoy city. Twenty-five rounds were fought and both men were severely handled. Dolman won the fight. Flynn weighs 175 lbs. and Dolman 135 lbs. After the fight the spectators went to lunch and the principals into the "Hospital."

—On Monday last a gang of four tramps entered the bar of the Hotel Ebro, in South Easton, and asked Mr. Atherlot for something to drink. He said they could have some water, and went on reading the paper. One of the tramps said: "Are you going to give us what we want? If so do it quick." Mr. Atherlot replied that they could not have anything, whereupon one of the tramps drew a long dirk knife and made a furious lunge at him, just grazing his left side. Mr. Atherlot sprang behind the bar, seized a heavy club and drove the men out. They stood outside, making threats and vowing vengeance. An officer was sent for, but refused to come, saying he would not risk his life, and no arrests were made.

—There is a great deal of tattling and tale-bearing going on in this vicinity at this time, and whenever two or three persons get together, then it is "O, it came from a widow!" now, that widow desires us to state that if it is not stopped she will deal with them according to law.

—On a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Catharine Farran, of South Lehighton, Constable Webb, on Friday last week, arrested Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blank, charged with disturbing the peace. They waived examination before Justice Beck, and gave bail in the sum of $300 each for their appearance at the October term of Court.

THE FACTS.—As noted briefly in our Mauch Chunk items last week, Messrs. Geo. Painter, M. A. Fegley and Sam'l Jones, made a hopeful but luckless excursion to Dreisbach Dam, for the purpose of capturing what they could of the "finny" tribe. Their sport ending, they started for home, when the horse refused to draw, and George, mounting the horse, went to Mauch Chunk, whence he was to send another steed to the relief of his comrades, who were toiling along the road with the wagon and fish. Down the road the tired fishermen moved, at each moment expecting to meet relief; but, alas! there was none. They reached the "brewery," exhausted—played out! Refreshing themselves, they dragged their weary way to the livery on Susquehanna street, to learn—what? That George had gone to his home, and to his virtuous couch—to rest. Then Sam and M. A. (is it Mary Ann?) got very mad, and—ate all the fish, leaving George to go without his anticipated breakfast of "speckled beauties." Now, they ask if George is mad about it?

—On Saturday week while two children of Robert Sharp, of Catasauqua, were in the water closet on his premises, the younger one, a boy twenty months of age, fell into the filth beneath. The little girl at once alarmed her mother, and she quickly awakened Mr. Sharp, who was asleep at the time. He hastily ran out and throwing the building over saw the foot of the boy protruding. Jumping into the hole he fortunately succeeded in catching hold of the little one and lifting it out. Water was immediately dashed over it, and after half an hour's work it was restored to consciousness. It was a very narrow escape, and the parents are to be congratulated that their efforts were successful.

—On the evening of the 24th, about six o'clock, Mrs. Christian Flug, an elderly lady living in Easton, met with a most terrible death. She was walking on the main track of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, near the Fourth street depot, when she was struck by a locomotive and thrown upon the rails. The engine and forty coal passed over her body, which was literally torn to pieces. The wheels passed diagonally across the body, from the left armpit to the right hip. Death was instantaneous. The unfortunate woman stepped aside for one train to pass and got directly in front of another.—She was married, but had no children.

—On the morning of the 24th inst., at half past two, a fire, the work of an incendiary, broke out on the east side of J. J. Clauget's foundry and machine shop, Nazareth, Northampton county, Pa. The building was of frame and two stories high. It contained a large quantity of newly-made agricultural implements and farmers' supplies. The works had been running on full time, and were turning out much material. There was also in the building a great deal of valuable machinery. The entire structure and the contents were burned. The loss is estimated at from $15,000 to $20,000, with only $2,200 insurance on the machinery.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for at the Lehighton Post Office, August 1st, 1879:

Samuel Sandt, Laurin Lentz, James Ledger, Loetta Heckman, Willoughby Kuntz, Elvenia Everit, A. W. Deuchus, and B. J. Broadbent.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised.

H. H. PETERS, P. M.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Packerton Post-office for the week ending July 26th, 1879.

Clauss, Joseph (3) | Newhard, D. N.
Shipe, Aaron | Shaffer, Philip A.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say they are advertised in the CARBON ADVOCATE. L. MCDANIEL, P. M.

Military Company.

The young men and youths of Lehighton have, during the past few weeks, been diligently at work, organizing a military company. The organization is now complete, there being about 30 names on the roll. Mr. W. W. Bowman, of the First National Bank, has accepted the position of treasurer; and the following officers have been elected:

Captain—H. V. Merthimer, Jr.
1st Lieut.—T. J. Nusbaum.
2d Lieut.—Geo. E. Esch.
Orderly Serg't.—Al. E. Romig.
2d Serg't.—Milt. G. Clauss.
1st Corp.—Al. Campbell.
2d Corp.—Ed. Fortwangler.

Teachers Appointed.

At a meeting of the Lehighton School Board, held on Monday evening last, the following teachers were appointed for the ensuing school term:

Principal, Prof. F. K. Bernd; salary $60 per month.

Grammar, Miss Ellen J. Heilman; salary $35 per month.

Secondary, Miss Hattie L. Koons; salary $28 per month.

First Primary, Miss Carrie Bauer; salary $23 per month.

Third Primary, Miss Emma Dollenmayer; salary $22 per month.

The appointment for the Second Primary was not made at the meeting Monday, the salary to be paid for this school is also $22 per month.

The term will be for six months only.

Religious Notes.

LEHIGHTON M. E. CHURCH, Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor—To-morrow, (Sunday), 9 a. m. Class Meeting; at 10 a. m., an address by F. P. Longstreet, Esq.; Sunday School at 2 p. m.; Young Men's Prayer Meeting at 6:30 p. m., and 7:30 p. m., Sermon by Rev. W. H. Pickop, of Packerton.

BISHOP H. DUBS, D.D., IN THE WEISSPORT AND LEHIGHTON EVANGELICAL CHURCHES TO-MORROW.—To-morrow, (Sunday), at 9:30 a. m., Bishop H. Dubs will preach a German sermon in the Weissport Evangelical church, and at 7:30 p. m. he will preach an English sermon in the Lehighton Evangelical church. All are heartily invited to be present. Those who want seats must come early.

DEDICATION.—The new Evangelical chapel, at North Weissport, will be dedicated on Sunday, August 10. The dedicatory sermon will be preached at 9:30 a. m. Sunday school at 1 p. m.; English preaching at 3 p. m., and services again at 7:30 p. m. Several ministers from a distance are expected to be present and participate in the exercises. All are cordially invited to be present.

A "Mollie" Pardoned.

A Harrisburg dispatch of the 29th ult., informs us that the Governor has pardoned Denis F. Canning, of Schuylkill county, convicted of conspiring to murder, several years ago, in conjunction with Jack Kehoe and other Mollie Maguires. Canning was sentenced to 14 years in the Schuylkill county prison on two indictments, 7 years on each. Last year he was pardoned on the first indictment in order that his testimony might be used against Patrick Hester, Peter McHugh and Patrick Tully, executed at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, and Denis Donnelly, hanged at Pottsville, Canning also gave important testimony at the trial of Peter McManus and John O'Neill, convicted in Northumberland county of the murder of Coroner Hester, of that county. The Board of Pardons has recommended executive clemency with a view of using his testimony against other murderers. Judge Pershing and ex-District Attorney Kaercher of Schuylkill county, who tried Canning, have recommended his pardon.

A CARD.

To the Students, Patrons and Friends of the Carbon Normal Institute:

I feel it to be simply an act of justice to express my high appreciation of the kind disposition manifested by the public toward the Normal School and its principal during the session just closed. Messrs. Henry Boyer, Francis Yundt, Solomon Yeakel, and the Weissport School Board in particular, and the people of Weissport, Lehighton and Franklin in general, will please accept my warmest thanks for acts of kindness conferred. I also make grateful acknowledgement to Mr. Edward Reber, of Franklin, for the use of his organ; to Misses Emma Hauk, of Lehighton, and Sallie A. Hess, of Parryville, for their kind and efficient services as organists; and last, though not least, I congratulate the students for the very creditable manner in which they acquitted themselves as the actors in the closing exercises. For the very handsome testimonial given me, in the shape of a gold-headed cane, accept my sincere thanks, and the assurance that I shall ever associate with it some of the most pleasant reminiscences of my school life.

J. P. ROWLAND.

[COMMUNICATED].

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL MATTERS IN MAHONING.

It is characteristic of the American people that they always run into extremes—they vibrate like the pendulum from one side to the other, never stopping to move in one direction till some force, often stronger than gravitation, brings them back again, but only to push them on to the opposite extreme. This is true of the teaching in our schools. Ten years ago, in the age of mental arithmetic and object teaching, and during the reign of the Green's Analysis in English grammar, a man who had sound views on these subjects was generally considered as far behind the age as he was ahead of it. Now we banish mental arithmetic from our schools and grow wild over language lessons, &c. We might as well attempt to calculate the probabilities of the weather for next year as try to foretell what the "topic of the day" will be in our schools two years hence.

But this evil shows itself especially in the financial management of our school funds. Eight years ago, when money was not as rare an article as it is now, schools were in the hands of men who, in the name of education, robbed the taxpayers by their extravagances in putting up expensive buildings and thus burdened the community with a heavy debt. Now the hard times have so influenced our politics that we have voted those men out of office and have voted in those who, in the name of economy, rob the teachers and the pupils of our schools to favor the tax-payers. The former robbed Peter to pay Paul, the latter turn and rob Paul to pay Peter. In districts where the people were thus burdened with heavy debts in years past, we can not find so much fault with the men, in whose hands the schools at present are, if they do reduce salaries somewhat and shorten the school term to make an honest effort to relieve the people of oppressive debts. But in districts that are free from debts and that have no heavy expenses, in the way of putting up or repairing school buildings there is no excuse for any such economy.

The district of Mahoning has had no debts for many years. It has none now. There is generally a surplus in the treasury at the end of the school year. The men in whose hands the schools were in past years deserve great credit for their careful financial management. The school-tax is low. Hence there is no excuse at all for being so unreasonable as to reduce teachers salaries from year to year on the plea that the times are hard.

We presume that, besides the necessity of being economical, there are several other consideration that are usually taken into account in fixing the salaries of our teachers.

(1). The teachers of Mahoning for the last few years all resided in the district. They boarded at home and paid but little or nothing for their board. The directors just made allowance for this and reduced their salaries accordingly. So that the district and not the teachers enjoyed the benefit of their parents' generosity. It virtually amounts to this, that the teachers paid their board to the district whilst their parents furnished it. This is scarcely rendering unto "Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's."

(2). There is a feeling among many people that the teachers of our schools ought to receive no more pay than any ordinary day laborer. A good hired man can be obtained for $12 per month and board; hence teachers ought to have only about $22 to $25 per month without board. The feeling, we suppose, springs not so much from a sense of justice as from a feeling of jealousy between those who labor in the school-room and those who work in the field. It is not easy to make clear to some people the injustice of this. They forget that skilled labor everywhere commands higher wages than unskilled labor. Their logic would hold good if, after the crops of the season are gathered in, the school-directors could ask the farmers for their hired men to take charge of the schools.

(3.) It is sometimes said that there are so many applicants that teachers can easily be obtained for very low salaries, and if those that have charge of the schools are not willing to teach for the salaries paid them, it is an easy matter to get those who will. This, of course, is true. But, if your carpenter is not willing to work for fifty cents a day, you can easily get one who will work for forty cents—only he never learned the trade. If your shoemaker charges you too much, you can easily find one who will make a pair of boots a dollar cheaper—only he can't make a fit. If you take a fever, and you don't feel like paying $2.00 to have a good physician attend you, you can easily get one to come for less, but you must not be surprised if he prescribes cattle powder.

We have no doubt that teachers can be obtained for $17 or $18 per month, but we venture to say that, with the exception of those few who are compelled by circumstances to teach for almost any salary, the schools would be better without teachers. More good would be accomplished if teachers were employed for $40 per month and the schools were open only three months, than can be accomplished by employing teachers for paltry salaries for five months.

There is no reason why the schools of Mahoning should not be among the best in the county. The district is able to pay salaries sufficient to secure good teachers. For the last three years and over there was a select school in the district, in the summer, that gave the teachers an opportunity not only of reviewing and studying more thoroughly the branches required for the annual examinations, but also of studying some of the higher branches and thus qualifying themselves better for the work of the school-room. This school, now under the charge of Prof. A. S. Weber, a member of the senior class in Franklin and Marshall college, and an experienced teacher, affords the opportunity to students of preparing for the sophomore class in college.

With these facilities for improvement, Mahoning has had for the last two years, some teachers worthy of better salaries than they received. But they cannot be kept permanently for low salaries. It is probable that some of the best teachers of the district will go elsewhere the coming fall, and, of course, their places will be filled by those who can't get positions in districts where better salaries are paid.

The salary for last year was $25 per month. It is to be hoped that it will be raised at least to $28 or $30 for the coming term, and that the schools be given into the hands of the teachers who hold the best certificates.

It is but just here to state that there are always men in the Board who work hard for the interests of the schools and who oppose any unreasonable reduction in teachers' salaries. We hope there will be an effort made in the future to elect enough men of this character to have a majority of them in the Board. The responsibilities of a school director are too great to allow the office to fall into the hands of anybody. Times are beginning to get better, and we can afford to have men in the school board who are willing to pay liberal salaries and secure good teachers. DIDYMUS.

Nesquehoning Screenings.

—Hons. Drs. J. G. Zern and J. C. Kreamer paid us a flying visit on Monday. During their stay, they were the guests of Hon. M. Cassidy.

—John McCaffery, who last week took to himself a better-half, contemplates going to Minnesota, where he will take up a quarter-section of land that he purchased some time ago, and will engage in agriculture.

—Since the recent rains the gardens appear in a more prosperous condition.

—The several gentlemen spoken of as candidates for Sheriff before the approaching Democratic convention, are all sound Democarts. The popularity of such men as F. P. Semmel, of Lehighton; Paul Kresge, of Towamensing, and J. S. Keiser, of Mauch Chunk, insures their election, if nominated.

—We learn that the Boston gentleman who claimed the title of M. D., and stopped here for some time, was a fraud. He was ejected from Summit Hill, as a mountebank. J. C.

John Kramer and Lottie Meyer, of Allentown, who have been living together as man and wife for some time, fell out the other day, and when it came to a division of the spoils a fight ensued, in which Kramer was so badly beaten that he will be laid up for some time. His nose was almost bitten off.

Normal School Closing Exercises.

The closing exercises of Prof. Rowland's Normal Institute took place in the public school house in Weissport on Friday afternoon of last week, and the house was filled with visitors. Professor Rowland introduced the exercises with a few well-timed remarks. He was followed by Rev. J. P. Miller, in an appropriate and eloquent prayer.

The salutatory, "Women of History," by Miss M. E. Conner, of East Mauch Chunk, was a befitting address to her school mates.

Miss Emma Reber, of Lehighton, read, in a pleasing manner "The Ivy."

G. A. Campbell declaimed "American Independence;" Miss L. Mullin read "Truth and Honor;" declamation by David Smith; essay, by Miss Belle Nusbaum; declamation by W. G. Clauss; duet, "The Photograph," by Miss Emma Dollenmayer and Prof. Rowland; recitation, "The Curfew," Miss Nora Smith; declamation, A. K. Lenckel; essay, "Importance of good Character," R. E. Yundt; recitation, "Balaklava," by A. J. Rowland; select reading, Miss Mertz.

An able and well-timed essay, "Statesmanship, Past and Present," was read by Mr. F. L. Raber; select reading, "Parting Words," by Miss E. Boyer; recitation, "The May Queen," Miss Agnes Hauk.

The valedictory address was made in a most eloquent manner by Mr. N. S. Brennan, of Buck Mountain, which was replete with words of encouragement and hope to his fellow students, counseling them to persevere in the acquisition of knowledge, and to guard against the snares and temptations that lurk in ambuscade along life's pathway. At the conclusion he was made the recipient of an elegant bouquet, as was also Miss Connor, the salutatorian.

The exercises were concluded by an address directed especially to the normal class, by County Superintendent Hofford.

Prof. Rowland was now called to the front and presented by Miss Bertie Stiles, of Packerton, on behalf of the school, with a hand some gold-headed cane, as a slight testimonial of their affection and esteem for him as a teacher, which elicited from him a brief but feeling address, thanking them for their kindly feelings, and the people of this community for their manifold favors and courtesies. And thus was brought to a close a scholastic term that has given a new impetus to the cause of education in Carbon county, and marks Prof. Rowland as one of the master educators of the youthful mind of this age.

Packerton Ripples.

—L. L. Babcock, for a long time employed at the car shops here has gone to Phillipsburg to work, having secured a position at his trade, boiler making. May success attend him.

—The good natured, portly Chas. Sweeney has been busy in the neighborhood of Lehigh avenue, superintending the building of new houses for the switch boys employed in the yard.

—Miss Bertha Smith, of Weatherly, and Mr. Hamilton and wife, of Altoona, are visiting at W. L. Stiles.

—John Miskelley, after spending a few days with his friends in this section, has returned to his home in New Jersey.

—Mrs. Long, mother of James Long, Esq., has been quite ill for some time.

—Daniel Davis, an expert rolling mill hand, has been offered extra inducements to go to Tamaqua to work. He has as yet, not accepted.

—Another large order by John for the Quasi cup. The slight misunderstanding has been quite remunerative to the general agent as well as to John.

—We hear that the Episcopals propose holding service here occasionally. There is a good field here.

—Who is going to secure the delegates at Packerton? That is the question now. Well, we don't care, only so that a good honest ticket is nominated—one that the average voter can support and not feel ashamed of. Such a ticket can be nominated without the aid of a "Ring."

—The correspondent who says that Messrs. Stiles and Babcock propose getting a row-boat is correct; but in the statement as to their liberality in loaning it, he is mistaken. They will loan it (if they get it) to any and all of their friends.

—Mr. Owen Boylon, of Staten Island, is visiting his brother, Dr. Boylon, of this place.

—Miss Alice and Maime, of Philadelphia, sisters of the Rev. Wm. Pickop, pastor of the M. E. Church here, are visiting him and enjoying the delightful mountain scenery. ANON.

Albrightsville Items

—The weather was very warm here last week. The thermometer marked 104 in the shade on Monday of last week.

—Constable H. G. Deppey returned home on Friday of last week from Bloomingdale, where he has been engaged with his father in building a barn for Simon Reichard. He looks as gay and happy as ever.

—Mr. Christian George has made preparations to erect a new barn. It is to be 30x30 feet, and 16 feet high.

—Robert Miller was at home on a visit last Sunday.

—Samuel Moyer has removed his wintergreen distillery from Getz's saw mill to Laurel Run, and pushes business to its fullest capacity.

—Harvesting has begun in good earnest by all our farmers, but they complain that grain is very light this year.

—Edward Bever and Oliver O. Blose, of Millport, paid us a flying visit last week.

—Josiah Kunkle boasts that he is the champion fish-catcher on *Mud Run*. He has recently caught three trout, one measuring 16, one 16½ and another 16½ inches in length, aggregating 46½ inches of trout. Now, who can beat this? Trot out your boss trout anveiglers!

—Emanuel Kibler, proprietor of the well-known Hunter's Hotel, has built an addition to his barn, 18x22 feet and 16 feet high.

—Wilson W. Buck is rusticating with us now.

—Hon. Michael Cassidy, of Nesquehoning, will please accept thanks for Legislative documents.

—Rev. D. W. Swelgert, pastor of the Middle Creek Circuit, preached a very eloquent sermon on Sunday last, to a large concourse of people.

—Richard Greene, of this place, bought a horse of Peter L. Hauser, for $15 cash.

—Francis S. Strohl, of Trachsville, while in the employ of Richard Greene chopping logs for Henry J. Deppey, had the misfortune to break his leg. Dr. S. S. Levering of Broadheadsville, was summoned and set the limb, and at present writing the patient is doing well. DUPLEX.

A jealous old husband in Bradford claims to have discovered the perfidy of a pretty young wife through pinholes in the calsomined canvas ceiling. The pretty young wife says the old man is crazy, but she had to go to jail in default of bail.

In Mifflintown, Juniata county, two church members thought to try the christianity of their pastor, and appeared at his front gate as two very shabby characters and very much resembling tramps, just as the divine was about to sit down to a bountiful repast. The pastor invited them in kindly, and sat until they had made themselves known did he discover whom they were. Half an hour after a large party arrived with provisions enough to last the good old parson for six months.

Weissport Items.

—The preliminaries for the coming public school term are now all settled, and the promise is a bright one. Prof. J. F. Snyder, who will handle the grammar school, brings to the task competence, experience as a teacher and reputation. Miss Belle Nusbaum resumes her position as teacher of the primary school. As teacher last year she was very satisfactory both to pupils and parents. The schools open the first Monday in September.

—Mrs. Catharine Strohl, aged nineteen, daughter of Bernard Vogt, died suddenly in Pottstown, on Monday, where she went on Thursday of last week to visit her husband's relatives. She had been married but a few months since. The cause of her sudden taking off was hemorrage of the lungs, caused by hereditary consumption. Her body was brought here on Wednesday, and the funeral was solemnized from her father's residence on Thursday.

—Miss Mary Hawk, formerly of Kreegeville, but now an employee at the Fort Allen House, while working around the cook stove, Wednesday afternoon, upset a kettle of hot water, severely scalding her right hand and arm.

—Mrs. W. H. Knecht, who has been dangerously sick for two weeks past, we are pleased to say is thought to be recovering.

—John Collins, of North Weissport, who some weeks since fell from a cherry tree striking a fence in the descent, died on Wednesday morning from the result of his injuries. He leaves a family.

—The borough council and the school board each hold regular meetings next Monday evening.

—Elwin Bauer, Esq., of East Mauch Chunk, candidate before the Democratic convention for Prothonotary, was in town on Monday.

—The rain last week was a God-send to the Weissport Planing Mills. The water was so low in the river as to scarcely supply the wheel.

Big Creek Items.

—Hon. Dr. J. G. Zern, of Weissport, gave us a brief call on Wednesday morning.

—Paul Kresge, Esq., of Towamensing, the popular candidate for sheriff on the Democratic side, was at this place on Wednesday and honored us with a call.

—Dr. W. F. Christ, of Parryville, was called to this place on Monday last.

—I was pleased to meet Gen. Charles Albright, of Mauch Chunk, on Monday last at Lehighton. The General was on his way to Franklin on business. He was accompanied by Hon. Wm. M. Rapsher.

—The directors of Franklin will meet again on the 6th of August.

—A considerable quantity of oats have been cut during the week.

—W. H. Kramer brother of Hon. J. C. Kramer, has been engaged to teach the Walcksville school for this winter. W. E. Kemerer has taught this school for a number of years, but at the close of the last term he informed the directors that he would not come back next term, as he had received an invitation for another situation which he had accepted; but he had a teacher whom he could recommend, Mr. Kramer, who would give statisfaction, whom I since learn has been engaged as the successor of Kemerer.

—John Collins, of East Weissport was interred on Thursday, at the St. Paul's church of this place.

—Rev. E. Butz, of Parryville, will preach at Pine Run this (Saturday) evening, and on Sunday morning, 10 a. m., at Solt's.

—Bishop Dubs will preach here in the Solt's church on Monday evening. All are invited to come and hear him. REVERE.

Audenried Siftings.

—The collieries of Tresckow, Yorktown, Beaverbrook, Honeybrook and Audenried are idle yet, with as little prospect of resumption as when they suspended. Most of the men have gone to work elsewhere.

—Business here is considerably enlivened by the sale of huckleberries. The conductor of the train buys them at 4, 5, and 6 cents a quart. Crowds of women and children may be seen daily at the cars, driving hard bargains.

—On the 22d inst. Mr. Charles Parrish, Supt. of the L. & W. Coal Co., sent Hon. Richard Williams a telegram, stating he would meet a committee of the Honeybrook men that afternoon or evening. It was confidently expected that a satisfactory agreement would be the result, but Mr. Parrish failed to put in an appearance. Report is current to the effect that Mr. Parrish came to Hazleton that day, and was met by some coal operators who persuaded him to make no concessions with his men; that any arrangement he would make would ultimately become general throughout the Lehigh Region, or cause a suspension there; that the present Superintendent, Mr. Leisenring, knew nothing of this meeting, and was fully competent, from his more intimate acquaintance with the circumstances, to attend to the matter himself. It is certain, however, that men from any of the suspended collieries will get no work in the Lehigh Region, or if they do, they will be discharged as soon as their residence is known. They have been discharged from Summit Hill and from all other places where the operators here have any influence. Are the operators, in this instance, not interfering with the rights of freemen? We thought this system of serfdom or mine-slavery was abolished long ago. Would it not be more noble to imitate the example of Mr. F. B. Gowen whose circular on "the employment and discharge of men" deserves to be incorporated into the Constitution of Pennsylvania?

—A special meeting of the school board of Banks township was held in Jeanesville school house, on Saturday, the 26th, for the purpose of appointing teachers for the ensuing term. There was plenty of material from which to select, there being no less than from five to six applicants for each school. The Board waded through the business before them with the following result.

Audenried—Maurice Williams, Fanny Jones, Bridget Conaghan and Hannah Sweeney.

Jeanesville—Thos. McCormick and Maggie McGarvey.

Tresckow—John Paul, Susan Boyle and Kate Boyle.

Leviston—Bernard Melley, Maggie Coll and Bridget Paul.

Beaver Meadow—David J. Reese, Ella Brogan and Alice Mahon.

The teachers' salaries were fixed at the same rate as paid last year: Males, $58,50; females, $31.50. The schools are to open on the 11th day of August. The length of the term has not been fixed.

—Mrs. Meyers, of this place, died suddenly last Sunday evening. She leaves a husband and two small children, who, in mourning their loss, have the sympathy of this community.—*Correspondence Hazleton Boscon, July 28th.*

—For the week ending, July 26th, there were shipped over the Lehigh Valley railroad 86,435 tons of coal, making a total for the season to that date of 2,625,398 tons, an increase, as compared with same last year, of 392,889 tons.

Lower Kidder Items.

—A thing of beauty is a joy forever.

—Charity begins at home; but it should not stay there.

—Politeness is the oil which lubricates the wheels of society.

—Huckleberry pickers are plenty, but the berries are few.

—I learn that the distillers in this vicinity are paying one dollar per hundred pound for their wintergreen leaves.

—Rev. G. D. Sweigert, of Lancaster, officiated at this place on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

—Constable H. G. Deppy, of this place, is busily engaged in collecting taxes. He says money is very scarce and hard to get.

—Raspberries are being brought to this place and sold at six cents per quart. It is said that they are plenty at some places in this region this year.

—Samuel Moyer bought a splendid horse last week.

—The rain we had last week was a welcome visitor throughout these parts; and the corn and potatoes were suffering very much for the want of it.

—A teachers' institute was held at the Lehigh Tannery school house yesterday, (Friday). This township allows their teachers to attend two Fridays in a month without making a deduction from their salaries. Towamensing, think of this! Will you allow your teachers, two Fridays, to hold two institutes, and teach twenty days for a month, without making a deduction from their salaries? I hope you will make up your minds, this fall, and say yes; because you will see that it will be to your, and not only your, but to your childrens' benefit.

—A school boy on being asked what was meant by the word "fortification," answered. "twotwentyfications," make one fortification. What branch of education do you have chiefly in your school? "A willow branch, sir; the master has used up almost a whole tree."

—Daniel Webster, the great jurist, the expounder of the constitution, and the chief of the "American Triumvirate," died with the words, "I still live," on his lips. MERCURY.

The Coal Trade.

Philadelphia *Ledger*, July 27: There is little of importance to report in the anthracite coal trade for the past week. Everything in and about it is quite dull. The principal feature, and that which most attracts attention among operators, is, will there be a suspension of coal production? The opinion is general that the future of the trade will be materially strengthened by a two weeks' suspension, but a suspension of production will not take place unless all the principal coal regions freely participate in it. This is not probable, hardly possible, at this time. President Gowen, early in the year, speaking for the Schuylkill region, gave assurances to the miners and workmen of that region that work at all the Coal and Iron Company's mines would be continuous throughout the coal year. It is even now understood that the president of the Reading Railroad Company favors continuing on work under the belief that the trade will work itself loose in that way more satisfactorily and sooner than by a suspension, which, in stiffening the price of coal temporarily, would unsettle wages as well as all transportation charges, and generally derange the business for the rest of the year. Individual operators, however, as a class favor suspension, not that there is an overstock of coal beyond the demand of orders to take it out of the market, or that prices are lower, but that prices, are too low for the cost of putting coal in the market. Higher prices have been hoped for the month of August, and this hope the condition of the trade for the past two weeks has weakened

—Fifty thousand tons of coal were sold at auction Wednesday by Henry Draper for the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company. The sale took place, New York, and the attendance was very slim as compared with previous sales. The bidding was not very spirited, but prices advanced until they showed an average increase on the whole lot of nineteen cents per ton. The coal consisted of 15,000 tons of grate size 5,000 tons of egg size, 25,000 tons of stove size and 5,069