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The Carbon Advocate.

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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.

—Now write 1880.

—A Happy New Year to all our patrons and friends.

—Ladies may now step to the front.—it is Leap Year.

—The total money on deposit in the Bethlehem banks is $449,139.38.

—Dan Rice has joined Moody and Sankey. He says its beats the circus.

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

—The third stack of the Coplay Iron Works was lighted on Christmas day.

—Slatington has 407 taxables, of which number 267 are liable to military duty.

—The Lehigh Valley railroad company is stocking its road with new freight cars.

—Stemton, a place of about 300 inhabitants, has four applicants for license to sell liquor.

—Mr. John Knauss, of Catasauqua, at the present time has eight children lying sick with diphtheria.

—The Bethlehem Iron Company's employees have just recieved a voluntary advance of 10 per cent. on their wages.

—The furnaces of the Thomas Iron Co., six at Hokendauqua and two at Lock-Ridge produce 2000 tons of iron per week.

—Our public schools will re-open on Monday next, the 5th inst., for a three month's term.

—The usual watch-night services were held in the Evangelical church on New Year's eve.

—William Powell, of Ross Hill, Luzerne county, was struck by cars on Friday and killed.

—All the schools in Catawissa have been closed owing to the prevalence of diphtheria. The funerals average four a day.

—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 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 Catasauqua Manufacturing Company surprised their employees on Saturday week by paying them partly in gold coin.

—A number of our young folks are at home from Colleges and Seminaries, enjoying the holiday vacation with parents and friends.

—P. J. Meehan, P. G. D., of Mauch Chunk, instituted a Lodge of Knights of Honor at Catasauqua on Wednesday night a week.

—There is now deposited in the three national banks of Easton, subject to check $1,136,826,96.

—The prudent man shoveleth off his pavement, but the foolish man leaves the ice on his and breaketh his own neck, or, anyhow he deserves to.

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

—BOARDING.—Two or three respectable young men can have board in a private family. Apply at this office.

—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.

—Col. E. B. Young, ex-mayor of Allentown, died in that city on Tuesday last. The funeral will take place to-day (Saturday) at one o'clock p. m., from his late residence on Seventh below Hamilton street, Allentown.

—The Allentown Poultry Fair opened Tuesday.

—The boys of Easton have a grudge against the police of that place, who have spoiled the slides on the sidewalks by sprinkling ashes on them.

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

—If you wants 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.

—The Episcopal church at South Bethlehem, on Sunday week lifted a collection amounting to $4,375 to pay off the church debt, which is about $4000.

—A man by name of Robert Hughes, employed in the Blue Vein Slate Quarry, near Slatington, was severely hurt one day last week by a bank of earth caving in upon him. When released from the debris it was found that he was so severely bruised that he could not proceed to his boarding house without help. He was however at last accounts rapidly mending up.

—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.

—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.

—Congressman Hendrick B. Wright distributed 1,000 loaves of bread to the poor of his district on Christmas day, 1,000 loaves on Saturday last, and 1,000 more on New Year's day.

—Frank H. Kyte, a grocer of West Pittston, has been arrested, charged with obtaining several thousand dollars worth of goods under false pretences and disposing of them with the intention of defrauding his creditors. The Sheriff has seized his stock.

—Fred. Snyder, for a number of years proprietor of the Union House, at Mahanoy Plane, died on Sunday morning last, after a lingering illness.

—Henry and Thomas Zimmerman, brothers, aged respectively about 9 and 11 years, were drowned at Bethlehem, Monday by breaking through the ice.

—The betrayed dollar is one that finds itself not able to pass for more than 90 cents after it has been stamped "In God we trust." But you will never be betrayed if you hire your teams at the popular livery of David Ebbert on North street, this borough. Terms reasonable.

—Have you done your usual swearing off? If not, you should do so now, because Washington's Birthday will soon be here, and then it will be too late, you know!

—J. L. Gabel, took a certiorari against the decision of Esq. Messer, of Mauch Chunk, in the matter of the Sealer of Weights and Measures, Albin Stolle, wherein the latter had gone to the store of Mr. Gabel, who keeps a hardware store, and attempted to seal all the weights and measures which he had in stock and for sale. To this Mr. Gabel objected, when Mr. Stolle brought suit as above for damages. The case was decided at an adjourned court, before Judge Dreher, on Saturday last in favor of Mr. Gabel. The cost of the suit falling upon Mr. Stolle. Hon. W. M. Rapsher appeared for Mr. Gabel. The decision in this case gives general satisfaction.

—On Friday evening of last week, a number of young folks, per invitation, met at the residence of Mr. E. Hibbler, on Bankway, for the purpose of organizing a Social Club. After a short time spent in pleasant conversation, the club was organized by the election of the following officers: President, Miss E. Scott; Vice President, John Lentz; Secretary, Miss Clara Hibbler; Treasurer, T. J. Seifert.

—For the week ending on the 27th ult., there were shipped over the Lehigh Valley railroad 50,192 tons of coal, a total for the season to date of 358,078 tons, an increase, as compared with same time last season, of 111,305 tons.

—All those desiring to attend the singing school to be opened in Weissport, will please assemble in the public school house of that borough, on Thursday evening next, Jan. 8, 1880, at 7 o'clock. For terms, &c., address the director, JOHN F. HALBACH,
Lehighton, Pa.

—William Powell, of Kingston, while standing near the Lackawanna and Bloomsburg Railroad track Friday morning of last week, at Pittston, was struck by a passing train and killed. He leaves a wife and one child.

—Postmasters are now required to stamp the date of the arrival of letters on the back of the envelope. This is a good and sensible order. It is possible now to tell how long a letter has been on its journey from the post office mailed to the one to which sent.

—One day last week while Mr. John McLaughlin, of Slatington, was engaged in cutting down a tree he met with a very ugly accident. It seems that while engaged in his work he had occasion to pass to the other side of the tree to give the finishing stroke, as he thought, when the axe in his hand glanced off and hit his right foot, splitting it almost in two.

—The numerous friends of Rev. A. Fuchs D. D., will learn of his death with much regret. He died at his residence in Bath on the 20th inst., after a lingering illness, aged 76 years. He was engaged in the ministry for nearly half a century, and retired from the pastoral charge of the Lutheran churches at Bath, Howertown, Plainfield, and other places in May, 1875, on account of his age and declining health.

—The "Switzerland" is about as dull a place to visit just now as any place we know of. No news and no excitement of any kind.

—The County Commissioners have been busy with the collectors of taxes during the week making exonerations. A visit to their office on Wednesday showed that they were nearly through.

—The many friends of T. D. Clauss will be pleased to learn that on Wednesday last he SETTLED IN FULL WITH THE COUNTY for the deficiency in his settlement as Treasurer last spring. We congratulate Mr. Clauss on his success.

—There were shipped over the Lehigh & Susquehanna railroad for the week ending the 26th ult., 65,957 tons of coal, a total for the season to that date of 4,088,823 tons, being an increase, compared with same time last year, of 1,735,439 tons.

—Excelsior Cornet Band of this borough, was out serenading our citizens New Year's eve.

—Wednesday's addition to the snow upon the ground in this section has made the roads tolerably fair for sleighing, and David Ebbert is prepared to supply you with the teams to enjoy the occasion.

—We were pleased to meet our esteemed friend, Prof. J. F. Howland, in Mauch Chunk, Wednesday. He was on his way to Partyville, to visit friends.

—A special meeting of our School Board was held Wednesday evening, a few bills were ordered paid, and several bonds ordered exchanged from 6 to 5 per cent. when the board adjourned.

The depot for fresh, pure and genuine drugs and medicines is Dr. C. T. Horn's Central Drug Store, opposite the "Carbon House." 6-19.

—John Burns, being drunk, fatally stabbed his wife while she was asleep, and then tried to commit suicide, in Easton, on last Tuesday night.

—Rev. J. P. Miller, pastor of the M. E. church of this borough, buried an infant child on Wednesday last.

—A well executed counterfeit half eagle is in circulation, one that stands nearly all the tests but that of the scales, and nearly that. The genuine half eagle weighs 129 grains; this spurious coin, as tested at the United States Mint, weighs 127½ grains—1½ grains short—by nicely adjusted scales. On scales that are a little stiff the absence of weight is scarcely discernible, and the coating of gold is sufficiently thick to resist the usual chemical tests. The officers of the mint report it the best executed bogus half eagle ever shown there.

Cut This Out.

For the coming year the days and dates of the important events, anniversaries and holidays will fall as follows: Epiphany, Tuesday, Jan. 6th; Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 25th; Shrove Tuesday, (Fastnacht,) Feb. 10th; Ash Wednesday, Feb. 11th; First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 22nd; St. Patrick's Day, Wednesday, March 17th; Palm Sunday, March 21st; Good Friday, March 26th; Easter Sunday, March 28th; Low Sunday, April 4th; Rogation Sunday, May 2nd; Ascension Day, (Holy Thursday,) May 6th; Pentecost, (Whit Sunday,) May 16th; Trinity Sunday, May 23rd; Corpus Christi, Thursday May 27th; Decoration Day, Sunday May 30th; Independence Day, Sunday, July 4th; First Sunday in Advent, Nov. 28th; Christmas, Saturday, Dec. 25th.

Religious Notes.

PACKERTON M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Pickop, pastor.—To-morrow (Sunday), preaching at 10:30 a. m., Sermon to Children. Sunday school 2 p. m.; Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:15 o'clock. Sunday Jan. 11, Conference Collections.

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. Seyfirt Pastor. German preaching at 10 o'clock a. m., by the Pastor. Teachers meeting at 1:37 p. m. Sunday School at 2 p. m. English preaching at 7 p. m.

A correspondent writing from Milford, says that a man named Neuman, who left there suddenly some years ago, deserting his wife, has returned. He assigns as a reason for his conduct that his wife was unfaithful. Shortly after his departure the wife was imprisoned for larceny, and since her release she has disappeared entirely.

Our Weatherly Special.

—Our public schools closed on the 24th ult. and will reopen on Monday next. In the meantime our entire juvenile populace is luxuriating in the various sports kindred to the holiday season. Friday, Saturday and Monday were gala days for the coasters, who freely availed themselves of the facilities for that gushing sport, afforded by our inclined ice-clad streets. The only melody in the air was "clear the coast." The enjoyment was not restricted to age, sex, color or condition—old and young, married and unmarried, male and female alike indulged in it. The warm rays of old Sol on Monday put an end to the pastime for the present and the sled market is exceedingly dull.

—The Christmas of 1879, has indeed, been a "merry one" to our people, if we may judge by the genial countenances of happy, gushing childhood, exuberant youth, felicitous middle age and serene old age, in our midst. The traffic done by our merchants in sweetmeats, fruits, toys and fancy articles has been unusually large, and the Christmas tree presents numerous. The entertainment given in the M. E. church on Christmas Eve was quite entertaining and enjoyable, and the performers were greeted with a goodly audience, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The illness of Mr. Bryan, the violinist, which rendered necessary the omission of the orchestral music prepared for the occasion, was much regretted by many. We are requested to extend the thanks of the committee to all parties who aided in the enterprise. At the close of the literary and musical exercises, the usual distribution of sweetmeats for the children was made, which was followed by the distribution of presents on the Christmas tree. Prominent among the numerous presents was that of a beautiful easy chair—the gift of the pupils of the High School to Mr. Rowland, the principal.

—The festivities at the Reformed church on Christmas night were of a very enjoyable nature, consisting of music by the school, short and pertinent addresses by Mr. H. S. Rinker, the superintendent, and Rev. Mr. Mishler, the pastor, closing with the donation of presents found on the Christmas tree and the distribution of candy and fruits among the children.

—Miss McCay, teacher of the Intermediate school was unable to teach last week, by reason of sickness—her place being temporarily supplied by Miss Brislin of the High school.

—Rev. R. H. Colburn has had the pleasure of tying three hymenial knots recently—all within ten days. On Christmas eve our young friend Geo Kline took unto himself a wife in the person of Miss Jarrard, and on Saturday evening Ed. Buck went and did likewise, taking for his better half Miss Emma Dodson. We wish them a pleasant voyage on the sea matrimonial.

—Prof. Rowland and family spent Christmas with friends at Janesville.

—Just as plans are being laid for numerous sleighing parties, the clerk of the weather steps in and vetoes the whole programme.

—Hon. Robt. Klotz will please accept our acknowledgments for valuable Congressional documents.

—H. S. Rinker was re-elected superintendent and Mr. Steigerwalt, assistant superintendent of the German Reformed Sabbath school on Sunday last.

—Since our previous item we have been favored with another edition of "beautiful snow"—Hardly enough however to make sleighing good. Moreover the intense heat of Sol's rays on this delightful New Year's morn is likely to put another veto upon sleighing for the present.

—A gushing, joyous "Happy New Year" and many returns to the CARBON ADVOCATE and its genial editor.

ETHEL WARY.

Weissprot Items.

—Weissporters determined not to be outdone by her sister borough of Lehighton in the marrying line, has two weddings to report this week. The first that of our young friend Frank Marsh and Miss Mary Schofield, who were joined in the holy bonds on Christmas eve, by Rev. J. E. Freeman; and the second Charles Nusbaum and Miss Valeria Gilham who were married at Slatington, on Tuesday evening last, by Rev. Mr. Erb. May both pair live long and enjoy all the sweets of this life.

—The Rev. J. K. Seyfrit, pastor of the Evangelical church, Weissport, and his family were favorably surprised on Saturday evening, by a delegation of the female members of the congregation, who besieged the parsonage, making things easier by emptying their heavily freighted baskets, which contained a handsome supply of the necessories of life. Such deeds of kindness and liberality have a tendency to bring the hearts of both pastor and parishioners closer together.

—The Fort Allen Foundry stopped work on Wednesday of last week for the holidays, and during the intervals have introduced a new and powerful steam pump into their works. They resumed full handed Wednesday morning.

—During the night of the 31st ult., a gang of fowdies amused themselves by tearing down young shade trees, fences, &c. No arrests have yet been made of the miscreants.

—While on a visit to Weissport on Wednesday morning, we had a very handsome back view photograph of ourselves taken in the snow.

—News items are scarce as hen's teeth in this place.

Stuart's Run Items.

—Mr. John Cunfer commenced cutting timber on Thursday the 18th ult.

—Mr. W. Schaeffer and E. Hough arrived unexpectedly from Weatherly on Tuesday 23d ult.

—The No. 2 school is making great improvements in dialogues.

Mr. T. Fenstermacher was on a vist to D. Schaffer on the 23d ult.

—Mr. Beck is very busy clearing brush, and while so engaged found a grave where the Indians made peace in 1684.

—Mr. E. F. Mantz is now sporting a new milk sleigh.

—Mr. J. Baily is doing a large business in butchering.

—Mr. G. K. Musselman paid a visit to J. Kistler's school on Friday, 19th ult.

—Mr. E. Hough commenced work again at Packerton on Friday of last week.

—Mrs. Sarah Schaeffer is busy again at her weaving business, and she is doing good work and as cheap as you can get it anywhere.

—Mr. W. Schaeffer and several of his friends were out hunting on Saturday but did not bring any game.

—Mr. Kistler's scholars are making great improvements in their studies.

—Mr. W. Heilman had good luck while out hunting; he shot 6 rabbits and sold them at 12cts a head.

—Christmas is past and the gobblers are all gone. PIT HINKELPOOS.

A very painful accident occurred at Sumneytown on Monday evening. A daughter of William Baker, residing in Philadelphia, is at home on a visit with her little son of five years of age, who was the victim of the accident. Jacob Hoed, a neighbor and a brother to Mrs. Baker, has a son about sixteen years of age. He carried an old pistol, unknown to his father, and while at Baker's he was in the act of showing the weapon, when the load was accidentally discharged in the little boy's face. The main discharge took effect in the chin, but shot were scattered all over the face, inflicting very painful wounds. Dr. Jacoby was sent for who probed the wound, but was unable to extract the shot. The case is considered a hopeless one. Should there be such a thing as the boy surviving he will be badly disfigured for life.

Big Creek Items.

—The last feather is shaken from the wing of 1879, and 1880 fresh, young and full of lusty vigor is in our midst. Thanksgiving songs and cheer have passed; Christmas chimes have died away, and the advent of the New Year is celebrated with happy rejoicings, while the old is suffered to lapse into the sea of the dead past.

—Hog or bust your turkey taste.

—Preparations are being made for the ice harvest.

—There will be fifty-three Thursdays and Fridays in 1880.

—The Solt's school of this place and Maria Furnace school closed on Wednesday afternoon of last week and reopened again on Monday morning last.

—The boys are making the best of the snow. Coasting is in order.

—Mrs. C. Krum, of Pittston, spent the holidays with friends at this place.

—Hon. J. G. Zern, of Weissport, was at this place Saturday and called but did not find us at home. Call again doctor.

—Paul Buck and family were visiting his brother who resides near Danielsville, over Christmas; hope they enjoyed themselves.

—The Towamensing Horse Insurance Company will hold their annual meeting at Stemlersville, to-day (Saturday) at 1 o'clock p. m., sharp, to elect officers for the ensuing year, and do such business as may be brought before the meeting. W. E. Kemerer, Sec'y.

—Sleighing was good a few days this week.

—Jacob Stroup moved from Pine Run to Millport on Tuesday of last week, and Harry Wertz moved on the farm vacated by Mr Stroup.

—The old time Watch Meetings were held in the Solt's church of this place on New Year's eve.

—The teacher in our common schools who can keep his scholars continually at work during school hours, will not find much trouble in governing his or her school: Industry is the great secret of success in all kinds of business, and in no place more so than in the school room.

—He that loses his conscience has nothing left worth keeping.

—The sickness in the family of Abraham Henry is rapidly disappearing under the medical skill of Dr. J. G. Zern, of Weissport, which I am pleased to note.

—Will some one of the numerous correspondents of the ADVOCATE give us a sure and tried cure for Chilblain, and oblige a friend of ours a sufferer therefrom.

—Rabbits will now have a rest. Sportsmen must now turn their attention in some other direction.

—Several of our neighbors have the past few days been engaged in bringing coal from Summit Hill.

—A party from Weissport were at this place after rabbits on Tuesday last.

—Reuben Strohl moved from this place to Mauch Chunk on Monday last, where he has secured work—our best wishes for his success. REVERE.

Towamensing Brevities!

—Roads were in a poor driving condition the fore part of this week.

—The Lutheran Association of Pleasant Valley held their festival Thursday evening, January 1st.

—"Joe" went to Packerton on a visit to his brother-in-law, to-day (Saturday).

—Jonathan Berlieb, of near Trachsville, was buried at the Lutheran church, at Kunkeltown last Sunday. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev. Mr. Huber, of Broadheadsville. Deceased was aged 66 years, 5 months and 25 days.

—Miss Mary J. Walp, formerly of this place, but now of Tullytown, near Philadelphia, is at home with her mother at Curtisnsville, Monroe county, where she will stay till next spring.

—Rev. M. Freeman, of Weissport, preached at the Jerusalem church at Trachsville on Sunday at 9:45 a. m.

—Angeline Christman, of Christman's valley died last Saturday night of Typhoid fever. Her remains were interred at the Jerusalem church on Tuesday last.

—David Strohl, who was engaged in chasing foxes, on Friday of last week, had the luck to capture a gray one.

—Henry Kunkel, of Trachsville, was on a business trip, to Stroudsburg, on Monday last.

—Edwin Eckhart, of Albrightsville, was on a visit near here on Saturday and Sunday last, glad to see him.

—Henry Christman who is engaged at painting, in Effort, was at home on a visit last Sunday.

—Emma Stetter formerly of this valley, but now of Mauch Chunk, is now at home, with her parents, where she will remain until her hands have fully recovered.

—Hiram Beer, who was working on a farm at Seigfried's Bridge, is in this vicinity visiting friends and relations; he intends to leave for the former place in a few weeks.

—Miss Lucinda Kleintop of this place went to Mauch Chunk, last Tuesday where she is doing house work for John Behler.

—Messrs. Wm. Searfass, of Philadelphia, and Wilson Dotter, of White Haven, were at our place on Thursday last.

—Mr. Amos Steinbrauner and wife, of Danielsville, were at this place on Thursday last.

—Mr. R. H. Youngkin is very busy building the county bridge, near Dennis Moyer's, in Towamensing, which was given out by the Commissioners a few months ago.

—Another child of John Strohl's of Elder township, Monroe county, Pa., died of diphtheria, and was buried at the Jerusalem church in Towamensing, on Saturday of last week. This is the seventh child that died in Mr. Strohl's family; the last three died within a month.

—Mr. Harrison Kunkle will move to Kresgeville the coming spring. He has bought the old stand formerly occupied by David Kresge.

—Mr. Lovelight Kostenbader who has been on a visit to Virginia is back again.

—The shooting match held by John Eckhardt in Towamensing, on the 25th ult., was well attended. Eleven turkeys were shot for and nine raffled off. There was also a well attended dance in the evening.

—Mr. Frank Mengel, of Stroudsburg, Monroe county, Pa., is teaching school at Aquashicola, this county.

—The main business here is butchering.

—Mr. W. G. Brown teacher of Eckhardt's school, in Towamensing, enrolled 45 pupils and more are to come.

—Mr. William Shoenberger was on a business visit on Friday of last week at Wild Creek.

—Mr. Miller while out hunting had the good luck to capture a fox.

—Mr. Henry Heltner while out in the woods chopping, on the 18th, killed two raccoons, which his dog had chased into a hollow tree. MERCURY.

Wild Creek Items.

—Quite a lot of our young friends were on a sleigh ride to a Christmas festival, on Thursday evening of last week.

—Mr. J. C. Distler, of Audenried, but formerly of this place, was visiting relations here on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We were all glad to see him.

—A. Kibler, of Dottersville, and Frank Smith, of Pine swamp, were visiting friends and relations at Wild Creek Kettle on last Sunday.

—H. and C. Leitzleicher, of Wild Creek, are busily engaged in hauling timber for John Craig.

—Miss Ellen Distler of Slatington and Miss Elizabeth Distler of Weissport, were visiting their parents on Christmas.

—George Lehrig left for Gouldsboro on Tuesday having procured a job hauling logs.

—Wm. Kibbler, of Kresgeville, while out sleigh riding on Christmas had a runaway with his horses.

—D. S. Lovitt, of Bucks county, formerly of this place, is visiting here.

—Cecilia Smith is sick with diphtheria.

—Mr. Henry Hitner, while chopping wood captured two raccoons.

—Miss Catharine Haydt left for Weissport on Friday last where she procured a situation in the Fort Allen House.

—George Haydt, is busily engaged threshing grain. JOE.

Last Thursday night, a prisoner in the Willimsport jail named Howland attempted to escape. The Sheriff, in trying to force the man back into his cell was assaulted, when the son of the former struck Howland, dangerously injuring him.

The Coal Trade.

The past week has presented nothing new in the anthracite coal trade. The fifty-first week of the year is ever a broken one at best and this year it is rendered duller than usual by reason of the fact that efforts are making by a considerable portion of the trade to lessen production, so that, taking the two causes together, we may say that the trade had been extra dull. As to prices of coal there is difference of opinion. Those who are really forced to sell their coal from financial necessities come down as much as fifty cents per ton from circular prices. Those who are not so necessitated for money means hold their coal and avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to make preparations for greater production next year. The total tonnage for 1879, it is now pretty well ascertained, is in excess of 25,000,000 of tons. There is every reason to believe that this large amount will be increased by the demand for coal in 1880. It is pretty generally conceded that the chief stimulant for the current year's large production of anthracite coal was in the direct connection with the demand for iron. That industry has within the present year been lifted from the low depression of $18 per ton to $33½ per ton on a very large production, on what are admitted to be liberally remunerative prices. Not only is this most veritable and a demonstrated fact as to the past, but all the indications point to a steadily increasing demand for iron in the near future. There is not, as far as we know or learn, more than two or three idle furnaces in this State. Nearly every furnace in condition and every dilapidated concern that could be extemporized into working order is at work, and on full time. These iron furnaces are the great consumers of coal, and if they can be kept employed the iron demand for lighter manufacturing purposes and for domestic uses will not only keep up of themselves, but will naturally increase. The iron trade in all its branches within the last few weeks seems to have taken a fresh bound forward, not only in this market but throughout the country. Evidences of the fact are seen on every side. The Pittsburgh and Philadelphia rolling mills have orders running into the middle of next summer, while at other important points farther West the activity is described as altogether phenomenal. The present prices of coal are, therefore, of comparatively little account. The demand for coal and iron in 1880 will equal the entire capacity of production, without let or stoppage. Railroad building and repairing will require an immense deal of iron. We have seen it estimated that 9000 miles of new track will be built during the year, and equal to 9000 more will be required for old roads, adding to those two sources of demand, and necessary to their use in construction, iron for bars, bolts, spikes, &c., say 100 tons per mile, and we have an increase of 1,800,000 tons, and, with reasonable estimates of cars likely to be built and old cars repaired, we have a total of 2,460,000 tons of iron to be required for the railway interest alone, taking no account for the other uses to which iron is put. In 1879 there were about 275 furnaces in blast. It is now estimated that there will be 700 in blast in the year 1880. We repeat our caution of last week to coal consumers, that those of them who are holding out of the coal market now in the expectation of controlling next year's coal prices to lower figures, to take care that they are not found counting without their host. The safer policy for those who want cool for any description of manufacture for a future market is to buy at present prices rather than to halt in their production. There may be here and there instances of fluctuations in coal prices that seem to offer advantages by waiting for lower prices, but the party who keeps steadily on his works, paying the current market rates for his fuel, will be most sure to realize the larger profits of the year as against those who are found higgling for lower prices, which generally results in little other than the unsettling of the market, to the ultimate disadvantage of all. Nothing so much helps business as to permit all participating in it to have a liberal share of the profits. The anthracite production of 1880 is put down by some of the more sanguine at 28,000,000 of tons. Without fully accepting these large figures we feel safe in saying that the demand will be more closely up to all that can be produced in the last several years. That is to say, the utmost production of anthracite possible will little, if any, exceed the demand.—*Ledger*, Monday.

STATE NEWS.

"Ketner Sal" is a female hermit, living near Bernville, Berks county, who is 75 years of age.

Lizzie Bender, of Bristol, Bucks county, was burned to death on Christmas morning by her clothing taking fire.

A stove works is to be started next spring at Royer's Ford.

The Pittsburg papers report that all the mills in the vicinity of Woods Run have started up either in full or in part.

The real and personal property of Washington county has been assessed at $32,631,352.

The Bradford *Era* reports that the sale of diamonds in that city for the holiday trade has been unprecedented.

The Altoona *Tribune* states that during the past year there were built in the shops of that city fifty consolidated locomotives.

A vein of iron ore, equal in quality to Lake Superior ore, has been opened near Mercer.

Thirty Hungarian emigrants have been put to work as wood choppers at Lenhartsville, Berks county.

Mrs. Thomas Eltringham, of New Mines, Schuylkill county, was found on the roadside, Christmas day, frozen to death.

Christopher Ludwig Laurence died in Williamsport on Thursday, in his 88th year. He was a soldier under the first Napoleon.

John Bloom, who was stabbed in the head with a screwdriver by Frank Gutofski, in Nanticoke, on the 19th inst., died on Saturday night, and Gutofski has been arrested.

A Hungarian wood chopper on the Blue Mountains, Berks county, was caught under a falling tree and held there three days before help reached him.

Christmas was welcomed at Reading by ringing, for the first time, the chimes recently put in the tower of Christ Episcopal Cathedral.

Miss Mary Ann Fender, of Johnstown, who was to have been married on Christmas day, died the Tuesday before of diphtheria and was buried in her wedding garments.

J. H. Mitchell, a brakeman, fell under the car wheels at Shirresville, Indiana county, on Monday morning, and was instantly killed.

The body of John Shrum, a mill laborer, was found on the Pennsylvania Railroad near Johnstown, on Monday morning, in a horribly mutilated condition.

The Allegheny County Committee of the Greenback party have elected delegates to the National Conference of that party, to be held at Washington next month.

Charles A. Gordon, of Pittsburg, aged 14 years, died on Sunday morning from starvation, not having tasted food or water for four weeks. He was troubled with an affection of the throat, which prevented him from swallowing.

Sheriff Startwell, of McKean county, reports a prisoner in the jail there who has been thrown into the deepest despondency by visions in which he sees Tracy, who was recently hanged.

The missing bridegroom is becoming plentiful in Pennsylvania, Allentown had a distressing case of it last week, and now Armaugh, Indiana county, reports a case. The wedding feast, however, was not wasted.

The twin brother of the late Michael C. Kerr, who at the time of his death was speaker of the National House of Representatives, is a Justice of the Peace, near Breedtown, Crawford county.

Nauseous medicines seem all that the doctors can think of. Try "Sellers' Cough Syrup," and you will be delighted beyond measure.

William Zeith, a toy storekeeper in Pittsburg, on Monday last drew $950 out of bank fearful something might happen to the bank, and deposited it in his bureau drawer. That night thieves robbed him of it.

The wife of ex-Governor William F. Johnson is being urged by a number of the Pennsylvania Congressmen for the vacant Postmastership at Kittaning, Crawford county. She is said to be a lady of intelligence and business qualifications.

Mrs. B. O. Sullivan died in Tionesta township, Forest county, on Monday from paralysis, brought on by trouble and exposure. Her husband deserted her not long since, and last week she was turned out for rent. She leaves three little children.

The Erie *Observer* reports that the President having sent the name of Mr. Moorhead to the Senate as postmaster at that place, ends the party fight over the place. Mr. Moorhead's enemies in the contest have given him a congratulatory hand-shake.

Miss Kate Krutsman, of Reading, died on Saturday, in terrible agony, from having taken strychnine with suicidal intent. She was a strict church member, and several years ago suffered from melancholia, but lately it was thought she had gotten over it.

The Norristown people are busy talking over the arrest of Mr. Frank Kane by the Sheriff of Montgomery county, on Christmas Eve night, for the non-payment of some costs. Mr. Kane values the loss of his Christmas festivities at $5,000, and has sued the Sheriff for that much damages.

On Monday Mrs. Jane Dales, of Brownsville entered an outbuilding that had not been used for some time. Her nephew, not knowing of her presence there, discharged a gun at the side of the building in practising at a mark; killing the unfortunate lady instantly.

A German named Bisschoter, who occupies a frame shanty in Erie, was found, on Friday, surrounded by seven children and all of them nearly dead from cold and the want of food. The mother was found dead in the kitchen, she having succumbed to disease and hunger the day before.

An old scissors-grinder, whose face has been familiar for some time in the towns of Cambria county, threw himself upon a large revolving wheel at a furnace in Millville, Cambria county, on Thursday night, with suicidal intent. His legs and arms were torn off, and his head mashed out of shape.

In 1876 Mr. William K. Hayes, then a resident of Pittsburg, presented Miss Lizzie Roskoff, of that city, with a gold watch and chain, valued at $100. It is unnecessary to state that Miss Roskoff was at that time the idol of Mr. Hayes' affection. Since then Mr. Hayes has removed to California where he has married, and now sues for the recovery of the watch, the case pending in the Court of Common Pleas at Pittsburg. An Alderman previously decided the case against the lady.

—The Pittsburg *Chronicle* has heard rumors that a party of capitalists are to buy up $2,000,000 of property in the east end of that city. It has since learned that the purchase depends entirely upon an ordinance of the city making assessments on property owners in that section for street improvements going into effect. If it does hundreds will not be able to pay the assessment, and at the sale the capitalists will buy these properties at very low figures.

On Monday George Sims, 17 years of age, while oiling machinery in the Merchants' Mills, at Erie, was caught on a shaft and his body whirled around at the rate of eighty revolutions a minute. His head struck a beam at every revolution, and when taken down the body was found to be horribly mutilated, bones being broken in every limb, and the whole body was bruised and bleeding. At last accounts he was alive, with some hopes of recovery.

Xingo Park, a miner of Elizabeth, and prominently known in connection with coal miners' interests, is missing. He left home on the 6th of October to seek work at a place called Library, not far away, and since then has not been heard from. He had incurred the enmity of the miners in his neighborhood by opposing their strikes at different times, and they had frequently threatened him harm. Park was, in 1875, State organizer of the Miners' Union of Pennsylvania, and was indicted in Clearfield county for conspiracy and sent to the penitentiary, but was soon pardoned out.

Be wise; simply call on your druggist for "Dr. Sellers' Cough Syrup," when you have a cold or cough. 25c a bottle.

Not Always Thus.

An exact from a Paris paper published in the *Free Press* a short time ago told how a rich widow bequeathed a legacy of $10,000 to a young man who offered her his umbrella on a rainy day. Yesterday was a rainy day, and a young man saw a lone female paddling up Woodward avenue. He had an umbrella—she had none. He had read that extract. He saw from $5,000 to $10, lying around loose. He stepped forward, bowed politely and asked:

"Madame, will you do me the great honor to accept my umbrella?"

She halted, looked him and his umbrella all over and then replied:

"Now, boy, you move on! Do you suppose I'd give myself away by carrying an old cotton umbrella? If you want to be polite lend me a dollar and telephone for a coupe."

There will be many marriages in society this winter, because so many are enjoying the delights of the Salem *Sunbeam's* menu of courtship:

A bunch of flowers,
A book or two,
A little billing,
A little coo,
A little coming
And going, till
They go to church
And say "I will."

And that ends it.

Telegrams received at Constantinople, from Novi Bazar announces that the agitation in Bosnia and Herzegovnia is assuming serious proportions, owing to the tyranny of the Austrian officers.

Four thousand Albanians, it is reported from Vienna, are ready to resist the cession of Gusinje and Plava and Montenegro. Ahmed Moukhtar Pacha's troops are mutinous. They have not been paid and are in rags.

Special dispatches received at London from Constantinople report that the difference between Sir Austen Layard, the British Ambassador and the Porte, regarding the arrest and sentence of death to a priest who had been convicted of being the author of tracts hostile to the religion of Islam, will be definitely and satisfactorily arranged.

Mr. Maskelyne, of the mineral department of the British museum, writes to the London *Times* that, after a thorough test of the so-called crystalized forms of carbon obtained by Mr James MacLear, of the St. Rollax chemical works, who supposed he had discovered a process of making diamonds, he (Mr. Maskelyne) had no hesitation in declaring that they are not diamonds at all but consist of some compound of silica.

MARRIED.

HEYDT—HEILMAN.—On New Year's day, by Rev. W. G. Laitzie, Prof. Horace D. Heydt, of Berks county, Pa., and Miss Ellen J. Heilman, daughter of Moses Heilman, Esq., of this borough.

The happy pair have our best wishes for their happiness and prosperity through this life.

YEAGER—WEBB.—On the 25th ult., by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, Mr John Yeager of Mauch Chunk, and Miss Emma Webb, of Lehighton, Carbon county.

PETREY—RONTZ.—On the 26th ult., by the same, Mr. Richard Petrey, of Rockport, and Miss Kitty Ann Rontz, of Mahoning, Carbon county.

GINDER—GUMBERT.—On the 28th ult., by the same, Mr. Charles Harrison Ginder, of East Penn and Miss Mary Jane Gumbert of Mahoning, Carbon county.

DIED.

KISTLER.—On the 1st ult., in West Penn, Rose Kitty Ann, daughter of Charles and Kitty Ann Kistler, aged 2 years, 11 months, and 28 days.

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.13-1y.

Lehighton Produce Market.

CORRECTED WEEKLY.

Flour, per sack	$4 25
Corn, per bushel	75
Oats, per bushel	50
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

Closing prices of