"Original Cheap Cash Store."

Tremendous Slaughter in Shawls!

Actual cost to us does not enter into consideration a moment. Therefore, the knife has been applied to cutting prices to a degree never before equalled in this section:

$1.70	Shawls cut down to	$1.20.
$2.50	Shawls cut down to	$1.75.
$2.00	Shawls cut down to	$2.00.
$3.00	Shawls cut down to	$2.25.
$3.87	Shawls cut down to	$3.00.
$4.25	Shawls cut down to	$3.50.
$4.75	Shawls cut down to	$3.70.
$5.75	Shawls cut down to	$4.65.
$7.00	Shawls cut down to	$5.75.
$8.50	Shawls cut down to	$7.00.

J. T. NUSBAUM,

Opp. Public Square, Bank Street, Lehighton, Pa. June 9, 1883-1y.

The Carbon Advocate.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1884

—SPECIAL NOTICE.—Persons making payments to this office by money orders or postal notes will please make them payable at the WEISSPORT POST OFFICE, as the Lehighton office is NOT a money order office

(☞ SPECIAL.—Commencing to-day we will send our Collectors—W. W. Morthimer and Geo. W. Morthimer, with bills to those who are indebted to us for Subscription, Advertising or Job Work, residing in this vicinity, and trust that they will meet with a prompt response to their demands. To those residing at a distance we will mail bills, and expect immediate returns.☞)

Our Neighborhood in Brief.

—Numerous—Sleighing parties.

—Slippery—Some of the crossings.

—Top boots cover a multitude of shins.

—A brick in the hod is worth two in the hat.

—A Wall Street lamb sometimes becomes ash heap.

—Thos. Nusbaum and Milt Clauss spent Sunday in Wilkesbarre.

—Protracted meetings have commenced in the Evangelical church.

—Know thy neighbor: the proper study of mankind is to find out who he is.

—"Rip Van Winkle" is to be produced at Allentown in Pennsylvania Dutch.

—The payrolls of the Pennsylvania Steel Works for December amounted to $75,000.

☞GO TO ROSEBERY'S, IN OBERT'S BUILDING FOR AN EASY SHAVE.

—Chas. Thomas, of Slatington, spent Sunday in town with his brother, T. Dio Thomas.

—The miners around Wilkesbarre are buying for cash, company stores having been abolished.

☞Ladies and gents gold and silver watches a specialty, at Deats & Co's. P. O. building, Weissport.

—The Bessemer, blooming and rail mills of the Pennsylvania Steel Works are busy night and day.

—A grand ball will be given at the Carbon House, on January 24. Get your tickets early.

—Engine No. 321 run off the track while shifting cars at the Glen Onoko bridge last Sunday night.

☞Largest stock of handsome gold watches in the county at E. H. Hohl's, Mauch Chunk.

Acker's Celebrated English Remedy for Coughs, Colds, and Consumption. Sold for us on a guarantee by Dr Horn, Lehighton, and E A Horn, Weissport.

—It is stated on the authority of the Wilkesbarre *Sunday News Dealer*, that prominent Democrats of the 21st District are making a move toward re-nominating Senator Coxe and that they will persist in his accepting it.

☞GALLERY FOR SALE.—The undersigned has for sale a portable Photograph Gallery, with or without apparatus. The gallery is in excellent condition and will be disposed of at a sacrifice. Apply to Wm M. Flickinger, Weatherly, Pa.

—John Blose, residing on Fourth street this borough, met with a serious accident on Saturday last, while in the act of coupling cars his arm was caught between the bumpers and badly mashed. He was taken to the St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem. We received word Wednesday night to the effect that his arm had been amputated above the elbow.

—Miss Nellie Dickson, of Williamsport, while visiting at Berwick drank spirits of ammonia in mistake, and will probably die

☞A new lot of CLOCKS, WATCHES and JEWELRY just received at S. HAGA MAN'S Store, Lehighton, Pa.

—The distribution of the $35,000 contributed for the relief of the sufferers, of the Shenandoah fire was commenced last Friday.

—A charter has been granted to the Parish Coal Company, of Plymouth, Luzerne county. Charles Parish is the head of the concern.

☞Read E. H. Hohl's advertisement on gold watches to day where you will find nothing but the truth and what common sense should teach you.

—The attention of the Attorney General is to be called by Governor Pattison to a seeming discrepancy of $12,000 in the affairs of the Miners' Hospital at Ashland.

—Lewis' Best White Lead at $7.00 a hundred at J. L. Gabel's, for cash.

—Michael Simeon had his right arm torn off at the coal stripping, near Crystal Ridge, last Friday. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem.

—A private combination palace car which is being built at the South Easton car shops for President Harry E. Packer, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad, is almost finished.

—HUNDREDS Write they owe their life and present good health to Acker's English Remedy for Consumption, Coughs, Colds, &c. Sold by C. T. Horn, Lehighton, and E. A. Horn, Weissport.

—Our townsman, James Walp, residing on Bank street was made happy on Monday morning, by his wife presenting him with a bouncing baby girl. Mother and child are doing well.

—Ready mixed paints at J. L. Gabel's for $1.25 per gallon.

—D. B. Beck, of Scranton, is spending a few days with his parents and friends hereabouts during the week. He is looking and feeling well and happy.

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

—T. D. Casey, Henry Meyer, Major Nathaniel Finch and James E. Moran have been elected to represent Allegheny county in the Democratic State Committee. It is understood that all of them favor the re-election of Chairman Hensel.

—Never try to raise a family without a good newspaper, provided it contains the advertisement of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for this valuable medicine is necessary to keep your children in good health.

—A druggist in New Richmond, O., Mr. E. J. Donham, writes us the following: "I consider Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup one of the very best things made. I use it altogether in my family and therefore recommend it.

—Judge Pershing decided on Monday, at Pottsville, that base ball playing was not a business under the meaning of the wages act of 1872 and that the players salaries are not to be placed on the same footing as the wages of ordinary working people. The question arose by the Anthracite Inter State Base Ball Club having claimed priority to the fund in the hands of the Sheriff from the sale of the Anthracite Park.

☞Why not buy solid gold watches of E. H. Hohl when you can get one for very little more than the filled cases cost you elsewhere. Reasons why you should not buy filled watches: 1st, They are stuffed with brass or nickel 2nd. Any one knows that gold has 100 times the value of brass. 3rd. If your friend asks "is it solid?" you must say it is stuffed or lie, or say it is rolled gold 4th. Gold watches are at all times worth their actual weight in gold. 5th. Second hand filled gold watches are not worth one quarter what they cost you. Buy one, then try to sell it to your jeweler, then you will have your eyes opened. Get E. H. Hohl's prices of Gold Watches, compare prices aside of E. H. Hohl's very large stock of solid gold watches. He has the largest stock of filled cases, sells $5 cheaper than you can get elsewhere.

—Mrs. George, a widow, living near Manheim, Lancaster county, locked her two children in the house while she went to visit a neighbor, and when she returned she found one of them burned to a crisp. The other is uninjured. Moral: Don't visit your neighbors when there is no one at home to take charge of your children.

—Pure Linseed Oil, at J. L. Gabel's, 68 cents per gallon for cash.

—At Locust Gap, Monday night, during a drunken fight, William Brennan, pitcher of the Reliance Base Ball Club, struck John Walls on the head with a shovel, fracturing his skull. Brennan ran away. Walls was found by passers by and cared for.

—Ex-Congressman S. A. Bridges, of Allentown, died Monday evening of dropsy, aged 82 years. He was a member of Congress from the Tenth district during the years 1848 49, 1853 to 1855 and 1876 to 1878. He leaves a wife, but no children.

—Mrs. Brown—"And so your husband lost his leg. Isn't it awful?" Wife—"You may well say it. And it was only last week that he bought a new pair of boots—a pair, Mrs. Brown, but it makes little difference so long as we can get sleighs at David Eberts livery at low rates.

—*The Breakfast Table*, published Sunday morning at Williamsport, Pa. Mr. John Stock, the business manager for the above paper, was in town Wednesday and made arrangements with Prof. John F. Halbach to supply the people of this neighborhood with that really excellent paper.

—Thomas, the druggist, on Bank street, has just received and hoisted to the breeze, a neat sign.

—We are under obligations to Fred. Leuckel, of Kokomo, Col., for copies of papers received during the week.

☞The world renowned, James W. Queen & Co., Chestnut street, Philadelphia, spectacles and eye-glasses, for sale at E. H. Hohl's, Mauch Chunk.

☞Solid gold watches will wear a life time, while a stuffed or so called filled cases, depreciate in value every day in the years—and in a few years is absolutely worth nothing.

— Best make of Horse Shoe Nails for 20cts a pound by the box at J. L. Gabel's.

☞A Farm of 118 acres with a house on it, and about 8 acres cleared, for sale cheap or in exchange for town property. Three miles from Mauch Chunk. Address W. M. Rapsher, Lehighton, Pa.

—For the week ending on the 29th ult. there were 76,251 tons of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley railroad, making a total to date of 413,104 tons, a decrease of 146,706 tons as compared with same time last year.

☞E. H. Hohl, the enterprising jeweler of Mauch Chunk, has again increased his stock. The stock he is opening to-day makes his stock the largest and finest in this section of the State.

—Charles Ehrig, of West Bethlehem, a brakeman on No 82 freight, Lehigh Valley Railroad, while coupling cars at Sheckler's Siding, below the Packerton yard, on Friday, had his right hand caught between the bumpers. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, at Bethlehem, where one of the fingers was amputated.

—Mr. Daniel Wieand having made the alteration to his manufactory, announces himself ready to supply his old friends or new ones, with carriages, wagons, sleighs, and all kind or repairing on short notice and at reasonable terms.

—10d. to 40d. nails of J. L. Gabel's for only $3.00 per keg. Locks $2.75 per doz.

Fatal Coasting Accident.

George Wertz, aged fifteen years, was probably fatally injured while coasting in Schuylkill Haven. On Saturday night he was giving warning to some of his companions of the approach of a passenger train when their sled struck him and threw him a great distance, fracturing his skull and breaking his shoulder bone.

Assests of a Defunct Iron Company.

The report of John Ralston, assignee of the Greenwood Rolling Company, at Pottsville, was filed in court Monday He reports having $6,000 on hand. The greater portion of the money is due to the men who were employed at the mill at the time it suspended last summer. An auditor was appointed to distribute the funds among the creditors.

Sheriff Sales.

The Kidder township lots at Lehigh Tannery were bid in by Attorney Fred Bertolette.

The John Sandel farm in Mahoning was purchased by E. R. Siewers, esq., for ex-Sheriff Stocker, at $2850.

The Susan McHugh real estate at Summit Hill and Mahoning township, was knocked down to Daniel Sheep, of Tainaqua, for $968.

Due Notice.

After January 15 our new Spring Styles of Wall Paper Borders and Decorations will be coming in, and as we have too many goods from fall purchases in order to hurry them off and make room for the NEW we offer the public at 15 per cent. discount FOR CASH purchases, don't miss this opportunity of saving money. E. F. LUCKENBACH, 61 Broadway, Mauch Chunk.

A Fatal Dynamite Explosion.

An explosion took place Monday forenoon at the iron mines at Cornwall, near Lebanon. A young man named John Pauzy entered a small building for the purpose of taking out a few pounds of dynamite. There were one hundred and fifty pounds of the explosive in the building. A few seconds after his entrance there was an explosion and the building was blown into splinters. Pauzy was left in the ruins, horribly burned. His left leg had been torn out of its socket. His clothing was torn from his body. He died shortly afterward.

PHILA. & READING R. R.

GEORGE DE B. KEIM UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED TO SUCCEED MR. GOWEN. READING'S ANNUAL REPORT SHOWING SURPLUS OF EARNINGS ENOUGH TO PAY 7 PER CENT DIVIDEND ON PREFERRED AND 6 PER CENT ON COMMON STOCK.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company was held at noon Monday at Association Hall, and the election of a successor to President Gowen and a new Board of Managers was effected without any show of that excitement which was formerly such a distinguishing feature of the Reading elections. The result of the election was in no sense a surprise, as it was known that Mr. Gowen would, under no circumstances, accept a renomination, that he desired to be succeeded by Vice-President George De B. Keim,—and that he held, a week before the election, sufficient proxies to elect him. The following was the ticket elected, there being cast for it 391,100 shares, and none against it.—President, George De B. Keim. Managers: J. B. Lippincott, Henry Lewis, I. V. Williamson, Edward C. Knight, Joseph B. Altemus, Loring A. Robertson. Treasurer, William A. Church. Secretary, Albert Foster.

There is but little change in this ticket from that of last year. Loring A. Robertson takes the place of State Senator Eckley B. Coxe. Mr. Coxe resigned from the Board shortly after the lease of the New Jersey Central, because of his extensive connection with that road, as a shipper of coal and coke.

William A. Church, as Treasurer, succeeds Samuel Bradford, who has been connected with the Reading Railroad for more than forty years. He declined a renomination and election on account of advancing years. He will retire into private life.

The meeting was called to order at noon by William L. Mactier. E. S Whelen was made chairman. There were present about 300 of the stockholders.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

President Gowen read the annual report of the Board of Managers. From the report it appears that the total surplus for 1883, over all liabilities, was $2,157,233 06, which sum would be sufficient to pay a dividend of 7 per cent on the preferred stock, 6 per cent upon the common, and leave a balance of $67,000 applicable to the interest on the deferred bonds. The total net profit of the railroad, and of the coal and iron companies, was $15,385,842 67; the rentals, $6,412,426 67; all interest accounts, $6,816,182 96. The profit from the New Jersey Central Railroad during the six months since the lease has been in operation, was $633,482 57. The total number of passengers carried was $18,195,264; tons of coal, 11,449,373; tons of merchandise, 7,159,682; total tonnage, including passengers, 22,933,311 tons.

The report recommends the creation of a collateral trust loan of $12,000,000, at 5 per cent, to pay off the floating debt and the outstanding mortgage bonds, and also to purchase 50,000 shares of Jersey Central stock, in order to obtain complete control of that road. The report pictures the future of the Reading Road as full of hope and promise, and points with satisfaction to the lease of the Jersey Central under the most favorable circumstances.

Upon motion of Mr. Antelo the report was unanimously adopted and ordered to be printed. The motion also carried with it the ratification of the leases, contracts and agreements therein indicated and advised.

THE DIVIDEND GOWEN RECOMMENDS.

Mr Gowen then asked that a vote be taken upon a resolution that the stockholders meet in two weeks, on the 28th, to vote upon the recommendations of the report, and also upon the question of declaring a dividend. He said he would vote his proxies in favor of a dividend of 21 per cent upon the preferred stock and 3 per cent upon the common stock. It was voted to meet on the day indicated for the purpose suggested by Mr. Gowen's resolution.

William W. Harkness read resolutions numerously signed by prominent bankers and business men in New York and Philadelphia, calling upon Mr. Gowen not to resign the Presidency of the Reading, eulogizing his course in the position. The paper was greeted with applause, and a vote was about to be taken upon it, when Mr. Gowen jumped up, and said he trusted his friends would not press the resolutions, as it would place him in an embarrassing and awkward position, especially as he held a large majority of the proxies. He felt flattered by the resolutions, but he trusted they would be withdrawn. They were accordingly withdrawn, but were placed upon the minutes.

William E. Lockwood read a long paper showing the prosperous condition of the coal lands of the company.

During the meeting Vice-President Kiem sat in modest retirement back among the stockholders, by the side of Senator Eckley B. Coxe. In front of them sat a gentleman, a stockholder, who bore a striking resemblance to William H. Vanderbilt, and he was mistaken by many for the millionaire. He consequently became the unconscious object of the open-mouthed curiosity of some of the rural stockholders, who occupied adjacent seats. He laughed hartily when told of the great attention he was receiving under false colors. As the election progressed, there was a general move of the stockholders toward the platform, where Mr. Kiem, the new president, was standing arm in arm with Mr. Gowen, and he was kept pretty busy shaking hands. Among those upon the floor were Mr. James McHenry, of London, England, and Lord Bury, who accompanied him to this country.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Mr. George De Benneville Keim, the new President of the Reading Company, is fifty two years old, and was born in Reading. He is the son of the late General George Keim. He got his early education at the Catholic College at Georgetown, District of Columbia, and graduated in 1849, from Dickinson College, Carlisle. He went back to Reading after completing his college education, and studied law in the office of Charles Davis, Esq. He was admitted to the Berks County Bar, in 1852, and opened an office in that city, at Fifth and Court Streets. He was, for three years, president of the Junior Fire Company. In 1855 he removed to Pottsville, where he was retained as counsel by leading coal operators. It was during this period that he acquired that knowledge of the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania which was afterwards of so much value to the Reading Company, when it determined to engage in the business of coal mining, in addition to railroading. In 1868 he was made solicitor of the company, and in 1871 general solicitor, when he removed his family to Philadelphia. For several years he has held the position of vice president. He is modest, retiring and exceedingly popular.—*Phila. Press.*

☞Don't buy jewelry till you have seen the elegant stock at Deats & Co's, P. O. building, Weissport. *

PRESIDENT PACKER'S REPORT.

FAVORABLE FIGURES PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY STOCKHOLDERS.

The stockholders of the Lehigh Valley Railroad held their annual meeting Tuesday at the office of the company, 228 South Third Street, Philadelphia, Joseph Wharton occupying the chair. The annual report of President H. E. Packer showed the total coal tonnage for the year ending Nov. 30 to be 6,592,646 tons, of which 6,527,912 tons were anthracite and 64,734 tons bituminous. The capital account at the close of the year was as follows: Preferred stock, $106,300; common stock $27,496,550. The first mortgage 6 per cent bonds, due in 1898, amount to $5,000,000; the second mortgage 7 per cent. bonds, due 1910, $6,000,000, and the consolidated mortgage 6 per cent. bonds, due in 1923, $13,854,000. The total number of passengers carried was 1,935,000, an increase of 147,152 over the preceding year, while there was a decrease of 56,218,862 tons 15.25 per cent. in the total amount of freight carried over the main line and branches.

This decrease in freight was principally in iron rails, pig iron and iron ore, and is explained by the depression at present existing in the iron trade.

The total gross receipts were $10,218,149.86; operating expenses, $6,176,656.16, which leaves the net receipts $4,042,493.70, this being sufficient to pay all dividends, interests and other obligations and leave a net balance of $122,598.61 to the credit of the company. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected:

Harry E. Packer, president; directors, Charles Hartshorne, Wm. L. Conyngham,Ario Pardee, Wm. N. Ingham, George B. Markle, Robert H. Sayre, James I. Blakslee, Elisha P. Wilbur, Joseph Patterson, G. B. Linderman, John R. Fell, and Robt. N. Lamberton.

Court Proceedings.

MONDAY.

Judge Dreher and Meendsen were present. Judge H. E. Packer was unwell at his residence during yesterday and to-day.

The constables returns were all taken and sworn to. Judge Dreher charged the Grand Jury and they went to work immediately and returned several bills before evening.

The Hummel—Stanton prosecution was ignored and costs put on the county, owing to the death of prosecutior.

The license list was taken up and all the old ones granted. The new applicants heard no objection to any except McGinley, of West Broadway; all held under advisement. Sheriff sales took place at one o'clock. The bidding on the Sandel farm was lively.

TUESDAY.

All the new applicants for license—Mulhearn, of Lansford, McGeady, of East Mauch Chunk, Widdess, of Lehighton, and McGinley, of Mauch Chunk, were rejected.

Case of Com. vs. Charles Barron. A 10 year old son of Barney Barrow, of Summit Hill, charged with malicious mischief, throwing stones against doors and house of John McVay, of that place. District Attorney Mulhearn for prosecutor; E. R. Siewers, Esq., for defendant. It seems a lot of children had gathered one Sunday and threw stones and annoyed these people. Verdict not guilty, but to pay costs.

Com. vs. Sarah Hawk, assault and battery from Kidder township. Prosecutrix, Amanda Dotter. Mulhearn and Fryman & Keifer for Prosecution, Rapsher and Loose for Defendant. The prosecutrix called the defendant some pretty hard names, whereupon she took hold of her and shook her several times. Verdict not guilty. Prosecutrix to pay one quarter the costs, defendant, three quarters the costs.

Com. vs. Joseph Webb, Weissport. Selling liquor on election day—to minors and Sunday. Prosecutor, W. C. Frederick. The first of these cases are now on trial, Wednesday morning. District Attorney for Commonwealth, Rapsher for defendant. The court sentenced Webb to pay one third of costs and 'Squire Campbell two thirds of costs.—*Times.*

Death of Hon. Samuel A. Bridges.

Another link connecting the past with the present was sundered last Monday evening in the not unexpected demise of one of Allentown's oldest, best known and most highly respected citizens, Hon. Samuel A. Bridges. He had for some time been in feeble condition, and last week was made bedfast under an attack of dropsy in a severe form. He gradually weakened under it until Monday towards evening, when the shadows of death gathered fast and dare upon his countenance, his respiration became feebler, and at last, at near 8 o'clock, died. Whilst not unlooked for, as he had been very ill for a few days, the announcement of his his decease was received with surprise, and many could scarcely credit that he had been called hence, owing to the briefness of his sickness. As a lawyer, statesman and citizen Mr. Bridges, to use his own language, had filled the full measure of his life's ambition, and when he retired from Congress in 1878 he felt that his work was done, and he so expressed it. Since that time he has been living a quiet, retiring life, and until he was overcome by his late feebleness, the result of the weight of his years, he enjoyed himself greatly in the society of his wife and friends. He was near 82 years of age, and had performed his full share of life's duties in many honorable positions.—*Allentown Democrat.*

"Every Day Cyclopedia

Of Useful Knowledge" is the title of a standard work issued by the Sun Publishing Company, of St. Louis, Mo. It contains a vast amount of accurate and reliable information, for Merchant, Farmer, Mechanic, Tradesman and Housewife. It embraces the care and management, diseases and remedies of horses, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry; besides these it contains 10,000 useful recipes upon various subjects of daily reference. How so much valuable matter, so conveniently arranged, can be crowded into one book, is a mystery, and yet it is all made clear in the "Every-Day Cyclopedia of Useful Knowledge."

Agents wanted for this valuable book. We call attention to the advertisement in another column.

Political.

Maloy, of Lansford, Eubody, of Weatherly, and Keiser, of Mahoning, are spoken of as Democratic aspirants for the Legislature, and Rickert, of Summit Hill, Miller, of East Mauch Chunk, and Dolan, of Packerton, for County Treasurer; Dermott, of Nesquehoning, Craig, of Lehigh Gap, and Arner, of Weissport, for County Commissioners; Smith, of Lehighton, and Reber, of Weissport, for Register and Recorder, and Bauer, of East Mauch Chunk, for Prothonotary.

Family Stricken with Diphtheria.

Diphtheria in a violent form has been prevailing in the family of Professor C. S. Wieand, principal of a seminary at Pennsburg, Montgomery county, and three of four of there children have died within five days. The youngest was not quite one year old and the oldest about five years. The remaining child is also down with the disease, but there are hopes entertained for its recovery. The entire family was prostrated with the disease, but Professor and Mrs. Wieand and the servant girl are on the road to recovery.

"Willie's" Reply to "Minstrel"

PARRYVILLE, Jan. 15, 1884.

MR. EDITOR:—The pseudo aristocracy of Parryville have arrogantly exhausted their polite vocabulary, and have now, themselves, given the public an idea of a notorious characteristic of their private social gatherings. They think they have completely buried us in the mire of their vituperation, but the odor of their silly personalities is stifling them in their isolation, and long after the patient marble shall mark their graves, chiseled with records of their assumed virtues, will the vapors of their innate degeneracy rise and permeate the clay above them, so that the green grass will be suffocated in its germ. Nature will refuse to soften and relieve the abiding sepulchre of the great "I am." To "Minstrel" we, would fain address this question, "Do you consider that it bestowes either dignity or credibility upon a scribe to be employed by others to give to the public certain misrepresentations of a fellow citizen whose side of the case is personally unknown to you?" As to your reply to our article, it willfully perverts our statements, misrepresents our motives, and futher confirms its weakness by calling ridicule and falsehood to its aid.

This circle of cultured society is very small, with a sadly decreasing tendency. Yet several specimens of it are unique. Let us specify: Our late letter greatly aroused the latent eloquence of the Prof. He, who each Sunday within the sanctity of one of our churches, so able and earnestly reviews the Sunday school lesson did, in like manner within the much frequented halls of the hotel barroom discuss the late effort of yours respectfully, "Willie." How varied the scenes of his rhetoric! This leader of our sophists, expounder of Holy Righteousness, haranguer of the bar room elect in an atmosphere of beer, besides being the intellectual representative of the Parryville Dutch Minstrels. Now for another choice morsel out of this immortal society. Where? Oh! where is the pride of the dignified pillman, member of the Carbon county Medical Society, and great soloist of a Dutch negro show? Not so bad for the man, but devilish bad for the society and dignity of the profession. Of the other specimen or two of this cowardly aristocracy who are so ashamed of their filthy connection as to refuse to append their name, of these we say, we confess, to feelings of charity for we do not hold blamable any one who is not intellectually responsible.

No, "Minstrel," we did not covet your characters in the show, nor were we the only one discarded by your learned managers. We declare we felt mean enough to witness such an illustration of your self-lauded taste, pitied you and spared you in our hurried report of your exhibition; yet how nobly you have inspired us to better ourselves so that we too may figure as burnt cork artists. You also failed to call any attention to our criticism proper, because you found in it a more generous spirit than you dared to acknowledge in us, but not eager to vent a personal spleen, through a patient scribe whose position merits our sympathy.

You would like to declare us a citizen by fraud and disfranchise us, but "Willie" stays with you, gentlemen, and thus abides by the opinion of the true and better aristocracy, whose loyal expressions have been tendered us privately and unsolicitedly. We are able to pay our debts slowly and fully, and have not yet tried to go back on an accommodation note; the elector from Slabtown still withstands the statesmanship of the hill, and "Willie," boy, still stays. We don't want to "jine" your society, but wouldn't mind hiring the aristocratic portion of the minstrel "concern" for a novelty, and with great show bills, red, white and blue, advertise it highly. Say, boys, how would, it look? "BIG MINSTREL SHOW! Proceeds for benefit of a church. Dutch Negro Minstrels of Parryville. Leading characters." Prof. Kutztown, scriptural delineator, and bar-room haranguer, will produce his poetical effusions, and present the compound medley of a Dutch Nigger Show. And the Parryville pill-man and physician to the court of the Kingdom of Parryville, attenuated stump speech orator. Gosh! wouldn't it take. Immense enthusiasm! Trochaville, Stemlersville, &c., would go wild in ecstacy.

Yours affectionately
"WILLIE."

P. S. No. 1.—"Willie" your notice will yet make a "grand achievement" of the Parryville Minstrels.

P. S. No. 2.—"Willie" again rises to remark that he will continue to stay and meet his friends at No. 14 Slabtown.

LATER—The Minstrels will not show at Trochaville as was intended.

Still kindly yours,
"WILLIE."

Packerton Ripples.

—While at South Easton the other day, we were permitted, through the kindness of Master Mechanic Kinsey, to inspect President Packer's new car. It will be finished next month; and will be the finest car ever run on the Valley Road.

—We understand several legislative candidates are in training; but don't believe any of them are taking lessons from the present members. The people of Carbon ought to see to it that we are properly represented. A little more independent voting will knock the aspiration of several who think of representing this county at Harrisburg. No man has a claim upon the Democracy of Carbon, but Democracy does claim the service of honest, capable men.

—Half time makes things lively at Packerton the first three days of the week, working night and day. It would be entirely satisfactory to the employees if full time should be announced—don't believe there would be a dissenting voice; but that is a question upon which the right of suffrage is denied, except to a few property representatives.

—Some one, no doubt feeling the need of good and substantial foot gear for this kind of weather, broke into our shoemaker shop the other night and helped himself.

—McClure is now busy with Philadelphia politics. The *Press* is going to have up hill work sustaining the Republican ticket. King, Hunter and Sheppard will be the yest pocket votes, and from present appearance will be nominated. It will be a lively tussel.

—Protracted services are being held in the Methodist church, by the Rev. B. F. Powell, pastor. He has labored very hard for the conversion of the unbelievers here, and has met with some success, he hopes the present occasion may result in much good.

—John McKelvey is now in his new house at Jamestown, near the new round house. A. Bauman occupies the house vacated by Mr. McKelvey.

—Spring election near at hand; as yet we have not heard of any aspirants for office. However, there is no doubt things will be lively around here at that time.

—Would it not be a good idea for some of the high tariff people to read the conclusions of the last tariff commission. The complexion of the Committee was protection. If the present rate is right, why so much depression—so much idleness? If it is over-production. Why? Could the laboring man's condition be much worse than it is now? Will an honest revision of the present tariff injure business? No, but the protected monopolists don't want the question agitated. The mass of the Democratic party say it shall be. Let the protection be sufficient for revenue, let our manufacturers compete for the world's trade, not be satisfied with home consumption. No danger of capital being locked up. Monied protectionists may threaten—may hope to frighten the operative, but they won't stop manufacturing. They will advertise for the trade of the world; will get its share. Then you will not hear of the mills shutting down, of wages being reduced. A man that advocates the present tariff is no friend of labor. If Congress passes a wise tariff measure they will be sustained by the people, and if the party advocating such measure shall nominate as their candidates, men who are honest, fearless and capable, they will win in '84, even if McClure and Dana do not support them. ANON.

—Sleighriders all through the country immensely enjoy the fine, bright nights and excellence of the roads as they whisk along to the merry jingle of the bells.

A Jolly Party.

A jolly party of sleighers from Weissport, Lehighton and Parryville took a sleigh ride to Beltz's well-know hostelry Tuesday evening, where the party was entertained by mine host Beltz in regal style. Dancing was indulged in until the 'wee 'sma hours of the morning, the music being furnished by Prof. Eli R. Sensinger's most excellent orchestra of Mauch Chunk. A fine and elegant supper was spread, and the table fairly groaned with sweetmeats and edibles, which was highly appreciated by the guests, whose appreciation was shown by the way things disappeared from the table to satisfy the inner man. The following ladies and gentemen comprised the party: Benj. Culton and wife, Hiram Rickert and wife, Jacob Strauseberger and wife, John F. Zern and wife, Milton E. Emery and wife, Wm. E. Reed and wife, Aaron Snyder, and Misses Ella Snyder, Lillie Guth, Standa P. Yundt, all of Weissport; H. P. Cooper and wife, Dr. W. S. Kutz and wife, Prof. Reinhardt and wife, Dilonie Snyder and wife, of Parryville; Dr. C. W. Bower and wife and Griffith Montz, of Lehighton. The only Mauch Chunker who was honored with an invite, was our popular Register and Recorder, James H. Handwerk.—*Daily Times.*

The Coal Trade.

The *Coal Trade Journal*: The temperature of the opening week of the new year has been of such a character as to make everyone think of their fuel supply; the clerk of the weather is apparently in league with the coal operators, and whereas every portion of this trade was in the deepest of the blues in December, its entire tone is now changed. Points are given for a raise in the value of coal, and we already hear of some stiffening in rates, say ten or fifteen cents per ton nearer the circular than they were a fortnight ago. In the course of a week or ten days there may be even a harder feeling than at present, for the stocks are working off quite rapidly, and the effect on the market will then be more readily discernible. It is stated that there is no possibility of the present arrangement being modified, in any way, and those who want coal will do well to govern themselves accordingly. The Reading Company issue a new price list dated the first of the year, continuing former rates, and they claim to be holding to these figures.

The Lehigh Presbytery.

The Lehigh Presbytery held a well-attended meeting in Pottsville, Tuesday, presided over by Rev. A. R. Stevenson, of Easton. Rev. Orr Lawson, D. D., of Chester, was received and a committee appointed to instal him as pastor of the Second Church of Pottsville. The Rev. Edsall Ferrier, of Mauch Chunk, was relieved of his pastorate on account of ill health, and was made moderator of that session, the congregation to furnish supplies until Spring. The relations of Rev. B. C. Micker, of Tamaqua, was dissolved, and Rev. M. A. Woods, of Mahanoy City, made moderator. The license of John Kob was postponed until Spring. The relations of Rev. S. H. McKown, of Reading, was dissolved, and he was dismissed to Washington. Rev. F. V. King, of Chillicothe, was received. Supplies were appointed for Upper Lehigh and Tamaqua. At night Dr. Lawson was installed, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe preaching the sermon, Rev. M. A. Woods the charge to the pastor, and Rev. A. A. Murphy the charge to the Presbytery.

The Parrish Coal Company.

In granting a charter to the Parrish Coal Company of Plymouth, Luzerne county, Saturday, Gov. Pattison took the ground that the object of the law of 1874 is to liberalize the issuing of letters patent, so that all corporations which have made application for charters in proper form can secure them. Before the passage of the act charters were issued in many instances purely on the ground of favoritism and many applicants or them failed to have their claims favorably considered because they were less fortunately situated. The last act on the subject was intended, the Governor thinks, to give free scope to the issuing of charters, in order that capital might be pitted against capital. With the danger to property which, it had been alleged, would result from the chartering of the Parrish Coal Co., he had nothing to do, as his duty was simply ministerial. There was great rejoicing in Wilkesbarre and Providence.

Big Creek Squibs.

—Mr. Wm. Luckenbill, of this place, was on a business trip to Defiance, last week.

—Martin Graver, of Catasauqua, has sold his farm at Walcksville to a Mr. Schoch, of Beaver Run.

—Albert Boyer, of this place, shot a wild turkey last week. Its weight was seven pounds and a half.

—A child of Charles Meinhart died of diphtheria last week, and was buried in St. Paul's cemetery on Monday.

—Adam and Lewis Graver accompanied by their sons, of Weissport, were on a visit to Joseph Graver, at this place, on Sunday

—The catamount which was killed by V. Shoenberger arose the fourth week after its death and chanced in toward the Maria Furnace, where seven bullets was put through the monster, and deprived it of its hide and took it to Mauch Chunk and disposed of it at a good price. JOE.

Mahoning Squibs.

—Mr. E. S. Hoppes was at Philadelphia last week.

—William Noll and family, of Lehighton, spent Sunday with Dr P D Keiser.

—George H Mayer of Mauch Chunk took a ride up the Valley on Saturday, visiting some of his friends.

—One day last week, while out coasting Brinton Arner had the misfortune to have one of his front teeth knocked out by running into another sled.

—C M Klotz left for Providence, Lackawanna county, last week. Mr Klotz is one of those young men who will make a success of anything they undertake. We wish him success.

—Rev W H Strauss is giving catechetical instructions in St John's Church. The class numbers eight.

—As previously announced, a literary society was organized at Pleasant Corner last Saturday evening A very interesting programme was adopted for this (Saturday) evening's meeting. Mr. A. J. Balliet will furnish the music, playing on a Swanydyox (a Hungarian instrument) Mr. B. is the finest player on the Swanydyox in the valley which, however, is not saying much, as he is also the only one.

—J H Lange is now in the visiting card business. He sells the finest cards at astonishingly low prices. Next to writing an almanac and teaching school this is the best business Jake could engage in. If you are in need of cards we would advise you to give Jake a trial order.

Bank Officers Elected.

List of officers made on Tuesday last by the stockholders of the 1st National Bank of this borough: President, Thomas Kemerer; vice president, R F Hofford; cashier, W W Bowman; directors, Thos Kemerer, A J Durling, Dennis Bauman, P J Kistler, J G Zern, R F Hofford, C H Seidle.

—A joint institute of the teachers of Carbon and the eastern part of Schuylkill counties will be held at Lansford, next Saturday, January 26th. Local Institutes will also be held at East Mauch Chunk February 16th, and at Weatherly February 22nd and 23d.

A DANGEROUS AMBUSCADE,

Discovered Barely in Time—The Most Deceptive and Luring of Modern Evils Graphically Described.

(*Syracuse Journal*)

Something of a sensation was caused in this city yesterday by a rumor that one of our best known citizens was about to publish a statement concerning some unusual experiences during his residence in Syracuse. How the rumor originated it is impossible to say, but a reporter immediately sought Dr. S. G. Martin, the gentleman in question, and secured the following interview:

"What about this rumor, Doctor, that you are going to make a public statement of some important matter?"

"Just about the same as you will find in all rumors—some truth; some fiction. I had contemplated making a publication of some remarkable episodes that have occurred in my life, but have not completed it as yet."

"What is the nature of it, may I inquire?"

"Why, the fact that I am a human being instead of a spirit. I have passed through one of the most wonderful ordeals that perhaps ever occurred to any man. The first intimation I had of it was several years ago, when I began to feel chilly at night and restless after retiring. Occasionally this would be varied by a soreness of the muscles and cramps in my arms and legs. I thought, as most people would think, that it was only a cold and so paid as little attention to it as possible. Shortly after this I noticed a peculiar catarrhal trouble and my throat also became inflamed. As if this were not variety enough I felt sharp pains in my chest, and a constant tendency to headache."

"Why didn't you take the matter in hand and check it right where it was?"

"Why doesn't everybody do so? Simply because they think it is only some trifling and passing disorder. These troubles did not come all at once and I thought it unmanly to heed them. I have found, though, that every physical neglect must be paid for and with large interest. Men cannot draw drafts on their constitution without honoring them sometime. These minor symptoms I have described, grew until they were giants of agony. I became more nervous; had a strange fluttering of the heart, an inability to draw a long breath and an occasional numbness that was terribly suggestive of paralysis. How I could have been so blind as not to understand what this meant I cannot imagine."

"And did you do nothing?"

"Yes, I traveled. In the spring of 1879 I went to Kansas and Colorado, and while in Denver, I was attacked with a mysterious hemorrhage of the urinary organs and lost twenty pounds of flesh in three weeks. One day after my return I was taken with a terrible chill and at once advanced to a very sever