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The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1879.

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.

—A Knights of Honor lodge has been established at Easton.

—Mrs. Peter Yeager, of Maxatawny, died on Saturday night a week, aged 78 years.

—Bay Rum 50 cents per pint, at Dr. C. W. Lentz's Drug Store, Weissport.

—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.

—Any girl has a right to look at millinery windows and then wish she had a rich husband.

—Edward Barnet, proprietor of the White Horse Hotel, in Easton, died on Wednesday of last week.

—The Marion steam fire company of Mauch Chunk advertises a gift concert for Friday, Feb. 27th.

—Daniel Graver, of the Bee Hive store has just returned from the city with a new and elegant assortment of ladies' dress goods, notions and fancy articles for the holidays, which he is prepared to sell at the lowest possible prices for cash. Call early and secure best bargains.

—A fine assortment of Whitman & Son's choice candies, at lowest prices, at Dr. C. W. Lentz's drug store, Weissport.

—Stack No. 3 of the Coplay Iron Company is nearly completed, and in a few weeks will be put in blast.

—A falling off in the sale of slate is reported. It is attributed to the recent advance of twenty-five cents per square.

—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.

—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.

—The Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Lehigh county will hold its annual meeting at the public house of Aaron Walbert, in Crackersport, on Monday, Jan. 12th.

—The wife of Mr. Jacob Yoder, residing near Coopersburg, died very suddenly on Sunday morning a week, of heart disease.

—J. L. Gabel has just received a fine lot of sleds, suitable for holiday presents fo boys and girls, which he will sell at very low prices for cash; together with a large variety of other goods suitable for holiday presents to young and old.

—Handsome velvet frames with Grecian corners and satin tufting, and many other new and artistic designs, at Luckenbach's.

—Fine ladies' and gentlemen's pocket books, from 10cts. to $2.50. Writing desks 75cts. and upward. Scrap albums, 12cts. and upwards. Sewing boxes, 40cts. and upward. Chatter boxes, 50cts. Autograph albums, 5cts. to $5.00. Photograph albums, 50cts. to $12.00, at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

—The Lehigh Telegraph Co. has declared a dividend of 2 per cent., payable Jan. 1st.

—John Baltz, a miner was injured in Cross Creek slope, near Hazleton, on Saturday and died soon afterward.

—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.

—Pure Caustic Soda, for soap making, only 10 cents per pound at Dr. C. W. Lentz's drug store, Weissport.

—500 boxes West's Vegetable Liver Pills for sale at Darling's Drug Store. 20 cents per box tf.

—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.

—The town authorities of Mauch Chunk have contracted with the local gas company to light the street lamps at the rate of $20 per lamp per year.

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

—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.

—Smoke, smoke, smoke, and you can afford to do so now, when you can buy a fine Havana cigar for 5 cents, at Dr. C. W. Lentz's Drug Store, in Weissport.

—At a recent sale of imported Jersey stock in Philadelphia, S. W. Hudson, of Hudsondale, purchased a year and a half old bull for $238.

—During the holidays, if you intend to take your lady love to a party, don't fail to call on David Ebbert, and secure one of his handsome teams. Terms low.

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.

—Two pounds of finely mixed canary seed for 25 cents, at Dr. C. W. Lentz's drug store, Weissport.

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

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

—Rev. B. J. Smoyer, of this borough, and J. K. Seyfert of Weissport, attended the funeral of Rev. B. T. Haines, at Allentown, on Monday last.

—Thomas Foley was killed by James Rooney in a fight between roughs in a saloon at Plymouth, Luzerne co., on Thursday night of last week. Rooney escaped.

—At the Beechwood colliery, near Pottsville, Friday afternoon, the side hooks of two loaded cars broke, and the cars dashed to the bottom of the slope, injuring Michael Kennedy and Patrick Murphy, the former fatally.

—Sixteen thousand salmon have been placed in the Bushkill river, near Easton.

—The farm of Mr. Charles Krauss, in Lower Milford township, Lehigh county, has been quarantined owing to pleuro-pneumonia appearing there. Twelve out of a herd of forty-three cows have been found to be affected, and seven of them had to be killed.

—For the week ending on the 19th inst., there were shipped over the L. & S. railroad 101,349 tons of coal, making a total of 4,622,865 tons for the season, ag increase, as compared with same date last year of 1,720,868 tons.

—For the week ending on the 20th inst., there were 100,755 tons of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley railroad, a total of 307,885 tons for the season to date, an increase, as compared with same time last season, of 88,867 tons.

—Christmas day passed off very quietly in this neighborhood; the school children of the several Sunday schools, received their customary gifts of candies on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, and their little hearts were thereby made glad.

—Dr. C. W. Bower returned home Wednesday to spend the holidays.

—At Pottsville, Monday, Henry Christian, convicted of manslaughter for shooting his paramour, Jennie Britton, was sentenced to the penitentiary for eleven years.

—According to the Catasauqua *Dispatch* everything about the Crane Iron Company's Works indicate activity.

—See a wine cup in another column, with a bunch of Grapes from which Speer's Port Grape Wine is made, that is so highly esteemed by the medical profession for the use of invalids, weakly persons and the aged. Sold by druggists.

—David Laird was killed and John Mitchell badly injured by a fall of coal in one of the Pennsylvania Company's mines at Pittston on Saturday.

—Jonas Beltz, an employee at the Parryville furnaces, was caught in the belting of the large fly wheel, on Wednesday afternoon, and was taken from the pit under the wheel with one side of his breast crushed in. Dr. Zern, of Weissport, was telegraphed for, and immediately responded, but expressed great doubts of the man's recovery. Mr. B. died about 11 o'clock Thursday evening.

—Mrs. Luke Boylon, of Dolonsburg, on Monday last, fell on the porch of her residence and broke her arm near the wrist. Dr. N. B. Reber reduced the fracture.

—On account of the inability of the Grand Officers to be present, the anniversary ceremonies of Gnaden Huetton Lodge, I.O.O.F., which was to have taken place last Tuesday, was postponed until further notice.

—Dr. W. A. Derhamer and Miss Maggie Kemerer, of this borough, were married in the Evangelical church, Thursday morning, Rev. B. J. Smoyer officiating. Immediately after the ceremony the happy pair left on their wedding tour.

—Mr. William Bisler, of New Tripoli, last week moved to Lehighton with his family. He was formerly engaged in the Lehigh Valley Car Shops at Packerton, but last fall, while busy at work, met with an accident which prevented him from doing anything up to this time—and even now he will have to depend upon one eye, sight in the other having been permanently destroyed by the casualty referred to—the lodging in the organ of a flying fragment from a piece of cast iron which was being hammered to pieces by a fellow workman. His sufferings from the injury were for a long time of a most excruciating character.—*Allentown Democrat.*

—On Thursday morning morning last, Mrs. Ann Davis, of Catasauqua, was found dead in her bed, by her daughter, Mrs. John Jenkin's. She retired on the previous evening in her usual health, and her daughter, who resides next door, not hearing the old lady stirring around as usual, tried to gain an entrance, but without success. Going to the cellar, an entrance was had through the inside stairs, when her mother was found dead in her room. The body was still warm, and death could not have occurred an hour previously. Deceased was a very large woman, weighing at least 250 pounds, and death was undoubtedly caused by apoplexy.

—The marriage of Prof. T. A. Snyder, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, and Miss Emma Hauk, of this borough, took place Tuesday evening in the Reformed church, Rev. J. K. Derr, officiating. The bride was elegantly attired in garnet satin trimmed with silk; the bridesmaides—Miss Armbruster, of Mauch Chunk was dressed in garnet satin trimmed with brocade silk, and Miss Aggie Hauk in pearl colored silk trimmed with fringe and satin. The groomsmen were Mr. Will Snyder, of Stroudsburg, and Mr. Ed. Paetzel, of Mauch Chunk. After the ceremony at the church, the wedding party sat down to an elegant supper at the home of the bride's parents, after which the happy pair were conveyed to the L. V. depot, and took the 7:45 p. m. train for New York. The presents were elegant and numerous.

—C. W. Lentz, the Weissport druggist tenders the compliments of the season to his friends and patrons.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Going out with the tide—a wedding party leaving the church.

—A dog is counted mad when he won't take a drink, and a man when he drinks too much.

—Amandus Kistler was at Lansford on Monday on business.

—Thomas Ramsey of Upper Lehigh is at present visiting his brother Aleck at Stuart's Run.

—Texas Jack emulates the mule—he is backward in deeds of violence.

—The Excelsior Literary Society will be held this evening in Horn's school instead of Centre Square.

—Miss Emma J. Garber and Miss Frantz returned home last Saturday after a few weeks absence to Mauch Chunk.

—A shooting match will be held at J. T. McDaniel's on New Year's day, by John Lapp, of Stuart's Run, for a cow.

—"Texas Jack" reported last week, that I and Lewis Rex had a spat at Stuart's Run last Monday which is not so. Lewis said that he had nothing at all against "Bingo," but "Texas Jack" is the one he is looking after. Jack you better blow your own horn or you might get drowned.

—Ed. Rex was at West Penn last Sunday visiting relatives.

—F. W. Smith was in our valley last Saturday, the guest of C. H. Seidel.

—Quite a number of young folks were assembled at the house of Daniel Beck last Sunday evening. Among those present we noticed Misses Emma Shafer, Ida Horn, Mary Rex, Emma Horn, Malvenia Hoffman and Messrs S. J. Horn, Ed. Hough, Willie Shafer, David Moser and others.

—Mr. Lapp informed me that if he ever got up a shooting match again at Stuart's Run he would be obliged to make the board 12x12 because twelve out of thirteen missed 6x6 boards altogether, and the thirteenth only got one shot in it. The Stuart's Run boys must be regular sharp shooters.

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Obituary.

We are indebted to the columns of the Catasauqua *Dispatch* of last Saturday for the following particulars of the death of Rev. G. T. Haines, pastor of the Evengelical church, Catasauqua, who quietly passed away, at his residence, at 1:30 o'clock on Friday morning of last week, after a short illness of inflammation of the bowels. His life has been a devoted service to his God, and his quiet, unostentatious ways were admired by a very wide circle of acquaintances. His sermons, for months past, betokened the coming end. Some time since, he penned a short sketch of his life, from which we are permitted to quote the following:

Was born October 12, 1810, about six miles north of Philadelphia, of parents Henry and Phebe; removed to York Co., where, at the age of twenty, was converted to God; first attended conference at New Berlin; was licensed and stationed on Lycoming Circuit; subsequently on the Buffalo, N. Y., Lehigh, Milford, Lykens, Schuylkill, Lebanon, Pine Grove, Orwigsburg and Weissport Circuits, remaining two years at the latter place, after which was elected presiding elder and sent to the Phiadelphia district; resigned after two years on account of bad health; returned to Weissport; thence to Northampton circuit, but declining health compelled me to relinquish duties, and at the end of three years was assigned Lehigh circuit; in 1862, was again elected presiding elder and stationed in the Philadelphia district, reelected elder in 1866, and assigned Pottsville district, but poor health prevented me from attending to duties. In 1873 was again elected elder and sent to Reading district, but resigned in 1874, after which was located at Weissport, and in 1875, was sent back for the seventh time to the same charge; after serving at Weissport two years, Conference sent him to Emaus station, where he labored two years, and from there he was sent to Catasauqua in the spring of 1878, where he labored to the end of his life.

He preached his last sermon on Sunday, the 7th of December, from St. John 3:36, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him." He was united in holy matrimony in 1840, with Carolina Butz, which union was blessed with six children, five daughters and one son. The mother of these children and one of the daughters, who had been married to the Rev. W. R. Wieand, preceded him to glory land. He subsequently married again—his now mourning widow.

His children and friends stood around the bedside of the dying saint, singing, when he remarked:

"Now, children, I want you to live so that when you come upon your death-bed your children and others can sing so for you, and cheer your Heart."

"I always preached that JesusChrist would save his people in death, and I believe it firmly in my heart, too, but I never thought it would be so entirely free from everything, and altogether in Jesus."

"I seem to hear Jesus calling to me now: Welcome, welcome, for I have bought thee with my blood. Oh, the precious blood of Jesus Christ, which cleanseth us from all sin."

Thus died this worthy disciple of the lowly Jesus, at the age of 69 years, 2 months and 5 days. The interment took place at Allentown on Monday afternoon.

The Coal Trade.

Very little of importance has transpired in the anthracite coal trade since our (Phila. *Ledger*) last weekly report. The market and the trade are alike quiet. It seems to be generally conceded that the suspension of coal production for ten days or a fortnight, as already mentioned, will be participated in by all of the principal companies, in just such form as each shall determine and as is found most convenient to itself. But all will lessen the market supply of coal, or, what will prove pretty much the same thing, they will let it be inferred that they will do so. This will have the same desired effect on the market as if they did actually stop. It is not believed that there is a superabundance of coal offering now, though buyers are trying to make it appear so by holding out of the market. Coal operators and the coal carrying companies have concluded wisely in leaving it to be inferred that they are all working in harmony and to the end that prices shall not be depressed by an undue amount of coal on the market. Judging from the large product and sale of coal this year of 1879, being an increase over that of the year 1878 of nearly eight millions of tons, and a considerably reduced stock of coal on hand, it is fair to suppose that the market will take nearly or quite all of the coal offering, and hence there need be no reduction in prices; nor will there be, if holders determine to continue them at fairly remunerative rates. The understanding of concert of action to work together is all that we have believed necessary for a year past to give to the trade a wholesome and prosperous tone. The history of the coal business in the past three months is conclusive as to its soundness and future prosperity. There is unquestionaly a large demand for coal, and so long as activity in business generally is kept up there must necessarily be a large demand for and consumption of coal, and on demand depends remunerative prices.

Assault with Intent.

A few days ago, says the Hazleton *Sentinel*, while Mary Rough, daughter of Hiram Rough of Stockton, was getting water from a spring a short distance in the woods near the town, she was assaulted by Thomas Rourke with the purpose of committing an outrage on her person. Rourke is a young man of about twenty-five years, and his victim a half-demented young woman, whose infirmity of mind should have been a shield against any such design. Her struggles and cries for help prevented the accomplishment of his purpose, but did not end the matter. Coming to town with her friends she visited Squire Roberts, who on hearing her story issued a warrant for the arrest of Rourke and placed it in the hands of Officer Depuh, who visited Stockton and securing his prisoner brought him to town. At the hearing Miss Rough related the facts of the assault in a straight forwrd manner and Rourke failing to make any defense was bound over under $800 bail for appearance at court. Subsequently the father of the girl settled the matter, Rourke's father paying him something less than a hundred dollars and also the costs.

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.

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.

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

The Erie *Observer* publishes the following as part of an editorial: "It is not often proper to criticise the official conduct of the Judiciary. But when Judge Paxon of the Supreme court, of this State, took it upon himself in the chambers, to interfere with and cause the postponement of the trial of the criminal case in Clarion county against the officers of the Standard Oil Company he revived the suspicion that he is partial to certain corporation monopolies and their officers"

Towamensing Brevities.

—The roads were in a wet condition on Wednesday and Thursday last.

—W. E. Kemerer, of Frankiin, was on a business visit to Aquashicola, on Saturday of last week.

—J. B. Seidel, huckster of Weissport, passes through this valley every week buying produce for market.

—Lydia Strohl, of Beers valley, returned home to her parents, from Bucks county, and will remain this winter.

—Mr. "Joe" was engaged in visiting schools on Monday last. Glad to see him.

—A dance will be held at the public house of John H. Weiss this Saturday, evening.

—Dennis Strohl, of this valley, left for Stoddardsville, where he procured a job driving a team for the winter.

—Rev. A. M. Strauss, of Pleasant valley, officiated at the Jerusalem church, at Trachsville on Christmas forenoon at 10 o'clock.

—A christmas festival was held at Pleasant valley by the Reformed association on Thursday evening last, the attendance was very large.

—Charles Gildner, formerly of this place, but now of Middle Creek, Monroe county, is very much pleased with his little daughter which his wife presented him with last week.

—David Strohl is busy selling lottery tickets for Alfred Kibler, of Wild Creek.

—Mr. Hottenstein is said to be the "boss" butcher in this township. MERCURY.

Terrible Railroad Accident.

A terrible accident, says the Catasauqua *Dispatch*, occurred at the cut, near the Redington stone quarries, on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, six miles from Bethlehem, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon of last week. Miss Young, daughter of Gabriel Young, a farmer of Hope, a village on the line of the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad, on the opposite side of the Lehigh river, and Mrs. John Kreamer and Mrs. Jacob Klause, farmers' wives, living in the same neighborhood, had been to the store of the Coleraine Iron Works, at Redington, for the purpose of making purchases. On their way home they walked down the Lehigh Valley Railroad track, so as to shorten the distance to a small ferry which they had to cross in order to get on the opposite side of the stream. A coal train was moving down the road at the time and they stepped over on the up track, just as No. 6 express from New York city came around the curve, running at the rate of about forty miles an hour. Mrs. Klause threw herself from the track, but the train struck Miss Young and Mrs. Kreamer, throwing their bodies some forty or fifty feet into the air. That of the former dropped into the river. Death was instantaneous in both cases. Coroner Uhler, of Northampton county, was summoned to the scene. Mrs. Klause escaped with a few slight scatches which she received by throwing herself from the track.

Building Association and Corporation Loans Taxable.

Attorney General Palmer, in a communication to Auditor General Schnell, expresses the opinion that Building and Loan Associations are subject to the three mill tax under the Provisions of the General Revenue law passed last winter. The Attorney General says: "Whatever may have been the legislative intent, the words of the act are too plain to be doubted, and, if far less plain I should think this a proper case to be settled by the Courts." It is probable that the Building and Loan Associations will resist the collection of the tax, with a view to arrive at the construction of the law by the courts. The Attorney General has also decided that the loans and bonded indebtedness of corporations are liable to the tax of four mills imposed by the revenue law, and that it is the duty of the officers to deduct the tax from the interest due on such loans, and pay it into the State-Treasury, unless the bonds are held by non-resident holders, whom, the Supreme court has decided, are exempt from taxation. Under this decision the revenues of the State will be largely increased.

The Docket.

The following criminal cases are on the docket for trial at the next term of court, commencing on Monday, January 12, 1880:

Com. vs. Wm. Cann, assault and battery with intent; prosecutrix Elizabeth Ginley.

Com. vs. Dilduie Snyder, fornication and bastardy; prosecutrix Ella Schnell.

Com. vs. Betty McBride, larceny; prosecutrix Maggie Gallagher.

Com. vs. Joseph Montz, fornication and bastardy; prosecutrix Alice A. Lapp.

Com. vs. Louisa A. Miller, embezzlement; prosecutor J. G. Rex.

Com. vs. John Albright, Christian Felger, James Brady, malicious mischief; prosecutor E. H. Snyder.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR WASHINGTON SPECIAL.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22, 1879.

The annual holiday hegira has already set in here, and there will not be much business in the atmosphere of the Capitol for two weeks to come. Congressmen and Senators are striking out for home, and the usual *quasi* closing of the Departments will take place during Christmas week, so that Washington folks will have little to do beyond eating, drinking and merry making. But as a rule they will do that, and all that the term implies. The holiday season is a festive one here. The thousands of Government employees turn themselves loose, each after the inclinations of his own heart, but generally to spend a month's salary in making things pleasant and lively—many of them after the most approved fashion in the days of David and Solomon. The family people are amusing themselves buying knick-nacks and goody goodies for the little ones. Last year, notwithstanding the prevailing hard times, the sales of dealers in all classes of holiday goods were about as large as ever known here, and this year the stocks displayed indicate great expectations in the same line. To-day, and so it will be every day until after Christmas, the aggregation of small shops on Seventh street are perfect beehives, and in the evening the street is almost impassable. This means that there is a feeling that better times have come. But there is no reason why Government clerks should feel hard times, when they exist, for they get their $1,200 or $1,500 a year from Uncle Sam just as regularly then, and they have all the advantages of reduced prices and living expenses.

Persons from the interior having business before Congress and the Departments will be gratified to learn that steps are being taken to ensure the better advancement and protection of their interests. The gentlemen known by the friends of the genial Sam Ward as "parliamentary promoters" but who are sometimes unfeelingly referred to as "lobbyists," have, it is understood, at a meeting held in the rotunda of one of our leading hotels, formed an organization to regulate the advocacy of claims and subsidies. It was at first proposed to adopt the name "Parliamentary Bar Association," but as very few, if any, of the members have any standing in the legal profession, it was thought that the word "bar" might lead to a confusion of ideas, and it was decided to follow the French fashion and take the title of the "Anonymous Society for the promotion of Legislation." The first object of the "*Society*" is to impress upon the rural mind the necessity of "influence" in the conduct of affairs at Washington. The lobby we have had always, but for a few years it has not done much. The return of better times enhances the prospects of schemes, and increases the usefulness of the lobbyists.

Senator Edmunds, it appears, is not to succeed Justice Hunt on the Supreme bench, at least not at present. It would be a pity for Edmunds to leave the Senate. He is without doubt one of the most useful men in that body. I do not refer to his politics, as in that he is only useful to his party. But Senator Edmunds is the most attentive legislator in the Capitol. Not a bill does he miss, and not a bill does he allow to go through, if he can help it before he understands it. He is the most relentless foe to jobs that has been in Congress since the days of E. B. Washburne. Many expedients have been tried to outwit him, but they all failed. I heard one in which old Sam Ward (Vestibulus Rex) played a part. Edmunds, notwithstanding his severe manner, is very fond of good eating and good drinking, and he is partially partial to a certain brand of Burgundy wine. By some trick or other he was beguiled to a dinner at Welcker's. A night session—it was toward the end of a Congress—was to be held in the evening, when it was expected the bill in which Ward was interested would come up. A grand dinner, had been spread. Edmunds' favorite wine, nicely warmed, was by his plate. He drank of it most bountifully. The rest of the party became happy, and Edmunds was close beside them. The tongues of the jobbers loosened, strange enough, as they got light, and it did not take Edmunds long to take in the situation. He said finally that he was very sleepy, and they would have to excuse him; he was going home. He took his carriage and drove to the Capitol, leaving his companions to mutual congratulations "in getting old Edmunds." The bill came up and Edmunds defeated it. Sam Ward often said that pouring wine into Edmunds was worse than pouring water into a sponge; a sponge would get full in the end but Edmunds never!

The meeting of the Republican National Committee here this week excited a good deal of interest. Don Cameron takes the cake as chairman; and it is generally believed that his selection is favorable to Grant for President, though Sherman's influence was thrown for him also. Blaine's friends demonstrated almost as much strength as Grant and Sherman combined. As his candidate for chairman, Gen. Averill, of Minnesota received 19 votes against 22 for Cameron, Averill himself voting for Platt, of New York. It is understood that Cameron's selections now puts him in the best position to be continued at the head of the committee during the campaign next year, when a great deal of political daring is likely to be called for. And now the intrigue for the nomination will begin in earnest preparatory to the assembling of the Convention at Chicago June 3d. Political matters are going to open up red hot in Congress after the recess. The stew is brewing already.

DON PEDRO.

Our Letter from Washington.

Doings at the National Capital.—Preparations for 1881.—Political Gossip.—The feelings all around.—Merry Christmas!

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, 1879.

There has been a great deal of discussion here to-day as to the moral effect of the action of the Republican committee yesterday, the proceedings of which may be briefly summed up as follows:

First,—Don Cameron's election was the result of a combination of the Grant and Sherman strength. Cameron received 22 votes and was elected, but the most of the votes cast for him came from states which do not give Republican majorities but are Democratic.

Second,—Gen. Averill was Blaine's candidate to the extent that nearly all of Blaine's friends voted for him. There were, however three avowed Blaine men who voted for Cameron. Of the 19 votes Averill received (and he did not himself cast Minnesota's vote, for he did not vote at all) he received the votes of 12 states which give Republican majorities, and are pronounced Republican states.

It is a matter of fact well known that the "machine" in politics controls the political conventions. Yesterday's work viewed in this light shows that if the Grant boom continues, and he is really a candidate, he is ahead of all rivals, but with Blaine pressing him a close second, with the certainty that he would go to the first place were Grant out of the way. Gen. Robinson, chairman of the Republican Executive committee, of Ohio, who is here, last night telegraphed to Chicago and reserved fifty rooms at the Grand Pacific hotel for the Ohio delegation. Judge Martindale and Col. Halloway, also telegraphed to the Palmer House to reserve quarters for the Indiana delegation, both from June 1st next, until the convention does its work.

One of the oldest and most experienced politicians said to me to-day, "I have regarded this Grant movement very closely because it is a political phenomenon, and I am convinced of several things: first, that Grant wants to be a candidate; second, that the mass of the people particularly the soldier element, is for him; third, that the politicians as a rule are not; fourth, that there will be but three candidates before the convention—Grant, Sherman and Blaine. If Grant comes into the convention with sufficient votes pledged to nominate him, Sherman and Blaine will not be heard of. If Grant does not have a majority at the start, he will not be mentioned, but there will be a hot contest between Sherman and Blaine; fifth, that John Sherman would make the best President of the three, but he would be the hardest man to elect." Similar sentiments were expressed by other members of the committee. In the opinion of many of Mr. Blaine's friends the fact that the Democrats have "got away with him" in Maine, will be to his disadvantage as a candidate. Senator Hoar says that the action of the Democrats in Maine increases Gen. Grant's chances of nomination twenty-five per cent. It is understood here among Secretary Sherman's friends that during his visit in New York next week there will be a consultation of eastern gentlemen who are favorable to him as a presidential candidate, with a view of arranging upon a plan of procedure. Now that the convention date and place is fixed, the several candidates will begin to put their machinery in motion, and Secretary Sherman has some very strong advocates in New York and New England. Gen. Robinson, chairman of the Ohio Republican committee, has been here several days in close consultation with the Secretary, Col. Moulton and other Sherman men.

Buying for Christmas is one of the marvels of modern times, doubtless stimulated by the great advance in the beauty and rarity of the articles offered and their cheapness, which brings them within the reach of as large a number of purchasers. There was a time, not so far distant, when all objects of a fanciful or artistic character were luxuries, when cost excluded them from all but the rich. Now we have scientific imitations of real things which are even more attractive to the eye than the originals, at the tithe of the cost, and though they may not have the intrinsic value or be so well worth buying, yet they afford untold pleasure to those who could never get within the reach of the originals, and pill color and all the pleasure and excitement of acquisition into millions of otherwise colorless lives. Better than this, it stirs even the dullest by a simultaneous impulse. It is wonderful to see day after day great armies of men as well as women, borne in the same direction, moved to thought, to activity, to self denial, by one common motive, and that a gentle, kindly and sacrificial one. It is no thought of self that throngs the stores at this season; it is the desire to please others. Everywhere one hears the same fragments of conversations—"Will this please her, do you think? Will that suit him?" For a whole people to be lifted out of themselves and into sympathy with the desires and feelings of others for one week, day, or even an hour, is something to be thankful for. AUGUST.

"Morley's Letter from New York"

NEW YORK, Dec. 26th, 1879.

CHRISTMAS TIDE.

The grandest sweetest days of all the year have come. New York has put on her Holiday attire, set up ten times ten thousand little Kings and Queens within her homes, and laid millions of toys and treasures at their feet in glad tribute. No sooner had Election Day echoed ideal away than preparations for Christmas began, and for a month the children have been uppermost in most people's thoughts, while loyal papas, mamas, sisters, cousins and aunts have sought out invitation after invitation, to please them in the one day on which they held undisputed sway in every household. Nor be it thought the children of the very poor have been forgotten. This big bustling city has hundreds of sweet-faced women and noble-browed men, whose greatest pleasure in living consists in looking after the children of penury and squalor and disease, and hundreds more of busy men, whose money bags open wide and jingle merrily whenever these friends of the poor come around for aid. Oh! it would do your hearts good, and mine too, if we could count all the tons of coal and pounds of tea, all the turkeys and provisions and clothing that have gone out from the homes of the well-to-do into the abodes of privation and want.

And how I have enjoyed sitting in ferry house and depot, and watching the boxes and bundles and packages, long and short, thick and thin, round, square and oblong; the carts and wheel-barrows and sleds that are borne by the busy people who come trooping through from factory, office and store, bent on the same glad and glorious mission of bringing happiness to some waiting and expectant child in yonder village, by this river and upon those hills. Why, there isn't a tenderer sight in all the year than watching those hurrying feet beating broken and tumultuous time to the Christmas anthem, swelling in our hearts and theirs as they trot merrily homeward,

"And on earth
Peace, good will to men!"

THE WORKMAN'S PARADISE.

If there is any land under the sun worthy of this name, anywhere where honest labor gets its full reward and where the bread-winner has a square chance in the game of life, it is certainly our own favored land. And this is the unwilling testimony of men who are not Americans. There has recently fallen into my hands the published report of the wages of English laborers, made up by a British professor, and also one of our statistical reports on wages in the United States, which present a contrast that arrests attention. There is something tremendously effective and instructive in a column of dry looking figures, if we will only use our brains a trifle, and these particular figures shed no uncertain light upon a subject worthy of the careful thought of every man; you can't get away from them, they mean business every time. Farm hands in Massachusetts receive an average of $1.25 a day including board. (I think this is a low average for the rest of the country.) English farm hands get 73 cents a day and board themselves! Carpenters here get $11.33 a week against $9.84 in England. American plumbers average $18 a week and English plumbers but $9.79. American masons earn $12.70 a week and English masons only $9.84. Chairmakers average $11 a week in America and $8.79 in England. Ordinary dress makers are rated as earning $7.43 per week in the United States against $4 to $6 in Great Britain. These are a few of the comparisions which show that wages paid in the United States are decidedly and universally larger than those earned in the same employment across the sea. But those who do their own thinking need no such figures. Who does not know scores of men who began in toil and humility, and closed their days

SURROUNDED BY WEALTH,

enjoying the respect of half a nation, or winning a commercial name that is familiar in men's mouths as household words?

One notable instance of the kind come to my knowledge quite recently. Thirty years ago a poor German music teacher landed on our shores to seek that fortune in the New World which a friendless man rarely finds in the Old. For a few years he earned a slender living as a church organist, and finally conceived the idea of striking out as a piano maker. The start was humble enough, for he worked year after year at the bench, creeping slowly but steadily upward. Twenty years passed, and the poor music teacher's name was known in every household as a leading piano manufacturer. He began to receive letters from such great artists as

CHRISTINE NILSSON;

Miss Kellogg; Lucca, Patti, Rose, Anna Louise Cary and Emma Thursby, all declaring that his pianos were superior to all others (I have myself seen these letters, and know whereof I speak.) His business grew, his fortune grew, and when he died last summer, leaving his fortune and his business to his only son, who had been trained with great care to take his father's place, the name of Albert Weber was added to the long list of men whose humble careers had closed under the bright skies of our own fair land, in opulence and wide repute. And who does not know that

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

began life as a row-boat ferry man; st A. T. Stewart landed here a penniless bo that Singer and Howe and Goodyear struggled in poverty for years; that grand old Peter Cooper and Horace Greeley, Millard Fillmore, Andrew Johnson and Abraham Lincoln came from the very humblest walks of life?

Do you know that there is no grander, nobler character or record in America to-day than that of Peter Cooper? He will never run for office any more, and so I will not be suspected of political guile when I promise quite soon to tell your readers something of the personal history of this remarkable old man. MORLEY.

Speer's Horehound Rye and Rock.

is being prescribed by many prominent physicians, which is a guarantee of its purity, and its efficiency in curing pulmonary complaints. It is used in preference to Cod Liver Oil, and in many cases the curative results are quicker and more permanent. For sale by A. J. Durling and C. T. Horn of Lehighton, and C. W. Lentz, of Weissport. 5—2.

Wanted.

Sherman & Co., Marshall, Mich., want an agent in this county at once, at a salary of $100 per month and expenses paid. For full particulars address as above. nov.15-1y.

Lehighton Produce Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

Flour, per sack	$4 25
Corn, per bushel	75
Oats, per bushel	30
Mixed Chop, per cwt	1 40
Middlings, per cwt	1 40
Bran, per cwt	1 00
Butter, per pound	25
Eggs, per dozen	24
Ham, per pound	10
Lard, per pound	9
Shoulders, per pound	7
Potatoes, per bushel	55

New Advertisements.

SHERIFF'S SALES

Of Valuable Real Estate.

By virtue of sundry writs of LEV. FAC., FI. FA. and VEN. EX., issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Carbon County, and to me directed, there will be exposed at Public Sale at the Court House, in the Borough of Mauch Chunk, in said County, on

Monday, January 12, 1880,

at 11 o'clock A. M., sharp,

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES:

All that certain Tract or Piece of LAND, situate in Lower Towamensing Township, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stone, thence by land of Adam Brown, dec'd, south seventy eight degrees, west eighty five perches to a post; thence by land of Thomas Craig, dec'd, south twenty two degrees, east forty four perches to a stone; thence by the same south sixty seven degrees, west four perches to a post; thence by the same south twenty degrees, east nine perches to a post in Mill Creek; thence by the same and along in said Mill Creek south forty eight degrees, east nine perches and four-tenths to a stone; thence by lands of Jas. C. Kreamer north fifty and one-half degrees, east eleven perches and six-tenths to a stone in a public road leading from Craig's Mill to Mulport; thence along said road south thirty nine degrees, east ten perches and nine-tenths to a post in said road; thence by the same north fifty one degrees, east twelve perches to a stone; thence north eleven degrees, east nine perches and three-tenths to a stone; thence north ten degrees, west sixteen perches and nine-tenths to a stone; thence north seventy seven degrees, east forty nine perches and eight-tenths to a stone; thence by land of John A. Zeigenfuss north seventeen degrees and a half, west twenty three perches and a half to the place of beginning, containing

TWENTY ACRES AND SEVENTY-ONE PERCHES,

strict measure.

The Improvements thereon are a Two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE,

twenty-four by twenty six feet; Frame Stable or Barn, twenty-eight by twenty eight feet; Pig Sty, twelve by sixteen feet, and other outbuildings.

Seized and taken into execution as the property of David Kleintop.

—ALSO—

All that certain part of lot numbered Ninety-nine, in the plan or plot of the Borough of Lehighton. It being the southern part of said lot contiguous in front or width on Northampton street thirty feet and extending of that width at right angles one hundred and eighty-nine feet and nine inches to Peach alley.

The improvements thereon are a Two story

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