Sunbury American.

SUNBURY, MARCH 31, 1876.

Railroad Time Table.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS AT SUNBURY.

N. C. R. W., South.		P. & E. R. R. West.	
Erie Mail,	12.40 a m	Erie Mail,	6.22 a m
Fast Line,	2.00 a m	Niagara Ex.,	12.35 p m
Phila. Ex.,	9.45 a m	Elmira Mail	4.05 p m
Day Ex.,	1.10 p m	Fast Line,	7.00 p m

SHAMOKIN DIVISION, N. C. R. W.

LEAVE		ARRIVE	
Express,	10.40 a m	Mail,	9.15 a m
Mail,	4.25 p m	Express,	3.55 p m

An accommodation train leaves Shamokin at 7.10 a m, arriving at Mt. Carmel at 7.40 a m. Returning, leave Mt. Carmel at 6.00 p m, arriving at Shamokin 6.30 p m.

D. H & W. R. R. Trains leave at 6.55 a. m. and arrive at 3.50 p. m.

LACKAWANNA & BLOOMSBURG R. R.

AT NORTHUMBERLAND.

Leave north—6:45 a. m. 12:55 p. m. 4:30 p. m.
Arrive from north—12:45 p. m., and 6:10, p. m.

Accidental Insurance Tickets can be had of J. Shipman, Ticket Agent, at the Depot.

Summer Arrangement for the Post Office at Sunbury, Pa.

Office Open from 6.50 a. m., to 8 p. m., except on Sundays.

TIME OF ARRIVAL AND CLOSING OF THE MAILS.

Arrives as follows:
From the East at 5.15 a. m., 4.10 p. m.,
" South, 5.15 a. m., 4.10 p. m.
" West, 5.15 a. m., 11.15 a. m., 1.35 p. m. and 4.10 p. m.,
" North, 1.50 a. m., 11.15 a. m., 4.10 p. m.
Shamokin and Mt. Carmel, 9.25 a. m.
Shamokin proper, 4.00 p. m.

Mails close as follows:
For the East, 5.45 a. m., 10.50 a. m., 4.50 p. m. 8.00 p. m.
" South, 10.50 a. m., 4.50 p. m., 8 p. m.
" West, 10.50 a. m., 3.50 p. m., 8.00 p. m.
" North, 3.50 p. m., 8 p. m.,
Shamokin proper 11.15 a. m.
Shamokin and offices on that route; 4.30 p. m.

Money orders will not be issued after 6 p. m., on Saturdays.

J. J. SMITH, P. M.

Local Affairs.

FOR SALE.—A desirable residence on Fourth street, Sunbury, is offered for sale cheap. Apply to W. C. Packer, Esq., or at this office.

GEO. W. SMITH, grocer of this place, has made an assignment of his property for the benefit of his creditors.

MR. D. M. EVANS has been appointed collector of the Penn'a canal at Northumberland, vice A. G. Postlethwaite resigned.

THE water was let into the Penn'a canal the fore part of last week.

COL. W. H. M. ORAM and P. L. Hackenberg, Esq., represented this county in the Republican State Convention on Wednesday last.

A WRECK of a number of freight cars near Montgomery station, detained the mail train Tuesday night over four hours.

AMONG the most extensive seedsmen in the United States, is the firm of Briggs & Bro., of Rochester. The seeds raised by them have a world-wide reputation, and are sought for by gardeners as being reliable in all respects.

DR. DAVID WALDRON, of Milton, has been compelled to make an assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors.

MR. J. W. COOKE has been appointed express agent at Northumberland, vice Dr. J. E. Maurer, resigned.

NEARLY all the children in Herndon, this county, are afflicted with scarlet fever and mumps.

DEATH OF WILLIAM FORSYTH, SR.—Capt. Wm. Forsyth, sr., died on Wednesday of last week in the 88th year of his age. The funeral took place from his late residence on Friday.—*North'd Press.*

DEATH OF MRS. J. K. LEIGHOU.—Mrs. J. K. Leighow died of consumption in this place on Monday, March 13, 1876. Her remains were interred in the cemetery at Lewisburg on Thursday. She was a christian lady and her death will be mourned by all who knew her.—*North'd Press.*

THE license of the Tremont House, and of Mr. Young's in this place, were refused last week. Application has been made to the Legislature for a special act to license the house of Mr. Reese.

THE Allegheny House, on Market street, Philadelphia, is one of the most convenient stopping places in that city. Being central to business and one of the most prominent points to take the cars for the centennial buildings.

A HEAVY stock of Black Alpacas, elegant counterpanes, knives and forks, carpets, embroideries and table linens are sold cheaper at Marx & Bro., Masonic building, Sunbury, than has ever been known. They are selling off their stock to make room for another large lot of good of their regular line. Now is the time to buy.

No imperfect materials put into the garments manufactured by Wanamaker & Brown at 6th and Market streets, Philadelphia.

IT is said that a sure cure for pain in a hollow tooth, is a mixture of powdered alum and common salt, applied with a lock of cotton A sensation of coldness follows the application, after which the pain gradually subsides.

ON Thursday evening of last week, while Dr. J. H. Hunter was calling on a patient at G. W. Hess', in Watsontown, some person drove off his horse and buggy in the direction of Dewart, the buffalo robe having been found in the road near that place. We have not yet learned whether the thief was overtaken.

LLOYD'S Comedy Company busted at Shamokin. The *Times* of that place says: "A hitch occurred among the 'stars' and the manager, the performers having requested the manager to pony up the amount due them for services before they would agree to continue the show business. As the manager had never been a poet he wasn't prepared to meet this sudden and—hence the bust.

CHANGE.—Jacob Shipman has the agency the oldest and best Fire, Life and Accidents insurance companies, and is daily taking the lowest rates, consistent with reliable business. Don't delay in putting an insurance on property, and secure an insurance on life and against accidents. Call at Mr. office, corner of Third and Market.

never was a finer display of goods than Central Clothing Hall, corner Third and Market streets. There is more of a variety of all furnishing goods than is found in a establishment. Don't forget to go inside and see the immense piles of clothing, the low prices and the quality of

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BLUE COATS AND SILVER BUTTONS.—The conductors, train agents and brakemen on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad—and probably the Philadelphia and Erie—are to be supplied with neat and elegant uniforms next month. They are described as follows: Those of the conductors will be double-breasted frock coats of navy blue cloth, with twelve silver plated buttons and a monogram on the lappel, with the number above it, and to be kept buttoned all the time while on duty. The pants are to be of the same material, likewise the cap, which will have three silver cords around it, and the word "Conductor" embroidered in front with silver braid. Watches are to be worn in an outside pocket.

The brakemen will be clothed in similar suits, except that they will be double-breasted sack coats, with silver buttons, and the caps will have three cords around them.

Those of the train agents will be similar to the brakemen, excepting that they will have no pockets. Satchels will be worn by them, in which they will deposit tickets and money.

A crew of men accoutered in these uniforms were recently presented before General Manager Frank Thomson, and he was so well pleased with the appearance they presented, that he immediately ordered the suits adopted. The cost of each suit will be fifty dollars, and the first will be furnished at the expense of the company. Rockhill & Wilson will have the contract of furnishing them.

DEATH OF LEVI SEASHOLTZ.—We regret to announce the death of one of our most esteemed citizens, Mr. Levi Seasholtz. He had taken a heavy cold which turned into typhoid pneumonia, which caused his death yesterday (Thursday) afternoon. Mr. Seasholtz was a good citizen, and held many responsible positions. At the time of his death he was employed as principal clerk in the Internal Revenue office of Capt. C. J. Bruner, which position he held for a number of years. He was honest and upright in all his business transactions. He was aged about 46 years.

SELLING LIQUOR TO MINORS.—A very sensible law has been proposed in the Legislature of this State:

As every one knows, for a saloon keeper to sell liquor to a minor is a criminal offence, rendering the delinquent liable to be imprisoned. Now, it is very obvious that cases could easily arise wherein the saloon keeper might break the law through ignorance. A would-be customer of a suspiciously juvenile appearance enters and calls for this and that among the liquids. The bartender may ask his age, but not anything compels the youth to speak the truth; he may deceive that bartender and aver that he is indeed a man. It is sought to effect an alteration in this, and if the bill offered becomes a law, the minor, whose inordinate thirst might otherwise cause him to deceive, will pause or else do so at the risk of incurring the penalty inflicted by offended justice, viz.: fine or imprisonment. Minors obtaining will be held equally guilty with saloon keepers selling liquor, and this arrangement seems just and reasonable.

WHAT BUSINESS MEN FORGET.—Some say that it is no use for them to advertise; that they have been in the place in business all their lives, and everybody knows them. Such people forget to take into consideration that our country is increasing in population nearly forty per cent. every ten years, and no matter how old the place may be, there are constant changes taking place; some move to other parts, and strangers fill their places. In this place of the world, unless the name of a business firm is kept constantly before the public, some new firm may start up, and by liberally advertising, in a very short time take the place of the older ones, and the latter rust out, as it were, and be forgotten.

TROUBLE IN THE POLISH CATHOLIC CHURCH.—For some time past we have heard rumors concerning difficulties that existed in the Polish Catholic congregation of this place, but as we did not fully understand, we refrain from any reference to the matter. Lately the troubles have been renewed until they assume a very serious aspect. — Father Juskiewicz some time ago sent in his resignation, which was, we are informed, accepted by Bishop Shanahan but the pastor was given permission to remain here until the first of March, but no services should be held in the church. A bitter feeling existed against Father Juskiewicz, for some reason unknown to us, but has still remained in this place up to the present time. On Sunday night last, near midnight, an attack was made on his house and several windows smashed and two doors broken in. A large oak club which was thrown into the window, was exhibited to us on Tuesday. It is also alleged that several shots were fired through the window of the bed room occupied by Father Juskiewicz.—*Shamokin Times.*

A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.—On Wednesday afternoon, of last week at Excelsior, near Shamokin, as Miss. Louise Sounder was arranging to put bread in an oven, her clothes caught fire from coals that lay on the ground, and her outer garments was entirely consumed. She escaped with severely burned hands. Two others also had their hands severely burned in helping to extinguish the flames.—*Daily.*

WATCH STOLEN.—W. H. Neidig, a young man from Upper Augusta, was in town last week visiting a relative. On Friday afternoon young Neidig was standing on the pavement near the U. S. Hotel when some man came up and jerked his watch out of his vest pocket and then ran away. The theft was a bold one, happening in broad daylight and in a locality where numbers of people were passing at the time. The watch was an American lever, valued at forty dollars. To the watch was attached a small silver chain, which was also taken. Neidig made information against a party who is supposed to be the thief but at the time we write the suspected party has not been found.—*Shamokin Times.*

TERRIBLE SCALDING OF A LITTLE BOY.—A little son of Dr. Gosh, a resident of Riverside this county, about two years of age, was scalded in a terrible manner, on Tuesday night of last week, by the upsetting of a bowl of boiling water upon him. Mrs. Gosh had placed the bowl upon a table, and while she was gone a few moments from the room, the child reached the bowl and pulled it over, spilling the contents upon his head, face, and breast. The little fellow is not expected to recover.—*Daily.*

POSTAL LETTER BOX.—A postal letter box has been put up on one of the iron columns of the depot, by order of the department. This is not only a convenience but has become almost a necessity. It was impossible for many of our business men to mail all their letters by 5 o'clock in the evening. They can now have their letters mailed by depositing them in the postal box, at any time after 8 up to 12 midnight.

SUDDEN DEATH.—On Saturday forenoon last Charles Francis Taylor, son of James Taylor, Esq., of this place, suddenly died of rheumatism of the heart, aged about 7½ years. Little Charlie had been afflicted at different times during the past three or four years, but it never attacked the vital parts until the above day.—*Watsontown Record.*

IMPROVEMENTS.—The store room of H. B. Masser, in Market Square, which has been remodelled with an entire new front of plate glass, has been completed. In design, proportions and workmanship it is not surpassed, if equaled, by any other in the town. Mr. John B. Haas has taken possession of the store.

Miss Caroline Dallas has also repaired and remodelled her store room and put in new plate glass windows. The room will be occupied as a shoe store.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.—The Republican State Convention met at Harrisburg on Wednesday last to choose delegates to the National Convention at Cincinnati. The delegates were instructed to cast their vote in favor of Governor J. F. Hartranft for the Presidency. This is a high compliment to the Executive of the State, who, by his course, has endeared himself to the people of the Commonwealth. The Convention did its work promptly and adjourned. Hon. E. McPherson, of Adams, presided over the Convention as permanent Chairman. The platform is clear and explicit upon the great questions which will enter into the next canvass for President, and cannot fail to meet the hearty endorsement of every Republican.

The delegates at large are J. D. Cameron, W. R. Leeds, H. M. Hoyt and R. W. Mackey. Alternates, David Aiken, Henry Hosley, John N. Purviance, Wm. Foster.

The delegates for this Congressional district are Samuel P. Barr, J. W. Grove. Alternates W. H. M. Oram and Em'l Wilvert.

Benjamin H. Brewster, of Philadelphia, and John W. Chalfant, of Pittsburg, were agreed upon as the electors at large. Wm. Calder, of Dauphin county, is the elector for this Congressional district.

We shall give the proceedings in full in our next issue.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE M. E. CHURCH.—The following are the appointments made at Harrisburg, by the Central Pennsylvania Methodist Conference:

WILLIAMSPORT DISTRICT.

T Mitchell, presiding elder, Williamsport post-office; Williamsport, Pine street, D S Monroe, C W Burnley, supernumerary; Mulberry street, J J Pearce; Price Chapel, J A Woodcock, J F Davis, supernumerary; Third street, J M Lantz, J B Polsgrove, supernumerary; Newberry, E H Yocum; Lycoming, J Y Rothrock; Loyalsock, G B Ague; DuBoistown, A C Crosthwaite; Jamestown, J W Rue; Montoursville, A M Creighton; Muncy, A S Bowman; Hughesville, A B Hooven; Muncy Creek, A D McClosky; Watsontown, A W Gibson; Montandon, to be supplied; Elimsport, J Gray; Milton, A D Yocum; Lewisburg, R Hinkle; Mifflinburg, M E Crosthwaite; Salladasburg, H Wilson; Cogan Valley, Z S Rhone; Liberty Valley, H S Lundy; Ralston, A P Wharton; Jersey Shore, W C Hesser; Pine Creek, J R King; Great Island, D B McClosky; Lock Haven, S Creighton; Salona, A E Taylor; Beech Creek, E Butler; Hiner's Run, J B Akers; Renovo, J Hunter; Westport, to be supplied; Leidy, T S Faus; Sinnemahoning, L G Heck; Emporium, H F Cares; Pennfield, E M Chilcoat; Wharton, J B Moore; West Creek, G W Baker; E J Gray, president Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, and members of the Mulberry street quarterly conference; H A Curran, professor in Keystone normal school, and member of Mulberry street quarterly conference; I H Torrence, corresponding secretary Pennsylvania Bible society, and a member of Mulberry street quarterly conference.

DANVILLE DISTRICT.

N S Buckingham, presiding elder, Bloomsburg post-office; Danville, St. Paul's, W A Houck; Danville, Trinity, J P Moore; Riverside, J T Wilson; Northumberland, G Warren; Washingtonville, S Crone; Iola, J Lloyd; Buckhorn, J Horning; Bloomsburg, J S McMurray; Espy and Light street, A Brittain; Orangeville, H S Mendenhall; Benton, C L Benscoter, R Loveland; Berwick, J H McGarrah; Mifflinville, F Gearhart; Beach Haven, H B Fortner; Bloomingdale, J F Brown, I N Moorehead; Muhlenburg, N B Smith; Shickshinny, J Moorehead; White Haven, A M Kester; Hickory Run, W A Carver; Weatherly and Stockton, B P King; Beaver Meadow, J P Benford; Hazleton, W W Evans; Jeansville, M L Drum; Conyngham, S Stine; South Heberton, T O Clees, J R Shipe; Catawissa, S W Sears; Elysburg, J Guss, C J Beck; Shamokin, W L Spottswood; Centralia, G M Larned; Helfenstein, G V Savidge; Mt. Carmel, N W Colburn; Asland, A M Barnitz; Trevorton, J J W Feight; Snydertown, G H Day; Sunbury, J A DeMoyer; Selinsgrove, E T Swartz.

ROSES.—We received last week a package of rose plants from Messrs. Dinger & Conrad Co., West Grove, Chester county, Pa., who are the largest rose growers in America. The plants were in the best condition when received. They are hearty and thrifty. They were selected from the finest sorts. Messrs. Dinger & Conrad Co., have over three hundred different kinds to select from. Persons desiring to make home attractive, can with a few dollars accomplish it, by sending them an order for plants and a guide to rose culture.

THE delegation from this county to the State Convention at Lancaster stopped off at Harrisburg to buy the editor of the *Democrat* a new hat, so that he would look as respectable as the rest of the party. His particular friend, D. C. Dissinger, subscribed the largest amount.—*Daily of Saturday.*

To show his ingratitude towards his political friend D. C. Dissinger, the editor of the *Democrat*, as soon as he arrived at Lancaster, commenced throwing "bricks" at him and refused to recognize him. The query now is whether the brick were in the hat when it was purchased or whether they were put in afterwards.

INSURANCE.—Having been appointed Agent for the following Insurance Co's at Sunbury, Northumberland and vicinity, namely: The Ætna of Hartford, Home of N. G., Royal of Liverpool, Eng., Lancashire of Manchester, Eng., Commercial Union London, Eng., and Amazon of Cincinnati, and having located on East Market St., Sunbury, am prepared to write policies in the above old and reliable companies and all classes of property, at as low rates as are consistent with solvency and reliable indemnity.

Persons having property to insure will please call on me, before placing it elsewhere, as we make no assessments and levy no taxes to pay losses. Life and Accident Policies written on favorable terms.

J. S. CUMMINGS.

District Institute.

FOURTEENTH MEETING OF SUNBURY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The Institute was called to order by the President at 9½ o'clock. Roll-called and absentees noted. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved as read. The first subject dealt with was Algebra, by Mr. Bower. He thinks that clearing of fractions should proceed transposition. He stated that axioms have their foundation in the mind. A number of problems were then assigned and performed by the members of the Institute. Assigned for next lesson, problems. The following resolution, adopted by the School Board, was next read before the Institute:

Resolved, That no promotions shall be made by any teacher of any member of scholars, from one grade to another, in the school, except in presence of, or by consent of, District Superintendent.

Miss Gessler then entertained the Institute by reading an essay upon school work in general. Miss Christ then read an essay entitled, "Teaching as a science." The subject of Arithmetic was discussed during the remainder of the forenoon.

Adjourned to meet at 2½ o'clock, p. m.

Institute met at 2½ o'clock. Roll-called, and all the members, except one, present.

Mr. Wolverton then commenced the Institute by reading an article from the "Pennsylvania School Journal" entitled, "Conditions of Successful Teaching," in which the following three points were made prominent: first, "a thorough mastery of what you teach"; second, a thorough mastery of yours-if"; third, "the power to awaken an interest in the minds of the pupil." In the last selection was the following statement, which some people often make; "I know it, but I cannot tell it." After the reading was finished, the last quotation was discussed by some of the teachers. One party trying to show that a person may "know it" and not be able to tell it, and the other trying to explain that the reason why they cannot tell it is because they do not "know it." Another selection was then read, entitled, "Relation of Grammar to High Schools." Miss Painter and Miss Bucher were then selected to prepare essays to be read at next meeting. Discussion of methods of teaching orthography occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

The following topics were assigned to be dealt with at next meeting:—Algebra, Arithmetic, Geography, Essays, A. M.; Reading, Geography. Instructions upon the Heliotelus, P. M. Adjourned to meet in two weeks.

IRA SHIPMAN, Secretary.

SUNBURY, March 18th, 1876.

PROFITABLE SEED.—In the AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL for April we notice an account of the Chester County Mammoth Corn which yields such large crops. Any person can get a sample and prices, also sample copy of the AMERICAN STOCK JOURNAL, ($1 a year,) by sending six cents to Potts Brothers, Parkersburg, Chester county, Pa., and asking for them. Two hundred bushels of corn to the acre is not produced by all seed.

DEATH OF JOSEPH BRIGHT.—Mr. Joseph Bright of this place who had been confined to the house for over a year from that dreaded disease consumption, died on Tuesday night. He was formerly an engineer on the P. E. R. R., and was an excellent mechanic and by his exemplary character gained the esteem and friendship of all the employees on the road. He was about forty years of age.

ON Tuesday morning, W. A. Fisher, proprietor of the Minerva restaurant in this place, was greatly surprised on going to his stable and finding a fine colt by the side of his mare "Kitty." The age of the mare (about 25 years) and positively not knowing that she was with foal, is sufficient reason to justify Mr. Fisher's great astonishment. The colt was right smart until Wednesday evening when it became sick from some cause and died during the night. A great many persons had called to see the centennial visitor during the day, and it became much worried and being yet weak probably died from exhaustion.—*Watsontown Record.*

SCRIBNER FOR APRIL.—The history and characteristics of Yale College are sketched by Prof. Beers quite fully in the leading article of Scribner for April; and the illustrations, over thirty in number, cover a good deal of ground. Among the pictures are 'Planting the Ivy,' portraits of Governor Yale, President Woolsey and Porter, and Dr. Bacon, 'The College Fence,' plan of the College Grounds, 'Going to Prayers in the Olden Time,' 'Coming from Prayers,' 'Hannibal,' 'A Student's Room,' 'Presentation Day,' and 'Prof. Weir's Studio.' The various buildings, new and old, are also given. A curious question is asked in another illustrated paper, namely: 'Is there a Subterranean Outlet to the Upper Lake Region?' The fourth paper of Clarence Cook's series on furniture, relates to mantel-pieces, corner cupboards, hanging shelves, etc., and is illustrated, as usual. In 'Poe, Irving and Hawthorne,'' a comparative estimate of these authors by Geo. P. Lathrop, some hitherto unpublished details appear with regard to the ancestry and life of Hawthorne. The 'History of a Critic,' is the remarkable career of the late Jules Janin, by 'Gamma,' the Paris Correspondent of the New Orleans 'Picayune.' Two brief papers in this number are of special interest, namely, a revised translation of the 'Dies Irae,' by General Dix; and a hitherto unpublished letter by Minister Everett to John Quincy Adams, proposing, in effect, that Spain should mortgage Cuba to the United States, and thus settle a vexed question for at least a hundred years. Of 'Gabriel Conroy' there are five chapters, certainly not lacking in incident or interest; and Edward Everett Hale's 'Philip Nolan's Friends' continues—under the chapter heads of 'Life on the Brazos,' and 'Rumors of Wars,' Revolutionary Letters Springs,' by John Aurroughs, 'The Astor Family in New York,' and poems by John G. Saxe and others, complete the list of prose contributions.

Among other 'Topics' Dr. Holland discusses 'Revivals and Evangelists,' and the Old Cabinet contains brief essays on Geo. Washington, Bible Reading, etc. In the other Editorial departments, Mr. P. T. Quinn continues his suggestions as to the management of small places, a number of receipts are given for Centennial Cookery, Emerson's last book is noticed, and new inventions and methods are recorded. The metric system is adopted for measurements in 'The World's Work' this month. feet and inches being given in brackets. Brie-a-Brac contains an authentic account of the origin, rise and progress in America of the famous horse-car poetry of the period, accompanied by the music to which the song was first sung.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR APRIL, 1876.—*Harper's Magazine* for April, with eighty five illustrations, contains a rich variety of matter, suited to all classes of readers.

The end of the Second Book of "Daniel Deronda," George Eliot's new novel, is given in this Number. In these chapters the hero of the story appears, and the masterly sketches of his youthful career are ever more beautiful than the pictures previously given of the "spoiled child," Gwendolen.

Julian Hawthorne's "Garth" is continued, and few readers can resist the peculiar fascinations of this remarkable novel.

A story of considerable length, entitled "Old Gardston," is contributed by Constance Fenimore Woolson. It is a Southern story, and its characters are strongly drawn. Three excellent short stories are contributed by Arthur Hastings, Anna C. Swazey, and Mary R. Higham.

Benson J. Lossing's opening article on "The Romance of the Hudson," beautifully illustrated, is not confined to Revolutionary events, but deals also with lighter legends and matters of literary interest. Among the illustrations is one of the interior of Madame Jumel's mansion.

In view of the Centennial Exposition, soon to be opened in Philadelphia, Mrs. Rebecca Harding Davis's exceedingly entertaining paper on "Old Philadelphia" will be read everywhere with the greatest interest. This paper, which is profusely illustrated, relates entirely to the social life and customs of Ante-revolutionary Philadelphians. A second paper will follow, treating of the Revolutionary period.

Professor Samuel Lockwood's second paper on "The Microscope," amply illustrated, presents some very curious results of microscopic investigation.

The "First Century" paper this month, devoted to "Progress of the Fine Arts," is contributed by S. G. Conant, and is illustrated with sixteen portraits, beginning with that of Paul Revere, of Revolutionary fame, and ending with that of John F. Kensett.

Dr Samuel Osgood contributes, in his characteristic style, an illustrated paper on "St. Johnland," a beautiful charity conceived years ago by the Rev. Dr. Muhlenberg, and now in successful operation.

A homely article, full of practical and important suggestions, is contributed by Dr. Robert Tomlin, entitled "At, before, and after Meals."

William R. Hooper gives, in a short article, a very interesting account of the famous "Tulip Mania," early in the seventeenth century.

The poetry of the Number is contributed by Rose Terry Cooke, Lord Houghton, Celia Thaxter, and A. F.

The Editor's Easy Chair pays a timely and appropriate tribute to Thomas Paine, as the author of "Common Sense," and devotes considerable space to Household Art.

WIDE AWAKE FOR APRIL, 1876.—Wide Awake for April is eminently pictorial. The management of this magazine seem to understand one important point, viz: the bulk of boys and girls are attracted by fair, large, open pictures; although there are plenty of engravings in this very number noticeable for fineness of detail for older tastes. The illustration of "Good-Locks' Dream of Possie-Willow," a delightful poem by Clara Doty Bates, is a charming design, by Mrs. Fancy, a sister of the poet. "The Fate of a Facet Maker" is another capital poem exquisitely illustrated; both of these poems with their pictures are to be specially commended for originality of thought and graceful execution. The "Relaying" paper in this number is worth the price of the year's subscription, which is only $2.00 per annum. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.

FOR THE AMERICAN.

GEOGRAPHICAL ANALYSIS OF LOWER AUGUSTA.

1. THE FACE OF THE COUNTRY is agreeably diversified by hill and valleys. The soil is moderately fertile. Those farmers who understand and attend to their business make paying crops of wheat, corn, oats and vegetables. Market gardening, owing to our vicinity to your important city, is engaging the attention of quite a number of families.

2. OUR FARMING CLASS. Go along our highways, observe the good fences, gates, bars, the dwellings, barns, outhouses; the neat orchards, well cultivated fields and promising grain; then look at that broken fence and gate, the delapidated dwelling, barn and farming implements, the squalid looks of the stock, the pigs, and emaciated children and—judge for yourself.

3. MOUNTAIN. We own the south side of Mahanoy.

4. The Susquehanna river is for a few miles our western boundary.

5. The LITTLE SHAMOKIN CREEK rises in Irish Valley, and as it pursues its winding course through the township, furnishes water power for Dunkelberger's, Beaver's, Enterline's, Shipman's Hawke's and Weitzel's flouring mills.

"PLUM CREEK rises in Shamokin township and empties into Little Shamokin at Weitzel's Point, on its waters are Furman's grist and saw mill and Savage's saw mill.

"HOLLAND RUN turns Mellner's, Weiser's, Herrick's and Snyder's saw mills and DeWitt's grist mill.

"ON BOYLE'S RUN, near the Mahanoy mountains are Snyder's grist mill and an ancient saw mill.

6. THE COMMERCIAL IMPORTANCE consists, principally, in our shipments to your city and other points, of choice vegetables cereal and dairy products, in exchange for your greentacks, merchandize and stimulants.

7. Its *Political Importance* is overwhelming. It enables the party "things" to grasp and retain the official spoils of the county by its heavy democratic majorities. The population is so intensely Democratic that snow melts so soon after it falls that sleighs and bells are no more of use.

P. S. The mercury has fallen 20 deg. since the New Hampshire election.

7. *Religion.* The Lutherns, Reformed, Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Evangelicals and Brethren have all places of worship. Many of these are attended by fair congregations, when the weather is not too cold too hot or too stormy; and a part of the membership are thought, in judgment of charity, to be pretty good christians.

How many of these professors shall enter the church triumphant?

"*Se judicate, ut non judeceminc.*"

POST OFFICES.—We have four, thanks to Uncle Sam, Augusta, Fisher's Ferry, Seven Points and Mile Run.

The schools have been generally engineered through the five months' term by living male teachers. The Centre school, now under the efficient management of Miss Patterson, of Milton, may be known in history as the place where the late County Superintendent, the present incumbent, and the Register and Recorder received their primary education. Who knows but that statesmen, divines and philosophers may yet hail from

LOWER AUGUSTA.

MT. CARMEL, March 27, 1876.

Messrs. Editors American:

Not because we have very important news, but because we want this end of the county represented in the *American*, I venture to give you a few items.

The works have resumed now pretty generally in this section, and we trust they will continue. Last week the men at the Stuartville colliery, misunderstanding the conditions under which they were to resume, hesitated for a day but afterwards started in on last year's terms.

A man named John Britt was hurt there on the very first day by a fall of the top while fastening a prop. His wounds, however, are not serious.

On Wednesday of last week the grammar school closed, and on Thursday the high school, both with very interesting and creditable exercises, which were largely attended. The time was only six months owing to the scarcity of money as a result of the suspension.

Mrs. Kiley, whose house was burned down here short time ago, had both the building and furniture insured.

Parties, which report says are excellent ones, are being held at short intervals about town, and all goes merry as a marriage bell.

Business seems to be reviving under the genial effect of resumption, and pretty soon we hope to have the same brisk little borough we had before the suspension.

Mr. Elijah White succeeds J. Elliot Ross as reporter of the Shamokin *Herald* from this place, and we wish him a pleasant time. He is a young man of acknowledged ability, and will, no doubt, give satisfaction.

Prof. Reitmeyer, who was absent from town on account of illness, has again returned hale and hearty and as genial as ever.

Trusting present prospects of a good summer may not again be over-shadowed with the nimbus cloud of suspension, I am,

Truly Yours,
DICK SNARY.

From Herndon.

HERNDON, PA., March 27th, 1876.

Messrs. Editors:

In transmiting my probably last report to you for publication, I regret that the time has come when we must say adieu. The short sojournement of this society, as a deliberative body, though yet higher in its aim than mimicry, the mutual improvement of its membership has been a source of great improvement as well as pleasure to the listener as well as partaker, and we only hope the day to which it has adjourned may then not be forgotten by those enthusiast, whose voice was the organization, and may at that day awaken the same zeal manifested now. True, this society had its gloomy obstacle pre-exhibited, with which it had to contend from time to time. The journal, with its host of ready contributors and zealous editor, was at times rigid in accusing the guilty wrongs with which our little town has at times to contend with; but we hope its endeavors were all for the good; for to this we can only add, we hope the day is not far distant when this town may be blessed with a journal mightier than it, which may bring about the required reformation. The last meeting was well attended, and was called by president Witt, who appointed F. A. Lahr as critic, after which the choir sang "O Jesus when my heart is sad," in a very commendable manner, after which minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, roll called and absentees noted. The next in order was regular debate, when the question, "Resolved, That the flatterer is a more pernicious character than the slanderer," was taken up and ably sustained, on affirmative, by Messrs. Lahr, Showers and Kniss, and on the negative by Messrs. Israel, Kauffman and Zerling, the Chairman and judges sustaining the arguments of the affirmative. General debate was silent, when the choir sang "I hear the angels calling," after which the referred questions were taken up and answered very satisfactorily. The ladies did well. A selection in German was read by Mr. Lahr which was good, and was followed by prose and poetry, in English, by Messrs. Kauffman, Kniss and Showers, which was well rendered. Next Miss Annie Cobb sang a "solo," assisted at the organ by Mr. Lahr, and in the chorus by choir, which was also well rendered, especially on the part of Miss Cobb. In new business it was "Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the editors of the *American* and *Democrat* through the Corresponding Secretary, for so faithfully and promptly publishing the proceedings of the society." Next came the reading of the journal, which was appreciated by all. The correspondence consisted of about ten or twelve contributions on various subjects. It appeared that old Dumbkeep had set his whole house to corresponding, for there appeared signatures of Mrs. Sr. and Jr. Dumbkeep. The Dumbkeep's are an alert family. Next the choir sang a very appropriate piece entitled, "Good night," when the critic reported. The society, on motion, adjourned to meet first Tuesday in October next.

L. W. SHOWERS,
Corresponding Sec'y.

FISHERS FERRY, March 18, 1876.

Mr. Editor:—Our place has enterprise in it according to "Mountain Bill's" account in the *Democrat* of this week, but we cannot raise potatoes that will weigh 734 lbs. as Mr. Gow's did in your neighborhood. This "Mountain Bill" has given a description of the doings of our place—about some people attending to business of others. This "Mountain Bill" is known by quite another name here, though he does not expect he is known by his original name, and it is also known that he is mostly responsible for the now existing trouble, as he is the main party. We are not interested in this fun some-one, but we know who is—but the truth is mighty and must prevail. "Billy Mountain," or "Mountain Billy" says Mr. Aaron Brocious has leased a house from Mr. Samuel Reitz for a soap factory and intends making soap by wholesale, why not? If this dirty work continues, where would it be needed worse. It may and it may not be correct about the large number of hands now let; but said "Mountain Bill," as understand, has been employed by Mr. B. to go around with a dog cart to collect soap grease. "Mountain Bill" is a sharper, and if Mr. B. does not watch him, he may be swindled out of his profits as was Mr. Babbitt.

Yours truly,
BILLY BARLOW

Prompt Reinforcement.

When the physical energies are overtasked or flag through weakness or disease, they need prompt reinforcement. Renewed vigor is most speedily supplied through the medium of a tonic stimulant, and among medicinal resources of that class. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters assuredly deserve a pre-eminent place. Weakness, whether constitutional or arising from disease or over fatigue, cannot be better compensated for than by a resort to this prime strengthening cordial. The enfeebled invalid, the convalescent and the aged and infirm find that it is an unfailing source of vigor and comfort. Its compound tonic and alterative properties also constitute it an invaluable remedy for indigestion, weakness of the organs of nutrition constipation, torpidity of the liver, and many other irregularities and disabilities, and render it an invaluable protection against malaria, as well as disorders of the stomach and bowels.

Business Locals.

CLOSING OUT sales of boots, shoes and trunks at W. S. Furman's "Sunbury Shoe Store," (1 door west Cadwalader's drug store. In order to make room for spring and summer goods, will close out my entire stock of fall and winter goods at a reduction of 10 to 15 per cent. for cash until April 1st. Call at once and secure boots, shoes and rubbers at astonishing low prices. No trouble to show goods.

W. S. FURMAN, Prop'r,
Sunbury Shoe Store.

AGAIN TO THE FRONT.—Wm. H. Miller has again taken hold of the Excelsior Boot and Shoe Store, and will be happy to wait on all his old customers as well as new ones that will favor him. I will sell at the lowest possible prices for cash, having just got a new supply of fresh goods of the best manufactories, and wish it understood that I will not be undersold. Cash secures bargains. Call and see me. No charge to show goods. New goods received every few days.

W. H. MILLER,
Prop'r Excelsior Boot and Shoe Store.

"MESSRS HORACE WATERS & SONS have made improvements in pianos which were considered pretty nearly perfect before. By the use of a new scale and treble, and by making their pianos square-grand, they have secured the best tone, the best shape, and the lowest price at the same time. They warrant all their instruments for six years. and give most liberal facilities to those who wish to pay in installments."—*Examiner and Chronicle, N. Y.*

Sunbury High School.

REPORTED BY W. M. BOAL.

The following is a report of the standing of each member of the high School, for the week ending, Mar. 29, 1876.

FEMALES.		MALES.	
Cloora Reimensnyder	89	Eddie Bucher	100
Laura Schneider	100	Walton Rhoads	85
		Wm. Farnsworth	83
Annie Schaffer	97	Eddie Gearhart	96
		Geo. Hartman	90
Sallie Brooks	81	John Harrison	72
		Chas. Snyder	95
Mary Awl	68	Austin Wilvert	48
		John Yarnall	100
Lulu Byerly	78	Geo. Smith	72
		Phil. Neff	99
Florence Boyd	92	Chas. Cooper	90