is probably the best informed man stands. We had a hand nump, which hereabouts on the early history of was made for us by Thomas Dickson. Carbondale. Mr. Nealon is the oldest who was in charge of the Delaware to the hall we had a stage built. There were fourteen lives desired. When the addition was built lost. Six were never found. They to the hall we had a stage built. There were John Brennan, A. Walsh, John locomotive in America, made its event-



ful trip. Mr. Nealon was the first city controller of Carbondale; he was also city treasurer, mayor and postmuster He built the first playhouse Carbondale boasted of and he constructed the first large brewery in this section. With all these achievements Mr. Nealon was certainly closely identified with the city's history and by teason of this The Tribune places his first among the reminiscenes of the pioneer city of the

anthracite coal regions. "Carbondale," said Mr. Nealon in reply to The Testune man's request for early interesting incidents of the Pioneer City for The Tellune's renders. "had not more than thirty or forty families on the West Side when but. The West Side now, Shanty Hill we called it then was a big homfock woods, with fog califis here and there. The Lackswanns river, or the creek evry one called it, this was in the thirties, ran down where Mills' lumber yard is, but later the course was changed by the Delaware and Hudson company on account of its mines. I recall the early days of mining in this city, the birth, you might say, of the anthracite mining industry. The first opening opposite the gas house was so close to the surface that the goal could be picked out. Later the levels were run and horses. the only power for years, were em-

#### Rivalry Among Miners.

After the mines were started well, there used to be accut tivalry among the Welsh and the Irish miners, Ensidered the best princes, and the more vere always trying to get contests to

between them.
The school that I attended was the little red building where the First National bank stands now. Ed Clark-son, James Kirkwood, John McDonald son of Sandy McDonall, who owned Sandy's field, Thomas Dickson, Mich. ael Burke, of South Main street, all went to this school. It was John Walsh's I have a distinct recollection of all of the men who fived in carbon dale in the thirties and forties. There was H. S. Pierce, John M. Prere, F. G. Grow, brother of Congressman at Large Galusha Grow: Patrick Mofflit, who lived on Egith avenue. Dicksons, Thomas and George, fived on Pike street, about where Constable Moran's home is. I was only a child three years old when James Archbald, father of Judge Archbald, of Scranton, came here. That was in 1832. He was a civil engineer along the Eric canal.

#### The First Bank.

"The first bank in Carbondale was the private bank of H. S. Pierce, who was running a store at the time. It was here that we got all of our drafts, for there was no other means of sending money away. "In the 40's there were two or three

hotels, taverns they were then, Bron-son's railway hotel and Coyles, Eronson's was at the corner of Main street and Salem avenue, but it was destroy ed in the big fire uptown, of those days

#### The Hose Companies. "The hose companies were all the

attraction for us young fellows. We had four companies, one for each ward. There were the Rescues No. 1, the Eagle No. 2, the Goodwills No. 3 and the Neptunes No. 4. The Rescues was days, when you compare them with No. 1 plane. So he paid a man 25 new mines, and the dip. mine and in our ward and we had a house on the the playhouses of today. We had cents to fire the salute. The cannon the drowning of two boys (Davis). spot where John Von Beck's large benches, but no stage. If a stage was was a small one. It was loaded and brothers,

citizen in Carbondale. He was born in and Rudson shops. In these days it was no seenery nor fancy cartains. It Farrell, Peter Crawley, James Toelan, Carbondale in 1829, when log cabins would be a poor excuse, for with it we was considered a big thing when the Henry Devaney. Names of others—abounded in the woods' hereatenits, could throw water only as for as the first set of seenery was placed in the Eben Williams, Pot Walker, Jas Me when Scranton was Slocum Hollow width of a street. The water, too, had Academy. This was painted by J. W. and inventive minds were turning to- to be carried in buckets and dumped. Carner, who at that time was making wards locomotion by steam. This was into the tank, We had no thre alarms a big bit playing "Rip Van Winkle." the year the Stourleidge Lion, the first in those days. You ran in whatever Carner is still alive and last year he direction you saw the crowd pelting was managing a troupe. I musn' and wherever the blaze seemed to be, forget to say that Howarth's Hibern we went on parade we were supposed to wear black trousers. The first hats to wear black trousers. The first hats to wear black trousers safter's hats, oil cloth.

"It has often been spoken of how the you some of the books we studied."

"To go back to my school days in the school our family was living and living was living in the school our family was l over straw. Later we got believes, town turned out to great the 'Major which were the womber of the boys. Sykes,' the first engine to come to

#### Firemen Were Popular.

"It was just the thing to be a firetembers of the old company, so far as can't tuemter who are living are Ed can hear talk of it to this day. larkson, Patrick Kenrney, Patrick anny, ex-Judge Moffitt, Stephen Neaon, Daniel Holgins, James Kirkwood and John Burke, of Olyphant.

#### The Shows of Old Days.

"There weren't many shows in those Music. This was the first three-story building in the town and naturally the men of the town that was quite a suc- dation for the present brewery, ess and brought some splendid spenksure it was Aitken. Some of the men other, and we used to grind the malt up town, that's what we called it, by aid of horses. We did all of our thought it would be a good plan dur-ing the winter of 70 or 71 to have lees awhile, when they got cheaper, I tures which would bring the young bought an engine or two in Jersey City and middle aged people together, so Aitken arranged with the lecture buread in New York city to send speakers here. We also had speakers from dale. There was the indignation meet-town. Two of these were Lewis Pughe ing held in 1837. The Schooner, Caro-and Thomas Dickson. There were fine strankers in this second property of the seco speakers in this crowd, Dr. Chapin, by some British Canadians and fol-tian Dougherty, Jay Villiers, Charles lowing it, the citizens met here and Dana, of the New York Sun, and some the held an indignation meeting, others that can't be recalled. Anna Dickinson, Judge Ketcham, Tilton, the sha A. Grow, who was then about

Ex-POSTMASTER JOHN NEALON | building on South Main street now | needed, we hustled off to Mills' lumber | hereabout on the hest informed man stands. We had a hand tuning which | ward and begin in the least of the Mills' lumber |

Carbottdale. This was a great event in Carbondale. The next matter of leterest in railroading was the buildman in those times, and the best boys ling of the Jefferson branch. I had two of the town ran with the pumps to sections of the road to construct. One tires. The first big parade was in 1852, of the thrilling incidents of building and we made quite a showing, I can this road was the terrible lightning tell you," exclaimed Mr. Nealon with storm in which Michael Haley had such The Columbias was organized from lightning fell among a gang of laborers these companies, and then the Deln-, and struck the team of mules which ware and Hudson company presented. Haley drove, killed them, demolished us with an engine. It was quite an the wagon and ripped off the soles of event, the bringing of this engine from the shoes on Haley without harming Scrauton. The company marched the blin in the least. Some of the men in hole seventeen miles and back, but the crowd, though, were stunned. This hey were proud of their prize. The happening made such an impression on the minds of the people that you

#### Old Methods of Brewing.

"It might be interesting to tell of the first large browery in Carbondale and of how they brewed in those days. The first browery was a small sized affair, built and run by Howarth brothdays: I mean theatrical shows, unders, who were English carpenters, and 1870, when I built the Academy of who, by the way, built the house which is my home.

"Their brewery was tocated behind people seemed surprised and talked my present home. The next one to be and discussed it. Before this we had built end the first large one was erectshows under tents on the grounds ed by myself and stood in the very where the park is now. After the place where the Carbondale brewery is spending of the Academy we had quite today. It was a wooden structure, run of entertainments. It was the The grandtather of John Cameron, the only place of its kind in town and the jeweler, was located in the old buildhalf was filled every night it was open, ing. He was a cabinet maker and he Minstrel fromes took the lest, and had a big water wheel to run his mawe had some good ones. Washburn's chine. The water came from a small and Christy's were the favorites. We stream that flowed down the Elast had fine lecturers in those days, men mountain. The pit for the old water whose equal you don't hear nowadays, wheel was bouted as late as a fey I recall a lecture course by some young years ago, when digging for the foun-"Everything was run by hand or ors to Carbondale. John Aitken, I horsepower. The beer had to be think, was in charge of it-yes, I'm pumped by hand from one yat to an-

#### Some Stirring Incidents.

"I recall some incidents that greatly

The fight of the first of the second of the

only man who could deliver such a 21 years old, came to Carbondale and bickery leaves.

gathered big audiences in the Acad- cal meeting on the public square, Bob mittee.

fine lecture without notes; General Mc-Cartney, a fine gentleman and a great public square. He was a Democrat turnout of any township in the state.

speaker, were some of the persons who then. At the time of the Whig politi- Prize given by Democratic state com-

Eaton was forbidden to fire his can-

non on Sandy's field, through fear of causing a freshet down the hills and it frightening horses that hauled the upper town, across the Lackawanna

coal over the treatle to the foot of at Mr. Maxwell's place, flooding the

securely tamped with weeds, stones exploded, blowing away two of the fingers of the man who got the quarter for setting it off. A big piece of the metal, weighing about 50 pounds came crashing through the roof of Sweet & Raynor's store, which was 300 feet distant, where Singer's clothing store

The mine fall of Jan. 12, 1846, was a terrible happening. I can remember Henry Devaney, Names of others-Eben Williams, Pot Walker, Jas Me Grath, Henry Moore, Patrick Leenard, Mark Brennan, Patrick Mitchell, William Kline, Pat Clarke, driver boy, lived until evening of that day,

#### School Books of Old Days.

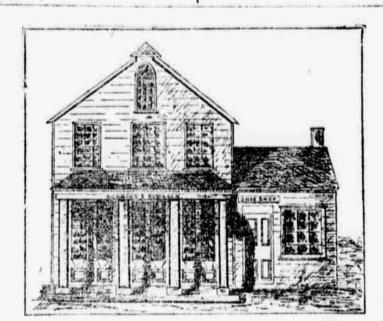
Reader; Hale's United States History; by Michael Ryan.

Some Recollections. By Edward Clarkson.

Edward Clarkson, president of the First National bank, one of Carbonlale's most substantial citizens, was a schoolmate of Mr. Nealon, Together they were unwilling scholars, for Mr Chrktison especially didn't like ways of "Jack" Walsh, who, the lads thought, was the tyrant of the little red school house. This school house stood where the First National bank is now located, though Mr. Clarkson little dreamed that one day he would be president of a bank that would stand on the spot where his first lessons were learned.

Speaking of these carry days, Mr house.

The house where we lived Cobb's Spelling with Alphabet, and stood where Saultary Policeman Mof-First Second and Third readers; fitt's home is now. Waish lived up-Cabb's Sequel to Renders; English stairs and he urged my parents to let Hale's United States History; me go to school. But I wouldn't go to Murray's English Grangnor; Walsh; I didn't like him. But I used Smith's Atlas and Geography: Daboll's to play around Walsh's home and was Arithmetic, Bonycastic's Mensuration attracted by Mrs. Walsh's kindness Michael Ryan. and good nature. I was willing to When I look back now," concluded Isain my letters from her, but not the



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changes between the Carlsondale of today and the days when we had only boy knows his lesson.' I would say taverns, no railreads or telegraphs or nothing until he would say later, 'Well, any of the wonderful contrivances of these days."

#### A FUNNY POLITICAL DEMON-STRATION.

At a Democratic meeting in 1844, when Polk. Dallas and Snunk were the nomiand double teams, and ox teams, all boughs over 180 rigs in number. The men and women were bedecked with

In August, 1850, No. 4 dam burst,

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Mr. Nealon, "I can't but marvel at the schoolmaster. When Walsh would come home he would ask, 'What little h' some little boy can say his letters he can have ten cents.' I always got the ten cents," said Mr. Clarkson with mischievous smile.

"My early recollections of Carboadale are somewhat broken," continued Mr. Clarkson, "for the reason that when a youngster I felt more like hav- This was in war times. Whenever a ing adventures than remaining at home: I do recall, well, however, the on for president, vice president and first hose companies that were here. governor, there was a turmed of single | There were four. I belonged to Eagle No. 2, which had its house where the Columbia's home stands now. It was decorated with hickory poles and hard in those days to get money from the city, and if the members did not represent most of the families of the town we would have no companies. The firemen of today may have trouble getting what they want; that is, they think they have. They should Why, the hose house we had to build David Prendergast and more of the boys carted the bark from the tannery and Don Cameron and myself put on the side and the lining and filled in between the walls with sawdust so that the house wouldn't blow away and that we wouldn't freeze

> "The companies had their hands full running to fires. . It used to keep us a-humping sometimes. One night, the night of the big tannery fire, the tan-nery that stood where P. G. Moran lives now, we had six fires to run to Many a time I stood up to my hips in the Lackawanna working the pump handles of the old engine

#### Fine Body of Men.

"The firemen were a fine body of men when they turned out on parade, for they were the flower of the town. There used to be great rivalry between Carbondale and Honesdale firemen and I can recall the spirit that used to take hold of all of the boys whenever they went to Honesdale. But the odds were against us when we held our contests there. The Honesdale men, besides being up to all kinds of tricks and capers, would have the whole town to help them work the pumps.

#### The First Engine.

coming of the first engine to Carbondale, the little 'Major Sykes,' was a great event in Carbondale. There was a whole lot of talk about how the thing might book and the day it reached here everybody who could was on hand to see it. There used to be a turn table for it near the Seventh Aveme station, also a little round house. Where Memorial Park is, we used to call 'pigweed park.' This was where the circuses used to show. My father was no hand to let us go to circuses.

### PE-RU-NA AVERTS DANGER

#### In That Critical Time When a Girl Becomes a Woman.



Miss Bessie Kellog, President of th Young Weman's Club of Valley City, North Dakota, writes the following from First street, South, Valley City, North Valley City, North Dakota:

"Ever since I matured I suffered with severe monthly pains. The doctor did not seem to understand what the trouble was and the medicine he prescribed from time to time did not help me. He finally suggested that I have an operation. One of my friends who had been cured of a simlar affliction through the use of Peruna, advised me to give it a trial first, and so I used it for three weeks faithfully. My pains diminished very soon and within two months I had none at all. "This is six months ago, and dur-

ing that time I have not had an ache nor pain. I give highest praise to Peruna. Every woman ought to use it, and I feel sure that it would bring perfect health." BESSIE KELLOG.

The experience of Miss Bessle Kellog, of North Dakota, ought to be read

by every girl in the land. It is a critical period in a woman's life when she ceases to be a girl and becomes a woman. Very few pass through this period without some trouble. The floctor is called and he generally advises an operation. Perhaps he will subject the patient to a long series of experiments with nervines and tonics. The reason he does not often make a cure is because he does not recognize ure is because he does not recognize

in a large majority of the cases ca-tarrh of the female organs is the cause. Peruna relieves these cases premptly because it cures the catarrh. Peruna is not a palliative or a sedative or a nervine or a stimulant. It is a specific for catarrh and cures catarrh wherever it may lurk in the system. This girl was lucky enough to find Peruna at last. As she says, the doctors did not seem to understand what the trouble was and the medicine he prescribed from time to time did not help her. Peruna hit the mark at once and she is now recommending this wonderful remedy to it the other girls in the United States. n the United States.

Thousands of the girls who look at Thousands of the girls who look at her beautiful face and read her sincere testimonial, will be lest to try Peruna in their times of trouble and critical periods. Peruna wil not fail them, Every one of them will be glad and it is to be hoped that their enthusiasm will lead them to do as this girl did-proclaim the fact to the world, so that others may read it and do likewise. Mrs. Christopher Fliehmann, Ams-

erdam, N. Y., writes: "I have been sick with catarrh of the stomach and pelvic organs for about five pears, and had many a doc-tor, but none could help me. Some said I would never get over it. One day when I read your almanac I saw those who had been cured by Peruna; then I thought I would try it. I did, and found relief with the first bottle I took, and after two more bottles I as as well and strong as I was be-ore,"—Mrs. Christopher Fliehmann. If you do not derive prompt and sutisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus,

New to keep him from ruin I pray find it out;

but there is always more than one way of seeing a circus. We lived at the time in the house on Sixth avenue where George Rogers' home is now Of course, the tent was in front of the house, and all I had to do was to get a man holding a boy with his right up in my room and look through the hand, his left pointing to an eminence, opening at the top of the tent. There and the following lines underneath: were very few shows that I didn't see. Honor and Fame from no condition even if father said 'No.' Minstrel rise. troupes came to town regularly, but lie that would win must labor for the they showed in halls. There were three of these before John Neaton built the Academy. The largest was Pear-Brauer's bakery is today. Later it was turned into a soldier's barracks. minstrel showed the hall was sure to

be packed. "I recall, too, when the coal cars ran up behind Main street, where the river is now; also the first mines that was opened on the way to Fall Brook, and the horses that used to wind up the drum to run the cars. These are about all of the incidents of Carbondale's early days that I can recall just now."

#### SOME FUNNY ODD PROBLEMS.

The following three questions I remember reading in those days: First-How high above the earth should a person be raised to see onethird of its surface. (Answered by demonstration only).

In the midst of a meadow well stored with grass, just took an acre to tether my ass. How long must the cord be, that, feeding all round, He mayn't graze less or more than an

acre of ground.

One evening I chanced with a tinker to sit. Whose tongue ran a great deal to fas He talked of his art with abundance of mettle.

So I asked him to make me a flat bottomed kettle. Let the top and the bottom diameters In just such proportion as 5 is to 3; Liquors and Cigars

Twelve inches the depth I proposed and no more: And to hold in ale gallons seven less He promised to do it, and straight

to work went. But when he had done it he found it too scant He altered it then, but too big he made it?

Though it held eight, the diameters failed it. Thus making it often too big and ton little, The tinker at last had quite spoiled his kettle.

But declares he will bring his said promise to pass. else he would spoil every ounce of his brass.

Ladies', Gents,'

For he will never do it I doubt, On the first page of the spelling book was a frontispiece representing

10120.

'Tis thus the youth from lisping A, B, son's hall, which stood where Louis Attains at length a master's high de-

> It will take some of the time of present school boys to solve the Tinter. This is said by one who has tried to

#### WAVERLY.

Amenzo Mumford, of North Abington, accompanied by his son, Fred Mumford and Lucius Kennedy, who are home on a visit from New York, returned from a four days' visit to the Pan-American last Wednesday. Irwin Franklin, son of Levi Frank-

Tuesday. He had been ill for several months with Bright's disease. was 27 years of age and highly re-

William Spencer, wife and daughter, of this place, accompanied by his brother and family of Benton, started for a ten days' trip to the Pan-American last Tuesday. They expect to visit Niagara Falls and other places of nterest, before their return.

Mrs. F. H. Bailey and daughter, Stella, are visiting friends in Cochec-

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