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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.

—Easter Sunday (to-morrow.)

—County roads are in a very bad condition.

—There are no vacant houses now in Allentown.

—The Stonton car shops are running night and day.

—Strikes and the rumors of strikes are continually on the increase.

—The boatman's horn is now again to be heard along the Lehigh canal.

—The Phœnix Iron Company, at Phœnixville, now employs 2,200 men.

—Forty thousand railroad ties were cut in Monroe county this winter.

—The next term of Court commences on Monday April 12th.

—There are 2,400 laborers in the Bethlehem iron company's works in Bethlehem.

—The Merchants' Bank of Easton, operating under a State charter, is to be wound up.

—Hon. Robert Klotz will please accept our thanks for important and interesting congressional documents.

—Sportsmen say that the past open winter will make all kinds of game plenty. This seems reasonable.

—On Saturday the Allentown Rolling Mill disbursed about $30,000 among its employees, being the wages due for the last month.

—Seating operations have commenced on the raging canal, and busy life has taken a fresh start along our borders.

—If you want a nice smooth, easy shave, your hair cut or shampooing, go to Frank 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. Hern's Central Drug Store, opposite the "Carbon House." 6-19.

—The latest in papetries with embossed horseshoes and bouquets may be seen at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

—60,937 tons of coal were transported over the Lehigh Valley railroad for the week ending on the 20th inst., making a total of 1,140,392 tons for the season to that date, a decrease of 6,822 tons as compared with same time last year.

—Francis Stecker moved to Pleasant Corner during the week, where he will take charge of the Hotel.

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

—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.

—Peter Lubey was killed by falling down a "man way" at Girard colliery, in Schuylkill county, Monday.

—Thomas Weidaw and his family of East Weissport, left for Seneca county, Ohio, on Wednesday last. He takes with him the best wishes of his friends for his future welfare.

—An aspirant for a county office being asked what his political principles were, announced his platform thus: "I am, sir, in favor of the next war, opposed to cholera—in favor of high salaries, and opposed to uncurrent funds and poor brandy, and shall continue to hire my teams at the popular livery of David Ebbert, on North Street, Lehighton.

—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.

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

—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.

—Rumor says the Lehigh coal operators are divided in opinion as to whether full time should be resumed on the 1st of April or half time continue throughout next month.

—The return of Rev. J. P. Miller to the ministry of the M. E. church of this borough, by the late Conference, gives universal satisfaction. Mr. Miller made a host of friends for himself during his first year's sojourn in our midst.

—John Parker's *Tri-Weekly* of last Tuesday, says: "It would be wise of some of our country papers who are talking of basis wages in the month of April to hold up a little. Mr. Gowen will fix that, and till he says what is to be, there is no certainty of what we all so ardently long for."

—64,241 tons of coal were shipped over the L. & S. railroad for the week ending March 19, making a total of 647,698 tons for the season to that date, being a decrease of 19,731 tons as compared with the same date last year.

—Lewis Weiss, in the post office building, this borough, has just made a large addition to his stock for the spring and summer trade, viz, a full line of stiff and soft felt hats of the latest and best styles, and a full line of gentlemen's, ladies' and children's boots, shoes and gaiters, all of which he is offering at the very lowest cash prices.

—William Schlicher, aged 40 years, hanged himself near Emaus, on Monday night. He leaves a wife and two children. Domestic and pecuniary troubles caused the deed.

—Mrs. Miller, wife of Mr. Al. Miller, the horse jockey, some time since made application to our courts to have the connubial bonds which were binding her to her husband dissolved, and on the case coming before the Judge on last Friday her prayer was granted.—*Allentown Democrat.*

—Frederick A. Rube, of the firm of Rube Brothers, tobacco dealers, died suddenly in Allentown, on Sunday morning.

—It is reported that a meeting of the miners of Lackawanna, Luzerne and Carbon has been called at Pittston for to-day (Friday), March 26. Delegates from all the collieries are expected to be present, and it is proposed to ask for an advance of wages on April 1. If it be refused a strike is contemplated which may be serious, as the miners are represented to be very determined in the matter.

—Dr. W. G. M. Seiple has removed his office and residence from next door to E. H. Snyder, to Second street, the second brick building below South, late the residence of Prof. Bernd, where he will be pleased to have his friends call upon him.

—Five men employed in the Steel Ore Company's mine at Boyertown, got into the bucket to reach the surface Monday evening, when the vehicle was accidentally lowered into fifteen feet of water. One of the men—John Ayers—was drowned.

—The fifth annual meeting of the shareholders of the Carbon County Industrial Society will be held at Jonas A. Hom's, (Mansion House), in this borough, on Monday, April 12th, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of other business. Those interested may make a note of this fact.

—FOR SALE, a young ALDERNEY COW, coming fresh in May, kind and gentle, is a good butter cow, will be sold cheap for cash. Apply to A. T. Philler, store keeper, North Weissport, Pa.

—The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society is to have the co-operation of the Pa. State Dairymen's Association in getting up the State Fair next September, in Fairmount Park. The premium list of the Association is to be included in that of the State Society, and prizes will be offered for foreign dairy products as well as domestic. The American dairyman will therefore find himself in competition with his European rival, and in one important feature the exhibition will be international.

—A valuable deposit of iron ore has been discovered on the Rohn farm, in Hanover township and is being developed by an Allentown party. The ore will be shipped to the Allentown Iron Company.

—If your local paper happens to tread on your toes a little in performing its mission, says an exchange, don't get huffy and say harsh things about it, but stop and take a long breath and think back for a season and see if you can't remember some of the good kindnesses it has shown you and yours in the past. Then reflect that it may not be long before you may want favors again.

—Muhlenberg College, Allentown, mourns the loss of its skeleton, which mysteriously disappeared the other day.

—There is a new law against tearing down handbills and posters. Mischievous persons should make a note of this.

—Pig iron has had a decline in prices at the Philadelphia markets during the past week. No. 1 foundry was selling at $38@$39; No. 2 foundry, at $36@$37; auy forge, at $36; mottled iron, at $35@$36; choice brands for special purposes sells at 50c. and $1 more than the above quotations.

—Shoemaker's materials have advanced very considerably in price, and boots and shoes as a result have gone up very speedingly. Leather, which one year ago sold from six to eight cents per square foot is today worth 12½ and 15 cents. Sole leather which last winter sold at 22 cents per pound is this winter worth 33 cents. Thread that a year ago was worth $1.10 per pound is now selling at $1.40. A year ago 6 cents for tacks, now 10 cts; heel nails then 10 cts, now 15 cts. Labor, too commands a better price than last year. Everything that enters into the manufacture of boots and shoes has within the year advanced in price from 30 to 60 per cent.

—Amandus Dettet, of Monroe county, boarded a coal train, on Wednesday morning, at White Haven, to steal a ride down the valley, and when near Drake's Creek, he jumped off the moving train and fell upon a pile of stones, whence he rolled on to the track under the cars. Five or six cars passed over his body mangling him in a terrible manner. He lived about 30 minutes after the accident.

—Rev. J. H. Hartman, pastor of the Reformed church will take up his residence in this borough next week.

—On Saturday last, Bernard Gildea, of Tresckow, ex-treasurer of the school board of Banks twp., was arrested by Chas. Grim, of the Coal and Iron Police, on the charge of having appropriated to his own use about $200 of the school money. He had a hearing before Squire Butler, of Audenried, who, in default of $800 bail, committed him to Mauch Chunk jail. It may be said in Gildea's favor that it was the want of keeping a strict account, and not any desire to defraud, that leaves him where he is to-day.—*Hazleton Beacon.*

—Among the names of those elected by the Philadelphia M. E. Conference at its late session to represent it in the general conference to be held in Cincinnati in May, we observe that of Hon. Samuel S. Dreher, President Judge of this Judicial District and a resident of Stroudsburg. We hazzard nothing in saying that a better selection could not have been made. For some twelve years Judge Dreher has been an earnest member of the Methodist church of Stroudsburg, and as he has the interests of the denomination at heart and the ability to support them, the wisdom of his selection will be made apparent in the discussion of measures which may come before that august body for consideration and in his votes for or against them. Our church has been honored both in and by the selection of Judge Dreher.—*Stroudsburg Jeffersonian.*

—FOR SALE—One pair strong able MULES, fit for any work. One 7 years old the other 9. Sold for want of use. Price, $175. For further information apply at this office.

—Constable H. G. Deppey, of Penn Forest, was in town Thursday. We were pleased to see him out again after his recent illness.

—The many friends of Mrs. Laitale will be pained to hear that she is lying very ill at this time.

—We are pleased to learn that our young friend, Jerome Riegel, was somewhat better at last accounts.

—Henry E. Bohlen, of Easton, will make application for a liquor store license at our next term of Court, and will locate in Fawcett's building, this borough, at present occupied by Wm. Reed's cigar manufactory. The latter will move further up town.

—The Mauch Chunk Building and Loan Association will probably be closed up in May, 1881.

—In the Goldberg murder case contributions are solicited for both the prosecution and defense.

—Twenty-five thousand quails are being imported from England to be set at liberty in Pennsylvania.

—It is probable that a new Building and Loan Association will be organized at an early day in Mauch Chunk.

—Rev. J. M. Freeman has purchased the farm of John Schwab, North Weissport, for $1600.

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., Easter sermon, subject, "Resurrection and Immortality." 2 p. m., Sunday school; 6 p. m., Prayer and Praise Service; 7 p. m., Sermon to Children. All cordially invited.

LEHIGHTON EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—B. J. Smoyer, Pastor. Preaching to-morrow at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: A Risen Savior. Evening subject: The Attractiveness of the Cross. An illustrated sermon to children. All are welcome.

To Delinquents.

Few of those persons indebted to us for from one to three years subscription have complied with our request to come forward and settle their respective accounts, although we have repeatedly urged them to do so. We purpose to strike from our list after the first day of April all those in arrears for over two years, and such who will fail to receive the paper after that time will know the cause. Since the "boom" in the price of paper we cannot afford to send the ADVOCATE out without receiving pay for it.

Wild Creek Items.

—Eggs are 12 cents per dozen.

—Butter is 22 cents per pound.

—Mr. Kistler, of Tannersville, Monroe Co., died last Tuesday.

—Henry Hittner, made a trip to Lehigh Gap, one day last week.

—Miss M. J. Savitz, of Rokendaugus, formerly of this place returned home Wednesday last.

—Daniel Hackerty and Miss Louisa Danner, both of Kresgeville, were united in holy bonds of wedlock, Tuesday of last week. They were serenaded by the Johnny Morgan band.

—I am very much pleased with the documents I received from "Revere" last week. They are very interesting.

—Col. Eckhard, of Wild Creek Kettle, moved on P. H. Kibler's farm.

—Geo. Kibler, at Kreidersville, Northampton county, paid us a visit last week. Call again.

—School No 5, taught by H. Christman, will close today (Saturday).

—J. C. Butler, paid a visit to his friend John Young, at Audenried, last Tuesday.

—P. H. Kibler, moved to this place on Monday. JOE.

Towamensing Brevities.

—The weather was quite fresh on Wednesday morning—poor sign for Spring.

—School No 6 will close next Friday.

—Supt. R. F. Hufford was in this valley visiting schools on Tuesday. Glad to see him.

—Charles Dreibisch and daughter were visiting at Allentown this week.

—Emma Stettler, formerly of Trachsville, but now of Weissport, was at home on a visit on Sunday.

—Joseph Kibler was at Drake's Creek on Tuesday on business.

—Harrison Kunkel and wife of Trachsville, were at Allentown on Monday last.

—Rev. Freeman, of Weissport, will preach in the Jerusalem church to-morrow (Sunday) at 2:30 p. m.

—Hiram Christman moved on the farm formerly occupied by M. Smith, of Eckhardt's Valley.

—Yesterday (Friday) was a legal holiday, but not for the teachers

—Joel Kunkel, of Dottersville, went to Allentown on Monday.

—A shooting match was held at John Danner's on Tuesday.

—A spelling bee was held at Kibler's school house by Nathan Christman, on Thursday evening. MERCURY.

Commonwealth vs. Goldberg.

We are reliably informed that our townsman, Hon. W. M. Rapsher, has been retained as private counsel, with our experienced District Attorney, to conduct the prosecution of the celebrated homicide case, of the Commonwealth vs. Goldberg, to be tried at our next April Term of Court. The friends of the prosecution have no doubt made a wise choice of counsel in so important a case. Mr. Rapsher's reputation as a clear-headed and reliable lawyer is conceded by all who know him. He is undoubtedly an eloquent and forcible speaker and is so recognized. He has been engaged in nearly all criminal cases of note in our courts since his admission to the Bar in 1870, with remarkable success. Among them may be mentioned the cases of the Commonwealth vs. Wagner, for homicide, in which his client, the defendant, was acquitted; the Commonwealth vs. Otto, for burglary, in which his clients, the defendants, were not only acquitted but entirely vindicated, and all will remember his impassioned plea for the life of "Yellow Jack" Donohue; the Mollie Maguire, which Hon. F. W. Hughes justly complimented as a speech of marked force and ability. We do not intend to express an opinion upon the merits of so important a case, but we have no doubt that the lawyers for the defense will feel that the prosecution will bear down upon them with skillful force.

An Engineer Speaks.

LEHIGHTON, March 21, 1880.

MR. EDITOR.—On reading the ADVOCATE of March 13th, I came to the Assessor's Guide for the assessment of taxes in Carbon county. Now, Mr. Editor, I do not like to find fault, but we engineers do not think that the Commissioners have done justice in raising our occupation tax from $200 to $250, while they have reduced nearly all other rates; especially is this the case with the rates of miners; they tell you work with miners is a little uncertain—half time, and so on. And for this reason he is put down $50. Is it right that our rates be increased from $200 to $250? Can we run coal when none is mined? Where is the justice, Mr. Editor? Perhaps Mr. Ash and Mr. Andreas have forgotten us, while Mr. Gallagher has remembered his friends; be that as it may, we have no malice, but we ask for what is right. Now, they say, you get good wages, from $2.25 to $2.00 a day, and you must pay accordingly; very well; does the miner do it, or the lawyer, doctor, merchant, landlord, or peddler? We have nothing to say as regards freight and passenger engineers, who make full time. Can you not see a difference? You do see it in the case of laborers—the employed and the unemployed. The contrast is too great to be overlooked. Commissioners, remember the old saying, "do unto others as you would have them to do unto you." I venture to say that we only average 15 to 20 days a month for the year. Had we a basis of prices, like the miner, or a raise in wages, then we would not complain. ENGINEER.

—Mrs. DeTschirchsky will move back to Lehighton on the 1st of April, and open a notion store in the room formerly occupied by R. Feustermacher on Second street, this borough.

Biographical Sketch of Hon. R. Klotz.

We find the following interesting sketch of our member of Congress, Hon. Robert Klotz, in the *National Free Press*, of the 20th inst., published at Washington, D. C. It will no doubt be read with much interest by his numerous friends in this section:

Hon. Robert Klotz, of Pennsylvania, son of Christian and Elizabeth (nee MacDaniel) Klotz, was born in Northampton (now Carbon) county, Pa., October 27, 1819. He received only such education as the winter country schools afforded, except six months at a private school in Easton, after he was 23. He utilized his spare opportunities so successfully that at the age of 24 he was elected the first Register and Recorder of Carbon county. In 1846 he went to the Mexican war as lieutenant of company K, Second Pa. volunteers, and was afterwards made adjutant of same regiment, under Col. John W. Geary, serving at Vera Cruz, first and second battles of Cerro Gordo, at the National Bridge, Huamantla (where Walker fell) and at Puebla (to relieve Col. Reilly, who was surrounded by Santa Ana's forces), and in other engagements. In the engagement at the second battle of Cerro Gordo he is honorably mentioned in the War Department Records, No. 411, by the commanding officer in that affair, and to his experience and enthusiasm is due mainly the success, as is alleged by the officers and men in the warm engagement of the National Bridge, 15th of August, 1847. Lt. Alonzo Loring, of Wheeling, Va., who served with him in that memorable charge, is well known to the writer, and is also honorably mentioned in the War Records. It was here that Lt. Klotz was placed under arrest for disobedience of orders—the disobedience consisting in himself and Lt. George D. Twiggs refusing to obey orders to spike their cannon—which they two were manning—and retreat. Klotz's reply was, "———, I didn't come to Mexico to spike cannon." Poor Twiggs had just fallen at the breach. Klotz was released the next morning, and sent with the command to dislodge the enemy at the affair at Cerro Gordo. On his return home, in 1848, he was elected to the Pennsylvania Legislature, and re-elected in 1849. In 1854 he removed to Kansas, by especial invitation of Gov. Reeder, located the town of Pawnee, and was elected president of its building association. He helped to build the first hotel in Leavenworth—the old Shawnee House—in the fall of 1854, and in 1855 built the first hotel in Western Kansas, at Pawnee. This house was the stopping place of both parties to the celebrated Free State discussions in Kansas in those early days, and in lively controversy frequently met around his hospitable board Jim Lane, Reeder, Stringfellow, Woodson, Atchison, Conway, Gen. Coffee, and all the leading spirits of the then struggling territory of Kansas, when the first session of the Legislature adjourned from Shawnee Mission to Pawnee. He was a member of the Topeka Convention, being the first signer of that constitution, and after its adoption was appointed, as a Democrat, Secretary of State, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the absence of Hon. Philip C. Schuyler, under Governor Robinson's administration. In 1858 he was one of the celebrated "Committee of Safety" to protect the State from invasion, and was appointed quartermaster general of the State troops at Lawrence, where he was associated with Major G. W. Deitzler, Gaius Jenkins, Gov. Charles Robinson and others.

He was one of the important factors in the selection of Topeka as the capital of the State, having by his personal influence carried the entire western portion of Kansas in favor of that place, and other important measures their pending.

He returned to his native State, and in 1859 was elected treasurer of Carbon county. At the breaking out of the rebellion, in 1861, he enlisted in the United States service and served three months under General Patterson, and in 1862 was made colonel of the Ninetieth Pennsylvania regiment, serving, among other places, at Chambersburg "in the emergency."

Mr. Klotz has been a busy man all his natured life, having had constantly on hand from one to half a dozen commercial enterprises. At present he is one of the trustees of the Lehigh University, at Bethlehem, one of the board of managers of the Laflin & Rand Powder Company, of New York, besides having various commercial, mining and financial enterprises under his supervision and presidency.

One of the Mexican veterans himself, and one of the vice presidents for Pennsylvania of the "National Association of Mexican Veterans" ever since its organization, he has evidenced his interest in the welfare of his old comrades by his ceaseless activity in their behalf, in and out of Congress. During the extra session of the Forty-sixth Congress he prepared and introduced a bill for pensioning surviving soldiers, or the families of deceased soldiers, of the Mexican war. The bill was referred to the Committee on Pensions, who, during the present session, have presented a bill embodying its main features. His chief legislative efforts have been to benefit the soldiers of the United States, as, indeed, have all his activities been engaged in any capacity he has filled.

Mr. Klotz has ever been a staunch Democrat, although personally popular and trusted by all parties. As a Democrat he was elected to the Forty-sixth Congress from the eleventh Pennsylvania district, in one of the most hotly contested political battles, receiving 8,211 votes, against 8,115 for the Republican, 5,173 for the Greenback, and 4,245 for the Independent Democratic candidate. As a congressman he is bold, practical and industrious, more of a worker than a speaker, and respected for his sound, practical views. He is on the Committee on Mines and Mining, having in their charge the mineral developements of the great West; also on the Committee of District of Columbia, one of the most important and hence most laborious committees in Congress, his well known characteristics of industry, practicability and unswerving fidelity being the inducements to his appointment thereon.

Weissport Items.

—It was an unmistakable instance of sincere love. They had not been married a fortnight, and were evidently making the best of the pleasures and happiness afforded them by the honeymoon, by letting the amused lookers-on know that they were not afraid to cling to each other very closely, as they certainly did. It was night and they had come to the rolling mill to see how iron was made. The mill presented a vivid scene of activity, and they had a very favorable opportunity of seeing it all, but forgetting their object in coming, they took no interest in seeing the busy men work the red hot iron. He was evidently tired, and she having offered no objection, he reclined his brawny arm on her tiny shoulder. It was disgusting to see her labor under the weight of so heavy a burden; she would have had the sympathies of all present if they had been needed. She did it for one whom she loved and certainly did not mind the excessive weight when love was whispered in her willing ear. An amused crowd watched their performances with close eyes. He was standing on one leg and getting tired, braced himself up on both, took a long look into one of the furnaces, and then, as if altogether undecided, stepped and whispered in her ear, something to which she responded in the affirmative by a positive motion of the head, and a big smile, which must have smitten him beyond any degree imaginable. Alas! it was far from being a secret. All was open and very frank. He kissed her with a smack that being heard, attracted the attention of even others, who before had paid no attention to them, and who now wore a look of astonishment. The light of the furnace made it bright as day. One kiss simply aggravated his passions, and ceasing for a moment to lean on her shoulder he bent lower, and fondly pressed her ruby lips with a second smack. She smiled as likewise did he. It was decidedly mutual, and hence neither of the two was shocked nor made to look even a little sheepish when a guttural sound of disgust from one in that crowd of excited spectators was heard above the noise of the machinery. It is probably needless to say that he wore his hat on one side of his head on this particular occasion.

—To-day (Friday) being Good Friday, nearly all our places of business are closed.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Joseph Balliet died on Monday night at the residence of his son, Nathan Balliet. The funeral takes place this (Saturday) afternoon.

—Rev. Mr. Strauss will administer the Lord's Supper on Sunday, to such as were confirmed by him during the past winter.

—Eddie Strauss, son of Rev. Strauss, fell from an elevation in the wagon shed while hunting eggs, and received a severe wound on the forehead. Medical aid was called in, and at last accounts he was doing well.

—Nathan Sensinger will occupy the house made vacant by the removal of T. J. Bretney. Mr. Sensinger is a shoemaker, and will do a good business no doubt.

—H. J. Young is at present employed at a breaker in Ashley. He reports favorably as to the prospects for work.

—Our esteemed friend J. M. Kistler contemplates going to the Keystone Normal this Spring. Mahoning will miss a genial and good natured friend. Our best wishes accompany him.

—Mr. A. S. Miller, who is at present spending his vacation at home, stands high in the graduating class at the Keystone Normal School. We doubt whether the class contains a brighter mind than Mr. Miller. Mahoning is a despised place by many neighboring districts, yet its youths are taking the lead at many of the institutions of education. In proof of this we quote Mr. T. M. Balliet, who took first honors at Franklin and Marshall College, and Dr. C. T. Horn, who took the medal at the Baltimore Medical Institute. Nazareth was a despised place, yet out of it came the Savior of the world.

—T. J. Bretney moved to Lehighton on Tuesday.

—Our public schools closed on Wednesday.

—Henry Young, a brother of our popular high school teacher, of Wilkesbarre, was in our valley on Monday and Tuesday.

—Lizzie Benninghoff is at present confined to her house with diphtheria.

—Amandus Kistler and brother were at Lehighton on Sunday.

—Jonathan Kistler, of Millport, will take possession of the Garber's mill next Thursday.

—The real estate of the late Philip Gombert will be sold at public sale on the 24 of April.

—The exhibition that was to be held at Centre Square to night (Saturday) has been postponed to next Friday evening, April 2.

—The society at Centre Square met last Saturday evening and elected the following officers: President, E. S. Hoppes; Recording Secretary, Alverta Miller; Cor. Sec., Emma L. Schlle; Critic, J. M. Kistler; Treasurer, Nathan Balliet, Jr. The question to be discussed next Wednesday evening is, Resolved, "That teachers should be paid according to the grade of their certificates."

—Gideon Nothstein, of Bloomingdale, will move on Gen. Albright's farm next week.

—Josiah Musselman, teacher of the New Mahoning school, had enrolled some 65 pupils and had an average attendance of 52.

—The school board will meet next Saturday at the public house of J. T. McIlhantel.

—John Fregman returned from Northampton county last week.

—Wm. Schaeffer and James Ashner left for Scranton last Tuesday. WILCOX.

Albrightsville Items.

—A stuck up thing—a hand bill.

—The thermometer during the past few days came down considerably.

—The panther which had been reported as seen in this vicinity a few days ago turned out to be a screech owl.

—Miss Susannah Strohl, daughter of Wm. Strohl, of Little Gap, was visiting friends in this section, and was the guest of Jacob Christman. Susie looks hale and hearty as ever.

—Messrs. Wm. H. George and James F. Kibbler, commenced work on the saw mill of A. Lewis & Co., at Hickory Run.

—Mr. and Mrs. Amandus Hawk, of Gilbert's, Monroe county, paid us a visit on Monday and returned home on Tuesday.

—Constable Nathan Serfass, of Kresgeville, paid us a visit on official duties on Thursday last.

—Eggs are selling at 10 cents a dozen and butter at 28 cents a pound.

—Mr. Franklin A. Wuest, son of John G. Wuest, of Kresgeville, paid us a flying visit on Sunday and returned home on Monday. Call again, Frank, we are always glad to see you.

—Constable G. H. Deppy was for some weeks confined to his house, and was unable to attend to his official duties; he appointed Phillip Schoch, the newly elected assessor, for his deputy. At the present writing he is able to be about again.

—Henry J. Deppy was on a trip to Mauch Chunk and Bloomingdale on Thursday and returned home on Satuday last.

—The public roads of Penn Forest township are in a very muddy condition. DUFLEX.

A Skeleton Found.

A Bushkill correspondent of the *Milford Dispatch* furnishes that paper with the following startling item of news: Considerable excitement was created here a day or two ago, by the discovery of the skeleton of a man under a pile of stones at "Twelve Mile Pond," in Porter township, this county, by a party of lumbermen. James Howe was about to hide his axe under a mass of stones near where he had been cutting railroad ties, when much to his surprise he found part of a woolen blanket. On overturning a one other stones he discovered the complete skeleton of a man of medium size. He called to his companions to witness what he had found and a Justice of the Peace was notified. A coroner's inquest will be held during the latter part of this week. Several years ago a German "pack peddler," claiming to hail from New York city, frequently passed through this section of country. He always carried with him a large sum of money, which, when he became under the influence of liquor, he did not hesitate to show in public, and boast of his wealth. This peddler's cognomen was "Goosey," and he was pretty well known throughout the county. While passing through this section he suddenly disappeared and has never been seen since. He was probably pursued, robbed and murdered and his body concealed under this artificial heap of stones. As no one has disappeared very mysteriously from this county, except ex-Treasurer James W. Quick, the body is probably that of the German peddler.

Sudden Death.

At an early hour on Tuesday morning says the Catasauqua *Valley Record*, Mr. Adam Fatzinger an old resident of Hanover township, about one and a half miles from Schoenersville, was stricken with an attack of apoplexy and before 10 o'clock in the forenoon he had breathed his last. Mr. Fatzinger was one of the oldest citizens of Hanover township, being at the time of his death 89 years, 3 months and 9 days old, and was universally esteemed for the sterling qualities which make the kind neighbor and upright citizen. Mr. Fatzinger was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was honorably discharged on account of sickness before his term of enlistment had expired. He was born and lived all his life on the old Fatzinger homestead, where he died and which has been in possession of the Fatzinger family over a century. His wife, with whom he had lived for upwards of 67 years survives. Nine children, five sons and four daughters, remain to cheer the declining years of their aged mother and mourn the loss of their esteemed father. The funeral services will be held in the Schoenersville church on Sunday forenoon.

Big Creek Items.

—Winter grain is all right so far and looks promising.

—Thos. J. and Elias Solt, administrators of Sol. Solt, decd., disposed of their remaining farm stock on Saturday last at public sale.

—It is reported that Prof. J. K. Snyder will open a school at Millport after the close of his present term at Weissport.

—Solomon Weaver, of this place, will move to and take charge of the farm of Hon. Robt. Klotz, on Indian Hill, on Thursday of next week. We are sorry to have him leave us, for he has always been a kind and obliging neighbor.

—Rev. G. W. Gross will have services in the Solt's church to-morrow (Sunday) at 10 o'clock a. m.

—Our boatmen have this week moved and taken their boats to Mauch Chunk for their turn.

—The auditors of Franklin, Messrs. W. E. Kemerer, Stephen Solt and D. F. Rickert, will hold the annual settling at the public house of Edward Raber, in East Weissport, the first Monday in April, at which time and place the supervisors and overseers of poor are requested to present their accounts for settlement.

—The Solt's school was closed on Good Friday.

—Rev. J. E. Freeman held services in the St. Paul's church on Good Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—Get ready for gardening; the time for putting out early truck will soon be at hand.

—Young man, don't idle any of your time; you will be sorry for it some day, when you get old. Try and lay up something for a time when you cannot work. He that has a will can always find something to do that will pay.

—Some parties in this section have farms for sale. If they want customers they should advertise.

—There will be considerable moving done by housekeepers in this place about April 1st.

—Our farmers are steadily making improvements on their properties. REVERE.

The Coal Trade.

There has been a fair amount of business in the anthracite coal trade the past week, and enough has been done to warrant us in saying that the business is improving. There is gradually, week by week, more demand for coal, and especially for the smaller sizes. The stock of stove coal on hand a month ago has been greatly reduced, and when, on the 1st of April next, the price is made the same as for the larger sizes of coal, the demand will be equally great, and the market thereafter, it is expected, generally active. At present stove coal is quoted 30 cents per ton higher than the larger sizes of coal. The three days for week suspension of labor at the mines is agreed upon for no longer period than the 1st proximo, but there is some talk of continuing it three days longer into the next month. While some of the carrying companies are of opinion that the restriction of a production has been continued long enough to insure the healthful condition of the trade to the end of the year, the three days more will be conceded if any one party proves it for reasons of apprehension of an excess of coal on the market of any one kind. The trade seems to have caught the true spirit of business, and each party in interest shows willingness to concede to others promptly rather than be thought exacting or arbitrary, or do aught to break the present good understanding. This, if adhered to, will make the coal trade of 1880 the most active and most profitable of many years. The coal trade of the United States is every year extending in a ratio of increase that is truly encouraging; and yet in comparison with the vast riches remaining undeveloped, and the greater promises of the future, it may be said to be still in its infancy. There are few who can think of the immense fields of coal already discovered beneath the surface in America without at once reverting to the question, how came this supply of fuel to be garnered in its secret chambers? In answer, it is now universally conceded that all the coal beds, both bituminous and anthracite, are of vegetable origin, and the most probable theory is that which ascribes them to submerged forests, or other vegetable deposits, pressed down into compact masses, and, passing through the intermediate state of peat, become gradually consolidated into coal. The character of the vegetation can be easily traced by the quality of the deposit, and shows even a greater variety than that now growing upon the earth's surface. This vegetable origin is now readily detected in all the formations, hundreds of several different varieties of plants, trees and shrubs having been discovered, a number of which are now extinct. Some coal beds appear to have been formed from grasses, shrubs and the shed foliage of trees, not a structure of any size being traceable in the mass; as if the leaves and waste foliage of a forest had gradually accumulated in a basin or lake, where the deposit had undergone a process of fermentation by which vegetable substances are changed to a carbonaceous mass similar to the peat bogs, and then by some mighty convulsion of nature it had been subjected to a tremendous pressure, which gave it a new form and character and preserved it for the subsequent ages. In other formations the traces of forest are distinctly visible. Most geologists are now agreed that the anthracite, semi-anthracite and bituminous coal were originally of precisely the same character, but that the anthracite has since been subjected to heat, discharging the bitumen; while some maintain that the change is still going on, and that after the lapse of ages all the bituminous would in the end become anthracite. Though geologists and scientists differ as to the origin of hard coal, several things appear to be well established in regard to these peculiar deposits. The vegetable growth on the earth's surface, which formed their foundation, was of extraordinary abundance, and at or about the time of the change this mass must have been completely saturated with or totally submerged in water, the coal being found embedded in alluvial deposits, or coated with such tokens as clay hardened to slate. Settled as these differences of opinion may be as to the origin and continuance of the supply of coal there is no reason for apprehension of a continued supply of coal fuel for many centuries to come; yet, while this may be admitted, there is neither excuse nor apology for bringing it to the surface in advance of a demand for its proper use and at a loss on its production. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company to day will open the canal for traffic throughout its entire length, and preparations are making by the company to do its full share of the year's business.—*Ledger, Monday.*

Parryville Budget.

—The Laboring Men's Aid Society held another meeting in the school house on Saturday night.

—Rev. Bawden, pastor of the M. E. church, preached on Sunday morning and evening. All seem well pleased with the new minister and we have reason to think that he will do well with our people.

—Abraham Greene moved on Jacob Peters' farm on Tuesday.

—F. P. Beyer has been away for cattle.

—Mrs. J. L. Miller was on a visit to Allentown on Saturday.

—E. W. Straup was to Mauch Chunk on Saturday.

—Prof. H. H. Hall, was in town Tuesday making arrangements for an exhibition to be held Saturday evening.

—Unfortunately the first boat that passed by here had its driver and team soaked in the cool waters of the Lehigh. ALFONSO DEL TRAVONO.

Flashes of Fashion.

The following advance notes on the fashions for the coming spring season have been placed at our disposal by Messrs. Ehrich Bros., of New York, the publishers of Ehrich's *Fashion Quarterly*. This well-known magazine occupies a deservedly high place as American literature of Fashion, and our readers who have not already subscribed but cannot do better than to write to Ehrich Bros., Eighth Av., New York, for specimen pages, which will be furnished gratis.

—Gypsy hats will be worn far back on the head, the front projecting in poke shape and the sides turned down.

—Tuscan and chip hats are frequently trimmed with three equal pips, each of a different shade of the same color.

—The fashion of making the entire basque of a different fabric to that of the skirt and it draperies prevails this season.

—Quantities of tiny green bugs and beetles are placed among the feathers and flowers that trim chip bonnets.

—Figured silks of light quality, brocaded in gay Japanese colors and designs, are to be used for draperies over skirts of plain banting.

—Exquisite printed American satins are sold at low prices for forming parts of silk and fine wool fabric costumes.

—Cashmere effects are obtained in many of the new fabrics by the introduction of colored threads in the brands.

—Dresses with plain corsages, skin tight sleeves, and plain skirts without flounces, trimmers or overskirts, are worn by some very fashionable women.

—Only very costly fabrics, such as velvet and brocade, can be used for dresses with plain corsages, sleeves and skirts.

—The favorite cap for girls is made of bands of tucked muslin alternating with needle-wrought insertion, and finished with a full lace frilse.

—Some of the new ribbons have the colors and designs of old tapestries and are called Gobelin ribbons.

—Medallions in light real Medallion or Malmaison lace, being largely imported, and will be worn on the dining Lorenzaccio, and form elegant pieces of trimming.

—The smartest looking of collars having a black ground covered with Japanese designs in bright colors will be used for turnouts and draperies over accordion skirts.

—A novelty in aesthetic corsets of a Lisle silk lace stocking, so that the corset covering the same stocking as very open, the hose is worn over an inner stocking of the same or a contrasting shade.

—Dragons, bees, butterflies, and birds of shadowy forms, almost hints of the real objects appear among the palm leaves and other oriental designs of late importations of dress goods.

Our Letter from Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 23, 1880.

It has been finally decided upon by the Committee on Privileges and Elections to award the seat of Senator Kellogg of Louisiana to Mr. Spofford. The matter was brought to the front by Senator Hill, and to all appearances it was a great surprise to a majority of the Senators forming the Committee. Senator Kellogg in adverting to the resolutions of Senator Hill, in regard to the affair, intimated that the move was simply an effort on the part of that gentleman to divert public attention from matters which were seriously affecting his reputation.

A change in the incumbency of the office of public printer has been agitating Congress for some time past. Mr. Defrees, who fills the position at present, is a republican, and as both houses have a Democratic majority it does not seem to them quite the thing that a Republican should fill so important a post if he can possibly be removed. In connection with the Government Printing office the Immediate Deficiency bill has intimate relations, and while that bill was under discussion General Garfield delivered a very strong speech in reply to Mr. McMahon who asserted that the Democratic party cared nothing for the eight by seven decision of the Supreme Court; and that the Democratic party did not intend to make any appropriation for the performance of the election laws.

The Secretary of the Treasury has given orders that all interest upon the public