The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1883.

Our Neighborhood in Brief.

—The ice harvest is still booming.

—The slaters are at work on the roof of the new M. E. church.

—Handsomely printed sale bills at this office, on very short notice, at low rates.

—Candidates for borough and township offices are getting ripe.

—We will send the CARBON ADVOCATE together with the *Philadelphia Weekly Press* for one year for $2.00

—Our young folks spent a pleasant day on New Year's skating on the river and dam.

—From $3 to $10 can be saved by buying your gold and silver watches of D. S. Bock, opposite the Public Square.

—The January term of our county courts will convene, at Mauch Chunk, on Monday morning next.

—The health office of Allentown reports for 1882, 172 marriages, 528 births and 256 deaths in that city.

—The CARBON ADVOCATE one year and the *Philadelphia Weekly Press* and premium Map of Pennsylvania for $2.25.

☞ Our stock of Photograph, Autograph and Scrap Albums is larger, and lower in price than ever. E. F. Luckenback, Mauch Chunk.

—Hon. E. H. Snyder, accompanied by Hon. A. J. Durling, left for Harrisburg on Sunday afternoon last.

—The N. Y. *Sun* asks: "Will beer be dearer?" We think it will if hops continue to hop up in price.

—Miss Rose Golightly, of Plymouth, Luzerne county, was drowned while skating near that place last Friday night.

☞ Who wants to exchange Town property for a Farm of 142 acres, with good new buildings and fine fruit trees on it. Address, W. M. RAPSHER, this borough.

—A young man known as Joseph Lambert, was almost instantly killed at railroad crossing at Hazleton, on the 29th ult.

☞ There was sold on Saturday, 25th, ult., at Hagaman's store, Lehighton, seventy-one dollars worth of watches and jewelly, for one family.

—Conrad Seelbach, a German miner, was on Saturday killed by a fall of coal in the Shenandoah City Colliery of the Phila. and Reading Coal and Iron Co.

☞ We offer special prices during the Holidays for the sale of Methodist, Presbyterian and Episcopal Hymnals. Note our prices. E. F. Luckenback, Mauch Chunk.

—The carriers of the CARBON ADVOCATE wishes us to return thanks to those who so kindly remembered them on New Year's day.

—A joint institute of the teachers of Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties will be held at Slatington, on Saturday next, the 13th inst.

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

—Sheriff Lentz took the oath of office Monday, and on Tuesday, with his mother as housekeeper, moved into Fortress Lentz, at Mauch Chunk, for a three years term.

—Make the "stinking ditch," a question for eligibility to borough council at the February election. Elect no man who will not pledge himself to abate the nuisance.

—A year's subscription to the *Breeders' Journal* given for 4 new subscribers to the CARBON ADVOCATE at $1 each. The *Breeders' Journal* is published at Beecher, Ill.

—The wife of Chas. E. Miller, of Mauch Chunk, who had been sick for some time, died on Wednesday of last week. The funeral took place on Saturday and was very largely attended.

☞ Mrs. Mamie J. Mullen, fashionable dressmaker, corner of Second and South streets, this borough. Perfect fits and workmanship guaranteed. Wax Flowers of all designs at lowest prices. White Flowers for funerals a specialty.

—Dr. W. G. M. Seiple, of town, has purchased the late Dollenmayer property on South street and will take possession of the same in the spring; he has erected a large barn on the property.

—A Hungarian employee on the L. V. RR., in the vicinity of Packerton, was run over by the trucks Saturday evening and killed. He was buried in the Catholic cemetary, in town, Monday.

☞ M. Florey, of Weissport, has now on hand and for sale a large stock of Horse Blankets, Lap and Buffalo Robes, Bells, Whips, and Double and Single Harness, suitable for winter use, all of which he will dispose of at very reasonable prices.

—We are pained to record the death of our genial friend, Capt. Harry Williamson, of Summit Hill, which event occurred in that place on Thursday evening of last week. He was buried at Mauch Chunk on Monday afternoon.

—"Don't you think, Clara, that you could love me a little?" And Clara answered, with her most engaging smile, "Yes, Fred, a very little, especially if you would hire one of those elegant teams at David Ebbert's livery, and go out riding. They all do it."

—Among those present at the annual reunion of the members of the Constitutional Convention of 1872, which met at Lancaster, on the 28th ult., we notice the name of our townsman Hon. Z. H. Long, as one of the members present.

—Dr. J. A. Mayer, the practical Surgeon Dentist, of Broadway, Mauch Chunk, has had a practice of over 20 years, and is probably the oldest resident dentist in this valley. The Dr's work speaks for itself, and the fact that all critical work in the region is given to him is a sufficient guarantee of his superior ability as a Surgeon Dentist.

—One night recently the grocery store of Mrs. McGee, at Hokendauqua, was robbed of between $150 and $175 in cash. The crime is believed to have been committed by two strangers who were in the store in the evening and saw the lady make change from out of the bag in which the money was kept.

—Shortly after 4 o'clock Monday morning a fire broke out in the friction room of No. 10 breaker of the Pennsylvania Coal Company, Pittston, one of the largest in the anthracite coal fields. The breaker was completely destroyed, throwing four hundred men and boys out of employment and incurring a loss of $200,000. No insurance.

—Christian Bessler, thirteen years old son of Gabriel Bessler, a St. Clair, Schuylkill county, carpet weaver, met with instant death Monday morning while playing with some friends at a gin in use at a shaft on Mount Hope. The boys had wound the gin up, and while allowing it to run down young Bessler was struck by the handle and knocked down. His head struck a rock so violently that his skull was fractured, and he died before he could be carried home.

—Ex Sheriff Koons moved his household furniture and family back to Lehighton last Tuesday, and the same day gave a dinner at the Valley House, to the lawyers and other friends. It was a fine affair gotten up in Mrs. Esch's best style. For once the participants claims that they had partaken of a "square meal." Among those present were Messrs. Loose, Bertolette, Freyman, Malheron, Meehan, G. W. Esser, J. H. Handwerk and Gilham.

—A man is wiser for his learning, and the sooner he learns that the only proper way to cure a Cough or Cold, is to use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup, the better he is off.

—Dr. P. J. Higgins, of Wilkesbarre, and Representative W. H. Hines, of the Third Legislative district, have drawn up a bill for the establishment of free evening schools for the education of those engaged in industrial avocations, which will be presented at the present session of the Legislature. The bill is carefully drafted, while its provisions are moderate and sufficiently broad to apply to all sections of the State. It has the support of leading educators and an earnest effort will be made to secure its passage.

—Hon. Robert Klotz, Congressman for the district, will please accept our thanks for valuable pub docs.

—A horse attached to a carriage in which were Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Musselman, ran away near Emaus Wednesday night. The horse was struck and killed by a locomotive, the vehicle demolished and the occupants received severe but not fatal injuries.

—While James Weolbaugh, who resides near Stroudsburg and who carries the mail between Marshall's Creek and Blooming Grove, was driving across the Delaware on the ice on Tuesday, at Swartswoods Ferry, his team broke through and was drowned. He was rescued by some friends. The team was valued at $500.

—James Codrington, of Tamaqua, a pioneer of the Schuylkill coal regions, died on Saturday last. His experience at Cornwall, England, was of much service in the earlier workings near Pottsville.

—A raffle will be held at the public house of Joseph S. Webb, in Weissport, on Saturday evening, the 13th inst., for a breech-loader, two silver watches and a box of cigars. Tickets 50 cents each. Buy one.

—Advertise your sales in the CARBON ADVOCATE. Circulation large, and terms low.

—For the week ending on the 30th ult., 104,697 tons of coal was transported over the L. V. RR., making a total of 559,811 tons to that date, and showing a decrease of 10,095 as compared with same time last year.

—William O'Niel, who arrived in this country from Myroe, county Derry, Ireland, about three years ago, and who is now a resident of Catasauqua, is desirous to find out the whereabouts of his brother, Edward O'Neil, who came to this country about nine years ago. Any information concerning his whereabouts will be thankfully received by William O'Neil, Catasauqua, Pa.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Lehighton post-office, January 1st, 1883:

Baunich, Edwin	Dreisbach, Aaron
Beyer, Charles	Marsell, Peter
Boyer, A C.	Schweibenz, John

Persons calling for the above letters, will please say "Advertised."

H. H. PETERS, Postmaster.

Fall and Winter Styles.

Our gentlemen readers will no doubt be pleased to learn that H. H. Peters, the popular merchant tailor, at the Post-office, is now receiving an immense stock of cloths, cassimeres and all wool suitings for the fall and winter trade, and that he is fully prepared to make up those goods in the most fashionable and tasteful manner, at prices which cannot be disputed. Remember perfect fits and low prices, is his motto. Call and inspect goods.

Personal Notice.

The two young ladies of Lehighton, and reading at the present time on Bank street, who one night last week, while on their way from Mauch Chunk, entered the yard of the the undersigned, at Packerton, and carried off a number of nankins and pocket handkerchiefs, had better return them at once and avoid prosecution.

Jan. 1, 1883. L. MCDANIEL.

A Call Accepted.

Rev. J S. James, for ten years pastor of the Baptist church in Allentown, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night before a large audience. From a weak and struggling congregation Rev. Mr. James has by hard labor and heroic devotion placed the church on a substantial footing, and the debt which formerly rested on the church has been through his efforts almost removed. He is comparatively a young man, full of enterprise, a fine scholar, good speaker and possesses the faculty of making warm friends. On Tuesday he left for Germantown, Philadelphia, having accepted the call to become pastor of the First Baptist church of that place at a salary of $1500 per year.

Iron-workers Wages Reduced.

The Bethlehem Iron Company, upon resuming operations Tuesday in their Bessemer steel mill, have readjusted the wages of their operatives in the two mills in such manner as to equalize rates and at the same time effect a reduction in the cost of production. These changes do not affect general labor, the blast furnaces, shops or puddle mill. Boss rollers, who received five dollars, will receive $3.15; catchers, who received $2.90 have been reduced to $2; hookers from $2 50 to $1 80; dragouts, men who removed the rails to the pile, $1.50 to $1.10; hot clippers, from $1 to 90 cents. The wages of the lappers at the cupolas have been reduced about 48 per cent. being the greatest reduction made. The lowest reduction made is about 5 per cent.

Reading Railroad Finances.

The statement of the receivers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad and Coal and Iron Companies for the month and year ending Nov. 30, 1882, was issued Wednesday afternoon, and fully justifies the approximate statement made by President Gowen in December. The statement for the month shows: Gross earnings for both companies, $3,914,541; gross expenses, $2,506,755; profit, $1,407,685, as against $1,245,447.85 for the same month last year. The total profit for the year was $11,059,238; total charges, including debit balance, renewal fund, State tax on capital stock, rentals, and full interest on all obligations, except bonds of the Coal and Iron Company owned by the Railroad Company, $10,176,297, leaving a surplus of $882,941, as against $183,256 for the year ending Nov. 30, 1881.

Keep this for Reference.

For the year 1883 days and dates of important events, anniversaries and holidays will fall as follows:—Epiphany, Saturday, Jan. 6th; Septuagesima, Sunday, Jan. 21st; Shrove Sunday, (Fastnacht), Feb. 4th; Ash Wednesday, Feb. 7th; First Sunday in Lent, Feb. 11th; St. Valentine's day, Wednesday, Feb. 14th; Washington's birthday, Thursday, Feb. 22d; St. Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17th; Palm Sunday, March 18th; Good Friday, March 23rd; Easter Sunday, March 25th; Low Sunday, April 1st; Rogation Sunday, April 29th; Ascension Day, (Holy Thursday,) May 3rd; Pentecost, (Whit-Sunday,) May 13th; Trinity Sunday, May 20th; Corpus Christi, Thursday, May 24th; Decoration Day, Wednesday, May 30th; Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4th; First Sunday in Advent, Dec. 2nd; Christmas, Tuesday, Dec. 25th.

Mahoning Splinters.

—Miss Kate J. Arner has been visiting friends at Danville, Montour county, this week. She was accompanied by Miss Sallie Riegel, of Lehighton.

—Andrew J. Miller, of Rockport, visited his friends around here over Sunday.

—Adam Louchnor died on Sunday morning. His funeral took place on Wednesday.

—Mahlon Nothstein, of this place, spent Sunday with friends at Parryville.

—T. J. Arner, who works at Rockport, spent the holidays at home.

—Raffle matches have been all the rage for the past few weeks. On last Saturday one for a gun, came off at John Delo's hotel. Samuel Mertz got the gun—a double-barreled one.

—Milton Nothstein, who has worked as a farm hand for Amos Riegel the entire summer, came home this week, the time for which he had been hired having expired.

—The officers of the New Mahoning Sunday school for the year 1883 were elected last Sunday. We were unable to get the name of the person elected Superintendent, but the remainder of the officers are as follows: Assistant Superintendent, Thomas Musselman; Secretary, Miss Kate J. Arner; Assistant Secretary, Miss Emma Brown; Organist, E. S. Hoppes; Deacons, Mahlon Nothstein and H. Brinton Arner; Treasurer, E. S. Hoppes. Under such competent officers, we believe the school will flourish.

—The Centre Square Literary Society will hold its next meeting at the Pleasant Corner school house this (Saturday) evening. The reason for meeting there instead of at the regular place, is to accommodate the members living there. The programme for the evening is an interesting one; the question for debate is, Resolved, "That the statesmen of 1776 were inferior to those of to-day." The debaters on the affirmative are David Balliet and A. M. Kistler, on the negative J. K. Longacre and A. J. Balliet.

—O. F. Kistler, who is teaching school at Laurytown, was at home over New Year.

—All persons who have ice-houses are at present busily engaged in filling them.

—Albert Oldt, of Eckley, was the guest of Jacob Frantz over Sunday.

—On Tuesday a jury composed of Wm. Craig, Z. H. Long and Frank Behler, came to see about the propriety of building a stone bridge across the dale near St. John's church. The bridge should be built by all means.

—The beautiful time honored custom of keeping "Watch Night Meeting," was observed on New Years' Eve by the Methodist church, of this place. The services commenced at 8 o'clock. The custom is to watch the old year out and the new year in with songs and prayers. The church was filled.

—The District Institute will convene this (Saturday) morning at 9 o'clock, at the Pleasant Corner school house. The programme is as follows: Grammar, A. J. Balliet; Spelling, Robert R. Jones; History, Josiah Musselman; Arithmetic, C. A. Hartung. Teachers and others from other districts interested in education are cordially invited to attend. The school board will also meet at the same place in the afternoon.

A Legal and Valid Document.

Judge Albright, at Allentown, last week decided an important will contest which has been before the court from time to time for the last seven months. Henry Snyder, an old man, living in the upper end of Lehigh county, died last April, leaving an estate worth $25,000, and his manner of disposing it brought on a great deal of costly litigation. Snyder left his farm of nearly two hundred acres, all his farming stock and implements and all his personal property to his grandson, Benville Derr, who lived with him. Derr was also appointed executor of the will. Each of the other grandchildren received a legacy of $50 and to his son he left the interest of $400 and after his death the principal to revert to Derr. To the mother of Derr, a daughter of Snyder, a dwelling house and eleven acres of land were bequethed and at her death the property is to revert to Derr, giving him almost the entire estate.

The will was contested and Derr made a stout defense as to the validity of the document. The contestents procured the services of John D. Stiles & Son, while Derr was represented by Wright & Son and T. B. Metzger. The contestants alleged that Snyder was of unsound mind and not capable of executing a will and that Derr, who lived with Snyder, had used undue influence on the old man to make him his chief heir. When the will was presentd for probate before the Register the contest was instituted and several hearings took place before that official, who, after hearing about fifty witnesses on the respective sides, decided in favor of sustaining the will. The contestants appealed and carried the case to court. After a number of arguments before Judge Albright he on Wednesday of last week decided in favor of sustaining the decision of the Register and declared the will a legal and valid document.

Another Death from Coal Oil.

A terrible accident occurred at 6 o'clock last Friday evening in the family of James Sneddon, a prominent merchant on Main street, Shenandoah, resulting in the burning to death of his daughter Agnes and seriously burning three others. Agnes was in the act of building a fire. The wood did not kindle readily and she poured coal oil on the wood. Igniting, the oil can exploded in her hands, setting fire to her clothing and the interior of the room. Her screams brought her younger sister to her assistance who was seriously burned in attempting to tear the burning clothing from her sister's body. Agnes, covering her face with her hands, ran from the room, when Lawrence Mangam, colliery superintendent, and George Beddal, a hardware merchant, ran to her assistance. Mr. Mangam quickly wrapped his overcoat around the burning girl and extinguished the flames, but her body was almost burned to a crisp and she lived but a short time. Mr. Beddal succeeded in staying the flames in the room until more assistance arrived. Both Mangam and Beddall were seriously burned about the hands and face. Miss Snedden was only seventeen years of age, was a beautiful girl and greatly beloved. Still there are others to follow this foolish practice of starting fires with coal oil.

Remedy for Diphtheria.

The Wilkesbarre *Union Leader* say: A lady of Kingston, in every way trustworthy and reliable, who has had two attacks of diphtheria, gives the following as a remedy which she has every reason to believe saved her life The second attack came on in the night and at once assumed the most aggravated form. She was all choked up so that breathing was almost impossible and relief was necessary before a physician could be summoned. A decoction of vinegar and hops was prepared and an inhalation of the steam from it by the patient afforded immediate relief and broke the disease, so that when a physician was called in the morning he informed her that the crisis had passed during the night and that the hops and vinegar had saved her life. The reader may find him or herself placed in exactly the same situation and to such this publication may prove of benefit.

Gov. Hoyt's Message.

Governor Hoyt's message, sent to the State Legislature, Monday, is a long document, dealing with facts and figures. It is only at the end that he takes up the political situation and discusses it. He finds the finances satisfactory. In four years the debt has been reduced $1,050,537. The total debt is now $20,225,009.28 and the sinking fund amounts to $7,992,983.82, leaving the net debt at $12,232,099.46. He gives other points from the report of Treasurer Baily, and says:

Opinions differ as to the greater or less rapidity with which the State debt ought to be paid off. We have no debt maturing until 1892, except an annual amount of $250,000. If the money in the sinking fund is to be employed in buying bonds of the United States or this State to any greater extent, it can only be done now by going into the open market and purchasing them at the large premium referred to. I would recommend, therefore, a diversion of funds which come into the State Treasury from the sinking fund to the general fund, except only the sums demanded for payment of interest and the Constitutional requirement as to principal, together with such additional reserve as prudence and the contemplation of further moderate reduction of the debt might indicate. After subserving all these purposes the State Treasury would still, if estimated revenues held out, be in such a position of strength as to dispense with taxes derived from licenses, which now go into the State Treasury, and they could be left in the treasuries in the various counties, and would, to that extent, relieve the people from local taxes for the support of the courts and for other county uses. I am persuaded that the finances of the State will, without inconvenience, permit these taxes to be diverted from the State Treasury to the treasuries of the respective counties.

THE SCHOOLS AND PRISONS.

The Governor takes up the report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, which has been published, and is gratified at his official presentation of the magnitude and progress of the work in this department. The soldiers' orphan schools are in a healthy condition. There are now 2,763 children in these schools. By existing law it is provided that they shall be finally closed on June 1, 1885. It is estimated at that date there will be on their rolls 1,770 children. Whatever action this or future General Assemblies may take in enlarging the classes who may receive this form of the State bounty, some provision ought now to be made for the children who will be actually in charge of the State in 1885. It can scarcely be contemplated that they are to be dismissed summarily, without homes or help, and the schools closed abruptly.

The Governor thinks it would be wise and true economy to complete the State Industrial Reformatory at Huntingdon. The Eastern Penitentiary has reached about its limit of cells and capacity. It is conducted on the separate confinement or individual treatment system. Much as this system has been controverted he deems it just to say that for convicts who have deliberately joined the criminal class, for those whose age or repeated conviction render them amendable to punishment rather than reformatory methods, and for those against whose violent passions or confirmed habits society can find no protection but incarceration, the separate system affords most complete opportunities of treatment and yields the most attainable results.

The State has in operation five hospitals for the care of the insane, at Norristown, Harrisburg, Danville, Warren and Dixmont. The latter is not strictly a State institution, but receives liberal aid from the State. In them are accommodations for nearly 4,000 patients. Some of them are overcrowded, others have a paucity of inmates disproportioned to their capacity for treatment. It is evident that the State has made a much broader provision for this class than will be actually required in many years. The Governor takes occasion to say a good word for the Board of Public Charities, and, referring to the National Guard, says it is well equipped and armed in the most approved manner. The mobility and efficiency of the whole command have been well attested, both in camp and en route, on more than one occasion. Then the Governor takes up the political questions of the hour and says:

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

The entire conduct of my administration awaits your scrutiny. But the political situation which exists to-day is so different from that of four years ago that I cannot forbear some words of comment. National questions then alone absorbed men's minds. The war was not yet over; at least, the acquiescence in its results, on the part of many, seemed grudging and reluctant. At the same time business was everywhere in a state of stagnation so pervading and sorrowful as to be difficult of recall even in memory. Financial theories promising relief but thwarting hope and tending to certain confusion and ruin were boldly projected.

In Pennsylvania the people have determined upon a change. What does the decision mean? To this question three answers are proposed, one cynical and desperate, another pessimistic and hopeless, and a third patriotic and reassuring. The first expresses the feeling and wishes of the professional politician. To him the change is only a turn in the fortunes of a game whereby he has lost or won the stakes for which he played, the spoils of place and power. Accustomed to watch his luck and "hedge" as often as he can and dare, he is perlexed by one or two problems only—how to retrieve his losses or how to spend his winnings. The prevalence of his views is not at all surprising. This class of statesmen despise the people whom they would cajole and rely for their success even more upon the apathy of the pure and the intelligent than upon the activity of the selfish and unscrupulous.

The second view regards the recent "overturn" as a mere caprice of the voters, a public spasm, "a sentimental convulsion." It is based, wittingly or unwittingly, upon a latent distrust of the people. It imports a low view of American manhood and a secret but ill-disguised disbelief in our capacity for self government. If it be, indeed, well grounded, then there is little hope for the perpetuity of our institutions and for that magnificent industrial and political development which is the staple of our noblest day-dreams.

A PATRIOTIC VIEW.

But the third is more hopeful and patriotic. According to it this change marks the beginning of a new epoch in our political life. Those who cherish it argue that thousands of our best citizens, relieved of pressure of national anxieties and unwilling to live forever in the past, are beginning to study the nature and details of State and municipal government as never before; are awakening to the business and scientific character of political problems, and have determined to thrust aside every individual and every contrivance that stands between them and the management of their own affairs. They will no longer be content with automatic activity in politics. They demand a conscious share in this noblest pursuit of intelligent men. The people have come to claim their own without the intervention of middlemen.

If this view is correct then the occupation of the professional politician is gone. He belongs to a doomed species. He has outlived the only environment adapted to his nurtishment and must shortly pass away. That this is true is indicated by our lineage, our tradition and the character of our recent progress. We are the descendents of men who defied Kings and Parliaments. We are the children of men who destroyed the Congressional caucus and created the National Convention. Our citizens are meeting in their granges and trade unions, in their industrial leagues and commercial guilds, and are becoming keenly alive to the every day bearing of politics upon their own and their children's welfare. Even the primary meeting, once treated as utterly beyond the pale of law, the sport of the jugler and the rogue, has become the subject of legal enactment and protection. Nay, more, even the promises of party platforms conform to the quickened senses of the people, and the necessity of other and better methods has received a certain grave and reverential recognition in party deliverance.

WORK YET TO BE DONE.

But Rome was not built in a day, nor can the political habits of a half century be transformed by a single decree, even though registered at the ballot-box. If, therefore, condemned political methods are to become permanently disreputable, the thoughtful citizens of this Commonwealth must be ever on the alert, ready at any moment to reassert their strength and to claim the fruits of their votes and victories. Politicians are willing enough in the day of the people's power, but the leaders of a new epoch must be something more than mere reflectors of current thought and feeling. They must be sagacious and intrepid; more ready to serve the people than themselves. Such leaders can live only in an atmosphere of intelligence and civic courage. The people, then, must be prompt and generous in the support of real merit. But at the same time they must make every public servant understand that he is a servant and not a master, and each and all, the highest and the lowest, whether paid by the year or paid by the day, must render faithful and unremitting service. The people must tolerate no spurious economies, no counterfeit reforms, no mere partisan strategies, no judicial perversions and no legislative excesses, no administration in the interest of persons or classes, or even in the exclusive interest of parties. They must be quick to discern, swift to censure what is clearly wrong and swift to praise what is clearly right. I cannot withhold the utterance of a hope that it may be your good fortune to usher in that new epoch in our political development which I would fain believe has at last begun to dawn

Lower Towamensing Dots.

Mrs. Fred. Herzog, of this place, died very suddenly and unexpectedly last Tuesday a week, of convulsions. She suffered but three days when death claimed her.

—St. John's Sunday school at Lentz's, appointed new officers for the coming year, last Sunday 31st ult., viz.: Albert Stroup, superintendent; Geo. Shirer, assistant superintendent.

—Daniel Beer is suffering with a cancer in his face.

—The Lehigh Gap Sunday school dedicated their new school house and organ on the evening of the 24th ult. We were informed the County Superintendent T. M. Balliet, was present and delivered an oration.

—Rev. Breugel preached a very able sermon last Sunday from II Cor. 5—10. He based his remarks on "what has been done during the old year and how to live during the ensuing year." At the close he announced his salary being due the latter part of January, and requested all to pay over to the Secretary. He said that he had labored among his congregation for five and a half years without a fixed salary, and assured them that he would not preach the same period longer without a specified salary. It is proper and right that a congregation pays its minister a fixed salary at the expiration of each term without his demanding it. It is the christian duty of the consistory to take these matters into consideration, and adopt a plan by which much evil may be remedied and much inconvenience obviated on the part of deacons in collecting the pastor's salary. It is no more than right to lighten the burden of deacons.

CONFIDENCE.

Roughly Used by Masked Robbers.

Mrs. George Fryburger, of Phillipsburg, N. J., attended a religious meeting in Easton Friday night. She returned to her home about 11 o'clock. Her husband's business keep him from home till after midnight. At about two o'clock she heard a noise at the front door, and supposing that her husband was there, she went down stairs, when two masked men sprang upon her. They struck and choked her into unconsciousness; then they took her down into the cellar and left her there, while they ransacked the house. Mr. Fryburger, coming home a little later, found the doors all open, and soon discovered the state of affairs. He could find nothing of his wife, and supposed that she had taken refuge at a neighbor's. Soon afterwards, hearing groans from the cellar, he summoned assistance, went down and found his wife, who had been roughly used by the burglars. She was taken to her room and restoratives applied, but she did not regain consciousness until Saturday afternoon.

The Evangelical Sunday School.

The annual election for officers of the Evangelical Sunday school, of this place, was held on Sunday last. Rev. W. K. Wieand, the highly esteemed pastor of the church, was made superintendent; A. M. Kuntz, assistant superintendent; Charles Hartung, secretary, and George Derhamer, treasurer. Rev. Wieand has been a most successful worker in the Sunday school cause, and possesses in an eminent degree the rare talents adapted to the building up the school, not only in numbers but spritually and morally. Before coming to this place, he was superintendent of a Sabbath school in Allentown, and we are informed that under his superintendency the school was increased from about 160 to nearly 300 pupils. All are welcome to the school.

Eclipses in 1883.

There will be four eclipses during the year 1883, two of the sun and two of the moon. The first one will be a small partial eclipse of the moon, April 22d. Visible to the Pacific Coast, eastern Asia, Australia and the Pacific ocean. The Penumbral Phase alone will be visible east of the Mississippi river. The second will be a total eclipse of the sun, May 6th. Visible chiefly to the south Pacific Ocean. The third will be a partial eclipse of the moon, October 15-16. Visible to North and South America, and extreme western portions of Europe and Africa. The fourth will be an annular eclipse of the sun, October 30th. Visible to the Pacific coast, the North Pacific ocean, and the extreme eastern edge of Asia.

Minus his Fingers.

Samuel Houser and several other members of Liberty Fire Company, Bethlehem, met at the hose house of the company before midnight Sunday night, for the purpose of firing salutes in honor of the birth of the New Year. Houser was armed with a Springfield rifle. Several loads had been shot off after 12 o'clock. The rifle was loaded for the fourth or fifth time and Mr. Houser went out of the house to fire it. The rifle exploded and Mr. Houser is minus several fingers from the left hand. The stock of the rifle was shattered into splinters and the barrel was split and twisted. The flesh was torn from Mr. Houser's left hand and his fingers blown away. A surgeon amputated a portion of the hand.

Programme.

The following is the programme for the Teachers' Local Institute, to be held in the borough of Lansford, to day (Saturday), the 6th inst.: At 9:00 a. m.

Reading, ... Mr. F. X. Cannon
Language Lesson, class drill, Kate Thomas
Penmanship, ... Samuel Motzer
Arithmetic, ...

At 1:30 p. m.

Calisthenics, ... Mary J. Reese
History, ... J. M. Roberts
Object Lessons, ... W. H. Spencer
Graded Schools, ... D. F. Smith

The school directors and citizens are cordially invited to attend. Institutes will be held at Weatherly, on February 3rd, and at Lehighton, on February 17th.

An Adroit Swindler.

An adroit swindler, supposed to be from New York, has succeeded in defrauding several prominent Wilkesbarre merchants out of considerable sums of money, by means of forged certified checks on a Pittston bank. The modus operandi of the swindle was in each case the same. Presenting himself at the stores he announced that he was Mr. C. P. Hinds, a law student with Mr. W. J. Hughes, of Pittston. He represented that he had been commissioned by Miss Hughes to purchase some articles which she had seen a day or two previous, and it seems that a woman had called at the different stores and examined the various articles. This woman was evidently an accomplice. The goods being shown, the pretended Mr. Hinds would examine them most critically and eventually decide to purchase them. After having selected the goods he would order them to be sent to Mr. Hughes, at Pittston, by express and tender in payment for them a check from Mr. Hughes on the First National Bank of Pittston, apparently properly endorsed and attested by the cashier of the bank, and in this way he succeeded in getting considerable money in change for the articles purchased. It seems that the same person has been playing similar dodges in Scranton and elsewhere, and Mr Hughes has received a large quantity of goods from different merchants that he never ordered. The swindler has not yet been captured.

Got their License Taxes Back.

During the year 1881 a number of the citizens of Montgomery, Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton counties went into the distilling business and pursued it in the mountains in the vicinity. Stills to extract the oil from birch were made in Bethlehem by Ritter & Beck and Otto Guyer. Revenue Officer Gress was informed of this fact and notices were issued by the revenue officer to the effect that a license must be paid for manufacturing stills. To avoid trouble Ritter & Beck and Guyer each paid about $40. Rutter & Beck tested the legality of the proceedings and Monday morning they received a draft on the United States Government for the amount of money paid to Gress. Hundreds of others who paid a license tax for the manufacture of stills will also have their money returned.

A Sensible Order.

General Superintendent H. Stanley Goodwin, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, has issued the following orders to locomotive engineers on the Lehigh Division of the road; "Engineers are desired to use the greatest possible care to avoid disturbing persons living along the line of the railroad by blowing the whistle when it is unnecessary, or blowing longer or louder than is necessary Much annoyance may be saved by care in this respect, and the long blast may be omitted in some cases where it has been used. The annoyance from the blowing off of steam should also be avoided as much as possible, especially when standing near residences and stations. Standing where it will annoy persons should also be avoided when practicable."

At Private Sale.

The following bills for subscription to this paper are offered at private sale. We have a number of others to add to the list, unless they step up and fix matters shortly. We have exhausted all our patience in the effort to collect, but have failed, hence our determination to offer them for sale:

Thos. Miller, Meadville, Pa	$3 60
Wm. Rauch, Hickory Run	9 25
Chas. Smith, Penn Forest twp	7 37
Philip Ginder, East Penn twp	4 75
Aaron Snyder, Manoning Valley	3 50
Edward Becker, Hokendauqua, Pa	8 12
Edwin Koch, " "	4 75
David Kibler, Franklin twp	5 00
Tilgh. Zink, " "	6 87
Levi Kuehner, Rockport, Pa	5 62

☞ No paper will be sent after this (Jan. 6) issue.

MARRIED.

YEAGER—BRILLHART.—On the 24th ult., by Rev. W. W. McNair, at Honey Brook, Samuel E. Yeager and Sarah J. Brillhart.

MUIRHEAD—MACFARLANE.—On the 27th ult., at the house of Mrs. Jennette Duncan, Audenried, William Muirhead and Marian Macfarlane.

BRINK—THOMAS.—On the 25th ult., by the Rev. S. O. Garrison, Mr. Walter Brink, of Lansford, to Miss Mary Thomas, of Catasauqua.

BRECHT—HARRIS.—At the Presbyterian parsonage, Hokendauqua, by Rev. J. A. Little, on the 25th ult., Israel Brecht, of Scranton formerly of Catasauqua, and Miss Mary A. Harris, of Fullerton, Lehigh county, Pa.

GERBER—ZEHNER.—On the 7th ult., by the Rev. A. Bartholomew, Mr. Gideon Gerber, of West Penn, Schuylkill county, and Miss Ellen J. Zehner, of Mahoning, Carbon co.

HAMM—DREISBACH.—On the 20th ult., by the Rev. A. Bartholomow, Mr. Frank B. Hamm, and Miss Polly Dreisbach, both of West Penn, Schuylkill county.

DIED.

NUNAMACHER.—On the 4th ult., in West Penn, Mary Catharine, daughter of Abraham and Maria Nunamacher, aged 8 years, 10 months and 5 days.

GERBER—On the 31st ult., in West Penn, Catharine, wife of Reuben Gerber, aged 84 years, 2 months and 2 days.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Legislative Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that a bill will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania to repeal an Act, so far as the same relates to the County of Carbon, entitled: "An act relative to election officers in Carbon County and fixing the places of holding elections in Allen Township, Washington County." Approved the 25th day of January, 1853.

December 23rd, 1882.-w4

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To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the REV. JOSEPH T. INMAN, Station D, New York City. aug. 1s 1y.

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