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Local and Personal.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

Subscribers will please refer to the direction tabs on their papers, by so doing they will be able to see whether they are square on our books or not, thus:

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Shows that the subscription has been paid up till March 8th, 1879, and consequently there is one dollar due us on the present year, which you will please remit, or $1.25 will be charged if we have to send bill.

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

—A full line of blank books, very low, at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

—An immense stock of envelopes and writing papers, sold at Luckenbach's Mauch Chunk.

—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.

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

—Just in, a new lot of wall paper, for fall trade. Call and see it at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

—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.

—A fine line of assorted box papers, latest styles, as low as 7 cents per box and upwards at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

Henry Campbell, of East Weissport, announces to his friends and the public that he is prepared to supply them with the best quality of ready-made fall and winter BOOTS and SHOES at a great reduction in price from last year, notwithstanding the recent advance in manufacturers' prices of from 10 to 15 per cent. These boots and shoes have been made expressly to his order and are guaranteed to give satisfaction. Call and see them.

—Our School Board have so far refunded about $7,000 worth of 6 per cent. school bonds to 5 per cent.

—The Slatington News this week enters upon its 12th year, and has reduced its price of subscription to the popular price of $1.00 a year. Walk up!

—Miss Tillie Leuckel expects to leave for Leadville, Col., this (Saturday) evening. A pleasant trip.

—For fancy stationery, call at Dr. C. T. Horn's popular drug store, just received in handsome boxes, and to be sold at panic prices; also, wall papers, a new and handsome assortment lower than ever.

—The teachers' county institute will be held in the Court House at Mauch Chunk, commencing Monday, Nov. 17, and continueing during the week.

—"Marcutio" will please accept thanks for copy of "The British Mail," of Oct. 1st.

—The people of St. Clair, Schuylkill county, assert, with all seriousness, that during a shower of rain there on Friday several bushels of green peas came down over a territory about a 1000 feet square.

—This is a most delicous season to take a drive into the country and from some lofty hill top see the purple and golden haze hang over the beautiful landscape, and David Ebert's popular livery is the place to get your teams.

—89,759 tons of coal were shipped over the L. & S. railroad for the week ending on the 10th inst., making a total for the season to that date of 3,096,661 tons, an increase as compared with same time last year of 1,371,710 tons.

—For the week ending on the 11th inst., there were shipped over the L. V. R. R. 100,663 tons of coal, a total for the season to that date of 3,616,673 tons, showing an increase of 646,441 tons as compared with the same time last year.

—The report of the examiner in the Schalck-Whitehouse contested election case was filed Monday, and awards the office, which is the District Attorneyship of Schuylkill county, to Schalck, Democrat, the present incumbent, by a majority of 82 in a total vote of 14,608. One thousand and ninety-two votes were declared illegal, most of them for non assessment and non registration. The vote of South Cass township was also thrown out, on account of fraud, gross negligence and ballot-box stuffing. The total expenses of the contest amount to nearly $16,000. The case has been pending since 1877.

—The Berks county Teachers' Institute will be held in Reading next week, commencing Monday Oct. 20.

—The Trustees of the Keystone State Normal School have received an appropriation of $10,000, for the purpose of putting up a new building for a model school and the ladies' department. Preparations will be made this fall for putting up the building.

—Dye's *Government Counterfeit Detector* published an extra Saturday describing a counterfeit $20 new legal tender note, series of 1878, letter C, which has just been received. The line engraving is rather blurred the words "Register of the Treasury" under Allison's signature are crooked—almost a curve. Also the words "Treasurer of the United States" under the Treasurer's signature are irregular. Hamilton's coat is dark and blurred. The inks and paper are almost perfect. It is a very dangerous note and made by a new process.

—Hon. Robert Klotz will please accept our thanks for public documents sent to this office.

—One of the sweetest songs we have heard this many a day, is entitled "*We Shall Meet all the Little Ones There.*" Words and music by Will L. Thompson, East Liverpool, Ohio. Although all our little ones are graciously spared in the editorial home, we must confess to a breakdown in tears when trying to sing these touching words. The song is an inspiration of comfort, surely, to all whose homes have been invaded by death. It is one of the few compositions which will live for generations. To all lovers of music, we say, send 40 cents to the author and bless the household by a copy of this gem.—*Methodist Recorder.*

—James F. Randolph, son of ex-Governor Randolph, of New Jersey, and Jennie Sayre, daughter of Robert H. Sayre, Superintendent and Engineer of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, were married Tuesday at Bethlehem. The ceremony was performed in the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, at Fountain Hill.

—The barn of Mr. Lewis Dreisbach, of Franklin, together with its contents, was totally consumed by fire about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon last. Insured for $200. The fire is supposed to have been caused by some children playing with matches.

—While on his way to Mauch Chunk Thursday morning, Mr. George Leuckel's horse shied at some object near Dolonsburg, and ran up the hill, tearing away the front part of the wagon, and spilling George on the road, skinning his face, bruising his eye and otherwise slightly injuring him. The horse ran up the hill to Hagan's hotel, where he was caught between a tree and a post, again breaking away, he dashed on up the hill, on the road coming in contact with two other teams on the way to Mauch Chunk, at which place he was stopped.

—A little girl named Gallagher was struck and instantly killed by a passenger train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Penn Haven on Saturday, and thrown high up into the air, falling down the embankment, breaking both legs, neck and arms. The mother of the child stood in her door near by and witnessed the accident.

Temperance Lecture.

An *illustrated* temperance lecture will be delivered in the Evangelical Church Weissport, on Thursday evening, Oct. 23rd, at 7:30, by Rev. G. W. Gross, of Bath, Northampton County. Rev. Gross is an able and very pleasant speaker and draws large crowds wherever he lectures. Come in time so as to be sure of a good seat.

FOR CORONER,

VOTE FOR

CHARLES W. LENTZ,

OF WEISSPORT.

Improved Lots for Sale.

The Enterprise Building and Loan Association, of East Mauch Chunk, has authorized a Committee, consisting of John Mullen, J. H. Beighe and J. W. Smith, to receive bids for the Simpson property, Southeast corner of South and Third streets, East Mauch Chunk, and for the Graver property adjoining lot of A. J. Durling, Lehighton. If these lots are not sold before the 23d inst., they will be offered on the evening of that day at School Hall, East Mauch Chunk, at public sale. Oct. 11-2.

Religious Notes.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH WEISSPORT.—J. K Seyfrit Pastor. German preaching at 10 o'clock A. M. Teachers meeting at 1:30 p. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. English preaching at 7 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LEHIGHTON—To-morrow (Sunday) evening, at 7:00 o'clock, a lecture by Prof. Gardner, of Conn., subject: "Temperance." Admission free.

QUARTERLY MEETING SERVICES.—Rev. J. C. Bliem, of Slatington, a former pastor in this place, will preach in the Lehighton Evangelical Church, to morrow (Sunday) German at 10 a. m. and 3 p. m: English at 7 p. m Communion services in the afternoon. Altar services in the evening. All are welcome.

LEHIGHTON M. E. CHURCH.—To-morrow (Sunday) 9 a. m. Class Meeting; 10 a. m. Sermon by the Pastor, Subject: "Seeing the invisible." 2 p. m. Sunday School.

Temperance Lecture.

On Sunday evening next, the 19th inst., Prof. Gardner, of Connecticut, will deliver a temperance lecture in the First Presbyterian church, of this borough. If we may judge from the numerous testimonials produced by the Professor, this lecture will prove one of the most interesting on the subject of temperance it has ever been the good fortune of our people to listen to.

Rev. E. H. Yocum, pastor of the M. E. church of Tyrone, Pa., says of his lecture: "He has done us good. By all means let him be heard, for he will be an agent of good wherever he is listened to."

Rev. Jos. E. Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, says: "People do do not weary of his talk, and those who have once heard him are anxious to hear him again."

The Altoon *Tribune* says: "There should be a church open for him every evening in the week, for so good an orator should not be permitted to remain idle when there is so much to be done."

Says the Pittsburgh *Commercial Gazette*: "Sound, impresive, high toned and cultivated, he has the happy art of presenting his thoughts in a manner so striking and incisive, that he at once commands the most interested attention, and retains it throughout."

Do not forget that Prof. Gardner lectures in the First Presbyterian church to-morrow (Sunday) evening, at 7 o'clock, and that the admission is *free to all.*

Mauch Chunk Notes

THE CONDUCTOR'S.—The annual convention of Railway Conductors concluded its session at New York on Friday of last week, and about one hundred and fifty of them went on an extensive excursion and arrived here on Tuesday last over the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and remained over Wednesday visiting the Glen, Flagstaff, and making the Switchback. On Tuesday evening they enjoyed the pleasure of a grand ball at the Mansion House. They were all specially delighted with their visit to Mauch Chunk, and the Railway novelty here was intensely interesting even to the profession of Railway Conductors from various parts of the country.

—Miss Bessie Hazzard, daughter of Fisher Hazzard, Esq., was married Wednesday afternoon to Mr. Charles F. Graff, of Clairmont, Del. The ceremony took place in the Presbyterian church, Rev. Edsall Ferrier officiating. The presents were said to have been of the most elaborate and brilliant character. The happy couple started at once on a wedding trip.

—On account of the great scarcity of water in this borough, Hon. Robert Klotz, President of the Water Board, has issued a circular counseling users against an extravagant use of the water. In the more elevated portions of the borough the people are threatened with a water-famine.

—It is astonishing how much people are influenced by surrounding circumstances. Since the court-house has been repaired and repainted, giving it a cheerful aspect; the old Stygian vaults under it renovated, a cemented floor laid and splendid furnace put therein which will heat the entire upper portion of the building, it is a noticeable fact that Jonah Markle, the efficient Court-crier, looks at least twenty years younger than before. Commissioner Gallagher deserves the thanks of the people for the manner in which he has had these repairs done.

—Mr. Joseph Kampman, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad offices, was married on Thursday afternoon to Miss Annie Patterson. The ceremony took place at the residence of Mr. Jacob Salkeld. They took the train immediately for a wedding tour.

—Three rows of porticos are being added to the front of the American House. When completed they will make the front of the building quite ornamental as well as useful.

—Ed. C. Lines, of the 2d Ward, who went to Stillwater, Minn., last fall, returned home this week.

—Still another wedding. On Wednesday evening, at St. Mark's Episcopal church, by the pastor, Rev. Tolman, Mr. J. W. Dodge to Miss Mellie McMullen, daughter of John McMullen, Esq.

The R. R. Spike Manufactory.

Mr. C. F. Sturtevant, of New York, who represents the patentee of the railroad spike which it has been proposed to manufacture in this borough, was at the Exchange hotel on Monday evening, where he invited a consultation of capialtists. Quite a number of our prominent business men met him, and heard the propositions which he had to make relative to the merits of the spike, and the plan proposed for a stock company to manufacture it. Of the merits of the spike over those now in use there is little question, and this will give the manufactured article a decided advantage in competing for trade in the market. Based upon encouragements received from certain business men here, a stock company was formed and incorporated a few days ago, under the provisions of the laws of the State of New York, with a nominal capital stock of $100,000. The incorporate name is the National Spike Manufacturing Co.; it is to do business in the city of New York, with a branch of its business in Lehighton, Pa. The entire management of the concerns of the company, for the period of one year from the 17th of September, 1879, shall be vested in George E. Trembly, Henry W. Carr, F. P. Weber, and C. F. Sturtevant. Our people are called upon to take $52,000 worth of this stock; to furnish all the money to establish and equip a manufactory here. The remaining $48,000 worth of stock is asked for by Mr. Sturtevant, in consideration of the patent, etc. Mr. Sturtevant showed by documentary evidence, that the supply of railroad spikes in the market is not equal to the demand, and that some railroad men will prefer his to the ones now in use. Amos Reigel, W. H. Stroh and Gen. Albright offer to donate to the Company one acre of a tract of land on the flats, on which to erect a factory. Those present were pleased with a first glance at the prospect, and Daniel Olewine, Esq., and Gen. Chas. Albright were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions to the stock. If the company can be divested of one or two objectionable features—can be trimmed down to a home-bred institution—the current opinion is that our capitalists will take hold of it. The proposition is to start on a small scale, employing only twelve or fifteen men. If this venture should be brought to a successful issue it will show our people how easily light manufactories can be started with small capital, with a little enterprise to encourage the matter into life. Such concerns should dot the Lehigh valley at every hands-turn; and it makes little difference whether the articles made are patented or not. The thousands of useful articles that enter into the trade of Philadelphia and New York, and that consume in their manufacture coal and iron, either or both, and employing the labor of men and women, can be manufactured here and sold there at a profit. Who can doubt that a nail factory making common railroad spikes also, started in Lehighton, would pay, if commenced with a cash capital of $15,000; but such an investment could scarcely be expected to pay interest on $100,000. Such things savor too strongly of Aladin and his Wonderful Lamp.

For the CARBON ADVOCATE.

Historical Curiosities.

KUTZTOWN, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 11, 1879.

—MR. H. V. MORTHINER—MY DEAR SIR: Enclosed you will find a few gleanings from Herodotus which I collected especially for the purpose of communicating to the ADVOCATE. I took a class over it in the Greek course and hence it was no trouble for me to take a note of a few points which I thought might be of interest to your readers.

Very truly yours, ***

Greece had three great historians, Herodotus, Xenophon and Thacydides. Herodotus, called the father of history, was the earliest. He was born in the year 484 B. C. in Asia Minor, of wealthy parents and had all the advantages of education and culture which that age afforded. He traveled extensively in the countries east of Greece for about 10 years, during which time he commenced to write a history of the world, which he completed after his return to Greece. This history is the only source of information we have with reference to many ancient tribes and people of the East. His history is considered accurate. In many instances he records what must have been his own personal observation. He gives not only an account of the wars and the successions of kings and princes of those ancient nations, but also describes their customs, habits and domestic life. In reading his history we can see those people in their habit as they lived. In sections 131–140, of the first book he describes the customs and manner of the Persians. The following is a translation of the latter half of section 133: "Persians are scrupulously careful with regard to some things of minor importance. But they are accustomed to sit in council when drunk and pass laws with reference to the most important matters. But whatever laws they pass while they are drunk, these they reconsider when they are sober again, the man in whose house they meet stating to them when sober, the results of their deliberations when drunk. If the laws are then approved by them they let them stand, if not, they repeal them. But if they pass any laws or make treaties first when they are sober, these they reconsider when they are drunk."

It would be unjust to say that we have made no progress towards reform in this respect since the age of Herodotus. Although we often make laws when we are drunk, we are at least, not such weaklings as to expose our inconsistency by reconsidering them when we are sober, excepting those few instances when we make laws when sober, these we sometimes give the benefit of a subsequent deliberation when we are drunk.

In section 138 we find the following: "Whatever it is not allowed among them to do, this they are not allowed to say: To tell a falsehood is regarded by them as a most disgraceful thing; and next to that the most disgraceful thing they know of is *being in debt.* This they consider disgraceful for other reasons, but especially, because, as they say, a man who has debts must also sometimes tell a lie."

In section 196 we have the following account of the way "matches" were made by the Babylonians: Many laws are established by them, but in our opinion the following is the wisest. "Throughout all the villages once a year all the young women of marriageable age are brought together in one place and around them stands a crowd o. young men. Then the auctioneer bringing them forward one after the other, sells them at auction. First he sells the prettiest of all, when this one is sold for a large sum of money he puts up for sale the one that is next prettiest to her. These are sold as wives to the men. The young men of the wealthier class would often outbid one another in buying th prettiest young lady. But the poor young men, to whom beauty was of less account, took the homely ones and received besides a sum of money for taking them. When the auctioneer was done selling the prettiest virgins, he would put up for sale the homliest or the one that was most deformed or lame. This one was sold to the man who pledged himself to live with her for the least sum of money. But the money paid to the men who took the homely ones came from the sale of those that were pretty, so that in fact the pretty ones, procured husbands for the homely and deformed. But the father could not sell his daughter to whomsoever he pleased, nor could the man who bought her take her along as his wife without giving bail. But there was a law that if they could not agree the money had to be refunded."

—Lehigh Hook and Ladder Co., of this borough, with a committee of citizens will visit Tamaqua, Monday next, the guests of Perseverance Hose Company of that borough. The company will leave here on the 10:20 a. m. train L. & S. railroad.

Weissport Items.

—The Fort Allen Club held their regular meeting at the Hunters' Hotel on Monday evening, and a short notice having been given that John Kline, Esq., Mauch Chunk, would be present, a large number gathered in and around the hotel, and in answer to pressing calls for a speech, he addressed the large assemblage from the porch. He made an eloquent and impressive speech, dealing principally with the national issues of the day, showing how the Republican party, starting out as the great champions of human liberty, has degenerated into a corrupt oligarchy, anxious to enslave the nation to retain themselves in place and power. He appealed to workingmen, assuring them that they would find no redress for the grievances they have suffered at the hands of Republican misrule in this State, but by uniting themselves, heart and soul, with the Democratic party, which has ever been the friend of labor. His speech was much applauded. C. W. Lentz was now called to the stand, and made a brief speech on the relative merits of the county candidates, and took occasion in conclusion to deal his friend Yeakel a "clip" just under the waist-band, that caused great applause and roars of laughter. The Club voted to attend the Democratic meeting, to be held at Whisler's hotel, in Lower Towamensing, this, Saturday evening. Several prominent speakers will be present.

—While Mr. Amos Reigel was driving some cattle through Weissport, on Wednesday afternoon, they became unruly and running against the iron fence belonging to Henry Boyer, Esq., near his residence, they broke down two panels of the fence. Mr. Reigel offers to pay the damage done. Some of the cattle were much bruised in the stampede.

Packerton Ripples.

—Ohio has been heard from, and we must confess there is not much to encourage the average Democratic voter. The only consolation is, that as a party it won't stay whipped. There is a rumor, that the Greenbackers didn't vote—evidently an unknown quantity in that State—The presence of the Secretary of the Treasury, the General in Chief of the Army, and that urbane, fair attending gentleman, known as the President of the United States, with a pocket full of "civil service rules," did much to strengthen the weakkneed. Ohio is again Republican; whether it will be a Grant or Sherman boom is hard to tell. One thing is certain, 1880 will be a lively year in the political history of our country.

—The every ready Harry, of Mauch Chunk, visited our place this week with bucket, brush and a large roll of posters: every available place has Kresge and Esser posters. Next week the Republican and Greenback bucket and brush will be along. This year being an off year, no one but the candidates are interested—they must do all the work.

—The people of Packerton are anxious that the Spike Factory enterprise may be a success. We have no monied men here; yet a few shares of stock might be taken.

—Mrs. J. B. Whitton, of New Jersey, is visiting Mrs. Nathan Lefler. She has nearly recovered from her late severe illness.

—The residence, so long occupied by the late James Holmes, has been torn down to make room for the storing of lumber by the L. V. R. R. Company.

—The forwarding office is receiving much needed repairs, an addition of a new coat of paint will add very much to its appearance.

—The coal trade is brisk—every body busy. The stock of the L. V. R. R. is going up slowly but surely without any extra boom, but from natural causes. Careful management makes the possession of this stock a good investment.

—The Fair and Festival of the M. E. church, opened on Tuesday evening; there is quite a display of fancy articles; good music is furnished by Mr. McDaniel, daughter and Silas Rhodes. Ice Cream, cake, &c. Quite a number were up from Lehighton. From present appearances the Fair will be well patronized,

—A force of men, under the direction of John McKelvey, are repairing the dams on Beaver Run. These dams supply the water tanks at Packerton as well as the residences.

—James Clements has moved into one of the corner residences on Park Avenue.

—"Wally" says digging for leaks is good for the appetite, and would rather peg at that than at a shoe.

—It is suggested that the school board be given a "rest." We think so too; although we believe they should vote or decide to have "Free Books"—We say, "cui ma'lo."

AXON.

Lower Kidder Items

—The chestnut season is nearly over.

—Squirrels are scarce in this locality.

—Overcoats will soon be needed after sunset.

—Trees are putting off their summer coats.

—Beach-nuts are not as plenty as they were expected to be this year.

—Some of the Farmers have not yet finished their sowing. Farmers, make haste.

—William Jones, Esq., formerly of Towamensing but now of Hazleton, stopped at this place one day last week.

—John West, Esq., of Kresgeville, passed through here on his way home last week.

—Mrs. Daniel Mertz, of Dottersville, was on a visit to Albrightsville last week.

—Jacob Hauk, Esq., was at Middle Creek attending services last Sunday.

—Mr. Paul Smith and wife, of near Trachsville, were on a visit to this place on Saturday and Sunday last, the guests of Emery Getz, a son-in-law.

—It is said that Daniel Dotter has over two bushels of chestnuts, which his children have picked under the trees.

—A dance was held at the Hunter's hotel on Friday evening of last week.

—Constable H. G. Deppey and several others of near Albrightsville, were at the Lehighton fair; they say they enjoyed it very much.

—The Lutheran association will hold their preparatory services on the 1st of November, and on the Sunday following, at 10 a. m., the Lord's Supper will be administered by Rev. A. M. Struss, minister in charge.

—Henry Kunkel, of Tracesville, claims to have the boss team for fast driving in Carbon County. He drove from Hunter's hotel to the Pine Grove Hotel, which is a distance of five miles, and a pretty rough road at that, in twenty minutes. Now if any man can equal or exceed that with five men on the wagon besides the driver, he can get the chance to do so; and earn $50 which Mr. K. will bet on the race.

—There was a regular turnout at Albrightsville, on Tuesday morning when most part of the people left for Mauch Chunk as witnesses in the case between Jacob Hauk, Esq., Timothy Serfass and Christian George.

PRO BONO.

India Ink and Water Colors.

A. W. Dayton is in town for a few days, taking orders for his work, which was on exhibition at the Fair, and took the premium. His work shows the natural color of the eyes, hair, and all the articles of clothing can be shown. All work warranted satisfactory when delivered. The pictures of Mr. and Mrs. Kemerer (parents of Thos. Kemerer Esquire), were pronounced first-class by all who are acquinted with them. We think Mr. Dayton will have no difficulty in taking orders for his work. A few weeks ago he delivered a fine picture to Mr. and Mrs. McDaniels of Packerton, of their deceased son, Willie. It gave perfect satisfaction. A. W. DAYTON,

Broadway House, Mauch Chunk.

Our County Courts.

The Carbon County Courts, October term, convened at the Court House in Mauch Chunk, on Monday, the 13th inst., at 1:30 p. m., before President Judge Dreher and Associates Leonard and Meendsen.

The Grand Jury was called and sworn, and A. C. Brodhead, Esq., was appointed Foreman.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Petition of Michael Carraghan for transfer of tavern license from Michael McDonald to Michael Carraghan; granted.

Petition to transfer a liquor license from Philip Rader to Michael Rader; granted.

Commissioners ordered to pay costs in the matter of the inquest on the dead body of Jonathan Hants.

Court approved the appointment of Commissioners to establish a boundary line between Banks township, Carbon county, and Hazle township, Luzerne county.

In the matter of the laying out of a road in Towamensing township, near Parryville, the Court orders that henceforth said road be a public highway.

Commonwealth vs. George Kostenbader; fornication and bastardy, Rose Ann Klotz, prosecutrix; called and recognizance forfeited.

Commonwealth vs. Daniel Eastman; assault and battery; Elizabeth Eastman, prosecutrix; plea guilty; sentenced to pay costs and enter recognizance for appearance next term.

Commonwealth vs. Peter Duffy; selling liquor without a license, J. H. Brink, prosecutor; verdict guilty, and sentenced to pay $5 and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Lydia Shabo (alias Julia Weiss); larceny, Miss Lizzie Kramer, prosecutrix; plea guilty; sentenced to pay $1 and costs, and to 30 days in jail. The same in Oyer and Terminer, charge larceny and robbery, plea guilty to first count and a *nol. pros.* entered in second; sentence to pay costs and to 30 days in jail.

Commonwealth vs. Dennis Tracy, assault with intent to rape; Matilda Solomon, prosecutrix; verdict not guilty.

Commonwealth vs. Jacob Hawk, assault during a religious meeting in church, with a stove-poker; Timothy Serfass prosecutor; plea that the prosecutor was drunk and was disturbing a religious meeting; verdict guilty and sentenced to pay $10 and costs.

The Grand Jury finished its labors on Wednesday, and was discharged with the thanks of the Court. The Jury Docket was exhausted on Thursday, and the Petit Jury excused for the remainter of the term. Subsequently the Court was occupied with miscellaneous arguments by counsel.

ORPHANS' COURT.

First and final account of Fred Newhouse, administrator of Fred. Scheubel, dec'd; confirmed.

In the matter of the sale of real estate belonging to Solomon Solt, dec'd., confirmed.

In the matter of the sale of real estate of Isaac Moyer, dec'd., confirmed.

Widows' appraisment of the estate of Uriah Rehr, dec'd; confirmed.

Auditor's report in the matter of the account of Ed. C. Wilson, administrator of Peter Steel; report confirmed absolutely, and administrator ordered by Court to pay over moneys in in his hands, as per auditor's distribution.

Widows' appraisement of the estate of Wm. Remaly, dec'd; confirmed nisi.

Final account of Jacob Blakslee, administrator of the estate of John Blakslee; confirmed nisi.

Final account of Henry McGory, guardian of Patrick McCollough, minor child of Michael McCollough, deceased; confirmed nisi.

The second and final account of Edward Kelly, executor of Susan Meighan; confirmed nisi.

First and final account of Thomas Hagarty, one of the executors of the estate of Bernard Barron, deceased; confirmed nisi.

First and final account of W. H. Evans, administrator of the estate of Thomas H. Crane deceased; confirmed nisi.

Account of Catharine Fie, administratrix of Michael Fie; confirmed nisi.

First and final account of John McCready, executor of the will of John Winterstein deceased; confirmed nisi.

Auditor's report in the matter of the distribution of funds in the hands of Adolph Hussman administrator of Charles Hussman; confirmed nisi.

Petition to sell real estate belonging to Joshua Klotz, deceased; granted.

Petition of Charles M. and Mary Klotz, for appointment of guardian; Charles Lentz was appointed.

Executor's petition to sell real estate of Thos. P. Fisher, deceased; sale ordered.

First and final account of John Bynon, guardian of Charles Powell; confirmed absolutely.

First and final account of Silas and John Solomon, executors of Nathaniel Solomon, deceased; confirmed absolutely.

First and final account of T. W. Stelgerwald, administrator of Lewis Frantz; approved absolutely.

Splinters fom West Penn.

—Sunday school at 9 a. m.

—No church on Sunday.

—Dry weather at present.

—Eggs sell at 14 cents per dozen.

—Corn husking is now in order.

—Butter sells at 16 cents per pound.

—Public schools will open on the 27th.

—Sowing is now finished for this season.

—Cider making is nearly over for this season.

—But few wild pigeons have been seen in this vicinity.

—Some gray squirrels have been shot hereabouts.

—Grain is getting yellow during this dry weather.

—Late planted corn was greatly damaged by the late frost.

—Not much is said about politics in this vicinity.

—Farmers are complaining that the potatoes are getting black inside and are commencing to rod.

—Typhoid fever is visiting some families, and I am sorry to announce the death of Monroe George. The funeral took place on Sunday last at the stone church.

—The Sunday schools are in good condition, and are largely attended.

—It is reported that the singing school is stopped at the Furnace school house, but I hope the teacher and members will take courage and re-organize again at once.

—David Kistler is not able to do all the grinding that is brought to his mill on account of the low water.

—Monday paid on Sunday contracts may be recovered.

—Malder originated from the East.

—Celery originated in Germany.

—The chestnut came from Italy.

—The onion originated in Egypt.

—Tobacco is a native of Virginia.

—The nettle a native of Europe.

—The citron is a native of Greece.

—The pine is a native of America.

—Oats originated in North Africa.

—The poppy originated in the East.

—Rye came originally from Siberia.

—Parsley was first known in Sardinia.

—The pear and apple are from Europe.

—Spinnach was first cultivated in Arabia.

—The sunflower was brought from Peru.

—The mulberry tree originated in Persia.

—The walnut and beach came from Persia.

—The horse chestnut is a native of Thibet.

—The cucumber came from the East Indies.

—The quince came from the island of Crete.

—The radish is a native of China and Japan.

—In walking the streets keep out of the ruts, and never look one way and walk another.

CAIPS.

Our Parryville Budget.

—Mrs. Mary Phifer, who was visiting her sister, returned Monday.

—Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Walters from Tamaqua were here on a visit to Prof. Bierman's.

—The new foundry building is about to be put under roof.

—The No. 2 furnace will be put in operation the beginning of the next week. The trestle works at the furnaces have also been repaired.

—The Excelsior Cornet Band of Lehighton, were in town Tuesday evening serenading some of our citizens.

—Mr. Teter, a well-known and beloved citizen moved to Lehigh Gap.

—Rev. Schaller will preach in the M. E. church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and in the evening at seven o'clock.

—The new store is making rapid progress and will soon be ready to accommodate those who call.

Homeopathy seems to be gaining ground, for our physician is kept very busy, and has good success with his patients.

—Our borough is short of houses. If business continues to prosper other tenements will be necessary, as the houses are all now engaged. ALFONSO.

Allison Briny, a young man of Kittaning stuck a nail in his foot and died three days afterwards from lock jaw.

The Coal Trade.

Although the last week has brought an advance in the price of coal, in which, we understand, the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has joined, it has failed to bring the much needed signature of the proper representatives of the Lehigh Valley coal interests to the agreement already signed by the other companies, and though the period at which the signature was to be obtained in order to make the bargain complete has expired, it is well understood that the other interests are willing to give any auditional time that may reasonably be wanted in order to properly consider the question. The failure to command the favor and assent of all the parties to the agreement within the prescribed time we think matter of much regret, and could the lacking signatures be affixed yet, the result would achieve much good to the trade. The recent advance in the price of coal without the aid of a perfected agreement is an evidence that the demand has about equalled the supply, but we consider it highly important to the future of the trade that there should not only be a restoration of public confidence in the business management of the coal companies, but that a proper system be devised whereby for the future, whenever a curtailment of production is absolutely necessary, it will be enforced and borne equitably by all parties, and the belief is general that both of these ends will be effectually secured whenever the non-assenting interests signify their willingness to co-operate with the other companies under the proposed agreement. The fact that such united actions as is now proposed would have added some $25,000,000 to the earnings of the coal companies for 1879; that the want of it may jeopardize $30,000,000 for 1880; that over $200,000,000 of capital is producing no revenue to its owners, many of whom can but ill afford the loss of income to which they have been subjected; that one hundred thousand miners and laborers in the coal fields are working at less wages than they would be entitled to if coal brought a remunerative price; and that all these evils continue mainly because signatures representing about twenty per cent of the entire product of coal are withheld from an agreement under which all the capital would yield an income and all the labor be fairly paid, sufficiently justify the expression of the desire that prompt action be taken either in perfecting the proposition offered or in making some effort to better it. One reason given why the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, a common carrier, declines to take part in any agreement under which it may be required to limit production, is that it is a common carrier, and cannot refuse transportation. The answer to this by the other companies is that they do not require the signature of the Lehigh Valley *Railroad* Company, but only that of the Lehigh Valley *Coal* Company, which is not a tranporting company but a mining company. It is further said that the Lehigh Valley Coal Company dislikes to take the initiative in a matter of such consequence, and must defer to the individual operators, and yet it is now no secret that when the call for the meeting of operators was already actually signed, ready for distribution, it was directed to be withheld, so that no opportunity, under authoritative or official invitation, has been afforded the individual operators of expressing their opinion at a meeting. A gentleman entirely familiar with the subject informs us that the following is an exact copy of a call which was duly prepared for issue and subsequently countermanded:

BETHLEHEM, Oct. 4, 1879.

Dear sir—At a informal meeting of coal operators, this day, I was requested to call a general meeting of operators shipping via Lehigh Valley Railroad, at Bethlehem, October 7th, at 1 P. M. Yours,

A. PARDEE.

The fact that no meeting was called was believed by some to indicate that the paper would be signed without the formality of a general meeting, as it is alleged that most of the leading operators had expressed themselves in its favor; but in any event if the consent of the Lehigh Valley operators is required by the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, it is no more than reasonable to look to the latter to use some efforrt to enable the operators to express their opinion, and until this opportunity is given some one must bear the blame for the delay.

It is by some parties in interest feared that there may be some grounds for the belief that other questions than coal mining and transportation are really at the bottom of the difficulty in the way of securing the two absent signatures to the agreement. What is known as "the street," which sometimes make pretty shrewd guesses at causes which influence corporate management, and the latter oracle has already delivered an opinion, which, however, we do not care to embody and repeat just here; opening, as it would, a new subject and new traffic by new routes. Oil transportation there is reason to believe is not inseparable in interest from coal transportation.—*Ledger*, Monday.

GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT.

To the Honorable, the Judges of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, in and for the county of Carbon.

The Grand Inquest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, inquiring for the county of Carbon, in all matters relating to the same, do respectfully report that they have acted upon thirteen (13) bills of indictment sent to them by the District Attorney of which eight (8) was found as true bills, and five (5) ignored.

Complaints have reached us (in an *informal* way), that the roads in the townships of Mauch Chunk and Packer, leading over Broad mountain are in poor condition and we would call the attention of the Supervisors of these townships to the fact. We have not deemed it advisable, in view of the repairs so recently made on the public buildings of the County, to visit or to view them.

The reports of the Constables of the several Townships and Boroughs indicate, that the laws are very generally observed.

A petition signed by several citizens of Weissport, complains that the laws in relation to the "maintainance of the *moral* and *temporal* welfare of their citizens" are not observed, but as there are no specific charges made of violation of any law, by any particular persons we are unable to act thereon.

A. C. BRODHEAD, Foreman.

Mauch Chunk, Oct. 15th, 1879.

Nesquehoning Screenings.

—Charles Fritz, had one of his ankles dislocated on Friday, by a stick of timber rolling against it.

—Miss Annie Mooney, left for New York on Thurday last week.

—The Hon. M. Cassidy and P. Lawler, were among the distinguished visitors at the Lehighton fair on Friday week.

—James Levan, a laborer, while working in No. 2 slope had one of his hands badly mashed, by a gangway collar falling on it.

—A number of our smart pedestrians are trying to get up a walking match, of 48 or more hours. The Lehighton fair ground is spoken of as the most suitable place to contest the match. Let us hear from some other parts of the county? J. C.

The first sale of the tobacco crop of this State for 1879 was made by Mr. Abram Kratz, of Salisbury, Lancaster county, on Monday morning, at twenty cents per pound all round.

Mr. Christian L. Ross arrived at Factoryville, near Scranton, on Monday afternoon, in pursuit of a woman, who was supposed to have his missing son in her possession. The boy proved not to be Charlie.

Big Creek Items.

—On account of the low water, our millers are unable to fill their custom work.

—Lewis Krum moved from this place into one of P. J. Kistler's houses, north of the St. Paul's church, on Thursday of last week, and is now working at Packerton.

—During the dry weather of last week our farmers were busy threshing buckwheat.

—Good farm hands are scarce at present.

—The largest crowd at the County Fair from this place was on Thursday of last week. No doubt to see the horse race.

—We were pleased to see Mr. Wm. Lovett again in our midst on Tuesday last.

—Autumn leaves—November 30.

—People who failed to build sometime ago, will be sorry to learn that building materials, such as lumber, nails, &c., have gone up in price pretty stiffy.

—Shell-barks are said to be plenty this year in some localities.

—Mr. Benjamin Strohl, of this place, has had a relapse in his sickness, and at the present writing (Wednesday morning) is in a critical condition.

—The potato crop in some parts of the valley yielded abundantly this year.

—I desire to correct a typographical error which appeared in one of my items of last week—about the date of opening of the schools of Towamensing, reading as the 17, when it should have read the 27th of October.

—We clip the following from a Kansas paper dated Oct. 9.—"Married, by Rev. A. C. Peck, at the Baptist church, this morning, Henry M. Solt and Mamie F. Yarnold. A number of friends were present at the ceremony and tendered congratulations at its close. The couple will reside in Lawrence." The bride groom formerly resided at this place, and is well known in these parts; he left here a few years ago for Kansas, and has found steady employment and likes it well.—and intends to make it his home if we may judge from this.

REVERS.

Albrightsville Items

—Jack Frost is a regular morning visitor.

—Robert Wearing, proprietor of the European Hotel, New York, has been on a visit to his brother, John D. Wearing, the accommodating night operator at Mud Run Station, L. V. R.R., and was the guest of John Kline-top. He returned home on Monday.

—Mr. J. S. Bollinger, formerly of this place and recently of Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery county, returned home on Monday last.

—Chestnuts are ripe now, and sell for 10 per quart.

—Mr. Al