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The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1880.

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 cold wave struck this locality on Tuesday last.

—The revival services are still in progress in the M. E. Church of this borough.

—The Lehigh Valley Telegraph office at Parryville has been closed, and one opened at Bowman's Station.

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

—Our streets have been in a most miserable condition for travel during the past week.

—Hon. R. A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, has accepted the Presidency of the Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, tendered him by the trustees, the Rev. Dr. Leavitt having resigned.

—While in Mauch Chunk on Tuesday last, met our old friend Capt. Harry Williamson, of Summit Hill, looking better than we have ever seen him look for some time.

—Willoughby Arnold, the farm hand who eloped from North Whitehall township Lehigh county, last week with Miss Roth, aged 13, has been captured at Kutztown, Berks county.

—A dispatch from Pittston says that Miss Hopkins, of that place, was attacked while alone at home on Saturday by two tramps and brutally outraged. The tramps have not been captured.

—Mrs. Opie, the mother-in-law of a man named Lane, a notion dealer in Easton, arrested for embezzlement from the latter while acting as his cashier, has been released. There was no evidence against the lady.

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

—H. H. Peters has purchased the Webb property on Bank street, from the First National Bank. Mr. Peters formerly owned the property.

—A semi-annual dividend of two per cent. has been declared by the First National Bank of this borough, payable on and after the 15th inst.

—E. F. Hofford, son of Co. Supt. Hofford, who has been residing at Trussville, Ala., during the past year, returned home on Saturday evening last.

—"S. G." of Weissport, will please accept our thanks for his very excellently written report of the Temperance meeting, at the Evangelical church, Weissport, on Saturday evening last.

—Now, is a good time to send $1.00 to pay for a year's subscription to the CARBON ADVOCATE. You will never regret it!

—HAIR WORK—Florence V. Chandlee, Race St., opposite St. Mark's church, Mauch Chunk, will do all kinds of hair work neatly, cheaply and reliably. Combings made up. 8—4

—For easy and comfortable carriages for business or pleasure trips, go to the popular livery of David Ebbert, on North street, this borough. His terms are as low as the lowest. Try him.

—The many friends of Rev. R. J. Smoyer, pastor of the Evangelical church, will be pained to learn that he has been so seriously indisposed for the past week as to be confined to his bed, but pleased to learn that he is now convalescing.

—Daniel O'Connell, on trial at Pottsville for killing John Hackett in a drunken brawl at Boston Run, on the 13th of December, last, was acquitted Tuesday.

—"Dr. Sellers' Cough" Syrup will ensure you a good night's rest. It is the best cough medicine in the market. Price 25 cents.

—Our friend F. P. Longstreet returned home from Boston on Saturday evening, at which place he has been sojourning during the past month, and we are pleased to state that he considers his health improved by the visit.

—If you wanta nice smooth, easy shave your hair cut or shampooing, go to Franz Rechderer's Saloon, under the Exchange Hotel. He will fix you right, and don't you forget it.

—The Republican Convention of Schuylkill county met Monday, and elected delegates to the State Convention, instructing them for John A. M. Passmore for Auditor General.

—To those of our patrons who have so promptly paid up their subscriptions during the past week, we tender our warmest thanks.

—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.

—The late Judge Woodward's place on the Supreme bench of the State has never been supplied. Hon. Henry Green, of Northampton county, was appointed to the position by Governor Hoyt, but a severe attack of rheumatism, which still confines him to his bed, intervened, and has prevented his being sworn in.

—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.

—Joseph Werkheiser, aged 67 years, was thrown from his buggy into a creek near Stockerton, Northampton county, on Wednesday night of last week. The next morning his frozen body was found by the roadside, where he had laid down.

—Clara Krouse, of Glendon, a suburb of Easton, set her husband down on Saturday to some pies that she had put Paris green in. The husband's injuries will not prove fatal. He and his wife had been upon unfriendly terms. Krouse has served five years in jail for stabbing one wife to death.

—There is a great deal that Ned Curley, the Mollie Maguire, who surrendered himself at Centralia, can tell if he only will. He can tell who cut off the ear of the schoolmaster named Green; who murdered Tom Dougherty in 1874, and Lenehan the same year, and a number of other matters that need light. So says the Shenandoah *Herald*.

—At the regular annual election for directors of the First National Bank, of Lehighton, held at the banking house, on Tuesday last, the following gentlemen were duly elected: President, Thos. Kemerer; Vice-President, R. F. Hofford; Cashier, W. W. Bowman. Directors—Daniel Olewine, R. F. Hofford, A. J. Durling, Thos. Kemerer, J. G. Zern, Dennis Bowman and P. J. Kistler.

—Lent begins February 10th, Ash Wednesday.

—American silver watches only $3 at E. H. Hohl's Mauch Chunk.

—Ex-Sheriff Raudenbush was in town Wednesday looking at his old friends.

—Allentown is lighted up at night by 164 street lamps. For the year ending Oct. 1st they cost the city $2,786.95.

—For safe and easy life insurance, see advertisement in another column, and then call upon H. A. Beltz, Esq., opposite the public square, this borough.

—The First National Bank of Mauch Chunk, has declared a semi annual dividend of four per cent., payable after the 15th inst.

—If you will take our advice you will lose no time in calling on your druggist for "Sellers' Cough Syrup"—without an equal. Price 25 cents.

—The Oxford mines in Hyde Park, (Scranton), caved in Saturday night, badly shattering Thomas McNicholls' house and John O'Hara's brick store.

—The annual report of the Perkiomen Railroad gives the receipts of the past year at $161,112 and the operating expenses at $127,152.

—The amount of coal shipped over the L. & S. Railroad for the first eight days of the present season, commencing on the 1st inst., was 54,775 tons, being an increase of 30,911 tons as compared with same date last year.

—For the week ending on the 10th inst., there were shipped over L. V. railroad 56,510 tons of coal, making a total for the season to that date of 463,576 tons, an increase as compared with same time last year of 158,393 tons.

—The widow of a deceased soldier wants to know the address of John H. Coulston, captain, Co. A. 51st reg., Pa. vols., 1864—5, or of some member of his company. The request is made that the information sought be sent to F. Stofflet, Ann Arbor, Michigan, P. O. box 191. Papers in this and adjoining counties please copy.

—We understand that Mr. Charles Hartshorn, late vice-president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, has been named as candidate for president of the company at the next regular election, in place of the late Judge Asa Packer, deceased, and Joseph Patterson, of the Western Bank, as a director in the Board of Managers of the company.

—Daniel Graver, of the Bee Hive, announces to his friends that he is still to be found at his old stand, (where he will continue doing business), with a full line of dress goods, dry goods, notions, &c., which he is prepared to sell to all the people at extraordinary low prices for cash. Call and be convinced of the truth of this notice.

—The cheapest place in the Valley to buy clocks is at E. H. Hohl's. Walnut stem winding clocks only $5 cent. Mauch Chunk, above the Mansion House.

—A special meeting of the Lehighton School Board, was held on Monday evening last; the members were all present. The president and secretary were ordered to issue a bond for $500 at 5 per cent. to Andrew Graver, Sr. On motion the Secretary, Daniel Graver, was to let the school hall at the rate of $5 per night for school or church purposes, and $10 for outside entertainments. By order of the Board George Dreher was suspended from school for two weeks for misconduct towards his teacher.

—BOARDING.—A number of respectable men can be accommodated with good board, at reasonable charges, at the "Lehighton Hotel," on Second street, this borough; also, livery teams at low rates.

—For fancy stationery, fancy goods, novelties of all kinds and a full line of wall papers at lowest prices, call at Luckenbach's, a few doors below Broadway House, Mauch Chunk.

—If you have been seeking a big fortune in Holland, we advise you to carefully read the correspondence on our first page, headed "Fortunes in Holland," and hereafter when some fellow wants $10 to investigate your claim, give him instead of the $10 the toe of your boot, if you can reach him.

—On Sunday week Rev. L. K. Derr, pastor of St. John's Reformed congregation at Slatington, as also of the Frieden's church, in Washington tp., tendered his resignation of the said charges. He was compelled to do so because of failing health, being a sufferer under a bronchial affection. His labors have taxed his strength severely, and his physician recommended him to cease altogether. He has served in the charges stated very acceptably for a number of years, and the necessity that led to the breaking up of the pleasant relation of pastor and people is regretted by all who know him.

—The following gentlemen were elected directors of the Second National Bank of Mauch Chunk, at the annual meeting held on the 13th inst.: Charles Albright, Chris Curran, John C. Dolon, Solomon Dreisbach, Thomas Kemerer, Thomas L. Foster, Wm. H. Stroh, Leonard Yeager, Chas. O. Skeer. Officers—Charles Albright President, Thos. L. Foster Cashier, J. M. Dreisbach Bookkeeper and Teller, John Harper watchman.

—The annual issue of Prof. Tice's "*Weather Forecasts and American Almanac for 1880*," is out, and we learn that the first edition of over 20,000 copies was called for within eight days of its publication, and a second larger one put to press. It is fuller and more specific in its weather prognostications for 1880 than formerly, and a variety of subjects of interest, such as plagues and the astronomical relations thereto, heat and sunstrokes, cyclones, facts for fortelling the weather, etc, are discussed. Copy can be obtained by enclosing 20 cents to Thompson, Tice & Lillingston, St. Louis, Mo.

—Governor Hoyt Friday of last week appointed Colonel Stanley Woodward to the vacancy on the Luzerne County Bench, caused by the resignation of Judge Harding and the promotion of Judge Rice to the President Judgeship. A strong effort was made to secure the appointment of ex-Senator Payne, and Governor Hoyt is said to have received hundreds of letters protesting against Mr. Woodward's appointment, but the Governor's personal feelings triumphed over party bias, Woodward being one of his most intimate friends in Wilkesbarre. Indeed, although a Democrat, the new Judge stumped the State for Hoyt in 1878, in opposition to Hon. A. H. Dill, the Democratic nominee.

—E. Mell Boyle, Esq., secretary of the Eleventh District Republican Congressional Conference of 1878, has called a meeting to be held at the Central Hotel, Hazleton, January 23d, to take into consideration the interests of the party during the coming campaign. The meeting is to be composed of delegates from each county in the district, based on a representation of two delegates for the first 500 votes, and one for each additional 500, computed on the figures of the last gubernatorial vote. The hour fixed is 11 o'clock in the morning of the day mentioned.

Reported for the CARBON ADVOCATE.

TEMPERANCE.

CAUSE OF PROHIBITION ADVOCATED.

A strong plea in favor of the abolition of the liquor traffic by

Rev. Mr. HART.

MAINE, AS A MODEL STATE, FREE FROM INTEMPERANCE.

Long before the time specified for the commencement of the temperance lecture on Saturday evening last people slowly wended their way to the Weissport Evangelical church, to listen to the Rev. Mr. Hart who, was formally announced to lecture on the many evils of the liquor traffic.

At 7:30 the seats were all occupied although everybody sat comfortable and easy. A crowded house was expected, but a great many undoubtedly remained home on account of the disagreeable roads. The audience was a quiet and peaceable one. The trustees made no arrests as on former occasions.

Precisely on time, the speaker of the evening made his appearance, and services were opened by the singing of a familiar hymn, followed by a prayer offered by Mr. Hageman, when Rev. Mr. Seyfrit arose to introduce the speaker. He evinced pleasure in having the opportunity of introducing to the audience Rev. Mr. Hart, chaplain of the Independent Order of Good Templars.

The lecture was apparently well studied and the speaker made his remarks forcibly and effectively. His gestures were graceful and suited to the words. His first remarks were brief allusions to the sayings of his first lecture delivered here, and after having spoken briefly on them, the speaker went on to say that the liquor trafic, which he intended to denounce robustly, was responsible for all intemperance. And, said the speaker, we are to blame, we must lay the axe to the root of the tree and discontinue the selling of liquor. The liquor traffic is doing more to hinder the advancement of civilization, is doing more to undermine our free institutions than all other evils combined. The speaker then spoke of the prime necessity of discontinuing this hellish traffic, and of the absurd remarks of some who say that it can never be accomplished. Said the speaker: Some people say you can't wipe out the liquor business. They have no faith. They believe that it is impossible to abolish it and yet they will agree that it should be. I will name, said the speaker, some of the objections of these people. In the first place they tell us that the liquor traffic represents an enormous amount of capital, and that this money is power. It will thwart us on every hand. It will be used to corrupt our courts, to bribe our legislatures. We admit that this money is power, and we cannot close our eyes to the fact. But there is a power greater than money. We believe in God, and he is on our side. God is always on the side of right. Are we to sit down and refrain fighting sin just because it commands capital, and say we can't conquer evil? The liquor traffic not alone commands money; every iniquity is full of money. Liquor commands more money than any other iniquity, and it is very true that the dollar is mighty; but there is only one Almighty, and he is with us. Right will always prevail. Truth crushed to earth will rise again—she shall arise from the dust and shall array herself in robes of final victory. Go forward in this work and it will collapse as a bubble, because God is on our side. They tell us that the abolition of the liquor traffic would be unconstitutional. They say this is a free country. Man's privileges dare not be abridged. Every man has a right to do as he pleases. Legislators have no right to abolish it, because it is a business. We admit that this traffic is a business, a business that is a disgrace to our State, a dishonor to our country, a business that is breaking women's hearts and bringing universal misery and woe. The speaker considered the liquor business entirely different from any other business, and illustrated the fact by comparisons. He referred to the business of horse stealing as one that, unlike the liquor business, is unconstitutional. Said the speaker: the business of horse stealing is stopped, and it is just as honorable as selling liquor. Horse stealing does not produce the one thousandth part of degredation that liquor selling does. One evil has license and the other has not. Who does the worse—he who steals your horse or he who steals your happiness? To further show the contrast between this business and others he referred to the merchant. Continuing, the speaker said: To open a store, must you get twelve signatures of citizens in your town to present to court? No. No signatures are required for other businesses. Merchants do not stop selling on election days while liquor sellers do. A man sends his boy to store for "laces," etc. The proprietor says "Sonny, what will you have?" "Please, sir," says the boy, "mamma sent me for a quart of lasses." Does the proprietor say: "Oh, I can't give it to you. You are too young. You must wait until you are twenty-one years old, and then I can sell to you." No. The boy gets it without any trouble. It is different with the liquor seller. He must not sell to you before you are twenty one. Not until you have reached your majority. The speaker then dwelt rather lengthily upon the subject of the constitutionality of the abolition of the liquor traffic. The speaker held that if legislators had the right to specify the time of selling, etc., they also had the right to wipe it out altogether. Upon this particular point he said: The Legislature has a right to abolish the liquor traffic, if it can say when they shall sell and to whom they shall sell. What is morally wrong can not be made legally right by licensing. The speaker said that the answer of those who hold that it is impossible to abolish liquor is—'Cause you can't." He then referred to former enterprises, the accomplishment of which was by many considered impossible. He said that when Cyrus W. Field began laying plans for the connection of the two hemispheres by cable, people said: it can never be done. Said the speaker: When our forefathers spoke of the tyrannical bands of English oppression and made preparations for the great struggle, people said it can never be done. Our forces cannot cope with theirs. They said, England will surely whip us. When the South tried to break the union of states by secession, people said, it can't be done. Cyrus Field's object, said the speaker, was accomplished. He spoke of the success of our vigorous attempt to rid ourselves of English oppression, and of the defeat of the secession. In the course of his remarks on these points he made a very strong assertion. He said, *liquor can be abolished. If there is a God in Heaven it will be abolished.* To this were given loud cries of amen. The speaker then spoke of the State of Maine as an example worthy of imitation for other states. Said the speaker, one state is free from distilleries. If you were in the city of Portland, to night, and should be so unfortunate as to be seized with a severe attack of colic you could not get a glass of whiskey or brandy to cure it. [Laughter.] He then related the circumstance which led to the abolition of liquor selling in that state, and spoke of the means put forth to make the same a successful undertaking. The speaker urged the people to spare no time in waiting to use their influence in favor of ridding the country of the liquor traffic, and urged all persons who are in favor of electing men who will see that it is not neglected in our legislative halls to join the order of Good Templars which has been organized in Weissport. S. G.

Packerton Ripples.

—Aaron Fritzinger returned from Kansas, where he has been on a visit for about a year. He speaks well of the country—yet thinks a good farm in this state preferable to one there. While there he visited Alex. Bowman, and found them all well; Alfred Raudenbush has improved in health and likes the country. They are all doing well and do not think of returning to Pennsylvania.

—We see by the Philadelphia *Times* that Carbon democrats are for Tilden, and that the delegates are so instructed. Well, we think this a little premature; Tilden is no doubt a shrewd politician, but lacks nerve enough to hold fast what is given him; he has had his day—his chance; there are other men in the party with greater abilities, and with pluck sufficient—if elected—to rally the party and take and hold the office, despite a Grant or any other autocrat. The Democrats of Carbon are not for Tilden, but are for the best man—the one who, without trick or bribery, receives the unanimous support of the convention—such a man can be elected and do honor to the office.

—George Hagen, proprietor of the hotel at Delonsburg, has been unfortunate—his property having been sold by the Sheriff to satisfy a claim held by a party in Bethlehem. Mr. Hagen and family have the sympathy of all who know their true situation. All they had was invested in this property, and now, after years of toil, to be compelled to yield possession and begin anew is hard—though Mr. Hagen says he is not disheartened.

—John L. Beers, son of Jacob R. Beers, of this place, met with a serious and painful accident on Thursday evening of last week, near the car shops. In attempting to get off of a moving caboose, on which he was riding, he fell, or was thrown by a switch, and in some unaccountable manner, his right foot and leg, was terribly wrenched—the foot was not crushed or run over, yet both foot and leg, as far as the knee, are in a bad condition—very much swollen and discolored. Dr. M. B. Reber, was called and applied remedies to alleviate the pain, he thinks there is no danger of loss of foot, or permanent lameness, though the injury is very serious. Much sympathy is expressed for the boy as he is exceedingly bright and a universal favorite in the community.

—The candidates for school directors have been agreed upon (so we understand) by the Ring. The farce of a convention is hardly worth while—"thumbs up"—wiggle waggle. They will go in with a whoop. One of our citizens has been interviewing in order to find out the intentions of certain ones not in the Ring—he ought to know—for we believe he claims to control Packerton—an astute politician; who can tell him?

—Wm. Miller, of Upper Mauch Chunk, an employe at Packerton, while engaged shifting trucks at the crane, Wednesday last, was caught between a car standing on the track and one being lifted from one track to another by means of the crane. He was standing with his back against the pulling beam of a freight car when the other swung around striking him in the breast; he walked a short distance, and then fell to the track, when he was taken up and carried to the tool house, and thence placed on the pusher and taken to Mauch Chunk, where he was placed in a wagon to be conveyed to his home but died before reaching the Mansion House. He leaves a wife and three children.

ANON.

County Courts.

The January term of the courts of Carbon County, convened at the Court House, in the borough of Mauch Chunk, on Monday last. Present: Hon. S. S. Dreher, President, and Associates Leonard and Meendsen. The Grand Jury were called and sworn, and tipstaves appointed.

ORPHANS' COURT.

The following accounts and reports were confirmed *ni si* by the court:

Return of sale of the real estate of Thomas P. Fisher, deceased.
Auditors' report, distributing fund in the hands of the administrator of Lewis Frantz, deceased.
Triennial account of William Wagner, guardian of the estate of Alvina Meixell and Celestia Meixell, minor children of Henry Meixell, deceased.
Return of sale of the real estate of Harrison Snyder, deceased.
Second and final account of Peter Harts, administrator of the estate of Ephriam Balliet, deceased.
The first and final account of Anna Wilson, late Anna McKenna, administratrix of the estate of Patrick McKenna, deceased.
The first and final account of Georgs W. Warnke, administrator of the estate of Charles Warnke, deceased.
First and final account of Philip V. Weaver, administrator of the estate of Susan Fry, deceased.
First and final account of J. B. Tweedle, administrator of the estate of Lewis Schnauffer, deceased.
First and final account of Thomas Kemerer, administrator of the estate of Oliver Brenneiser, deceased.
First and final account of Henry Boyer, Executor of the estate of Jonathan Kolb, deceased.

The following accounts, returns and reports were confirmed absolutely:

Widow's appraisement of the estate of Wm. Remaley, deceased.
Account of Henry McGorry, guardian of Patrick McCullough.
Account of William H. Evans, Administrator of Thomas W. Crane, deceased.
Widow's appraisement of the estate of Urias Rehr, deceased.
Account of Thos. Haggarty, one of the executors of estate of Bernard Barron, deceased.
Account of Thos. McCrady, executor of the last will and testament of James Winterstein, deceased.
Account of Edward Kelly, executor of Susan Meighan, deceased.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

Commonwealth vs. Mary Gillespie, assault and battery. Verdict not guilty, defendant pay two-thirds cost and stand committed until paid, and prosecutrix the other one-third.
Commonwealth vs. John Albright, tramp, and doing injury. Verdict, guilty, sentenced to pay $10 fine, and imprisonment in the Eastern penitentiary for eighteen months, in solitary confinement.
Commonwealth vs. Jacob S. Hawk, forgery, motion to quash indictment overruled.
Report of views of bridge on township line, between Kidder and Penn Forest townships, near Francis Yundt's and at Getz's saw mill, disallowed.
Report of views of site of bridge in Packer township, allowed.

COMMON PLEAS.

The following reports and returns were confirmed *ni si* by the court:

Auditor's report in the matter of the assigned estate of David Zellner, Levi Wentz, assignee.
Auditor's report distributing fund in the hands of Samuel Steigerwalt, assignee of William Horn.
Auditor's report distributing fund in the hands of Henry Boyer, assignee of Joseph B. Seidel.
Return of sale of the real estate in the matter of the assigned estate of John H. Weiss.

The following accounts were confirmed absolutely:

Account of C. H. Winson, trustee of H. H. Dengler, under the will of Charles Dengler, deceased.
Account of E. F. Luckenbach, assignee of Mosser and Remmel.

The commission of George W. Eiser, as Clerk of the several Courts of Carbon County and Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, were presented, and read in open court by Allen Craig, Esq.

Religious Notes.

PACKERTON M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Pickup, pastor.—To-morrow (Sunday), preaching at 10:30 a. m., Sermon by Pastor. 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. Seyfrit 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 annual election of directors of the First National Bank of Mauch Chunk, took place on the 13th inst. The following gentlemen were elected directors: A. W. Leisenring, Daniel G. Bertsch, A. A. Douglas, Wm. Lilly, Allen Craig, John L. Stedman, Wm. B. Mack, George Ruddle, Wm. Butler, Jas. W. Heberling, Amos Reigel, Jas. McGinty, A. W. Butler. On Thursday the board met and re-elected A. W. Leisenring President, and A. W. Butler Cashier.

—In East Mauch Chunk, on Tuesday last, Miss Maggie Ward died very suddenly of Bright's disease.

—Mrs. Susan Leidy, died at the residence of N. D. Cortright, in Mauch Chunk, on the 11th inst., in the 55th year of her age.

Caving In.

A dispatch dated Hyde Park, (Scranton), January 11th, says: The perils of the mines are not alone confined to those who struggle for a living that compels them to delve in the bowels of the earth. It is generally understood that this entire county is undermined, and the prospects of a sudden drop into subterranean caverns are brilliant in almost any portion of the outlaying country about Scranton. Hyde Park rests upon a shell from under which the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company have been mining coal for the past fifteen years. Times teeth seems to cut as keenly under as above ground, and the pillars left to support the roof, gradually yielding to the corrosion of years, collapse and the shells above the excavated chambers drops through, taking with it whatever has the misfortune to be built upon it. This place has again suffered from the sinking of the earth over the worked chambers of the Oxford mine and the consequences have been more than usually damaging to several of our business men and the residents in the section of the town visited by the collapse. On Friday evening Thomas McNicholas, a merchant doing business on the corner of Scranton avenue and Chestnut street, found some difficulty in closing his store doors. Being acquainted with the nature of Hyde Park real estate, he concluded that his house was warped by a sinking of its foundations, and propping up his doors, shut them as best he could, after which the family retired. The building is a three-story brick, substantially built, and during the night a further sinking occurred, so that on Saturday morning the walls were strongly deflected inward, describing a pretty sharp arc. The door and window frames were twisted to such an extent that the sashes were broken and bent, the bulk windows in front of the store were eight inches "out of square," the glass was shivered, the partitions were broken down and the walls and ceiling were denuded of plaster. John O'Hara, another merchant in the same neighborhood, will be compelled to build a new cellar under his former building and dwelling house on Chestnut street, which are sadly wrecked. A number of handsome residences barely escape the track of the "cave in." The wells and cisterns are without bottoms and water promises to be a scarce article on Chestnut street and Scranton avenue. The loss will have to be sustained by the unlucky owners of the property, as a suit for damages is hardly likely to be profitable. Onie against the Delaware, Lackawanna and Hudson Company has now been dragging its slow length along for nearly eight years.

Report of Grand Jury.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Carbon.

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

In the matter of the viewers report of the building of the bridge at Gerhard's Station, across the Quakake creek, and recommended by said viewers; the Grand Inquest have examined a number of witnesses and they have concluded to approve the report of the viewers.

In the matter of other bridges, two in Penn Forest Township were disapproved. The reasons are that the Grand Jurors have already approved of one bridge and consider the county unable to build more than one bridge at this time.

We have examined the Jail and County Building and we take pleasure to say that the improvements made during the past year entirely meet our approbation, especially as regards the heating apparatus and the improvements in the cellar of the Court House, and the proper officers, who are by law directed to superintend the same should be commended for their zeal and assiduity in performing the duties attendant to their offices.

We would also recommend that twenty-four (24) chairs be procured for the accommodation of Grand Jurors, to be placed in the Grand Jury Room.

We also recommend that the Prothonotary's office be built in the vacant lot or yard adjoining the Court House, also a desk in front of the Judge's seat for the Clerk of Courts.

We also request that C. F. Shoener and Company are noticed to put up at Coleraine, an index board and plank crossing, also the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company to do the same in Banks township, where they cross public roads, also we request the Supervisors to put up index boards at all cross roads.

P. P. SEMMEL,
Foreman of Grand Jury.

Big Creek Items.

—Girls, leap year is here.

—Last Sabbath was a pleasant day.

—Keep all the good resolutions you have formed.

—To reach the farmers, the merchants should advertise in the ADVOCATE.

—Coal is said to be advancing in price.

—So far no ice has been stored here.

—A runaway occurred here last week.

—We have been informed that John Kline of Mauch Chunk is an aspirant for the office of District Attorney, on the Democratic side of the house, who the Republican candidate will be I have not as yet learned but I think there is no stronger man from the lower end of the county than our friend Samuel R. Gilham, one of Lehighton's most respectable citizens, and I believe that his nomination would meet the approval of all the Republicans in this part of the county.

—Rev. E. Butz will preach in the Solt's church on Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

—Rumor has it that the paint works, of this place, are to be restarted. Hope it may prove true.

—Mr. D. Zellner, of this place, moved to Slatington on Thursday of last week. Our best wishes for his success.

—A dictionary should be found in every school room for the use of pupils, but let us add that it be purchased by the board of directors, and not by the teacher, who as a general thing receives but small compensation for his services.

—Mr. Solomon Weaver, of this place, will take charge of the farm of Hon. Robert Klotz, on Indian Hill, in the spring. REVERE.

Towamensing Brevities.

—More snow, is the chief topic of conversation among our young people.

—Considerable butchering was done here this week.

—Our farmers are busily engaged threshing.

—Emmon Dreisbach and John Green have procured work at Packerton.

—Jacob Snyder and son of Aquashicola, were here on business on Friday last.

—Miss Sally Hummel, of Mauch Chunk, was the guest of W. Shoenberger, this week.

"Joe" made a good bargain trading hats with a fellow from Beer's Valley.

"Washington's Birthday will be the next legal holiday, but we (teachers) cannot say "our" holiday, because this township seems too poor to pay their teachers for using it as a holiday.

—Adam Christman of Trachsville, is clearing a new field along the stage road, which makes quite an improvement to his farm.

—Margaret Schabo, who had been on a visit to Shamokin, returned home on Saturday last. She will again return to Shamokin in about two weeks.

"Joe" visited my school on Tuesday. Call again.

—Amos Meckes and wife of Mud Run, were on a visit to Trachsville on Tuesday last.

—In regard to the question asked by "Revere," (a cure for chilblain), through the ADVOCATE, I would simply advise him to follow these instructions: take five pounds of guano, which is a valuable manure brought from the coasts of South America and Africa, one gallon of pure rye whiskey, three pounds of lard and one bottle of Dreisbach's Liniment. Dissolve and apply frequently.

—Preaching at the Jerusalem church tomorrow (Sunday), at 2 p. m. MERCURY.

A Specimen Brick.

The following is a specimen of the letters we are now receiving daily from our patrons:

Weatherly, Pa., Jan. 12, 1880.

To H. V. MOHRNINGER,

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed find one dollar for subscription to the ADVOCATE for 1880. We can't do without it. Yours truly,

J. C. S——.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—When the tide comes in—when man and wife arrive at home.

—Charles Xander will be a candidate for the office of supervisor at our township election, and Daniel Kressley for assessor.

—D. D. Kistler and Thos. Musselman were at Mauch Chunk on Monday last, attending the call of the Republican county committee.

—Wm. Shafer left for Weatherly on Monday last, where he has procured work.

—Misses Lizzie and Hannah Balliet were at East Mauch Chunk several days this week, the guests of Misses Clara and Jeanette Reigle.

—Oliver Hough sold his house and lot to Wilson Weaver. Ma Hough intends to move to Lehighton.

—Andrew Balliet began attending school on Monday. He was admitted to the Mahoning high school without passing an examination.

—T. J. Bretney and wife made a call Sunday evening on Mr. Frantz, who is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

—The series of readers used in our schools are growing scarce in the stores. There is nothing definite as to what will be the action of the school board.

—A man who went to Leadville some time advertised to teach the guitar; was notified by an athletic resident that if he didn't leave pretty quick he would guitar and feather. He left.

—Mr. Samuel Mosser who has been in Ohio returned home last week.

—T. B. Mosser and wife were the guests of Mr. Bretney on Sunday.

—The members of the district institute held their meeting on Tuesday evening at the house of Mr. Kistler. The president being absent, the only language discussed was the German.

—The Excelsior Society is in a flourishing condition. New members are added at every meeting. Enthusiasm is aroused; the debates are lively and interesting; the ladies pleased; the gentlemen smiling, and the school room—what better place can be found to spend a delightful and profitable evening.

—The temperance cause is receiving considerable attention in one of our neighboring towns. We don't endorse the mode of proceedire—far more harm is done than good. Whenever the business interests of a community are involved, care must be exercised that no encroachment be made on their rights, mildness, prudence and patience will go far in the advancement of this good cause; but any means employed, which in the main are repulsive to all who come under their sway, will tend greatly to weaken the cause of temperance and create an enmity which years may not erase. BINGO.

Weissprot Items.

—Weissport has been in a state of excitement for several days. Capt. Solomon Yeakel, backed by some other citizens of this staid town, has ventured to do that which will finally result in making a great deal of unnecessary trouble and expense. The parties concerned are probably unaware of this solemn fact, but time will tell the tale, and very forcibly prove that the same is far from being a delusion. Weissport's young men are full of indignation. Messrs. Behler and Kresge constitute the party whom Capt. Solomon has had the intrepidity to attack, and the boys are necessarily compelled to visit Mauch Chunk, under very peculiar circumstances. The story concerning the racket has come from effete sources, and is known to most everybody who has had the good fortune to have a confab with a citizen of Weissport. Everybody says that five citizens of our once placid town have gotten up a petition or remonstrance against the license of the gentlemen named. The same has been presented to Court and action will immediately be taken upon it. Nearly all of our young men have been subpoenaed, and hence the wide spread anxiety and indignation. A storm is certainly brewing, and the settlement of this case will simply be a commencement of a devastating tornado. Rumor has it there will be a great deal of amusement for amateurs, and Weissport is certainly in danger of having every liquor seller wiped out. Some even say that there will be graves, coffins, etc. intermingled with the rest of combustibles. Everybody knows that Weissport is double breasted in the back, and yet it is feared she will be unable to stand the shock.

—The rumor circulated last week to the effect that the rolling mill was soon to be started proves to have been correct. It is now stated, on good authority, that Messrs. Lilly, Albright, Stroh, Leisenring and others have taken the thing into their hands, and work will soon be commenced.

—Mrs. Koons, the mother of Sheriff Koons, died on Thursday afternoon, at the good age of 84 years.

—The boat yard is full of work. Some of the repair work is to be done at Mauch Chunk on account of the deficiency in workmen here. About 50 new boats are to be built and be ready in the Spring.

—Mr. Bertolette of Philadelphia, formerly Supt. of the iron works here, was in town during the week. IRE.

The Coal Trade.

We have warm weather, consequently a very limited demand for coal in the more domestic walks of life. The amount of coal being delivered from the yards in the large cities is unusually small. The consequence of this is an urgency to sell, and, as coal production keeps ahead of the sales, prices naturally are heavy. An exceedingly dull coal market characterized the trade all last week. As to prices we can say little of them. Most of the companies have circulars out naming the prices, but if a buyer shows himself on the market the circular is not supposed to stand in the way of trade. Still this condition of the market does not repress the prospect of a good year for 1880. Operators argue that if a partial resuscitation of trade for three or four months near the end of 1879 increased the coal traffic for the year by more than nine millions of tons over the total product of 1878, what may not naturally be expected under a general revival of all business for the entire year of 1880? Indeed, it is now believed that the anthracite coal production cannot, taxed to its utmost, be made to equal the demand. A month ago it was estimated that the trade was capable of putting into the market during the year 1880 twenty-eight million tons of coal. On Saturday we had the opinion of an intelligent and experienced coal operator on this subject, and he was very decided that the production of the year could not be swelled beyond twenty-six and a half millions of tons, and his own belief was that the limit would be within twenty-six millions of tons. If he is right as to either of the two amounts named one thing is very certain, namely, the price of coal is likely to be considerably higher at the end of the year than it is now at the beginning. Just at present the coal trade is a good deal demoralized, each seller of coal trying to undersell his neighbor, rather than wait and hold for remunerative prices.—*Ledger*, Monday.

Our Parryville Budget!

—Mr. Harry Bamford is reported sick.

—Mrs. J. L. Miller was quite agreeably surprised with a present of a new cabinet organ.

—Mr. J. M. Peters has been at Mauch Chunk all week, on court business.

—We have been glad to hear that "voice from Parryville," but we beg leave to differ in some respects. It was said that we as correspondent were "too full to utter during those festive times." We do not know what he meant, but we hold that we possess self-control in appetite as well as in thought. It was absence from home why I did not report.

—Mrs. Heiland, another aged widow lady, has been honored with a surprise donation party.

—Mr. Z., a prominent man at the furnace, is sick of diphtheria.

—The furnaces are at present in a good working condition, and are busily engaged in making iron on a large scale.

—Dr. W. F. Christ is kept quite busy just now, both in giving medical treatment and in extracting teeth. ALFONSO.

—Warrants were issued at Kingston, Luzerne Co., on Monday, for the arrest of William Allenbaum, of Plymouth, and Wesley Williams and "Big Yank," of Plains, for the murder of William Keating, in 1872. It is alleged that Keating was beaten to death and his body burned with brush. Allenbaum has been caught and lodged in jail.

—The case of Peter Hardie and Horace E. Taylor, tried before Judge Sayer, in Williamsport, Saturday, for conspiracy to defraud depositors in the bank of the latter, ended in the conviction of the parties. The jury was out only about half an hour. Council for defendants immediately made a motion for a new trial which the court directed to be filed, and granted a rule to show cause why a new trial should not be granted, returnable on the 27th of February. Colonel William B. Mann, of Philadelphia, was one of the counsel for defendants.

Our Weatherly Special.

—Another snow—and a brief coasting spell for Young America.

—J. W. Hunter, our Grammar school teacher after a few day's illness is again at his post.

—Mrs. Stoddart and Mrs. Jones, of Jeanesville, spent the Sabbath with Prof. Rowland's family.

—A Rev. Mr. Reardon, of Milliinburg, filled the Presbyterian pulpit, morning and evening, on Sunday last.

—Wm. Hickinger