

## Local Intelligence.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

**SALVATION CHURCH.** Rev. J. S. Cuthbertson D. O. Pastor Sabbath Services..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening..... 7 P. M.

**CATHOLIC CHURCH.** Rev. J. ST. CLAIR. Masses Second Sunday in each Month Sabbath School..... Immediately before Mass.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** Rev. E. A. WARDNER, Rector Sabbath Services..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Work-day Services—Wednesdays..... 7 P. M.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL.** Rev. A. D. ALEXANDER. Sabbath Services..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Thursdays..... 7 P. M.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Rev. J. G. MILLER. Sabbath Services..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Sabbath School..... 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Prayer Meeting, Thursdays..... 7 P. M.

### Various Items.

The thermometer on Sunday evening last, marked 6 degrees below zero.

We have this to say to parties who propose to furnish the people in this vicinity with coal, from the Monongahela Railway, that consumers are not very "green" in the coal burning business. They know the difference between the burning of slate and dirt, and good coal. They have had a thorough education in the slate and dirt business, from the D. L. & W. Company. It is for the interest both of the company and our agents, to furnish a good article. We shall take the liberty to advertise it according to its merit. We hope a great gain will not lead either into an error in this direction.

### Prohibitory Petitions.

The temperance people of Monaca are circulating a petition praying the "conditional convention to insert a prohibitory liquor law in the new constitution." They are also procuring signs to a petition asking the legislature to supplement the election liquor law, with a section prohibiting the sale of intoxicating drinks until twenty-four hours after the closing of the polls. Petitions of this character are likewise being circulated in many other portions of the State.

### Conviction Condemned.

The juvenile practice of robbing on sidewalks is one fraught with so much danger to the walking public, especially to those with tottering limbs, that it should be instantly discontinued. The constant running of sleds on the snow pack it and renders the walking as slippery and unsafe, that pedestrians are in imminent peril of falling and receiving injury. When an amusement ceases to be innocent and harmless it ceases to be proper diversion and should be abandoned.

### To Knights Templar.

Knights Templars in this vicinity may be interested to learn that the grand encampment in the United States has ordered the enforcement of the diet of 1892. Therefore now and henceforth all metallic buttons must be removed from the coats of Knight Templar and the black frock coats worn. Those having the present style of military coats, buttoned up to the chin, need make no further change than the substitution of the basing button for the brass one. But all procuring coats hereafter must have them of the usual everyday pattern—simply black frock coats.

### BUSINESS LOCALS.

**Notice.**—The slips of the Baptist Church, Monroe, will be rented on Wednesday, January 1st, 1873, at 2 o'clock p. m.

**Notice.**—The second quarterly meeting of the Methodist Episcopal Association, with the Elizabethtown Church, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29th and 30th, Rev. B. T. Davies will preach the opening sermon, at 10 o'clock a. m., and the services of the subscribers, on Z. C. Hall, Monroe, Pa. M. M. Stott, Clerk. December 25th, 1872.

**Annual Meeting.**—The fourth annual meeting of the Mutual Life Assurance Company of Monaca, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 1872, at 7 o'clock, for the election of a President, Vice-President, Directors and Auditors, for the transaction of the general business of the Company. Dr. C. H. Smith, Secy., Monroe, Dec. 25th, 1872.—W. J. WEAZ, Treasurer.

### Don't Tie Them.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has decided that its agents shall prosecute all persons who keep chickens, turkeys or ducks to market tied together as has been the practice from time out of memory by our farmers. These agents exist in every town in the State and are particularly on the watch for offenders. The object of the Society is to prevent needless cruelty to animals of all kinds, and its members think that chickens when transported with their legs tied together are hurt beyond all necessity.

### Hotel Barn Burned.

The barn belonging to the hotel, kept by Eliram Jackson, in Dimock, was destroyed by fire, on Friday night last. Five horses, one cow, a peddler's wagon, containing about \$500 worth of hams and shoes, one pair of bows and a pleasure sleigh, were all burned. The alarm was given about 1 o'clock a. m., but too late to save any of the animals or property above mentioned. The loss is estimated at \$2,500 or \$3,000. The cause of the fire is unknown, but suspicion arises that it was the work of some villain, from the fact that tracks were seen back of the barn and around it, and also prints where no one had climbed over the fence. One track leading from the barn, where it crosses, seemed to have been made in a hurry and on the top. No one belonging to the Hotel had been in the barn for several hours. The hotel property is owned by P. S. Babcock. No insurance on the barn.

### December.

The days of 1872 are fast drawing to a close. The ushering in of another year in a few short days will be consummated, and again the same round of mirth and merriment and days will be gone over, but not by all who are now enjoying the blessing. While speaking of December it may be interesting to some of our readers to know the origin of the term December. When the year was divided by the Romans into ten months this division was called December, in reference to its numerical place in the calendar. By the ancient Saxons it was called Winter monat, or Winter month; but after their conversion to Christianity, they designated it as Hlygmonat, or Holy month, from the anniversary, which occurs in it, of the birth of Christ. From the same circumstance the modern Germans distinguish it by the epithet of Christ-month. In this month occurred the Roman saturnalia, a period marked by general license and mirth making.

### How Juries are Drawn.

The mode of filling the jury wheel and drawing the juries is known to very few individuals. The Court of Common Pleas preceding the time for the filling of the wheel, announces the number of names to be selected for the year, assessed according to the number of voters in the county. When the occasion arises, for the selection of names, the law judge, and two commissioners each nominated from lists previously made out for each township, one person whose he deems qualified to serve as a juror, and writes his name on a slip of paper. After the allotted number has thus been secured, the slips are folded, according to an act of assembly, and placed separately in the jury wheel, whence they are drawn.

### NOTICED ANDREWS.

A novelty in gentlemen's dress shirts is about to be introduced. The bosom of the shirt is to have a few bars of music printed upon it, some cases with words. Gentlemen wearing these will stand behind piano to be sung and played.

### The Christmas Tree.

The origin of the Christmas Tree, which so many of our citizens have introduced into their households for the enjoyment of their children, is thus given. In Germany many years ago, when the houses were decorated with evergreens for the Christmas tide, it was the custom to select a large bough for a conspicuous place, and on it were placed the presents for the children. After a time the bough became a tree, dressed with symbolic ornaments and adorned with gifts for the household, of which the children had much the largest share.

The custom was imported into England and this country, and has now become almost universal, and each year adds fresh marvels and delights to the magical fruits of this tree.

The mystery of its preparation is half the charm. The bright eyes of the children turn wistfully toward the looking door of the room, that contains the wonderous tree; they long to take a peep, and yet they would not for the world. Not they.

Some still retain the Christmas tree in its old form—that is, that after the ornaments are off, space is left for the children's presents; others place all the family gifts on under the tree, and after these are distributed, the little ones discover and present the gifts of the older members of the family. Others again make of their Christmas trees more show pieces on which to arrange artistically the glittering bangles, the stars, angels, etc., and these are often accompanied by such costly ornaments that such a tree will cost a gift on it will cost hundreds of dollars.

The means of its preparation is half the secret. A nice Holiday Present.—A George Wood & Co. Orange. For sale, by J. F. Brooks, Son, Monroe, with L. B. Isbell.

### Whom It May Concern.

This is to give notice that I have leased and delivered to Zephariah Betts, of Lathrop township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, on the 19th day of November, 1872, a house, barn, stable, pig sty, and a smaller house on a hill, on a ridge, on a branch of the Susquehanna River, 10 miles from Lathrop, and 12 miles from Montrose, and 10 miles from the nearest railroad station, and 10 miles from the nearest post office, and 10 miles from the nearest town, and 10 miles from the nearest telegraph office, and 10 miles from the nearest stage line, and 10 miles from the nearest hotel, and 10 miles from the nearest store, and 10 miles from the nearest school, and 10 miles from the nearest church, and 10 miles from the nearest post office, and 10 miles from the nearest telegraph office, and 10 miles from the nearest stage line, and 10 miles from the nearest hotel, and 10 miles from the nearest store, and 10 miles from the nearest school, and 10 miles from the nearest church, and 10 miles from 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