



The Jeffersonian.

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THE HOLIDAYS.

Well, the holidays have come and gone. Christmas and New Year's for which the children, big and little, old and young, have waited so long and patiently, are to us, here, noted among the foregone days yesterday.

We hope that to all, they were days of unalloyed rejoicing; and yet, this can hardly be looked for in a life lived amid sorrows, disappointments, disease and death. But even amid these dismal surroundings there may be a shadow of the substance of a ray of momentary pleasure which crossed and illuminated our path.

Through perhaps late to take a retrospect of the year just closed it can do no harm to look back, and briefly scan the home happiness which help to fill the measure of our experience during the last twelve months.

And, first, as a community we conceive that we have been blessed beyond our neighbors in many respects. While the monetary convulsions have affected nearly every other section of country, here, though times have been slightly more pinching than usual, we have had comparatively plenty of the fifty cents to see us comfortably through the year.

Our towns and villages have been full of sunshiny, and our farmers are by many dollars better off, in cash, than when the year just closed began. And so in almost every branch of business—current expenses have been met, even if the cash side does not in every instance over balance the outgo.

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WE are under obligations to His Excellency, John F. Hartranft, for a copy of his message and other public documents.

THE Pennsylvania Legislature met Tuesday. Hon. G. H. Cutler, of Erie, was elected Speaker pro tem. of the Senate; Russel Errett, chief clerk. S. F. Patterson, of Allegheny, was elected Speaker of the House. Senator Coihlan (Dem.) was not allowed to be sworn, and a committee was appointed to inquire into his case.

OVER sixty nations now burn our Pennsylvania coal oil.

POTTER county has 4,250 cows—an increase of 837 over 1873.

THE Government has no gold for sale, nor is it likely to have for several months.

SAM SHAPLEY, the well-known Ethiopian minstrel, died at Providence Friday night.

What we heard and saw, will appear in our next issue. Also "Notes on private experience meeting."

THE pupils of the Moravian Female Seminary, at Bethlehem, have subscribed \$100 to the Centennial. Patriotic girls!

THEY have big rats in Clifton county. One was caught at Churchville, the other day, which measured two feet from the tip of its nose to the end of its tail.

C. S. WOLF, a Democratic member of the State Legislature from Centre County, died last Friday night. This event reduces the Democratic majority to six on joint ballot.

A GENTLEMAN in Reading, is opposed to fussy funerals, has provided in his will that, when he dies, his body shall be buried as quietly and with as little display as possible.

THE REV. F. HELLMAN and family have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Heiligs parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis, in this borough. The "demonia" looked quite natural.

HENRY MOYER, of Millcreek township, Lebanon county, has a horse thirty-five years old, which is yet able to do as much work as one seven years old, and which paces as smoothly as ever.

HAYNES, convicted in Potter county, of the murder of Graves, by poison, has been sentenced to death. Mrs. Graves, his accomplice, was not tried, on account of her delicate condition.

"DOREY" the giant-like carrier of the Jeff. returns his most cordial thanks to his patrons, for the very liberal manner in which they met his congratulations on New Year's day. He feels quite rich.

The Methodist brethren held their usual annual watermeeting in their church edifice, on Thursday night last—New Year's Eve. A large audience joined in the services which proved of more than usual interest.

The grocery firm of Roe Bros., of Chicago, have failed, with liabilities amounting to \$187,000, which amount is divided among thirty-five creditors. The amount of stock on hand amounts to not over \$15,000. The other assets are not yet announced.

Now that the ground is covered with snow, our citizens should contribute their mite to the support of our little feathered friends, the sparrows. Encourage them to remain with us, dear friends, by giving them an abundance of food.

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ABOUT the usual whang-banging of guns and pistols of every shape and kind ushered in the New Year. A party, having in possession a small "paixhan," made an unusual rumpus, and, just about the time that watch meeting dismissed, let of a charge that almost made one think that the "rush of matter and the crush of worlds had really come. A happy connection with the matter, is the fact that we are not called upon to record a single accident growing out of the affair.

COURT was in session all last week, and so busy was every body connected with the administration of justice that no time was had even for a New Year's rest. The Judiciary of course enjoyed the feast of good things at noon recess, but they were compelled to play the knife and fork so rapidly that the gobbler was literally gobbled. We should not wonder if a slight attack of indigestion, before the day was over, made them wish that New Year and Court were not so closely connected.

OLIS B. GORDEN, requests us to inform the citizens of this place, that he will open a subscription school in the Seminary Building, on Main st., in this Borough, on Monday next, the 14th inst.

Terms \$1 per month, payable monthly. No deduction unless in case of sickness. N. B.—The school room has been fitted up and made comfortable.

THE annual report of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Blind says that in 1860 there were 1,187 blind persons in the State and that the present number is about 2,100. This institution has now 293 pupils, all that it can accommodate, with forty-four applications for admission not yet acted upon. There are one hundred and twenty-five males and seventy-eight females among the inmates. Corn brooms, brushes, carpets, door mats and mattresses are made by the pupils. In the female department forty girls are employed in running sewing machines, forty-six on hand sewing, forty crocheting, twenty-four on bead work and twenty knitting.

WE publish elsewhere an account of a surprise put upon our friends Mr. L. T. Smith and lady, of Forks Station, by a party of Trenton friends, on the 22d ult. If any among our friends, that we know of, deserve such a surprise, and plenty of them, it is certainly friend Lewis T. and his estimable lady. As a landlord he is hard to be beat, and as a right down clever fellow he has no superior, and Mrs. Lew is just as good a chaps as Mr. Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Smith desire us to return their sincere thanks to the generous donors, and assure them that this mark of their esteem will be ever preserved in grateful remembrance of their own good whole souled, clever selves.

THE Evening Palisades of West Hoboken, N. J., contains the following:

Mr. F. W. Coolbaugh, Telegraph Train Despatcher and Chief Operator of M. & E. Div. D. L. & W. R. R., has taken up his residence on Waverly street, on the Heights. The wives of the Railroad Company have been "dropping" from the foot of the Hill to his residence for his convenience in transacting his responsible duties.

Frank, is one of our town boys and by his close application to the science of telegraphy, has attained to the responsible position which he now occupies. It always gives us pleasure to notice the prosperity and prominence to which our young men attain, particularly those who do so by their own energy and perseverance.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.—The Secretary of the Treasury, at the suggestion of the Internal revenue department, has appointed John McCarty, Esq., of this borough, Collector of the Wayne and Pike district vice Charles P. Miner resigned. Mr. McCarty was, for several years, connected with the revenue service as deputy assessor for this, and Pike, and a portion of Northampton counties. His promptness and efficiency won for him the respect and commendations of the department, and, doubtless, led to his selection for the position to which he has been now called. That he will prove equal to all the requirements of the service we have not a doubt. We congratulate him on his good luck, and the department on its wisdom in appointing him.

MOUNTAIN HOME PA., JAN. 4th 1875.

EDITOR JEFFERSONIAN. Dear Sir, A series of Lectures will be delivered in the Oakland M. E. Church during the present winter, under the auspices of Mountain Home Lodge, No. 684, I. O. O. F. The first lecture of the series will be delivered on Tuesday evening the 12th inst. by John Levergood, M. D. of Lancaster, Penna., Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Penna. Subject "Progress." Concluding with an enunciation of the principles of Odd Fellowship. Seats free. All are respectfully invited to attend.

E. H. HELLER, C. W. DECKER, W. R. STRIGHT, ELISHA DUNBAR, ALLEN PRICE, Committee of Arrangements.

Christmas Present.

On December 22d, when the New York Train arrived at Forks Station, a party of Trentonians, composed of the following members of the Pocono Park Association:—David Taylor, President, E. E. Hooker, Treasurer, Wm. Bamford, Sup't., and Joseph Stokes, one of the Directors, got out of the cars. They were all cordially received by Mr. L. T. Smith, who keeps the Hotel at the above named station. After the usual greetings, one of the party suggested to Mr. Smith to hitch up his team of greys, and take him to see a friend some distance off. Of course the request was complied with; but no sooner were they out of sight, than the others returned to the Depot and brought forth a good sized box and on opening it, revealed a splendid Mirror, about 7 feet in length, splendidly framed, and having on the top this inscription: "Presented to L. T. Smith, by the Pocono Park Association," and this followed by the names of David Taylor, Pres't., L. T. Smith, Vice Pres't., E. E. Hooker, Treas'r., Chas. Bechtel, Sec'y, Wm. Bamford, Sup't., Joseph Stokes, A. V. Manning and Isaac Wyman, Directors. The Mirror was put up in the public room, and shortly after Mr. Smith and Mr. Stokes returned. Mr. Smith was invited in the Parlor by the party, and from there taken into the bar-room, and if any body was ever completely non-plussed by any transaction of this kind it was L. T. Smith. He was completely dumbfounded, and did not recover his speech for about three minutes, and then only far enough to say—"all take a drink," and quite a merry time there was at Forks, you may depend.

The present is a magnificent one, and will ever be treasured by Mr. and Mrs. Smith, as one of the most valuable pieces of furniture in their possession. Hoping the Pocono Park Association may forever prosper, is the sincere desire of all the inhabitants at and in vicinity of Forks Station, D. L. & W. R. R.

Fanny Ellsler is still living at her villa near Hamburg, fat fair and sixty-five, and said to be worth \$2,000,000.

The estimated value of the lumber now on hand in the country, is \$210,000,000, not including the large investments in pine lands.

RAIL ROAD MEETING.—In pursuance of a public call, on the evening of Dec. 30th 1874, the Court House was filled with citizens of the county, eager to learn something with reference to the prospects of the Lehigh and Eastern rail road. The Hon. S. S. Dreher was called to the chair and L. M. Barson and A. O. Greenwald were chosen Secretaries. The chair called upon the Hon. C. Burnett, to favor the meeting with his information concerning the present prospects of the road.—Mr. Burnett responded in a highly interesting detail of the history of the undertaking of the interest manifested in Boston and the New England States for a Trunk Line to the West and the coal fields of Pennsylvania, and of the necessity of completing the Lehigh and Eastern Road to accomplish that object, he informed the meeting that the Board of Trade of Boston had appointed a committee to collect information with reference to the subject and report to them, and that such committee would go over the proposed route of this road the first week in January. In order that the committee should have every facility in making their observations. The meeting appointed as a committee of reception to the Boston committee Rob't R. Depuy, John N. Stokes, C. Burnett, David Keller and Stephen Kistler. The meeting also appointed A. O. Greenwald, Theodore Schoch and Jerome S. Williams a committee on finance with Jeremy Mackey as their Treasurer, John N. Stokes, Wm. S. Rees and R. S. Staples were appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions to stock of the Company after which the meeting adjourned.

Handsome Testimonial to a worthy Officer.

The "Warren House," Hackettstown, was on Christmas-Eve the scene of as pleasant a social party as ever gathered within its walls; being composed of the Telegraph Staff of the Morris & Essex R.R. The object being, to present their Superintendent RICHARD O'BRIEN a handsome Gold Watch, fob and chain, which was most beautifully and appropriately inscribed. Mr. O'Brien having been called in order to attend to the Christmas with some friends at Hudson City and were on their way thither on that evening, when they were met at Hackettstown by Despatcher Coolbaugh, who induced them to step off the broad-gauge and wait for train No. 6, and come by way of Newark. After the broad-gauge had left, No. 9 was fleetly announced to be one hour late, a handsome double-sleigh to which were attached a spanking pair of greys happening there just at that moment, a sleigh ride was suggested. This proposal being accepted, the sleigh was driven to the Warren House, which was in a blaze of good cheer for their reception and where they received a warm welcome from a large number of friends already assembled there. After some time, spent in cordial greetings, the parlors and reception room were thrown open, and Farrell's string band, from Newark, began to discourse some excellent music, which savored so strongly of the light fantastic, that before many moments, several sets of busy feet were beating time to his calving strains. At ten-thirty the company being called in order and the reception of Mr. O'Brien being requested for a moment Mr. R. H. Zeller of Hoboken stepped up to him and placing a package in his hands said: "We the Telegraph Operators of the Morris & Essex Division take this auspicious opportunity of conveying to you, our sentiments of hearty appreciation of the genuine goodness that has characterized you as our Superintendent; we ask your acceptance of this Watch and Chain which we offer as a tribute of our great respect and esteem, and trust that this time keeper will be as useful to you as his duties as his future owner has been to his. We earnestly hope too, that a kind Providence will crown yourself and Mrs. O'Brien here present, with long life, health and happiness. After the applause which this call forth had subsided Mr. O'Brien arose and said: My friends, this surprise has so completely overpowered me that I scarcely feel able to give proper expression to my feelings; so generous a proof was not at all necessary to secure me of your friendship, the cheerful and efficient manner in which you have always responded to every requirement of the service, satisfied me that I possessed your confidence and good will. This beautiful present serves at this moment, suggesting as it does, the lapse of time to recall the years that we have worked together on these lines. It seems appropriate at such a moment to direct our attention to the great studies which telegraphy has made in that time. A few years ago if anyone had asked us whether it would be possible to send two messages over the same wire at the same time, we should have indignantly have answered no—yet this feat has become so familiar through the operation of the Duplex that all have ceased to wonder, and are now going on to quadruple the capacity of each wire. A consideration of the advances and the earliest and more familiar ones, all comprised within the space of a single life time since Morse's first experiment, plainly shows that telegraphy is only in its infancy and that there is a future in our profession for which each one of us should endeavor to qualify himself. I will conclude, Ladies and Gentlemen, by returning my most sincere thanks for this handsome testimonial for the kind and encouraging words that accompany it. This was greeted with strong expressions of approval and pleasure, after which the party formed in line and marched to music to the dining-hall where a sumptuous banquet awaited them; the profusion of which the and tasteful manner in which the table and rooms were decorated, reflected the utmost credit on their worthy host Mr. McCracken. During the supper many good things were said. Mr. O'Brien took occasion to refer to the highest terms to Mr. Reasoner, Sup't. of the splendid condition to which he has brought his Division, that quite recently he took President Sloan and the Directors over to a special train at the tremendous speed of a mile a minute, yet so great was their confidence in the management and so perfect their sense of security that some of them actually took a comfortable nap while being hurried through space at this lightning speed. Among the invited guests were Col. Valentine, Squire Rusling, Mr. S. T. Bray. The former made a very happy address, complimenting the telegraph profession in the highest terms for their intelligence, zeal and unswerving integrity. Ample justice having been done the supper, the dancing was resumed with renewed vigor and kept up until the 11:30 a. m. train for New York was heard approaching in the distance, when all prepared to disperse to their respective duties, each one feeling better for the happy time enjoyed by all. The Telegraph fraternity was represented by about 35 of the Morris & Essex Corps and a few of its old members from New York, among whom we noticed F. W. Coolbaugh, W. H. Bieker, E. H. Bieker, R. H. Zeller, J. M. Dalrymple, R. Abel, W. A. Schuck, W. F. Wright, T. F. Grandin, W. F. Clessell, L. B. Foley, Jess. S. Stewart of the New York, that afternoon who greeted the occasion with their presence, we observed Miss Copewell, of Hoboken, Miss Coolbaugh of Jersey City Heights; the Misses Carry, of Hoboken; Miss Joyce, of Orange; the Misses, of Morrisstown; Miss Plotts, of Washington; the Misses, of Summit; Mrs. Gray, of Waterloo; Miss Agnes, Miss Hasen, Miss Louzer, and the Misses McCracken, and others of Hackettstown. The gift for the occasion was gotten up by Mr. Henry Althamer of No. 92 Fulton street, New York.

Court Proceedings.

The several Courts of this County, convened on the 23th ult. at the Court House, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Hon. S. S. Dreher, President, and Peter Gruver, Esq., Associate, Judge upon the Bench.

The Grand Jury being called, His Honor stated, that no business of extraordinary importance would come before them at this term and after the usual charge they were sent to their room. The Constables of the various townships made their customary returns. The Grand Jury made the following presentments:

Commonwealth vs. James Doyle and Ann Doyle.—True Bill. Defendants bound over to next term in sum of \$300.

Commonwealth vs. Peter S. Brown.—True Bill. Bound over in sum of \$300 to next term.

Commonwealth vs. Richard H. Miller, Mary A. Miller, John Felker and Thomas Felker.—Indictment for malicious mischief. Bill Ignoramus. Prosecutor to pay costs.

Commonwealth vs. Burnett Kresge.—Indictment for assault and battery. True Bill.

Commonwealth vs. Nathaniel E. Place.—Assault and battery. True Bill.

After the preliminary business of the afternoon had been completed Hon. J. B. Storm arose and after briefly calling the attention of the Court to the recent decease of His Honor, Judge DeYoung, offered the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God to call from the scene of his earthly life, the Hon. JOHN DEYOUNG, one of the Associate Judges of the Court. And Whereas, it is right and proper that we testify to the many virtues of the deceased and tender our sympathy to his bereaved family. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we have in the loss of the deceased, been deprived of a faithful public officer, the community of a kind hearted, generous citizen, and his family of an affectionate husband and father.

Resolved, That we deeply sympathize with his afflicted family in their irreparable loss, and that God may give them that consolation, which no earthly friend can afford.

Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the county papers, and that the same be entered upon the record of the Court, and a copy thereof sent to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That out of respect to the memory of the deceased we do now adjourn. Mr. Burnett seconded the motion to adopt the above, and gave a short sketch of the changes which had taken place in this Bar since his acquaintance with it. He spoke of its members who had been called away by Death, paying high compliment to those members of the profession who have practiced in the old Court House.

Case of Wm. Dolton & Co. vs. John C. Strunk.—Action of assumpsit on a note made by Elias D. Hoffman, payable to J. C. Strunk, or order, and endorsed by Strunk, coming into hands of plaintiffs when due sent to Stroudsburg Bank, where it was payable, and it being protested, suit was brought.—Verdict for plaintiff for amount claimed. Davis for plaintiff, Burnett for def't.

Commonwealth vs. Henry Berthold.—Indictment for felling timber. Def't. bound over to next term in sum of \$300.

Commonwealth vs. Nathaniel E. Place. Indictment for assault and battery upon John Van Anken. Johnny had been to Stroudsburg with his sister Eneline to purchase a horse, and upon their return, when about a mile or so above Stin. Bush's Hotel, Johnny, who was walking behind the team leading the recently acquired equine, was pounced upon by "Na-a-thaniel E. Place." Johnny testified, and received a severe pounding. Eneline Van Anken the address sister of Johnny, who was driving the team ahead also swore it was Na-a-thaniel E. Place. He came out from behind the road and hit him, and John halloed "murder!" and—(turning her melancholy countenance towards his Honor) how do you suppose I felt? Johnny's reputation for veracity is away down below par, according to the testimony of numerous residents in his neighborhood. But Na-a-thaniel paid a fine of \$10 and costs. Dist. Att'y Lee and Burnett for Commonwealth, Homes for def't.

Commonwealth vs. Barret Kresge.—Indictment for assault and battery upon Andrew Detrick. Detrick keeps store and Kresge came in one day and the two got into an altercation, when Detrick attempted to put Kresge out, the latter "put" very well till they got to the door when he took Andrew and "chucked" him some dozen feet into the street. He paid \$5 and costs for it. Dist. Att'y Lee for Commonwealth, Storm for def't.

Nelson Detrick vs. Alvin Steen, Philip Rockefeller and Philip McCuskey.—Action of trespass. Steen was engaged by one Sebring to cut 64 cords of wood, and after the wood had been cut and delivered, Steen failing to get his pay, got judgment, seized and sold the wood on an execution. Detrick claimed to own the wood at this time, and brought the action. Verdict for Plaintiff \$218 01. Burnett for plaintiff, Holmes for defendant.

Mary A. Dreser vs. Andrew Sebring.—Action of ejectment, for one hundred and one acre of land in Coolbaugh township. In one of the deeds through which Plaintiff claimed title to the land, was a reservation of all the hemlock bark on the premises. Defendant claimed a right under evidence an agreement with the Defendant whereby the latter contracted to purchase the land, he having failed to perform the contract, action of ejectment was brought. Verdict for Plaintiff. Davis and Storm for plaintiff, Burnett for defendant.

Commonwealth vs. Peter S. Heller.—Def't. bound over to next term in sum of \$300.

Sheriff acknowledged following deeds: Chas. Henry Sheriff to John Rinker, two tracts of land in Jackson sp. No. 1, containing 110 acres. No. 2, containing 12 acres, sold as property of Daniel B. Miller, for \$110.

Chas. Henry Sheriff, to John Miller for interest of Sam. G. Miller, in land in Middle Smithfield, for \$100.

Chas. Henry Sheriff, to Chas. Welling and Chapman Bidle, Trustees of the

Estate of Wm. Bayham, for trust of land in Pocono sp., containing 85 acres, sold as the property of Philip Shively, for \$425. Robert E. Wright, Jr., and Edward Harvey, Esqs. of Lehigh County, Bar were admitted to practice in these Courts.

The application of citizens of the Village of Tannersville to be incorporated into a Borough was disapproved by the Grand Jury.

Orders of sale were granted in the following Estates: Estate of John Albertson, Sarah Kintz, F. J. Normington, Jacob Altemose, George Altemose.

David S. Lee, Esq., was appointed Auditor to examine Accounts of Probationary, Register and Recorder.

Court adjourned to Monday of this week, when case of Snyder vs Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. was called and is to be tried at the time of our going to press.

REDUCTION OF SALARIES BY THE PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY.

The following circular has been issued by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company:— At a meeting of the Board of Managers, held on the 30th ult., the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a general reduction of ten per cent. upon the salaries of all officers, agents and clerks be made, to take effect from January 1, 1875; provided that in case of salaries under \$450 per annum, the heads of the different departments be authorized to make reductions, varying from ten to five per cent., as the circumstances of each case may require.

Resolved, That a general reduction of wages paid by the day or hour be made, to take effect from January 1, 1875, of from five to seven per cent., and that the heads of the different departments be directed to reduce the new rates to be paid to the employees under such reduction.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, President. The reduction reaches the salary of the president and all other officers, as well as every employe of the road, and the noise of reduction in prices of coal that is published daily shows that a reduction of about ten per cent. has been made in that article.

Reduction in Price of Coal. The following reduction in prices of coal has been determined upon by the Reading, Coal and Iron Company:—

Steamboat, 55 cents a ton reduction. Broken, 55 cents a ton reduction. Egg, 55 cents a ton reduction. Stove, 50 cents a ton reduction. Chastnut, 80 cents a ton reduction.

Boston's debt is \$29,957,216. To Pottsville the iron trade is reviving. The death-roll of Reading for 1874 foots up 739.

Fresh shad, one dollar apiece in Harrisburg market. Tom Thumb is said to be worth \$300,000.

There are twenty-five unlicensed liquor shops in Warren borough.

The Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal Company have partially suspended operations. There were 325 deaths in Harrisburg in 1874—a decrease of 48 from the number in 1873.

Seventy-one passenger trains daily arrive at and depart from the Reading R.R. Depot at Reading.

Roe Brothers, grocers, of Chicago, late absconded, taken with them \$160,000 in money and bonds.

Erie has a horse which was driven fifteen miles in one hour and seventeen minutes, without fatigue.

Philadelphia detectives made 302 arrests during 1874, and recovered \$78,500 worth of stolen property.

Pennsylvania comes first among the States in the manufacture of pig iron, owing two-fifths of the furnaces as she makes nearly one-half the production.

William Deppa, of Conestoga, Chester county, is a successful trout breeder and has now on hand 130,000 trout eggs, 27 numerous specimens of the fall grown fish some of them very large.

A horse thirty-five years old has been retired from active service in Lebanon county. He is a veteran of the rebellion, by which he was under fire in nine battles and was twice wounded. His last hurt was from a bullet in his leg, and it caused a lameness, from which he has never quite recovered. After the war he settled down in civil life as a family carriage horse, and was much respected for trustworthiness and amiability. He now enjoys a pension of four quarts of oats and as much cut feed as he wants every day, and can be as lazy as he pleases.

Death of a Prominent Man. MAUCH CHUNG, Jan. 1.—Hon. W. B. Leonard, a prominent politician and ex-district attorney of Carbon county, died here to-day.

Fast Drivers. D. Lyons of Providence matched his six-horse team to trot ten miles and draw half a cord of wood in 60 minutes for a wager of \$500. The team won, making the distance in 52 minutes.

The Blue Mountain Imbecile. Levi Handwerk, the Blue Mountain imbecile, is getting along quite well in his new quarters at the Lehigh county almshouse. Since his confinement there, several weeks ago, he has gained in flesh considerably, and his physical condition is also greatly improved. When released out of the hotel, he was not able to stand on his limbs being partly paralyzed. He is now able to walk slowly, and it is thought by the attending physician, that he will recover the use of his limbs in the course of time. At lucid intervals he converses sanely, and at no time have his notions been of a violent nature. He has been visited by a large number of persons.