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The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21, 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.

—**The season of Lent will continue until March 29th.**

—**Sale bills printed at low rates and in the neatest styles.**

—**Slatington wants more manufactories within its corporate limits. So do we.**

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

—**Washington's Birthday to-morrow (Sunday), the 22d inst.**

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

—Henry Ward Beecher will lecture in Allentown on Monday evening, March 1st.

—The Thomas Iron Co., has of late been leasing quite a number of newly developed ore beds.

—**The business boom has hit the printer an unlucky stroke. It has advanced the price of paper 50 per cent.**

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

—**Allentown bricklayers demand $2 per day for work during the coming summer.**

—**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,**

—**Mathias Ruff, at his residence in North Weissport, on Saturday, March 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m., will sell, at public sale, a variety of farming implements, etc. See bills printed at this office.**

—**The valuable Solt property, in Franklin twp., will be sold at public sale, to-day (Saturday). See advertisement in another column.**

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.

—**The Lehigh Valley Ministerial Association of the M. E. church, met at Catasauqua on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The meetings were interesting and well attended, although not so fully attended by pastors as usual, owing to revival meetings being in progress in their churches.**

—**Owing to the continued and increasing interest in the revival services in the M. E. church, of this borough, the Ladies Mite Society have postponed their Martha Washington Tea Party until the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th of March.**

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

—**The Thomas Iron Co. pays from 90 cents to $1.47 per day to its employees in mines and furnaces.**

—**There are 29 church edifices in Northampton county which are, either wholly or in part, owned by the Reformed denomination.**

—**Soft and stiff hats, light weights, at Jas. Handwerk's Mauch Chunk, at light prices.**

—**M. Florey, near the canal bridge, Weissport, offers for sale this spring, good handmade, fine and coarse harness, collars, &c., and very reasonable prices.**

—**F. P. Longstreet and S. R. Gilham, Esqs., have formed a co-partnership in the law business. Office in Levan's building, Bank street, this borough. See card in another column.**

—**Rev. J. M. Saylor, Presiding Elder of the Reading District of the Evangelical Association, preached his farewell sermon at Lititz on Sunday last. He retires from the ministry at the age of 77 years.**

—**The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, of this place, has decided to hold the Martha Washington Tea Party, in Linderman's Hall, commencing on March 16 and continuing until the following Saturday evening. It will be made one of the finest affairs of the kind ever gotten up in this borough.**

—**Soft and stiff hats, light weights, caps, gloves, &c., at very low prices for cash at Handwerk's Market Square, Mauch Chunk.**

The Lehigh Valley R. R. Co., for the week ending on the 14th inst., transported over their road 86,793 tons of coal, a total of 859,106 tons for the season to that date; an increase to same time last year of 267,563 tons.

—**We noticed during the week Mr. Jos. Obert making a long needed improvement to his property on the east side of Bank st., viz: erecting a substantial fence along the front of his lots between Schwartz's cabinet warerooms and the Lehighton Bakery. Go ahead, all such improvements add to the appearance of the borough.**

—**The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company is advertised to take place in the room of the Board of Trade, Mercantile Library Building, Tenth, above Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on Tuesday next, the 24th inst, at 11 o'clock a. m., when an election of a President and Board of Managers will take place. The polls will close at 12:30 p. m.**

—**A squirrel chased boys, a few days ago, near Rockdale station on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, took refuge under a pile of stones. In digging out the animal traces of silver ore were discovered and a shaft is to be sunk there.**

—**The freshman class of Lafayette College went to Bethlehem on Wednesday evening of last week to partake of their annual dinner. They were escorted to the depot by a band, the music of which was drowned by slop-horns in the hands of sophomores. The seniors also followed, and howled themselves hoarse. The offense charged against the freshmen was that of putting on airs.**

—On Wednesday last, a youth of about 16 years of age, named William Pfifer, of the borough of E. Mauch Chunk, had been up to Penn Haven, and wishing to return to his home he jumped on a passing coal train; having gained the top of the cars he commenced walking along the top, and, had gone but a short distance, when he fell down between two of the cars to the track. His body was terribly mangled and his death quick. Why is it, that for the sake of a few cents, to gratify a venturesome spirit of devilitry, or for the purpose of saving a walk of a few miles, men and boys will persist in this hazardous and dangerous practice.

—The funeral of Ed. Mulhearn, who was shot by Jos. Goldberg, on Tuesday of last week, took place from his late residence, near the L. V. depot, on Sunday morning last, and was very largely attended by railroaders and others. Rev. Mr. Hartman, of the Reformed church, officiated. The remains were interred in the Gnaden Huetten Cemetery, this borough.

—We learn from a dispatch to the Philadelphia *Record* that Mumford Nunenmacher and Edward Rosch, engineer and fireman of a passenger train on the Lehigh Valley road, jumped from their locomotive on Friday morning last week, near Wilkesbarre, and were painfully injured. They saw danger signals not far ahead, caused by a coal car having jumped from another track. The passengers escaped and the damage to the train was very slight.

—**For the week ending on the 13th inst., 49,589 tons of coal, were shipped over the L. & S. Railroad, making a total of shipments to that date of 369,327 tons, showing an increase for the season up to that date of 23,466 tons.**

—Our borough election on Tuesday passed off in a very quiet and orderly manner, there being very little if any ill feeling manifested on the occasion. We heard of one pretty good thing: One person was soliciting the vote of another for a friend in rather an impressive manner, when the latter turned and said, with some emphasis: "Mr. —— I pay my taxes and propose to do my own voting!" and that ended the interview.

—Last Saturday evening a large and lively party, consisting of members and friends of the Lehighton Evangelical church, entered the Evangelical parsonage and very agreeably surprised the pastor and his family with a handsome donation. The evening was spent very pleasantly and profitably in social conversation, singing and praying. The donors were happy and the pastor thankful.

—Rev. A. F. Leopold, of Easton, and Rev S. T. Leopold, of Mahanoy city, were in town during the week and called in to see us. The reverend gentlemen are both looking well and happy.

—William Torry, cashier of the First National bank of Ashland, was held in $10,000 bail Wednesday by United States Commissioner Bell, at Philadelphia, on the charge of having embezzled the funds of that institution.

—The new State Hospital for the Indigent Insane of Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Chester, Delaware, Northampton, and Lehigh counties was formally transferred Wednesday from the Building Commission, appointed in 1878, to the Board of Trustees, to whom its management has been recently confided.

—Dr. L. H. Cooper, a prominent citizen of Coopersburg, Northampton county, died suddenly on Saturday last.

—David McGovern, 14 years of age, was crushed to death in a coal mine at Providence, Wyoming county, on Monday.

—Lewis Warner, an employe of the Bangor and Portland Railroad, was run over by cars near Bangor, Northampton county, on Monday night and instantly killed.

—WANTED, for one or two years, $1500, for which the best of real estate security will be given. Call or address this office for further particulars.

—Miss Salome Werner, of Bethlehem, is visiting her numerous friends in Lehighton and Weissport.

—Notwithstanding the miserable condition of the roads, David Ebbert still continues to hire first class teams at very low rates, for business, pleasure or funeral purposes.

—The Miners' Hospital Commission have received deeds for the ground donated them near Ashland, and upon which the hospital will be erected.

Look before You Leap.

Persons desiring the benefits of life insurance should first of all call on H. A. Beltz, Lehighton, Pa., securing agent of the U. B. Mutual Aid Society of Penn'a, and get one of the "Aid Journals" gratis and study and notice the article on page 1 entitled "Tabular Statement" and to whom and the amount and costs to carry, &c., to the insurances terminating by death in 1879, on page 6.

East Pennsylvania Conference.

The East Penna. Conference of the Evangelical Association will convene in the Weissport Evangelical church next Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 9 a. m., to hold its annual session, Bishop Thomas Bowman, of Allentown, will preside. There will be about 115 preachers present. There will be preaching in the Lehighton, Weissport and North Weissport Evangelical churches every evening from Wednesday evening until the end of the session. Bishop Bowman will preach the ordination sermon on Conference, Sunday morning, in the Weissport church, and on Sunday evening he will preach in the Lehighton church. The annual missionary meeting will be held in the Weissport church on Tuesday evening, the 24th inst.

Religious Notes.

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.

—LEHIGHTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH, B. J. Snyder, pastor. Preaching tomorrow at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning Subject, "The Midnight Prayer and Praise Meeting in the Philippian Prison." Evening Subject: "Too many tired ones and too much Rubbish." All are welcome.

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

Fatal Railroad Accident.

On Friday evening, 13th inst., a man by the name of Horace Schreiber, for the last three months in the employ of Dr. W. P. Kistler, at Schneeksville, as hostler, was fatally injured on the Lehigh Valley railroad, near Slatington, by being run over by a freight train while walking along on the track. Schreiber had gained his employer's consent to absent himself for about a week for the purpose of visiting, as he represented, relatives in the upper end of Lehigh county, and had been gone some days at the time he met with the accident. It appears that he was seen by the engineer, and that the usual signals were given for him to clear the track, but that he failed to step off and as a result paid for his negligence with his life. After being knocked over he fell in such a shape that one of his legs rested over one of the rails, and which being passed over by the engine and three cars was mashed to a mass of pulp. The train was stopped as speedily as possible and the injured man picked up and carried to the station, and when the 8 o'clock down passenger train came along he was placed on board for removal to St. Luke's Hospital, but he died on the way down. The remains were buried at Bethlehem. Why the man failed to get off the track can not be conjectured, save upon the theory that he was too much stupefied with liquor to either see or hear, and it is likely that this is the correct supposition, as in one of his pockets was found a bottle half full of whiskey.

Mauch Chunk Items.

—There was a good deal of talk last week about the case of F. C. Kline against the borough of Mauch Chunk. Mr. Kline fell on the crossing at Race and Susquehanna streets, in February of last year and broke his wrist and otherwise hurt himself. He sued the borough for damages; and the case came before arbitrators on Friday last. After a full hearing they awarded Mr. Kline $2000. The amount is not considered large when it is remembered that Mr. Kline was permanently injured by the accident. The arbitrators were all lawyers, Messrs. J. R. Struthers, Joseph Kalbfus and Hon. W. M. Rapsher. The case against the borough is considered a strong one, and there is no doubt but that if the case is appealed to the Court, a larger amount will be obtained.

—John McCue, aged 21 years, of this place, was struck by a train at Coalport, on the L. & S. Railroad, on Saturday, and run over. He had his jaw broken, one arm badly crushed, and the fingers of both hands badly mashed. He was walking on the track, and failed to heed the alarm given. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, at Bethlehem, where the injured arm was amputated, and his wounds dressed.

—All the hotel and restaurant keepers in this county who intend to apply for license at April term of court should at once call on Clerk Esser and get their blank petitions and bonds. The list goes in print the first week in March. By giving early attention to this notice much trouble may be avoided.

—On Saturday morning a rock weighing 20,700 tons fell from the side of the mountain above Penn Haven Junction down upon the track of the Lehigh Valley railroad, blockading the side and main tracks. A gang of men were at once put to work at building a temporary track around the rock, to be used until the debris could be removed.

—A. E. Sheetz, was elected Chief Engineer and James W. Whitehead Assistant Engineer of the Mauch Chunk Fire Department on Friday evening of last week.

—The newly elected Jury Commissioners, Dennis Gallagher and J. Eodie were in session last week drawing the jury for April term of court. They have agreed to choose their clerk alternately. E. C. Remmel was chosen on this occasion as clerk.

—The county offices are undergoing the very much needed repairs; they are to be repainted and the walls papered.

—Hon. R. Leonard, has requested the Prothonotary not to publish the names of the jury for April Term of Court, in respect to the precedent established by Judge Dreher, when it is probable that a murder trial will be on the trial list. The following are the Traverse Jurors drawn and to be present on the third Monday of April, 1880:

Henry Arner, carpenter, Lansford.
Peter Brauch, laborer, Mauch Chunk.
Aaron Beehtel, laborer, Coalport.
David Beitz, merchant, Franklin.
Edward Boehes, mechanic, Mauch Chunk.
I. W. Bagenstose, teacher, Franklin.
Henry Boyer, Justice of the Peace, Weissport.
Derwin Crary, laborer, Weatherly.
Jacob Cunfer, farmer, Mahoning.
Wm. DeFrehn, carpenter, E. Mauch Chunk.
G. W. Dreisbach, laborer, Mahoning.
Isaac Fry, boss, Banks.
Balzar Fink, blacksmith, Summit Hill.
Thos. Gerster, brewer, E. Mauch Chunk.
L. Harleman, gentleman, L. Towamensing.
Joseph Heimbach, laborer, South Kidder.
Chas. Hallier, carpenter, Coalport.
E. S. Heintzleman, huckster, East Penn.
Gideon Kistler, farmer, East Penn.
David Kleinton, carpenter, L. Towamensing.
James W. Keller, moulder, Lansford.
A. K. Miller, saloon keeper, Lehighton.
Samuel W. Meekes, farmer, Penn Forest.
Charles McGill, inn keeper, Rockport.
John McNealis, laborer, Lansford.
Chas. O'Donnell, brakeman, E. M'h Chunk.
J. K. Rickert, merchant, Franklin.
Chas. G. Rehrig, laborer, East Penn.
Aaron Rehrig carpenter, E. Mauch Chunk.
Amos Stroh, moulder, Mauch Chunk.
Bernard Smith, laborer, Nesquehoning.
Edward Sensinger, farmer, Franklin.
Christian Sherry, laborer, Hachlebernie.
James Smith, miner, Lausanne.
Levi Wartz, farmer, L. Towamensing.
Francis Wernet, lumberman, South Kidder.

Big Creek Items.

—Teachers should at all times, by their walks and talks, set good examples for the children they have under their care. Teachers should always be kind and pleasant to little boys and girls who are of a timid disposition. Firmness with the older ones, who have no respect for kindness, should be the rule, if we expect to make teaching a success.

—We are sorry to learn that the time of Mr. Josiah Ruch as school director of Franklin has expired. Mr. Ruch well and faithfully served in the capacity of secretary for the last five years, and through him the affairs of the township have been straightened up and put in good shape. Whenever the books may be handed over to his successor (whoever he may be) he will find no difficulty, but everything in shape. He stoutly refused a re-nomination. Would he have accepted, he would have been re elected by a handsome majority, as our people appreciate his services, his time being taken up in the management of his own affairs is the reason of his refusal.

—Owing to a scarcity of ice in this vicinity, fishing has not been indulged in.

—H. P. Levan was again re-elected constable of Franklin, without any opposition.

—We are pleased to learn that W. C. Weiss has been elected school director. Mr. W. takes great interest in the education of children, especially is he a great Sunday school worker, and we are sure that he will take just as much interest in our schools. We are indeed proud to have him on our board and are confident that he will make an efficient official. REVERE.

Towamensing Brevities.

—Roads are in a muddy condition at present.

—"Joe" was engaged in teaching school on Monday and Tuesday last.

—James Gowen, who was visiting friends in Monroe county, returned home on Wednesday last.

—C. Dreisbach left for Lansford, with liniment, last Wednesday.

—Rev. E. Butz, of Parryville, preached at the Upper Big Creek meeting house last Sunday.

—The sale at Kresgeville was largely attended last Wednesday.

—Nicholas Gross, of Danielsville, was here on Tuesday.

—Lewis Kemerer captured a red fox last week.

—Hiram Christman, of near Trachsville, intends to move on the farm formerly occupied by Mr. Smith, in Eckharts valley.

—Rev. Mr. Freeman, of Weissport, will officiate at the Jerusalem church, at Trachsville, to-morrow, (Sunday).

—Josiah Getz buried one of his children, at the Jerusalem church, on Monday last.

—A hop was held by Stephen Christman last Tuesday evening.

—James Buzzard, of Cherryville, Northampton county, was in this valley last week. The guest of William Shoenberger.

—Joseph Rehr, fur agent, of Kunkeltown, passed through this valley last Wednesday.

—This township run 4 candidates for constable; 6 for supervisors; 6 for school directors; 5 for Assistant Assessor and 5 for inspector; out of which 9 were successful. Sour faces! MERCURY.

West Penn Items.

—After the snow, spring again appeared and everything puts on a lovely aspect; so far the winter has not been severe, but many of our farmers predict that March will appear different.

—The fishing season will soon be here. Get your fishing tools ready. The creek abounds with all sizes and kinds.

—The schools in our neighborhood are in a flourishing condition at present; everything seems to move along smoothly. The directors were fortunate in securing the services of so efficient a corps of teachers.

—Frank Kistler and Miss Mattie Whetstone paid a visit to their friends at Lewistown last week. Both seem to have enjoyed the trip.

—We understand that Oliver Kistler is preparing his school for an exhibition. No doubt it will be a success, for he has plenty of material to do it with, and Oliver is the one to do it.

—The roads are in a very bad condition at present, they are almost impassable, on account of the mud. You would suppose that no one would venture out unless on important business, yet a certain young man who is a frequent visitor to Lehighton, waded through the mud three miles in order to get a horse to take him to his longed for destination. We hope he enjoyed himself after he got there. BUFFALO BILL.

Spring Elections.

The election of persons to fill the several offices in this borough for the ensuing term, took place on Tuesday last. The day was fine for electioneering purposes, and as considerable rivalry was manifested by the two parties to elect their men, more than an average vote was polled—the Democrats, for the first time in ten years, ran a straight party ticket, while the Republicans ran a mixed one. The following are the official figures:

Burgess—E. H. Snyder, D	198
Thos. Kemerer, R	137
Snyder's majority	61
Council—A. Hinkel, D	184
W. Waterbor, D	189
D. Wieand, D	191
Richard Kuntz, R	141
Chas. Seifert, R	143
T. R. Kemerer, R	146
Average Democratic majority	44
School Directors—*A. Bartholomew, D	331
John Peters, D	197
Wm. H. Rex, R	143
Average Democratic majority	54
Constable—F. P. Semmel, D	178
Jos. S. Webb, R	157
Democratic majority	21
Overseers of Poor—*W. Schwartz, D	329
*Peter Heim, D	322
Assessor—T. D. Clauss, D	204
E. B. Albright, R	131
Democratic majority	73
Asst. Assessor—*M. Heliman, D	331
*V. Schwartz, D	327
Judge of Elections—Jacob Dentinger, D	200
Z. H. Long, D	133
Dentinger over Long who was run on the Republican ticket	67
Insp. of Election—John Geggus, D	192
W. H. Mouthrop, R	50
J. F. Moulthrop, Ind. R	93
Geggus over both	49
Auditor—W. P. Long, D	198
P. M. VanLiew, D	134
Long over VanLiew, who was run on the Republican ticket	64

NOTE.—Those candidates market with a * were run on both tickets.

WEISSPORT BOROUGH.

Constable—Samuel Welsh	55
Al. Wittingham	16
A. R. Siddi	1
Council—B. H. Everitt, 3 years	78
Andrew Graver, 3 years	62
Wm. Schreiber, 1 year	30
Hiram Lesh 3 years	14
Wm. Rohmeyer 3 years	17
C. H. McDaniel, 1 year	13
Sol. Yeasel, 3 years	16
W. H. Knecht, 1 year	16
Wm. Schreiner, 3 years	1
School Directors—Eugene Everitt, 3 years	38
Albert Guth, 3 years	33
John C. Arner, 1 year	3
Wm. Koons, 3 years	16
L. E. Wilis, 3 years	16
J. cob K lne, 1 year	16
D. B. Albright, 3 years	13
C. H. Nussaum, 3 years	18
J. B. Seiger, 1 year	17
W. H. Knecht, 3 years	1
D. B. Albright, 1 year	1
Judge of Elections—J. C. H. Connor	54
J. Bumbaugh	17
Inspector of Election—C. Beaver	17
Oliver Meyer	38
R. B. Windon	16
Assessor—Henry Beyer	29
John G. Hess	31
Wm. Sluter	1
Assistant Assessor—J. Feist	50
Rolnio Schoch	28
J. A. Snyder	16
A. Whitingham	23
Ira a Meyer	14
Auditor—Chas. R. Nusbaum	32
Peter Hausman	29
Hiram Hausman	14
Overseers of the Poor—A. W. Marsh	16
Wm Whitingham	17
Geo. Romer	33
Carl Miller	34
Reinhard Vogt	18
H. H. Everitt	18

—EAST PENN.—Judge of Election, Daniel Shoemaker; Inspector, S. Steigerwalt; Supervisors, Thos. Shaffer, Levi Steigerwalt; Overseers of Poor, H. Steigerwalt, N. Hollman; School Directors, H. German, G. Kistler; Justices of the Peace, E. S. Heintzleman, D. Romig, jr.; Auditor, B. Haberman; Assessor, J. Yenser; Assistant Assessors, L. Frantz, Isaac Ginder; Constable, B. Rehrig.

—PACKERTON.—Judge of Election, Geo. Dolon; Inspector, Daniel Kroek; School Directors, J. T. Semmel, 3 years; John McKelvey, 2 years; Supervisor, Samuel Eberts; Constable, W. I. Peters; Assessor, A. H. Gombert; Assistant Assessor J. T. McDaniel; Justice of Peace, Nathan Mosser; Auditor, Frank Frederick; Registry Assessor, W. I. Peters; Overseer of Poor, Chas. Lentz.

—MAHONING.—Justice of Peace, J. Musselman; Constable, E. E. Krum; Supervisors, Chas. Xander, R. Reinsmith; School Directors, C. H. Seidel, E. Hoppes; Assessors, Wm. Hom, D. Kressly; Overseers of Poor, Chas. Lentz, S. Fenstermacher; Assistant Assessor, J. T. McDaniel; Auditor, J. U. Miller; Judge of Election, O. G. Frantz; Inspector of Election, E. Hoppes.

—LOWER TOWAMENSING.—Justice of the Peace, Adam Merkham; Constable, J. Strohle, Supervisors, Chas. Strup, Wm. Beltz; Overseers of the Poor, R. Gresseweig, Henry Sherrer; School Directors, M. Strup, Chas. Klotz; Assessor, W. Snyder; Assistant Assessors, L. Harleman, Chas. Green; Auditor, S. Fields; Judge of Election, C. E. Snyder; Inspectors, J. Souders, Edw. Boyer.

Notice.

The ASSESSORS elected at the late election are requested to be at the office of the County Commissioners, at Mauch Chunk, on TUESDAY, the 24th, inst., to receive books and instructions.

By order of County Commissioners.

H. E. SWARTZ, Clerk.

Mauch Chunk, Feb. 21st, 1880.

Cheap! Too Cheap!

All men desire to purchase as much as they can for as little as possible; but who would like to become a member of a firm and invest his money in it when he knows that it is doing business on an extravagant scale, which must end in ruin or compel a thrilling or quadrupling of the expenses in the near future. All men wish to buy cheap, but any man of sense would rather pay a little more and secure a good article than pay less and secure a worthless one. And yet, there are some who will buy brass jewelry, because it is cheap. When the agent of the New Era Co-operative Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, publishes that his company carried a risk of $2,000 three years on the life of a man 60 years old, for a total of $70.88, all sane men, having any knowledge of insurance, know at once that the thing is quite too cheap to be sound, and that the company must soon compel other of its members to pay three or four times that much or fail. Intelligent men prefer to insure in a company that charges such medium rates as will enable it to live and meet all the obligations it assumes—a company that has had more than ten years of successful experience, has paid $1,651,299.25 in death losses, has a net surplus of assets over liabilities of $195,676.27 and a guarantee fund of $175,000,000—a company that publishes a monthly journal, in which it lays before the people all the facts respecting its workings—such a company is the U. B. Mutual Aid Society of Pennsylvania.

H. A. BELTZ, Agent,
Bank Street, Lehighton, Pa.

Changes in the Coal Situation.

President Gowen, of the Reading Companies, telegraphed from New York Tuesday that an agreement had been consummated, by which it was agreed to stop work at the coal mines three days in each week instead of a suspension on alternate weeks, as had been proposed. The idle days will be Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and this arrangement will continue in force until April. A new rate of prices went into effect the same day. The figures now are: Hard white ash coal on board vessels at Port Richmond, lump and steamboat, $3.75; broken and egg, $3.25; stove, $3.55; chestnut, $3.50; pea, $2.25; this is a decline of 15 cents per ton on lump and steamboat; 35 cents on broken, egg and stove, and 25 cents on pea. The prices for hard white ash coal on board vessels at Elizabethport are $3.84 for lump, steamboat and stove, and $3.60 for broken and egg. These figures are a decline of 25 cents per ton on lump, steamboat and stove, and 25 cents on broken and egg.

—A furnace at Port Carbon upon which experiments are being tried is chilling rapidly, and the work of years will be lost.

Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co.

The Board of Managers of the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company respectfully submit their annual report for the year 1879, as follows, viz:

Revenue from Railroads and Nesquehoning Tunnel	$ 828,617 29
Revenue from Lehigh Canal	51,599 24
Revenue from Water Powers, Lehigh Canal	10,537 72
Revenue from Del. Division Canal	47,559 87
Net Profit on Lehigh Coal	190,622 83
Royalty on Coal Mined by Lessees	1,961 53
Revenue from Rents	33,913 22
Profit from sales of Real Estate	5,740 00
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,591 00
Total	$1,163,818 93
DISBURSEMENTS	
Gen'l & Legal Expenses	$ 51,353 58
Rent and Taxes Nesquehonina Valley Railroad	128,990 00
Rent and taxes Delaware Division Canal	188,867 32
Taxes commutable to Canal	1,630 27
Taxes chargeable to Coal and Coal Lands	69,179 89
Taxes on Capital Stock	14,131 37
Taxes on landed property and improvements	12,411 03
Interest Account	929,358 66
	1,396,612 90
Deficit	$ 25,713 37

The coal tonnage on the Lehigh and Susquehanna Railroad and Lehigh Canal compared with that for 1878, was as follows, viz:

	1878 Tons	1879 Tons
From the Wrom'ng Region	1,048,198	2,092,907
From the Upper Lehigh Region, Nesquepe Branch	280,004	423,195
From the Hazleton Region, via L. V. R. R.	9,873	78,498
From the Black Creek Region, via Denton Branch	365,285	259,473
From the Beaver Meadow Region, via Ne-q. V. R R.	284,966	435,500
From the Beaver Meadow Region, via L. V. R. R.	10,923	6,794
From the Mahanoy Region, via L. V. R. R.	4,175	7,476
From the Lehigh Region, L. C. and N. Co.'s lands	425,194	697,131
From Hazard	6,295	
From Sundry shippers	37,042	79,449
Total	2,503,731	4,148,924
DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS.		
Delivered east of Mauch Ch., by rail	1,977,922	3,516,681
Delivered east of Mauch Ch. by canal	414,508	452,031
Consumed along the line above Mauch Chunk	50,085	99,170
Delivered to connecting lines above Mauch Chunk	40,016	90,879
Delivered to L. V. R. R. at Packerton	4,500	1,992
Delivered to Hazard	100	
Total	2,503,731	4,148,924
Increase		1,654,334

Of the foregoing tonnage there was shipped by the Receivers of the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company 2,141,468 tons. The total production of that Company was:

	1878 Tons.	1879 Tons.
Of their mines in Wyoming Region	948,509	1,762,401
Of their mines in Beaver Meadow Region	272,617	416,395
Total	1,221,126	2,179,796

RAILROADS.

The Gross Receipts of the Company's railroads during 1879 as compared with 1878 were as follows:

	1878.	1879.	Increase.
Passengers and Mails	$ 131,904 12	$148,635 73	$16,694 61
Freight and Express	256,562 13	341,771 02	85,228 89
Coal	1,510,556 45	1,157,552 14	427,5 3 69
	1,899,022 70	2,647,959 89	539,539 19
L. C. and Nav. Co.'s proportion	$924,084 24	$504,587 27	179,5 3 63

The large gain in revenue from our Railroads is due mainly to the increase of 1,092,229 tons in coal transported, but there was also a gratifying increase in miscellaneous freight and passenger receipts. But for the very low rates of transportation on coal—the lowest in the history of the Company—the gain in revenue would have been much larger. The contest among producers to obtain as large a share as possible of a free market after the termination of the agreement of 1878 to restrict production forced down prices, and transporters were compelled to move the coal at proportionately low rates to continue the mines in operation.

The deficit for the year 1878 was $356,863 69 and for the past year $25,713 37, thus showing a net gain in the business for 1879 over 1878 of $331,150 32. Had the prices of coal averaged for 1879 as high as during either of the ten previous years (not excepting 1877), our revenue would have materially exceeded our fixed charges.

Our canals were opened April 1st, and continued in uninterrupted operation until December 13th. There was an increase of 41,821.16 tons in coal transported. The miscellaneous freight aggregated 267,716 tons, and the tolls collected thereon amounted to $35,275.57. During the last three months of navigation the contractors offered exceeded the capacity of the boats running on the canals to transport. Anticipating that there would be full use this year for all of these boats at remunerative rates.

The production of coal from our Lehigh property was larger during 1879 than in any previous year. We operated five collieries in 1878 and started No. 11 May 6th and No. 5 on September 16th, making in all seven collieries in operation, and No. 4 idle.

The quantity shipped was 799,781 tons. The cost of mining was materially reduced from any previous year owing to the careful supervision of our superintendent and engineer, Mr J. S. Harris, and to improvements in mining and preparing introduced by him.

The very low prices at which we were compelled by competition to sell our product, did not leave much margin for profit, and we derived only $192,622.83 net revenue from our large output.

Our working mines are in excellent condition, and we propose to start No. 4 during the present year, and the eight collieries will have a productive capacity of over 100,000 tons per month.

The amount expended for improvements was $39,261.31, and for additional equipment, $17,456.11.

For the purpose of reducing our floating debt and of providing means to meet other maturing liabilities, the Board made sales during the year of $735,100 of the Company's consolidated 7 per cent. bonds at an average of 88 per cent. The improved credit of the Company, and the advance in the market price of its securities enabled the Board to avail of a provision in the lease of the Nesquehonna Valley Railroad, and to reduce the dividends guaranteed by us on the stock of that Company. The right was reserved to us in the lease to retire the stock at par at any time after ten years, which expired in November, 1878. We notified the Company in July of our desire to avail of this right, and the result of the negotiations that followed was the reduction for five years of the dividends from 10 per cent. to 7 per cent. per annum from September 1st, 1879, without cost to the Company. The rent is thus reduced to $97,000 per annum—a saving of $43,000 from the amount paid last year.

Reference has been made in several annual reports to 19,999 shares of the Company's stock which is part of the Capital Stock as it appears in the present and in previous balance sheets. The improved condition of the coal trade and the belief that if the Company were free from floating debt its revenue would be sufficient in the future to meet all fixed charges and to insure dividends to the stockholders, induced a number of capitalists in this city and New York to open negotiations with us in November last for the purchase of this stock, with a stipulation that enough bonds should be sold to pay the remainder of the floating debt. After mature deliberation your Board came to the conclusion that it was not to the interest of the Company to part with the stock, believing that it would increase in value in the future.

The floating debt was at the close of the year one million of dollars, and there remain in the hands of the Company $1,108,000 consol. 7 per cent. bonds in addition to the 19,999 shares of stock.

The first instalment of the debenture loan extended in 1877 matured and was paid on the 15th of December.

The unexpectedly large demand for coal during the last few months of 1879 which exceeded almost capacity of producers to supply, and which raised the output for the year to over twenty six millions of tons, affords good grounds for the belief that consumption has at last overtaken production, and that we may expect a full demand and remunerative prices during 1880 and thereafter. With the present capacity offour railroads and canals to transport and our collieries to mine it requires, with steady and full business, only fairly remunerative prices to yield satisfactory returns to our stockholders.

By order of the Board of Managers.

E. W. CLARK, President.

—Mr. R. Rope Hepburn, of Williamsport, has brought suit against Frank Peterman, of Muncy, Lycoming county, for the amount of a draft which was allowed to go to protest. The parties were in Brazil, working on the Collins contract, and Mr. Peterman stating that he was ill almost to death. Mr. Hepburn indorsed a draft on a relative of Peterman's, which enabled him to get away. Peterman refused to honor the draft, and it was sent back to Brazil protested. Peterman has been committed to jail in default of bail.

Weissport Items.

—Through the sudden and quite unexpected death of one of our citizens caused by hydrophobia last week, our councilmen have again had their eyes opened to the danger of allowing dogs to run at large without muzzles, and actuated by the paramount necessity of having the same stopped, have taken steps in that direction. An ordinance praying the owners of dogs to have them muzzled has accordingly been issued. That this is a wise step in the right direction, and that if the same be strictly enforced a necessary achievement will have been accomplished, no one will have the audacity to question for a single moment. But will the citizens of this borough for *once* obey the dictation of sage counsel and make premature death from that terrible disease an impossibility! The probabilities are that this well-meant appeal will, like many of similar purport, meet with a sad fate. The destiny of dogs in this borough is a proud one. Dogs are here predominant, and allowed to roam, not sadly, but without dictation—bite, or not bite, at discretion. Every Tom, Dick and Harry has his dogs to pest and torment his neighbor without cessation. They are always unaccompanied by their proud owners, and if you succeed at night in walking a square without tumbling over not less than half a dozen terrier pups, black and tans, poodles or some other particularly defined species of the canine, please, simply for the sake of distinction, consider yourself more fortunate than anyone else. Dog-raisers are in the habit of making "do as you please," ordinances of such, and after a very short time forget that the nuisance has been prohibited. This should never be. A strict compliance with the provisions of the ordinance should be had if the same necessitate arrests or any thing else. Law is law, and it should equally and impartially protect everybody. It is by no means supposed that one party shall enjoy dog-nuisance at the utter disgust of the other. Neither is it supposed that particular persons' dogs shall wear no muzzles while others shall. And why should our town be full of worthless dogs? Do the people of Weissport want more symptoms of hydrophobia and afterward untimely deaths? The question is superfluous. They certainly do not, and why not get rid of one bother anyhow?

—The township election passed off very quietly. The following is the result: H. P. Levan was elected constable without any opposition. Frank Laury was elected Judge of Election; Robert Anthony Jr., Inspector; John