The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1883.

Our Neighborhood in Brief.

—How about that water company?

—Washington's Birthday next Thursday.

—Borough and township elections next Tuesday.

—Where, oh, where is that long-talked of fuel factory? Echo answers, where?

☞ Brook's Method of Teaching and Calcine Object Teaching kept in stock at Luckenbach's, 61 Broadway, Mauch Chunk.

—Quite a heavy snow storm visited this section last Saturday night, followed on Sunday night by a heavy gale of wind.

☞ The best silver plated knives, forks and spoons, at greatly reduced prices, at E. H. Hohl's, Mauch Chunk.

—To-night (Friday) the Democrats will make their nominations for borough officers, at Raudenbush's hotel.

☞ 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. Rapuan, this borough.

—Mrs. Bretney, mother of our respected townsmen Mr. Clinton Bretney, died in this borough on Monday morning, the 12th instant.

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

—William S. Hilliard, a prominent merchant, and President of the Wyoming Valley Ice Company, died Saturday morning at Wilkesbarre.

—Prof. T. M. Balliet, Co. Supt., will please accept our thanks for a copy of the School Laws and Reports of the Superintendents of Public Schools for 1882.

—The *American Agriculturist* (English or German edition), and the Carbon Advocate will be sent to any address on receipt of two dollars. The price of the *Agriculturist* is $1.50.

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

—Mahanoy City was visited by another conflagration last Monday night, by which seventeen families were rendered houseless. The fire happening at a late hour in the night, many of the poor people lost much of their furniture and effects.

☞ 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.

—For the week ending on the 10th inst., 157,415 tons of coal was transported over the L. V. RR., making a total of 1,173,982 tons to that date, and showing an increase of 81,157 as compared with same time last year.

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

—The Democratic Convention to nominate candidates for the middle coal field district was held at Mauch Chunk Saturday. Hugh Sheridan, of Beaver Meadow, was nominated for Poor Director, and Capt. H. E. Swartz, of Mauch Chunk, for Auditor.

—For the week ending on the 9th inst., there were 97,619 tons of coal shipped over the Lehigh & Susquehanna RR., making a total for the year to that date of 424,144 tons, an increase as compared with same time last year of 35,110 tons.

—We are prepared to PRINT ELECTION TICKETS at short notice and at a reasonable price. Bring them along.

—The marriage of Miss Annie Lehman, daughter of Captain B. E. Lehman, proprietor of the Lehigh Valley Brass Works, to Mr. Edmund D. Lewall, of Stillwater, Minn., on Thursday, February 22d, is announced. The ceremony will take place in the large Moravian Church in Bethlehem.

—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.

—An exchange says that the city of Washington is full of Congressmen and thieves. Just so; and we can just as truthfully add that the stables of our popular liveryman, David Ebbert, are full of the finest lot of horses in Carbon county, which he hires out at low rates. Try him.

—Abraham Miller, a former Deputy Grand Commander of the Pennsylvania Knights of Templar, died on Monday of last week, at Grand Rapids, Mich. His body was taken to Easton, his former home, and was interred Friday with full Masonic honors, Hugh DePayne's Commandry turning out strong in full uniform.

—The fourteenth anniversary of the Easton Young Men's Christian Association was celebrated Thursday night of last week, in their large hall, which was crowded. The exercises consisted of singing by Easton's best talent, reports of various kinds and an address by W. E. Dodge, Jr., of New York.

☞ The finest stock of watches, jewelry and silver ware ever seen in this county can be found at E. H. Hohl's, Mauch Chunk. Don't buy till you have seen the elegant new patterns he now has on hand. Prices are sure to suit.

—A movement was developed last Thursday for the formation of a pool in the interest of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the purchase of a majority of the bonds of the Schuylkill and Lehigh Railroad, running from Reading to Slatington, a distance of 43 miles.

—J. O. Reigel, a miller at Shimersville, in Northampton county, and his wife, had a very narrow escape from coal gas Wednesday night of last week. Some time after midnight Mrs. Reigel was suddenly awakened by a choking sensation. She had considerable trouble in arousing her husband from his stupor, but succeeded before he was entirely overcome.

—Alexander Wright, a well-known citizen of Nanticoke, while crossing the track of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad at that place on Friday night, was struck by a freight train and injured so badly that the amputation of one leg was necessary. He was married only a few months. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

—Dr. N. B. Reber, of town, was visiting his patients last week in a 20 year old sleigh, drawn by a 20 year old horse, and himself a 50 year old doctor wrapped up in a 21 year old buffalo robe. Now trot out another team to beat this, or give our friend the Dr. the cake for antiquity.

☞ If you want a pretty clock—something entirely new in design, call and see the largest assortment of clocks in this county at E. H. Hohl's, Mauch Chunk, and you will surely suit yourself. The newest styles just received.

—R. Q. Butler, of Mauch Chunk, the Mercantile Appraiser for 1883, was doing Lehighton Thursday. While in town he made us a pleasant call.

—"'Tis more brave to live than to die." Therefore don't wait till a slight cough develops itself into consumption, but secure a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup at the small outlay of 25 cents, cure your cough and live on happily.

☞ Wright & Keiser, Blank Book Makers, Wholesale and Retail Stationers, 831 Hamilton street, Allentown, have the largest Book Bindery in the valley, and do first-class work at reasonable rates. Their agent will call at Lehighton and vicinity the last week in February, with samples and prices. If you have any papers, magazines, or music to bind send or leave your address at the Advocate office, and you will be called upon.

—Rev. Charles Nagel, who since 1876 has been the pastor of the Moravian church at Lititz, has received an official invitation to become the successor of Rev. E. T. Kluge in the Bethlehem pastorate, whom he succeeded at Lititz. The reverand gentleman hesitates to accept the call and may submit it to the lot, in vogue among Moravians for decision in that way.

—Harry Handschuh and Wilson Smith, local pugilists of Allentown, fought three rounds of a prize fight on Monday and ran into the country to escape arrest. The fight was declared a draw.

—John S. Laury has purchased the Weissport Bakery from Louis Stech, and will take charge next week; he will rebuild and improve the ovens. He has sold his barber shop to George Horn.

—B. J. Kuntz, the tanner, left last Friday night on a trip to the West, to be absent about three weeks.

—We are sorry to learn that our friend Frank Falls, of Audenried, is just now nursing a carbuncle.

—Engine 337, on Monday, dashed down the grade at Weatherly, and run into the rear end of a train drawn by engine 375, smashing a number of cars, but no one was injured.

—A formal application for the termination of the Philadelphia and Reading receivership was made to the United States Circuit Court Wednesday forenoon. There was no opposition, and a decree was made ordering the receivers to hand over to the Union Trust Company as trustee all the rolling stock and equipment of the Reading companies, to be held until certain obligations shall be met, when the receivership will be finally discharged.

—Rev. S. T. Leopold, of Tamaqua, was in town Thursday, looking well and happy. The people of Tamaqua evidently treat him kindly.

—A serenaded girl leaned too far out of her window, at Pottsville, to see who the singers were, and fell to the ground, wrecking the party and their song on the way.

—A Wilkesbarre despatch says a serious flood is apprehended there should the rain and warm weather continue. The ice is gorged bank high between Nanticoke and Pittston, a distance of twenty miles.

—The potato bug has lived through the winter, unharmed by storms or floods. While workmen were digging for sand near Scranton, a few days ago, they found thousands of living potato bugs fifteen feet below the surface.

—Mrs. Harriet Frances an aged and respected lady of Beaver Meadow, died on Saturday last aged 69 years, 4 months and 27 days. She was buried on Tuesday at the Beaver Meadow cemetery. She leaves a grown up family.

—About 8:45 o'clock Tuesday morning engine 354, attached to a freight train going east on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, struck and instantly killed Cornelius McIlhaney, the watchman at Glendon Station. McIlhaney was arranging to run the engine down the west bound track to round coal trains which were bring on the down track and in doing so he stepped on the up track directly in front of the engine, which, with two cars, passed over his body, mangling it in a horrible manner. The remains were picked up and taken to the Easton depot, where an inquest was held, after which they were taken to the home of his mother, in Phillipsburg. Deceased was twenty-four years of age and unmarried.

DEMOCRATS, ATTENTION!

The Democrats of Lehighton Borough are requested to meet at J. W. Raudenbush's, Carbon House, this (Friday) evening, 16th inst., at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of placing a ticket in nomination for Borough officers to be voted for on Tuesday, Feb. 20th, 1883. By the Committee.

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.

Slaughter of Cattle.

A portion of a through freight train on the Lehigh Valley Railroad, containing thirty five cars loaded with Western cattle, was wrecked about a mile above White Haven Saturday night. Ten cars were demolished, and thirty-five head of cattle killed and injured. All of the injured cattle were subsequently slaughtered, as they were terribly mangled and bruised. The hide and tallow was taken from them and then the carcasses were burned. The wreck was caused by a broken wheel. The train men escaped without injury.

Crazy from Religious Zeal.

William H. Cooper, a prominent and well-known citizen of Salem Township, Luzerne county, who has for some time past taken deep interest in religious affairs, has become a raving maniac over the subject. On Thursday of last week, he grew so violent that it was found necessary to confine him for fear he would do bodily harm to himself and others. On the day named he threw his furniture into a bonfire, which he had built for the purpose, and drove his family from the premises. He also burned all the valuable books in his library and threatened to burn the house down. The people living near him were frightened by his wild actions, and Friday he was taken to the Wilkesbarre jail, where he was examined by Dr. O'Malley and pronounced insane. He was taken to the insane asylum.

Ignorant Miners—Their Perils.

The fate that apparently awaits Polish and Hungarian emigrants in and about the coal mines of this region is most uninviting. The alarming increase of mine accidents and explosions recently is mainly due to an imperfect knowledge of the English language and their entire ignorance of the danger which surrounds them. An other accident occurred Saturday morning at Myers & McCreary's Bear Ridge Colliery, near Mahanoy Plane, by which Jacob Azlozowsky was fatally and George Sakolosky seriously injured. Several months ago the work of cutting the ground on the top of the coal and blasting it out was begun at Bear Ridge Colliery, and as this system of mining does not require experienced miners Hungarians and Poles were engaged. While Azlozowsky and Sakolosky were stripping the coal a large quantity of earth and rock, which they undermined, suddenly gave way and fell on them.

Teachers Institute in Franklin.

Last Thursday evening a week ago a very interesting educational meeting of the teachers and citizens of Franklin was held in the Evangelical church, at Big Creek. Although the air was cold and unpleasant, the room was filled with people, old and young, interested in the welfare of our schools.

Addresses were delivered by Mr. Frank Snyder, Rev. J. E. Freeman and Supt. T. M. Balliet. Mr. Snyder spoke of the necessity of adopting new and approved methods of teaching just as farmers have thrown away the sickle the scythe and are using the reaper and the mower. He said that special efforts should be made to teach our German children English. Mr. Freeman spoke of the necessity of giving children a good home training before they are old enough to go to school. He said that very few parents could teach their children Arithmatic, Geography, Reading, etc., at home, but all could teach them obedience to authority, and due respect for superiors as well as good manners. These things every child should learn before he is sent to school, the teacher would have no difficulty in maintaining discipline in school.

Supt. Balliet spoke of the necessity of paying higher salaries and securing better teachers. He said that as long as teachers are paid less than good men in other positions, it was impossible to secure and retain good talent in the school room. He said that teachers' salaries could easily be doubled in many districts without overburdening the people with taxes. He said that two years ago the average cost per month of sending a child to school in Franklin was 42 cents. This he said was not one half of what is usually paid to the very poorest teachers who teach subscription school in summer. He said that in a good private school in summer the usual terms were $2 to $4 per month, instead of 42 cents. Mr. Stephen Solt, a former teacher of the district, addressed the meeting in German. He said that the great obstacle in the way of progress was that people who know nothing about teaching were all the time dictating to teachers how they were to teach. People find fault with the teachers for introducing new methods. He thought the directors and County Superintendent were the proper persons to tell teachers how to teach. Mr. Spohn also spoke briefly and emphasized the point that people should not interfere with the teachers in matters which they did not understand. Very pointed remarks were also made by Mr. B. F. Peters, Thomas Arner and Chester Buck, teachers of the district.

A number of the most prominent and intelligent men of the community were present and took a deep interest in the meeting. The directors of Franklin increased teachers salaries $10 a month last fall. Our people heartily support them in the matter. We seem to be moving ahead. The only thing we need is to keep good school directors in office.

Historical Celebration.

Sunday was the seventy fifth anniversary of the first successful burning of anthracite coal, which took place in Wilkesbarre, at the old Fell House on the 11th day of February, 1808. The day was very appropriately celebrated Sunday by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, in their rooms on Franklin Street. Addresses were delivered by Governor Hoyt, Victor E. Piollett, Judge Dana and others. The rooms were kept open till midnight, which was taken advantage of by hundreds of curiosity seekers, who gathered to gaze upon the thousands of rare curiosities which were tastefully arranged on the upper floor. The Society was formed twenty four years ago, and the first meeting held in the old log parlor of the ancient Fell House, where the historical fact occurred. Here were assembled in an old time celebration such men as Captain Dennis, Judge Dana, George P. Parrish, J. B. Cunningham, W. H. Beaumont, G. B. Nicholson, H. M. Hoyt, Samuel Bowman, E. B. Collins, John Howorth, G. H. Butler, Dr. Ingham, J. N. Cunningham, David R. Randall, Dr. L. Patrick, William P. Miner, Stanley Woodward, C. E. Wright, S. Winchester, W. L. Ross and L. D. Shoemaker.

Apart from the official observances of the occasion, a small coterie of gentlemen, including ex Governor Hoyt, General Dana, Captain Dennis, and Dr. Ingham, of the original party, retired to the old Fell House, and in the very room where the first organization was effected twenty-four years ago and around the old fire place and the same grate, retold the jokes and revived the scenes of that day.

The Coal Trade.

The Pottsville *Miners' Journal* of Saturday says: "In the discussions upon the policy to be pursued this year there were a number of coal operators who contended that suspensions should be optional—those who wanted to work full time should have opportunity to do so. The three days' suspension was ordered to be made general, however, and was observed about as well as it ever was. When the furnace men began to feel the pinch of short supplies the optionists were encouraged, and finally succeeded in getting full time for a week to test the theory that the trade could not be maintained on half-time work during the winter. The week is not yet closed and they have got all the coal they want and a little more. They will not in the future be clamorous for full time. The fact is that beyond the furnace sizes there is really no demand for coal, and full time would only pile it up at the tide-water points in such quantities as would hopelessly demoralize the spring trade. A return to half time will prevent this evil. Meanwhile the furnaces will accumulate enough stock to insure them against further distress during the winter.

Joint Local Institute

Of the teachers of Carbon, Lehigh and Northampton counties, at Lehighton, to-day and to-morrow, (February 16 and 17). The following is the order of exercises:

FRIDAY EVENING, 7:30 O'CLOCK (SCHOOL HALL.)

Entertainment consisting of Music and Recitations, by Pupils of the Lehighton Schools.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Primary Reading.....H. J. Reinhart, Parryville.

School Room Helps.....T. A. Snyder, Lehighton.

The Use of the Dictionary in Schools...Prof. J. O. Knauss, Co. Sup't, Lehigh co.

Composition...H. S. Rinker, Weatherly.

Literature in Our Schools.....J. M. Roberts, Summit Hill

1:30 P. M.

The Study of General History .....J. H. Dugan, Audenried.

Physiology. G. W. McBride, Mauch Chunk.

Drawing.....Miss Kate McQuaid, Summit Hill.

Dull Pupils. John T. White, Mauch Chunk.

Address.....Prof. J. H. Werner, Co. Sup't, Northampton county.

—All Democrats should be on hand to help form a ticket this (Friday) evening, at the Carbon House, at 7:30 o'clock.

The Rockport Local Institute.

Rockport, Pa., Feb. 12, 1883.—The District Institute held on the 9th and 10th instants, in the public school house, at Rockport, was a grand success. The audience during the entire institute was large. Parents and friends of education, of this and surrounding districts, were present to encourage the occasion. Teachers from Weatherly, Beaver Meadow, Lansford and Lehigh, Lausanne, Penn Forest, Kidder, Lower Towamensing, and other districts were present. A great interest was manifested by all present. The Friday evening session was opened by singing, "America," Miss C. Beckie Hittinger presided at the organ. The following officers were then elected: President, Co. Sup't Balliet; Vice President, O. F. Kistler; Secretaries, J. S. Kishbach and G. M. Saul. The first speaker, Prof. W. H. Rauch, principal of the schools at Weatherly, delivered an instructive and interesting address on important educational matters. The True Object of Teaching; The Influence of Teaching and The Evidence of Education, were fully discussed by the speaker. The chief object of education is not to make money. We believe that education consists in developing and strengthening the mind and not in filling it. One great object of education is to make good citizens of the United States. When we consider that there are 69,000 people in Pennsylvania who cannot read or write, we cannot think that we pay too much attention to education. One of the best evidences of education is the general thirst for knowledge. Children in our common schools should not only be taught arithmatic, geography, etc., but they should be taught to cultivate a taste for the beautiful, the true and the good. You have here romantic mountains, beautiful flowers and trees. Your children should be taught to cultivate a taste to look upon these and appreciate them. The address was followed by rigorous applause. An instrumental solo, entitled, "Warblings at Eve," was then excellently executed by Miss C. Beckie Hettinger. The enthusiastic applause which followed this selection was well deserved. Mr. H. S. Rinker, of the Weatherly schools, then made a few instructive remarks on securing regular attendance in schools and inciting an interest in study. Mr Rauch followed with a brief talk on the importance of parents taking an interest in visiting the schools and seeing to the welfare of their children. Supt. Balliet then delivered a very instructive and impressive address. The following are a few of the many important topics which he fully discussed: The importance of paying higher salaries; How shall we procure the funds to pay our teachers liberally? The necessity of bringing teachers to business principles, or making it a profession; The remarkable cheapness of conducting our public schools; How shall we test teachers? Teachers should associate more with the practical business men of the world. It is a great mistake to think that education consists only in book knowledge. There is just as much education in building a house or constructing a steam engine as there is in writing a book. Every mind has a taste for some knowledge. It is the teachers duty to find out what the tastes of his pupils are. If you have teachers that destroy the mental tastes of your children it is time for you to look for better instructors. Do not test a teacher by what children say. The only way to test a teacher is to come to the school and see how he is getting along. "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" was then sang by the institute. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Miss C. Hittinger, Mrs. Jacob Hittinger, Mrs. F. A. Crocker, Miss Lizzie Solt and Mr. A. Gabrio for their kindness in leading the music during the evening.

The Saturday morning session was opened by singing "Beulah Land." Miss Hittinger presided at the organ. Miss Mattie Allen, Miss Trevaskis and Mr. Trevaskis, of Beaver Meadow and Miss Malloy, of Buck Mountain, assisted in leading singing. A very instructive talk on "Penmanship" was then given by J. S. Kishbach, of the Buck Mountain Grammar school. The speaker dwelt at length on the following topics: The importance of writing, organization of a writing class, pen holding, order in which letters should be taught, etc. First teach the elements of letters, then the principles, and thirdly combine the principles into letters. Pupils should have at least 25 minutes daily to write. After writing comes criticism. Mr. Trevaskis, of the Beaver Meadow schools' next gave an extensive and beneficial talk on the "English Language." He spoke principally to the parents present. The relation of the English to other languages, was fully brought out. Miss C. Beckie Hittinger then favored the audience with the beautiful instrumental solo, "Messengers of Love." The rounds of applause which followed this selection showed that it was greatly appreciated by the entire audience.

Letter from a former Carbon Countian.

The following letter from Amos Nothstein, who left here for the West in 1870, will no doubt be read with pleasure by his relatives and friends:

"Dear Sir: Enclosed please find $2 for another year's subscription for the Carbon Advocate, for self and brother Jefferson. We are the only two out of the family here and it does us good to hear from home. I left Lehighton in 1870, and was only 20 years old; when I reached this place I only had $4 to my name and a scanty wardrobe, so I went to work by the month, but did not get much ahead for the first year or two, when I made up my mind to make something or loose what little I had got. Being a plasterer by trade, I took jobs and hired hands, and by good luck I cleared $900 the first year, which encouraged me, and I went in heavier, and done well until the panic struck us here, when I quit plastering and bought 80 acres of land and went to farming, and am now getting along finely. * * * I send my best wishes to all my friends in Carbon County.

"Amos Nothstein."

Boys, just see what "luck and pluck" will do for a young fellow when he makes up his mind to succeed in life. Go thou, and do likewise.

Lehigh Valley's Control.

The Lehigh Valley road has secured control of the Southern Central road in New York State, running from Sayre, Pa., to Fair Haven on Lake Ontario. The roads have been friendly for some time and at the election, Thursday of last week, R. Asa Packer, of the Valley road, was made Managing Director and John Taylor, also of the latter road, General Traffic Manager. The Valley controls over half the road, hence it virtually becomes a part of the Lehigh Valley system, enabling that company to reach the Canadian ports and country with advantage. The Valley now has its own docks and wharves at Buffalo and at Fair Haven, and is able to draw therefrom immense freight traffic. The present officers of the Southern Central road will remain. It is said that the delay in closing the lease of the Newark branch of the New Jersey Central road is that the Lehigh Valley considers the figure too high. Whether the lease is effected or not, the Valley people say they will have their own line into New York.

A Broker's Good Luck.

Mr. F. B. Robinson, member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange, and a partner in the house of Robins & Robinson, bankers and brokers, 34 Broad street, New York, was laid up three months with severe rheumatism. He saw an advertisement of the great pain cure, St. Jacob's Oil in the *New York Morning Journal*, and he now says: "I bought a bottle used it, and in two days was completely relieved. You can state, I thoroughly believe in St. Jacob's Oil. I used it and it cured me."

—We notice with pleasure that our young friend John M. Kessler, formerly Principal of our schools, has been nominated by the Democrats of the 4th ward, Allentown, for Alderman. We hope he will make the election.

Mahoning Twinklings.

—Misses Kate J. and E. Lillie Arner spent Sunday with their friends at Lehighton.

—On last Tuesday a week a shooting match for a calf came off at the public house of Mr. Stephen Fenstermacher. Messrs. Rueben Reinsmith and Wilson Remaly, of this place, and Mr. Shoemaker, of Pleasant Corner, were the winners.

—The persons who "smashed things" at McDaniel's Hotel a few weeks ago have been arrested and gave bail to answer the charges preferred against them at the next term of court.

—There will be no society this (Saturday) evening owing to the fact that some of the members will attend the local institute that is to be held at Lehighton to-day. On next Saturday evening, however, the society will again meet at the Pleasant Corner school house. An oration will be delivered by Frank D. Klingeman. The question for debate is: Resolved, "That intemperance is a greater evil than war." The debaters on the affirmative side are T. R. Kunkle and G. P. Freyman; on the negative A. J. Balliet and A. M. Kistler. Besides the above there will be subject readings and declamations, etc.

—The mail between New Mahoning and Lehighton will now be carried three times a week, instead of only twice as heretofore. The days of the week on which the mail is to be carried are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. This is a great improvement and one with which every one is pleased. Mr. Samuel Zimmerman is the new carrier.

—Mrs. Bretney, widow of the late Henry Bretney, formerly of this place but for some time past residing with her son Jefferson Bretney, at Lehighton, died on last Sunday. Her funeral took place on Wednesday. She was buried at the St. John's church, at this place.

—As the days for the mail to leave New Mahoning are changed to Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, on what day will it be necessary for us to send the Mahoning items. We used to send them on Wednesday. Now we must either send them on Tuesday or Thursday. Will they reach you in time for publication if we send them on Thursday? The mail arrives at Lehighton at 3 o'clock. Yes, on Thursday will do.

The County Finances.

As the County Commissioners are too penuriously economical to publish the County Statement in more than the two Mauch Chunk papers, we gratuitously present our hundreds of subscribers with the following synopsis of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 30, 1882:

RECEIPTS.

From late Treasurer and tax collectors	$28,722 37
Unseated land taxes	4,548 89
Redemption, &c	397 92
Total	$33,469 18

EXPENDITURES.

Orders paid, County bonds	$ 6,513 00
Witness, Constable and Justice fees	810 70
Recorder's and Prothonotary's fees	111 65
Court Crier, Jury notices, stenographer, &c	431 45
Fox scalps, gas, water, merchandise, &c	373 85
Bridges, hauling, repairs, &c	473 72
Printing and stationery	781 75
Inquisitions	205 61
Election expenses	961 95
Assessment and Registration	625 50
Election expenses and returns	33 27
Redemption seated lands	478 66
Sheriff for prisoners, &c	526 20
Eastern Penitentiary	209 56
County Superintendent	200 00
Treasurer's salary	1,000 00
Commissioners and Clerk	1,101 00
Jury Commissioners, and Auditors	191 00
Constables and Tipstaves	436 44
Jurors	3,102 14
Tax refunded, road view damages and orders by late Commissioners	672 43
Total	$19,305 85
Assets on January 1st, 1883:	
Balance in hands of Treasurer	$14,163 33
Outstanding duplicates	5,693 21
Other items	222 71
	$20,079 25
Indebtedness:	
Approximate amount of unseated land taxes due townships	$ 3,392 61
Approximate amount of resources in excess of liabilities	$16,676 64

Was it a Murder?

Rumors were rife around here last Monday morning that an old farmer, aged 64 years, named John Wallace, residing on a public road in the neighborhood of Buck Mountain, this county, had been murdered on the previous day by a gang of six tramps. The tramps were said to have been passing along the road in front of Wallace's farm; several of them addressing some words to him, when they jumped the fence and went to his barn. The old man followed but the tramps rushed upon him and choked him to death. They then fled. Wallace's wife going out to the barn was horrified on finding the lifeless body of her husband. Two of the tramps have been captured but the others have escaped. Wallace was a well-known farmer and was esteemed a quiet and peaceful citizen.

Later particulars of the above affair seem to cast a doubt as to whether the tramps committed the murder, or whether the old man died of fright or excitement from heart disease on seeing the tramps approach the barn, at any rate it will need a thorough investigation. Here is the latest report of the affair: While Wallace was feeding his stock on Sunday afternoon he got into a dispute with some men passing along the road. Two of the tramps entered Wallace's barn and suddenly Wallace dropped dead. The entire crowd was arrested, and all but two of the party were discharged. No marks of violence were found upon Wallace, and the prisoners allege that he was in the act of raising a club to strike them when he fell. Henry Adams and Edward Wionan, the two men arrested, were taken to Mauch Chunk and lodged in jail. The affair caused great excitement and a large crowd assembled and threatened to lynch the two men who entered the barn.

Read a Paper Before You Sign it.

Twenty-three citizens and slate operators of Bangor and vicinity filed a petition at Easton Monday of last week, asking to be made joint plaintiffs in the injunction suit now pending between the Wind Gap and Delaware Road, and the Pennsylvania, Slatington and New England Road. Some of these signers now state that they misunderstood the purport of the petition, or believing it to be as represented, did not read it over. When they discovered that they had been led into petitioning to become parties to a suit against a railroad which they desired to have built (for it would benefit them greatly) they set about righting the wrong, and, accordingly, signed a petition asking the Court to allow them to withdraw their names from the former petition. The signers are very indignant over the matter, and some say that those who took the former petition around for signatures practiced deception. All of which goes to prove that a man is very foolish to sign any paper without carefully reading and examining the same. It would save an immense amount of trouble and avoid expensive litigation to do so.

School Report.

Report of the Lehighton Schools for the month ending Feb. 8, 1883:

HIGH SCHOOL.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	14	14	28
Average attendance	12	11	23
Per cent. of attendance	93	84	89

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—William Horn, Horace Raudenbush, Charles Trexler, Charles Weiand, Thomas C. Beck, Frank Obert, Ella Graver, Alice Mantz.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	25	23	48
Average attendance	22	19	41
Per cent. of attendance	90	88	89

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Angie Mantz, Emma Hunsicker, Emma Hartung, Laura Weidaw, Ida Rehrig, Mary Dreibelbiss, Alice Newhard, Carrie Hough, Mary Albright, Emma Frochlich, Elwin McCormick, Frank Nusbaum, Eddie Nusbaum, Alvin Koons, Harvey Koons, Harvey Hough.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	35	30	60
Average attendance	26	29	55
Per cent. of attendance	87	83	85

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Amandus Rehrig, Edgar Noll, Alvin Noll, Milton Hank, Robert Hollenbach, Oscar Schultz, Wilson Weidaw, Emma Miller, Hattie Graver, Tillie Schoch, Nella Wiesand, Sarah Feuhrer, Irene Fenstermacher, Tillie Buss, Emma Fuehrer, Ella Albright, Sallie Gabel, Emma Frey, Etta Drissell, Ella Ebbert, Amanda Koons.

SECONDARY SCHOOL.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	33	26	59
Average attendance	25	23	48
Per cent. of attendance	77	88	84

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Willie Beck, Tommie Trainer, Wilmer Held, David McCormick, Oscar Heilman, Harry Blank, Willie Koons, Mamie Fortwangler, Bertha Brocadie, Ella Trainer, Gusta Schoch, Ella Klinger, Lillie Snyder.

PRIMARY NO. 1.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	24	35	59
Average attendance	20	28	48
Per cent. of attendance	86	86	86

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Hannah Frochlich, Jennie Trainer, Martha Snyder, Emma Blank, Katie Drumbore, Ricca Longkammer, Anna Brocadie, Clara Heilman, Lizzie Schoch, Ella Walck, Alice Wolf, Ida Wolf, Lizzie Smith, Adda Ritz, Bella Hontz, Josie Frochlich, Charlie Koons, Robbie Blank, Eugene Walck, Elmer Yenser, Willie Nothstein, George Strohm, Tommie Ockerhauser, Allie Hunsicker.

PRIMARY NO. 2.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	28	35	63
Average attendance	22	32	54
Per cent. of attendance	87	96	92

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Eddie Gilbert, Granville Rehrig, Danny Frey, Willie Greenawald, Allen Greenawald, Aspen Schultz, Frank Semmel, Edgar Seiler, Harvey Gumbert, Tommy Webb, George Clauss, Willie Nothstein, Herbert Eisenhower, Ella Hontz, Lizzie Beck, Bertha Hollenbach, Irene Weidaw, Minerva Heist, Emma Fortwangler, Alice McCormick, Hattie Wiesand, Daisy Kuchner, Ellen Weiss, Annie Trainer, Katie Fenstermacher, Mamie Semmel, Amanda Rehrig, Emma Walck, Lillian Frochlich, Cora Rex, Lillie Spoonheimer, Mary Fenstermacher, Eva Fritzinger.

PRIMARY NO. 3.

	M	F	T
Whole No. in attendance	42	35	77
Average attendance	35	24	59
Per cent. of attendance	86	73	78

Names of pupils that attended every day during the month—Daisy Horn, Hattie Trexler, Hattie Rex, Sallie Freenheiser, Sarah Stetler, Alice Hontz, Wilmer Strausbury, Frank Dreher, John Trainer, Harry Trainer, Charles Xander, Eddie Albright, Jacob Heberling.

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Lower Towamensing.

—Geo. E. G. Marshall has disposed of all his property hereabouts to James Rutherford, and left the neighborhood.

—Thos. Prutzman and wife, the former of whom seldom leaves home on a visit, was for the first time, last week on a visit to relatives and friends in Allentown.

—Dr. David Straup, of Shenandoah, was on a visit to his parents residing here on last Sunday a week.

—The slate quarries in the neighborhood of Millport are again in operation.

—An infant class in connection with the Lehigh Gap Sunday school has been organized. St. John.

—Hotel keepers should bear in mind that it is against the law to sell liquor on Sunday. Some intoxicated persons were seen on the street at the Fire Line. Where they got the liquor we cannot say, but undoubtedly they got it somewhere.

—O. O. Blose is a candidate for assessor at the coming election.

—A convention will be held at Millport this Saturday, Feb. 17, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the various offices to be filled in the township.

—We paid a visit to the Lehigh Gap Sunday school last Sunday. Miss Emma Ruch, of Slatington, was also present and rendered several pieces on the organ. Miss Ruch is an accomplished musician.

—Jacob Becker, Sr., of Parryville, died early Sunday morning last, of paralysis. He was buried in the St. John's cemetery last Wednesday.

—Mrs. Victor Bowman gave a quilting party last Tuesday, on which occasion a large number of ladies were present.

—Mr. Milton Westen and Miss Emma Blose were married on the 4th inst.

—Daniel Beer is still suffering intensely with his cancer.

—Fred. Schmidt claims to have felled a tree five feet in diameter at its base.

—On account of low water Solomon Snyder had to stop his mills for a few days this week. Confidence.

Business Men Look Out.

The following paragraph explains itself, and after reading it our merchants and business men will do well to look sharp as to whom they furnish goods:

A young lady, who gave her name as Emma Snyder, of medium size, rather heavy set, round face, fair looking, and about 22 years of age, called at our store Feb 14, 1883, representing herself to be a servant of Mrs. M. A. Weiss, who she said had sent her to bring a set of jewelry (as she, Mrs. Weiss, had sore feet and could not come herself). I told her Mrs. Weiss was my daughter; she said, "Oh, no; its Mrs. Samuel Weiss, who lives on the hill." After selecting a gold watch and chain, bracelets, ear jewels and breast pin, I prepared to go with her, when she turned rather white and left the store very soon. S. Hagaman.

—In a drunken row at Sayre, Tuesday night, Harry Hoover, a Lehigh Valley Railroad fireman, was stabbed, causing death in ten minutes. Charles Sinsebaugh, one of the party was arrested for the crime. At the coroner's inquest Wednesday, the verdict was that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Sinsebaugh. The prisoner was taken to Towanda and jailed. The murdered man resided at Pittston and leaves a widow and several children.

Saturday Night's Lecture.

The lecture on "The Battle of Fredericksburg," by Rev. W. D. C. Bodrock, in Zion's Reformed church, in this borough, on the evening of the 10th inst., was a grand effort, and gave entire satisfaction to a large and intelligent audience. The lecturer depicted that dreadful event in the most vivid colors. The battle-field, the respective positions of both armies, the unequalled heroism of the Union soldier, the boom of cannon and the clang of arms, as also the removal of the wounded patriot from the bloody field by his more fortunate comrades, the pathetic moan of dying fathers, husbands and sons, and the mournful scene that ensued after the deadly conflict, &c., all combined to form a living picture of the memorable battle of Fredericksburg. The most dormant spark of patriotism was irresistible awakened to lively enthusiasm in the bosom of the attentive hearer, and during the procedure of the lecture the audience was, as it were, uniformed in blue, vigorously wielding the arms of liberty for the peace of our beloved homes. Any community desirous of spending a most interesting and profitable evening, would do well by employing our worthy Chaplain to deliver one of his admirable lectures on his experience in the late rebellion. H.

Public Sales.

The following sales are advertised in the columns of the Advocate or bills have been printed at this office for them:

Feb. 24, at 1 p. m.—Fifty eight acres of Farm land in East Penn, property of Elizabeth Glass. Sale at East Penn Hotel.

Feb. 27, at 12 noon.—At the Trachsville hotel, two pieces