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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.

—Political caucuses are in order.

—The Thomas Iron Company has declared a dividend of 5 per cent.

—The season for public sales is at hand. Advertise in the ADVOCATE.

—A plate window glass insurance company is about being started in Easton.

—Jacob Groff, of Bethel tsp., Berks county, slaughtered a hog last week which weighed 342 pounds, dressed.

—The farmers don't like the present mild weather.

—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.

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

—The employees of the Lehigh Fire Brick Works, at Catasauqua, have received an advance of ten per cent. on their wages, to date from the 1st of January.

—Henry Hefflefinger, a farmer living near Rockdale, ploughed five days during this thonth. Though fifty-nine years old, he says he never did this before.

—Lent will commence early this year, as Ash Wednesday of the Lenten season falls on the 11th of February. Easter Sunday will come on the 28th of March.

—John E. Lentz & Co., boot and shoe manufacturers, of Allentown, are unusually busy. They are working extra hours with an increased force of hands.

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

—Good men are wanted everywhere in a legitimate business. Address quickly, F. R. Alexander, Lehighton, Carbon county, Pa.

—Job printing at lowest rates at the CARBON ADVOCATE office. Try us.

—The grindstone of the Scranton Tile Works at Providence, burst Tuesday morning, shattered the building and killing Wm. Farries, a grinder.

—Wm. H. Hartman, of Franklin township, will sell his farming stock on the 14th of February, at public sale. See to it that you are on hand if you need anything in that line.

—If you apply soon, we will furnish you with the CARBON ADVOCATE and the TOLEDO BLADE, Nasby's Paper, one year for only Two Dollars and Fifty cents ($2.50).

—If you desire to go into a good paying business, write to F. R. Alexander, Lehighton, Carbon county, Pa.

—The roof of the new round house of the Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., at South Easton is at present being slated. The large quantity of 730 squares of 7x12 slate will be required to complete the job.

—The No. 2 furnace of the Bethlehem iron company is to be blown out for repairs—the stack having been burned through at the top. Besides relining, a new hot blast is to be put in. The repairs will probably not be completed before late in the spring.

—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

—Four persons were admitted to membership in the M. E. church of this borough, on Sunday last. The revival meetings each week day evening still continue, and much interest is manifested.

—We are pleased to state that Rev. B. J. Smoyer is steadily convalescing from his recent illness, and hopes soon to resume his duties.

—Lyman McDaniel, who keeps the boarding house and post office at Packerton, has a box connected with the water trough in front of his residence, through which the water passes, and has therein a lot of speckled trout averaging from 6 to 10 inches in length.

—If you wants 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.

—Notwithstanding the muddy condition of the roads, you can hire first-rate teams at the popular livery of David Ebbert, on North street, at very low rates—for funerals, pleasure, or business purposes.

—Robert Johnson was fatally shot by Harry Highfield on Saturday morning, in Scranton. Johnson died on Sunday. On Monday Highfield surrendered himself to the authorities.

—Thomas Manly was found dead on a lot in Scranton, Sunday morning. It is believed he fell down an embankment while drunk.

—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.

—There are some wise merchants who will pay five dollars to have an advertisement painted on the side of an old wagon shed on some out-of-the-way road in the county, who will not spend a cent to advertise in a paper that is read by over half the people in the county.

—The city debt of Reading is $612,200, and the water debt $522,500, making a total indebtedness of $1,134,700. It was was increased $17,450 during the year 1879.

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.

—Energetic men wanted everywhere to engage in a profitable business. Address F. R. Alexander, Lehighton, Carbon county, Pa.

—The several borough and township elections will take place on Tuesday, February 17th. In this borough the following officers are to be elected: Burgess, three Councilmen, two School Directors, Constable, Assessor, two Assistant Assessors, two Poor Directors, Judge of Elections, two Inspectors of Election, and an Auditor. We understand that there is likely to be a lively contest for the offices, and as the Democrats and Republicans both intend to put a straight party ticket in the field, and no doubt that each party will trot out their best and most available men. We think some changes in the offices can and ought to be made for the benefit of the tax payers, and especially in the Borough Council—our principal thoroughfare is in a most miserable condition—streets, crossings and sidewalks.

—At the next election in Easton a vote will be taken for and against a public water works. The present Water Company furnishes Easton with water from the Lehigh, as it is believed that the contents of the Delaware can be availed of at a lower figure, an effort to carry it into practical operation will be made by a vote for works, to be erected by the city.

—Mrs. John D. Stiles, wife of Hon. John D. Stiles, for many years representative in Congress, died in Allentown on Saturday.

—The feeling in the Schuylkill and Lehigh coal regions among the miners is not that of quiet and contentment. The "boom" that existed in the coal trade the latter part of 1879 led them to expect good wages at this time. These they have not realized, and they have not full work. Speaking of the situation the Shenandoah *Herald* says: "One thing is certain, the labor of the anthracite region will not be content to work in 1880 for the same wages they received in 1879, whether the coal trade is good or bad. A spirit of uneasiness has been developing for months among the men, the signs of which are easy to be read."

—Valentines in immense variety, at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk, and very cheap.

—The Rev. Mr. Jack, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Hazleton, Pa., in speaking of the marriage fees received by clergymen, informed us, (N. Y. *Ledger*), a few days ago, that he has never received over $25 a year from that source. He says he does not know why it is, but that on such occasions people generally show their meanness; and that, too, at a time when one would think they would be most liberally disposed. On one occasion a man whom he married gave him a piece of brown paper. He expected to find the fee rolled up in it; but on opening the paper there was nothing there. At another time he married a man who said he had no money, but would pay him in the course of a few weeks. He has not heard from him since. Perhaps this man was disappointed in his bride, and did not think the marriage ceremony worth paying for.

—Frederick Kyss, a miner, of Nanticoke, was brutally assaulted by three men, near Kingston, on Saturday night, and died of his injuries on Monday. Condey McGee, one of his assailants, has been arrested.

—On the first Monday in June coming the enumerators will begin to take the tenth census, and our people should therefore prepare themselves to render all possible assistence in giving accurate and reliable information. The enumerators will require the names, ages, numbers, sex, color, &c., of every family; statistics of farm products, manufactures, etc. Heads of families will be the proper persons to give information, but in their absence any member of it over twenty years may act as their agent. The penalty for obstructing the census takers are severe. The law says: All persons above the age of twenty-one years who shall refuse to furnish the information required by the supervisor or enumerator shall pay a sum not exceeding $100, to be recovered in an action of debt. Presidents, directors or other officials of private corporations who may refuse to furnish information required of them are made liable to a a penalty not to exceed $10,000.

—Mr. Irvin Compbell, an employee of the Bethlehem Iron Company, had one of his arms broken on Monday of last week. He was engaged in wiping the big engine of the No. 5 furnace, when he was struck by the arm of it with the result stated.

—By the latest postal decision business men actually make money by getting their bills and statements of account printed. Statements of account and bills of sale that are made out on paper that is printed at the head can be sent through the mail for one cent if the envelope is left unsealed, whereas, if made out on unprinted paper they will cost three cents. Thus by patronizing the printer two cents can be saved on every bill or statement that is sent through the mails.

—On Monday of last week work was stopped in the Rolling mill of the Lehigh Zinc Company in South Bethlehem, for an indefinite period. The low price of rolled zinc is the cause assigned.

—The financial account of this county has just been audited. The total receipts for the year amounted to $81,799.80, this including a balance of $14,129.91 from the previous year. The total disbursements for 1879 amounted to $38,639.04, leaving a balance of $13,160.76. The taxes outstanding amount to $11,266.32. Bonds outstanding $17,100.

—John Kenney, of Tresckow, was severely injured in the mines of that places, on Friday of last week, by being caught by a car. He was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital at Philadelphia, where he died at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. The body was taken to Tresckow on Monday night, and on Tuesday buried in the cemetery at Frenchtown. Deceased was aged about 20 years, and bore a most exemplary character. His funeral was largely attended by his fellow workmen and friends.

—New designs in wall paper at Luckenbach's, Broadway, Mauch Chunk, cheaper than ever; call and see them.

—Mayor Jones, of Bangor, has sold the Grand Central slate quarry to an English firm also the Nicholas farm of 210 acres adjoining it. The firm is said to represent $70,000,000 and that it calculates spending over $100,000 in developing its properties. Mr. Jones says the company proposes to put a thousand men at work as soon as they can get quarries in readiness.—*Item.*

—Auditor General Schell recently promulgated a decision of the tax laws of Pennsylvania to the effect that day laborers are not taxable on their "occupations." He makes the rather paradoxical statement that a man who does work as a day laborer cannot be said to have an "occupation." He confines the meaning of the law to a technical definition of a trade or profession. This decision is a new departure entirely, and will reduce the volume of taxes assessed.

—Rumor says, The Bangor Slate Co. intends, the coming spring, to erect a large slate factory which will give employment to a very large additional number of hands. They intend to manufacture school slates, flagging, window sills, etc. The factory is to be built near the dam, not far from Sheffler's slaughter house. Charles Shuman, it is said will be the superintendent.—*Portland Enterprise.*

—While digging a well upon the lot owned by Wm. J. May, west of the Lutheran church, and not very far from the upper end of Broadway, state of an excellent quality was found. It is not known how large the beds are, but it is generally believed that a paying slate quarry may be opened in that vicinity.—*Bangor Observer.*

—Michael Sinnott was fatally shot by Martin Haley in a quarrel, at a ball, near Pittston, on Monday night. Haley was arrested Wednesday and lodged in jail.

—Miss Sarah Felrow, a very estimable young lady of Fairview Township, York county, was married Saturday afternoon, in the office of Dr. Trimmer, a dentist of Lisburn, Cumberland county. He administered chloroform and extracted two of the young lady's teeth; then the second dose, and extracted several more. When he administered the third dose he discovered that she was very weak, and in two hours the unfortunate young lady was a corpse.

Republican Conference.

In compliance with the call of E. Mell Boyle, Secretary of the Eleventh Congressional Dist. Republican Committee, the Conference was held in the Central Hotel Hazleton Friday morning, of last week, opening at eleven o'clock.

Organization was effected by the choice of Gen. Wm. Lilly, of Carbon, as Chairman, and S. C. Jayne of Columbia, as Secretary.

The credentials of conferees were presented and the list called by counties, showing the following to be present: Montour—Robert Adams; Columbia—S. C. Jayne; Luzerne—Thos. D. Jones, G. D. Gorman, Wm. Airey, B. W. Wilde, C. W. Kline; Carbon—Gen. Lilly, substitute for W. H. Knecht; Wm. F. Streeter, E. C. Remmell; Lackawanna—C. B. Snyder, substitute for Henry Sommers; Thos. Monroe, substitute for Ed. Nimrod. Pike and Monroe were not represented.

The following business was then transacted: Col. C. G. Jackson, of Columbia, was elected delegate to the Chicago Convention; S. Y. Thompson, of Montour, alternate; W. A. M. Grier, of Luzerne, was elected second delegate with Gen. Wm. Lilly, of Carbon for alternate.

E. F. Pinebot of Pike was unanimously chosen district elector. The name of John Leisenring, of Carbon was then proposed for elector at large and recommended as follows:

Resolved, That this conference recommend to the Republican State Convention Hon. John Leisenring, of Carbon, as a suitable candidate for elector at large for Pennsylvania, and respectfully urge his appointment.

The question of Presidential preference was then introduced and the following resolution passed:

Resolved, That the preference of this congressional conference is in favor of James G. Blaine of Maine, as Republican candidate for President, but having the utmost confidence in the integrity and good judgment of the delegates selected to-day, we impose upon them no instructions on the subject, believing that they will act for the best interests of the party.

The conference then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chairman for a meeting to be held in the Central Hotel Hazleton, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress.—*Hazleton Bulletin.*

The Coal Trade.

We have little of interest to note in the anthracite coal trade the past week. The stock of coal holds up quite full, and, while we hear of no decline in prices, there is not enough of demand for coal to encourage the hope of an immediate advance. The weather continues unusually warm for the season, and this helps to choke the market. The most favorable point of outlook for coal is the general revival of business of all kinds. That which stimulates other industries will require more coal, and if there is a shortage of production from any of the several causes either that more coal will be required or that the supply shall be lessened by "strikes" or any of the mishaps common to the trade, creating a scarcity, the prices of coal will necessarily go up. Even already there is a talk of coal suspension, and also of a strike at some of the mines. We do not think that either of these is probable. Labor at the mines is steady and quiet, and as to a coal suspension there is a strong aversion by operators, and especially operators in the Schuylkill region. The running of work in the mines is restricted as much as can well be without the more serious loss from abandonment. None of the operators are working out any more coal than they can well help, thus effecting a curtailment that, with the slightly increased demand for coal that is thought to have manifested itself within a week, will bring the demand up to the supply, render prices remunerative and the trade buoyant. There is no reason to apprehend a broken coal market or unremunerative prices for the entire coal year of 1880. The present apathy of the market will naturally yield to the progress that carries all the more active industries forward. That the demand for iron in all its various shapes and qualities will hold up coal prices for some years in the future is quite probable. The official report of the production of anthracite for the year 1879 makes the total quantity 26,142,689 tons. From this report it appears that the stock of coal on hand at the tidewater shipping points December 31st 1879, was 613,512 tons; on December 31st, 1878, 594,377 tons, and on December 31st, 1877, 658,186 tons. Some calculators estimate the production for 1880 at 28 or 30 million tons. If the production only reaches the quantity produced last year, with an advance of a dollar on last year's prices the trade will have reason to rejoice. Forcing coal upon an unwilling market is not the way to effect the desired result.—*Ledger, Monday.*

—For the week ending on the 24th inst. there were shipped over the Lehigh Valley railroad 92,169 tons of coal, making a total for the season of 617,695 tons, showing an increase on the business, to same time last year of 173,389 tons.

—78,679 tons of coal were shipped over the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad for the week ending on the 23d inst., a total of 217,672 tons for the season, an increase of 85,231 tons as compared with same date last year.

Beware of Hard Times.

From Peterson's Counterfeit Detector we clip the following: "A wonderfully well executed bogus half eagle or five dollar gold piece has just been put in circulation here and in other cities and towns. The officers of the United States Mint in this city inform us that it is by far the best counterfeit half eagle that ever came under their observation, and some of them have examined not a few. The genuine $5 gold piece weighs 129 grains; the spurious coins to which we have referred, when tested at the Mint, showed a weight of 127½ grains—1½ grains light by the most delicately adjusted scales. Therefore, the lightness of weight is not likely to be detected by the general public. To make the matter worse, the coating of gold on the imitation coin is thick enough to resist the tests of the acids usually employed for the purpose. A number of those pieces have passed through the hands of very expert tellers in our city banks. A little abrasion produced by use is likely to wear away the outer coating of gold and render detection more easy. For the present we can only say, beware of receiving too many brand new and glittering half eagles."

Religious Notes.

PACKERTON M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. W. H. Pickop, pastor.—To-morrow (Sunday), preaching at 10:30 a. m., Sermon by Pastor; Sermon in the evening, "The Usurpations of the Romish Church." 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. Scyfrit 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.

—Twenty-five house cars were shipped on Saturday from the Lehanon Manufacturing Company to the Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific railroad Company.

Weissport Items.

—John Zern and family visited friends at Coaldale during the week.

—A. Oswald, butcher, of Franklin, was rather unfortunate one day this week. His horse got away from him with a spring wagon and considerable meat, and went through town at rather a rapid rate, tearing the harness and doing considerable damage to the shafts and other parts of the wagon. The butcher had the horse standing at Vogt's store untied, when he heard a racket outside, but before he knew what was wrong the horse had started and was well on his way toward the old round school house, where he turned and came back without slacking his rate of speed. He managed to get as far as the railroad crossing, where he was stopped, to the delight of the frightened butcher.

—The entertainment given last Saturday evening for the benefit of the Lutheran church was very largely attend. The performance was liked by all, and everybody praises the performers. It will be repeated in the Lehighton school hall this (Saturday) evening.

—F. L. Salter, having been unable to perform his duties at Long Run for several days during the week on account of sickness, appointed W. H. Oswald as a substitute.

—Seven new furnaces are to be built in the rolling mill: 4 double, 2 single, and 1 heating furnace.

—It was said the forepart of the week that the stockholders of the rolling mill had decided, or at least considered the matter, to move the mill over on the flat, near the Lehighton foundry, but the same proves to have been unfounded. In fact no such proposition has been entertained.

—About fifty farmers made application for work in the rolling mill during the week. It is thought they met with but little success. IKE.

Big Creek Items.

—Alfred Walck, of this township, met with an accident on Sunday last. While carelessly handling a revolver it was discharged and the ball passed through his hand. The physician says he can save the hand, but one of the fingers will be stiff. Another warning to those who are in the habit of handling fire arms carelessly.

A child of Franklin Koch, of Indian Hill, died last week, of that much dreaded disease dyphtheria. Interred at Weissport.

—Benjamin Shoenberger will move from this place to Parryville this Thursday, at which place he has secured work. We are sorry to part with him as he is a kind and obliging neighbor.

—I learn that Wm. Boyer is a candidate for the office of supervisor for this end of the township.

—The most important office to be filled at this election, is the office of Assessor. As this is the year when the triennial assessment will be made, it is highly important that men be selected that have judgment in regard to valuation. Our assessment must be reduced, Franklin is entirely to highly assessed in proportion to neighboring townships, and the question has been asked many times why is this thus? We could tell if necessary.

—The townships convention this year will be held at Moria Furnace, as has been customary for a number of years, being that it is more centrally located than any other place, and easy of access from every direction.

—Rev. E. Butz will have services in the Solt's church, of this place, this (Sunday) evening. REVERE.

Wild Creek Items.

—Miss Emma Stetler, of Trachsville, was on a business trip to Mauch Chunk Tuesday.

—Miss Catharine Haydt, of Weissport, moved to her former home at this place last week.

—Sarah Serfass went on a visit to Tunkhannock last Tuesday.

—Mr. John Serfass, of Pine Swamp, was at this place last Sunday, visiting friends.

—Martin Christman, of East Mauch Chunk, was at home last Sunday visiting his parents and friends.

—Ald. Kibler was on a business trip to Mauch Chunk last Tuesday.

—Mr. Jno. Distler intends to open a stone quarry this spring.

—A spelling match was held at School No. 5, on Wednesday evening.

—Jno. Wuest, of Kresgeville, intends to build a new barn next spring.

—H. H. Kibler was on a business trip to Weissport last Wednesday. JOE.

A Farmer Charged with Illicit Distillation.

Martin Place, an aged farmer of Smithfield, Monroe county, had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Chas. Gibbons, Jr., on Saturday, at Philadelphia, charged with setting up a still on his farm for the purpose of illicit distillation. Martin Stilser, a Deputy Revenue Colleltor at Easton, testified that about September last he saw a still on defendant's farm; it was very old and walled in, and could be used for distillation. There was no appearance of its having been recently used. Other witnesses had seen the still on the farm, but only one (Michael Kintner) had seen it in operation, and that, he thought was three years ago; he had seen cider poured into the still, but, on cross-examination, was unable to tell how he knew it to be cider; he had not tasted it, and only judged by its appearance. There was testimony to the effect that Mr. Place had not registered his still, and the United States Attorney (Brown) argued that the setting up of a still without causing it to be registered was made an offence under the act of Congress, and that the testimony showed it had been used within five years. Mr. Place was discharged, as the Commissioner did not think the case made out.

Obituary.

Died, Wednesday morning, the 28th inst., at 3:15 o'clock, at the residence of her husband George Williams, in Mauch Chunk, of dropsy and paralysis of the heart, Mrs. Sarah Ann Williams, after a long and painful illness, which she bore with great christian fortitude, at the age of 67 years, 5 months and 17 days. Deceased was born in Philadelphia, and with her husband and family moved to Mauch Chunk about 25 years ago, where she continued to reside until her death. She leaves a husband and eight children—two sons and six daughters—all of whom are married, and thirty grandchildren to mourn their loss. A kind and loving mother, a warm earnest friend and obliging neighbor, she will be greatly missed; she was a firm believer in the efficacy of Christ's death, and died in the bright anticipation of a glorious hereafter. The funeral will take place at two o'clock, this (Friday) afternoon; services in the M. E. church. *Requiescat in pace.*

—It is reported that Mr. Robert Kellew, well known in connection with the slate interest of this State, and who has but recently returned from England, has induced many English capitalists to invest in Slate lands of Northampton and Lehigh counties. The Slatington *News* says that nearly all the quarries in the Lehigh section are in operation, and many have orders enough ahead to warrant them in doubling their forces.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is building a number of coal cars that will carry twenty tons of coal each.

Mauch Chunk Items.

—The Democratic County Committee met to-day, at Mauch Chunk, pursuant to the call of the chairman. The purpose of the call was to perfect the organization of the party for the coming campaign and make an alteration in the existing rules in the manner of appointing conferees to the State Convention. As to the Poor Directorship, the committee deemed it inexpedient to make a formal nomination, but resolved that as the present occupant of the office, E. P. Williams, Esq., was the choice of the Democrats and Republicans of the upper district, they would consider him as the only candidate in the field.

—On Tuesday afternoon, Alfred Hamilton, of Easton, a conductor on one of the C. R. R. of N. J. coal trains, was run over by his caboose and killed. His body was taken to Easton. The accident occurred at the round house opposite East Mauch Chunk.

—The stoppage in the coal fields has materially affected the business in town.

—Sheriff Thomas Koons took his first prisoner to the Eastern Penitentiary on Wednesday. John Albright the tramp that broke E. H. Snyder's window was the convict.

—Wm. L. Richards, formerly teller in the Second National Bank, and lately a resident of Bethlehem, was in town the latter part of last week attending to business.

—The mountain road between Packerton and Mauch Chunk is in a dangerous condition, large stones have fallen down from the mountain during the late heavy rain, the borough authorities of this place should have them removed before an accident occurs.

—The oldest inhabitant said the other day that the present winter was exactly similar to a winter sixty years ago. No one in the crowd disputed what he said.

—E. Mell Boyle, Esq., is rapidly recovering from his indisposition, he was on the street Wednesday taking a sun bath.

Our Parryville Budget.

—Mr. Fisher, from Allentown, was in town.

—The Lehighton band was in town and serenaded some of our honorable citizens.

—The Evangelical Mutual Aid Society seems to be gaining a stronger feeting, since the membership is rapidly increasing.

—The protracted meeting in the Evangelical church is still in progress, and souls are turning from darkness to light.

—The senior school was closed on Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Bierman, the teacher, being sick. TACITUS.

What a Doctor Claims.

A Pennsylvania doctor, says an exchange, claims to have discovered a certain and safe cure for consumption, in the form of crude petroleum, administered in small quantities. He claims that out of twenty-five cases of well marked tuberculosis so treated, twenty are, to all intents of diagnosis cured; the rest have been materially benefitted, and none have been under treatment more than four months. The nausea attending the use of ordinary crude petroleum led him to adopt the semi-solid oil that forms on the tubing of wells. This made into from three to five grain pills by incorporating an inert vegetable powder, was administered from three to five times a day in one pill doses. The first effect, he says, is the disappearance of the cough; night sweats are relieved, appetite improves, and weight is rapidly gained. These favorable symptoms continue until the patient is entirely recovered. If half the claims put forward by this disciple of Esculapius be well founded, he has indeed made a valuable scientific discovery.

THE BOYS IN BLUE.

READING, Pa., January 28.—The annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order in the Grand Opera House in this city to day, at 10 o'clock, by Department Commander Brown. Chaplain Sayres opened with prayer, and Adjutant General Vanderslice called the roll. The Grand Officers took seats on the stage and Commander Brown read his farewell address.

The Encampment is held with closed doors, and will hold two sessions each day. Up to 9 o'clock 350 Delegates had reported, and there were many other visiting comrades from all parts of the State.

Governor Hoyt, Secretary of Internal Affairs Dunkel and Adjutant General Latta arrived about 1 o'clock this afternoon. The Governor addressed the Encampment briefly, after which an adjournment was had until 2.30 p. m.

Colonel Theodore Burchfield, of Post No. 62, of Altoona, was elected Junior Vice Department Commander at the afternoon session. The other nominations will be acted upon to-morrow.

The camp fire at the Grand Opera House was opended by General D. M. Gregg, while Colonel Lambert, Colonel Stone, Colonel Hazzard, Superintendents of Schools Wickersham, R. W. Sayres, chaplain, and others participated. A grand ball was given this evening at Mænnerchor Hall to the delegates and visiting comrades, by McLean and General Keim Posts of this city. The hall was beautifully decorated and the ball largely attended. Many business houses and residences are decorated with bunting, etc.

John W. Sayres was unanimously re-elected Chaplain.

Governor Hoyt was unanimously elected delegate to the National Encampment.

Nominations for Department officers for the ensuing year were made as follows: For Department Commander, Smith A. Cozzens, Post 10, Philadelphia; William A. Stone, Post 83, Allegheny; Chill Hazzard, Post 60, Menongahela City. Senior Vice Commander, Thomas Lees, Post 25, Chester; William D. Rose, Post 94, Philadelphia; James L. Paul, Post 58, Harrisburg. Junior Vice Commander, William F. Smith, Post 63, Philadelphia; William J. Knauer, Post 46, Philadelphia; J. R. C. Wand, Post 1, Philadelphia; Theodore Berchfield, Post 62, Altoona. Medical Director, Charles Styer, Post 8, Philadelphia; C. W. Weaver, Post 140, Shamokin. Chaplain, Rev. John Sayers, Post 16, Reading.

PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS.

—The Mercer county Republican Delegates are instructed for Blaine.

—Hon. James D. Blaine is the choice of the Lawrence County Republican Delegates.

—The Lebanon County Republican Delegates are instructed for Blaine and Passmore.

—Hon. A. S. Landis, of Hollidaysburg, is mentioned by the Johnstown "Sunday Times" as a Democratic candidate for Supreme Judge.

—Lancaster Republicans on Saturday nominated John A. Boring for Mayor. It is not regarded as a strong nomination by the party.

—Butler, Mercer, Lawrence, Westmoreland and Warren county delegates to the Republican State Convention are instructed for Blaine.

—The Greenback party of Altoona on Saturday nominated C. C. Staudberger, a prominent miller, for Mayor, and Wm. Hawk for Treasurer.

—The Republicans of Williamsport have made up their municipal ticket as follows: Fred. R. Kellur for Mayor, Charles Nash for Controller and D. Longdorf for Treasurer.

—Wm. H. Sechler, Esq., of Edensburg, is mentioned as a Democratic candidate for District Attorney of Cambria county. He is now Chairman of the County Committee.

—The Harrisburg *Patriot* is of the opinion that the resolve of the Philadelphia delegation to support John A. Lemon for Auditor General settles the nomination in favor of that gentleman.

—Judge Samuel Linn, of Williamsport, has been nominated by the Greenbackers for Mayor of that city. Heretofore Judge Linn, who has accepted the nomination, has been a hard-money Republican.

—The Republican Committee of Warren county on Saturday appointed Harrison Allen Senatorial and Joseph A. Weibie a Representative Delegate to the State Convention. A resolution was adopted instructing the delegates that day selected to use every endeavor to secure the nomination of James G. Blaine for the Presidency.

STATE NEWS.

—The Easton *Argus* learns that valuable beds of slate have been discovered near that place.

—Mr. Edward Strucher was set upon by unknown roughs in Erie on Thursday night of last week and beaten almost to death.

—John Day, while walking on the track of the Pennsylvania Coal Company's Railroad, near Pittston, on Thursday of last week, was struck by a coal train and instantly killed.

—Xingo Parks, the labor agitator, who disappeared from his home, near Elizabeth, Allegheny county, some months ago, has turned up near Wheeling, West Virginia.

—Two freight trains collided on Thursday morning of last week, between Cameron and Sterling, on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad. Engineer Dean and a brakeman and fireman were killed and several others were badly injured. The cause of the accident is said to have been the failure of the operator at Cameron to hold the east-bound train as ordered. He has been lodged in the Cameron jail, which is guarded to prevent his being lynched.

—Saturday was another big day in tobacco at Lancaster. It is roughly estimated that nearly 1,000,000 pounds were received there from the rural districts on that day.

—The acquittal of Esquire W. H. Wynkoop, at Carlisle, of complicity in the murder of Mrs. Kiehl, is said to have given Mrs. Zell confidence that she will secure acquital through a new trial.

—On Wednesday of last week, an idiotic child of Mr. A. W. Guilford, living in Erie, was burnt in a shocking manner. Her clothing took fire from a candle that other children had lighted and placed on the floor.

—Francis Sill is in jail at Stroudsburg for attempting to kill George M. Hoffman near that place. Hoffman discovered Sill as he was about to fire on him or his wounds might have been more serious.

—Professor Phillipps, of Reading, who has made thirty-nine balloon ascensions, has constructed a ballon that will carry four persons, and he proposes to make an ascension from Reading in this at an early day. He has two smaller balloons, which will be sent up at the same time if he can find any one to take charge of them.

—The Minersville *Republican* learns that the Lehigh Valley Railroad Directors are contemplating a line to Pottsville, and to tap other sections of Schuylkill county that will come in direct competition with the Philadelphia and Reading. The Lehigh Valley Road already touches Shenandoah, Boston Run, Raven Run and other points in Schuylkill county.

—A number of boilermakers from Reading went on a spree in Pottstown early Saturday morning and became noisy, when a Mr. Chas. Clarke, private watchman, tried to quiet them. The roughs turned upon him, and finding that he was overmatched, he fired. He was closely pursued, when he fired off his pistol, wounding one of his pursuers so seriously that his life is in danger.

—Ellen Shay, in the Lancaster almshouse, is 102 years old.

—Lycoming county farmers, although mere types in tobacco raising, matured a crop valued at $300,000.

—Over 34,000 yards of carpet and 2,700 pairs of boots and shoes were made in the Berks county prison in the last nine months.

—The borough of York has been sued by Henry Baylor for $20,000 damages. He fell from a broken bridge, sustaining severe injuries.

—F. Statt, a German saloon keeper, in Pittsburg, quarreled with his wife on Saturday night, and went into the garret and hung himself.

—E. L. Stuhr, President of the Blair County Banking Company and identified with the ore interests of Tyrone, died suddenly of heart disease Monday evening.

—Wallace Quigley, aged 19 years, of Shenango township, Lawrence county, was found dead on Sunday. It is supposed he died from the effects of drink.

—Fifteen bushels of wild rice sown on the ponds in the vicinity of Erie two years ago have grown and flourished, attracting thousands of birds, large and small, and furnishing sportsmen ample amusement.

—The Wilkesbarre *Leader* reports that the Lehigh and Eastern Railroad Company are constructing a railroad from Tomhicken, in Southern Luzerne county to Port Jervis, where it will connect directly for New York. This will be an additional outlet for lower Luzerne coal to the New York market.

—The Williamsport *Banner* says that at the present rate of lumber cutting this great industry cannot hold out in Pennsylvania forever, and advises the people of Williamsport to turn their attention to other industries. It says there is no reason why manufactories of various kinds should not be established there.

—Reading, with a population of 43,000 souls, which it hopes to swell to 45,000 when the census taker gets around, pays out but $1,500 per annum to health officers, and its sanitary condition is such as to command favorable comment. The board performed the highly praiseworthy act, generally unusual with such bodies of returning a large unexpended balance of an appropriation made last year.

—Wild pidgeons are flocking along Little Tionesta Creek, Forrest county, by the thousands.

—Rev. K. Roger, editor of the *Union Leader*, at Wilkesbarre, was Tuesday elected delegate to the Democratic state Convention.

—Several roads in the vicinity of Mahonoy Plane, Schuylkill county, have begun to give way, owing to coal mining beneath them, and will have to be abandoned.

—The new supreme Court Judge, Hon. Henry Green, of Easton, is still confined to his residence at that place with rheumatism, and it is thought will be permanently lame from this cause.

—The first engine has been put on the Bangor and Portland Railroad. This road is a short one running between the places above named, which are in Northampton county. It traverses a fine slate region.

—A story comes from Easton that a crowd surrounded the house of Rev. Dr. Bacon, a Methodist minister, on Sunday night, and the greatest excitement prevailed, owing to his having defamed two ladies of that place. He apologized to the ladies, and promised to do so in the church, when the crowd left.

—General Purviance has been appointed receiver of the Butler Bank.

—Two children died in New Castle recently from eating painted candy.

—There is a scarcity of dwelling houses in Pittsburg and Allegheny City.

—The demand for tenement houses in Bethlehem is greater at this time than ever before.

—One hundred tons of iron ore are sent daily from Boyertown, Berks county, to the Phœnix Iron Works.

—A nine-year old boy, named Carle, has suddenly disappeared from Parkel City. It is supposed he has been kidnapped.

—Wilkesburre papers hope that the new census will show that place has enough population to be entitled to the free delivery system.

—The Pittsburg *Commercial* says that a meeting of the Western Iron Association will be held Friday, when card rates will be advanced from 3½ to 4 cents.

—An elooping couple from Coatesville arrived in Columbia on Tuesday, and were arrested upon information from the former place. The girl was nearly six feet in height, and the man about four feet and five inches. They were released when the female gave up a coat and hat she had taken from Coatesville.

—The Washington correspondent of the Pittsburg "Commercial" states that the widow of ex-Governor Johnson cannot be appointed to the Postmastership at Kittaning on account of non-residence, and that if some recommendation for the place is not made in a few days an appointment will be made without further delay.

—Twelve years ago Hon. F. J. Babcock, of Hornellsville, and others bought 5000 acres of pine timber land in what is now the midst of the Bradford oil district. The timber was cut off and a good sum realized therefrom, and since then it has been developed as excellent oil territory, and the investment has more than paid for itself a hundred times.

—Richard Leonard and Ed Holroyed, employes of the wire mill at Johnstown, quarreled on Monday night, when the latter was struck on the head with a hammer and dangerously wounded.

—Louis Volet, a Frenchman, of Osceola, Clearfield county, traced his runaway wife and Enos James to Phillipsburg, Centre county, when James offered to buy the woman for $450, which was accepted.

—While Lawyer Stewart, of Greenburg, was reading the will of Sebastian Grant, a son-in-law, who was dispinsed with in provisions, seized the instrument and threw it into the fire. He is in jail awaiting trial for the offence.

—A panorama was exhibited at Rawlinsville, Lancaster county, on Saturday night, when roughs entered and urged a disturbance which ended in a general fight. Many women and children were trampled upon, eyes blacked and the leaders were arrested.

—A Pittsburg dispatch says: B. F. Kennedy, ex-prothonotary of this county, who left for New Mexico and Colorado about three weeks ago under circumstances which led to reports of his defalcation, returned Wednesday morning. He has declined to make any statement.

INTERESTING FOREIGN NOTES.

—The demand of the cotton operatives at Bolton for a ten per cent increase of their wages has been compromised.

—A dispatch from Rome to the London *Daily News* says the newspapers publish a letter from Mr. Gladstone to Professor C. Barbaro, of the Neapolitan Peace Congress, avowing his determination to advocate general disarmament from his place in Parliament.

—A dispatch from Rome to the London *Standard* says: "The *Aurora*, which was started as the organ of the Pope, is really under the control of the Jesuits, and the person, who furnished the money for the establishment of the paper was directly put forward for the purpose of thwarting the Pope's intentions.

—M. De Peyramont (Orleanist), Senator of France from Haut-Vienna, is dead.

—Holland has repealed the order prohibiting importation of potatoes from the United States and Canada.

—Armed forces of England and Portugal have combined for the suppression of the slave trade of the Mozambique Channel.

—Numerous distinguished persons are expected at Rome, to join in rendering homage to the Pope on the 7th of March, on behalf of the scientific world.

—The London Board of Trade has awarded a piece of plate to the Captain of the American schooner Fred. A. Carle, for saving a shipwrecked crew.

—The St. Petersburg *Gatos* thinks the time has come to begin a reconciliation with the Poles by placing them on the same footing as Russian subjects.

—Not only has there been no attack upon Tchikislar, but there are no Turcomans near there.