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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:

John Fitzwilliam mar8 79

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.

—There are at present 307 inmates in the Northampton county alms house.

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

—It is reported by secret service detectives that a counterfeit legal tender note is in circulation, dated 1879, check mark C.

—Constables elected at the February election serve one month less than a year, their term expiring the first Monday in March, 1881.

—Every soldier should read the advertisement of W. C. Beringer & Co.; they are one of the oldest and best Claim Agencies in the United States—Read their advertisement.

—The Farmers' and Mechanics' Institute at Easton will hold their next fair on September 21st, 22d, 23rd and 24th—one week prior to the Lehigh county fair.

—One of the most important projects that is proposed by the directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the construction of a new line, in conjunction with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company from Philadelphia to Bethlehem.

—The normal department at Muhlenberg College is filling up rapidly with students. The close of the schools in the country districts will augment the attendance largely.

—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.

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.

—Mr. Charlie Pharo and his sister, Miss Cordie, of Bethlehem, who have been visiting at Milt. Weiss', returned home Monday. During their stay they made a large number of friends.

—On February 29th Geo. B. Wolverton, of Easton, aged 16 years, accidentally swallowed a silver half dollar. He experienced no ill effects, and after waiting 216 hours the coin came to daylight again.

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

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

—Tuesday of last week was 139th anniversary of the founding of Bethlehem—rather, on that day, 1741, the first tree was felled to build the first house. The oldest house now standing in Bethlehem is the "Gemein Haus," or congregation house.

—The steeple on St. John's Church at Slatington is in such a rickety condition that it has been resolved to remove it, out of fear that it might some day tumble earthward.

—H. H. Peters, agent, the popular merchant tailor, in the post office building, is now receiving and opening one of the largest and most fashionable stocks of cloths, cassimeres and suitings ever brought into Lehighton, and which he is prepared to make up in the latest fashion and most durable manner, at prices which actually defy competition. Call and examine goods and learn prices and be convinced.

—Mr. E. B. Byington has been appointed general passenger agent of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, in place of Mr. W. H. Sayre, the President's assistant, who heretofore performed the duties of this office in addition to his already overcrowded labors.

—The machinery in the Stenkton Car Works is being operated by a 60 horse power engine. The shops consist of one building of stone 310 by 50 feet in dimensions, a frame annex 100 by 30, and another, the wood working shop, 80 by 45 feet.

—A very liberal patronage has been bestowed upon us since our late "spring announcement," and believing quick and large sales at a small margin of profit to be the best plan of operation, we are determined to substantiate what we promised; we shall therefore continue to offer dry goods, carpets, boots, shoes, etc., at still very low prices, only however as long as the present stock may last. Respectfully,

J. T. Nuebaum & Son.

—The Carbon Iron and Pipe Company of Parryville, Carbon county, are opening a new ore mine in Lehigh county. They set up the machinery last week.

—The Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad is to have a double track from Mauch Chunk to Freichler's. Last week operations were commenced at the upper end of Lehigh Gap to connect sidings, making a double track from the Gap to Hazard's, and a gravel train is employed in filling in where necessary for completing the double track.

—F. R. Alexander, District Agent for the New Era Life Association of 1876, of Philadelphia, lately resident in this borough, has removed to Bethlehem, where he is domiciled at 104 Broad Street. Persons desiring to effect an insurance on their lives for the benefit of their families will do well to consult with him.

—15—13—14 has reached this place, and is creating a great deal of worry to the professor who tries to solve the mystery, while the lookers on shake his sides with merriment at his perplexity—15—13—14. Ask Durling how it works, then buy a package of color to dye your Easter eggs.

—All the slate works about Slatington are being enlarged to meet increasing orders.

—The next holiday will be Good Friday, March 26th, followed by Easter two days later.

—Quality and Price an Object—Which accounts for the increased sales on queensware. Buying for cash, direct from the importers and manufacturers, in original crates, enables us to offer genuine bargains to new beginners starting up housekeeping. Breakfast, dinner and toilet sets a specialty.

Respectfully,

J. T. Nuebaum & Son.

—The improved rifle offered for sale by the Chichester Rifle Co., Jersey City, N. J., at the low price of $5.50—one of which our agent has examined, is without doubt the best bargain in fire-arms ever presented to the public. They are handsomely made, and cannot fail to give satisfaction, being very accurate for either sporting or target purposes. Any of our readers requiring a reliable gun, cannot do better than to secure a "Chichester."

To Delinquents.

Those of our mail subscribers knowing themselves to be indebted to us for subscription, will please remit the amount at once, or we will be compelled to strike their names from our list, and place the bills in the hands of a Justice for collection. We are compelled to do this on account of the immense increase in the price of paper. We trust that this notice will be sufficient, and that those indebted to us will immediately respond. Reference to the printed tab on top of your paper you will see how much you owe, thus:

Jos. Merryweather—Oct. 7 79

is in arrears from October 7th, 1879, and should send us one dollar now in order to secure the paper at that price, which will pay up to October 7, 1880.

—Mr. C. H. Sweeney has improved his house on Bank street, by the addition of a handsome porch.

—The Chapman Slate Company have an order for 600 squares to ship to New Orleans.

—A full line of glassware and crockeryware, at lowest prices, at Daniel Graver's Bee Hive Store.

—A dangerous counterfeit $20 Treasury note has appeared. It is of the series of 1875, letter C, and is printed on imitation fibre paper. The shading under the words "United States" is darker than in the genuine note.

—The gangway of the the Hammond Colliery, near Girardville, caved in Tuesday morning, burying twenty men. In a few hours all were rescued. They were but slightly bruised, except Martin McDonald, whose injuries are mortal.

—Garden and other seeds, fresh, pure and cheap, at A. J. Durling's drug store, Lehighton, Pa.

—Now is the time for new window shades dados or plain with spring balance rollers, and Luckenbach, of Mauch Chunk, has them at the lowest prices for the best goods.

—Hire your teams at David Ebbert's popular livery on North street, this borough, and be happy. Horses and carriages of the best and terms very low.

—On the 30th inst., the executors of the late Lewis Horn, will dispose of a variety of personal property, at public sale, at his late residence in East Weissport. See bills printed at this office.

—On April 10th, Lizzie Yiengst will dispose of a large quantity of household furniture, at public sale, at the Valley House, in this borough. See bills printed at this Advocate office.

—Notwithstanding the rapid rise in the price of paper and printing material we are doing job printing at lowest prices. Call and see samples and learn prices.

—Trout fishing will be legal on and after April 1st. Prepare your tackle.

—The attention of the ladies is particularly invited to the beautiful stock of shawls and embroideries, at Daniel Graver's Bee Hive Store, which are going off fast at very low prices.

—It is understood James S. Wibirt, of the Mansion House, Mauch Chunk, will take the Eagle House, Summit Hill, in charge after April 1st. With necessary repairs this old time hostelry, erected in 1837, will be a desirable spot for summer boarders.

—Carbon Temple of Honor and Temperance, of Summit Hill, will hold its Thirteenth Anniversary April 2nd, upon which occasion they will be addressed by Rev. A. H. Sembower, of Reading, a gentleman whose labors in behalf of temperance have been of the most vigorous. The exercises will be held in the Town Hall.

—The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad and Delaware and Hudson Canal Companies issued circulars Monday advancing the price of coals from 5 to 30 cents upon the several grades, excepting stove, and the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre advanced from 30 to 40 cents per ton.

—The water was let into the Lehigh Canal last Monday and navigation was opened on Thursday.

—Daniel Graver, of the Bee Hive Store, has just returned from the city with a new and beautiful stock of Spring and Summer dress and dry goods, which he is now opening for the inspection of his lady friends. An early call will ensure best bargains, as he will dispose of his present stock at old prices.

—Clover and timothy seed in large or small quantities, at lowest cash prices, at J. L. Gabel's hardware store, opposite the public square, Lehighton, Pa.

—Charlie Blank, a boy about 12 or 13 years of age, residing in this borough, while wrestling with another boy on Tuesday last, was thrown or fell and broke his arm. He had broken the arm in the same place a few months previous, and the former fracture had not yet thoroughly healed at the time this occurred. Dr. N. B. Reber reduced the fracture which is said to be a very painful.

—Mr Jerome Reigel is lying very sick with typhoid fever, at his home in this borough. He is under the medical treatment of Dr. N. B. Reber.

—Our streets have been in a terribly muddy condition during the past few days, which proves a great drawback to the business of the town. We trust, when the new council get into power, that something will be done to remedy the filthy condition of our main thoroughfare at least.

—Prof. William Theobore Roepper died at his residence in Bethlehem, Wednesday night of last week, in the 71st year of his age. He was a distinguished chemist and mineralogist, well known in scientific circles of Philadelphia, as also at Yale and Harvard. He was the discoverer of the famous deposits of zinc near Bethlehem and of several new minerals. His knowledge of the zinc ores of Pennsylvania and New Jersey was thorough, and he was often called as an expert. The deceased was a German by birth, but has lived at Bethlehem since 1840, chiefly in the financial service of the Moravian Church. For a time he held a professorship in the Lehigh University. The funeral services were held at the Moravian Church, Bethlehem, on Monday afternoon, the 15th inst., at 2 o'clock.

—For the week ending on the 12th inst., 32,739 tons of coal were transported over the L. & S. railroad, making a total of 583,457 tons to date, a decrease for the season, as compared with same time last year, of 73,789 tons.

—The men at the Allentown rail mill are at work again, having received an advance of 5 per cent. on their wages.

—Isaac Davis was killed by falling off the bucket in the elevator of the Pennsylvania Coal Company's new shaft at Pittston, Wednesday.

—On Wednesday night of last week, two young men named James Downey and Jacob Fritsche, while returning from a hard-glove fight at Easton, between Johnny Madden, of Bethlehem, and Jim Ryan, of Philadelphia, met with an accident which resulted fatally to the latter. They missed the passenger train and boarded a coal train, and while going around a curve one mile below Bethlehem the train suddenly slackened and both were thrown to the ground. The train passed over Fritsche's legs, entirely severing one from the body and frightfully mangling the other. Downey was thrown down an embankment and received only a few slight scratches. Fritsche was a highly-respected young man, and was only 19 years of age.

—George Spengler, aged 65 years, was struck and fatally injured by a train at Allentown, Wednesday.

—Stephen Kistler, one of the wealthiest tanners in the State, died at Stroudsburg on Tuesday.

—John White, Jr., aged 18, was killed at Schuylkill Haven Wednesday night by the fast line on the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

—Dr. W. W. Reber, has removed his office from Pennsville, in East Penn twp., to Parryville borough, where he may now be found ready to treat diseases of all descriptions. See card in another column.

—Mrs. L. Wehr & Sister will, on Monday next, open a new millinery and dressmaking establishment, in the building formerly occupied by Ed. Dollenmeyer as a jewelry store, on South street, this borough. Read their advertisement and then call and inspect their beautiful stock.

—Those of our subscribers who are about changing their residence on the 1st of April will please notify us, so that their paper may be sent accordingly.

—For the week ending on the 13th inst., 62,353 tons of coal were shipped over the L. V. Railroad making a total for the season to that date of 1,079,454 tons, a decrease, as compared with same date last year, of 25,108 tons.

—Milford, Pike county, Pa., March 17.—A skeleton—undoubtedly that of a German pack peddler who mysteriously disappeared while passing through this region some time ago—has been found near Porter's lake in this county, by lumbermen. The remains were under a pile of stones in the midst of a great forest. The peller was known to have a large sum of money in his possession, and was probably murdered and robbed and his body thus secreted.

Sheriff's Sales.

On Saturday, April 3rd, at two o'clock in in the afternoon the Sheriff will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House in the borough of Mauch Chunk, the following properties, to wit:

Five certain tracts of land, situate in Penn Forest twp., with the improvements thereon erected; taken into execution as the property of Samuel L. McKeet.

Two tracts or pieces of land, situate in Mahoning twp., containing respectively 50 an 45 acres, with the improvements thereon erected; with the undivided one-half of a certain saw-mill and tract of land; taken into execution as the property of Jacob Strouse and Joseph Knell.

A lot of ground on West Railroad street, Summit Hill, with the improvements; taken into execution as the property of Leopold and Amelia Friedman.

A piece of ground in Lower Towamensing twp., containing 3 acres and 120 perches, with the improvements; taken into execution as the property of Geo. E. Swartz.

A piece of land in Mahoning twp., containing 75 acres, with the improvements; taken into execution as the property of Cornelius and Lewis Fenstermacher.

A messuage, tenement and lot of ground situate on Race street, Mauch Chunk, and also a lot of ground in the rear of the above with improvements; taken into execution as the property of Thos. Haggerty.

A lot of ground situate in the borough of Lehighton, with two story house and other improvements; taken into execution as the property of Henry Bartholomew.

A Bethlehem Storekeeper Nabbed.

Alexander M. Jackson, Superintendent of the retail department of J. McCreary's dry goods story, New York city, saw Charles A. Kraus acting suspiciously in the wholesale department. Kraus had a large pasteboard box under his arm, and wandered about the store examining silks and other goods. He was known to be a storekeeper from Bethlehem, Pa., and had made many purchases of the firm. His wife was with him, but in a different part of the store. He placed the box on the floor, and Johnson slyly kicked it and found it heavy. When Kraus started to leave the store with the box Johnson stopped him, and found in the box three pieces of black silk valued at $547, which he had stolen from the counters. Kraus and his wife were arrested. He confessed his guilt, and said that he had made repeated thefts from the store at previous visits, aggregating over $3,000 worth of goods. In the Jefferson Market Police Court Kraus said that his wife was ignorant of the theft, and had believed the silk to have been purchased. She was discharged and Kraus was committed.—New York *Sun*, 17th inst.

Horrible Suicide.

Ashland, Pa., March 12, 1880.

On Tuesday afternoon Bushrod Smith, the car inspector at the Gordon Planes, committed suicide by throwing himself under a train of coal cars. Smith was but thirty-six years of age, and was the father of three children. For many years he suffered severely with rheumatism, and it is believed the terrible pain arising from that dreadful disease affected his mind. For the past month he acted strangely, he would never sleep but lay in bed, night after night, until he almost prayed that he might be summoned to the grave. "One night," so he said to David Phillips, a store keeper, of Gordon, "the Lord came to me and pointed out three places to me—heaven, earth and hell." He selected the earth, and, to use his own words, said: "Now I have to stay in this world for all time to come." The next day he said to his wife: "Sue, you will soon be a widow." The wife commenced to weep, when to console her said, "don't cry, may be it won't be so." One night he went to church and was asked by some of his friends to seek religion, he consented, stood up, and asked for the prayers of the congregation. Some time ago he buried one of his children, and that affected him so much that he refused to live in the house where the child had died; so he sold his property and rented another one. On Tuesday morning, before going to his work, he tenderly kissed his wife and children and bid them good bye; on reaching the head of the planes, he set to work inspecting the wheels of the cars as they landed at the head of the plane, but no one suspected that he was nourishing a terrible desire to end his life. Near quitting time, he asked one of the employees how many more trips were to be hoisted; on being told the next trip would be the last one, he determined to die there and then. As soon as the cars came in sight he threw down his hammar, and, catching hold of his chin with one of his hands, he laid his neck across the rail, and stared directly at the train which came thundering along at great speed. The first car struck his neck and, severing the jugular vein, pushed the already lifeless form off the track. An inquest was held on the body and a verdict rendered, "That Smith committed suicide while laboring under a fit of temporary insanity." Mr. Smith was a respected citizen, and enjoyed the confidence of all who knew him. His funeral took place on Thursday.

Yours, etc.,

Isaac W. Tyrell.

THE M. E. CONFERENCE.

On Friday, a resolution was adopted by Conference requesting the Presiding Bishop to make no transfers to this Conference unless an equal number be transferred from it. An amendment was added declaring that the request of any church or churches for a continued supply by transfers is unreasonable and un-Methodistic, and ought not to be complied with. It was further resolved to petition the General Conference to amend the discipline by adding to that portion conferring on the Bishops power to fix the appointments, the provision that transfers shall not be from one Conference to another without consulting the Conferences immediately interested. According to the discipline and through the reports presented, special committees were appointed to try Revs. T. B. Miller, M. D., and William Major on account of their relations with the Philadelphia University of Surgery and Medicine.

The Lay Electoral Conference, on Friday elected to the General Conference, which meets at Cincinnati in May next, Judge Dreher as delegate from the districts outside of Philadelphia; alternate, General Albright; and as delegates from the Philadelphia districts, Councilman John Hunter; alternate, John Whiteman. Resolutions were adopted opposing any change in restrictive rules limiting the the term of service of a parter in the church to three years, and providing for the establishment of a committee or board to decide upon all questions of church location. A recomendation was adopted that hereafter any minister in the regular work and in charge of a church shall first obtain the consent of the Presiding Elder and Quarterly Conference before proposing or undertaking to engage in any secular work, or connect himself with any institution of learning science.

It was reported at the annual meeting Friday of the Philadelphia Branch of the Conference Board of Church Extension of this church, that, during the fourteen years of the parent Board's active work, ending January 1, 1880, the Board has collected and disbursed $1,509,172 44, of which $329,926 73 belongs to the Loan Fund, from which churches are to be aided only by loans, and that since the first of this year 38 churches have been aided by loans and donations. Addresses were made by Bishop Merrill and Revs. C. C. McCabe, D. D., and T. T. Everett.

At the anniversary exercises of the Sunday School Union on Friday, addresses were made by Revs. Dr. Butler and James Morrow. It was stated that the schools have 8000 teachers and 70,000 pupils.

At Saturday's meeting of the Conference, Revs. Dr. H. W. Warren, William Swindells, W. J. Paxson, Jacob Todd and Geo Cummings were elected delegates to the General Conference which meets in Cincinnati during next May.

On Monday Revs. Dr. James Cunningham and John F. Chaplain were elected alternate delegates to the General Conference at Cincinnati. A resolution, action upon which was deferred until Tuesday morning, was offered, declaring that it is highly improper for any preacher in charge to engage in any secular employment or occupation, whether professional, mercantile, official or otherwise; the resolution further urges upon all "brethren in the pastoral office the absolute necessity, which is upon us all, to keep entirely clear from all such engagements." The report for the Lehigh district stated that, with one exception, all debt burdened churches are in an improved condition.

Collections for the year past amounting to $37,353 15 were reported Monday evening at the celebration of the fifty-ninth anniversary of the Missionary Society. Addresses were made by Bishop Merrill and Revs. Dr. C. H. Fowler and F. H. Moore.

Conference indefinitely postponed Tuesday all further action upon the resolution, offered at a previous meeting, prohibiting ministers from engaging in secular employment. Action was also postponed upon a resolution requesting the General Conference to change the law governing the election of Presiding Elders, to consider whether it would not be more economical or effective to have a Bishop for each Conference, with an Advisory Board of Presiding Elders, who shall be chairmen of small districts, and, at the same time, have pastoral charge, and to consider what other change, if any, should be made in the work of Pesiding Elders.

Conference adopted resolutions, Wednesday, expressive of sympathy with sufferers in Ireland, and recommended that church collections and subscriptions be sent to the President of the Irish Conference for distribution through the ministers of that body. A report was adopted recommending that none but the unfermented juice of the grape be used on sacramental occasions, that the subject of temperance be given prominence in all the Sabbath schools, and that all the ministers present it frequently from the pulpit. The Statistic Committee reported that there are in the district 5955 probationers, 45,716 members, 298 local preachers, 8066 officers and teachers of Sunday schools an 63,694 Sunday scholars.

East Penn Dots.

—The frequent fall of snow causes more mud.

—The roads from Pennsville to Bowman's are in a bad condition.

—Joseph Ruch and son-in-law paid a visit to Slatington on Satuaday last, the former for the benefit of his health.

—William Ruch has secured work at Hazzardsville, while the "Patch" is working in the sand pit.

—Phaon Benighoff has rented the house on the Lewis Frantz farm.

—Our friend David DeLong moved to Lehigh county, his son James will take possession of the farm vacated by his father.

—Wilson Steinmetz bought two fine horses, consideration $230, he will shortly move on a farm near Bethlehem.

—A child of Elias Smith died after a short illness. It was burried on Friday in the Densalem cemetery.

—There are at present quite a number of cases of sickness in our district—mostly among children.

—Chas. Gressley is the happiest man—it is a bouncing boy.

—H. H. Schleiger will take possession of the Albright farm on the first of April. We wish him success.

Uncle Sam.

Parryville Budget.

—Rev. G. W. Gross preached a well prepared sermon in the Evangelical church, last Sabbath, and all seemed well pleased.

—Mrs. Mary Phifer and Mrs. Rev. Butz were on a visit to Mr. Peter's, at Lehigh Gap.

—Mr. Chas. Repert's family has been visited by death's cold hand, one of his children having died.

—Mr. Jacob Snyder who has been sick for some time, bade farewell to this vain world of tears. He will be buried to-day (Friday) at the Snyder's church.

Alfonso Del Travano.

Meeting to Start a Manufacturing Enterprise.

The undersigned committee, appointed at a public meeting of citizens to make inquiries in relation to starting up a glass or nail manufactory in this place, have performed their duties, as they understood them, and are ready to report. All persons interested will meet at the Exchange Hotel, on Wednesday, March 24, at half past seven p. m., to further discuss the project.

W. M. Rapsher,
J. L. Gabel,
Wm. Kemerer. } Com.

Action of the Board of Prrdons.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 17.—The Board of Pardons to-day recommended pardons in the following cases: Albert Lincoln, Allegheny county, convicted of burglary; Milton Mathews, Allegheny county, perjury; David McKelvey, Crawford county, larceny; John A. Rodgers, Philadelphia, murder in the second degree, and James Gest, Allegheny county, burglary.

In the case of the Raber murderers, of Lebanon county, Henry Wise's application for pardon was refused, and the hearing of the others was postponed until the next meeting. The application of William Scott, of Lackawanna county, and William Young, of Cambria county, convicted of murder, were also refused. The case of Frank Smail of Allegheny county, convicted of murder, was held under advisement. No action was had in the riot bribery cases.

Mauch Chunk Items.

—The 17th of March as usual is cloudy above and muddy below. The town is filled with Erin's Sons, who are quietly celebrating the day in honor of their patron, St. Patrick. The usual bluster and parade will be dispensed with, and the money that is usually appropriated for such purpose will be applied to the Irish Relief Fund.

—On Tuesday the huckster team of Amos Kreger, ran away, it having broken from the hitching post before the Mauch Chunk House. The horses were caught by Elias Shick before any serious damage was done.

—From the appearance of the Commonwealth Docket, the Court of Quarter Sessions and General Jail Delivery will be very dull. The case of Goldberg for murder will be called up and probably tried. His counsel is General Albright.

—Business is brightening up somewhat in town, and our merchants are preparing for a good spring trade. The stoppage in the coal traffic for three days in the week has a bad effect on the business in the coal district of the county.

—The auditor in the estate of O. Breneiser, dec'd, meet to-day. It is calculated that the estate will pay about 75 per cent.

—An oil train, drawn by engine No. 175, John Berger, engineer, consisting of fifty-five oil tanks, met with an accident Wednesday evening at about 7 o'clock. When nearing Penn Haven at a fair speed an axle of one of the trucks broke, and the consequence was the explosion and burning up of five of the oil tanks. The balance of the train was saved, and fortunately none of the train hands hurt. It is said that the burning oil was thrown up on the mountain side, and presented a frightful spectacle. C.L.

Our Weatherly Special!

—On Monday next the Emersonian Literary Society will hold an open meeting, to which the public are invited. The following is the programme: 1, music; 2, address by the President; 3, reading by Dr. J. B. Tweedie; 4, music; 5, music; 6, address by S. Bedwell; 7, essay by E. R. Enbody; 8, music; 9, essay by S. G. Eby; 10, reading by E. H. DeWitt; 11, music. A special feature of the exercises will be the music by the Weatherly Orchestra. Their efforts at the entertainment of the Elocution Class, in school hall, on Wednesday last, reflected great credit upon them—proving that as an organization they possess rare musical ability. We anticipate a full house and as the foregoing programme, especially the musical part, will attract a number of people, it is proposed to hold the meeting in school hall. A special invitation is extended to the ladies.

—Our town is visited with an unusual number of tramps, mostly Poles. Their influx here would indicate quite an exodus somewhere.

—Dr. P. H. Latham's infant son died on Monday of this week. The remains were interred at Laurytown on Wednesday.

—We learn that H. S. Rinker has leased an extensive tract of timber land in Packer township from which he expects to ship considerable timber and bark during the coming season. He will do this in connection with his general mercantile business. H. S. is every active, energetic and enterprising. We wish him abundant success in this new department of business.

—Teachers Institute last Friday was well attended and quite interesting. Next session to be held Friday, the 19th, from 7 to 10 p. m.

—So far as we have heard, the appointment of Rev. F. P. Eyer, to succeed Rev. R. H. Colburn as pastor of the M. E. church gives general satisfaction. We expect that he will preach his first sermon here on Sabbath, the 28th inst.

—Dr. Latham is named as census enumerator for our borough. We have no doubt as to his appointment, and feel satisfied that he will make an excellent official.

—That "rust consumes more than friction wears" is evidenced by your correspondent's awkward attempt at itemizing this week, owing to his inactivity for several weeks past. More next time. Ethel Wary.

Weissport Items.

—The average youngster is now in a fix, because he is no longer allowed to lounge about the rolling mill. Notices cautioning persons who have no business not to enter the mill, have been stuck up for the perusal of the public.

What has become of the Good Templars Lodge? This question has been asked by many, but never satisfactorily answered. Why no one has been successful in attempting to glean some information concerning this organization, some knowledge of its growth or premature death, its membership, standing, influence or something else, no one has, apparently, been able to say. It would be simply absurd to suppose that such information would be kept secret, and yet all are silent on the subject.

—Prof. H. H. Hall, of Philadelphia, will give one of his grand Sunday school exhibitions in the East Weissport school-house, next Monday evening. It is highly spoken of, and will undoubtedly be what it is represented to be. Tickets are to be had from any school boy for only 15 cents.

—John C. Weiss & Bro. have sold their broom factory to Hiram Rickert, of East Weissport. Ike.

Towamensing Brevities.

—The fox chasing season will soon be over.

—Wild ducks have made their appearance on our creeks.

—A black fox was seen by Mahlon Christman on Monday morning, near Trachsville.

—Joel Strohl, of the valley, was at Mauch Chunk on Wednesday.

—Misses Eve Kunkel and M. A. Smith were on a visit to Kresgeville last week. They say they enjoyed themselves, although they had to walk home through the snow—which was a hard task.

—Amos and Josiah Strohl are busy building a black-smith shop.

—David Strohl captured a gray fox on Friday last.

—One of Charles Shoenberger's children fell against the stove, and burned its head severely last Sunday.

—Mr. G. Heydt, burried another one of his children at the Jerusalem church, on Friday The second one for this month. The cause of death was diphtheria.

—Emanuel Berger intends to move to Pine Swamp this spring, where he will go into the distilling business. Mercury.

Religious Notes.

Evangelical Church Weissport.—E. J. Miller, 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 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.

Lehighton Evangelical Church.—B. J. Smoyer, Pastor. Preaching to-morrow at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: The Invisible Army at Dothare, (2 Kings, 6, 15—17.) Evening subject: The Life of Enoch, a perfect illustration of the possibility of living without sin in this world, (Gen. 5, 24.) All are cordially welcome.

The Coal Trade.

The anthracite coal trade shows a reduction last week as compared with corresponding week last year of 68,000 tons, and for the year to the same date of 24,000 tons. These reductions are on an aggregate tonnage for the year of 3,354,000 tons, and are the effects mainly of the three days per week of coal suspension, which will probably be continued to the 15th of April, giving three days more of suspension than was originally agreed upon, and will probably further increase the amount of reduction some hundred of thousands of tons yet before a change to an increase fully sets in. The trade continues in the same healthy condition that we have had occasion to remark upon for the past three or four weeks. The demand for coal is fairly satisfactory and circular prices are well maintained, especially for the larger sizes of coal. Some operators are of opinion that full work might be resumed now but for the excess of supply of the smaller sizes of coal. If the consumers could be induced to take these small sizes of coal with the larger coals the supply and demand for coal would soon be adjusted. It is now in contemplation to bring some such arrangement as this about. The winter is so far spent as to render it probable that the demand for domestic uses will not be larger for the future than is usual for spring weather and spring consumption. The small coals now in excess of the current demand are held at 30 to 40 cents per ton higher than the large sizes, and but for this difference in prices the consumers of the large coals, which are in good demand, would take both indiscriminately. For some uses for which large coal is now exclusively used, because of its lower price, the smaller sizes would be preferred. It is proposed to remedy the trouble, not by putting down the small sizes but to advance the prices of the large coals. A few weeks under this operation it is believed will readily and effectively adjust this disparity in the market, and without loss to the trade, as it is not contemplated to lessen the prices of any of the several sizes of the same quality of coal, but to bring up the prices of the large coals, which are now at some some points short of the demand. The outlook for the coal trade is not only good but continues to improve from week to week. It is good from its relation to the improved condition of the other active industries of the country, but good in itself—in its own supply and market demand. Coal is wanted for many uses, to enable the fulfillment of contracts that cannot be abrogated, and which are necessary to keep the business "boom," now fairly started, in progress. Last year the anthracite product exceeded 26 millions of tons, and the more careful in the trade now estimate that it will, in the year 1880, exceed last year's amount by more than 1½ millions of tons. This will, it is expected, tax the productive capacities of the several coal regions to about their full extent.—*Ledger*, 15th inst.

Wild Creek Items.

—James Smith visited our schools last Monday.

—James Stemler, of Stemlersville, was visiting our schools on Monday.

—Stephen Kibler, of Beersvalley, was visiting here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Mrs. G. Shultz, of Indian Hill, died on Monday last, and was buried on Wednesday a 1 o'clock p. m.

—Mahlon Christman, teacher of school No. 5, had quite a lot of visitors on Monday last.

—Henry Kibler was on a trip to Lehigh Gap on Wednesday, with a load of hoop poles.

—Peter Kibbler and Eugene Miller were thrashing grain on Tuesday.

—Constable Greenzweig passed through here on Tuesday.

—Chas. Meinhard, of Pine Run, was at this place on Wednesday.

—John C. Distler was on a trip to Lehigh Gap with a load of lumber.

—J. E. Kibler who is employed in shoe making at Beaver Meadow, is at home for a few days.

—Frank Searfass, of North Wild Creek, intends to build a distillery at Craig's saw mill, this spring. Wish him good luck and happy times.

—Some of our sportsmen tried to capture a fox last week, but Mr. Fox was to sly for them.

—Wm. Moser, who was working here returned home last Wednesday.

—Thomas Kibbler, of Beersvalley, was at this place, canvassing for a Maine newspaper, Jok.

Big Creek Items!

—Our school will close in two weeks.

—C. A. Buck, of this place, will move into one of T. J. Eisler's houses, near A. G. Phifer's store shortly.

—Farmers are looking around for farming hands for this summer.

—Harry Sowers, of this place, moved across the creek on Wednesday of last week.

—Josiah Walck, of Jamestown formerly of this place, moved on the farm of Rev. C. Eisenberger, near Beltzville, Tuesday of last week.

—Several of our hunters were out a few days again last week after foxes.

—Joseph Beitz, of Hazzardville, moved on the Prince farm, at this place, on Friday of last week.

—There will be more changes of residence at this place this year than for a number of years.

—Prof. J. Hansicker held singing school in the St. Paul's church one evening last week.

—David Snyder, of Millport, who recently purchased the Solt's property, will take possession of it on April 1st. So reported.

—We are pleased to report that Mrs. W. Schweibens who has been sick for some time past, is fast recovering under the skillful treatment of Dr. Seipel, of Lehighton.

—Henry Neeb, Jr., of Pine Run, moved to Mauch Chunk, where he has procured work on Monday morning last. The Sabbath school will miss him, as he was always a regular attendant.

—C. A. Buck, of this place, sold his horse on Saturday last to John Balliet, of Bowmansville, for $120.

—Rev. J. E. Freeman had services here in the St. Paul's church on Sunday last.

—We learn from the U. S. Commissioner's report of education that the average salary per month for male teachers in Pennsylvania is $37; Nevada takes the lead with an average of $115 per month. To the gentleman who sent us this valuable report for our library, we say thanks.

—Rev G. W. Gross will hold services in the Solt's church on Sunday morning. After the close of the services he will hold an election for class leaders and an exhorter. The rev. gentleman preached his first sermon on Sunday evening last, to a large audience. He took for his text the 1st and 2nd verse of the 2d Chapter of St. Paul's epistle to the Corinthians—"And I, brethren, when I came to you came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God, for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified." He handled his subject very ably. The members are very much pleased with their pastor. May much good be accomplished through his ministry during this conference year, and success crown his efforts.

—Superintendent H. F. Holford, visited the Walcksville school on Wednesday of last week. Revere.

Newspaper Advertising Bureau.

To Geo. P. Rowell & Co's Newspaper Advertising Bureau, 10 Spruce street, New York, the press and the public are indebted for the most of the statistics of American newspapers. When this firm commenced business in 1865, there was not accessible to the public, anything which approximated a complete newspaper list. It was the custom of the advertising agencies to keep their's secret, believing that they thereby made it necessary for advertisers to consult them. In 1869, Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. issued the first American Newspaper Directory. In the preface of that work occurred this paragraph:

"We have always believed, and labored in the belief, that, as advertising agents, it was and should be in our power to be of material service to both advertiser and publisher, and we know no better way to convince them of the value of our services than by issuing this book, thus enabling them to communicate without our aid; this we do in the belief that we shall thereby the sooner persuade them of the utility of employing and encouraging our Agency."

The result showed the position to be well taken. Within twelve months their firm was in receipt of a larger patronage than had ever before been accorded to an advertising agency.

It is a fact, frequently commented upon, that there is no other business interest of the country, the statistics of which are so thoroughly set forth and made public, as that of making newspapers; and for this the American Newspaper Directory has the entire credit.

In 1876, at the World's Fair at Philadelphia, Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. erected a building in which were received, filed and exhibited, late copies of every American periodical publication; the *London Times* correspondent, in the opening paragraph of his letter of July 10th of that year, writes as follows:

"I have frequently had occasion to notice the big way in which the Americans do things, and I do not think it would be easy to find an apter illustration of it than that furnished by the newspaper building in the Exhibition grounds."

Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co. point with satisfaction to the two years in which they incurred the greatest expense for extending to the public broad sources of information concerning the business in which they are engaged (1869, 1876), as the two in which, notwithstanding the extraordinary outlay, did actually produce for them a net income in excess of any other years of their business career.

One of the strongest holds which this Advertising Bureau has upon the newspapers, is obtained by their system of making prompt payments for work done. Newspaper men who have commended this feature, when visiting the office in New York, have been invited to the cashier's desk, and shown a conspicuous printed notice posted there, which reads:

"ALL BILLS RECEIVED BEFORE TWELVE O'CLOCK MUST BE EXAMINED AND PAID TO-DAY."

The Advertising Agent avers to his patron, the advertiser, that he will procure for him *the lowest possible rates*. His profit comes from a commission from the publisher. To take the advertisement at a reduction from usual rates, and pay the agent for securing it, is not always pleasant for the newspaper men, but the reflection "we shall surely get the money the day we send the bill," has often decided him to accept an offer far below the price he ought to have received. From those newspapers which have one price for everybody, and require everybody to pay that price it is unnecessary to say that Messrs. Geo. P. Rowell & Co., obtain no advantages beyond the established commission, nor do they desire any. What they want, and what they must have for their patrons, is the lowest price, and when they have that they are satisfied. They are quite well aware that the best papers are, as a general rule, the cheapest.

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S. E. Bender, Everett, crate.
J. Benner and P. Pond, Philadelphia, assigned to R. R. Manufacturing Co., Buffalo, N. Y., registering apparatus. (Reissue.)
U. H. Billings, Philadelphia, assigned to Kerosene Lamp Heater Co., New York, N. Y., coal oil stove. (Reissue.)
B. C. Chambers, jr., and W. Mendham, Philadelphia. Mendham assigned to Chambers. Paper folding machine.
J. G. Chandl