FATHER ABRAHAM.

NEARLY thirty millions of dollars worth of petroleum was produced in the Venango region last year.

WE must not always speak all that we know—that were folly; but what a man says should be what he thinks, otherwise it is knavery. All a man can get by lying and dissembling is that he shall not be believed when he speaks the truth.—*Montaigne.*

THE order for the death warrants of Gotleib Bohner and Albert Von Bordenberg, the murderers of the Peightal family near Huntingdon, was issued to the State Department by the Governor to-day. Wednesday, March 9, 1870, is fixed as the time of the execution.

—On Friday evening of last week the gases in the coal mine at Saw Mill Run, near Pittsburg, ignited by a lamp, causing a terrific explosion. Five men and a boy were very seriously injured, but were promptly rescued by the outside workmen. Two of the injured men will probably die.

A COUPLE of unique medals, connected by a gold chain, were picked up by a farmer while building a fence at Lawrence, Kansas, the other day. One was stamped with the British coat-of-arms and a bust of George III., while the other has the inscription, "Second Presidency of George Washington. MDCCXCVI." Five hundred dollars has been offered for this medal.

THE new fifty cent notes, which we were told could not be imitated, have been counterfeited so accurately that the government officials cannot tell the difference between the spurious and genuine stamps. We allude to those with the Lincoln head; the fiat has gone forth that they must all be called in, and no more stamps of that kind will be made.

THE total receipts of cotton at all the ports, to the latest dates, foot up 1,489,804 bales, against 1,177,174 bales at the same time last year, showing an increase at the shipping points of 313,630 bales. The necessity to sell was not so urgent as last year. The South is manifestly on the highroad to permanent prosperity, and cannot long be impeded by Southern obstinancy or Northern folly.

THE old editor had a very clear idea of his vocation who advised an aspirant to editorial honors to write down what he had to say, then run carefully over it and strike out one-half, and thereafter reduce the remainder to one-third of its volume. Long speeches, long sermons and long editorials are nuisances which the people detest, and are generally only evidences of how much a man can write without meaning anything.

THE total production of anthracite coal last year was 13,221,386 tons, and of all kinds, semi-anthracite and bituminous on the Atlantic seaboard included, 16,339,014 tons, against 16,054,816 tons in 1868. Including the estimated production of 11,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in other sections of the Union, the total coal production in the United States in 1869 is put down at over 27,000,000 tons. The total consumption of coal in the United States in 1869 is estimated at little less than thirty millions of tons.

THE production of iron ore in Pennsylvania for the year 1869 has been as follows: Pig iron, 965,000 tons for 1869 against 872,000 tons in 1868; increase, 93,000 tons, the sales of the product being about $34,000,000 or very little beyond the lesser quantity of last year. From forges and bloomeries, 31,000 tons; rails, 280,000 tons; other forms of manufactured, 271,000 tons; increase, 31,000 tons. The added value on the manufactured article may be fairly estimated at $35,000,000 showing a total productive value of fully $69,000,000, with an increase in total quantity from 1,424,157tons to 1,563,000 tons.

Local News.

ITEMS: Emanuel Reifsnyder, of Clay-twp., met with an accident on the 3d inst., by which both bones of one of his legs were broken below the knee. He was leading a horse to water, and treading into an aperture in the ground, fell over, causing the fracture.

On Thursday morning of last week, a pair of horses attached to a sleigh belonging to Samuel Bollinger, of Clay township, took fright while crossing the Duke street railroad bridge. They ran down Duke street, and when opposite Trinity Lutheran Church, Mr. B. was thrown out; the horses becoming detached from the sleigh, ran up Vine to Lime street, where they were stopped. No damage was done except a slight cutting of the leg of one of the horses.

A protracted meeting is now in progress at Mount Airy Church, with the most promising resrlts.

On Monday afternoon, while Amos Hess was engaged in planing off some lumber in the Machine Works of Landis & Co., of this city, he thoughtlessly put his hand within reach of the cylinder to which the knives are attached. Mr. Hess lost the first and second fingers of his right hand, and the third was broken at several places.

The lecture on Monday evening last, at the Court House by P. G. Sire James B. Nicholson of the I. O. of O. F., was listened to by a large audience of ladies and gentlemen. The descriptions of the route to the "Golden Gate," as given by Mr. Nicholson, were highly interesting and entertaining, and the audience gave expression to their satisfaction by frequently applauding the lecturer.

A meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association, was held on Monday evening last, at Temperance Hall. President D. S. Bursk, in the chair. Nineteen new names were added to the list of members. Nominations for Vice Presidents were made, but the election was postponed until next Monday evening. Various suggestions were made as to the objecets aimed at, among which are the establishment of a reading room, the formation of classes for instruction in branches of English education and vocal music, and the holding of prayer meetings in different locations of the city. A resolution, adopted by the Ministers' Association of the city, pledging their hearty co-operation in the labors of the Association, was read. The first weekly prayer meeting under the auspices of the Association, will be held in the M. E. Chapel, Charlotte street, on Saturday evening the 19th inst.

The citizens of Mount Joy, are desirous that the Reading and Columbia Railroad build a branch of their road through that place.

The new proprietors of the "Printer's Paper Mill," have taken possession of it, and are making preparations for starting the mill.

A lecture will be delivered in this city, on the 1st of April next, by Fred. Douglass. The subject will be "Our Cosmopolitan Population."

A new Methodist Church, near Shœneck, West Cocalico township, will be dedicated on Saturday and Sunday next, the 19th and 20th insts.

A revival is in progress at Ephrata Mountain Springs, and quite a number have renounced the world and taken up the cross.

Some fine sport was enjoyed on Tuesday of last week, at Ephrata—the occasion being a deer chase. The deer was captured alive, after having run a number of miles.

A serious stabbing affray occurred on Saturday evening last, at the hotel of Leisey & Snyder, in West Cocalico-twp., near Reamstown Station, R. & C. Railroad. A shooting match had taken place during the day, and in the evening an altercation arose about the manner in which it had been conducted. During the course of the dispute, a young man named Murr, was struck several blows by another one of the party named Tacker, which was finally resented by the Murr knocking off Tacker's hat. Tacker then drew out a large dirk knife and made an effort to stab Murr, but struck a man named Lutz instead, inflicting a painful, yet not dangerous wound. Tacker then struck a second blow, this time wounding Murr in the left abdomen, causing a frightful gash six inches deep, causing the intestines to protude. Physicians were immediately called in, who closed up the wound, but it is thought that the wound will most likely result fatally. Tacker has been arrested and committed to prison to answer at the next term of the Quarter Sessions.

A man named George Miller, a resident of Columbia, and employed as a brakeman on the Columbia Local Freight Train, was killed on Thursday of last week at Harrisburg, while uncoupling cars. His remains were taken to Columbia.

On the 31 inst., John Saylor, of Penn-twp., while engaged at work at an excavation of the Pinegrove and Manheim Railroad, near the latter place, was caught by a slide of earth, and had his right leg broken.

Rev. A. W. Stirk, of Manheim, preached his farewell sermon on last Sabbath.

The material for the new iron bridge over the Chiques, at the lower end of Manheim, has reached the ground, and the work will be rapidly pushed forward to completion.

An Agricultural Society, called the Pequea Farmers' Club, has been organized in the vicinity of Strasburg.

The law requires that no mail matter shall be delivered by the Postmaster until the full amount of postage has been paid thereon. The Postmaster has no choice in the matter, but is bound by law to collect all postage before delivering the matter. Let every one remember this, and pay their postage when due.

The sale of the live stock, &c., of J. E. Kreybill, of East Donegal township, on the 9th inst., amounted to nearly $5,000.

Since the 1st of January until the 10th of the present month, there have been shipped from the Freight Depot of the Penna. Railroad, at Mount Joy, eighty car loads of grain, malt and flour, making 800 tons.

Jno. Potts has been appointed Post-master at Christiana, in place of Franklin Homsher, resigned.

Rev. Wm. Easton, has been appointed Post-master at Smyrna, in place of J. P. Marsh, removed.

The Manheim Town Council have decided by a majority of one, to light the streets of that borough.

Samuel Evans of Columbia, has commenced the publication of reminiscences of Marietta, in the *Mariettian.*

At a special meeting of the Lancaster Classis of the Reformed Church, Rev. J. O. Stem, of the Manheim charge, was dismissed to the Goshenhoppen Classis.

Rev. W. T. Gerhard, has been elected Pastor of the new German Reformed Church of this city.

Benj. F. Shenk, of North Duke street, had his left arm broken near the wrist on Friday evening of last week, by falling at the railroad bridge on Duke street.

The quarterly District Convention of Good Templars of Lancaster county was held on Friday last in Temperance Hall. D. S. Bursk, W. C. T., presided, and Sallie Embree acted as Secretary. A series of resolutions were offered, which, after discussion, were adopted. Quite a number of delegates were in attendance, and the session was highly harmonious and interesting. Marietta was selected as the place for holding the next county convention on the second Tuesday in May. J. S. Geist, of Marietta, was chosen W. C. T., and Miss Josie Ball, of Lancaster, as Secretary for the ensuing term.

The roof of Walgamuth & Kraybill's foundry at Mount Joy, was slightly damaged by fire on Monday of last week.

A man named Michael Caskey, residing between Marietta and Elizabethtown, this county, who had been employed on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, in Cameron county, had his leg crushed near the ankle by the caving in of a railroad bank, near Driftwood. He was brought to this city on Saturday last, and taken to the Hospital for treatment.

The ball of Ee-shah-ko-nee Tribe of Red Men, held at Fulton Hall on Friday evening last, was one of the largest and finest held this season.

H. Shubert, auctioneer, sold on Monday last a number of shares of Lancaster County Bank stock at $81.50, $82.00 and $83.60 per share.

The new M. E. Church at Wastelaud, Sadsbury-twp., will be dedicated on the 19th and 20th inst. A number of able ministers will be present.

MAIL ROUTE LETTINGS: The Postmaster-General has advertised for proposals for carrying mails over some of the routes in Pennsylvania. The letting is open until 3 o'clock p. m., March 30th. The following routes are in Lancaster county: From Lancaster, by Greenland and Soudersburg, to Paradise, 9¾ miles and back, 6 times a week. Leave Lancaster daily, except Sunday, at 4 p. m. Arrive at Paradise by 7 p. m. Leave Paradise daily, except Sunday, at 7 a. m. Arrive at Lancaster by 10 a. m. From Lancaster to Neffsville, 4¼ miles and back, six times a week. Leave Lancaster daily, except Sunday, at 1 p. m. Arrive at Neffsville by 2 p. m. Leave Neffsville daily, except Sunday, at 11 a. m. Arrive at Lancaster by 12 m. From Gap to Buyerstown, 2½ miles and back, three times a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the postmaster at Buyerstown. From Gordonville to Intercourse, 2¼ miles and back, six times a week, by a schedule satisfactory to the postmaster at Intercourse.

NEEDS STAMPING.—Many persons suppose that after having received a letter addressed to some friend or acquaintance, all they have to do to make it reach the person (who has left the place in the meantime) is to change the address merely and drop it in the postoffice. The Postoffice Department has decided that all letters intended to be forwarded must, after having passed from the custody of the postoffice, be prepaid by stamps in the same manner as though the letters had never been taken in the mail, if they are *not* so prepaid they are held for postage and sent to the dead letter office as unpaid matter.

LIST OF JURORS to serve in the Court of Common Pleas, commencing Monday, February 28, 1870: Thomas Bean, Conoy; Robert Barnes, Drumore; Peter Buffenmoyer, East Lampeter; Samuel Benedict, city; Harris Boardman, Lancaster-twp.; Robert Crane, Columbia; Wm. U. Custer, New Holland; Henry E. Carson, city; Cornelius Collins, Colerain; Lemuel Chew, East Lampeter; Jonas Eby, Ephrata; Richard Edwards, Drumore; Wm. Good, East Earl; Henry S. Garber, Maytown; Benjamin G. Getz, West Hempfield; J. M. Hess, Drumore; William Houseal, Conoy; David Knox, Salisbury; E. M. Kline, City; Charles G. Laverty, Paradise; Peter McConomy, city; Eli S. Mellinger, Washington-bor.; Samuel Mifflin, Columbia; Nathaniel Mayer, Drumore; Daniel McKillips, Leacock; J. S. Patterson, Little Britain; J. W. Reeding, Elizabethtown; Chas. F. Rengier, city; P. F. Rogers, city; James Rutzer, Little Britain; H. B. Stouffer, Manheim-twp.; David S. Snavely, city; John Smith, jr., Bainbridge; Jacob L. Stehman, Warwick; Joseph C. Stubbs, Fulton; Rudolph Shenk, Conestoga; Jacob Westhaeffer, Conoy; S. J. Young, city.

MARRIED.

SHANK—MECK. Feb. 13th, by the Rev. E. Greenwald, Daniel H. Shank, of Conestoga, to Anna Meck, of West Lampeter.

HACKER—WEIDMAN. Feb. 8th, by Rev. J. J. Strine, at Horting & Schlott's hotel, Jacob S. Hacker to Fianna Weidman, both of Clay-twp.

HUNTER—KEEN. Feb. 10th, by Rev. J. V. Eckert, at the residence of the bride's father, Aaron A. Hunter, of Eden, to Sallie J. Keen, of Bart.

WEIN—MCDONNEL. Feb. 10th, by the Rev. Thos. B. Barker, John T. Wein to Lizzie D. McDonnel, both of Lancaster.

BOMBERGER—MILLER Feb. 10th, by Rev. T. O. Stem, Christian E. Bomberger to Kate Miller, all of Manheim.

DIED.

ARNELL. Feb. 13th, in this city, Alice M., daughter of Thomas and Mary Arnell, aged 5 years, 2 weeks and 2 days.

HOLLADAY. Feb. 10th, in this city, Rebecca, widow of the late John Holladay, aged 86 years, 1 month and 10 days.

BEACHY. Feb. 10th, in this city, Geo. Beachy, aged 73 years, 2 months and 27 days.

COSGROVE. Feb. 8th, in this city, Bernard Cosgrove, aged 41 years, 1 month and 17 days.

COYLE. Feb. 9th, in this city, Martha, wife of Dennis Coyle, in the 66th year of her age.

DORNBACH. Feb. 6th, in Manheim borough, Elizabeth, relict of the late Anthony Dornbach, aged 82 years, 7 months and 16 days

WEIDMAN. Jan. 31st, at Sporting Hill, Michael Weidman, aged 63 years, 7 months and 12 days.

THE MARKETS.

Lancaster Household Markets.

LANCASTER, Feb. 16

Butter, ℔ ℔	35	@	50
Lard, ℔ ℔	18	@	20
Eggs, ℔ doz	22	@	25
Dressed Chickens, each	45	@	65
Beef by the quarter—front			10
Beef by the quarter—hind	12	@	13
Whole Hogs dressed ℔ ℔			13
Apples ℔ ½ peck	18	@	25
Potatoes ℔ bus	45	@	60
Potatoes per ½ peck	7	@	10
Turnips ℔ ½ peck			10
Corn in the ear, per bus			90
Oats ℔ bag of 3 bus	1 60	@	1 75

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—The Flour market presents no new features, the demand being mostly from the home consumers, who purchased 1,300 bbls., including superfine at $4.37½, middlings at $4 30, extras at $4.62½@4.75, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota extra family at $5@5.75, Pa. do. do. at $5.25@5.50, Indiana and Ohio do. do. at $5 25@6 25, and fancy brands at $6.50@7 50, according to quality.

Rye flour may be quoted at $4.75.

Nothing doing in Cornmeal.

There is but little activity in the Wheat market, and only 1,500 bus. Pa. red sold at $1.25@1.26.

Rye is held at 98c. per bus. for Western and Penn'a.

Corn is less active and steady; sales of 8,500 bus. new yellow at 90@91c., mostly in the cars, and white at 92c.

Oats are unchanged; 2500 bus. Penn'a sold a 54@55c.

Four thousand bus Canada Barley sold at $1.28.

Prices of Barley Malt are nominal.

Bark—No. 1 Quercitron at $30 ℔ ton.

Cloverseed is steady, with sales of 250 bus. at $8@8.25, the latter rate for choice.

Prices of Timothy and Flaxseed are nominal.

Whisky is firm; 180 bbls. iron-bound western sold at 98c.@$1.00.

The Philadelphia Cattle Market.

MONDAY, Feb 14—The market for Beef Cattle opened very firm to day, and continued so to the close, with a slight advance on last week's quotations. We quote choice at 9¼@10¼c.; prime at 8¾@9¼c.; fair to good, 7½@8½c., and common at 5¾@7c. ℔ ℔ gross, as in quality. Receipts, 1762 head.

51	head,	Owen Smith, Western	8	@	10
120	"	A. bristy & Bro., Western	8	@	10
45	"	Dennis Smith, W. Penna	7	@	9⅝
30	"	Dengler & McCleese, Western	6½	@	8¾
93	"	P. McFillen, Western	8	@	9
50	"	P. Hathaway, Lancaster co.	8½	@	9¾
43	"	James S. Kirk, Chester co.	7¾	@	9¼
40	"	B. r. McFillen, Western	8	@	10¼
100	"	James McFillen, Western	7	@	9¾
90	"	E. S. McFillen, Western	9	@	9½
92	"	Ullman & Bachman, Ohio	8	@	9½
105	"	Martin, Fuller & Co., Western	8	@	10¾
100	"	Mooney & Miller, Western	8	@	11¼
30	"	Thos. Mooney & Bro, Western	7	@	9
60	"	H. Chain, Western	7	@	8¾
60	"	John Smith & Bro., Western	8½	@	10
30	"	J. & L. Frank, Virginia	7½	@	8½
85	"	G. Schamberg & Co., Virginia	7	@	9½
85	"	Hope & Co. Western	6½	@	9¼
55	"	H. Frank, Western	7	@	8½
45	"	Elkon & Co., Western	7	@	8¾
40	"	J. Clemson, Lancaster co.	7	@	8½
13	"	D. Branson, Chester co.	7½	@	8
30	"	S. Frank, Lancaster co.	7	@	8
31	"	Chandler & Alexander, Ches.	9	@	15
18	"	J. Horne, Delaware	5¾	@	6¾
23	"	S. Blumenthal, Virginia	6½	@	7
100	"	G. Ellenger, Virginia	7	@	10
25	"	John McArdle, Virginia	7½	@	9
16	"	Jesse Miller, Chester co.	7	@	10

Cows and Calves were in limited request, with sales of 125 head at $50@75. Springers were quoted at $45@60.

Sheep—the market was firm at last week's quotations; sales of 10,500 head at the Park Yard at 5½@8¼ ℔ ℔, the latter figure for extra. At the Avenue Drove Yard 5000 head were disposed of at 5@8c. ℔ ℔.

Hogs were dull, with a downward tendency; sales of 2623 head at the Union Drove Yard at $11.50@12 for slop-fed, and $13@13 75 ℔ 100 lbs. for corn-fed.