

DELINQUENTS READ.

When the old man heard around the door, And you, by the light of taper, Sit closely by the evening fire, Enjoying the last paper, Just think of him whom your thoughts help To wear away the winter, And put this query to yourself— Have I paid the Printer?

—Look at the yellow direction tab on this paper and see how you stand, viz: John Jude, mar 10 1883

—Then you owe two years subscription, which please remit. We are in need of money.

Our Neighborhood in Brief.

—Barns—Threats. —Numerous—Raffles. —Bring out your sleighs. —Next in order—Sleighing parties. —Let—Some of our boys on last Thursday evening. —Go to Jones for UNDERWEAR—the most complete stock in town. —The M. D.'s report the health of our borough to be good at this time. —A working man's social club is about to be organized in Bethlehem.

—The headquarters for Valvets and Plush at Jones in Oert's building. —The Ferrule Iron Works have resumed operations, with large orders ahead. —Ladies Cloths and Dress Goods at NUSBAUM'S. —Improvement—The stone pavement along the Rappah property on Bankway. —The Parryville Pipe Foundry closes down operations for the winter on Wednesday last. —Nusbaum makes UNDERWEAR a specialty. —A raffle for a 400 pound hog came off at Dick Widdow's saloon on last Wednesday night.

—Our stock of books is very large and prices as low as any city store. E. F. Luckenbach, Mauch Chunk. —The average small boy is again anxious to have his name enrolled as a scholar in the Sunday school. —The Democratic "Salt River" parade at Mauch Chunk last Thursday evening was a success, good order prevailed. —Just received at Jones a splendid and complete line of Men and Boy's overcoats and Ulsters. —The building occupied by Treher's store and Luederman's Bank was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday evening.

—Dr. Sam. Cortright, of Mauch Chunk, was at Allentown last week and established a telephone exchange there. —Jones has the latest and finest styles in Ladies and Children's COATS and DOLMANS. —A wreck occurred at Parryville, on Thursday evening last, delaying trains several hours. —About four inches of "beautiful snow" fell in this section last Sunday, giving quite a wintery aspect to the country.

—J. F. Nusbaum has opened a case of Comforts which will be sold like hot cakes, lower than elsewhere. —The "Salt River Excursion" was all that could have been expected—Democrats were happy, and Republicans dejected. —Pay of all your debts before the 21st of December so as to start out fresh the beginning of 1884. —Christmas, Birthday and New Year Cards, large variety, very low, at Luckenbach's, Mauch Chunk.

—A company has been organized at Danville, with a capital of \$25,000, for the purpose of making steel rails. —The interest due on the bonds of the Allentown Iron Co., will be paid at the office in Philadelphia, on and after December 1st. —Who wants to exchange Town property for a Farm of 125 acres, with good new buildings and fine fruit trees on it. Address, W. M. R. Adams, in care of the Carbon Advocate.

—Two dwellings in Scranton were burned shortly after 1 o'clock Friday morning, and in one of them Mrs. Ruddy lost her life in trying to save \$250 in gold. —The steel mills of the Lockawanna Iron and Coal Company at Scranton shut down Wednesday for an indefinite period. Over 100 men are thrown out of work. —There was a fall on Saturday, 25th ult., at Hagaman's store, Lehigh, seventy-one dollars worth of watches and jewelry, for one family. —The Bethlehem Iron Company is at present making heavy shipments of rails to Perth Amboy, where they are loaded on vessels for foreign ports.

—The Attorney General has given an opinion that all parsonages owned by churches or religious societies must be taxed the same as any other dwelling house. —If you want nice smoothness shave your hair cut or shampooing, go to Franz Reader's Saloon, under the Exchange Hotel. He will fix you right, and don't you forget. —Electric lights will be put up in Allentown this week for use as an illuminator by the principal business houses. —Mr. John Schick, of Shicklin, was on a visit to his friends in Franklin during the week. Better luck next time. \$2 received. Thanks! —E. F. Luckenbach, 61 Broadway, Mauch Chunk, offers Sunday and day dresses at exceptionally low prices. Call and see the large line. —It is rumored that the Delaware and Lockawanna Railroad will build a branch east from Nanticoke to Wilkesbarre and Pittston.

—Monday morning a match was successfully applied to another of the splinter fractures of the Lehigh Zinc and Iron Company's works, making five that are now in blast. —Edward Kohler, one of Whitehall township's oldest and most highly esteemed citizens, residing near Egypt, died on Wednesday last, after a lingering illness of several years, at the age of 76. —If you have a cold or cough of any kind, buy a bottle of Hild's Peppermint Cure. It is the best remedy for colds, coughs, croup, whooping cough, and all other ailments of the throat and lungs. No cure, no pay. —Work in the puddling department of the Allentown Rolling Mill has been suspended in consequence of the depression of trade, and 500 men are thrown out of employment. —People should not fail to have their sidewalks cleaned of snow and ice, it is dangerous to walk in some parts of town on account of the poor condition of the walks. Our Burgesses should attend to it. —About six o'clock Tuesday morning five broke out of a building occupied by John Clark, near Pittston, and his wife, a Dutch Agent, aged 4 years, perished in the flames, though desperate efforts were made to rescue her. —Dr. J. A. Meyer, the practical Surgeon Dentist, of Mauch Chunk, has had a practice of over 20 years, and is probably the oldest resident dentist in this valley. The Dr. works for itself, and the fact that all criminal work in the region is given to him is a sufficient guarantee of his superior ability as a Surgeon Dentist.

Wessport Letter.

—Fifty eight million dollars is the estimated value of finger rings in this country, and all these are people mean enough to get hawking and catching because they do not want to invest 25 cents for a bottle of Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup. —About four inches more of "beautiful snow" fell in this place on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Bleighing is in a pretty fair condition, and David Ebert is prepared to supply you with sleighs for couples and parties at low rates. —The Board of Managers of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., have declared a dividend of two per cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, clear of all taxes, payable in cash on or after Dec. 13, to stockholders as registered at the closing of the books at 3 p. m., on the 21st inst. The dividend will be paid on the 21st inst. —A special dispatch from Allentown says that Edwin Hoffman, who was arrested on suspicion of having been concerned in the burglary committed by three masked men at the house of Daniel Peter, near Stateville two weeks ago, has been discharged for want of evidence. Several parties residing in the neighborhood are named and their movements are under surveillance. —The taxidermist of the Lehigh University is at work stuffing a snowy owl, or harfang, shot near Scranton recently. This species of the owl is a native of the Arctic region, and is seldom found so far south. Its presence here is said to be a sure indication of a hard winter. The harfang is white, with very small brown spots on back and wings, which latter measure over four feet from tip to tip. —Thursday night of last week, about six o'clock, an empty coal train on the Lehigh Valley Road was backing into a siding at Bowman's Station, it was run into by a down train, loaded with coal. An engine and thirty-five coal cars were wrecked and traffic blocked for twelve hours. Passenger trains up and down were transferred to the Lehigh and Susquehanna Road at a point above the wreck and run over the road as far as Bethlehem. —Work men, while repairing the residence of a noted physician, now deceased, in Wilkesbarre, a few days ago, discovered three or four hundred small quantities of opium, properly stored and with the seals of the county attached. They were dated 1872-73, and were probably issued in the years 1873 and 1874. The owner of the property was at one time Prothonotary of Luzerne county. The papers were destroyed by the Clerk of Courts. —The employees of the Lockawanna Iron and Coal Company held a meeting on Saturday night to discuss the proposed reduction of wages. No action was taken, but much dissatisfaction was expressed, the workmen claiming that their wages at present are much lower than those paid in Chicago, Pittsburg and Harrisburg. It is announced that the Company, "for the purpose of making further improvements at the mill," will in a few days suspend work until further notice. The suspension will begin to day (Friday). —John Fleming, employed as brakeman on a freight train on the Wyoming Division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, attempted to board a moving coal train at Penn Haven Junction about 9 o'clock on Saturday night. He missed his foot and was struck in the side by the wheel boxes of the cars. Five of his ribs were broken and he received internal injuries of a very serious nature. The injured man was taken to Bethlehem on No. 15 passenger at 3 p. m., Sunday morning and taken to St. Luke's Hospital. —Mrs. Clews, aged seventy years, was found dead on a filthy pallet of straw in a miserable hotel on the outskirts of Pittsville Monday. She was last seen alive on Saturday. Her death is attributed to apoplexy. She had been miserably ill in bed for some time, and had been eating and drinking. During her illness she had been attended by Dr. W. M. Stapp, who had purchased the property of George Reichard, of East Penn, and will locate there again in spring. —David Meyer buried his youngest child on Monday last. It had been sick for some time with a wasting disease common among small children. —Considerable sickness prevails among the hogs hereabouts this fall. Some deaths are reported. People are slaughtering in a hurry consequent of the war. —Robert Kottig, junr., who has been the employ of Jacob Peters for nearly two and a half years, left for Weatherly last Tuesday, where he proposes to learn a trade. —The smash up on the Valley railroad, last Thursday, near Parryville, was the second within the past few weeks, and the same engineer is said to have succeeded in going the smashing. —The youngest child of W. I. Peters, of the Horsehoe hotel, fell over backwards from his chair, one day last week, and sustained a concussion of the brain, from which it died on Sunday evening, and was buried at Lehighton on Tuesday. —Dilline Snyder in trading away some lots lying on the hill above Weisport for the Eagle Hotel, at Parryville, becomes our new landlord in the spring, and here let us say, Dilline is a young man of great energy and push, and his many friends will find things looking there in the springtime. —Mrs. Edwin Douglas, of East Penn, died last Saturday. She had been suffering for the past year or two with a complaint, and on the 24th inst., when she was coming and between Weisport and the depot he walked down the platform and got on or side the south bound train, and the passenger train instead of coming up, the north bound train as usual, was switched over on the south track, knocking him down, the wheels passing over his foot and so injuring it that amputation was necessary before the ankle and knee. We are pleased to state that he is doing as well as can be expected.

—The cost of mining coal. —For the month of October the Mine Inspectors of the Schuylkill Coal Field made the following report: Potomac District, Samuel Gay, Inspector—Accidents, 10; killed, 2; injured, 2. Total number of days employed, 5,775; average number of days employed, 22; number of tons of coal shipped, 168,173. Shenandoah District, Robert Mauchline, Inspector—Accidents, 20; killed, 4; injured, 16. Total number of days employed, 11,667; average number of days employed, 23; number of tons of coal shipped, 462, 645 63. Shamokin District—James Ryan, Inspector—Accidents, 28; killed, 2; injured, 36. Total number of days employed, 11,216; average number of days employed, 24; number of tons of coal shipped, 421,609 17. —Will Run their own Mines. —The Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company occupying all its own coal lands as far as the mines upon them. The lease of the Lehigh and Carbon collieries in the Lehigh Valley region expires this month, and the present operators have been informed that they will not be renewed. New territory is being developed and the production of Anthracite coal next year is expected to reach 20,000,000 tons. The demand from the West is showing all the production of the Shamokin and Mt. Carmel region, and other collieries are being opened up in those regions to meet this increased demand. A charter has just been granted to the Johnson, Beasly Coal Company of Centre, Columbia county, to mine Anthracite coal, with a capital of \$100,000.

Disastrous Fire in Mauch Chunk.

About 10:30 o'clock on Thursday night, a fire was discovered in the store room occupied by Mr. David Treher. The alarm was promptly given by the bank watchman in an adjoining room. The fire department was tardily in getting to work, and by the time they did the fire had gained such headway that the destruction of the building was inevitable. For some unaccountable reason, fully three-quarters of an hour expired before the stamper could be brought into service. The fire originated from the stove which sat very close to some filled shelves. The watchman of the bank who was in the adjoining room, separated from the store by a board partition, said that some time after midnight he started for East Mauch Chunk, he went in the bank room and laid down on a lounge. After a little time he heard a crackling noise, and the smoke began coming through the cracks in the partition. He ran out front, looking through the keyhole of the store. The fire was everywhere. He gave the alarm. The testimony of a large number of persons who were standing on the corners was that there was no appearance of fire in the left or on the roof, but all was done to the store room below until the doors and windows were broken open, when the flames soon broke through the roof. The writer, who was in the street opposite the American Hotel when the alarm was given, ran to the building and saw that the fire was in the rear of the first floor, he then went to the bank and called the fire messenger on horseback to the reservoir to put the water of a large number of persons who were standing on the corners was that there was no appearance of fire in the left or on the roof, but all was done to the store room below until the doors and windows were broken open, when the flames soon broke through the roof. 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