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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.

—Reading has four female barbers.

—If you want to catch the holiday boom advertise.

—The 21st inst. brings us to the shortest day in the year.

—Judge Henry Green, of Easton, is laid up with an attack of rheumatism.

—Do you know that T. D. Clauss sells boots and shoes cheaper than any man in town?

—Smoke! and when you do smoke cigars procure one of those elegant five centers sold at Dr. C. T. Horn's Central Drug Store, on Bank street, after you have smoked one you will want another. 1—4.

—It is reported that the Chapman slate company is employing all hands that make application for work.

—The season for lawfully killing deer began on November 1st and will continue until December 16th.

—From 300 to 400 off cars pass down the Lehigh Valley Railroad every 24 hours along with 4,000 to 5,000 coal cars.

—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.

—The teachers of Northampton county will hold their annual institute at Easton during the week commencing December 29th.

—The hunting and killing of partridges, pheasants, wild turkeys, squirrels and rabbits is only permitted by law up to the 31st of this month.

—300 boxes West's Vegetable Liver Pills for sale at Durling's Drug Store. 25 cents per box. 1f.

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

—The Easton jail is being supplied, by contract, with good meat at 7 cents per pound, and bread at 3¾ cents per loaf, the loaves weighing 1¼ pounds each.

—Rev. C. Earle, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Catasauqua, has returned to Orange, N. J., for further treatment of a throat disease under which he has been suffering for some time.

—Just received an elegant assortment of Ladies' coatings, which will be made up to order at lowest prices at T. D. Clauss' merchant Tailoring establishment.

—If you are in need of Job Printing, of any description, send your orders to the CARBON ADVOCATE. All work is done neatly and for the very lowest prices.

The Eastern Post Office from December 1 1878, to December 1st 1879, received 1,649,632 mailable articles and delivered 2,360,945—total, 4,002,877.

—Mr. Peter Schall, a well known resident of Moore twp., Northampton county, died in the latter part of last week, and was buried Tuesday.

—Anything from a visiting card to a poster, neatly printed at this office on short notice and for the *lowest* cash prices.

—Letter and note heads, envelopes, billheads, &c., a specialty at very low prices. Call and see samples.

—Mr. Henry Sheirer, saddler at Schnecksville, died in the early part of last week, and was buried in the cemetery at Unionville on Saturday. Deceased had resided in Schnecksville for many years, and always maintained the character of an honest, reputable and worthy citizen.

—William Keener, Lewis Hankey and Wm. H. Williams were arrested at Slatington on Saturday for the larceny of wheels, shafting, &c., forming the machinery in an abandoned Slate quarry on the premises of Benjamin Kern. They broke the material into small fragments and conveyed it to Potter's foundry at Washington Square, where they disposed of it as old iron.

—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.

—If you do not know where to buy your Christmas Tree Trimmings, such as fancy scrap pictures, fairies, and a full line of holiday goods, call and see E. F. Luckenbach, Mauch Chunk.

—Hon. Robert E. Wright, of Allentown, last week presented to the Catasauqua Library Association a *fac simile* of the deed from King Charles II, of England, conveying the land in America commonly known as Pennsylvania, to Wm. Penn.

—The employees of the iron works at Catasauqua have received four five per cent. advances on their wages during the year. An advance was made during each of the months of August, September, October and November.

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.

—Have you got your Winter overcoats? If not, go to T. D. Clauss, the tailor, and see the immense display of new and elegant designs in overcoatings just received.

—An eight year old son of Francis Moultrop, of this place, while on a visit to his grandfather's, on Mahoning mountain, last Tuesday, fell from a small wagon and fractured his left elbow. Dr. N. B. Reber reduced the fracture and the little fellow is doing finely.

—Three men were burned by an explosion of fire damp in the Pittston Coal Company's twin shaft at Pittston, Tuesday, and one of them, named John Hindie, is not expected to recover.

—Quite a number of ministers from abroad were in attendance at the Preacher's meetings of the M. E. church, in this borough, on Monday and Tuesday, and the meetings were interesting and well attended.

—We have purchased the county right for the use of D. R. Reynolds' Metallic Book Binder, and are now prepared to print and bind order, receipt and note books on short notice and at very low rates. Give us a trial.

—The Central Hotel, Hazleton, now runs a new and handsome "bus" to and from the depot for the accommodation of its guests. The "bus" was built at the carriage works of Messrs. Weiss & Kerschner, of this borough, and is an elegant specimen of the work turned out by them.

—Horatio T. Herlzog died in Macungie, Lehigh county, a few days ago, weighing three hundred and twenty-five pounds.

—There is a temperance revival at Easton which has enlisted the liveliest interest. Ladies engaged in the cause visited a large number of saloons in the interest of temperance Friday afternoon.

—Mr. John H. Lichtenwallner, who is Warden in the Lehigh County Jail, will offer himself before the next Democratic Convention of that county for the nomination of Sheriff.

—Bishop Simpson preached at Pottsville on Wednesday night of last week, upon the occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the First Methodist church of that place.

—The case of Mrs. Wetherhold, of Allentown, against judge Edwin Albright, President Judge of Lehigh county, for embezzling pension money belonging to the plaintiff, was decided Friday of last week in favor of the defendant.

—In South Bethlehem, on Wednesday night of last week, a young man named William Yocum heard some one trying to break in the house. He took a position at the head of the stairway, and soon afterward heard some one approaching. He called to him several times, and receiving no answer fired in that direction. It proved to be young Yocum's brother, who was walking in his sleep, and is so badly wounded that he cannot recover.

—We are pleased to learn from one of the members of the Excelsior Cornet Band, that that organization is out of debt.

—A well attended meeting of the Schuylkill Coal Exchange was held in Philadelphia last Saturday, and the following resolution adopted: *Resolved*, That all mining and shipments of coal be suspended on the evening of December 24th, 1879, and so continue until Monday, Jan. 5th, 1880; and, further, that we advance the price of coal on the resumption of business, twenty five cents per ton.

—We learn that Prof. T. A. Snyder, of Stroudsburg, formerly principal of our public schools, will lead to the hymenial altar on Tuesday evening, December 23rd, the accomplished and fascinating Miss Emma Hauk, of this borough. The ceremony will take place in Zion's Reformed church, of this place at 5:30 p. m., Rev. J. K. Derr officiating.

—We are pleased to learn from District Agent, F. R. Alexander, that there is a steady increase in the membership of the New Era Life Insurance Association of 1876, of Philadelphia.

—The store windows of our merchants already show evidence of the near approach of Christmas.

—For the five days ending on the 5th inst., there were 69,310 tons of coal shipped over the L. & S. railroad, making a total for the season to that date of 3,831,531 tons, an increase of 1,647,410 tons, as compared with same date last year.

—A full line of Ladies' Misses, and children's FURS AND GLOVES at J. H. Handwerk's, Oak Hall, Mauch Chunk.

—While Charles McCue was engaged at work in the steel works at South Bethlehem, Monday, the contents of a large vessel containing molten steel was thrown over him, inflicting injuries which it is thought will result in his death.

—Our young friend, John W. Nusbaum, after an absence of several weeks, returned home last Friday evening, considerably improved in health.

—Mrs. Monahan, who has been on a visit to her daughter at Wilkesbarre for a few weeks past, returned home on Friday last, since which time she has been confined to her house.

—Mrs. William Zoesay, of Catasauqua, administered a thrashing to her ten-year-old son a few days ago, and the whip striking the boy's pants pocket, an explosion followed. Mrs. Zoesay now has a black eye and carries her arm in a sling, while the boy limps and has had a new pocket put in the pants. He had a cartridge about him, hence all the trouble.

"Let girls be girls." Yes, that's so. A change couldn't be for the better, and it might be for the worse. Just so with the teams loaned out from the popular livery of David Robert. There are none better in the county, and his terms are very reasonable.

—One day last week, says the Dover (N. J.) *Index*, there was a drummer from Newark in town soliciting orders for printing. There must have been something rotten in Denmark about the fellow, as he offered to print letter heads and statements at less rates than the white paper can to-day be bought in the New York markets. In this connection we wish to say that "Patronize home industries" applies as much to the printing business as anything else. Why give your work to an out of town drummer, when you can get just as good a job and for just as low a price at home? Is it consistent for business men to grumble about people "going away from home to trade," when they do the same thing themselves? And this fact fits just as well in this latitude as it does in Dover.

—Just received a fine assortment of New Year's Cards. Cheap for cash. Call and see them.

—The climate of Pennsylvania is so exceedingly changeable and uncertain that the most prudent cannot guard against taking cold. To all such we would advise the use of Dr. Browning's C. & C. Cordial, which has never yet failed to give prompt relief. It should always be kept on hand and used as soon as the cold makes its appearance. It can be had at all the drug stores. W. Champion Browning, M. D., Proprietor and Manufacturer, 1117 Arch street, Philada.

—Hon. Z. H. Long was on a visit to Philadelphia two or three days during the present week.

—On Saturday, the 20th inst., Dildine Snyder, of Parryville, will sell at public sale six valuable horses, lot of carriages, sleighs, harness, etc. Those in need of anything in this line should bear this fact in mind. All prime stock.

—A large assortment of Buffalo Robes, Lap Blankets, Trunks, Valises, Umbrellas and Walking Canes at J. H. Handwerk's Oak Hall, Mauch Chunk.

—There is quite a rivalry among the jewelers in Mauch Chunk, now that the holidays are approaching, but E. H. Hohl appears to take the lead not only in low prices, but in the beauty of design and the quality of his goods. Persons from this end who may have occasion to visit that borough should not fail to call and inspect his stock. Store a few doors above the Mansion House.

—For the week ending Dec. 6th,—the first week in the new coal year—the Leh. Val. railroad transported 97,797 tons of coal over their road, being an increase of 5,988 tons as compared with same week last year.

—J. T. Nusbaum & Son make a very important announcement in another column.

—The cause of an accident on the railroad was owing to the stoppage of a poor watch, but the improved American Watches, kept in stock by E. H. Hohl, of Mauch Chunk, are the finest if we may judge by the rapidity of their sale. Prices range very low.

—Notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the evening, the lecture of Rev. Hart, State Chaplain of the Order of Good Templers, on Wednesday, in the Evangelical church was well attended. The Rev. gentleman spoke long and well, and those who heard him went home more than satisfied.

—All the latest styles of HATS AND CAPS, can be found at J. H. Handwerk's Oak Hall, Mauch Chunk.

—Our newsy little cotemporary the *Hazleton Daily Bulletin* entered upon its second volume on Wednesday last. Our wish is that it may live long and grow larger. It deserves success, and should be nourished by the people of Hazleton and vicinity.

—Winter suits and overcoats by the thousands for the holidays for less money than ever before,

All wool Suits at from.....$4.00 up.
Men's good Overcoats at from..... 3.50 up.
Boy's Melton Overcoat's at from... 1.95 up.

and an immense stock of boots and shoes, hats, caps, trunks, valises, and gent's furnishing goods. Call before Christmas and secure a good overcoat and suit at lowest prices at Jonas Soudheim's, first clothing store above Mansion House, Mauch Chunk.

—Register and Recorder Phillips, on Thursday morning last, received the Commissions for the several county offices elected at the last election.

—Our old friend, Fred Schmidt, formerly of Weissport, now of Sellersville, Bucks county, was in town on Thursday. He looks jolly as ever.

—Just received at the store of J. T. Nusbaum & Son, a very large and attractive assortment of Fancy Goods for the Holiday trade at lowest prices.

—W. D. Harrington, formerly in the employ of this office, is now engaged canvassing for Russell Young's edition of "Grant's Trip Around the World."

—An entire suspension of mining and coal transportation has been ordered on the Central Railroad of New Jersey from December 24 to January 5.

—The trial of William Eckert and Francis Smith at Wilkesbarre, for the murder of John Mallady, at Nanticoke, in October last, resulted Wednesday in their acquittal.

—The Directors of the Lehigh Valley Railroad company have declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent. on the capital stock, payable on and after January 15th.

—Do you know why J. T. Nusbaum & Son are selling such large quantities of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, &c.? Because they are selling at OLD PRICES.

A fight on Saturday night in a Bradford saloon resulted in one of the combatants having his ear "chawed" off.

LETTER FROM KANSAS.

The following interesting letter from our young friend, E. Y. Dollenmayer, who left this place about one year ago, will no doubt be perused with much pleasure by his old acquaintances hereabouts.—ED.

WILSON, KAN., Dec. 2. 1879.

H. V. MORTHIMER—SIR:—When I left Lehighton I went to Cleveland, Chicago, and then through Iowa. I stopped at several places but none suited my business, for different reasons. I went to Kansas City and out on the Kansas Pacific road, stopping in Junction City, a beautiful city. (You must know that *town* has no significance in this State. City is applied to all incorporated places.) It is situated on a plateau, has regular streets and good substantial buildings. I also stopped at Brookville and Ellsworth; neither of these places were what I looked for, so on the 1st of April I was in Wilson. This is a city of 600 population, according to the spring census. It is the most rapid growing place I ever had any knowledge of, for since I am here, there were no less than 20 private residences built, one Methodist parsonage, one Presbyterian church, and a very fine depot; this is some improvement anyhow. We have nearly all branches of trade represented here—merchants in groceries, hardware, dry goods, lumber, millinery goods, gent's furnishing goods, harvesting implements, jewelry, four hotels, one restaurant, three doctors, but until lately we had no saloon. We are in great need of a tailor who can cut and fit. There is none within 18 miles. We have also room for a cabinet maker and a banker. Our people are enterprising and will aid the latter. I have no doubt. On the banks of the Smoky Hill river, three miles south, here are four coal mines, working fully 50 men. Two slopes are very good coal for this country, it is a bituminous coal of inferior quality, but it is believed that the more there is mined the better it will get. Business, here, has not made such a great strike as it has done in the East, but it is steadily improving, though it has never been so low down as it was in Lehighton. I have had a sufficiency of work and a proportionate amount of sales. I have bought a lot in the city for a dwelling, a fine site. I receive your paper every Tuesday except when some accident happens; I am most interested in the home and Weatherly news, though the latter is scarce. Enclosed find $1.00 for my paper for next year, Vol. VIII. We all are right well, and remain, E. Y. DOLLENMAYER.

"Love, Courtship, Marriage."

Rev. James A. Little, of Hackendauqua, will deliver his popular lecture on the above subject in Presbyterian church, of this place, on Monday evening next, 15th inst., at 7:30 o'clock. Those who are in love should be there to hear, as well as those who are courting and those who are married, for we are assured by those who have heard the lecture that there is enough in it to please, amuse and instruct them all. Here are a few press opinions:

Scranton Republican: "Full of interest to those who contemplate marrying."

Allentown Democrat: "Mr. Little is one of the most effective and brilliant pulpit orators in these parts—a finished public speaker—his oratory having that dignity of naturalness which the mere polish of art can never bestow."

Shenandoah Herald: "All should hear this lecture, if possible, as it is an important one."

Stroudsburg Jeffersonian: "The lecturer created merriment from the beginning to the end of his lecture. If the audience attended with the expectation of laughing, they were not disappointed. If they attended with the expectation of being instructed, there was certainly matter enough in the lecture when properly applied, to fill that expectation."

Admission 15 cents, children 10 cents, and the proceeds are for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

Week of Prayer.

The following programme has been adopted by the United States Evangelical Alliance for the week of prayer, January 4-10, 1880

Sunday, Jan. 4th.—Sermon on the fullness of Christ's Salvation.

Monday, Jan. 5th.—Thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year, and prayer for their continuance.

Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—Confession of sin, and humiliation before God.

Wednesday, Jan. 7th.—Prayer for the church of Christ, its ministers, its growth in grace, and its enlargement; and for revivals of religion throughout the country.

Thursday, Jan. 8th.—Prayer for Christian education; for the family, and institutions of learning; for Sunday schools and Christian Associations.

Friday, 9th.—Prayer for nations, rulers and people; for peace and religious liberty

Saturday, Jan. 10th.—Prayer for Home and Foreign Missions; for the outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, and the conversion of the world.

Mahoning Twinkilings.

—The hardest thing to hold in this world is an unruly tongue. It beats a hot smoothing iron or kicking horse considerably.

—Miss Alvina Benninghoff was doing some sewing for Lizzie Kistler this week.

—Miss Emma J. Garber is at present in the employment of Mrs. John Sittler, milliner, at E. Mauch Chunk.

—Miss Tillie Hough went to Philadelphia last Wednesday, where she expects to remain for several weeks.

—Mr. A. Miller, at present a member of the graduating class in the State Normal school, at Kutztown, is expected home to day, (Saturday.)

—The shooting match, which was to be held last Saturday by John Lapp, of Stuart's Run, was postponed on account of the rainy weather to this (Saturday) afternoon, Remember boys, it goes for a cow.

—Mr. Fleckenstine and wife, of Lehigh county, were guests of Frank Gilbert several days last week.

—Mr. J. B. Meitzler, who has been in the employment of Michael Garber for the last two years, left last Tuesday for Kresgeville, his former home.

—N. G., the noted hunter, had the good luck of capturing four rabbits last Tuesday, but most of the credit was due to his dogs—Pointer and Nipper.

—Josiah Cunfer and Joseph Hough were at Lehighton last Sunday evening attending church.

—John Benninghoff killed two porkers last Monday, one of which weighed 318 lbs.

—Mr. Solomon and Edgar H. Weaver intend to start a singing school at Hornsville, before long. That is if they can get the services of our worthy "Uncle" to act as janitor.

—There is a young man in this valley who calls the Literary Society a bad place to go to; the reason is, he intends to enter the Theological Seminary next spring, and so he wants to be good himself.

—David Kuhns lost two pigs this fall by the prevalent disease.

—The tourists, Mr. Hough and Mr. Schaffer, were in church on Sunday. They assert that this was a privilege not to be enjoyed in far off Leadville.

—The School Board, at last Saturday's meeting adopted the Brook's new series of Arithmetics. This is a stride in advance in the line of mathematics.

—John Behninghoff found a cow-bell on Sunday morning while following the track of a fox, which had passed through his cornfield on the rainy night previous We are glad to announce that he also found the owner.

—Mr. Charles Fritz, is doing a thriving butchering trade at present, and many are the homes made savory thereby.

—J. H. Nothstine, of Fritz Dale, is still working at Packerton, going home every Saturday evening, having for company that piece of workmanship called "pipe," which not only wears away health but often the hair on the chin.

—The new style of hats are quite a rage at present. The ladies wonder what the gentlemen think of them, even going to the extreme of asking; but often comments are made in much stronger terms than they care to hear. BINGO.

Stuart's Run Items.

—Some men pay attention who never pay anything else. Fact!

—"Bingo" wishes Mr. Paradox was an air cushion for about five minutes—he would sit down on him.

—John Newmayer speaks of Jim B, as a flying Dutchman. Very well; what were legs made for?

—Mr. Paradox, of Heidelberg, Lehigh Co., now teaching at East Penn, was in our valley last Saturday.

—Nathan Rex, of Weatherly, expects to spend the holidays in this valley.

—Henry Newmayer, of Baltimore, is at present the guest of Valentine Newmayer.

—Elwin Mantz and A. J. Balliet the great snipe and rabbit hunters, contemplate going to Bradford county, to hunt bears.

—Mr. Solomon and Mr. Hill have started a singing school at Fannington. Mr. Solomon informed us that he and Mr. Weaver intend to start a school at Stuart's Run before long.

—A letter received from Clara Harpster, of Columbia county, by her uncle, L. Rex, informs us that she arrived home safe.

—We had a good rain on Saturday, but it spoiled J. Lapp's shooting match.

—D. Koons and W. E. Shingler were busy making sausage this week.

—Miss Jane Billman was visiting her uncle Lewis last Sunday.

—The Summer Side boys are still crossing the Delaware to Hornsville, where they see aunt Mary.

—E. Hough was in Packerton for work, so was Uncle Lewis and Solomon.

—The teacher of Sensal's school has enrolled 53 scholars, and more coming.

—David Straup lost a pig by the cholera.

—Quite a number of young folks were assembled at the house of Wm. Horn last Sunday evening. Among those present we noticed Misses Emma Schaeffer, Tillie Beck, Mary Rex, Tillie Hough, and Messrs. Benj. Beck, Elwin Mantz, Aleck Kemerer, Ed. Hough, Willie Schaeffer, and others.

—We have quite a number of goats in our neighborhood. TEXAS JACK

Wild Creek Items.

—Thomas Kibler paid us a visit on Saturday of last week and returned home on Sunday.

—H. B. Christman, of Poho Poco Creek, left for Broadheadsville, Monroe county, on Monday last, where he remained two days, finishing a job of painting; and from there he went to Effort, where he procured another job.

—Two women, who reside near here caught twenty rabbits this fall.

—William Kibler, of Kresgeville, Monroe county, was at this place on Monday, butchering for his father.

—John Distler has completed his piazza.

—Adam Bibler and Henry Haydt, while out gunning one day this week, bagged four pheasants.

—John C. Distler and Austin Wolfe, of this place, left on Wednesday for Audenried to commence working, where they procured a job at recovering a mine. We wish them good luck.

—A number of Mauch Chunk papers come to the postoffice drawer at Trachsville, only a few of which are called for. Of the ADVOCATE none are refused. JO.

Big Creek Items.

—Poultry of all kinds is very cheap.

—Snow is very tardy in its appearance.

—Our schools are continually filling up.

—The sleigh dealers are wishing for snow.

—This place at present, is entirely free from sickness.

—Hon. I. G. Zern, was at this place on Sunday. We were pleased to meet him.

—Thos. Koons, newly elect sheriff, was at this place, on Tuesday, on adunting excitation.

—Several hundred tons of iron ore have been taken away from the Old Fanny's Forge of this place, the past two weeks, and taken by team to Weissport, from thence shipped by rail to Reading. Teamsters get 75 cents per ton to deliver it at Weissport on car.

—The Solt's school, taught by W. E. Kemerer, averaged 40 pupils the first month. This school is said to be largest at present in Franklin.

—Frederick Rise, an inmate of the Franklin Poor House, died on Friday morning of last week. He was interred at the St. Paul's church of this place, on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Freeman, of the Reformed church. His remains were followed to their last and final resting place by a large concourse of people. He had attained the ripe age of 85 years, 7 months and 20 days. RIP.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Packerton Postoffice for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 6, 1879: Jacob Correll, (2).

L. MCDANIEL, P. M.

An Oil City dispatch says: The Buffalo express, which left Pittsburg on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, on the Allegheny Valley Railroad, ran into a land slide, two miles below that place, and the engine was turned into the river and eight coal cars were crushed. The passengers in the rear cars escaped without injury. The fireman, Arthur Simpson, of Pittsburg, was crushed in the wreck, and at last accounts the body had not been extricated. The track was cleared in time to prevent any detention of trains.

The M. E. Ministerial Association,

Which met in the M. E. church of this place, on Monday and Tuesday, was an occasion of rare interest and profit to those that attended. Rev. J. F. Chaplain, D. D., presided, and Rev. W. L. McDowell, of Allentown, acted as Secretary.

The attendance of ministers was small, many of the pastors being engaged in extra meetings and unable to be absent from their charges.

The sermon on Monday evening by Rev. H. T. Quigg, was a production of great merit, doing credit to the head and heart of the young and promising minister.

Tuesday from 9.30 a. m., was occupied in exercise of a theological and literary character. The reviews of Dr. Miller on the "Atonement" by Dr. Chaplain, was very able, and the association unanimously requested a copy for publication in the *Quarterly Review*.

The question, "Shall we have Lyceum and Chatauqua Literary Exercises in our charges?" elicited quite a spirited and interesting discussion. It was participated in by Revs. Pickop, Quigg, Miller, McDowell, Griffith and Young. The conclusion seemed to be that while the conversion of souls was of first importance, sanctified mental culture was essential to the highest style of christian character and usefulness.

Rev. W. L. McDowell and Rev. S. L. Schaffer read interesting essays. The former on the "Cardinal doctrines" and the latter on the "Modes of Work particular to Methodism."

Revs. Smoyer and Seyfrit of the Evangelical church, and Rev. George A. Hart, o the Wyoming conference of the M.E. church were introduced.

The audiences at all the sessions were good, but culminated in a full house on Tuesday evening. The evening address by Mrs. May L. Griffith, of Mauch Chunk, was beautiful and powerful. In an unassuming and womanly way she aimed direct for the heart and conscience, and hit the mark; her address did much good, as did also the address of Rev. D. M. Young, of Catasauqua. Their theme was "Church Work." The large audience was held spell bound until after 9 o'clock by the pathetic appeals of Mrs. Griffith and by the quaint practical pungency of Mr. Young.

The singing during the day was led by Rev. Griffith at the organ and in the evenings by the choir, The choir did well as usual, but the singing of the hymn: "Watchman, what of the night?" was of more than ordinary excellence. On the whole the meeting of the Association will be remembered as a pleasant and profitable episode.

The next meeting will be at Catasauqua two months hence.

Weissport Items.

—Wm. Klotz, son of Joel Klotz, of East Weissport, returned home last week, sick with consumption, and died on Sunday. His funeral took place Thursday. He leaves a wife and three children; he was about 38 years of age.

—A call into the store of W. H. Knecht on Wednesday, we found him genial as ever. He reports business generally as slightly improved in all branches.

—It is again rumored that the Fort Allen Rolling mill will start up between now and spring. So mote it be.

—We were shown a sample of ore from the Wind Gap silver mine, but the presence of silver therein is very small, there are more indications of lead.

—The prettiest lady of Weissport is——— What is she doing?

—Miner Bros., at the Fort Allen Foundry are running along full time.

—Wm. Miner, of the Fort Allen Foundry left on a business trip to New York, Wednesday morning.

—Since the rain, the Weissport Planning Mill is rapidly filling the accumulated orders.

Our Parryville Budget.

—Guy Peters who has been quite sick of scarlet fever has fully recovered under the skillful treatment of our Homeopathic physician, Dr. W. T. Christ.

—Jacob Peters expects to go to the city of brotherly love during the coming week. Mr. P. seems to be doing quite an amount of business in his store.

—The No. 2 east house is now under roof again. The accidents that had happened at the furnaces are being speedily repaired.

—Mr. J. Chapman has taken possession of the house of Mrs. Gosser, who moved to East Mauch Chunk.

—Mr. Hill from Weissport has been employed as night telegraph operator at the L. & S. depot vice Wm. W. Williams.

—The protracted meetings in the M. E. church closed on Sunday night.

—Rev. Butz is at present holding a protracted meeting at Snyder's church.

—The Board of Directors of the E. M. A. Society has also had a meeting lately and some important matters have been transacted.

—Water is getting plenty again and people are glad for it. ALFONZO.

The Iron Trade:

While the aggregate of sales reported in the great iron marts show a falling off as compared with the previous week, the market continues firm in tone, especially for standard brands of mill, and producers and sellers generally have faith in the intimediate future, and are not inclined to make any concessions whatsoever in order to effect sales. Late advises from across the water report an advance of from two to three dollars in English Bessemer, the effect of which will be to stimulate the market for American, and the feeling generally obtains at the present time that prices of the latter are more likely to advance than decline. The prices of anthracite iron last week were for No. 1 foundry $32@33 cash, No. 2 foundry $30, grey forge $29@30.—*Ex*

Towamensing Brevities:

—The rain we had on Saturday of last week made quite an increase to the water in the Big Creek.

—The butchering season is now in order. Persons would do well to kill their hogs now before the cholera will make its appearance and do the killing for them.

—Wilson, son of Amos Beer, formally of this place, but now of Bucks county, was visiting friends in this place this week.

—An infant child of Aaron Beer, of Beer's Valley, was interred at the Jerusalem church at Trachsville, Tuesday last.

—Will "Duplex" please accept thanks for past favors?

—There will be preaching at the Jerusalem church, to-morrow (Sunday).

—Prayer meeting, to-morrow morning, at 10:00; a. m., and in the evening at 7 o'clock at Upper Big Creek meeting house. MERCURY.

Religious Notes:

PACKERTON M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Pickop, pastor.—To-morrow (Sunday), preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school 2 p. m.; Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH WEISSPORT.—J. K. Seyfrit Pastor. German preaching at 10 o'clock a. m., in the North Weissport Chapel. Teachers meeting at 1:30 p. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. English preaching at 7 p. m.

LEHIGHTON M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor 9:30 a. m., Class Meeting; 10:30 a. m., Sermon by the pastor. 2 p. m., Sunday school; 6 p. m.: Prayer and Praise Service; 7 p. m., sermon by the pastor.

PROTRACTED MEETING IN THE EVANGELICAL.—English preaching to-morrow both morning and evening by Rev. Geo. U. Hart, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Good Templars of this State. Let all come and hear this eloquent divine. All are welcome. Come early.

Our Weatherly Special.

—The weather, during the past week, was delightful—a hazy atmosphere and genial warmth akin to the brief but fascinating season known as "Indian Summer," while we are having naught but rain and mud this week.

—Our teachers are having a rotation on sick spells. First, Miss Dinkey then Miss Dobson and last Mr. Rowland. They are all "up and doing" again, however, and vigorously pushing their vocations.

—An interesting and powerful revival is now in progress in the M. E. church. The meetings began on Monday of week before last. Rev. Wolfe, the Evangelist, preached on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On the Sabbath of last week Rev. Colburn, the pastor, received into church connection twenty-five new members—the first fruits of the revival, and on last Sabbath nine additional, while there are still twelve or fifteen penitents at the altar.

—The Thanksgiving dinner in the Reformed church was well gotten up and fairly patronized by our people. A first class Thanksgiving dinner for 25 cents is a rarity.

—Miss Smith, one of our teachers who had the misfortune a few weeks ago to lose her purse containing ten dollars in money, was very agreeably surprised to have it placed in her hands by the finder—Mr. Grif. Bachman.

—Our train hands are kept very busy at the present. Working frequently until a late hour.

—We learn that our Presbyterian friends have resolved to give the Rev. Mr. Hawsee of Brooklyn, who preached several excellent sermons here some weeks ago, a call to the pastorate of the church. We hope he may decide to accept.

—We are glad to report Jimmy Dunn, who has been dangerously ill, rapidly recovering.

Report of Weatherly schools for November:

A Primary—Miss Nettie Dinkey teacher, enrolled 49, average 73, percentage 82. Made full time 23.

B Primary—Miss Nora Smith, teacher, enrolled 12, average 63, percentage 88. Made full time 23.

A Secondary.—Miss Maggie Kishbaugh, teacher, enrolled 70, average 58, percentage 81, made full time 26.

B Secondary.—Miss M. E. Dodson, teacher, enrolled 64, average 47, percentage 79. Made full time 14.

A Intermediate.—Miss Emma T. McCay, teacher, enrolled 49, average 38, percentage 80. made full time 19.

Grammar.—J. W. Gunter, teacher, enrolled 39, average 31, percentage 82. Made full time 10.

High.—J. P. Rowland teacher, enrolled 41, average 33, percentage 84. Made full time 9.

REGULARS.

A Primary—Jno. Gilligan, Charlie Snyder, Hugh McHugh, Wm. Moore, Harry Koons, Robt. Tait, Frank Bisher, Curtis Buckley, Bertie Miller, Mich. McDonnell, Tracy Rose, Flora Finkler, Ella Hartz, Fannie McConomy, Annie Knecht, Sallie Seegerwalt, Katie Keller, Lena Derr, Blanch Eadie, Fannie Tweedle, Annie Behan, Ella Schuyley, Susie Cheesman.—23.

B Primary—Rollin Blakeslee, Jas. Peatty, Gilbert Croll, Howard Freeman, George Leasham, George Miller, Calvin Stelgerwalt, Bertie Steelhe, Numa Versi, Herbert Setzer, William Zellinger, Geiger Strbeter, Maggie Derr, Bessie Eadie, Emma Fenstermacher, Carrie Gangwere, Lillie Garret, Addie Harrison, Mary McDonnell, Lida Smith, Laura Steiner, Clara Taney, Elsie West, Mary Smith, Nora Wagner.—25.

A Secondary—Willie Snyder, Eddie Tracy, Willie Timy, Frank Kuehner, Jno. Campbell, Frank Young, Jno. Brong, Willie Warg, Oscar Fleeinger, Wm. Harts, Robt. McAfee, Roy Young, Frank Clarke, Thos. Finkler, Wm. Stetler, Susie Andreas, Mary Lindenberger, Emma Schnell, Maud West, Nora Williams, Lizzie Keller, Minnie Hartz, Maggie Garrety, Ida Beers, Carrie Garret, Jennie Davis.—28.

B Secondary—Hobbie Eadie, Eugene Hines, Jno. Heiker Thos. McCool, Jno. Moore, Everitt Rowland, Willie Stoeckley, Earnest Tweedle, Nettie Eadie, Della Ham, Carrie Kammerzel, Alice Taney, Martha Tait, Lizzie Ulmhafer.—14.

A Intermediate.—Jas. McHugh, Oscar Fenstermacher, Emory Washburn, Lizzie Croll, Lizzie Fisher Dora Rosenstock, Alice Brong, Vellie Brong, Ella Hartz, Lillie Davis, Nellie Weil, Eldra House, Minnie Frey, Mary Stine, Cassie Stout, Anna Roth—16.

Grammar.—Walter Harleman, Lewis Kuehner, Henry Fisher, Harry Hines, Wm. Leadham, Anthony Campbell, Robert Beers, Irene West, Lillie Hampton, Carrie Hanson—10.

High.—John Eames, A. J. Eadie, John Musselman; Annie Boyer, Jennie Evans, Lizzie Streeter, Carrie Tweedle, Cora Vandyke—8.

—Owing to the pressure of work in the Lehigh Valley Shops, they are now running extra hours.

—Mr. W. H. DeWitt and H. S. Rinker have dissolved partnership Mr. DeWitt retiring.

—We are promised a literary treat from a Mr. Cope on the 20th and 22nd inst., in School Hall. Mr. Cope appears in School Hall under the auspices of the order of Knights of Pythias, and will give among his renderings "Damon and Pythias" in five acts, which is very highly praised by the press.

—An entertainment is on the Board for Christmas Eve by the members of the M. E. Sabbath School, and it promises to be good.

—Our people feel highly honored by the handsome vote awarded Weatherly as the place of holding the Institute of 1880. We are assured that no pains will be spared to provide ample and excellent accommodations for all the school-masters and school-marms of the county. ETHEL WARY.

Obituary.

Mrs. Isabella, wife of Wm. A. Graver, formerly of this borough, died at her home in Ashley, Luzerne county, at about 1:30 o'clock on Thursday morning last. Deceased was well and favorably known to our people and highly appreciated for her many christian virtues. She had been sickly for a long time, still her death was to a degree unsuspected by her friends at this time, until within a few days past. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn their loss. The body will arrive in Weissport this (Friday) evening, and be conveyed to the residence of Mr. A. Graver, Sr., and to-morrow (Saturday) at one o'clock the funeral will take place. The services will be held in the Weissport Evangelical church, by Rev. J. P. Miller, assisted by Rev. J. K. Seyfrit, after which the body will be deposited in the cemetery of that borough.

STATE NEWS.

Gowen Post, G. A. R., at Pottsville, has dispensed over $30,000 in charity since organization.

A vein of coal, twelve feet in thickness, has been discovered near New Lexington, Perry county.

We have not yet heard of a case of colds, coughs, throat or chest complaint, that has not yielded to "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup."

One firm in Reading have tanned 200,000 sheep, goat and calfskins this year,

A wild cat of immense size was killed near Whisky Run, Delaware county, on Thursday night, of last week.

The Hottenagers are in Reading making preparation to apply to Court for their discharge under the insolvent act.

Franklin Shaub, while riding on the bumper of a car on the Pennsylvania railroad near Lancaster, Monday, was thrown off and instantly killed.

Patrick Gillespie, a repairman of the Reading Railroad Company, was run over by a coal train at Palo Alto Monday, and injured so badly that he cannot recover.

On Friday afternoon Mr. John Campbell, of Noblestown, Allegheny county, was almost instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a gun, in the hands of a friend, while out hunting.

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