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—Wm. R. De la Rive for Minnesota on Monday last.

—The trustees of the school held \$53,000, all in 5 per cent. bonds.

—Considerable building will be done at Catskills during the coming summer.

—Mrs. DeGehrschick moved into the store on 24 street last Thursday.

—A full line of the latest novelties in gents' furnishing goods and neck wear at T. D. Claus', very cheap.

—All the latest things in stationery may be found at Luckenbach's. Much Clunk at fair prices.

—Frank Stocker moved to Pleasant Corner on Tuesday last, at which place he will take charge of the hotel.

—Uncle Nathan Klotz, of Summit Hill, moved into the Fort Allen House, at Weisport, Thursday.

—The genial J. W. Hanelmush moved to town Thursday, and took charge of his hotel—the Carbon House, at which place you will now find him smiling and jovial as of old.

—Hats and caps, of new styles, and in endless variety, at very low prices for cash, at T. D. Claus' merchant tailoring store.

—Four hundred loaded freight cars passed over the Lehigh Valley Railroad, from Fairview to Mauch Chunk, on Monday last in 12 hours. "Boom!"

—Jos. S. Webb, for a number of years past, consists of this borough, moved to Weisport on Thursday last, and takes charge of the Weisport Hotel.

—If you want nice smooth, easy shavers your hair cut or shampooing, go to Franz Broderer'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."

—Michael McGady fell under a moving coal train Monday, near Allentown, receiving injuries from which he died in a short time.

—A correspondent writes that four lumbermen in Monroe county found their cabin, a few days ago, swarming with snakes. They killed sixty-seven.

—A valuable deposit of plumbago has been discovered on the farm of Samuel Brown near Copley.

—Prof. J. P. Rowland, principal of the Weatherly schools, will open the Carbon Normal Institute at Weatherly on the 16th of May. Persons preparing for teachers' examinations or for a business life will find Professor Rowland's school an institution that will supply their needs.

—Wall paper! wall paper! wall paper! a large and elegant assortment at Dr. C. T. Horn's Drug Store, which is selling at extraordinary low prices, notwithstanding the late advance in manufacturers' prices.

—We understand our school board has secured sufficient funds to refund all outstanding bonds in 5 per cent.

—A new and elegant assortment of ladies' gents' and children's boots, shoes and gaiters, just received at T. D. Claus', and selling very cheap for cash.

—Jacob Andreas, 25 years of age, living near Maunzig, Lehigh county, committed suicide some time ago by hanging. Disappointment in love was the cause.

—The Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company expect to put about sixty-five new boats on their canal this season, one-half of which will be ready by the first of May.

—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 cloth, cassimers and suitings ever brought into Lehigh, and which he is preparing 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 quality.

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

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

—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.

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

—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.

—The Eastern Agency says that Robert A. and Harry E. Packer have presented the Union College, Schuylkill, N. Y., a memorial endorsement of \$10,000 in honor of their dead father, the late Judge Packer. The President of Union College, Prof. Potter, was formerly connected with Lehigh University.

—We learn by postal card from Fred Schmidt, formerly of Weisport, that he has quit the farming business at Sellersville and moved to South Bethlehem, where he proposes to carry on merchant tailoring.

—We are pleased to learn that our young friend Jerome Heigl is rapidly bettering, and that he will soon be able to attend school.

—Immense quantities of the best stock of spring and summer clothes, cassimers and suitings now received and opening at T. D. Claus' merchant tailoring store on 24 street, this borough. If you are about to get a new suit it will pay you to call and inspect goods and learn prices, which are remarkably low for ready cash. All work is guaranteed to be done in the best manner, perfect fit and latest fashions, and don't you forget it.

If you receive your ADVOCATE in a BLUE WRAPPER, it is a suggestion that, if you expect to receive the paper hereafter, you send us the amount due, which you will see by the direction tab. You will confer a favor by attending to this matter—we need money.

—There were 62,370 tons of anthracite shipped over the L. V. railroad during the week ending on the 27th ult., making a total for the season of 1,098,108 tons showing a decrease, as compared with same time last year, of 9,923 tons.

—The funeral sermon of Mrs. Walp, wife of Amundus Walp, will be preached in the Lehigh Evangelical church, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, by the pastor.

—The trustees of the state Hospital for the Insane at Norristown, have decided to admit 300 patients during the first year.

—The next session of the Lehigh Presbytery will be held in Rev. Dr. Wood's church in Allentown on April 26th, beginning at half-past seven in the evening.

—All persons dissatisfied with the valuation placed on their property by the assessors, should make a note of the meetings for appeal appointed by the Commissioners, which will be found among our advertisements. The Act of Assembly requires the Assessor to give a written or printed notice to every taxpayer at least five days before the day of appeal.

—Gardening will soon be the order of the day.

—Tomatoes, red and ripe, were on sale in Allentown market on Saturday at 40 cents per quart.

—At the Lehigh Valley shops, at South Easton, they are making a patent arrangement for the brakemen to stand on when lighting the lamps in the cars, doing away with their standing on the arms of the seats. It is adjusted in a second and when not in use is folded snugly away against the end of the seat.

—E. H. Hohl, the jeweler, of Mauch Chunk, has moved his quarters from next to Mrs. C. Shirk's to the new brick, front doors below Race, on Susquehanna street, where he has now one of the finest rooms in town, his removal was caused by an increase in his business, necessitating larger premises to accommodate his customers. He respectfully invites you to give him a call in his new quarters. A full line of watches, clocks, and fine jewelry, at lowest prices, always on hand.

—We have just added a new lot of hand-some type and other material to our establishment, and are now better than ever prepared to do first class work at lowest prices. Call and see us.

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General Henry Pleasant, Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, whose sudden death, Friday, the 26th ult., occurred at his home in Potsville, Pa., was born at Buenos Ayres, South America, February 17, 1833. His father was John Pleasant, a merchant of Philadelphia. He arrived from South America in 1846, and graduated from the Central High School in 1851. He adopted the profession of civil engineering and commenced practice on the Pennsylvania Railroad. In 1857, he began to practice mining engineering at Potsville. In 1861, he entered the army as Captain of Company C, 45th Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was rapidly promoted, and in June, 1864, he was commanding the Second Brigade of the Second Division, Ninth Corps, then stationed in front of Petersburg, where he rendered a most important service as engineer in the famous "Petersburg Mine." Opposite this position the rebels had constructed a strong redoubt, which could not be taken by assault without a terrible sacrifice of the lives of his men. He conceived the idea of exploding a mine under the work, and having obtained the permission of Gen. Burnside, began the mine June 25, 1864, with insufficient tools and against the convictions of many officers of high rank, including Gen. Meade. He nevertheless persevered, and in spite of obstacles which would have discouraged a less determined man, completed the work by July 23. On July 27 he commenced putting in the powder (four tons). The mine was fired on the morning of July 30. At the precise second foretold, the rock fell and quickly settled away, leaving a vast column of smoke and dust, and completely destroying the work. General Meade made recognition of the services rendered by General Pleasant in a general order. On October 1st he was promoted to the rank of Colonel, and on December 18th he was mustered out—his term of service having expired; but on March 13th, 1865, he was advanced to the rank of Brigadier General. On his return to Potsville he resumed the practice of his profession, and when the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company was formed he accepted the position of Chief Engineer, which place he held until his death.

—The Rev. D. F. Ungarst preached his first sermon to the people of Packerton on Easter Sunday.

—W. J. Peters has had two very sick children, but by prompt treatment and careful nursing they are now convalescing.

—Ex-Sheriff Beigel made the hearts of the school children of Packerton District glad this week, by presenting each one with two colored eggs. The Sheriff is quite a friend to the children.

—A very high picket fence now encloses all the ground known as Packer's Park.

—Two large towers—one at Beaver Run, the other in the Lumber Yard—have been erected for the purpose of keeping the hose necessary in case of a fire.

—Thomas M. Weaver, Esq., so long in charge of the Packer Park and farm, will be succeeded by Aaron Krum, of Lehigh, who will move into the house formerly occupied by C. J. Good.

—It was rumored on our streets this morning that Grant had been kidnapped, as there was no news of his movements in Tuesday's daily papers—the rumor was unfounded. The cause of silence on the part of the papers was that the gas pipes were cut and the cannon spiked in a certain town in Texas. The "boom" received somewhat of a check, but the great American traveler is still safe.

—James Long, M. V., visited the city of Wilmington, Del., on business connected with some improvements he has made in some machinery, on which he has obtained a patent.

—We understand that a party "Bhytery," late members of our Legislature, and lately invited to appear before Judge Pearson, have decided to give the same opposite our names to enable the District Attorney to procure such assistance as he thinks necessary to convict. This is the first time of the kind we ever heard of, and the thought occurs: opposing this appeal should be generally responded to, how about procuring a jury who had no expressed an opinion? It would not be necessary for the defense to ask whether a man read the papers or not. But this is an age of wonders, and we need be surprised at nothing, except it be announced that Grant refuses to run again.

—On Wednesday morning a Dan, named Christian Smith, was accidentally run over by the gravel train at Hazarville. The engine was run by Parryville, and Dr. W. J. Kober was conveyed to the scene of the accident. He immediately pronounced the case hopeless. The right leg was terribly mangled from the knee up; the thigh bone was ground out of its socket, and the hip bone was broken. He survived scarcely two hours after the accident. He was a young single man, and resided at Perth Amboy. He supported his parents by his labors at Hazarville.

—Parryville streets are less muddy than any other thoroughfares we can now recall in this end of the county. By the way, that reminds us that pavements would, for all that, improve our little town.

—Rev. Gross will occupy the house vacated by Rev. Butz.

—The late Jacob Snyder was the oldest resident of this place.

—Mr. Stephen Snyder, sr., was to Strouburg the early part of the week. Oscar.

—On Sunday evening Rev. Gross, pastor of the Evangelical church, preached an eloquent sermon, which was well received.

—Rev. G. J. Shaffer moved to Bethel, where his family will live in a week.

—Miss Van Horn, of Beaver Meadow, has been visiting at Daniel Washburn's for several days.

—Miss Anna Webster has been sick for some time, and consequently unable to attend school. The school girls are sorry to miss her smiling face.

—One of the Weatherly gold diggers, is again at work in the foundry.

—John Gerrard, who started for Lehighville a short time ago, met with an accident on the way. But has now arrived safely at his destination.

—The Friday Evening Normal Class has been abandoned for several weeks. The young ladies who attended are anxious for its continuance.

—The residents of the quiet little village of Honey Brook were startled Friday morning of last week, at discovering cracks in the ground which indicated a shifting of the earth, which is the foundation of their houses. The houses on the one side of the street are built immediately over the breast of the old No. 1 workings of the Wharton and big veins. It is said that there has been some subsiding of the pillars there lately, and the top being insufficient to support itself has given away. There was not much alarm felt, as to the safety of the houses, until Friday afternoon, when the cracks attached to the houses of the Ben-Jamin sank into the mine. Ben-Jamin had a chicken coop and a pigeon cot on top and he was just in the act of proceeding to take out the pigeons for the shooting match of Saturday, when he felt the earth sinking beneath his feet, he beat a hasty retreat and barely saved his life. This hole is about 20 feet deep. After it had settled some parties went down and secured all of the pigeons and nearly all the chickens. About this time those living in the immediate vicinity discovered that they could not open or shut their doors; the cracks around the houses began to open and widen out; the houses were noticed to lean over a little and the foundations were cracking. This caused the hasty exit of several families with their little stock worldly goods and considerable excitement among the residents. Four blocks, as they are called, (double houses containing two families each) were deserted.

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Myerston, Lebanon county, where he took a full course and graduated under the efficient instruction of Miss Adams, who is now pursuing her studies in Boston in the New England Conservatory. During the year and a half that Prof. A. P. Horn has been teaching instrumental music, quite a number of the students have availed themselves of the opportunity, which has thrown a new life into our midst as a diversion from the prosaic classes and the set lessons. When the hour arrived for the performance to begin, every available seat was occupied, while standing room was gladly resorted to by an appreciative audience. The performers acquitted themselves well, doing full justice to their pieces, which reflected great credit on their instructor. Throughout the entire programme the audience manifested their appreciation by marked attention and frequent applause, expressing their wish of more such entertaining evenings in Franklin and Marshall college.

—This is the year so any girl can marry the man she pleases.

—On Tuesday the most popular set at Pleasant Corner was set up.

—A man never realizes how frail he is until he burns a suspender button among a group of ladies, and finds himself falling apart.

—Our community was aroused on Monday by a flock of wild geese which came to within 200 yards of Mr. Peter's barn. Mr. Peter, knowing the nature of these rare birds, took one of his horses and went slowly towards them, and when within 100 yards of them they took flight which was the last seen of them.

—Miss Mattie Whelan expects to start a select school at the Furnace school house, near Sittler's store. We wish her success in her undertaking.

—G. K. Musselman was at Minersville on Tuesday and Wednesday.

—Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer was in Lehigh county last Monday, attending the funeral of her brother's wife.

—Miss Emma Cochran, a daughter of Leonard Cochran, was buried on Good Friday.

—Oliver Kutler, of West Penn, passed through this valley last Friday, stopping a short time at D. K. Kistler's.

—A young lady was praising her beau on Monday morning for his strength of character. "Yes," said her father, "I've noticed that he has great staying powers."

—Francis Stocker, of Lehigh, took possession of the Pleasant Corner Hotel last Tuesday.

—Our respected friend Miss Valeria C. Meats, was the guest of Lizzie Kistler last week.

—We are sorry to announce that Alveria Benninghoff, who has been confined to the house for several weeks with diphtheria, is convalescing.

—Rev. Mr. Bartholomew will preach tomorrow at 9:30 o'clock, at which time he will administer the Lord's Supper. Preparatory services this (Saturday) afternoon at 2 o'clock.

—Rev. B. J. Smoyer, of Lehigh, preached last Sunday in the Evangelical church of this place.

—The funeral of Joseph Balliet was well attended, considering the condition of the weather and roads. Revs. Bartholomew and Straus officiated.

—There has been a separation between an old valley lover and his sweetheart. She presented him with her photograph, which he, on his benighted knees, swore he would wear next to his heart. While making his hot Saturday evening's call he pulled out his handkerchief from his back pants pocket, when lo! the photograph fell at his lady's feet. He immediately picked it up, and his heart is not in the right place. Witcox.

—Peter Kibler while out on the mill dam rowing, got a thorough ducking.

—H. H. Kibler was on a flying visit to Mauch Chunk on Friday last week.

—Mr. John Haydt and wife, of Mud Run, were visiting friends and relations here last week.

—Joseph Kleinpot, John Haydt, August Shultz, Samuel Scarfus, Daniel Haydt, Aid. Kibler, Joe. Muffley and Jon. Eckhardt were visiting our school No. 5 on Friday of last week.

—Sarah Kunkel, of Millport, was visiting friends here the fore part of last week.

—Catharine Kunkel, of Curtainsville, Monroe county, left for Kridersville on Monday last.

—Sophia Dotter, of Pine Swamp, was visiting friends here last week.

—Miss Elizabeth Bower, of Curtainsville, was visiting friends at Shamokin on Saturday last.

—To draw forth more ardent zeal to respect to some object or pursuit, and to wake in the soul, to excite greater interest in the daily neglected branch of education called orthography, a contest was held in Kibler's school house No. 5, of Upper Townships, Thursday of last week, by Malhon II. Christian, teacher. Quite a number from Curtainsville, Trachsville, and Big Creek, were present. The words were selected by the teachers from the different lessons in the history, which had been previously studied during their winter term of school. The words were not of the most difficult, but were such as are often misspelled. The first time they stood in pairs to eight. The second time three pupils entered the contest and stove vigorously for the coveted belt of perfection—they were Miss Ellen Kunkel, M. A. Stetter, and Malhon II. Christian. The first was between the first one against the latter two. I am unable to tell which one was perfect.

—Mr. Henry George, of Pine Swamp, was visiting friends at this place on Sunday last.

—Miss Catherine Haydt, of Polo Poco, left for Pine Swamp last Monday.

—A lot of our sportsmen were out again last week, chasing foxes, but the result was a failure.

—The wife of Stephen Christian, of Pine Run, was at this place last Saturday, visiting friends.

—Mr. Franklin Haydt has a very sore hand.

—Dr. H. Clay McCormick, of Kridersville, was at this place on Tuesday.

—The conference of the Evangelical Association, Parryville circuit, will be held in the church at Millport, this Saturday, at 2 p. m., and on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered by presiding elder C. K. Fehr, of Allentown, assisted by the Rev. G. W. Gross, minister in charge.

—Robert Campbell moved from this place to Mrs. J. Hartman's, near Weisport, this week.